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## DARBY DRYDEN, COLLECTING BOOKS FOR AFRICA

Kennesaw resident Darby Dryden is a sophomore at Marietta High School who is collecting all types of books to donate to Books For Africa (booksforafrica.org). Darby says her motivation is to help end the book famine in Africa and create a culture of literacy.

She explained, "Most African children have never owned a book of their own, and in many classrooms, 10-20 students share one textbook."

Books of all kinds are welcome including: children's, teen, adult, fiction, nonfiction, textbooks at all levels, and resource books.

To date, Darby has donated 2,214 books, and her goal is 3,200 books to represent just a fraction of the 320 million books that end up in landfills annually.

If you'd like to donate books to help Darby reach her goal, email her at [darbys\\_collection@yahoo.com](mailto:darbys_collection@yahoo.com) to arrange a pickup.



## CITY OF KENNESAW PARKS & RECREATION TO HONOR VETERANS AT LUNCHEON

The City of Kennesaw will honor the service of military members past and present with a complimentary lunch on Wednesday, November 11 from 12-2 at the Ben Robertson Community Center, located at 2753 Watts Drive.

All veterans and active duty military are invited to attend. No identification will be required. A small program will include acknowledgements from Mayor Derek Easterling, special guest speakers, presentation of colors by North Cobb-Harrison NJROTC Unit and a special ceremony by the North Cobb American Legion Post 304.

Guests will be seated in various rooms in the community center to ensure social distancing. The program will be live-streamed for those who will be in different rooms and at home. Food will be served in to-go boxes for safety. Masks are required inside the Ben Robertson Community Center. Attendees will be allowed to take them off while eating. Guests are welcome.

Kennesaw Parks & Rec asks that each person planning to attend register. There are no fees involved. Attendees are asked to keep their receipt (either print receipt or show email confirmation). Upon arrival, guests will show their receipt for check-in and will be directed to their designated spot.

North Cobb American Legion Post 304 is partnering with Kennesaw city officials and Parks and Recreation staff to host the lunch. Additional sponsors include Pine Ridge Winkenhof Funeral Home, Subaru of Kennesaw and Lewis House at Kennesaw.

To register for in-person lunch, please register at <https://bit.ly/34O8AKI>.

To register for curbside lunch, please register at <https://bit.ly/35OsnJu>.

For more information, visit [kennesaw-ga.gov/parks-and-recreation](http://kennesaw-ga.gov/parks-and-recreation) or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at 770-422-9714.

## ACWORTH VETERANS DAY VIDEO CEREMONY



This year the City of Acworth will honor our nation's veterans with an online tribute. The celebration will focus on members of the Acworth community that have served their country and are now serving their community. The tribute will be posted on the Acworth Parks, Recreation, and Community Resource Department's Facebook page (@acworthparksandrec) and on their website at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org) on Wednesday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m.

**SAY THANK YOU TO A VET OR  
ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONAL**

## FROM CAROL THOMPSON EDITOR

Due to the lack of special events for the month of December we will not mail our paper. However, we will prepare and publish it online the first week of December and post the information on our social media platforms. Any questions or concerns, please email me at [brightnews@aol.com](mailto:brightnews@aol.com).

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The life blood for this paper is festivals, parades, ballgames, community good news and all things family friendly and fun.

## THE CENTER FOR FAMILY RESOURCES HAS RELOCATED

The Center for Family Resources (CFR) announces it is relocating to 400 Franklin Gateway SE, Suite 250, in Marietta, Georgia. The agency's phone number, website and email addresses will remain unchanged.

"We look forward to the next chapter for the CFR and invite our community to come with us on this journey. We are glad to be focusing our attention on how to better serve families and address the ongoing needs as a result of the COVID-19 health crisis," added Darion Dunn, current board chair for the CFR.

A ribbon cutting celebration will be scheduled for December with the Cobb Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Melanie Kagan at 770.428.2601.

## FEDERAL GRANT RECEIVED TO ESTABLISH FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER IN COBB

Cobb District Attorney Joyette M. Holmes announces that her office and its partners have been awarded a four-year grant worth up to \$400,000 to create a Family Justice Center, where victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse can receive services in a single location.

"It is exciting that Cobb County has such great collaboration and support among victim-service providers, law enforcement and county government that we were successful in seeking out this opportunity," DA Holmes said. "The partnering agencies are committed to the establishment of a Family Justice Center for our community so that we can serve the victim where they are rather than the victim having to seek services where the agencies are located. This streamlining of services will provide a safe place for victims and survivors to go to receive wrap-around and holistic services. I am devoted to leading in the planning, implementation, and ongoing partnership to build a Family Justice Center for Cobb County."

