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COBB CHAMBER ANNOUNCES THREE NORTHWEST COBB CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

The Cobb Chamber's Northwest Cobb Area Council has selected three community members as its 2019 Citizens of the Year. Citizen of the Year Awards are given to honor an individual whose impact through the years will be recognized and regarded with pride as a role model throughout the area. These outstanding citizens were chosen for their definable, exceptional deeds, with which he or she has made their community a better place to live. Awards were given to deserving individuals based on local area nominations. The three awards were presented to the following individuals at the Northwest Cobb Area Council breakfast at the Ben Robertson Community Center in Kennesaw:



2019 ACWORTH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: NCHS'S COACH SHANE QUEEN

Shane Queen, Head Football Coach at North Cobb High School, has been named the 2019 Acworth Citizen of the Year for his leadership at his school and within the community. As Head Coach for 14 years, Queen has led his team to regional wins and was named the Cobb County Coach of the Year in both 2007 and 2013.

Queen is not only a coach, but also serves as a positive role model in the lives of the students in the Acworth Community. He goes the extra mile with his players, investing in both their academic and athletic lives. He often addresses his "5 P's" that he wants each student to think about as they navigate through their years at North Cobb High School: Purpose, Passion, Perseverance, Pride, and People.

Queen has tirelessly worked with community members and partners to improve school facilities so that all North Cobb students, who many times come from families who simply can't afford facility upgrade support, can be trained with the best equipment possible.

Queen recently took students on a trip to serve with the Power of Peace Program in Selma, Alabama. They helped feed more than 200 people who are food-insecure during the visit. Coach Queen is always focused on how he can grow young men into future husbands, fathers, and contributing members of the Acworth community.

Pictured l-r front: Mayor Tommy Allegood, Shane Queen, son Tyler Queen, Back: Acworth Alderman, Butch Price, Wm Griggers, Cobb County AD..

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Bright Side Newspaper maintains a calendar of events online in their Digital Newspaper at www.brightsidenewspapernews.com. In addition, you can download the Bright Side app for either Android or Iphone. The App has recent stories and if you scroll to the bottom, you will find a link to the online calendar. Great way to keep up with our local events.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



2019 KENNESAW CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: KENNESAW POLICE CHIEF BILL WESTENBERGER

Bill Westenberg, Police Chief with the City of Kennesaw, has been named the 2019 Kennesaw Citizen of the Year for his commitment to being involved with and available for the community. He has a true passion for his community, which is shown through his constant support, actions and participation.

In his community, Chief Westenberg is actively involved in two programs with missions to affect proactive and positive change in Kennesaw: "Chief's Youth Advisory Board," where Kennesaw 8th through 12th grade students get a chance to voice their concerns about current issues in their lives; and "Accelerated Community Engagement," which was designed to help middle school students with their unique issues in both Acworth and Kennesaw.

Chief Westenberg also chairs a group called "First Watch," a faith-based forum for adults in the community that promotes the growth of goodness and leadership in children and adults. He's also involved with "Through Our Hearts," a group of community leaders in Kennesaw that meets the first Tuesday morning of each month to focus on helping people in need.

Chief Westenberg can often be found on off-duty days putting on a volunteer T-shirt and sharing his passion for giving back. Pictured Chief Westenberg, Mayor Derek Easterling.



2019 WEST COBB CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: BLUE SKY EXHIBITS CEO, DON KELLER

Don Keller, Owner and CEO of Blue Sky Exhibits in Marietta, has been named the 2019 West Cobb Citizen of the Year for his tireless advocacy for the Cobb community.

A champion for corporate giving and the importance of social responsibility practices, Don often encourages his peers to focus on giving back in their own communities. Among his favorite community events is Winter Wonderland in the Marietta Square. He has been involved for many years, and even offers free photos to clients of the Center for Family Resources (CFR). Recently, Keller discovered that the Santa that has worked with CFR for 17 years wouldn't be able to participate this year, due to a serious illness in the man's family. Keller worked with vendors and colleagues to create t-shirts and other items that will be sold to help offset the family's expenses.

Don is Board Chair for the Center for Family Resources, and works with several community organizations, like MUST Ministries, West Ridge Church, and Calvary Children's Home, among others.

Under his leadership, Keller and his partner have grown Blue Sky Exhibits into a 29 full-time employee, 92 clients operation with a reputation for strong working relationships with customers and resource partners. Keller makes it a point to put his employees first and ensure that they have what they need to be successful, knowing that an investment in people is the best way to guarantee success in business and life. Pictured l-r Don Keller with his family: Lauren, Don, Ann, and Bryan. Photo courtesy of Allison Giddons

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to time as needed.

Chuck has been a familiar face in our
community for several years. A native of
Acworth, Georgia, Chuck Peavy has served
his community in the funeral business since
1974. Chuck earned his degree in mortuary
science at Gupton-Jones, Atlanta in 1982. He
is compassionate about serving his friends and
neighbors with professionalism and dignity in
their time of need.

Chuck and his wife Karen have two daughters
and two beautiful granddaughters. Chuck coached
girls fast pitch softball for many years and is a
member of the Acworth Masonic Lodge.

CONGRATULATIONS



Dana James, of Acworth Holbrook has
been promoted to Regional Director of Sales.
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

On Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7pm
Acworth native Tom Long will share the story
of his 40+ years as a Nashville Music Producer.
Born and raised in Acworth, Mr. Long has a
long and storied career and has worked with
many notable entertainers.

This presentation is FREE and open to the
public. It will be held at the Acworth City Council
Chambers, 4415 Senator Richard B Russell Ave.
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For Further Information, contact Lynne
Brown, - 239-292-0613

ANDREW BRAMLETT'S WHY WE SAY WHAT WE SAY.

Our story begins
this month in 4th
century Turkey with
a man named SAINT
NICHOLAS. He did
many good deeds
during his life,
including helping
the sick and giving
all of his wealth to
the poor people of
the area. The most famous tale associated
with him involves a poor man who could
not afford a dowry for his daughters. One
night, Saint Nicholas heard about this man
and dropped a bag filled with money down
his chimney, and it landed in some stockings
hanging by the fire.



Saint Nicholas became a popular figure
and would go on to become the patron
saint of children and of sailors. Because of
his generosity and being the patron saint
of children, he quickly became a part of
Christmas. Parents would give gifts on
Christmas to their kids pretending it was
"Saint Nick". After the protestant reformation,
saints began to go out of style, so his name in
England became "FATHER CHRISTMAS".
In Austria and Germany, he became known as
the "Christkind". This later became KRIS
KRINGLE. Over time, the stories of the
many good deeds he did while he was alive
were told less and less, to the point they were
forgotten.

In the Catholic Denmark, however, the
story of Saint Nick stayed popular. The Dutch
name for Saint Nicholas was Sinter Klaas.
The Dutch brought that name to America by
way of New Amsterdam, now New York. The
stories of Sinter Klaas and his good deeds,
long forgotten to the mostly protestant settlers,
grew popular. As the tradition grew beyond
the Dutch, his name was "Americanized" to
SANTA CLAUS.

The modern image of Santa Claus, with the
red coat and big white beard, came from Harper's
Weekly cartoonist Thomas Nast. In 1863, he drew
a cartoon of his Santa visiting Union Soldiers. This
is considered the first image of the modern Santa
Claus. Nast is also the first to say that Santa lived
at the North Pole. Nast's drawings later served
as an inspiration for Coca-Cola when creating
their iconic ads featuring Santa, popularizing his
modern image.

COBB GENEALOGY SOCIETY

General Meetings are held at 7 PM on
the fourth Tuesday of the every month, except
December at the First Presbyterian Church, 189
Church Street, Marietta, Georgia. In addition to
the main parking lot, FPC has 2 additional lots
nearby. The January meeting will be held on
Tuesday January 28. Please visit the CCGS website
at <https://cobbagensoc.org>

TAXATION OF THE SHARING ECONOMY

BY RAYMOND D. RHOADES, CPA

The sharing economy is peer-to-peer
based activity to acquire, provide, or share
access to goods and services. If you participate
as a provider, you can use personal asset to
generate income. It might be your house
(Airbnb), your car (Uber or Lyft), your skills
(Fiverr, Upwork), or your consumer goods
(eBay, Etsy).

The tax implications begin with deciding
whether the activity is a business (where you
intend to make a profit from the activity) or a
hobby (where you are doing it only to generate
some extra cash). If your profit motive is real
you must treat it like a business, starting with
keeping business like records to track your
income and expenses. Identifying income
is pretty obvious but what are you allowed
to deduct? IRS Publication 535 on Business
Expenses defines deductible expenses: To
be deductible, a business expense must be
both ordinary and necessary. An ordinary
expense is one that is common and accepted
in your industry. A necessary expense is one
that is helpful and appropriate for your trade
or business. An expense does not have to be
indispensable to be considered necessary.

If the activity is actually a hobby, the
income must still be claimed on your tax return.
The expenses of the activity are limited to the
amount of the income generated. You can't
deduct expenses greater than the income if it
is actually a hobby.

