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CONGRATULATIONS PATTI SCHOETTLER 2022 KENNESAW CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Patti Schoettler, Independent Agent for AFLAC, is a servant leader who is always the first to selflessly volunteer whenever an organization, business or friend needs support. An active member of several boards and committees in Cobb; including North Cobb Rotary, the Atlanta Lyric Theater, The Davis Direction, and Devereux Georgia, Schoettler works incredibly hard as a doer, producing big ideas and seeing them through to fruition.

This past summer, Schoettler helped organize a Leadership Cobb Alumni Association breakfast donation for the group to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. She regularly volunteers for various organizations and events, including The Dave Krache Foundation's Sports Fanatic 5K, LiveSafe Resources' Que & Brew, and Back Our Blue and America Too. Schoettler can often be found on the sidelines cheering on others, hosting an event, or supporting a cause in whatever way she can – many times through her own business resources.

Schoettler is always the first to raise her hand, step in, and happily help to make the community a better place. Her servitude, hard work ethic, and giving spirit make her a valuable contributor to the neighborhoods and communities of Kennesaw.

CONGRATULATIONS EDDIE WADE 2022 WEST COBB CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Eddie Wade, COO of Croy Engineering, is an unsung hero to many organizations and people in West Cobb. Wade has a serious passion for his community, regularly supporting local organizations by offering to help volunteer his time and resources. Whether it is mentoring students or stepping up in times of need, Wade serves with pure authenticity and with a smile on his face.

Wade was the ACEC National Young Engineer of the Year in 2019 and 2020, featured in 20 under 40 by Cobb Life Magazine in 2020, the Cobb Chamber 2019 Next Generation Award Winner, and 2017 Leadership Cobb Spirit Award winner. Wade contributed to The Center for Family Resource's inaugural "Parade of Playhouses," single-handedly designing and building Croy's "Command and Conquer" playhouse, which was donated as an auction item to help the non-profit raise funds to prevent childhood homelessness.



Additional examples of his investment in non-profits include service as a Board Member and volunteer with the YMCA of Northwest Georgia, Director on the Board for the Cobb Community Foundation, and Director on the Board for the North Georgia State Fair. Wade has continuously contributed to the wellbeing of the West Cobb community through his willingness to help, giving spirit, and demonstrated acts of service.



CONGRATULATIONS LORI PERKINS 2022 ACWORTH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Lori Perkins has lived in Cobb for over 20 years. Her servitude, hard work ethic, and giving spirit make her a valuable contributor to the community of Acworth. Perkins was a teacher for the Cobb County School District for many years before working for the Marietta City Schools district office and retiring in 2018. Currently a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker, Perkins also leads the five-member volunteer board of the Acworth Tree Commission as their elected Chairperson.

Perkins brought the idea of a Community Garden to Acworth city staff in 2019, with the intent to engage community participation and provide a local senior community with the harvested produce. In 2022, the Community Garden was built. Perkins and volunteers work at least three days per week in the garden. When she is not on site, she is spreading the word, raising funds, and creating awareness of the valuable resources a garden can bring.

Under Perkins' leadership, the garden has provided over 1,000 pounds of produce to a local senior community to date. Since its inception, one of Perkins' goals for the garden was to provide education to local youth on the importance of gardening and sustainability. The garden has hosted several educational and hands-on classes as students and volunteers alike meet at the garden to learn about seasonal produce and assist with upkeep. Perkins is admired for her tenacity in executing her vision and working tirelessly to ensure that the Acworth Community Garden is around for many years to come.



"ALL ABOARD FOR HOLIDAY FUN" RETURNS TO THE SOUTHERN MUSEUM

On Saturday, December 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History will be 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 11:15 a.m. and again at 2:00 p.m. The 11:15 a.m. showing will conclude with the arrival of Rockin' Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, who will be on-site and available for pictures in front of the The General locomotive from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. the Golden Bells of Atlanta will perform at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

A train conductor will also be on-site to punch children's tickets with an authentic ticket punch. Tickets will be provided to children with admission. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite pajamas or winter clothing.

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BOOK SIGNING BY BEATRICE FEARON

Prayer is an integral part of a faith-based life. But how does one pray? Prayer may seem like
something everyone just know how to do, but it can be so much more meaningful than repeating basic
orisons. Creating a more meaningful prayer life is the subject of author
Beatrice Fearon's Prayer Changes Things: Prayer + the Word of God
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Prayer Changes Things: Prayer + The Word of God = Power guides
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prayer mixed with a faith-based life. You will learn that prayer is a brief
chat or in-depth conversation with your heavenly Father. After reading
this book no longer will prayer be a mystery or approached with fear
and apprehension.

Beatrice B. Fearon was born in Panama and migrated to New York
at age seventeen. She attended Bethel Bible College and then began
a long-term involvement with mission work. Ordained a minister in
October 2005. She is the leader of "Seniors growing in Wisdom Bible
Study" which is an online ministry to ages 55 and older and also the
leader of "The Mighty Warriors of God Intercessory Ministry". She has
two daughters and two grandchildren.

Book signing will be: Sunday, December 11, 2022, from 3-6 pm. at
the Bentwater's clubhouse, 3730 Cedarcrest Road Acworth, GA 30101. Please RSVP to 470-979-3672
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JOHN LOUD HONORED BY RESIDEO

LOUD Security Systems President, John Loud
recently accepted the 2022 Medal of Honor Award,
presented by Resideo at its 33rd Annual CONNECT
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above and beyond in serving others and improving
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John has worked in the electronic security
industry for over 27 years and has been involved
with Security Dealer Associations on both national
and state levels.

John is a leader who champions advances in
the industry. He has served on numerous national
dealer advisory councils, encouraging collaboration
and improving industry best practices. Earlier this
year, Loud was elected President of the Electronic
Security Association (ESA), a trade association
advocating for member dealers throughout the
nation.