Partners include LiveSAFE Resources, SafePath Children's Advocacy Center, Inc., along with Cobb County Government, the Cobb Sheriff's Office and Police Department, the Solicitor General's Office, and Legal Aid of Cobb County. Partnering agencies and offices will have the opportunity to house representatives in the new center to serve victims.

The grant is administered through Georgia's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council with

federal dollars from the Victims of Crime Act. Only two other Georgia communities, Waycross and Macon, were awarded grants to create family justice centers. Savannah has the only existing center in Georgia.

The family justice center model has been identified as a best practice in the intervention and prevention of domestic violence by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women. Documented and published outcomes include reduced homicides, increased victim safety and empowerment, reduced fear and anxiety for victims and their children, and reduced recantation by victims receiving this level of support.

Agencies that provided support for Cobb's center in the application process include Center for Family Resources; Cobb Collaborative; the Division of Family and Children's Services; Kennesaw State University's WellStar College of Health and Human Services; police departments of Acworth, Kennesaw and Smyrna; the Georgia Commission on Family Violence; and the Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia.

Planning and establishing the center will require significant community buy-in. Cobb's leaders are planning a virtual community meeting in early December to begin discussions.

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## THIS AND THAT

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**AIDEN MIDDLETON**

November 15, 2019 Samantha Middleton  
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oz. We are all over the moon with joy and  
happiness. Brian and Robin Middleton became  
first time grandparents and Doug and Judy  
first time Great grandparents. Aiden William  
is a sweet, smart little guy that is constantly  
smiling. Words cannot express how thankful  
and blessed we are to have this precious child  
in our family. Aiden celebrates his first birthday  
on November 15, 2020.

### CONGRATULATIONS



**MASON ZIMMERMAN**

We are so proud to share that this year's  
John Williams CID Leadership Award recipient  
is Mason Zimmerman. This award, given by  
the Council for Quality Growth (CQG), is an  
incredible honor for those dedicated to the  
work of CIDs. Mason has been a committed  
member of our community as a founding board  
member of the Town Center CID as well as  
of the Town Center Community Alliance.  
Congratulations, Mason!

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### CONGRATULATIONS



**CADEN MALLOY**

Congratulations to my grandson, Caden  
Malloy, for being selected to play soccer in  
Liverpool, England with the Everton Football  
College. This college is in partnership with  
Liverpool John Moore University, which  
he will attend. He was accepted based on  
his videos posted on a college website and  
his resume. He plays goalie and currently  
plays for ECNL-National Competing Team  
in Phoenix Arizona. He is a senior at Perry  
High School in Gilbert, AZ

His mother, Heather Malloy writes,  
"Words will never describe how I feel about  
Caden accepting an offer to play in Liverpool  
for college with the Everton Football College,  
today!"

The journey has been none other. Your  
desire, passion, devotion, motivation has  
beyond paid off. Nothing stands in the way  
between a human and their will to thrive!  
Caden, I am so incredibly proud of you and  
excited for your future! I can't wait to watch  
you play on the pitch in England next year!"  
Me neither!

### COBB COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Did your ancestors arrive by riverboat,  
wagon train, horseback, or perhaps the  
railroad?

Join the Cobb County Genealogical  
Society on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7:00 p.m.  
as Karen Molohon speaks on the topic, "No  
Car - Did Your Ancestors Come by Passenger  
Rail Car?" The meeting will be virtual, so  
go to the CCGS website to register - [www.cobbgagensoc.org](http://www.cobbgagensoc.org).



### ANDREW BRAMLETT'S WHY WE SAY WHAT WE SAY.

For this month's  
article, I will be  
talking about words  
originating during the  
days of steamboats.

On steamboats,  
the more expensive  
rooms on a boat were  
on the top deck. This  
was because the  
breeze, caused by  
the moving boat, was  
nicer the higher you  
went on the ship. In  
order to keep smoke  
from the engines out of  
the faces of wealthy  
passengers who stayed  
in those rooms, the  
smokestacks were built  
very tall. In architecture,  
groves cut into columns  
are called "Fluting".  
Some steamboats had  
fluted smokestacks for  
decoration. This meant  
that the smokestacks  
were both high and  
fluted, or HIGHFLUTIN'.  
This term eventually  
came to be associated  
with the passengers that  
the smokestacks were  
designed to protect.

