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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CITY OF KENNESAW PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The City of Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department received the Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) District 5 Class A Agency of the Year Award during the GRPA District 5 banquet last night, hosted at Kennesaw's Recreation Center.



The GRPA District 5 Class A Agency of the Year award recognizes exemplary agencies who deliver recreation, park or leisure related services. Nominees are judged on staff development, staff involvement in park organizations, park facilities, new and outstanding programs, and major accomplishments over the past year.

The Kennesaw Parks & Recreation Department maintains 112 acres of developed parks and recreational facilities, comprised of three community parks, 15 neighborhood parks, a community-wide trail and two buildings.

The opening of the new award-winning Recreation Center in January opened new opportunities for the department and their offerings to the community. Over the past year, staff has hosted 18 special events and created 20 new programs, including pickleball, volleyball, basketball, teen summer camps and after school programs, special needs sports clinics, cornhole tournaments and a senior luncheon series.

In addition to receiving the Georgia Recreation and Park Association's District 5 Class A Agency of the year award, three of the Kennesaw Parks & Recreation staff members were also honored. Rolando Pardo, Park Maintenance Supervisor, received the GRPA District 5 Outstanding Facilities & Grounds Maintenance Award. Rolando has been a part of the Parks & Recreation team for 20 years. Laura Woolsey received the GRPA District 5 Administrative Assistant Award, and Director Steve Roberts (pictured at left) was recognized with the GRPA District 5 Distinguished Professional Award. Steve has been with the department for almost four years and has led the team through many accomplishments including the addition of the Inclusive Playground and Recreation Center, updates to Depot Park and many pocket parks.



VECTR CENTER OPENING CELEBRATED

Chattahoochee Technical College celebrated the opening of the Superior Plumbing Veterans Education and Career Transition Resource (VECTR) Center at the college's Marietta Campus on Tuesday, Oct. 4, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house.

Through the Superior Plumbing VECTR Center, Chattahoochee Tech will help veterans translate military skills and experience into training programs for high-demand and meaningful careers. It will provide active and retired veterans with a place to assist them as they transition into the civilian workforce and into post-secondary education institutions. "My colleagues in the General Assembly and I, along with Gov. Kemp, take seriously the state's responsibility to help active duty military and veterans," said House Speaker Ralston. "While we can never repay them for their service or sacrifice, we can ensure that they have every opportunity for success when they enter the civilian workforce."

The TCSG State Board approved naming this facility the Superior Plumbing VECTR Center in honor of a \$500,000 donation presented by Jay Cunningham to the Chattahoochee Tech Foundation. This donation worked in conjunction with a \$2.25 million appropriation from the General Assembly for establishing a VECTR Center at Chattahoochee Tech. This is the second VECTR Center in the state, following the establishment of the first VECTR program near Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins.

The Superior Plumbing VECTR Center is also home to the Jim Cunningham Veteran Services Center, which is named for Jay Cunningham's father, a U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam. This facility provides a supportive environment for the college's vast student population of veterans and military-affiliated students.

In an additional expression of gratitude to the Cunningham family for their many years of steadfast support, Chattahoochee Tech President Dr. Ron Newcomb announced at this event that the first floor of the college's Health Science Building on the Marietta Campus has been named the Jan Cunningham Nursing Wing in honor of Jay Cunningham's mother. She served for over 50 years as a nurse, working everywhere life took her as a military wife.



KENNESAW'S VETERAN'S DAY LUNCHEON

The City of Kennesaw will honor the service of military members past and present with a complimentary lunch on Friday, November 11 at Noon 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 acknowledgments from Mayor Derek Easterling, a special guest speaker, a presentation of colors by the North Cobb-Harrison NJROTC Unit and the POW/MIA recognition ceremony by the North Cobb American Legion Post 304. Guests are welcome.

This year's Veterans Day Luncheon is presented by the North Cobb Rotary Club. Lunch will be presented by Copeland's of Kennesaw.

No registration is required for attendance to the event at the Community Center. For more information, visit www.kennesaw-ga.gov/parks-and-recreation or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at 770-422-9714.



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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 = Power



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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 and leave a message.



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ANDREW BRAMLETT'S RESIDENTS OF THE KENNESAW CEMETERY

Wylie Blake Skelton was born November 14, 1880, in Kennesaw. There was evidently some confusion about his name, as his obituary says he was named Blake Wood Skelton. His father was James Skelton, who was known for having witnessed the beginning of the Great Locomotive Chase and who later became a railroad worker. By 1900, W. B. was serving as a farm laborer in Kennesaw. Wylie next went to work for the Western and Atlantic Railroad, following in his father's footsteps.



On Wednesday, September 12, 1906, Skelton was serving as the brakeman on the southbound #13 Freight Train. Near Ringgold, C. H. Clements, an engineer for the Northbound #8 Freight Train, didn't notice a signal to stop to let the #13 Train pass. A mile north of Ringgold, the trains collided. Skelton was one of seven crewmen killed in the accident. His obituary stated he was found under five feet of coal.

At the time of the accident, his father was sick in bed. It was thought James Skelton might not survive both his sickness and learning of his son's death. W. B. Skelton was buried in the Kennesaw City Cemetery the day after the accident. James Skelton recovered from his sickness and lived for thirty-five years.