Whenever a personal asset is used in a
business there has to be a separation of the
personal portion of the expenses from the
business portion. For vehicle use (Uber, Lyft)
you must track the miles driven for business
but you can rely on the IRS approved cents-
per-mile rate to count your deductible expense.
There are specific rules for determining the
deductible expenses for renting a portion of
your home (Airbnb). Every home and every
situation will be different.

If you are selling your used personal
property on e-Bay or Craigslist the income
doesn't have to be claimed. If you are selling
collectible items or items that you have
specifically acquired (made or purchased) to
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HELPING FAMILIES THAT NEED HELP

Kennesaw Police Department and the Jerry Worthan Christmas Fund is asking for the community's support for the 2019 holidays. The fund provides assistance for less fortunate families in the Kennesaw area.



Donations of money, food, and new toys would be greatly appreciated. The drop off location for toys and food is the Kennesaw Police Department, 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Monetary donations can be mailed to Kennesaw Police Department, Attn: Officer Scott Luther, 2539 J.O. Stephenson Ave., Kennesaw GA. 30144. Please make checks payable to the Jerry Worthan Memorial Christmas Fund. The deadline for all donations will be December 18th.

Additional drop-off location will be at Conner Dental, located at 1200 Barrett Pkwy, Suite 200-204, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144.

ServisFirst Bank at the corner of Kennesaw Due West Rd and Cobb Parkway, Kennesaw, 30152, and Eaton Chiropractic, 2847 S Main St, Kennesaw, GA 30144. All food collected will be given to the Shiloh United Methodist Church food bank. The food bank provides food all year to families in need that lives in the community.

The board members for this year are Chief Bill Westenberger, Melanie Gable, Officer Scott Luther, Laura Strausberger and honorary members Dianne Worthan (Jerry Worthan's widow) and Wendy Cunningham (Jerry Worthan's daughter), pictured above with Santa.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA IN KENNESAW

Kennesaw-Acworth Optimist Club is hosting an "all-you-care-to-eat" pancake breakfast with Santa at the Community Center, 2753 Watts Drive, on Saturday, December 14. Attendees are encouraged to bring a camera. Two seating options are available: 8 to 9:15 a.m.; and 10 to 11:15 a.m. The "all you care to eat" breakfast comes complete with pancakes, sausage juice, coffee and table to table visits with the jolly old Elf himself. Tickets are only \$6 per person and may be purchased online at kennesawparksandrec.com or at the door based on availability.

CITY OF KENNESAW TO HOST

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION FOR INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

The City of Kennesaw and Kennesaw Parks & Recreation invite area residents to attend the Grand Opening Celebration for the Inclusive Playground at Swift-Cantrell Park, located at 3140 Old 41 Hwy NW, on Wednesday, December 18 at 11 a.m.

The current playground features nine (9) slides, 11 swings and a main play structure that has 100 feet of ADA ramps and sensory boards. The additions will include four (4) play structures to approximately 5,000 square feet that is currently unused. This will include a main play structure that has wheelchair accessible ramps that lead to a ropes tower, sensory stations, an eight (8) person wheelchair sway fun and a slide. The ramp system will also lead to pod climbers, a tunnel system and climbing apparatuses. The main play structure has 40 feet of shade.

The entire 18,500 square foot space has been made accessible to everyone by removing the wood chips and installing turf. Every child will be able to maneuver the entire space.



ALL ABOARD FOR HOLIDAY FUN AT THE SOUTHERN MUSEUM

On Saturday, December 14, the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History is hosting a holiday event featuring activities for kids young and old, all of which are free with regular Museum admission. The highlight of the event will be a screening of the Christmas classic *The Polar Express* (2004). The film will be shown twice throughout the day, once at 10:30am and again at 2:30pm. Prior to each screening, at 10am and 2pm respectively, the popular children's book upon which the movie is based will be read aloud. Kids are encouraged to wear their favorite pajamas or winter clothing.

Other holiday activities will be taking place throughout the day. The North Georgia Tinsplate Trackers will set up a special winter-themed model train layout, and Museum staff will have a dedicated area where kids can learn about the history and types of model trains. Crafting activities will allow kids to build their own toy and ornament to take home. The Museum lobby will also be decorated for the event and will provide the perfect backdrop for a holiday photograph.

The Museum's store, the General Emporium, will feature new train items, lots of children's books, toys, clothing, and collectibles, perfect holiday gifts for train enthusiasts, kids, and fans of history.

Museum regular admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (ages 65+), and \$5 for child/youth (ages 3-17), active military (with ID), and university students (with ID). The Southern Museum is located at 2829 Cherokee Street in Downtown Kennesaw. Please visit southernmuseum.org for further information.

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Each year the Calumet West Subdivision features the Christmas House as a way to raise money for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Last year the neighborhood raised over \$5,000 for the hospital and hopes to top that number this year. To make that happen the HOA will sell luminaries for their annual Neighborhood Christmas Parade to be held December 14 and will accept donations at the Christmas House from December 6 until January 6, 5:30 PM to 10:00 PM.

Visitors can drop a donation in the collection box in front of the house, and the Calumet West HOA Board of Directors has voted to match all contributions up to a total match of \$1,000. There is an online option at www.choa.org/cwlights to conveniently make your donation directly to CHOA. The Christmas House is located in the Calumet West Subdivision, 1010 Token Way, Kennesaw, GA 30152. Please use the West Mill Drive entrance into the subdivision, turn right on Peace Drive and then left on Token Way to view the lights.

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Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Due West Methodist Church invites the public to hear Golden Bells of Atlanta on Monday, December 9 at 7:30 pm at the Church. Nothing says the holidays like Christmas music presented by the Golden Bells of Atlanta -- Atlanta's premier community handbell choir. The repertoire includes full handbell choir, small ensemble and solo ringing. Join us as we ring in the season through the beautiful musical sound of handbells.

Please bring your hotel toiletries, shampoo, toothpaste, conditioner, etc. It's a great way to take part in our outreach project. A freewill offering will be taken. This event will take place in the Sanctuary - (Building A) at 3956 Due West Road, Marietta, GA 30064

OPERATION TOY SOLDIER

Wade and Reed Marcy invite the public to donate toys for their Operation Toy Soldier Project. Barrels or boxes are placed throughout the community for toy collection from November 15 - December 15 each year. The toys collected are given to local children of military personnel only. We are looking for locations (i.e local business and organizations) for the collection boxes and will accept toys at the funeral home. Georgia Funeral Care, 4671 S. Main St. Acworth, GA is a local Veterans Funeral Care affiliate. Operation Toy Soldier is a 501C3 non-profit started by Veterans Funeral Care, a national organization dedicated to serving veterans and their families.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Due West Methodist Church invites the public to their FREE event - Experience the sights and sounds of the season through music, dance and drama. The many facets of our Music Ministry will usher in the Christmas season with a spectacular concert, which is open to all! Join us and you'll be captivated by dancers, drama and drum line, lights and video, our full orchestra and singers of all ages ... all pointing us to celebrate God's greatest gift to us: His Son!

Performances will be held on Saturday, December 7 at 4:00 pm and Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 pm

This event will take place in the Sanctuary - (Building A) at 3956 Due West Road, Marietta, GA 30064



CONGRATULATIONS KENNESAW POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Kennesaw Police Department was recently awarded their re-accreditation for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

“I am humbled by the hard work of the men and women of the Kennesaw Police Department,” said Chief Bill Westenberger. “This is just one example of the commitment our team has with the community we serve.” CALEA encourages law enforcement agencies to adhere to strict best practices, guidelines and procedures. This includes safety initiatives, crime prevention, the establishment of fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices and consistent efforts toward building community confidence in local police departments.

Maintaining an accredited status is a significant accomplishment for the members of the department, but, most importantly, it denotes the quality of service the agency provides for the Kennesaw community.

Police Chief Westenberger, Captain Kimberlee Brophy, Sergeant Mark Webster (Accreditation Manager), Mayor Derek Easterling and City Manager, Dr. Jeff Drobney, traveled to Covington, Kentucky for the annual CALEA conference, where they attended their re-accreditation hearing.

During the hearing, the Commission asked questions about the police department’s observance of CALEA standards, in addition to the plans to maintain the exceptional standards CALEA requires.

The Kennesaw Police Department re-accreditation will be valid through April of 2023.

KENNESAW/ACWORTH 911 AWARDED CALEA ACCREDITATION

The Kennesaw/Acworth 911 Center, located at City of Kennesaw City Hall, was recently awarded their accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Receiving the award of the accreditation is a significant accomplishment for the members of the Kennesaw/Acworth 911 Center, but, most importantly, it denotes the quality of service the agency provides for the Kennesaw and Acworth communities..

SOLSTICE SUNDAY

OAK Sanctuary’s Solstice Sunday, will be held on Sunday, December 8 beginning at 4pm. The winter solstice is the longest night of the year. It is a time of gathering with friends and sharing with others. It is our way of saying “thank you” to those who support and encourage us throughout the year and give others the opportunity to see what OAK Sanctuary is about. Stop by and share your light and joy at our holiday party. Light snacks and activities. Our gift shop will have some stocking stuffers. Free.