Founded in 1995, LOUD Security is a Top
100 security company in the Nation according to
SDM magazine, and currently staffs approximately
60 employees from its offices in Kennesaw,
Georgia.

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ANDREW BRAMLETT'S RESIDENTS OF THE KENNESAW CEMETERY

Reuben Lee
Leonard was the son
of Charles and Eliza
Leonard and was
born on December
20, 1893. When he
was young, his family
moved from Cherokee
County to Kennesaw.
He attended school
until his sophomore
year in high school. Reuben registered for the
WWI draft, and in 1917, Leonard and Jackson
Butler went to Atlanta to enlist. Leonard was
turned down because he was "too light," while
Butler was too old.



After the war, Leonard worked on his
family's farm. By 1930, he was working for
the railroad as a flagman. Leonard worked
for the railroad for twenty-nine years. Prior
to 1940, Leonard married his wife, Martha.
The family moved to Smyrna, and Leonard
became very active in the local masonic lodge.
In 1947, he was elected the lodge's master.
Leonard was also a member of the Brotherhood
of Railroad Trainmen.

Reuben Leonard died on March 18, 1950.
The funeral was held at the Smyrna Baptist
Church, and he was laid to rest in the Kennesaw
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the history and highlights of each Georgia
State Park His third series covers former State
Parks in Georgia. Andrew's current series is
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KPD ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The Kennesaw Public Safety Foundation hosted the Kennesaw Police Department’s 13th Annual Awards Banquet on Friday November 4th at the beautiful Marietta Country Club! Congratulations to all the award winners for their efforts throughout the year!

We are forever grateful for the foundation’s support of our department and providing such an elegant evening. Shout out to the banquet committee for an amazing job, where no detail was overlooked! Thank you to the event, award, and table sponsors! The love shown by our community is amazing!



SANTA IS COMING TO KENNESAW!

Join members of the Kennesaw Police Department on Tuesday December 6th, from 6:30-8:30 pm, as Santa will be at Copelands in Kennesaw for Dinner! Come have your picture taken with Santa, tell him what you want for Christmas, and enjoy a great meal!

Kennesaw Police Department and the Jerry Worthan Christmas Fund is asking for the community’s support for the 2022 holidays. The fund provides assistance for less fortunate families in the Kennesaw area.

Donations of money, or 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 David Buchanan, 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 19th. Anyone who brings an unwrapped toy or makes a money donation to the Jerry Worthan Memorial Christmas Fund at Copelands, will receive a free appetizer or dessert!

(Pictured: Officer Helton, Officer Johnson, Santa, Lt. Barth, Officer Bright, Lt. Policarpio)



IMPACT GRANT BENEFITS PINE MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

The community that surrounds Pine Mountain Middle School is an integral part of the school’s team and the resulting student success.

On the heels of the North Cobb Rotary’s beautification of Pine Mountain’s memorial garden, the North Cobb Rotary returned to Pine Mountain with the Kennesaw Police Department and Kennesaw Police Citizen Advisory Board for the presentation of a Family Stabilization Impact Grant. This impact grant was a donation provided to the school on behalf of the Chief Bill Westenberger’s Kennesaw Police Department Citizen Review Board.

The donation goes to support Pine Mountain’s student services team, which assists students and families in need. Funds for the donation were raised at the Juneteenth Unity in the Community Celebration hosted by the Kennesaw Police Department and Advisory Board at Swift Cantrell Park over the Juneteenth weekend. The North Cobb Rotary was instrumental in helping with this donation along with faith-based institutions and local Kennesaw businesses. The Juneteenth Unity in the Community Celebration was organized the KPD Citizen Review Board and sponsored by all these community partners.

Pine Mountain counselors, social worker, court liaison, and school psychologist will use the funds to support student needs. According to the 2023 Niche Best Schools Report, Pine Mountain Middle School is ranked within the top 3.1% of the most diverse public middle schools in the United States.

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Roger D. Graham is an Air Force Academy graduate, a retired Air Force colonel and a retired Lockheed Martin attorney. He lives with his family in Acworth.

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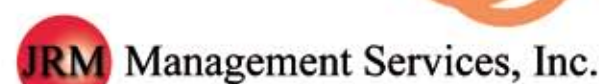
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As we usher in our holiday spirit through the streets of the city, we're reminded of what a blessed year Acworth has had in 2022. We began this year celebrating all the good things to come and now we're welcoming a season of joy and thanksgiving for all we have to be grateful for.

There's so much about the holidays that really makes things feel special. Whether it's the cooler weather coming in or the joy amongst neighbors, there's a magic in the air that seems to reiterate everything wonderful about our city. We hope you enjoy the holidays here in your home of Acworth this year.

With 2023 approaching, our next generation of leaders on the City Team is excited to keep moving forward creating and sustaining a really great quality of life for our residents. This year, Acworth updated the structure of our leadership by implementing multiple Deputy City Managers to create more efficient levels of support for our team.

Deputy City Manager Brandon Douglas remains the decision maker in the absence of the City Manager, but will also have the Development Team, Buildings Team, and the Clerk's Office reporting to him.

Deputy City Manager Diana DeSanto will remain City Treasurer and will be responsible for Finance and Customer Service as well as IT and Human Resources.

Deputy City Manager Angie Luna will continue to serve as Director of Power and Public Works, but will also oversee the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resource Department. Further, Deputy City Manager Chief of Police will continue to serve over the city's Public Safety. As our friend and colleague, Chief Dennard moves into retirement in the new year, we are looking forward to introducing Acworth to its new Chief of Police, Jesse Evans.

With these new roles for our Deputy City Managers, our next generation of leaders will be able to create a streamlined level of support for our departments and allow our entire city team to do their jobs more effectively which will serve our citizens even better than before!