RUSTIC RUBY'S DOORS STILL OPEN

For those who love the unique products offered by Connie Hilderbrand, we want you to know that she has just moved up Main Street a bit. She is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11-6.

The city has scheduled a ribbon cutting for Rustic Ruby on Main for Wednesday, November 30th at 11:30a. Rustic Ruby on Main is now located at 5214 North Main Street (across from Cemetery Road). Our contact for this ribbon cutting is Connie Hilderbrand who can be reached at 404-805-3439.

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"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.

Additional activities include letters to Santa, leather Christmas ornament stamping, printing Christmas cards with the Red Onion Printing Press, an interactive model train layout from the North Georgia Tinplate Trackers and children's crafts. 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.

The Museum's store, the General Emporium, will host a holiday sale on Saturday, December 3, with 10% off all gift shop purchases, complimentary gift wrapping with purchase, and a free pint glass with a \$50 purchase. Museum members receive 25% off all gift shop purchases. The General Emporium features a variety of exclusive Civil War and railroad objects, from clothing and collectibles to toys and model trains. They also have their own signature line of Lacy House jams, jellies, and sauces. Created and stocked for children and adults alike, all visitors will find something special at the General Emporium, where all purchases benefit the educational mission of the Southern Museum. For more information, visit www.southernmuseum.org.

PARADE, DAY WITH SANTA USHER IN HOLIDAY SEASON CELEBRATION

The City of Kennesaw will usher in the holiday season on Saturday, December 3, with the annual Day with Santa parade and festival, presented by Whataburger.

Santa's arrival begins at 2:00 p.m. with a Main Street parade featuring marching bands, decorated floats, vintage cars and colorfully costumed characters. The celebration will continue from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Main Street with a holiday host of activities including stage performances, a vendor market, and free photos with Santa. The evening will conclude with the lighting of the tree at 6:00 p.m.

The parade route will start at Adams Park; leaving from Park Drive, right on Main Street (headed south), right on Watts Drive and right on Park Dr. (back into Adams Park). Road closures are as followed: Park Dr., Dallas St., Whitfield Pl., Moon Station Rd., J.O. Stephenson Ave., and Watts Dr.

Event organizers are seeking vendors, as well as accepting entries for the parade at www.kennesaw-ga.gov/adaywithsanta. Parade entries will be judged and prizes will be awarded in several categories. Parade participation is free.

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



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA IN KENNESAW

Kennesaw-Acworth-Optimists is hosting an "all-you-care-to-eat" pancake breakfast with Santa at the Community Center, 2753 Watts Drive, on Saturday, December 3. Attendees are encouraged to bring a camera. Two seating options are available: 8 to 9:15 a.m.; and 10 to 11:15 a.m. The "all you care to eat" breakfast comes complete with pancakes, sausage juice, coffee and table to table visits with the jolly old Elf himself. Tickets are only \$6 per person and may be purchased online at kennesawparksandrec.com or at the door based on availability. Better yet visit <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>, click on special events, click on Breakfast with Santa.

KENNESAW PARKS CLASSES

CANDLE MAKING

Join Kennesaw Parks & Rec for Art in the Park - Candle Making! Attendees will make their own candles using high-quality wax, wicks and natural essential oils! Each session will include lessons on wax melting, pouring and wick placing. All supplies will be included in the price, and no experience is necessary. Lights snacks will be available during the event. Participants are welcome to bring their own food to the event. Fee is \$25.

Session 1 will take place from 5:00 to 6:45 PM on Thursday, November 17.

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HELPING ONE GUY

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Parents here is your chance to have a great pancake breakfast with Santa and help your local community at the same time. On December 3, from 7:30 am to 10:00 am, Helping One Guy, a charity that honors men and their families going through a life-changing crisis is providing a food truck at Cowan Historic Mill in Acworth. Your children can eat and take a photo with Santa. It is a wonderful time to enjoy the beginning of the season and maybe even show your kids what Christmas is really about.

HELPING ONE GUY

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Come experience the gift of Christmas at the Helping One Guy Christmas Concert on December 7 at 6:30 pm at Northstar Church. Listen to a variety of classic songs from acts like The Big Chicken Quartet, Ollie Patterson, Chris and Remona Wiggins of the 293 Band. Enjoy a meal catered by Copelands of Kennesaw. All proceeds go to fund Helping One Guy which honors a man and his family going through a life-changing crisis.

Purchase your tickets at <https://www.helpingoneguy.org/>

PARKING ON THE SQUARE

The City of Marietta is pleased to announce that it has made it easier to locate both free and paid parking lots on and around the Marietta Square.

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TOWN CENTER CID CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Town Center Community Improvement District (CID) hosted its 25th Anniversary and first annual State of the District in October to celebrate 25 years of growth, innovation, and dedication to making Town Center a vibrant place to grow a business, raise a family, shop and work, earn a degree, and enjoy the outdoors.

The event highlighted Town Center’s growth from a commercial retail area to a community that includes small businesses, residents, an international airport, global and North American corporate headquarters, traditional retail and commerce, and the state’s third largest university, Kennesaw State University. “We are excited and humbled to have played a critical part in the development of our community,” said CID Executive Director Tracy Styf. “But we can’t do what we do without our partners at the county, state, and federal levels and the businesses and residents of Town Center. We are the dreamer and convener that brings people together to think about what is best for Town Center, now and in the future.”