For more information, please visit www.theoaksanctuary.com or call 404-903-4104.

LIFE IS ALWAYS MUCH BETTER WHEN YOU ARE LAUGHING!

HOYA MERRY MARKET

Harrison High School will hold its 4th annual Hoya Merry Market on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the school. It is open to the public and ADMISSION IS FREE. We will have over 75 crafters selling everything from handmade jewelry, bath products, wooden art, embroidered and crocheted items, to bird houses, tumblers, metal art, Christmas ornaments and décor. You will find something for everyone on your Christmas list.

Santa will be visiting and you are welcome to take your own pictures with him. No need to go to the mall and stand in line.

Music will be provided throughout the day by members of Harrison’s chorus, band and orchestra.

A portion of each vendor’s fee goes to The Harrison Foundation which supports all Harrison students by equipping the Learning Commons with valuable resources, providing students with a competitive edge through enhanced educational opportunities, and integrating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) curriculum into all areas of learning.



DECEMBER ARTISTS AT SIMMERTIME

The public is invited to view the artistic creations of Tina Stoffel and Jack Staver during the month of December. Simmertime Cafe and Art Gallery is an unique place to find that special Christmas gift.

As seen reflected in her paintings Tina A Stoffel has a strong connection with, nature, animals, and music. Creating art has been Tina’s lifelong passion. She says creating art has a meditative effect, bringing her peace and happiness where time often seems to disappear. Tina’s art is pictured above: “Santa Watching.

Local Woodstock Artist Jack Staver has had a love for geology and jewelry making for over 40 years. Using Deer & Elk antler, Buffalo, Water Buffalo, Ram, Red Hartebeest and several other types of horn he creates his unique Jewelry designs.

Each piece of Jack’s collections is not only crafted with a love of the materials and art form, but also a one-of-a-kind quality piece of jewelry worthy of being an heirloom piece to be passed down from generation to generation.

Various artists will be on hand, on the weekends, to demonstrate their art form. Simmertime Cafe and Art Gallery is located across the street from KFBC on the corner of Dallas and Main St.

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ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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When done properly, networking is one of the most effective ways to build your business. Pulling a good network together takes effort, sincerity and time. Successful networking involves tapping into local resources and circles of influence to help spread your ideas.

They say if you have a “why” you can deal with any “what” or “how.” That is a great saying however it does not include one of the very important components of success and that is the “who.” Your Acworth Business Association strives to help identify your “who’s” and connect you with those viable contacts.

Now is the time to join us or renew your Acworth Business Association membership for 2020. Please be sure to explore the various levels of participation to best fit the needs of your business. Our Presidential Sponsor package continues to be the best value to insure your business receives a profitable return on its investment.

In today’s business climate, networking has become more important than ever. In fact, it is quite possibly the best investment you’ll make to start your new year. It helps in the short run and ensures long term stability. Like a bridge, your ABA events and functions give you quick and easy access to your destination. They are built on an solid foundation and they work to bring your relationships closer.

The Acworth Business Association is your BRIDGE TO SUCCESS. Let’s use that advantageous point of view to journey into the new year together. It has been my pleasure and an honor to serve the ABA in 2019. It’s time to plan and share your new goals as we look forward with excellent 2020 Vision.

Do good and be well.



GREG CARTER LOVES FOOD!

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT OUR HOUSE

Growing up, Christmas dinner at the Carter house was a big deal. There would be so much food on the dinner table, no one could sit there. You would have to fix your plate and move to the living room or den to eat. (After we said the blessing, of course.) We never broke out the “good china” for Christmas dinner. I’m pretty sure we never owned good china! Instead, we broke out the heavy Styrofoam or paper plates. The really big ones. Plastic cups with tea would be filled in advance, as to keep the line moving.



We always enjoyed a traditional southern Christmas dinner – turkey, ham, giblet gravy, mac and cheese, rolls, a green vegetable, maybe some potatoes, and lots of desserts. The stars of the show, however were my Mama’s cornbread dressing and her icebox fruitcake!

To this day, I’ve never found any dressing to top my Mama’s. She knew how to get a really rich stock from the turkey and that was the key! She would often bolster the turkey stock by also cooking the turkey neck and a couple of chicken thighs – nothing out of a can EVER! It was pretty basic from there – cornbread, sage, salt, pepper, celery, onion, butter, and that incredible stock.

The icebox fruitcake was something to be celebrated. I’m not even sure where Mama got the recipe. I can’t remember a time when it wasn’t part of the Christmas menu. It was made from finely crushed graham crackers, raisins, melted marshmallows, and pecans. Maybe some butter, I’m not sure. She would assemble all of the ingredients, mold it into a loaf, wrap it in aluminum foil, and then place it back into the graham cracker box. It would then go into the refrigerator until it hardened. I don’t consider myself a fruitcake fan, but this was fantastic! My wonderful sister-in-law Doris still makes it and brings it to family gatherings, and it’s still a smash hit!

I hope you enjoy a wonderful holiday meal with your family and friends! Greg Like us on the Greg Carter Loves Food page on Facebook, Questions? [GregCarterLovesFood@comcast.net](https://www.facebook.com/GregCarterLovesFood/)

KBA LUNCHEON

Tuesday, Dec. 10 11:00-1:00 pm at KSU Continuing Ed Bldg. Kennesaw, 30144. The Member of the Year and the Business of the Year will be awarded. Sponsored by Town Center CID, catered by Carrabba’s Italian Grill. Learn more and RSVP at www.kennesawbusiness.org.

ABA WOMEN’S LUNCHEON

Join us on December 19 at Brookwood Christian School from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM for our monthly Women’s Luncheon! RSVP acworthbusiness.org. Adrienne’s is our caterer

ABA LUNCHEON

Thursday, January 9 11:30-1:00 pm at Acworth Community Center, 4361 Cherokee Street, Acworth, GA, 30101. RSVP at www.acworthbusiness.org.

KBA AA5

The December KBA AA5 will be held on Tuesday, December 17 from 5:30-7:30 at Desktop, 3070 N Main St, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Catered by Taziki’s Mediterranean Grill. More information at kennesawbusiness.org.

NORTH COBB CIVITAN CLUB

The North Cobb Civitan Club meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 11:30am at Diner Bakery Company, located at 3150 North Cobb Parkway, Kennesaw, Ga. 30152. Civitan focuses on children with special needs and North Cobb Civitan also serves the cities of Kennesaw and Acworth at community events. Each meeting features an inspiring speaker. Call Penny Warren for additional information at (770) 823-2606 or ssw516@hotmail.com.

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SUCCESS GATEWAY ACADEMY

Founded in 2018, Success Gateway Academy (SGA) is a non-profit, hybrid educational program located in West Cobb, Georgia. SGA serves children in middle and high school



who struggle with sensory, social, academic, and attention challenges as well as children transitioning from a homeschool environment. SGA provides an educational opportunity for children who have difficulty mainstreaming in the upper grades because of their challenges.

Certified teachers, an accredited curriculum, a flexible learning environment and shorter school days with breaks between classes allows each child to have a full educational experience. Most importantly, SGA partners with the parents to get to know each child, as an individual, before developing a customized education plan for each child.

Success Gateway Academy is holding an Open House on Thursday, December 12 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Youth Center at Due West United Methodist Church. Due West United Methodist Church is located at 3956 Due West Road in Marietta. SGA also offers individual tours as requested.

Success Gateway Academy is a nondiscriminatory school and follows the Cobb County School District calendar. Call us at 770.626.2558 or visit us at SGAcademy.org for more information.

WELCOME NEW ADVERTISER

The Bright Side Newspaper welcomes Primrose Kennesaw North to its pages. You can learn about the Primrose Schools Balanced Learning approach by visiting PrimroseKennesawNorth.com or calling 770-218-3500. They presently have openings for three to five year olds. The school is located at 3054 N Main St, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Their ad is on page 9 of this paper

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Acworth Presbyterian Church will hold a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 7, 2019 in the fellowship hall from 8am to 4pm. There will be gifts, handmade items, ornaments, Christmas Decor and for \$5 you can have lunch with us. A bowl of homemade soup, corn bread, drink and a Christmas cookie. The funds raised will go to new front doors as the old ones are beyond repair.

LIVE ORCHESTRA JOINS THE GEORGIA BALLET’S “THE NUTCRACKER”

The Georgia Ballet, founded by the late Iris Hensley, has been a Marietta staple in performing arts since 1959. Her vision, dedication, and the support of her family and the local community created a long standing legacy that is The Georgia Ballet. In their 60th Anniversary season, the annual production of The Nutcracker will be performed Dec 5-8 with The Georgia Ballet Orchestra, through the support of generous donors.



Robert Trocina, Music Director and Conductor of Gwinnett Symphony Orchestra, has been named Music Director and Conductor of The Georgia Ballet Orchestra. Trocina

will bring together talented professional musicians to perform live during The Georgia Ballet’s Nutcracker.