Our City Team and myself would like to wish you the season's best for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! As always, for the latest information on any of our events and projects, you can visit www.acworth.org, or sign up for our e-news blasts on our home page. May God Bless You and Your Families, Tommy

**CONGRATULATIONS TO DALLAS AND ERNESTINE GODFREY**

The Nancy Smith Maxwell award for Dallas and Ernestine Godfrey was given at the Acworth Depot on Thursday, November 17 before a packed house. They are the third recipients of this award.

The Nancy Maxwell Award was created by the Save Acworth History Foundation to honor persons who have made a significant contribution to preserving the proud heritage and rich history of the Acworth community. The first recipient of the award in 2020 was Nancy Smith Maxwell.

Thanks to the City of Acworth and our Team at SAHF especially our VP Betsy Lewis Brown for her hard work and planning along with Acworth City Alderman Tim Richardson.

MENORAH LIGHTING CEREMONY

The City of Acworth in partnership with Chabad of Kennesaw will hold its annual Menorah Lighting Ceremony again on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at Logan Farm Park with a reception to follow at the Acworth Community Center. The eight-day Jewish holiday commemorates the Jewish Maccabees' military victory over Syrian-Greek oppression more than 2,000 years ago. During Chanukah, 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 Chanukah 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.

PICKLEBALL LESSONS

Pickleball lessons are back at the Acworth Community Center. Lesson times are available on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. All experience levels are welcome. Kids lessons now available. Additional information and registration are available at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.

ACWORTH'S SENIOR LUNCHEON

Join us every third Wednesday of the month for lunch and bingo at the City of Acworth's Senior Luncheon. This program is FREE to all seniors but you must RSVP to attend. Reservations will be accepted the week prior to the event. The event is the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at the Acworth Community Center (4361 Cherokee Street Acworth, Ga 30101) RSVP: (770) 917-1234

GRAB BARS IN THE BATHROOM ARE NOT JUST FOR SENIORS.

Contrary to what many believe, seniors are not the only people who can benefit from using grab bars in the bathroom. When it comes to falls in the shower or bath, children are just as apt to slip as are seniors.

Shower stalls and bathtubs look quite safe, but accidents can happen no matter who is using them. Studies have shown that there are over 230,000 non-fatal bathroom falls each year in people over 15 years of age. Most bathtubs require you to step over the side that is usually about 18 inches high. Most stall showers have a 4-inch to 5-inch-high lip that you must step over. For many people, this is not a problem. However, for those whose balance is not as good, such as children and older adults, this can be quite a problem. Luckily, there is a simple solution to this problem – grab bars.

No matter your age, having something to hold on to in the slippery and wet environment of a shower or bathtub makes good sense.

Grab bars should be installed in the safest and most convenient area of the shower or tub. They must be connected to wall studs. It might be beneficial to eye-ball the correct placement for grab bars by having family members stand inside the bath or shower to ensure that everyone will be able to reach it when needed.

To make your bathroom safe, give the folks at Atlanta Grab Bar a call at 770-422-7709.



ARTEMIS 1 LAUNCHED!

My grandson, Michael DeAntonio has been a devotee of all things transportation since he was two years old and fell in love with trains. As he grew, his mode of transportation interests changed, ending with a love of NASA and rockets. Living in Florida he has the opportunity to attend about four launches a year. Above the photo he took (3.5 miles away) at the launch of Artemis 1 on November 16, 2022.

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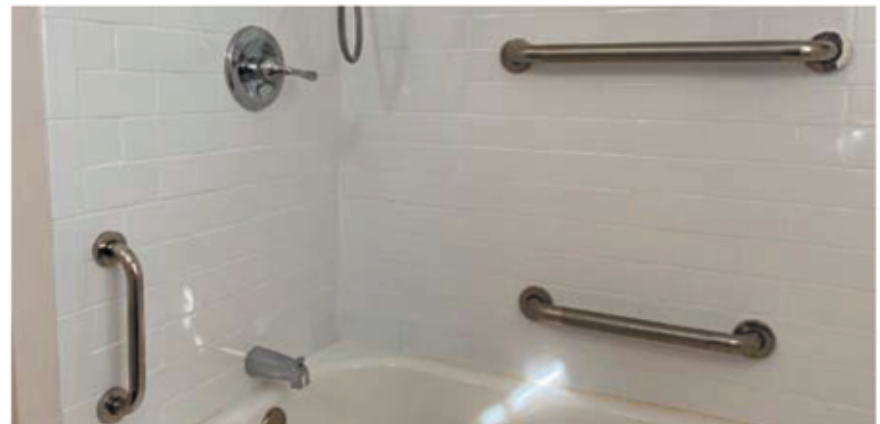
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GEORGIA FOOD + WINE FESTIVAL -

ADVANCE DISCOUNT TICKETS ON SALE DECEMBER 1ST

A world-class culinary and beverage celebration will take place this spring in Marietta, March 23 - 26, 2023 at Jim R. Miller Park. The Georgia Food + Wine Festival will be a showcase of cuisine, beverage and culture that showcases Georgia celebrity chefs, local chefs, celebrity winemakers/vintners, artisans, farmers, local craft spirits and beers, along with renowned wine, spirits and beer brands from around the globe. The festival offers a wide variety of events for all tastebuds and budgets, with a variety of tasting events, shopping, live music, and more.

JRM Management manages and produces fairs and festivals throughout Georgia and South Carolina, including the North Georgia State Fair, The Great Anderson County Fair, the Big Shanty Festival, Smyrna Jonquil Festival, Taste of Smyrna, Taste of Acworth, Taste of Kennesaw and numerous other events. The festival will again partner with a local non-profit to bring funds back into the community.