Speakers recounted the CID’s proud legacy of advancing projects that matter to the Town Center community, like the Skip Spann Connector, Big Shanty Connector and widening, South Barrett Reliever, and the Noonday Creek Trail. “Twenty-five years ago, the CID started out with a focus on transportation and carpooling projects. Over two decades, the focus has shifted to green space, community and quality of life improvements,” according to Kelly Keappler, current Board Chairman and longest-serving CID board member. “This kind of transformation doesn’t happen overnight. It takes thoughtful planning and intentional action to advance a shared vision of what can be.”

As the Town Center CID turns an eye to the future, Town Center CID has more than 60 projects and initiatives in placemaking, trails, smart technology, and transportation/multimodal enhancements as outlined in the 2022 Master Plan update. “We take great responsibility to honor the work that has come before us and continue to envision a vibrant Town Center,” said Tracy Styf. “The future is bright in Town Center and we will continue to work collaboratively with our partners, businesses, and residents in order to imagine together.”

Town Center CID awarded the first annual Townie Awards during the 25th Anniversary event. These awards honor leaders in the community that have been a part of Town Center Community’s rich history and have made significant contributions to Town Center’s success. Nominations were submitted by community members and business leaders for three award categories: Community Champion – Jim Croy, Croy Engineering; Commercial Champion – Andy Eichenblatt, Print Graphics; Town Center Champion – JoAnn Birrell, Cobb County District 3 Commissioner. Pictured above l-r Kelly Keappler, Andy Eichenblatt, JoAnn Birrell, Jim Croy, Tracy Styf.

MEET ROBERT TRIM

On November 8, many of our readers have an opportunity to elect a new State Representative for State District 35. State District 35 is an open seat. Over the last few months, I have had the opportunity to meet Robert Trim, a Kennesaw resident, running for this seat. He is a Republican and highly knowledgeable in the workings of State government having worked on and in several campaigns since 1995.

Robert Trim is a loving family man, successful businessman and driven public servant. He is a commercial Real Estate Agent based in Kennesaw.

Robert knows Georgia families can’t afford to keep paying skyrocketing gas and grocery prices. That’s why he is committed to work to lower the cost of living and reduce taxes which in turn will increase take-home pay.

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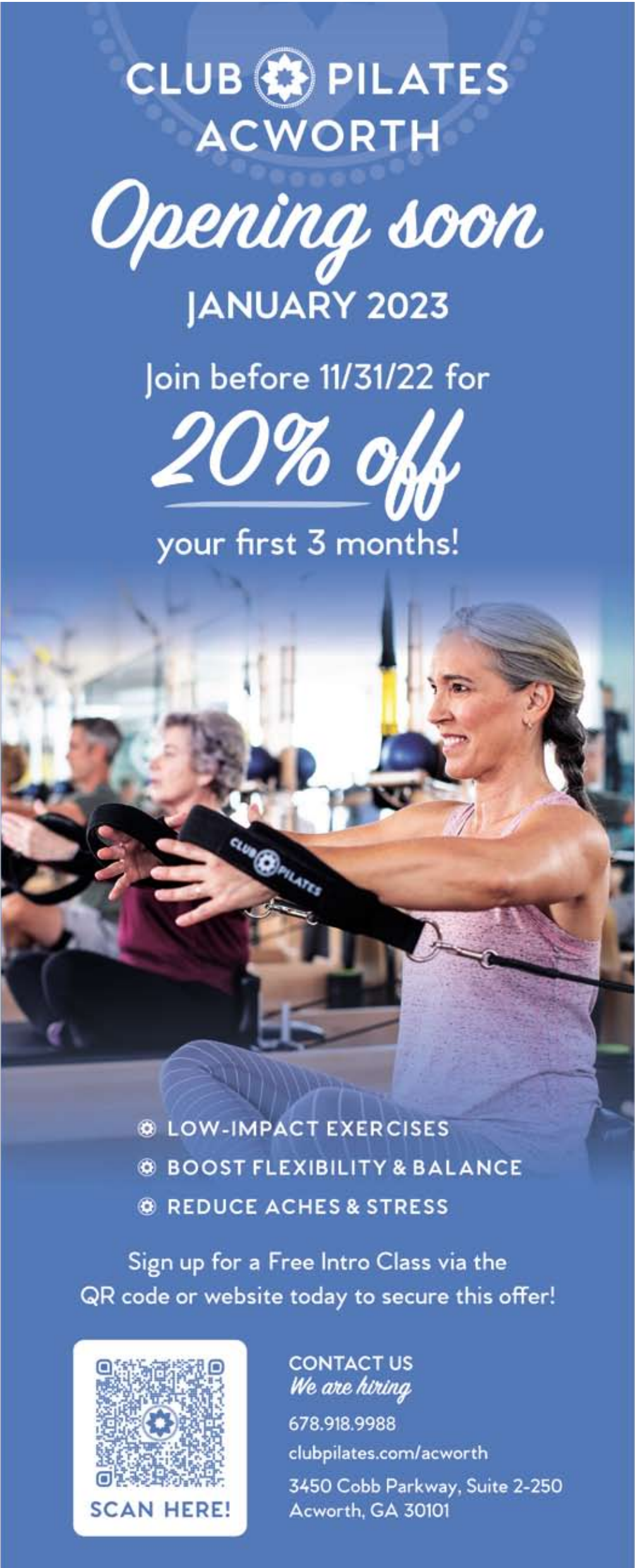
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THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK

What a beautiful fall season we've enjoyed so far this year! With the arrival of November, our city is looking forward to ushering in the holiday spirit with hearts full of thankfulness and joy for all our blessings here in Acworth.