“It’s an honor and privilege to be working with Joy, Daet, Margit, and the uber-talented professional dancers of The Georgia Ballet, and I am grateful to the donors who have made this possible” states music director, Robert Trocina. “We have amassed 28 of Georgia’s finest professional musicians in creating the brand new The Georgia Ballet Orchestra! It is an exciting time for the performing arts in Marietta.”

“The traditional ballet, ‘The Nutcracker’ comes to life every year through music, colors, and dance. This ballet has become one of the great classics and a Christmas tradition. Our production presents a new aspect every year for both the dancers and the audience. Since this is our 60th Anniversary season, we would like to celebrate by having you experience our production of “The Nutcracker” with a live orchestra, especially the wonderful feeling brought on by the interaction between live music and dance.”

The Nutcracker live with The Georgia Ballet Orchestra will be performed at the Jennie T. Anderson Theatre with performances on December 5-8 this holiday season. Thursday evening’s performance will be an abridged sensory friendly version with recorded music. The 2PM show on Sunday the 8th will also be recorded music. For tickets and information about The Georgia Ballet’s performance visit www.georgiaballet.org or call 770-528-0881.

OPEN HOUSE



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019

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Success Gateway Academy (SGA) is now enrolling for January 2020 and the 2020 School year. SGA serves children in middle and upper grades with sensory, social, academic or attention challenges as well as those transitioning from a homeschool environment.

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THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK

The end of the year is upon us and what an awesome year it has been for Acworth! 2019 has seen many great additions to our Historic Downtown and Parkside expansion projects. From the opening of the Depot Park and the Pedestrian Bridge to the groundbreaking of the Hwy 92 widening project, Acworth has much to celebrate. I would like to thank our citizens, volunteers, the business community, our city team, and my fellow elected officials for celebrating with me throughout these accomplishments. These partnerships are what make Acworth so successful and will ensure that we have even more to celebrate in 2020!

Speaking of celebration, the holiday season is finally here and Acworth has many festive offerings for the whole family. Christmas in Acworth will take place on Saturday, December 7 and Saturday, December 14. Santa will arrive at the Depot Park on Main Street at 1:00 p.m. to read stories to the kids. Bring your camera, because before heading back to the North Pole, Santa will be available for pictures between 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Carriage rides will also be available on Saturday, December 14. Rides will depart from Senator Russell Avenue. Carriage rides and visits with Santa are free to the public. You won't want to miss Christmas in Acworth this year!

As the weather turns cooler it can become challenging to get in our exercise. The Acworth Community Center offers the solution of an indoor walking track, open gym for basketball play, pickleball, and many classes to keep us active and healthy throughout the winter months. The Acworth Community Center opened in April and has increased the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resource Departments ability to serve the community with additional resources, programs, and events. The department was recently honored with the Georgia Recreation and Park Association award for 2019 Agency of the Year (population 20,001-50,000). I am so proud of our team and the extraordinary experiences they create.

I would also like to congratulate Aldermen Butch Price, Brett North, and Gene Pugliese on their reelection last month. I look forward to serving with you again in the upcoming years.

As always, for more information on any of these projects you can visit www.acworth.org, sign up for our e-news blasts on our home page, "like" Visit Acworth on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram at @VisitAcworth.

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CONGRATULATIONS

ACWORTH PARKS AND RECREATION WINS GRPA AGENCY OF THE YEAR

On Wednesday, November 6, the Acworth Parks, Recreation, and Community Resource Department received the Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) Agency of the Year Award for our population category. The purpose of this award is to recognize exemplary agencies who deliver recreation, park, or leisure related services to their community. Eligible agencies must deliver services that make a significant contribution on a local, state, or regional basis.

Our organization has grown tremendously over the last twenty years and proud of each one of these uniquely talented and gifted people for their contributions in the areas of parks operations, building maintenance, landscaping, athletic field maintenance, event management, programming for individuals with special needs, active adult programming, athletic programming, after school programming, summer camps, downtown development, tourism, marketing, generating a positive economic impact, creating great customer experiences and much more. They are the best in the business!

MENORAH LIGHTING CEREMONY -

The City of Acworth invites everyone to our annual Menorah Lighting Ceremony on Monday, December 23 at 6:00 p.m. This will be the second night of Hanukkah.

The Menorah is located at the corner of Cowan Road and Main Street in Downtown Acworth. Rabbi Zalman Charytan from the Chabad Jewish Center will officiate the lighting with Mayor Tommy Allegood assisting.

The eight day Jewish holiday commemorates the Jewish Maccabees' military victory over Syrian-Greek oppression more than 2,000 years ago. During Hanukkah, Jews across the world celebrate the miracle of light that burnt for eight days out of a single-days-worth of oil found in the Temple. One Hanukkah candle is lit the first night and an additional candle is lit each successive night. The holiday is a celebration of religious freedom and hope.

CHRISTMAS IN ACWORTH

On Saturday, December 14, we will be celebrating Christmas in Acworth. Santa will be at the Depot on Main Street starting at 1:00 p.m. for story time, followed by pictures with Santa from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both days. Bring your own camera. For questions pertaining to this event, please contact Kim Watt at kwatt@acworth.org.

ACTIVE ADULT LUNCHEON

Join us on the third Wednesday, December 18, for the City of Acworth Parks and Recreation Department's Active Adult Luncheon. Enjoy a complimentary lunch, bingo, and other special activities. The luncheon is held at the Tanyard Creek Overlook at the Acworth Community Center. Lunch is served at noon. After lunch we will have several rounds of bingo with prizes. This program is free to all Active Adults!!!

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The Primrose-exclusive approach, called *Balanced Learning*®, is created from the best early education wisdom and balances purposeful play with nurturing guidance from teachers to encourage curiosity, creativity, confidence and compassion. It is designed to meet the developmental needs of young children. For example, the Primrose Venture Program is designed specifically for children ages 3 to 5 years old who attend Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten. Experiences in these classrooms focus on building children's confidence and independence so they feel comfortable venturing out, exploring on their own and asking questions – all of which help them develop a love of learning they take with them into elementary school and beyond.

Below is a deeper look at how each characteristic of the *Balanced Learning* approach comes to life in Venture Program classrooms.

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The *Balanced Learning* approach balances play with guidance and instruction from teachers, which maximizes each child's opportunity to learn, make choices and become independent, no matter his or her learning style. In Venture Program classrooms, children explore new concepts in large and small group settings. They also engage in independent exploration and learning experiences of their choice each day.

Encourages curiosity, creativity, confidence and compassion.

Intellectual, creative, physical and social-emotional skills are embedded in children's daily experiences, not exercised once a week or if the teacher has time. Children in Venture Program classrooms learn and practice concepts in language and literacy; science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM); social studies; music; physical development and health; and compassion, kindness and life skills continuously throughout the day.

The *Balanced Learning* approach is integrated, meaning skills and concepts are reinforced through different, yet connected experiences. For example, a learning theme might be living things. When the children go outside to play, they will observe the grass, trees, insects and birds. Then they may explore the different stages of a plant's life cycle at the free-choice Science Center, read a book about living things with the teacher, and write a story or paint a picture based on living things. Themes, skills and concepts are explored for multiple weeks so that children can explore each topic in a variety of ways. As a result, learning comes naturally and is so much fun.

"At Primrose, we believe who children become is just as important as what they know," said Roper. "Character development and life skills are also key components of the *Balanced Learning* approach."

Traits such as honesty, cooperation, generosity and empathy are nurtured in Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten students on a daily basis. With the help of the Primrose Friends puppets, teachers model and teach these important character traits and skills through books, discussions, art projects, puppet play, games and role playing.

The *Balanced Learning* approach is more than a curriculum. Daily classroom experiences; classroom equipment, materials, books and toys; training; assessment and school-home connection resources are all intentionally aligned to engage children in developmentally-appropriate learning. On the surface children simply have fun and engage in purposeful play, but underneath is a comprehensive and integrated approach that provides an unparalleled early learning experience.

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KENNESAW'S DAY WITH SANTA

Kennesaw's Parks and Recreation will help the City of Kennesaw usher in the holiday season on Saturday, December 7, with a Main Street parade featuring marching bands, decorated floats, vintage cars, colorfully costumed characters and Santa Claus himself.

The parade begins at 2:00 pm near the intersection of Watts Drive and Main Street, proceeding up Main Street to end at Adams Park.

The celebration continues on Main Street until 6 pm with A Day with Santa Activities that include a snow playground, inflatables and amusements, kid's crafts, visits with Santa, stage entertainment, and a holiday market full of gift ideas and unique merchandise. Food vendors will be onsite. Parade awards will be presented at 5:30 pm.

For more information, visit adaywithsanta.com or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at (770) 422-9714.

KENNESAW'S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Join Mayor Easterling and other city officials at Depot Park in downtown Kennesaw on Saturday, December 7 at 6:00 pm, for the time-honored tradition of "flipping the switch" to illuminate the official Christmas tree.

The free hour-long program begins at 6 pm and will include festive choral music and sing-along, light refreshments, and plenty of holiday cheer.