The festival organizers look forward to bringing this top-tier culinary event to Cobb County. The Georgia Food + Wine Festival takes place at the centrally located Jim R. Miller Park, in Marietta, at 2245 Callaway Road, SW which is minutes from The Battery Atlanta and Truist Park, just off I-75 and Windy Hill Road.

Early Bird advance discount tickets are on sale Thursday, December 1st, with up to 40% savings on festival events, with limited ticket availability for a short time. There are limited Early Bird advance discount tickets available for most events through December 31, 2022.

Georgia Food + Wine Festival Schedule of Events include (events and talent subject to change).

Thursday, March 23 - “Best of Cobb”, presented by Cobb Life Magazine and the Marietta Daily Journal, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, Jim R. Miller Park.

Friday, March 24 - “Fired-Up” 7:30-9:30pm, Jim R. Miller Park. Tickets: \$55 December Special Pricing, \$75 Winter Rate (Jan/Feb), \$85 March/Gate. FREE parking, 21 & older only event, no pets allowed.

Saturday, March 25, 1 – 4 pm, “Savor, Georgia Food + Wine Festival”, Jim R. Miller Park. Tickets: \$59 December Special Pricing, \$79 Winter Rate (Jan/Feb), \$99 March/Gate. Tickets include a souvenir glass for unlimited beverage tastings from hundreds of wines, beer and spirits exhibitors, and each guest will receive \$10 in Tasting Credits.

Sunday, March 26 12:00 – 5:00 pm, “Sunday/Funday” (Family-friendly event) Tickets: \$15 December Special Pricing, \$20 Winter Rate (Jan/Feb), \$25 March/Gate.

Pictured above Enjoying a fun afternoon l-r Michael Everhart, Mike Cerio, April Cerio and Tammy Everhart.

GEORGIA FUNERAL CARE COLLECTING TOYS WITH OPERATION TOY SOLDIER

Operation Toy Soldier is a nation wide program of the funeral homes in the Veterans Funeral Care network. Georgia Funeral Care is an active member of this group

It is very important to us that you understand that even though Operation Toy Soldier is a nationwide toy drive, all the toys you donate STAY LOCAL. When you donate a toy in the Atlanta area, the toy goes to a soldier's family in Atlanta.

Drop off points are the Georgia Funeral Care, 4671 S. Main St., Acworth., North City Salon, Atlanta Ice House, Premier Mortgage Exchang. Georgia Funeral Care is also accepting cash donations to purchase gift cards for the teenagers who are so often not thought about in toy drive

For more information about Operation Toy Drive or to become a drop off point for toys, please call 678-574-3016.



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Georgia Funeral Care invites our community to join their Christmas toy collecting for Operation Toy Soldier. The public is encouraged to donate an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl at one of our drop off bins.

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2022 CHRISTMAS AT PIEDMONT CHURCH
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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 9 and Saturday, December 10. We have a wide variety of unique arts and crafts exhibitors from all over the southeast that have created, arranged, painted, or built all the products themselves. A sample of products to be sold is jewelry, pottery, paintings, ornaments, apparel, and unique one of a kind gift items. A perfect time to enjoy good family fun and finish up your Christmas shopping!!

In addition, we will have delicious festival food to warm your insides, local entertainment, FREE ride on the 50-foot Snow Tube ride on Friday and Saturday and a FREE Petting Zoo on Saturday. All weekend there will be FREE photos with Santa, FREE children's activities, roasting marshmallows & smores.

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. and on Saturday from noon - 3:00 p.m., don't miss your opportunity to tell the big guy what you want for Christmas! P.S. Bring your own camera.

Local Entertainment will be set on the LGE Community Credit Union Stage featuring local school chorus groups filling the air with joy. Five local dance groups, including Great Gig Dance from Kennesaw, will also be there to get you in the Christmas Spirit!

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 will be Friday, December 10, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 11, 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 the Old Time Pottery Parking lot. For more information call 770-423-1330 or www.piedmonthchurch.tv.

MARIETTA POPS ORCHESTRA

Marietta Pops Orchestra is gearing up to present their popular holiday concert on Saturday, December 10th at 7:00pm. This and every year their holiday concert is held in the beautiful and festive-decorated sanctuary of First Baptist Church Marietta in downtown Marietta. With about 800 seats, there is plenty of room to bring all your friends and family to join in a fun night of holiday music. You'll hear traditional holiday pieces along with singalongs and all of this will be in a concert of less than 90 minutes.

The Orchestra's Founding Conductor and Music Director, Dr. Paul Hill, has been serving as the Director/Music Minister at First Baptist Church Marietta for over twenty-three years. His purpose in starting this orchestra twelve years ago was to re-engage musicians who otherwise would have no place to continue performing their instrument. Ranging from forty-five to sixty players, this orchestra has delighted audiences at every concert. The concert tickets are only \$20 and children under ten years old are free.

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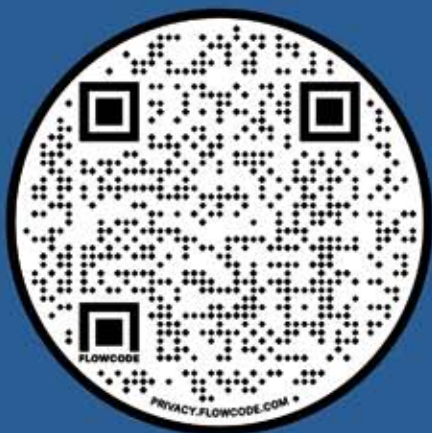


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LOVE DOES UPDATE - PIEDMONT CHURCH

BY MARLON LONGACRE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

I am excited to announce that we started the day, November 18, at Rocky Mountain Elementary School installing our 7th sensory room of the year 2022. These rooms are for special needs children that need a place to catch their breath. Afterwards we finished delivering the remaining Love Does Grocery Bags to our 6th and 7th schools, for a total of 600 bags of groceries plus a turkey for each bag.