Did you know that Acworth is a Foster Friendly City? The City of Acworth is working with Georgia Kids Belong and the Acworth Business Association to encourage our community businesses to offer special discounts and rates to foster families who live in the area. Our local foster families drop everything at any hour to offer a safe place to stay for the most vulnerable kids in our community. We want our children to enjoy all the experiences we can offer, and these special foster family discounts allow us to show our appreciation for these hard-working families who do so much to provide comfort and routine to children in the foster system. If you are a business owner in the Acworth community, we encourage you to consider visiting the Georgia Kids Belong website (<https://americaskidsbelong.org/states/ga/>) to learn more about joining Acworth and supporting our local foster families.

This month, we invite our community to come together to celebrate and honor our country's finest at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony held at Patriot's Point in Cauble Park. The ceremony will take place on Friday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m. We look forward to honoring those who have bravely served in our armed forces.

Also coming up this month is the fourteenth annual Acworth Turkey Chase 5K Fun Run and 2K Walk! This Acworth tradition is not to be missed and grows every year while collecting non-perishable food with each registration to give back to those who need it most within our community. If you're interested in donating food without registering for the Acworth Turkey Chase, there will be a collection box at the Acworth Community Center this month. We value the participation for this event and the community spirit that encourages us to give back where we can, especially during the holiday season.

Before we know it, Santa will be arriving in Acworth! Join the City of Acworth and NorthStar Church on Center Street in Historic Downtown Acworth for Santa's Arrival on Saturday, December 2. It will be an evening of festivities as we welcome the holiday season together! Santa will also be downtown for pictures on Saturday, December 3 and Saturday, December 10 for Christmas in Acworth. More details can be found on our city's parks and recreation website at www.acworthparksandrec.org. Acworth looks forward to celebrating the holidays with you!

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



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. Additional information and registration are available at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.

LINE DANCING

Learn how to line dance with knowledge, technique, and style all while staying fit! Join Leslie in a fun and friendly atmosphere where no experience is needed and all you need is a smile and your own two feet. Intermediate, beginner, and evening classes meet on Tuesdays in monthly sessions. Additional information and registration are available at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org

BSD TAE KWON-DO

This class is designed to teach young people (ages 6+) balance, hand to eye coordination, and self-control using traditional Tae Kwon-Do exercises. This is a traditional Tae Kwon-Do class. Using proven techniques to teach confidence, self-control, balance and self-defense, certified instructor Omar Welch will help students sharpen their minds and learn to use their hands and feet to protect themselves and loved ones. This class meets at the Acworth Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monthly sessions are available. www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.

SPECIAL WARRIORS TAE KWON-DO

Special Warriors Tae Kwon-Do is a great program for the young community with special needs. The traditional skills of Tae Kwon-Do have been adapted to teach focus, balance, hand-eye coordination, and effective self-defense. This class is instructed by Omar Welch who is a third-degree black belt and instructor certified by the United States Tae Kwon-Do Federation. Classes will meet monthly at the Acworth Community Center on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. www.acworthparksandrecreation.org

ACWORTH TURKEY CHASE

Take a 5k run through Historic Downtown Acworth and along the shores of the beautiful Lake Acworth to help fight hunger!

Registration for the 2022 Acworth Turkey Chase 5K Race is now open! The event will take place in Historic Downtown Acworth on Saturday, November 19 beginning at 9 am for the 5K and 9:15 am for the 2K. All participants will receive a long sleeve t-shirt with registration. Those who finish in the top 3 for their age group will also receive a medal. The Little Pilgrim Trot will begin at 10 am for those 5 and under.

All ages and abilities are welcome to walk, jog, or run at the Acworth Turkey Chase.

All participants must bring a non-perishable food item on race day to receive their race number.

All Participants receive an annual Acworth Turkey Chase long sleeve t-shirt.

Event will be held rain or shine. Race will start and finish on Main Street in Downtown Acworth. Refreshments to follow.

For more information and to register, please visit acworthturkeychase.com.

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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

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The Veterans Memorial at Patriot's Point at Cauble Park features the service flags of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Cost Guard all surrounding the American Flag. The concrete dome structure is surrounded by a paver walkway with engraved paver stones. You may honor a veteran by purchasing a 4x4 or 8x8 paver on the Acworth Parks and Recreation website.