Once railroads became  
widespread, they slowly  
replaced steamboats as  
the main way of  
traveling across the  
country. Steamboat  
owners realized they  
needed to find better  
ways to market their  
ships if they wanted to  
stay in business. They  
began building larger  
boats with theatres  
where they would have  
flamboyant performances.  
These boats with shows  
came to be known as  
SHOWBOATS.

Some people could not  
afford to travel by  
showboat, so they used  
a cheaper alternative:  
the raft. You would  
propel it with a pole  
called a riff, and they  
were on a raft. That  
created the term "riff  
raft" which later became  
RIFF RAFF.

As people were  
traveling shallow rivers  
by raft, their riff often  
got stuck in the muddy  
riverbed. People who  
were stubborn or  
refused to change were  
sometimes compared to  
riffs stuck in the mud,  
which created the phrase  
STICK IN THE MUD.

### ANDREW BRAMLETT VIDEO SERIES

For the past 2 ½ years  
Andrew Bramlett has  
written articles for the  
Bright Side on the  
origins of Words and  
Phrases. Now Andrew  
also is producing  
videos! His first series  
was 30 episodes and  
they covered his Bright  
Side Articles. His next  
series covered the history  
and highlights of each  
Georgia State Park (63  
episodes). His third  
series covered former  
State Parks in Georgia  
(42 episodes). Andrew's  
current series is called  
"Overlooked History"  
where he shares  
interesting stories from  
history that have been  
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## KENNESAW PARKS & REC HOLDING HOLIDAY TREE DECORATING CONTEST



City of Kennesaw Parks & Recreation is accepting applications for the 2020 Holiday Tree Decorating Contest. The deadline for applications is November 23.

The entry fee is \$50. Space is limited and entries will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

All entries will be judged and prizes will be awarded to the winning entries in each of the following categories: •Best Overall, •Most Creative, •Best Theme (effective representation of your chosen theme), •Popular Vote

The Best Overall Tree will receive a \$150 cash prize. The Most Creative, Best Theme and Popular Vote will each receive a \$100 cash prize. Trees will be on display on Main Street in Kennesaw from December 8 – 31.

Applications are available at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog/>. Click on Special Events, then Holiday Events, and then 2020 Holiday Tree Decorating. For more information, visit [kennesaw-ga.gov/parks-and-recreation](https://kennesaw-ga.gov/parks-and-recreation) or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at 770-422-9714.

## HOLIDAY ART WALK CONTEST

Registration Now Open for Kennesaw Parks & Rec Holiday Art Walk Contest

Kennesaw Parks & Recreation invites area residents to help celebrate the holiday season by decorating a wooden ornament, tree, snowflake or snowman to be displayed at the Depot Park Tunnel!

Kennesaw Parks & Rec will supply the wooden piece; contestants supply the creativity! Contestants will use paint, collage, mosaic or more to create a unique masterpiece to participate in this holiday art contest. Cost for entry is \$10. Spaces are limited.

All items will be judged and prizes will be awarded to the winning entries in each of the following categories: •Best Overall, •Parks & Rec Director's Choice, •Most Creative

Registration is available at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog/>. Click on Click on Special Events, then Holiday Events, and then Depot Park Holiday Walk Art Contest.

The decorations will be on display at the Depot Park Tunnel from December 4 - December 28.

For more information, visit [kennesaw-ga.gov/parks-and-recreation](https://kennesaw-ga.gov/parks-and-recreation) or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at 770-422-9714.



## PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX DEDICATED TO DALE BURRELL

On Wednesday, October 7, 2020, the City of Kennesaw hosted a Dedication Ceremony for the Dale Burrell Complex. The dedication ceremony included unveiling the new signage.

President and CEO of Burrell Enterprises, Dale F. Burrell is the epitome of the American success story. He was the oldest of four children born and raised in Kennesaw, GA. Growing up, he held many jobs ranging from making ice cream Sundays to bagging groceries. A high school dropout, he joined the military at age 17 and spent three years in the Army. After being discharged, he worked for Scientific Atlanta for several years. The knowledge and experience he gained there motivated him to start his own business.

In 1966 with a \$200 loan from a friend, he started his first business in his basement with a drill press and a belt sander. Burrellco was formed and what began as a part time job for extra money soon turned into a full time business with several employees. Dale was a hardworking man who not only owned his own business in Kennesaw and but contributed a lot to his community. He was a friend to all who knew him and would give the shirt off of his back to help someone in need.

He was the co-founder of the Kennesaw Business Association with Dr. Frank Boone and won several awards and recognitions including being honored by the City of Kennesaw for 30 plus years of service to the community. Dale passed away on April 12, 2020.