I cannot put into words how grateful and excited I am that Piedmont was able to meet the needs and requests from our local schools for their families in need this Thanksgiving. Miracles do happen when you believe. What a joy it has been for Angie and me the past few weeks to see the faces on the principals, counselors, and social workers' as we brought in those red bags filled with groceries. I have said it many times that there is no greater buzz in ministry than to take fresh supplies to those on the front lines.

I am thankful for your financial support of Love Does. Piedmont was able to purchase 600 turkeys to go with all the Love Does Bags. The Thursday before Thanksgiving Angie was able to help buy gift cards from local restaurants to help feed families living in weekly hotels. Several schools asked for help with that project.

For the rest of November, any extra Love Does bags went to local frontline ministries such as the Davis Direction Foundation and Georgia Military Care.

All financial donations given in December for Love Does will go toward scholarships for Piedmont kids and students to attend camps next summer and to purchase as many meal plans as we can for Kennesaw State University's homeless students. Nate checked last week, and the cost is \$2165 for the semester. That is 3 meals a day for the whole week. Last year your support purchased the meal plan for seven students.

December 9th and 10 is Christmas at Piedmont. As of this morning, there will be 44 local schools and dance teams coming to Piedmont Church for one of the year's greatest community outreaches.

One act of kindness that I need from all of you other than praying for great weather is to come and listen to the children perform. On Saturday December 10th Argyle Elementary will start performing on the outside stage beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sawyer Road performs at 1 p.m. on the outside stage. Between Argyle Elementary perform performing at 10:30 a.m. until Sawyer Road finishes at 1:30 p.m. There are other title one schools performing between these two. These schools are coming to perform for you because of all the support that you have given them throughout the year and the students are so excited to be there. A terrific way to show God's love is to just come and listen to them and help us serve lunch to them afterwards. So many of you have given so much to these kids throughout the year. I hope you will give these kids your time on December 10th. For one afternoon only I would love for you to receive some Love Does back to you. I promise you it will be time well spent.

2022 has been a year to remember for the countless number of ways you have shown God's love to our community. I pray we keep donating and finish the year strong.

At Piedmont one of our goals for Community Ministries is to meet the deepest needs of our community. That is what Love Does is all about. We listen to the needs of those on the front-lines every day and build the ministries that meet the deepest needs in our community.

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The Town Center Community Improvement District (CID) recently kicked off two exciting initiatives: the Freight Cluster Plan and the LCI Electrification Study. These two initiatives, while locally focused, highlight the Town Center community's unique character and regional significance. As one of the last concentrated, economic centers in north Georgia before heading out of state, Town Center serves as a gateway for commuters, freight operations and travelers to and from Metro Atlanta via I-75 and I-575. It is also home to a complex mix of retail, residential, university services, manufacturing, warehousing and industrial uses.

FREIGHT CLUSTER PLAN

“With the Freight Cluster Plan, we have the opportunity to create a positive regional impact on freight movement. Also, with the LCI Electrification Study, we are preparing for Town Center’s continued role in a regional and national Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) Network, with a future focused on continued growth, quality of life, and economic competitiveness,” says Tracy Styf, Town Center CID’s Executive Director.

THE LCI ELECTRIFICATION STUDY

The Town Center LCI Electrification Study was born out of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program (NEVI), established by the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The goal of the NEVI Program is to deploy a national network of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations that provide a convenient, reliable, affordable, and equitable experience for all users. Georgia has an FHWA-approved Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan, which allows federal NEVI funding to be released, and the ARC is starting work on a Regional Electrification Plan. As a next step, the ARC is funding a pilot program for Livable Center Initiative (LCI) areas to study how to prepare for community vehicle charging. Town Center CID applied for and received an LCI grant of \$120,000, and the CID will provide the required 20 percent local match. Ultimately, the Town Center CID LCI Electrification Study will be a tool for property owners and surrounding agencies to better understand green infrastructure and growth opportunities in the area and to work together to provide electric charging services to the community. This study will include recommendations for code and policy considerations at the County level.

NOONDAY SHANTY 5 AND 10 K

Kick off your spring running season and enjoy the scenic views along Noonday Creek Trail while supporting future greenspace and trail projects in the Town Center area. This event will feature two USA Track & Field certified race lengths, a paved course on the trail and roadway. Runners, walkers, and families are all encouraged to participate. Mark your calendar for March 25, 2023, 10K Start: 7:45 am; 5K start: 8:00 am. Register for 5K is \$30 until March 21, for 10K is \$35 until March 21. <https://raceroster.com/events/2023/59555/noonday-shanty-5k10k>

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

First Baptist Church Marietta has been presenting their Carols By Candlelight concerts for twenty-three years. The concerts are on Sunday, December 4th at 3:00pm and 7:00pm and Monday, December 5th at 7:00pm. All the concerts are free along with childcare for birth to Pre-K children. Around sixty singers make up the Worship Choir this year and the First Orchestra is comprised of about thirty-five musicians. Dr. Paul Hill, the Director/Music Minister who introduced Carols By Candlelight twenty-three years ago when he came to the church, has made it a priority to carefully select beautiful arrangements centered around carols, all focusing on the birth of Jesus. As a bonus, forty-five minutes before each concert there will be a 30-minute organ recital from members of the church’s team of organists. The concert is free, but if you’d like to participate in their effort to help those in need this time of year, concert attendees are encouraged to bring one unwrapped toy to donate for the Christmas Market. Collection bins will be located at the entrances of the sanctuary and in the Welcome Center. For more information, visit their website (www.mariettafbc.org), or call the church offices at 770.424.8326, or send an email to cbc@mariettafbc.org. Kick off your Christmas season with this Marietta tradition!