For more information please visit www.acworthparksandrecreation.org or call the Acworth Parks and Recreation Office at 770-917-1234



ACWORTH'S SANTA'S ARRIVAL

The City of Acworth, along with their partner NorthStar Church is excited to host this year's Santa's Arrival! Santa arrives in Historic Downtown Acworth on Center Street on Friday, December 2, 2022. Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. and Santa is scheduled to arrive at 6:30 p.m. There will be a host of live performances and activities until 8:30 p.m. to help Santa kickoff the holiday season. Don't forget to visit Frana Brown Park, where you can enjoy the beautiful Festival of Trees! Bring the entire family to hear Mayor Tommy Allegood read The Night Before Christmas and watch the lighting of the tree on the Plaza behind Henry's. Enjoy pictures with Mr. Claus, eating candy canes with all his elves, and filling the streets with the holiday spirit. Pictures with Santa are free each year and begin at 6:45 p.m. Rumor has it that Santa will arrive down the chimney at Acworth City Hall. There will not be a photographer onsite, so please plan on bringing your camera to capture the special moment. For more information call the Parks and Recreation office at 770-917-1234.

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FOUR GENERATIONS OF MYERS

1st Generation: Fireman William Thomas Myers, Macon Bibb County Fire Department, 1900's;

2nd Generation: Chief John Henry (Jack) Myers, 1962 -1971 City of Kennesaw Fire Department then after Kennesaw Fire joined the newly formed Cobb County Fire Department, he was Battalion Chief from 1971 – 1981, serving his entire career at station 8

3rd Generation; Lieutenant James (Jimmy) Myers (son of Jack Myers) 1975-2000 Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services retiring from Station 18 on Mars Hill Road

3rd Generation: Captain David Myers (son of Jack Myers) 1985 – 2010 Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services retiring from station 13 on Midway Road

4th Generation: Chief Matt Myers (son of Jimmy Myers), began his career in 2003 with Marietta Fire then moved in 2005 to Paulding County Fire Department and is currently serving as Division Chief

4th Generation: Firefighter Luke Myers (son of David Myers) began his career in 2018 with Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services.

On Monday, October 17, The Cobb County Fire Department held a ceremony to hang this family's shields at Precinct One. Chief Matt Myers hung his father's and his grandfather's shield and Luke Myers, hung Chief Matt Myer's shield and his father's, David Myers, shield.

MISTLETOE MARKET IS BACK!

Mistletoe Market, the beloved holiday fundraiser of the Junior League of Cobb-Marietta, brings together around 50 specialty merchants from across the Southeast for a premiere holiday shopping experience featuring locally created, premium goods. Shoppers can purchase holiday gifts from booths offering clothing, candles, specialty food items, art, home decor and much more! The event will take place at the Cobb County Civic Center, November 10-12, 2022. Tickets are available at the door for \$10.

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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 rides 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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Winnwood is located in the heart of Marietta, just minutes from the Historic Marietta Square, which features the Famous Strand Theatre and Glover Park. Surrounding the park are a wide array of shops; unique gift shops, boutiques, antique shops, ice cream and candy stores, a Brumby Rocker store and over 30 restaurants, all dot the square.

Winnwood's campus spans across eight beautifully landscaped acres. Take a stroll thru the courtyard on your way to the WinnWOOF dog park to meet the other four-legged Winnwood residents. Or enjoy some live music during our weekly wine and cheese socials. Join the competition or become a spectator for the coveted "Winnwood Cup" held on our professionally designed 9 hole putting green.

Winnwood offers an array of third-party services at your doorstep. Residents have access to weekly visits from the nurse practitioner, Physical Therapy, and daily pharmacy delivery to name a few. Did we mention salons, theaters, libraries, and fitness centers in every building? With so many amenities and services on-site, you may never want to leave. But if you do, we have chauffeurs for that too.

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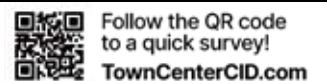
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

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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REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU FEEL.

BY MARLON LONGACRE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

“Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?” James 2:15-16

I remember a Peanuts Cartoon where Charley Brown and Linus are inside all bundled up and warm while Snoopy is out freezing to death in the doghouse right in front of an empty dog food bowl. They have a discussion on how sad it is that Snoopy is hungry and cold. They felt led to do something, so they walked outside and said to Snoopy “Be of good cheer, Snoopy!” Charles Schultz the founder of Peanuts got the idea for that comic strip from James 2:15-16.

Ike has always taught me to share what God and I are going through that week. One of my points this Sunday is REAL FAITH IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU FEEL.

Real faith is more than just sympathy, feeling and emotion. You get assistance. You do something about it. You act on it. You take the initiative.

Jesus took the initiative. He came to us. At Piedmont we take the initiative. There are so many who cannot come to us, so we go to them.

Our mission statement is Ike’s personal mission statement. “We exist to show God’s love in such a way that people will exchange ordinary living for an extraordinary life through the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

The social worker from Sawyer Road Elementary started calling Angie in August to see if Piedmont is still doing the Love Does Grocery bags and if we would help purchase turkeys. She asked for one hundred bags and one hundred turkeys.

The team chaplain for the South Cobb football team called me and asked if Piedmont would feed the team tonight before their game with Dunwoody tonight. South Cobb has yet to win a football game this season and they did not have anyone to cover their meal.

Because of your financial support of Love Does and for your help with the Love Does Grocery Bags, Piedmont did not have to say, “Be of good cheer!” to these calls for help.

Angie and I are so grateful to be an extension of our Senior Pastor’s heart and to be on point every day for a church family who is committed to showing God’s love in so many ways to those in need.

I hope that you will stop by the Samaritan’s Purse table in front of Waterfall Hall to pick up a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child.