## SMITH GILBERT GARDENS GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop & Art Gallery has also become the perfect destination to visit this year! Shop small and unique for gifts you won't find anywhere else. From jewelry to paint kits and planters, you will be sure to find items that will be a big hit with friends and family. Even give the gift of membership! Don't miss out on the opportunity to purchase these limited items. Shop with us November 28th from 9 AM to 4 PM for Shop Small Saturday and all holiday season! Book your visit at [smithgilbertgardens.com](https://smithgilbertgardens.com) or give us a call at 770-919-0248 for more info."

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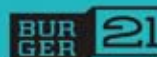
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You are encouraged to not only visit our website at that time to enjoy our 21<sup>st</sup> presentation of this concert, but also visit our website on Sunday mornings to participate in our live-streaming worship service at 11:00am each Sunday.

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Their "Small Artworks & Gift Exhibit Opens Saturday, November 7th and runs through December 23.

Join them for a reception from 4-7pm on November 7 and December 5. (they will have tents outside for refreshments and socializing-weather permitting)

This is the place for art and gifts in downtown Acworth. The Art House is open Tuesday-Saturday Noon-6:00 pm. It is located at 4425 Cherokee Street, Acworth (at the end of Logan Farm Park

### WED. WONDER DAYS

Smith-Gilbert Gardens has a new family program to fuse art and outdoor education! Join us for our Wednesday Wonders Day to learn about vegetable gardening in the southeast! Start to think like a farmer as we uncover the best growing season for our favorite foods while doing a fun sorting activity. We'll create a colorful "dinner plate" as we go! Great for grades PreK-6th. Drop by between 10 AM-11 AM on November 18th for this fun take-home activity. Registration required and tickets are available at <https://smith-gilbert-gardens.square.site/>

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### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

This prerecorded concert will be released through the MariettaFBC.org website on December 6, 2020 at 11:00 am.. See ad on page 4.

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### GRIEF SHARE:

Surviving the Holidays is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. Please join us on November 21st at Summit Baptist Church, Room M112/114, 4310 Moon Station Lane, Acworth. This seminar is for ages 12 – adult. The cost is \$5.00 per family and scholarships are available.

The seminar features video interviews with counselors, grief experts, and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death and who offer practical suggestions and reassurance. These people share honestly about:

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THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK

In these uncertain times, some may find it difficult to count their blessings and experience quiet moments of gratitude. Despite the recent challenges presented by the pandemic, we in the City of Acworth have found much to be thankful for. What better time than the month of Thanksgiving to count the blessings this community has to offer?

Last month, our elected officials, city team, and I had the privilege to award CARES Grant funds to over one hundred Acworth owned and operated businesses and nonprofits that suffered interruption due to COVID-19. The City of Acworth is grateful for the investment these entrepreneurs make in the community, and these grants presented a way for us to show our appreciation. Over \$500,000 in grants went out to our recipients. We are so thankful for the perseverance of our business community and nonprofits as they have navigated through the economic repercussion due to the pandemic. We are here for them and will do everything in our power to support them through these challenging times.

I am also thankful for thoughtful conversations. Last month, the City of Acworth held its second in a series of Community Conversations where we discuss current affairs such as race, prejudice, social injustices, and how we can work towards equality in our city. These conversations can be difficult, but they are an important step in moving forward in our community. Our next Community Conversation will take the form of a Minority, Women, and Veteran Owned Business Seminar. This program will take place at the Acworth Community Center on November 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in attending or for information on how to tune in for the live stream of this event, we ask that you RSVP to communityconverstation@acworth.org.

To keep up with the latest Acworth news and programs, please visit [www.acworth.org](http://www.acworth.org), sign up for our e-news blasts on our home page, or "like" Visit Acworth on Facebook.

God Bless, Tommy



ADULT PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

The Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department is pleased to announce that it will have its first ever Christmas Themed Pickleball Tournament! Players will be able to play against others of similar skill level and play is guaranteed! The tournament will be held on Friday, December 18 with the following times for groups:

- Women's Doubles: 8 AM- 9:45 AM
- Men's Doubles: 10:15 AM- 12:00 PM
- Mixed Doubles: 12:30 PM- 2:15 PM

The fee for the tournament is \$25 for both City residents and non-residents. Each participant will receive a custom Acworth take home. Winners will receive a t-shirt and department credit for a future pickleball program! Registration and additional information regarding schedules and guidelines are available at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

ADULT WINTER BASKETBALL

The Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department will soon begin its second season of the Acworth Adult Winter Basketball League! The league will be held in the Acworth Community Center on Sundays and will offer two divisions: Competitive and Recreational. Both divisions will run simultaneously with start times beginning at 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. The league will begin on Sunday, February 14, with a single elimination tournament being held on Sunday, March 21. The fee for this league is \$375 per team for both City residents and non-residents. Those without a team are invited to participate in a free agent day on Sunday, January 10 at the Acworth Community Center at 2:00 p.m. Free Agent registration is \$40 for both City residents and non-residents. Registration and additional information regarding schedules and guidelines are available at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).