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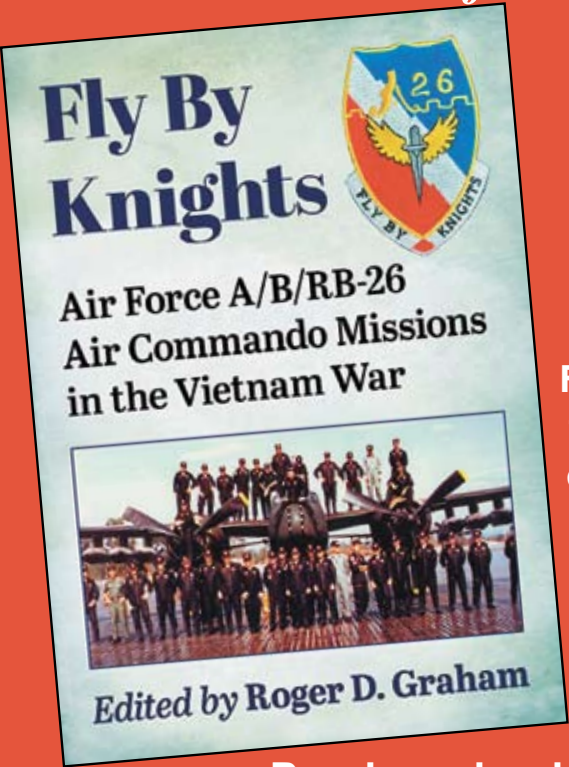
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The question becomes, how do I stay focused and keep my team focused to finish the drill and have fun while doing it? I have found a couple of small business strategies that keep me focused and business productive in December.

Most stress comes from the lack of time. Since we cannot manufacture more hours in the day, it makes perfect sense to schedule time each day to review your to-do list and prioritize your activities. Set a goal to block out small chunks of time for quick items on your list and accomplish them in small sprints of activity. Keep to your time limits and priorities so that you will have more time to focus on your most important items.

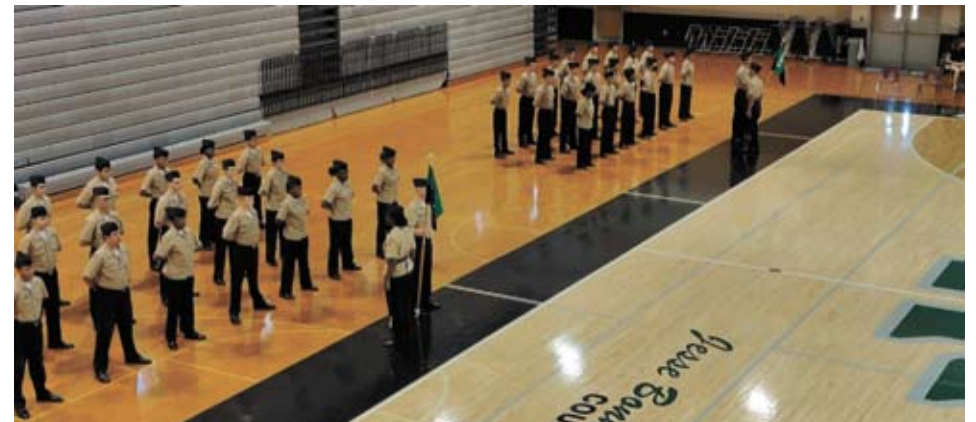
The next tip is a hard one for me. Be prepared to say no. Whether it is one more planning session or a holiday party, trying to do everything will leave you frazzled and unproductive. Not to mention, exhausted. Rather than participate in every activity, choose carefully. Is the activity or festivity really going to count? The best advice I can give is to engage and be present when attending events so that each experience is meaningful.

Remember the big picture this holiday season. When you look back in 5 years, you won't remember what you wore or whether or not the gifts you gave were perfect. Instead, it is all about the people and the experiences. Despite the craziness, the holiday season is my favorite time of the year. My wish for you is to slow down, be organized with priorities and spend time with those that bring you joy. From my home to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

KBA DECEMBER 13 LUNCHEON

TUES DECEMBER 13 : 11:00-1:00 will be held at the Kennesaw Rec Center on Watts Drive, Kennesaw. Join the KBA as we present the Business and Member of the Year awards. Sponsored by Crane Elder Law Firm and Kennesaw First Baptist Church. Catered by 1885 Grill. Please RSVP at www.kennesawbusiness.org.

You are invited to visit the Acworth Business Association website at acworthbusiness.org or the Kennesaw Business Association website at kennesawbusiness.org to learn more about these two business associations and upcoming events



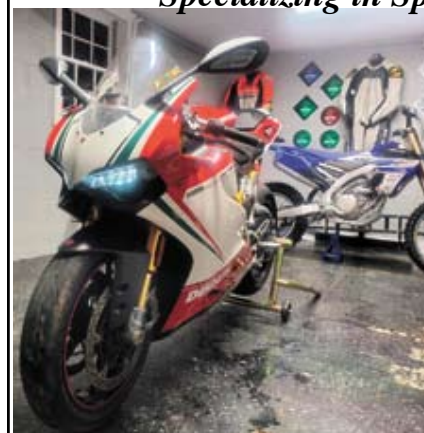
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC PROGRAM

BY SARA MARTINEZ, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, NJROTC

On November 17th, 2022, Kennesaw Mountain High School NJROTC had their Area Manager Inspection. All cadets in the unit worked diligently to prepare for the inspection and a few cadets were recognized for their hard work for their appearance. The guest inspector Captain Pulk recognized a total of 6 cadets and they were awarded a Bravo Zulu medal for their excellent work. The Unarmed Exhibition team also performed their exceptional routine commanded by c/Lieutenant Kimberly Besse. Overall the unit was able to come through and come together, being able to successfully complete their 2022 Area Manager Inspection.

