

"The longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?"
 The Constitutional Convention - Benjamin Franklin, 1787

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"...we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations;...I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me Liberty or give me death."
 Virginia Provincial Convention - Patrick Henry, 1775

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America...
 Preamble to The Constitution of the United States September 17, 1787 - Gouverneur Morris

Independence Day 1776 Evening Program

The Montevallo Community Band
"A Patriotic Musical Prelude"
 Dr. Joseph Ardivino, Director
 7:15 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies (7:45 p.m.) "Dollar Bill" Lawson
 WDXB 102.5 THE BULL

Invocation Governor Patrick Henry
 Washington's Prayer for the Country

Welcoming Remarks Mr. Tom Walker
 Executive Director - The American Village

Presentation of the Colors. Boy Scouts of America - Greater Alabama Council
 Troop 540 (Calera), Troop 72 (Alabaster), Troop 20 (Alabaster)
 Reenactors - First Pennsylvania Regiment
 American Village Junior Interpreters
 (United States Garrison Flag Courtesy of Chief Bill Reid and the Montevallo Fire Department)

The Pledge of Allegiance Miss Laura Lantrip
 2010 Shelby County Junior Miss

A few words from Francis Scott Key

The National Anthem Audience
 Salute to America's Military Veterans The Montevallo Community Band
 Patriotic Sing-a-long Audience
 The Montevallo Community Band

TOTAL A\$SETS The Best Music from the 60's and 70's

A Celebration of America's 234th Birthday **"FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR"** "Up Close and Personal" (after twilight's last gleaming)

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievance...
 Bill of Rights 1st Amendment December 15, 1791 - James Madison

These are the times that try men's souls: The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph...

The American Crisis 1776 - Thomas Paine

I hinted that the sword was half drawn from the scabbard. Since that it has been unsheathed... Almost every tongue is calling on the justice of heaven to punish or disperse the disturbers of the peace, liberty, and happiness of their country. I have my fears. Yet, notwithstanding the complicated difficulties that rise before us, there is no receding; May nothing ever check that glorious spirit of freedom... with courage to maintain their righteous cause... even if they must seal the rich conveyance to their children with their own blood.

Letter from playwright, Mercy Otis Warren, 1775

Warning:

Be on the lookout for marauding British regulars. A safe place to stay would be in the American Military encampment with our militia and continentals. They are always seeking new recruits:

- See their **Artillery, Muskets & Rifles**
- Learn **Infantry Tactics**
- Hear about fine **Army cuisine**
- Learn about the importance of **drums**
- Find out about **Daily Life in the Army**

Playing by Air

Unforgettable Physical Comedy
Main Stage ~ 2:00

Blueberry Pie Eating Contest

(finalists selected in a drawing)

Anyone wishing to be considered must sign-up by 4:00 pm at The Village Information Tent

(Separate contests for Adults & Children (age 15 and under))

ON MAIN STAGE AT 4:30

Dan Meyer

Sword Swallowing, Fire-Eating

Main Stage ~ 5:30

Wood Turning with Randal Jones

Demonstrations of traditional woodmaking skills

Under the shade trees behind
The Randall Museum ~ 1:00 until 6:00

The Celebration Choir "Songs of America"

Mr. Derry Billingsley, Director
First Baptist Church of Alabaster
Lucille Ryals Thompson Colonial Chapel
3:00

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

(all programs run between 15 to 30 minutes)

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| 12:00 & 1:00 | Attend His Excellency George Washington's First Levee | (E) |
| | President's House | |
| 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 6:30 | Patrick Henry | (F) |
| | "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" Speech | |
| | Lucille Ryals Thompson Colonial Chapel | |
| 12:30, 1:30, 4:00, 5:00 | About Thomas Paine | (P) |
| | Listen to a Young Patriot inspired by "Common Sense" | |
| | Assembly Room - Washington Hall | |
| 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30 | Crime and Punishment in Colonial America | (M) |
| | Courthouse Stocks and Pillory | |
| 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30 | Manners and Dress at Mount Vernon (humorous) | (P) |
| | Mount Vernon Room - Washington Hall | |
| 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30 | Thomas Jefferson prepares to write a Declaration | (P) |
| | Assembly Room - Washington Hall | |
| 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 | "The Liberty Tree" | (N) |
| | A Young Lady's Account of Revolutionary Boston | |
| | Southern Living Garden behind Washington Hall | |
| 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30 | Mercy Otis Warren & Abigail Adams, Revolutionary Women | (S) |
| | Meeting House | |
| 12:45 & 2:30 | History of Voting in America with the Alabama Power Voting Experience | (M) |
| | Courthouse | |
| 1:30 and 4:30 | Mark Twain Alive | (B) |
| | "Life Along the Mississippi" | |
| | Spend time with America's greatest humorist and author as portrayed by Darrell Revel | |
| | LIBERTY HALL | |
| 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 | The Unexpected George Washington | (P) |
| | Mount Vernon Room of Washington Hall | |
| 2:30 - 3:15 | "Watch Patriots and Redcoats Battle at Concord Bridge" | (X) |
| | Hear excerpts from Longfellow's epic poem "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" | |
| | See the famous Patriot on horseback gallop across the Bridge with a warning cry | |
| | Listen as the event concludes with Emerson's immortal words about "The Shot Heard 'Round the World" | |
| 3:00 | "Tom Foolery" | (M) |
| | Can you talk, juggle, and ride a unicycle at the same time? | |
| | Courthouse Steps | |
| 4:00 & 5:30 | Patrick Henry Holds Forth | (M) |
| | "Reflections on Life and Country" ~ Courthouse | |
| 4:00 | Reading of The Declaration of Independence | |
| | MAIN STAGE | |
| 5:00 | Colonial Evening Prayer | (F) |
| | Lucille Ryals Thompson Colonial Chapel | |
| | (through the generosity of The Episcopal Diocese of Alabama & Mr. Justin Finch) | |
| 6:15 | THE INDEPENDENCE BALL | (B) |
| | A celebration in dance of American Independence in 18th Century elegance | |
| | Liberty Hall ~ (with Recorder players from The University of Montevallo) | |

* Letters in parenthesis (M) denote location on map on back page.

Colonial Games on the Green

	Old Fashioned	
Colonial Hoops	Sack Races	Trap Ball
12:30, 2:00, 4:00	3:30	1:00, 3:30, 5:00

Colonial Equestrians

Skilled costumed riders parade throughout
The Village between 3:00 and 6:00

The Olde Towne Brass American Military Music Timeline

(from The Revolution until today)

The Barn ~ 2:00 and 5:30

Chamber Music

University of Montevallo

Mount Vernon Room - Washington Hall
3:00

Tavern Gambols (Games) (18th Century Table Games)

(In the tent by the Green)

12:00, 1:30, 4:00, 5:00

Patriotic Artwork from students: Calera Intermediate School Calera High School

In The Barn and foyer of Liberty Hall

Tom Foolery

See a ten foot tall man

12:00, 1:00, and 4:00

(along Constitution Green)

Classic American Melodies with Dulcimers

(Southern Appalachian Dulcimer Association)

In the Barn ~ 1:15 and 4:30

In England a king hath little more to do than to make war and give away places; which in plain terms, is to impoverish the nation and set it together by the ears. A pretty business indeed for a man to be allowed eight hundred thousand sterling a year for, and worshipped into the bargain! Of more worth is one honest man to society and in the sight of God, than all the crowned ruffians that ever lived...

Common Sense, 1775 - Thomas Paine

"The Citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for having given to mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy; a policy worthy of imitation. All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship... For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection, should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support."

Letter to the Hebrew congregation from George Washington, 1790