ACWORTH TURKEY CHASE

The 12th Annual Acworth Turkey Chase will look a little different this year, but the goals of the event remain the same: provide food to the Housing Authority and food pantries in Acworth during the Holiday Season and spend time being active with family and friends.

For this year's event, participants will still receive their 12th Annual Acworth Turkey Chase long sleeve t-shirt when they bring their non-perishable food item, however this year there will not be a race day event. Everyone will be on the "honor system" to run or walk a 5K or 2K, it does not have to be the Turkey Chase course, any route will do!

We are asking all participants to share photos of themselves running or walking in their Turkey Chase t-shirt and use the hashtag #AcworthTurkeyChase2020.

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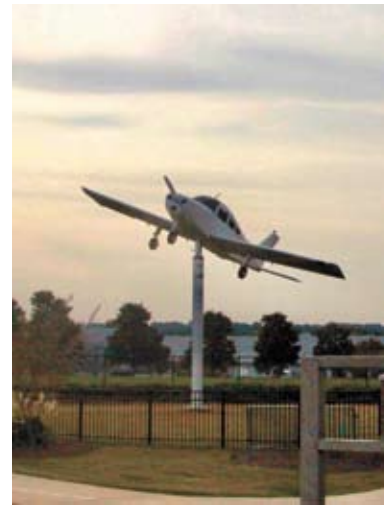
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## TOWN CENTER COMMUNITY ALLIANCE COMPLETES PLANE INSTALLATION



The Town Center Community Alliance (Alliance), nonprofit partner of the Town Center Community Improvement District (CID), has completed the installation of a restored and refurbished 1964 Beechcraft A-23 Musketeer airplane at Aviation Park. Several partners contributed to making this project a reality. The plane was donated to the Alliance by Hawthorne Aviation, then restored by DLK Aviation Incorporated. Engineering, design, and installation was provided by DeNyse; other partners include Fly LBI, Priority Jet, and Brahma Marketing.

The custom tail number for the plane is “N20RYY” which is consistent with industry standards for naming similar planes. The prefix, “N”, stands for its country of origin which, in this case, is the United States of America. Typically followed by numbers, the number “20” was selected to commemorate the year of installation. Lastly, the final letters, “RYY”, reflect the three-letter airport code for Cobb County International Airport.

Aviation Park was opened in 2017 and is located adjacent to Cobb County International Airport’s runway and alongside the Noonday Creek Trail. The three-acre park was a collective enterprise between the Alliance, the Town Center CID and Cobb County to convert under-utilized vacant property into a themed environment for all ages to enjoy. The park includes a spacious open greenspace for viewing aircraft take offs and landings, a covered pavilion for picnicking, a lighted parking lot, and restroom facilities housed in a building to mimic the air traffic control tower at the airport. The state-of-the-art, aviation-themed playground is enhanced with S.T.E.M. related playground equipment which allows youth to combine electronic games and healthy outdoor, physical play.

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My hope for our community is that the last 6 months have been a wake up call. Not a wake up to stay away from one another and wear masks to protect ourselves from other folk’s germs .... but a wake up call to make ourselves strong so when we encounter a virus we can fight it and be stronger on the other side of it! That we make choices that strengthen us.

In all of history it has never turned out well to fight a virus.. the only thing that has ever worked is to strengthen the host. So let’s do more of that!

**FOCUS ON FOOD:** Choose whole,unprocessed foods (hint: they aren’t at McDonald’s)

Lifestyle improvements: Living under constant stress, even low-grade, that continues day in and out, causes the body to produce too much cortisol, the stress hormone. Over time, elevated cortisol lowers your resistance to fighting off infection and contributes to poor sleep and higher blood pressure. Protect yourself from stress and bolster your immune system with a few lifestyle tweaks: Sleep, Mindfulness, Exercise, Water, Community.

Attitude is everything: A positive mind-set is vital for health and well-being. Research shows that positive thoughts reduce stress and inflammation and increase resilience to infection — while negative emotions can make you more susceptible to the common cold and flu.