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Volunteers from Saint Joseph's Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Knights of Columbus Council 4599 distributed over 7 tons of food in 216 Thanksgiving food boxes complete with turkeys and hams plus over 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 14,000 pounds of food and meat which was enough for a complete dinner for 216 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.



CONGRATULATIONS RILEY COMSTOCK

Durham Middle Schooler, Riley, competed in the National Middle School Cross Country Championships and won in record setting fashion with a mark of 12:45.10 for 4K. This is the fastest time in the USA this season for middle school boys in a 4K.

Riley, an eighth grade, is undefeated this season and has broken six cross country course and meet records. He holds the fastest times in Georgia for middle school boys for the 3K and 3200M in the state history.

His sister, Paige Comstock, competed as well, finishing sixth overall in the girl's race running 14:53.10.

Riley and Paige are pictured above with Andrew Windam co-owner of the Edge Running Club in Acworth.

Chris & Ramona Wiggins

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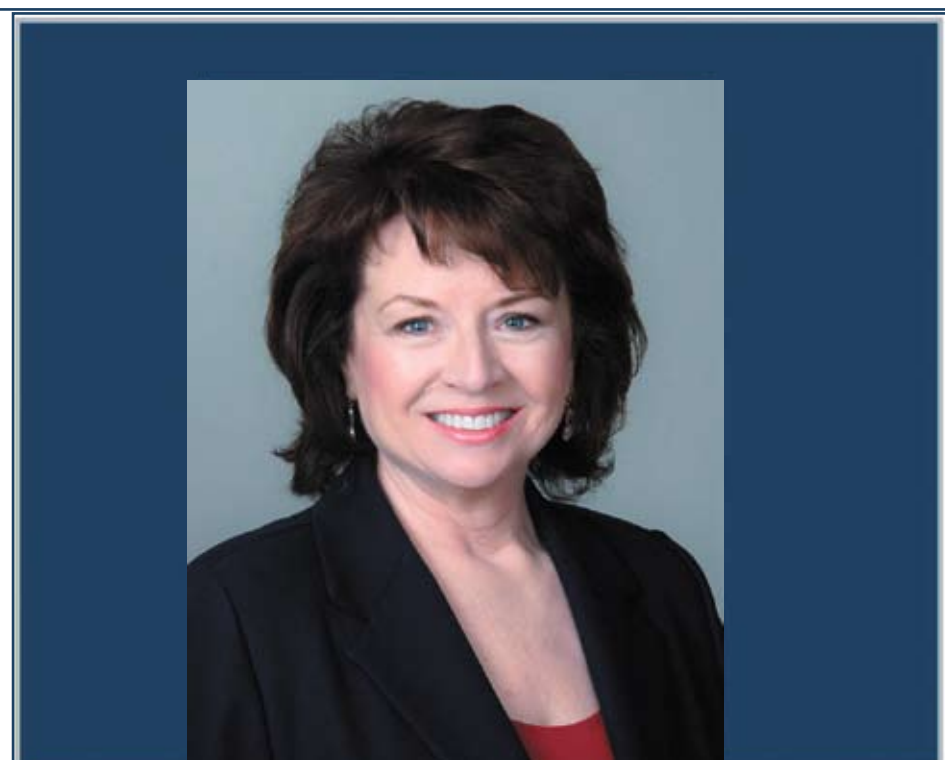
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANNA PATTERSON

With great sadness we share that Anna Patterson passed away on November 14, 2022.



Anna was born in Melbourne, Australia to Edward and Margaret Duffy. She was the eldest followed by Hellen, Robert, and Dorothy "Dot." At an early age her parents separated and the state took custody of Anna, Helen, and Robert and placed them in an orphanage. There Anna remained until she was aged out at 16 years old. Her experiences during that time lead her to renounce Christianity and anything to do with God. She spent the next several years lost to herself.

By the age of 20, she was ready to experience the world and moved to Germany. She landed a job with the American Army working in the housing division. This was an excellent job which afforded her the ability to travel all over Europe, which she enjoyed immensely.

From there she moved to El Paso, Texas and she began a very successful business as a Direct Distributor for Amway. It was through that entrepreneurial venture

she met Ollie Patterson. She was 27 years old.

They began dating and later moved to Houston, Texas. Anna's first job in Houston was with a mid-sized accounting firm and within a few short years she rose to the position of Office Manager.

In 1981, Anna was driving to work and the Lord transported her to Heaven. He told her she had to choose once and for all between life or death. Anna chose life! Soon after, Ollie found the Lord as well. They were married in 1982.

In 1986, Anna & Ollie adopted twin boys, Aaron & Daniel. Anna quit her full-time job at the accounting firm to be a full-time mother. In 1989 they adopted their third child, Tamrah. When Tamrah was 4 years old, she walked into Anna & Ollie's bedroom early one morning. She said she had a dream and Jesus healed Anna's tummy and she had a baby. She then laid her hands on Anna's stomach and prayed "Dear Jesus, please heal mommy's tummy so she can have a baby." Anna was pregnant 3 months later with Nathan at the age of 42.

In 1996, Anna & Ollie moved to Atlanta, GA. Anna remained home as a full-time mother and home-schooled each of her 4 children. In 2001, the children were enrolled at a private Christian school called The King's Academy. The school had just relocated to a new building and needed help. Anna began working part time which became full time within a year. Over time, she ascended to the position of Facilities Director.

In her spare time, Anna loved spending time with her grand kids, Olivia, Camden, and Malaya. She was also passionate about event planning and for many years coordinated several weddings and parties for those around her.

Her hobbies included gardening and she loved going to the beach. She was very active in the churches she attended which included Northgate Church, Covenant of Peace, and Mission for Life Community Church in Kennesaw, GA.