For more information, visit kennesaw-ga.gov or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at (770) 422-9714.

FREE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Helping One Guy at a Time and O'Charley's are hosting a free breakfast with Santa at The Cowan Historic Mill on South Main in Acworth, on Saturday December 7 from 7:30-10:30 am. The breakfast is a fundraiser for our Special Need Kids. All proceeds go to support Horizon Field. RSVP on Eventbrite.com/HelpingOneGuy/Santa.s -



SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Great Gig Dance Co. in Kennesaw presents Sights & Sounds of the Season, a musical Christmas variety show on Sunday, December 8th at NorthStar Church. The show will include the return of "The Jazzy Nutcracker," a fresh take on a classic Christmas story. Set in the post-World War II era of the 1940s, "The Jazzy Nutcracker" features the music of Duke Ellington and the dancers of the Great Gig Dance Ensemble, with special guest performances from the Mayor of Acworth, Tommy Allegood, and the Mayor of Kennesaw, Derek Easterling. Sights & Sounds of the Season promises to get you and your family in the Christmas mood!

A catered reception featuring holiday desserts, coffee, and hot chocolate begins at 5:00pm and includes a holiday-themed silent auction, followed by the show at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance, and may be purchased online at www.greatgigdance.com. You may also purchase tickets at the door for \$20. For more information, contact Great Gig Dance Co. at 770-218-2112. NorthStar Church is located at 3413 Blue Springs Road in Kennesaw. This is a family Christmas event you won't want to miss!



Great Gig Dance Co. offers dance classes for everyone, ages 3 to 103! Classes are available in Hip-Hop, Jazz, Tap, Ballet, and Contemporary Dance. The studio is located in Kennesaw at 4200 Wade Green Road, in the Wade Green Crossing center near Big

Lots and LA Fitness. For more information, please visit www.greatgigdance.com

CHRISTMAS AT PIEDMONT CHURCH ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

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Join us for a festive celebration; Christmas at Piedmont Church Arts & Craft Show will be buzzing with activity on Friday, December 13th and Saturday, December 14th. There will be lots of unique arts and crafts exhibitors from all over the southeast that have crafted, arranged, painted, or built all the products themselves. A sample of products to be sold is jewelry, pottery, paintings, ornaments, apparel, unique one of a kind gift items and much, much, more. A perfect time to enjoy good family fun and finish up your Christmas shopping!!

Delicious festival food will warm your insides, local entertainment, FREE rides on the 50-foot Snow Tube

ride on Friday and FREE Petting Zoo on Saturday. All weekend there will be FREE photos with Santa (bring your camera please), FREE children's activities, roasting marshmallows & smores and much, much more.

FREE Snow Tubing Slide presented by C&S Paving on Friday from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m. You and your family can ride on more than 50 feet of a state-of-the-art snow tube slide that uses more than 8,000 pounds of ice and snow to create an awesome winter experience ...the best part is it's FREE!!!

FREE Petting Zoo on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The whole gang can see more than 20 of your favorite petting zoo animals right there on the lawn at Piedmont Church, again this is FREE to everyone!

Visit with Santa on Friday from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. or on Saturday from noon - 3:00 p.m., don't miss your opportunity to tell the big guy what you want for Christmas!


Local Entertainment will be set on the LGE Community Credit Union Stage featuring local school chorus groups and local dance groups.

Children's Activities will be in abundance featuring a giant slide, Euro-Quad Bungy, obstacle course, bounces, and more. There will be fun activities for children throughout the event – roasting marshmallows, seeing Santa, and much, much more!

Hours are Friday, December 13th; 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 14th; 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. FREE Admission and FREE Parking. There will be FREE parking and a free courtesy shuttle from JJ Danniell Middle School and the Old Time Pottery Parking lots. For more information call 770-423-1330 or www.piedmonthchurch.tv



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BREAKFAST WITH THE GRINCH

The Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department is excited to host Breakfast with the Grinch at the Acworth Community Center on Saturday, December 14 from 9-12. Enjoy breakfast while the Grinch visits with each table for photo opportunities and to share Christmas wishes. After breakfast, the Grinch will join us as we create Grinch themed ornaments and crafts.

Seats are \$10 per person or you can reserve a table for your family and friends! (Infants age 1 year old or younger will eat free but will need to be seated on a lap. High chairs will not be provided)

Seating is limited, must register each family member attending breakfast. Reserve your family's seat at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.

HOLIDAY MARKET AT THE ART STATION

The Holiday Market offers unique, hand-crafted items from over forty local artists. The full shopping experience is open now through December 14th (Monday-Thursday: 10am-7pm, Friday: 10am-5pm, and Saturday 10am-2pm). Guests can shop local for a wide variety of items, including jewelry, ornaments, jams, pottery, and so much more. The Art Station is proud to spread holiday cheer and support local artisans in our community. The Art Station is located at 2050 Kennesaw Due West Rd Kennesaw, GA 30152.

BRUNCH WITH SANTA AT HOLBROOK

Santa and Mrs. Claus are making a special visit to Holbrook Acworth and invite our readers to visit on Sunday, December 15. Brunch will be served at The Zinnia Cafe & Market from 12 pm- 3 pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus will appear from 2:30pm-4:30pm. Please RSVP for Brunch at holbrookacworth@holbrooklife.com or call 678-424-3053. Adults are \$25, Children 6-12 are \$12, and 5 and under are FREE.

STORY OF CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 14 at 6:30 pm. Please join our community as the music ministry of Summit Church shares their presentation of "The Story of Christmas". This hour long presentation captures the story of Christmas thru music and live drama.

4310 Moon Station Lane, NW, Acworth, GA. Admission and parking are Free. For more information, visit summitchurch.org/events

TRIP TO NORTH POLE FUNDRAISER

Please join Eco Tech Services and other sponsors at Guston's Grill & Tap, 3330 Cobb Pkwy NW #100, Acworth, on Friday, December 13 from 11am to 11pm, for a Trip to the North Pole Fundraiser benefiting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Bert's Big Adventure. Come help us raise money to create a magical make-believe trip to the North Pole for kids battling cancer. We will have an ugly sweater contest, a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, live music, and great food!

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Cupping is not a painful process. Cupping can be very relaxing and soothing. By using suction (or lifting tissue up) is bringing more circulation to the areas to be treated. Deep tissue or other massage techniques are pushing down on the skin to stimulate circulation. The cups can be placed on the skin for several minutes or move by gliding them over the areas to be treated. The benefits of Cupping are many including relaxing, promotes blood circulation, relief from physical and emotional tensions, removal of toxins, initiates healing and regeneration process, softens tissues to regain elasticity, and reduces inflammation.

The cups are usually glass or silicone and are affixed to the affected areas and a suction device draws the skin upward. The cups can be left on the areas to treat for several minutes drawing blood up to the skin and leaving a red mark. The moving of the cups will treat a larger area with the suction cups and bring blood to the surface without leaving a red mark.

Moving Cupping is the method we use at Trilogy Massage. This method is way to increase the area treated and avoid the red "marks" on the skin that stationary cups will produce. We are able to combine Trigger Point Therapy, Deep Tissue, Neuromuscular therapies, etc depending on what is needed for the client in combination with the Cupping. This allows us to work at a deeper level of "releasing" tight muscles for a longer period of time. We find our clients are feeling better, and experiencing improved range of motion, for a longer period of time. Please feel free to contact us at Trilogy Massage at 770-415-1212 in Acworth.

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Will Rogers

**AND BOOM, THE
HOLIDAY SEASON IS
UPON US!**

**DR CRIS EATON WELSH,
EATON CHIROPRACTIC**

The holiday season is a time for enjoying time with your family and friends, not for stressing out. There are ways that you manage the stress of the holiday season, though. By shifting your thoughts and prioritizing yourself, you can enjoy the holiday season more and freak out a little less.

**HERE ARE MY TOP TIPS FOR A
STRESS FREE HOLIDAY SEASON.**

Let go of the idea of perfection: The sooner you realize that perfect does not exist, the better. I promise nobody else has everything turn out perfectly either. In the words of Elsa, let it goooo....

Embrace saying "no." : Realize that you can only do so much. You have to pick and choose what events are important to you. People understand that everyone is busy this time of year.

Don't try to go on a diet: Just don't. Trying to diet or lose weight during the holidays is just a bad idea. Instead, try to eat a regular, balanced diet during the holidays. Depriving yourself will just end up causing you more stress.

Enlist some help: Nobody can do everything by themselves. (Believe me, I have tried). When family or friends offer to help, graciously accept. There is no shame in needing help, during the holidays or anytime.

Do as much as you can, as early as you can: Waiting until last minute and staying up all night to get things done will just make you more tired and frazzled.

Carve out time for yourself: Take a breath and remember to do something for yourself every day. Take care of yourself so you can unwind and be better able to take care of others.

Remember what the season is about: When you are tempted to freak out at the jerk who took your parking spot, remember that the holidays aren't about gifts or lights or the perfect party dress. They're about celebrating something special with loved ones. Try to be in the moment while you are surrounded by people who love and care about you instead of stressing about the trivial things.