### NATURAL IMMUNITY AIDS:

If you’re ready to give it all you got when it comes to avoiding the coronavirus, consider these extra measures: Get outside... get out and active and moving. Get 8 hours of sleep per night. Drink plenty of water. Surround yourself with supportive and positive people. Eat good food. Eliminate things that stress you.. Limit social media. Get back to the basics. Establish a morning routine. Find ways to give back to your community.

Slow down, take a breath, be the best version of you and then share that with those around you!

If we have learned anything over the last six months everything can turn on a dime. So **STOP**, get really clear on what is most important to you and your journey and then spend all of your time, energy and effort on making **THAT** your “new normal”

For more information contact Dr Cris Eaton Welsh at her office: 770-429-9733.

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Scouts BSA Troop 422, in partnership with Keep Cobb Beautiful, meets quarterly to clean the litter along Ben King Road. The Troop met on Saturday, October 24th for their fall clean up. While most of the litter found includes bottles, cans, and cigarette butts, they have also found a car bumper, a trailer hitch, a bed frame, and a check to Pinetree Country Club! Troop 422 is chartered at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church on Ben King Road. We are open to boys aged 11 to 18. Come to check us out on Monday evenings at 7:30pm on the field behind the church! Visit [www.troop422.us](http://www.troop422.us) for more information



EAGLE SCOUT CARTER MCWILLIAMS HONORS 2 OUTSTANDING COBB COUNTY VOLUNTEERS

On Sunday, September 20, 2020 two outstanding gentlemen were honored for their volunteer service and their influence to our Cobb County community. Recent Eagle Scout recipient, Carter McWilliams, of Boy Scout Troop 730, Acworth, Ga and a 2020 graduate of Allatoona High School, grew up playing baseball at Oregon Park in Marietta. When it came time to choose his Eagle Scout project 9 months ago, his choice was easy. Carter wanted to give back to his childhood baseball ballpark, Oregon Park. He also wanted to honor 2 selfless Cobb County gentlemen who played a big part in his life as he was growing up. Carter chose to dedicate each bench in honor of 2 gentlemen who both played a big role in his life over the last 10-12 years. Mr. Alan Allison was recognized and honored for his selfless dedication and service as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 730 out of Eagle Pointe Church in Acworth. Carter's second bench was dedicated to Mr. Al Lassiter. Coach Al has served as a volunteer baseball coach in our community for over a decade. Carter attributes his perseverance in working to attain his Eagle Scout rank to both of these fine men who have taught him many valuable life-long lessons throughout his youth years. Pictured above l-r Al Lassiter, Carter McWilliams, Alan Allison.

PRICE PARK COMMUNITY WORK DAY

The Friends of Price Park will be having a community work day at the park starting at 9:30am. Please come and help if you can. Gloves, bug spray, work shoes/boots are all good items to bring!! This is a great opportunity for your service organization or scout group to be outside and serve. For more information, please see the Friends of Price Park <http://friendsofpricepark.org/>.

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## ACWORTH'S CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

### SANTA PHOTOS AND CARRIAGE RIDES

On Saturday, December 5, and Saturday, December 12, we will celebrate Christmas in Acworth. Santa will visit downtown Acworth from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to take socially distanced pictures with families. Pictures are free of charge, but families must pre-register for appointment times. Appointments may be made at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org) or by calling 770-917-1234. Make sure to bring your own camera to capture this special moment, as no photographer will be on-site. In addition to pictures, there will also be free horse and carriage rides available from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 5 departing from Center Street. We hope to see you this holiday season for Christmas in Acworth!

### FESTIVAL OF TREES

While enjoying Acworth's downtown holiday shopping, visitors will not want to miss the eighth annual Festival of Trees. This year, trees decorated by local families, businesses, and other organizations will be on display at Cherokee Plaza, located at 4358 Southside Drive. This is a great opportunity to get some holiday photos with twenty unique trees and Acworth's Coca-Cola mural.

### SANTA'S ARRIVAL VIRTUAL EVENT

Although Santa will not make his usual big arrival to downtown this year, he knows that Christmas is alive in Acworth. Join Mayor Tommy Allegood and special guests for some holiday traditions in Acworth's Virtual Santa's Arrival. The City of Acworth has partnered with their friends at NorthStar Church to capture the Christmas spirit. This holiday video will be released on December 4 at 6:30 p.m. on the Acworth Parks, Recreation, and Community Resource Department Facebook page and [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