Angie and I cannot thank you enough for your support of Love Does. Delivering the Love Does grocery bags this past Tuesday opened my eyes up even wider on the need. Hunger and food insecurity is a huge need in our community and that is why the Love Does Grocery bags is our Piedmont Love Does project for this month and for November.

I love all of you dearly and thank you for the way you love people!



LOVE DOES GROCERY BAGS

Because of the generosity of our congregation at Piedmont Church we were able to provide Chalker, Bells Ferry and Blackwell Elementary Schools with grocery bags for Thanksgiving. We have Acworth, Green Acres, J J Daniel, Sprayberry and Sawyer Road to provide for before Thanksgiving. In addition we have ordered food for 150 KSU homeless students. To learn more about Piedmont Church’s Love Does Program email Marlon Longacre at Marlon.Longacre@Piedmontchurch.tv

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GRATITUDE

BY DANA DORRIS, PRESIDENT, KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

November is always such a special month to celebrate what we are thankful for in life.



It is not always a popular activity, but I like for everyone at our Thanksgiving table to share the one thing they are most thankful for the year. Aside from friends and family, being thankful and having gratitude in business has become more important in setting businesses apart and helping them thrive.

The modern business model is shifting from being transactional to relational. After all, at the heart of every business is... heart. Especially for small businesses where owners are personally invested, and their purpose is the make an impact on the world. Business is about relationships and relationships flourish when people feel heard and valued. This is what gives gratitude in business such immense and transformative power.

Businesses can start by being personal. There is a lot to be said for the handwritten thank you card. Taking the time to be intentional and specific to the person for purchasing

your product or service is still relevant and very much appreciated. It is the smallest gestures that can often be the most impactful.

Be purposeful and have a plan. Well implemented processes in your business are the most effective and consistency is key. Have a policy and process in place to thank people throughout the year. You can make it easy on your team and yourself by being prepared. Have your gifts and supplies ready to go.

As most efforts in your business, being strategic is a must. It is completely possible to be heartfelt and deliberate at the same time. Generosity is principle in your organization to recognize those who go above and beyond. The more gratitude you express, the richer your relationships will be. Also, it is acceptable to be public. You can easily recognize the contributions, efforts, and victories of others online by highlighting them in a social media post, blog, article, or emails to your subscribers.

As you experience this season of Thanksgiving, I encourage you to take a moment and write down what you are most thankful for, both personally and professionally. Then give some thought as to how you can promote gratitude in your professional environment.

ABA UPCOMING EVENTS

ABA NOVEMBER 10 AA5 5:30-7:30 PM

The ABA Alive After Five will be held, Thursday, November 10, at Henrys Upstairs located on Main Street Acworth. RSVP www.acworthbusiness.org.

WOMEN'S NOVEMBER 17 BUSINESS NETWORK

The November Women's Luncheon will be held, on November 17 at the Holbrook on Main Street., Acworth. . Please RSVP at acworthbusiness.org.

ABA DECEMBER. LUNCHEON

Will be held on Thursday, December 1., at the Acworth Community Center. The program is the Member and Business of the Year recognitions. It begins at 11:30. Catered by 1885 Restaurant. Please RSVP at acworthbusiness.org.

KBA UPCOMING EVENTS

KBA NOVEMBER 8 LUNCHEON

TUES NOVEMBER 8 : 11:00-1:00 will be held at the Kennesaw Rec Center on Watts Drive, Kennesaw. Our speaker is THOMAS CARDEN Thomas Cardem is the Adjutant General of the Georgia Department of Defence and a member of the Homeland Security Board. Sponsored by EcoTech and Piedmont Church. Catered by Carrabbas Italian Grill. Please RSVP at www.kennesawbusiness.org.

KBA NOVEMBER AAA5 5:30-7:30 PM

The KBA Alive After Five will be held November 15 at The Jewel Smith, The Avenues at West Cobb. It will be catered by Scoville Hot Chicken. Please RSVP at kennesawbusiness.org.

CELEBRATE OUR VETERANS

The Hero Run 5K is the inspiration of Jon Borden. The then 17-year-old saw a Documentary on Wounded Heroes and wanted to help. The Borden Family organized the Hero Run. The first race had 400 racers Thanks to the 1300 runners who participated in the race last year. \$5,000 dollars was donated to each of these organizations: Wounded Warrior Project, KSU's veterans scholarship fund, and Disabled American Veterans, and \$1,000 to Kennesaw's Veterans Luncheon. Hope you will join us this Veterans Day weekend, Saturday, November 12 as we honor our veterans. Still time to register at www.kennesawgrandprix.com.

HERO RUN5K



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MARIETTA NEWS



HELP PLANT TREES WITH MARIETTA TREE KEEPERS

Give back to your community and get some good exercise by coming out and joining us for our November Scavenger Scramble Hunt - Tree Planting. We will be planting trees around Marietta and will meet at City of Marietta Maintenance Building (near Lewis Park) in Marietta. The address is: 434 Sessions Street, Marietta, Georgia 30060. The date is Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 9:00am.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & SANTA ON THE SQUARE

The City of Marietta's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting returns!! Let's kick off this holiday season with Santa's arrival to the square. The fun begins December 1, at 4PM with performances by local school and church choirs, then Santa makes his Grand Entrance to help the Mayor and the City of Marietta light the tree! Santa arrives at 6:00 and the Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin.