Dr Cris Eaton Welsh practices in downtown Kennesaw at Eaton Chiropractic on Main Street. Just look for the bubbles on Fridays.

ACWORTH'S WINTER BREAK CAMP -

It's time to get those creative juices flowing! Our Art Explosion Camp has a full week of non-stop art experiments and activities. Each day of camp will focus on a different art medium like fabrics and dyes, paper, paint, clay and more! Campers are encouraged to dress in clothing ready to get painted, stained and splattered!

Camp is for ages 5-12 and will take place at the Acworth Community Center during Cobb County winter break (Monday, February 17-Friday, February 21). Camp activity hours are from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Drop off is available as early as 7:30 a.m. and late pick up ends at 6:00 p.m. Camp costs \$115 for City of Acworth residents and \$140 for non-residents. Register online at acworthparksandrecreation.org.

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**BY DR. DYLAN REACH, ACWORTH
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MARIETTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTRESS SELECTED AS STATE’S BEST

Every fall as high school football is nearing the end of their season, schools across the state compete in another Georgia High School Association event where students vie for the region trophy and title which allows them to advance to the state competition, the one-act play competition. While this activity is not as well-known as football, it is just as important to the students who prepare for months to present a play under 55 minutes to three judges who rank them according to a performance rubric.

Marietta High School was this year’s winner at the Region 3 7A One-Act Play Competition on Saturday, October 26 held at Kennesaw Mountain High School. Marietta’s winning production had the audience laughing and crying with their production of Mockingbird. The play tells the story of autistic girl who is dealing with the death of her brother killed during a school shooting. Jessica Napier received Best Actress for her sensitive portrayal of the main character. Three of her cast mates were also named to the All-Star Cast: CJ Malone, Carson Shearer, and Vesey Banuel.

The play was directed by Holly Smith and assistant director, Edward Zaboroskie, both teach theatre classes at Marietta High School.

Marietta advanced to the State Competition on Saturday, November 9 at Buford High School competing against 7 other schools from across the state who have won their regions. 7(A) comprises 48 of the state’s largest high schools. Lambert placed first at the state level with their musical, She Loves Me, and also earned the State Best Actor award for their male lead.

Jessica Napier from Marietta received the State Best Actress honors, Vesey Banuel was chosen to be on the State All-Star Cast, and Marietta placed fourth overall. “This is extremely impressive as Holly Smith’s second year as the director at Marietta. She certainly has the program moving in the right direction.” Commented the district Fine Arts Coordinator, Coy Dunn.



THE ULTIMATE ENTREPRENEURS

It is fun to see an idea grow to fruition and be well on its way to being very successful. Danielle Hildebrand and Tyler Buttram had an idea several months ago and now that idea is open to the public. Their concept of a locally sourced, community driven market in downtown Acworth providing fresh baked goods, local produce, and neighborhood necessities is now open.

The Picnic Market and Mercantile, located at 4823 S. Main Street, Acworth, is open and offering food and beverage items from locally owned and operated companies. Most are small batches and organic such as coffee by Blue Collar Joe. They also carry local ice cream, made by Flux, using all natural ingredients and it is gluten free. In addition The Picnic Market carries farm fresh eggs. One of the first things that catches your eye is the Bakery Case filled bakery goodies by Cake House on Main.

Love fresh locally grown produce, for now you can place your order once a week and it will be delivered to the store for you to pick up. The goal is to have fresh produce and local meats in the store everyday in the very near future.

The couple will also prepare meals for a family outing such as a concert, a hike or a picnic. And they have contacted several of our local restaurants and will carry frozen family dinners from these restaurants. Every day, a new product is added to the store.

The Picnic Market and Mercantile is open Monday - Friday: 9-5, Saturday 9-6, and Sunday 12-5. Stop by and see these two Ultimate Entrepreneurs.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Start your holidays off with a live orchestra presenting fun holiday music in the 10th anniversary concert from Marietta Pops Orchestra.

The concert this will year is December 13 at Cobb Civic Center’s Jennie T. Anderson Theatre (where you can get your picture with Santa Claus --so bring the kids and your camera). The concert cost an incredibly low \$10 for STUDENTS and \$20 for ADULTS (kids, birth to Pre-K are always free) and are available online at our web site: www.mariettapopsorchestra.org.

KSU VISUAL ARTS ARTIST MARKET- CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Artist Market features artists’ booths offering the sale of original artwork, fine art prints, crafts, and make-it and take-it experiences. It’s a significant part of our annual Spring Arts Festival—a community event offering the chance for art lovers of all ages to partake in visual and performing arts activities. The Spring Arts Festival will take place 11am - 4pm on Saturday, March 21, 2020. Apply online at <https://arts.kennesaw.edu/visual-arts/events-activities/spring-arts-festival.php> by Monday, January 20, 2020. 50% discount on booth fee for Alumni and Kennesaw State Retirees!

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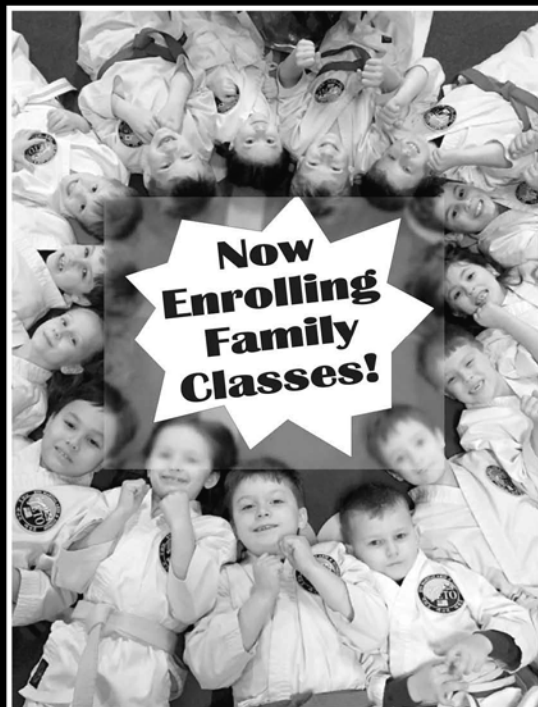
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NCHS CROSS COUNTRY AWARDS

Congratulations to Alexis Christian for being named MVP for this year's Cross Country Team and for Isabelle Welsh for being named Rookie of the Year for this year's Cross Country Team. Not only can they run like the wind, they are best friends and both in 9th grade. Pictured with the girls is Cross Country Coach, John Huff



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Azonya Austin who has signed to play basketball for Alabama A&M University. Azona is a senior at NCHS. Pictured are Front row Mom (Nicole Norris), Azonya Austin, Uncle (Aaron Crute), Back row Principal Matt Moody, John Speeney (head girls basketball coach), Jarac Savage (basketball coach), AD Matt Williams



ETO ELITE TEAM ADDS CHEER TO THE HOLIDAYS!

The ETO Elite Team comprised of Black Belt Assistant Instructors is prepping for the holidays! This group of lovely young women spend time on the workout floor and performance stage adding excitement and smiles to any event. On Wednesday November 20, they served as volunteers and blood donors for American Red Cross Blood Drive held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints located on Hadaway Road in Kennesaw. They were instrumental in helping to host ETO's Annual Banquet held on Friday November 22. It was a fun night of celebration and recognition. They will be the featured performers at Pitner Elementary Dinner with Santa on Friday December 6 and during the Cobb County Foster Family Christmas Dinner held at Saint Luke's Methodist Church on Saturday December 7. In addition to their dynamic on-stage performance, they enjoy serving the community in many ways by enabling others. The ETO program encourages martial artists to strive for a black belt around the waist and around the heart. Hats off to Meena Edwards, Molly Henkes, Allison LoTempio, Sanjana Sharma, Staci Thomas and Kaitlyn Winters for role modeling the true spirit of Christmas! For more information on the ETO Elite Team or to join the ETO program, call 770-528-9821 or check out www.myeto.com. Merry Christmas from ETO!



**THANKS SAINT JOSEPH'S SVDP & K OF C
SAINT JOSEPH'S SVDP & K OF C 4599 DISTRIBUTE OVER 8 1/2
TONS OF FOOD TO FAMILIES IN NEED FOR THANKSGIVING**

Over 100 volunteers from Saint Joseph's Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Knights of Columbus Council 4599 distributed over 8 1/2 tons of food in 225 Thanksgiving food boxes complete with turkeys & hams and 50+ pounds of food to local Cobb County families in need this past weekend. This is an annual event for the outreach ministries of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. Through generous contributions from the church parishioners, SVdP and the Knights were able to collect over 17,000 pounds of food and meat which was enough for a complete dinner for over 225 families with plenty of leftovers.

St Joseph's SVdP & Knights of Columbus Council 4599 would like to thank all those that contributed and volunteered to make this year's event another huge success.