### THE GRINCH SAVES CHRISTMAS

Help the Grinch's heart grow three sizes at the Grinch Saves Christmas Toy Drive. The Grinch is back in Acworth and this time he is collecting toys to support the Acworth Police Department's Shop with a Cop program. Whos of all ages are invited to visit the Grinch for socially distant photos and fun at Frana Brown Park (4901 North Main Street) in downtown Acworth on December 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. To enter the event, we are asking families to show the Grinch what Christmas is all about by donating a toy at the gate. These donations will help spread joy to local elementary school students. For further information, please visit [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

### TRIM THE TOWN ART CONTEST CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Acworth Downtown Development Authority is hosting its first-ever Trim the Town Art Contest. Local families, businesses, and other organizations are invited to decorate their own wooden Christmas ornament to be displayed on Main Street in downtown Acworth. Artists are encouraged to use paint, collage, mosaic, and more to create their masterpiece. It is only \$10 to participate. The entry fee covers one wooden 2' Christmas ornaments and reserves a spot in the display. Up to sixty unique artworks will be featured in this holiday display beginning December 1 through January 4. Supplies are limited and only one ornament will be allowed per household/organization. To reserve your ornaments, please contact Jessy Patterson at [jpatterson@acworth.org](mailto:jpatterson@acworth.org). Applications are due November 16.

### LETTERS TO SANTA

Parents and caregivers can save the postage and bring their children's letters to Santa to the Acworth Community Center beginning November 30! The Acworth Parks, Recreation, and Community Resource Department Team has the honor of hosting one of Santa's very own mailboxes at their facility. The City delivers these letters to jolly old Saint Nick personally! Children will then receive a handwritten letter back from Santa! Although Santa's eyes twinkle, he will not admit he needs reading glasses. Parents, please provide some notation to children with creative handwriting. This free program will be available to the public through December 16.

### SANTA CLAUS IS CALLING THE TOWN

Santa and his elves will be making phone calls to all the children of Acworth on December 15 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and December 16 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Participating is easy! Please request a form from Jessy Patterson at [jpatterson@acworth.org](mailto:jpatterson@acworth.org) and return by Monday, December 14. Calls will be made on the night you request on the form.

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The collection donation deadline is Tuesday, 12/15/2020.

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, may have recently returned from overseas, are classified as a wounded warrior or are a traditional National Guardsman.

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### MUST MINISTRIES GOBBLE JOG IS VIRTUAL



The 2020 MUST Ministries Gobble Jog will be a virtual race to help fill the urgent need for food. Gobble Jog is MUST Ministries' #1 fundraising event of the year and the nonprofit's leadership has been working diligently to find ways to continue the annual Thanksgiving morning tradition. However, due to restrictions on public gatherings, the Marietta Daily Journal Gobble Jog will be a virtual race.

At the same time, MUST Ministries is experiencing the greatest food need in its 49-year history. Food sources are scarce. Food banks' inventory is very low, grocery stores have a limit on quantities and the aluminum shortage has reduced the availability of canned goods.

Runners and walkers choose between a 10K, 5K, 1K, Tot Trot (50 yards) or phantom runner and then run their own race anytime between November 1 - 26. The race cost is \$35 and includes a color-wash, long-sleeved t-shirt that will be mailed after Thanksgiving.

All proceeds will go to provide food for the local community. To sign up for the Marietta Daily Journal Gobble Jog virtual race, please visit [www.gobblejog.org](http://www.gobblejog.org).

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On September 15, James "Jimmy" Cyganek, KMHS Magnet Senior, achieved his Eagle Scout Rank. Jimmy joined the Boy Scouts in first grade as a Tiger Cub. Throughout his 12 years in scouting, Jimmy was selected for the ScoutReach SeaBase High Adventure crew in the Florida Keys and received the Servant Leader award from his patrol at National Youth Leadership Training. However, nothing beat the challenge of reimagining his Eagle Project in the middle of a global pandemic.

Jimmy's Eagle Project, Soaring Sunday Songfests, was set to premier on March 15. He was prepared for a series of performances at the Jewish Towers, a senior residence where his great grandmother spent her last years. On March 13, schools closed, the Governor issued shelter in place orders and life as we knew it came to a halt. For months, Jimmy reconsidered his Eagle Project. When the Governor lifted his orders, Jimmy called his contact at the Towers, who helped Jimmy redesign his plans to come

up with a safe way to perform the concerts- while walking the grounds they were able to develop a plan for the reimagined Soaring Socially Distant Songfests. The concerts were moved to the outdoor courtyard and seating arranged for social distancing. One of Jimmy's friends supplied a sound system and other talented friends rose to the occasion. There were temperature checks, masks, and wipes to increase safety amid the pandemic. Many residents joined in the courtyard to listen to the performance, and those who did not join in the outdoors opened their windows to listen. In the end, Jimmy, and his peers, performed three concerts to the residents. The residents were so happy to hear live music and one even baked cookies for all of the student performers when they returned for the second concert. Jimmy hopes to be able to put on at least one more concert this fall or next spring.