She is survived by: Her husband of 40 years, Ollie Patterson; Children: Aaron Patterson, Daniel Patterson, Tamrah Patterson, Nathan Patterson (daughter-in-law Kalynn); Grand Children: Olivia Patterson, Camden Patterson, Malaya Patterson; Siblings: Robert Duffy, Helen Duffy, Dorothy "Dot" Howard, Margaret Patterson, Dorothy "Ronnie" White, Marian Austin. Her parents Mother: Margaret Betty Duffy, Father: Edward Joseph Duffy, predeceased her.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Elite Women of Excellence at www.ewoe.org.

IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

ERIKA ORCUTT, ATTORNEY

It may be a long time since you have spent time with your family and friends in person. As you enjoy those times together, here are some areas to think about and discuss with your loved ones, especially the elderly, during the holiday season.

Physical or mental changes: Do your loved ones seem more forgetful or distant? Are there mobility challenges? Have dietary preferences changed? Are they struggling with daily living activities or living at home?

If you notice such changes, discuss them with your loved ones. It may be time for frank discussions about lifestyle changes so they can continue living independently or perhaps they would like to make living changes but fear the unknown. There are many resources available to assist, ranging from geriatric specialists, senior services, financial assistance, care management, living placement services, and elder care lawyers.

Legal documents: Do your loved ones have estate planning done? Do you know where their documents are? Have you seen them? Have they been updated or reviewed recently? Who is the nominated person in charge? What is their end of life wishes? Do they want to be buried or cremated? What legacy do they want to leave?

Regrettably, many people believe they have everything "taken care of" but really do not. Life changes such as death, disability, or divorce may render designated agents unavailable or leave unintended beneficiaries; documents get lost, destroyed, or outdated; memories fade and verbal statements of wishes are generally not enforceable. Seek the advice of an estate planning attorney to review, revise, or prepare their critical legal documents like a will, power of attorney, or advance healthcare directive.

Access to information: If there is an emergency and someone needs to take over management of one's affairs today, would that person have the information necessary to do so? Information needed ranges from medical to financial; paper to digital; unsecured to secured. Encourage your loved ones to compile all their essential information securely in one place, know where that is, and how to access it.

Having a plan for how one's health, finances, assets, and living situation should be handled upon incapacity or death provides a path for a smooth transition instead of confusion and chaos. Utilizing family time during the holidays to assess the situation and converse with your loved ones can make all the difference.

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ACWORTH'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS IN ACWORTH

Santa will return in 2022 to the Depot in Historic Downtown Acworth for photos on Saturday, December 10 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Photos are free, but be sure to bring your own camera as there will not be a photographer on site.

BREAKFAST WITH THE GRINCH

The Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department is excited to host Breakfast with the Grinch again at the Acworth Community Center on Saturday, December 10, 2022. 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. Space is limited, must register each family member attending breakfast.



ACWORTH CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADE

Coming Wednesday, December 14, 2022: Join Acworth for its second annual Christmas Golf Cart Parade! Participation is free, but registration is required to join the parade line-up. It's time to bust out the garland, lights, and tinsel to make your golf cart as festive as it can get. The parade has fantastic downtown route zooming through neighborhoods to spread holiday cheer! Tell your friends and neighbors to line the streets. This year is an evening event and will begin at 6:00 p.m., so make sure to grab some solar powered string lights and make it merry!

VIVA CHICKEN OPENS FIRST GEORGIA LOCATION IN KENNESAW

VIVA CHICKEN IS A PERUVIAN ROTISSERIE JOINT



VIVA Chicken, a fast-casual charcoal-fire rotisserie joint that serves distinctively fresh and flavorful chicken and sauces made from authentic Peruvian recipes, opened its first Georgia restaurant Wednesday, Oct. 26 in Barrett Corners, a new retail development at 1131 Ernest Barrett Parkway in Kennesaw. This will expand the restaurant's footprint to 16 locations in four states. The 17th

location in Alpharetta Georgia, is slated to open early 2023.

At VIVA Chicken's new Kennesaw restaurant, guests will enjoy the hottest, freshest, chicken, homemade sauces and signature juices made from the recipes of restaurant co-founder and Peru native Chef Bruno Macchiavello, while dining in a warm, relaxing atmosphere. VIVA's signature item is its Pollo a la Brasa - the hottest, freshest chicken - a staple of Peruvian street food. To complement its charcoal-fire-roasted chicken, VIVA Chicken prepares three Peruvian sauces daily: Aji Amarillo (mild, yellow), Huacatay (medium, green) and Rocoto (hot, red).

"We earn guests' loyalty by consistently delivering a convenient and unique offering," said Viva Chicken CEO Gerald Pulsinelli. "We look forward to welcoming and serving our new community - from Cobb parents and friends to nearby Kennesaw State University students and faculty," he said.

Viva Chickent is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. In addition to dining in at the restaurant, guests can download and order through the VIVA Chicken app, available on Google Play (Android) and the Apple App Store (iOS). And by enrolling in VIVA Points, the restaurant's loyalty program, members earn rewards and promotions for future orders and receive special surprises throughout the year. Additionally, anyone who signs up for VIVA points from Oct. 26 - Nov. 30 will be automatically entered to win \$500 of Viva Funds loaded on to their loyalty account. More information on VIVA Points is available at VIVACHicken.com/VIVAPoints.

ABOUT VIVA CHICKEN

VIVA Chicken, named one of the top 50 emerging concepts by Restaurant Business, is a fast-casual charcoal-fire rotisserie joint specializing in the authentic Pollo a la Brasa found on the streets of Peru. Serving the hottest, freshest chicken, VIVA promises distinctive and flavorful menu items packed with inspired recipes in a vibrant, inviting atmosphere. Since opening in 2013, Co-founders Chef Bruno Macchiavello and Randy Garcia have grown to share their passion and remain a homegrown company that cares about its employees, guests, and community. Based in Charlotte, N.C., VIVA Chicken has 16 restaurants across the Carolinas, Georgia, and Utah with more to come.

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