SANTA LETTER WRITING STATIONS - 4PM-6PM

Meet some of Santa's elves and watch as your letter gets put straight in to the hands of the Big Man himself! Letter writing stations will be up throughout the park for individuals who want to send their wishes to Santa. Stations will close and letters will be delivered when Santa arrives at the Square (6PM)

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Beginning December 1, 2022 in Glover Park, come see the amazing trees decorated by local schools and organizations to celebrate the Holiday Season! Stroll through the magical forest of trees and be inspired by the creativity of our very own Marietta City School students. These beautiful themed trees will be lit for the arrival of Santa on the Square. Prizes will be awarded in four categories.

ART OF THE COCKTAIL

Marietta Cobb Museum of Art will be hosting the "art of the cocktail" on Friday, November 11th.

The featured cocktail will be created and presented by Tito's Handmade Vodka. Michael Price will be entertaining guests while they enjoy two exhibitions; More Than Dreams: Exploring the Surreal in Art and a selection of Landscapes from the Permanent Collection. Additionally, guest can participate in an Art Auction presented by and benefitting InCommunity, a non-profit agency in Atlanta, that provides community-based services and support to people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Admission is free for members or \$10 for non-members. Hors d'oeuvres will be catered by Carriage House Catering and a cash bar will be available. Doors open at 6 pm and tickets are sold at the door.

MARIETTA'S UGLY SWEATER PARADE

Marietta Parks, Recreation & Facilities is proud to announce the newest addition to the Christmas Tree Lighting Event on Thursday, December 1st, "Marietta's Ugly Sweater Parade." Don your ugliest of Holiday sweaters (family appropriate) and join Santa in his parade to the Square!

The Marietta Ugly Sweater Holiday Parade is part of the Christmas Tree Lighting Festival, which is held annually. The .4-mile parade will step off at 4:45PM at Marietta City Hall Upper Parking Deck, travel down Lawrence St, around the Square and ends at Glover Park via East Park Square.

Any individual, organization, group, business or other entity that desires to participate in the parade must submit an application. All forms must be completed in their entirety and received by The Tree Lighting Parade Committee prior to the deadline. An applicant is not accepted into the parade until written confirmation is received from The Parade Committee. The Parade Committee will consist of the Parade Coordinator, Recreation Leader, and Recreation Supervisor. Approval or denial will be mailed to the applicant no more than 14 days from receipt of the application.

For more information or to register: specialevents@marietta.ga.gov

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REMEMBERING DAISY BELLE ROSS



Daisy Belle Ross, 95, of Kennesaw, GA passed away on October 2, 2022. A funeral service was held on October 8, 1:00 p.m., at the Winkenhofers Pine Ridge Funeral Home located in Kennesaw, GA. Visitation at the same location was on October 7 from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. and October 8 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Private interment followed the funeral service at Kennesaw Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include daughters Linda S. Ross of Sandy Springs, GA; Brenda R. Durham of Dallas, GA; and son Gary L. Ross of Chatsworth, GA; grandchildren Tara Jones, Nathan Durham, Cindy Whitman, and Jimmy Ross; and several great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Wounded Warriors organization that Daisy supported.

Daisy was born on January 9, 1927 in Breckinridge, KY, to the late Wyatt Lambert Haynes and his wife, the late Nannie Beard Haynes. Daisy was the third of six children, all of whom are now deceased.

Daisy met her husband, the late Jim M. Ross, on a double date with one of his friends. The two of them were married on October 6, 1941. Jim was enlisted in the U.S. Army and upon assignment to active duty overseas, he left Daisy in the care of his mother, who ran a boarding house in Alexandria, Virginia.

While living with her mother-in-law, Daisy worked various jobs including secretarial and retail sales. She also worked at the Department of Defense munitions facility (known as Torpedo Station), working on rocket parts, assembly line production, and eventually department administration. Once she was able to join her husband, the two of them shared many adventures living in both Germany and England.

After returning to the U.S., the couple were busy raising their family of two when Jim received an opportunity to work at Lockheed Martin in Marietta, GA. While employed at Lockheed Martin he and Daisy purchased a daycare, Ross Daycare, and owned it for eight years. It was one of the few daycares in the area equipped to care for 50+ children and was state-certified. During this time a third child was born to Jim and Daisy, which completed their family.

In 1965 with the purchase of five-plus acres of property in Kennesaw, Jim and Daisy built their dream home. The daycare was sold and the family moved to Kennesaw. Jim turned his efforts into running a small garage, Ross Garage, also located in Kennesaw. Daisy helped her husband manage the bookkeeping and day-to-day operations. Ross Garage quickly became known for its excellent repair work and was always busy, especially as it was centrally located on downtown's Main Street. Today the building has been refurbished and is home to a local favorite restaurant, Trakside Grille. Ask for the fried green tomatoes: it was one of Daisy's favorites!

Never one to be without a project, Jim and Daisy eventually sold Ross Garage and bought property in Cedartown, GA, establishing one of the area's first mobile home parks. The park was expanded and maintained by them for several years. When Jim passed away in 1985, Daisy managed the park for a few more years before selling it. Still settled in Kennesaw, she focused her energies on her home and family.