Selections ranged from "Morning has Broken", "Carol of the Bells", "Man of La Mancha" to "America the Beautiful". To see Jimmy and others perform at these concerts, visit YouTube.com and type in Jimmy Cyganek. There are 50 videos to choose from.

**GEORGIA ONLINE KIWANIS CLUB**

Georgia Online Kiwanis Club members completed their one mile cleanup on the 120 Marietta Loop on October 17th, keeping Marietta Beautiful.



From left to right: Jim Hickey, Victoria Turney, Larry Ceminsky, Sherri Dombi, Carol Wisdom, Tom Wisdom, Sarah Vigdorov and Michael Vigdorov.

The face of Kiwanis is forever changing and we are always looking for ways to engage our community with an ALTERNATIVE. Now you have it.

In 2016-17, the Georgia District chartered an electronic / internet club. I hope the below information will enlighten fellow Kiwanians and prospects to a new alternative when it comes to sharing the Kiwanis spirit and continuing to make a difference in the lives of our future – the children.

Quarterly we have focused service activity to work on independently and with others in the community. Whether it is

through your church, children's school and another Kiwanis Club get involved and report the hours.

The Kiwanis Club meets via the internet – electronically, on a monthly basis. The 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. We have our own leadership, board of directors and committee chairs. Our secretary logs all of our minutes, service hours and training just as any Club secretary would do. As a member of our club you would attend trainings or other Kiwanis activities available in and outside your community.

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## MARIETTA NEWS

### MARIETTA PILGRIMAGE TRANSITIONS TO SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR

In light of the current conditions concerning COVID-19, the Marietta Visitors Bureau and Cobb Landmarks & Historical Society, organizers of the Marietta Pilgrimage Christmas Home Tour, have decided to transition this year's tour to a self-guided walking tour featuring historic homes located in the Church-Cherokee Historic District.

The Marietta Pilgrimage is an annual home tour typically attended by 2,500-3,000 people over a two-day period each December. The tour usually features six private homes and a variety of local historic sites and museums. Money raised from the tour, which has been held each year since 1987, helps fund the Marietta Visitors Bureau and Cobb Landmarks & Historical Society.

Those wishing to enjoy the walking tour will need to purchase an official Marietta Pilgrimage Walking Tour booklet, which will be available for \$25 at the Marietta Welcome Center or the William Root House. Each booklet will include a walking tour map, photos and information about the participating homes, and a scavenger hunt for younger tour-goers. The booklet will also include discounts and coupons from local Marietta restaurants and merchants.

Proceeds from sales of the booklet will benefit the Marietta Visitors Bureau and Cobb Landmarks.

Homes included in the walking tour are in the Church-Cherokee Historic District, Marietta and will be eligible to win one of three prizes. Tour-goers can cast their votes for the homes they feel have the "Best Traditional Decor," "Most Over-The-Top Decor," and "Best Light Display." Tour homes should be enjoyed from the sidewalk. No homes will be open to the public. The self-guided tour can be enjoyed anytime in December, but houses will be decorated December 4-18 for the public to cast their votes.

We hope this walking tour will be a good alternative until we can return to our regular tour format in 2021," said Amanda Seals, Marietta Pilgrimage Co-Chair.

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"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". Daet Rodriguez Artistic Director The Georgia Ballet

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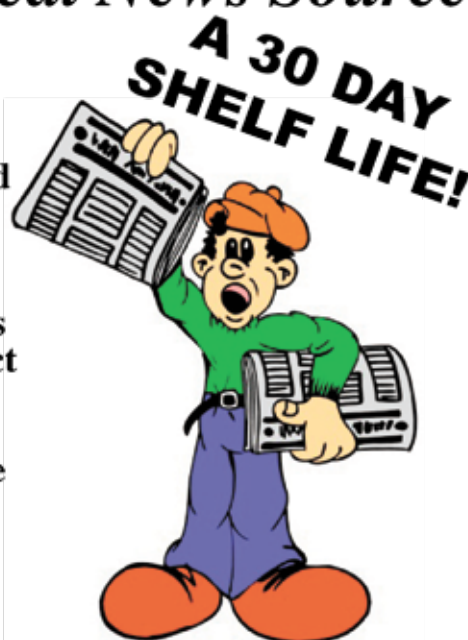
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