MARIETTA GARDEN CLUB

Do you love to garden and would you like to be part of a local garden club in your area? The Marietta Council of Garden Clubs(MCGC) would love for you to join a garden club and we invite you to our monthly meetings. Maybe you're a beginner and lack basic gardening knowledge, or an experienced gardener looking to get involved in community projects. The upcoming meeting is on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 9:30am. Come and socialize and listen to this month's program on "A Tour of Cumberland Island and ECO Legislature HOT Topics" with Brian Foster from the Georgia Conservancy. The meeting also informs you on what the garden clubs are doing in the Marietta area. The meeting will be held at the Marietta Educational Garden Center, 505 Kennesaw Ave, Marietta, GA, 30060, 770-427-3494.

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My family and our team are collecting toys and gift cards (gift cards for the older children) to support our local military families (Georgia National Guard, etc.). Please join us in our gratitude mission by giving our nation's youngest heroes the most amazing Christmas they could imagine!

Thanks so much for your support and for spreading the word. The collection donation deadline is 12/16/19.

The Georgia National Guard Christmas Assistance Program is designed to be a supplemental program for service members that are struggling financially and are not able to provide for their children. Those in need may be deployed, have recently returned from overseas, are classified as a wounded warrior or are a traditional National Guardsman.

You can deliver your donations (UNWRAPPED PLEASE) or gift cards to the below (Please contact the below organizations to schedule your drop off.):

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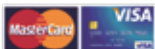
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ACWORTH CHARM A SUCCESS

BY TAMMY URBAN

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we want to let everyone know that we are so thankful for



this wonderful Acworth community AND the visitors this weekend, for the best ever Acworth Charm Tour. We had a total of 300 participants, more than double the participation from last year and 15 times the participation of the first tour!

Over half the tickets sold were NOT from Acworth, and we hope our visitors enjoyed our Charming little Village and all it has to offer. :). Thanks

to all involved, from ticket sales, sponsorships, and in-kind donations, we had a fundraising total of \$24,710!

Brookwood Christian School and Acworth Cultural Arts Center could not have done this without the help of the following sponsors. We thank them ALL and hope everyone supports these businesses.

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TASTE OF ACWORTH WINNERS

What a beautiful day on October 12, 2019, to hold Taste of Acworth. Record participation by restaurants and businesses, gave the crowds plenty to choose from. Winners were announced as follows: Best Booth: Pearl's Spa; Best Appetizer: Henry's Louisiana Grill's Sea Scallops; Best Entree Fusco's Via Roma; Best Dessert: Cake House on Main and Best Presentation: Celebration Village Crostini's. The Taste of Acworth is sponsored by the Acworth Business Association and the City of Acworth. Pictured above: Best Dessert. PS you can find Sara Hardy William's cakes, cupcakes, and desserts at the Picnic Market and Mercantile (next to Pearl Spa) on Main Street in Acworth.



TASTE OF KENNESAW WINNERS

The Taste of Kennesaw was held first weekend in November, and while it was chilly and windy in the morning it warmed up nicely. Congratulations to the winners for the Taste of Kennesaw were: Best Appetizer: Taco Mac's Honey Twang Wings, Best Presentation: Kamayan ATL; Best Tent: Copeland's; Best Entree: Williamson Brothers' BBQ Pork Ribs; Best Dessert: Funnel Cakes N More's Fried Oreos. The judging team pictured above l-r: Greg Carter (he writes for the BrightSide), Melissa Pearsson, Billy Richardson, VP KMHS, and Sam Dembowitz, Student Body VP at KMHS. The Superior Plumbinb Taste of Kennesaw is hosted by the Kennesaw Business Association and the City of Kennesaw.



TASTE OF KENNESAW BAKE-OFF WINNERS

First time out this was hands down, a roaring success. Sue Picardi, Chair of the Bake-Off came up with the idea and got permission from the KBA board and we were off an running. It took many people contributing their time and their gifts to make this a success including the team pictured above: Carol Thompson, Natasha Koutnik (seated), Kim Dahnke, Sue Picardi (standing).

Gift cards as prizes were provided by Carrabbas Italian Grille, Rafferty's, Copelands, Trackside Grill and Bernie's. Very much appreciated by our team. A big THANK YOU to our judges who gave up their Saturday afternoon to taste their way through more than 30 desserts and pick our winners: Judges: Johnny Gabriel, Sara Williams, , Shelley Elder, Kristen Lee, Kristi Janman, Rich Matthews, Jean Fierro-McCarthy, Patricia Mcparland and Melissa Picardi. And to Mark Barre of Image 360 for helping create our plaques.

And we could not have run as smoothly as we did without the help of our high school students from both Kennesaw Mountain and North Cobb High Schools. Can't begin tell you how many errands they ran and how many contestants they helped.

The Culinary Departments from Allatoona, Kell, Kennesaw Mountain and North Cobb High Schools participated in all three of the catagories open to them. All of the High Schools placed and the First Place Winners were as follows: Cookies and Bars: NCHS; Pie/Pastries: Allatoona High School; Desserts: Allatoona High School.

The first place winners of our community bake-off participants were as follows: Cake: Chantrice Ward; Cookies/Bars: Teena Reagan; Pies/Pastries: Chantrice Ward; Desserts: Lynne Smith.



STRAND HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS RUN DECEMBER 13 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

This winter, The Strand will be bringing back holiday favorites like A Christmas Tradition, Christmas Royal Tea and Grand Yuletide Ball, It's A Wonderful Life movie marathon, as well as the return of last year's sell out special Strand Ole Opry's Country Christmas. All shows run in December and are on sale now by calling 770-293-0080 or visiting www.strandmarietta.org.

Strand Ole Opry's Country Christmas | Thursday, December 19 @ 8:00pm A down-home bluegrass concert of holiday music performed on the banjo, fiddle, guitar, bass, and washboard! A band of merry singers and traditional southern storytellers invite patrons onto The Strand's metaphorical 'back porch' to bring a little twang to the tinsel season. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 the day of.

A Christmas Tradition | December 13 - 22, 2019 A high energy holiday song and dance musical revue featuring costumed singers and dancers performing both traditional and funky Christmas favorites, A Christmas Tradition is a great way for the entire family to get together and get into the holiday spirit. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$25 for seniors, and students.

Christmas Royal Tea and Grand Yuletide Ball | December 14 - 23, 2019. A royal Christmas experience for kids filled with sweets, tea and juice, a visit from the Prince and Princess of the Grand Yuletide Ball, and a Nutcracker dance and story. Tickets include a gift bag of goodies for our young guests. Limited space available. Tickets are \$20.

It's a Wonderful Life Movie Marathon | Thurs, December 23 The Strand continues its tradition of playing It's a Wonderful Life on the big screen all day on the Monday before Christmas. Fuzzy pajamas are encouraged and popcorn and drinks will be served. Get there 15 minutes before show time for a holiday pre-show and sing-along on the Mighty Allen Theatre Organ. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$8 for seniors, students, and military. Show times: 12:00pm, 2:45pm, 6:00pm, & 9:15pm

The NYE Royalty Show: A Tribute to Led Zeppelin & Queen | Tuesday, December 31 @ 9pm. The Georgia Players Guild will ring in the new year with a tribute concert honoring the musical legacy of rock super-groups Led Zeppelin and Queen. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 starting on December 29.

About The Strand: The historic Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre is a multi-use performing arts and events facility. The theatre is governed by the Friends of The Strand, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and depends on the financial support of private and corporate donors. It is The Strand's mission to serve the community with cultural entertainment for a diverse audience and to promote economic health in the City of Marietta and Cobb County. For more information and tickets, visit www.earlsmithstrand.org or the box office at 770-293-0080 or 117 North Park Square, Marietta, 30060. Box office hours are from 11AM-6PM, Monday through Friday, and 9AM-12PM on Saturdays. The box office opens two hours before show time.

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MENORAH LIGHTING IN MARIETTA

Celebrate Hanukkah with a Menorah Lighting on the Glover Park Stage at Marietta Square, 50 Park Sq, Marietta GA, by Congregation Ner Tamid of Marietta/ West Cobb, Saturday, December 28, rain date December 29, from 6:30-7:30 pm, led by Rabbi Joseph Prass, featuring Hanukkah music and dancing by the Smyrna Team Dancers, books from PJ Library, free hot chocolate, and gift card raffle.

Seven children will be randomly selected to light the menorah, and will also receive gifts cards for Bubble Tea.

All are welcome. Parking is available on local streets or the municipal garage on Cherokee Street

Congregation Ner Tamid is a reform congregation, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism and ISJL. For information visit www.mynertamid.org or call 678-264-8575.

“YANKEE HOTEL, A STORY OF ANDERSONVILLE”

A BOOK SIGNING AT AVERY GALLERY, MARIETTA

Why was Andersonville chosen for the prison site. When General Bragg went to Richmond as Military Advisor of Jefferson Davis, he instituted a rigid systems of inspections there & when it was reported to him that the federal prisoners were not well feed because the food had to be transported from southern Georgia over several hundred miles of railroad and that they were as well as the soldiers of the Army of Northern Virginia. “Then” said he “Remove them to Georgia where the food is grown” S.H. Stout.