Daisy, or Miss Daisy as she was often called, was loved by all who knew her and will be missed by many.

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICES

Winkenhofers Pine Ridge Funeral Home & Cemetery while host a Candlelight Service, an uplifting and meaningful way for families who have suffered a loss. The Service is at Winkenhofers on Thursday, December 1 at 7:00 pm. Dr. Perry Fowler, First Baptist Church of Kennesaw will officiate.

NJROTC FIRST DRILL

Kennesaw Mountain NJROTC participated in their first drill meet of the year at eagles landing high school on October 15th 2022.

We took part in drill with our armed exhibition, unarmed exhibition, armed basic, unarmed basic and color guard placing an overall 5th in drill. We also participated in the academic test, athletic and personal inspection portion of the drill meet.

Our unit placed 5th in personal inspection, placed 2nd in athletics and 1st in Academics.

We took 1st and 2nd for individual female sit ups and 3rd, 4th, and 6th for male Push-ups. Placing 4th overall at the drill meet.

We prepared, studied, and trained hard for this drill meet and spent many hours on our drill routines to get where we are. We will only work harder from this point further. So congratulations to all the cadets who participated in the drill meet we couldn't be prouder of all of you.

*Winkenhofers Pine Ridge Funeral Home & Cemetery
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ACWORTH'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES SANTA'S ARRIVAL

The City of Acworth, along with their partner NorthStar Church is excited to host this year's Santa's Arrival! Santa arrives in Historic Downtown Acworth on Center Street on Friday, December 2, 2022. Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. and Santa is scheduled to arrive at 6:30 p.m. There will be a host of live performances and activities until 8:30 p.m. to help Santa kickoff the holiday season. Bring the entire family to hear Mayor Tommy Allegood read The Night Before Christmas and watch the lighting of the tree on the Plaza behind Henry's. Enjoy pictures with Mr. Claus, eating candy canes with all his elves, and filling the streets with the holiday spirit. Pictures with Santa are free each year and begin at 6:45 p.m. There will not be a photographer onsite, so please plan on bringing your camera to capture the special moment.

CHRISTMAS IN ACWORTH

Santa will return in 2022 to the Depot in Historic Downtown Acworth for photos on Saturday, December 3 and 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. Free horse and carriage rides will be available on Saturday, December 10 at City Hall on Center Street.

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!

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

**All outdoor programs are weather- dependent.*

**All programs are held at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.*

MUSEUM TOURS EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY @2:00 PM!

November 12 @ 11, 12, 2, & 3:00: Artillery Demonstrations

Artillery was a vital component to the operations of both armies during the Atlanta Campaign and played a key role in several engagements during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Come and join us to learn a little about Civil War artillery and see our living historians fire one in person!

November 13 @ 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 pm Infantry Demonstrations

Come on out and see our living history volunteers and Rangers set up camp right next to the Visitor Center and live life for a day as Civil War infantryman. Rifle firings will occur at the above- specified times. We will also go over basic drill, school of the soldier, arms and accoutrements and even food and disease.

November 19 @ 11: Sharpshooters of the Civil War

Before there were specialized snipers in the military, sharpshooters made their mark on the battlefield. Join a ranger on this short talk/walk on the history of this fascinating branch of the military and its role in the American Civil War.

November 26 @ 11: Life of a Soldier

Life for the average Civil War soldier was anything but easy. Long marches, bad food, and terrible battlefield conditions made this a rough life for the young men in the Union and Confederate armies. This short and interactive ranger program details the lives of these soldiers during the Atlanta Campaign.

November 26 @ 11: Western & Atlantic Railroad Talk

This history talk will discuss the major railroad central to the Atlanta Campaign. Being utilized by both sides, the Western & Atlantic Railroad was a major lifeline and transportation artery. This talk will be held in the park's Education Center located in the Visitor Center.

November 27 @ 11: Guided Mountaintop Hike

This Ranger- led hike will take you roughly 1 mile up to the peak of Big Kennesaw Mountain. Along the way, you'll learn about the flora/ fauna of the area and the history that shapes us from pre- history, through Civil War and on to today. The hike is semi- strenuous so bring water and good shoes.

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

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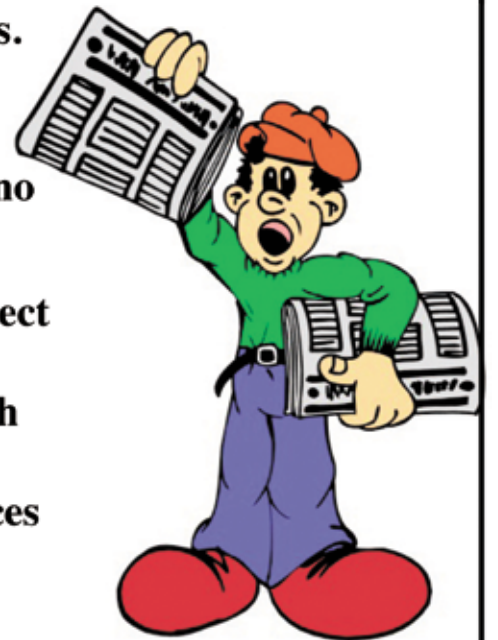
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