Dr. Samuel Hollingsworth Stout picked the spot of Andersonville Prison. Yankee Hotel is how the events unfold as Andersonville grew in prisoner population with newly found prisoner and guard letters which will help explain the events. Then take a journey through the Andersonville National Cemetery with soldier and prisoner letters. Some are the last letters these men would write.

Join Avery Gallery on December 13 or December 14 to hear stories of the Andersonville Prison as it was opened February of 1864 and closed April 1865, and during that short 14 months almost 13,000 prisoners died and nearly 300 guards died. Living historians will take you through the prisoners and guards story from letters and documents of the prisons history. See a rare hand painted photograph of a Union Prisoner from Andersonville, and other items of the Andersonville Prison. Brad Quinlin has been a volunteer at the Andersonville National Historic site for 28 years.

The hand painted photo of the soldier was restored and framed by Avery Gallery, and the Texas family owners will have it with them to show at the book signing. Come join with the authors, historians, conservators and interested folks.

Friday December 13—5 P.M. to 8 P.M. Saturday December 14 2 P.M. until 5 P.M. Avery Gallery 390 Roswell Street Marietta, GA 30060 770-427-2459.



MARIETTA TREE KEEPERS

Marietta Tree Keepers invites volunteers of all ages to help plant trees in Marietta meeting at the City of Marietta Maintenance Building (near Lewis Park) on Saturday, December 14 at 10:00am. This planting will be a scavenger hunt where the volunteers will be given clues to find the trees that they will plant. Tools and refreshments provided. Dress for outdoor weather. The address is: 434 Sessions Street, Marietta, Georgia 30060.

The date is Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 10:00am. Please join us as we plant trees to reforest our community. Grab a friend or a family member and donate your Saturday morning to help Marietta Tree Keepers put more trees in the ground. Dress for the weather. Tools and gloves included. Donuts, hot chocolate and hot coffee provided. In case of bad weather please call 770-424-4664 for weather updates and rain date. Large groups please contact us with your number of volunteers that will be in attendance.

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MARIETTA SQUARE'S WINTER WONDERLAND IS NOW BOOKING APPOINTMENTS WITH SANTA! LET THE FUN BEGIN!



and sponsors around the Marietta area. The holiday cheer lasts from Thanksgiving week through the end of December. For details, and to book an appointment with ole Saint Nick, visit winterwonderlandmarietta.com. Proceeds from the event benefit Center for Family Resources.

OPEN CALL: AUDITION TO HONOR THE LIFE OF DR MARTIN LUTHER KING

Every year, Cobb County Government is proud to team with the Cobb branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to celebrate the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. You can help us honor Dr. King by participating in our annual celebration on Jan. 20.

There are two remaining auditions for event entertainment. Dance, spoken word, vocal and musical performances are welcome, but they are limited to three minutes and should relate to Dr. King's message. Auditions will be held at Jennie T. Anderson Theatre. on 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 14 and 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 4

Anderson Theatre is located inside the Cobb Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Parkway, Marietta: For more information, call 770-425-5757.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES AT KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NBPS

All park programming is free and open to the public. No registration required unless noted. Programs start at Visitor Center except when otherwise specified. A Museum Tour is led everyday @ 1:00 pm by a Park Ranger

December 14 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm 'The Western and Atlantic Railroad'

The Western & Atlantic Railroad would experience many extraordinary events that would not only lead to the development of the city of Atlanta but also major changes to the South and ultimately the nation. This program will discuss the origins of the Western & Atlantic Railroad and the history of the rail line from its creation through the end of the American Civil War.

December 14 @ 8 am – 12:30 pm 'Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Work Day'

Volunteers are needed for each work day to help park staff maintain the 20-plus trails of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. The NPS Volunteer Services Agreement is required. A parent must sign the form if the child is under 18 years old. For registration information, forms, and location, please visit the club's website: kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

December 15 @ 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm 'Guided Assault Trail Hike'

Follow in the footsteps of the Union and Confederate soldiers who fought here in that summer of 1864 with this guided hike. A ranger will take you along the Assault Trail, detailing the events of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and Cheatham Hill. The approximate length of this hike is 1 mile and will be weather dependent. *This program is not at the Visitor Center; parking is at 902 Cheatham Hill Rd., Marietta (Recreation Area # 3 parking lot)

December 21 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm 'Guided Mountaintop Hike'

Join us for a ranger-led hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on local and Civil War history, as well some of the ecology of the area. This is an outdoor program, so please prepare accordingly. Length of the hike will be approximately 2 miles, and will be weather dependent.

December 22 @ 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm 'Christmas in the Civil War'

The holidays are usually a time when we join with our loved ones and reflect on the joys of the prior year and look forward to the promise of a new year. Join our park rangers as they discusses how a Civil War soldier would have experienced the holiday in December 1864.

December 28 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am 'Native American Program'

Long before the Civil War, the lonely mountain was home to several communities of Native Americans. Explore the history, mythology and daily life of these first peoples with one of our Rangers. Experience their early culture through everyday tools and hunting equipment.

December 29 @ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm 'Civil War Hygiene; Silent But Deadly'

Times were tough for the campaigning soldier in the 1860's. This 30 minute program focuses on the poor hygiene of the average soldier during the American Civil War and explores how this led to large casualty rates and widespread diseases.

For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0, or visit our website at www.nps.gov/kemo

Events this year include First Friday Winter Wonderland Art Walk, candlelight shopping, a Christmas Market, Santa's Magical Moments, an expanded Festival of Trees, Tuba Christmas, Story time in the Park and Santa letter writing days at Zaxby's and Chick-fil-A. Reindeer Games in Glover Park will have a creative new look this year, with each of our nine reindeer friends being created by local artists.

"Our goal is to offer a festive, community building experience; allowing visitors to create lifelong holiday memories together in Glover Park and on the Marietta Square. There will be more lights, more orbs, more fun than ever before," said Stephanie Coston, Director of The Branding Project. Winter Wonderland is an annual event put on by local businesses, volunteers,

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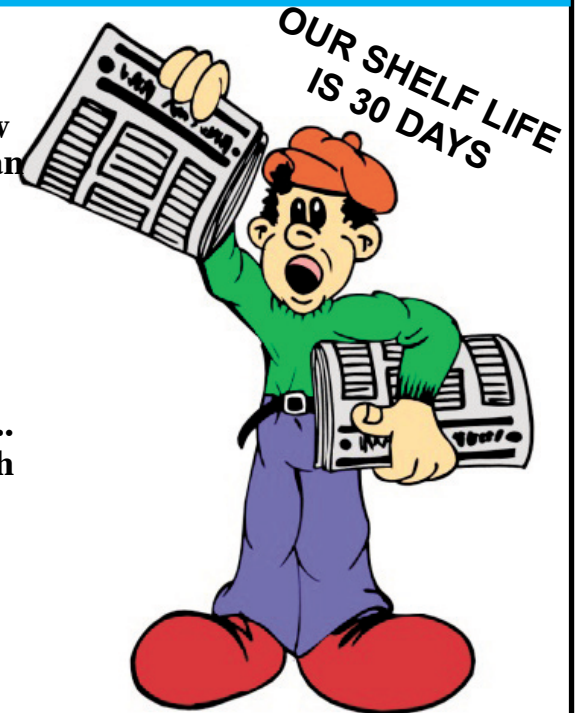
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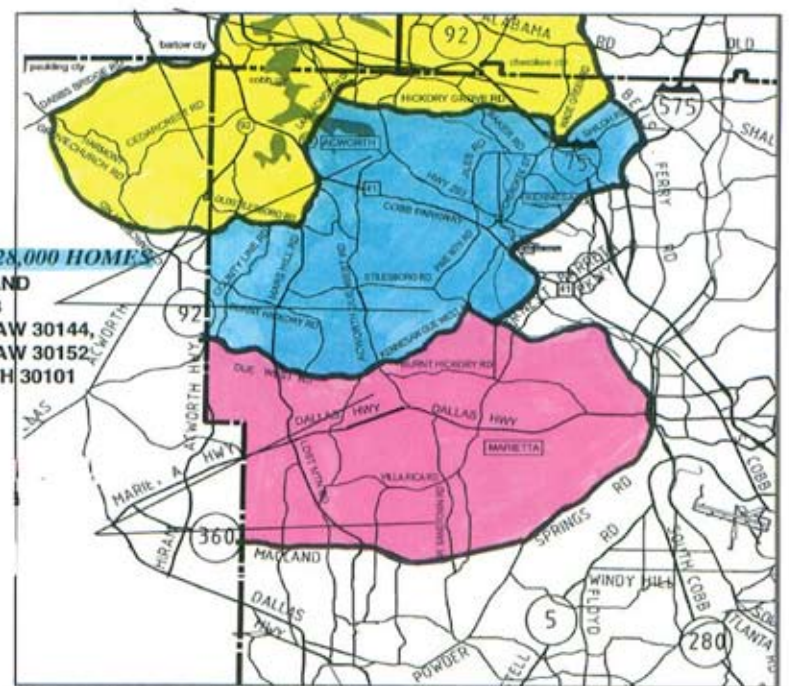
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