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## 9-11-2001:

### 77 MINUTES THAT CHANGED OUR WORLD

ARTICLE BY MARY LOU CAGLE, MARIETTA

September 11, 2001, did not start as an unusual day for me. It was 8:30 a.m. and I was following my regular routine which was to have breakfast and then take my second cup of coffee to the living room



where I would turn on Good Morning America and read the paper. I could get the local weather and news. It was a nice fall day in Marietta, Georgia and, in New York City, it was also a beautiful early morning with temperatures in the mid-60's. Suddenly, I heard Diane Sawyer say... "some sort of explosion at the World Trade Center in New York City... a plane may have hit one of the two towers at the World Trade Center..." This began a day which went long into the night and continued for days to come as we watched the unbelievable and horrific events of 9-11 broadcast continually on TV.

It has been 22 years since this attack. Following is a recap of some of the events of that day. This was a well-planned attack on the United States of America by Islamic jihadist mastermind, Osama bin Laden, and al-Qaeda. This, the deadliest terrorist attack in human history, began early in the morning of September 11, when four commercial passenger planes left the East Coast fully fueled and headed for California. Departure times were from 7:59 a.m. until 8:42 a.m. and the origins of the flights included 2 from Boston, MA, 1 from Washington, D.C., and 1 from Newark, N.J. Nineteen hijackers were aboard these planes.

American Airlines Flight 11 had 81 passengers and 11 crew members: 5 terrorists. It departed from Logan International Airport in Boston, MA at 7:59 a.m. and was hijacked at 8:14 a.m. At 8:46 a.m. this plane, travelling at 466 miles an hour, crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center between floors 93-99 and the 77 minutes began. One hour and 42 minutes later at 10:28 a.m. the

North Tower collapsed.

United Airlines Flight 175 had 56 passengers and 9 crew members: 5 terrorists. It departed from Logan International in Boston at 8:14 a.m. and it was hijacked at approximately 8:45 a.m. This plane, travelling at 590 miles per hour, crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center at 9:03 a.m. between floors 77-85. At 9:58 a.m., 55 minutes after impact, the South Tower became the first building to collapse.

American Airlines Flight 77 departed from Dulles International Airport in Washington, DC at 8:20 a.m. and had 58 passengers and 6 crew members: 5 terrorists. Approximately 30 minutes after take-off, the plane was hijacked. At 9:37 a.m., this plane, travelling at 530 miles per hour, crashed into the Western Side of the Pentagon killing all aboard plus 125 Pentagon personnel.

United Airlines Flight 93 departed Newark International Airport in Newark, NJ (now Newark Liberty International Airport) at 8:42 a.m. had 37 passengers, 7 crew members: 4 terrorists. Approximately 46 minutes into the flight, it was hijacked. It is believed that the planned target of this plane was the White House or Capital in Washington, D.C. The passengers on this flight were heroes. They had been in communication with loved ones and knew of the attacks in New York and the Pentagon. They decided to fight back and stormed the cockpit. Approximately 6 minutes later, at 10:03 a.m., this plane, travelling at 583 miles per hour, crashed into a field in Starkville (Somerset County) Pa. killing all aboard. Starkville is 267 miles from Washington, D.C.

From 8:46 a.m. until 10:03 a.m. is 77 minutes, a lifetime that changed our world forever.

This, by far, does not begin to tell the story of the events of that day and the days to come. The number of people killed in or due to the 9-11 attacks was 2,996. Included in this number are more than 400 first responders: 343 members of the New York City Fire Department, 60 Police Officers, and 8 Paramedics. Fires continued to burn 99 days after the attack. When asked, "How many casualties at the World Trade Center?", the Mayor of New York, Rudy Giuliani, answered, "more than any of us can bear."

I could write more about this day, but I will close with this. The next time you are in the line at one of our airports and complain about the wait, just remember the 19 terrorists who went through check points and entered the four airplanes without question carrying the box cutters that allowed them to take over the planes and complete their murder-suicide assignments that changed our world forever.



## SUPERIOR PLUMBING PRESENTS THE 2023 NORTH GEORGIA STATE FAIR SEPTEMBER 21- OCTOBER 1, 2023

Superior Plumbing Presents the 89th Annual North Georgia State Fair beginning Thursday, Sept. 21, through Sunday, October 1 2021 at Jim R. Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Rd., Marietta. The fair grounds will be open Monday through Thursday 4 to 11 p.m., Fridays 4 p.m. to midnight Saturdays 10 a.m., to midnight, and Sundays 12:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

As the largest fair in metro Atlanta, the Superior Plumbing Presents North Georgia State Fair attracts over 365,000 people every year from north Georgia and neighboring states. The Fair features a variety of free attractions including world class ground acts from around the globe, not one but two petting barns featuring barnyard and exotic animals, flower shows; blue ribbon competitions for handmade goods and items, fruits, vegetables and artwork of all kinds; local entertainment, and delicious fair foods including all of the traditional fair, as well as lots of unexpected culinary delights.

The family owned and operated Great James H. Drew Exposition Midway is the cornerstone of our fair, featuring over 35 rides for all ages. They are one of the largest carnival midways in the United States, features a wide assortment of carnival games, entertainment, and exciting rides for thrill-seekers of all ages, including the Wildcat Rollercoaster, the Georgia Mountain Lift and the Mega Slide.

### ELEVEN NIGHTS OF ENTERTAINMENT -

Grandstand Entertainment: A covered arena guarantees Carriage KIA Grandstand Entertainment rain or shine, including Piccolo Zoppe Circus, Thursday September 21 thru Sunday September 24; Demolition Derby, Monday September 25 and Thursday September 28; Full Throttle Monster Trucks, Tuesday September 26 and Wednesday September 27. American Bull Riders Tour, Friday September 29 thru Sunday October 1. FREE with fair admission.

### FAN FAVORITES RETURNING FOR 2023

Eudora Farms Exotic Petting Zoo- Experience an interactive, hands-on exotic animal petting zoo. It includes 20 to 25 rare and exotic animals from around the world. See a wallaby, a zebra, a lemur and have a chance to ride a camel. Make sure to visit Elliott, a 14-foot tall giraffe! This is an experience the whole family won't soon forget. Open Daily furring Fair Hours. Don't forget to visit the North Georgia Animals Petting Barn while you are there.

Brian Ruth "Master of the Chainsaw" - Brian Ruth has traveled the world perfecting his talent and is back to transform raw logs into true works of art with only a chainsaw. All carvings will be auctioned the second Saturday night of the fair.

### GATE ADMISSION

Gate Admission: \$10.00 admission. Children 10 and under are free. Ride tickets are \$1.25 each, \$20.00 for 21 tickets, \$50.00 for 55 tickets and \$100 for 120 tickets. All rides require more than one ticket. Parking is \$5. ATM machines are located on the midway.

Online advance discount tickets can be purchased for \$7.00, with children 10 and under free. A book of 21 ride tickets can be purchased for only \$11.00, which is 50% off. Online tickets are on sale on our website through Sept 20. Visit [www.northgeorgiastatefair.com](http://www.northgeorgiastatefair.com).

### FAIR SAFETY POLICIES

The Superior Plumbing Presents North Georgia State Fair will be implementing their YOUTH ATTENDANCE POLICY, as well as a CLEAR BAG POLICY. These policies are in line with other events and establishments and is designed to ensure a family friendly environment for all our patrons.

#### YOUTH ATTENDANCE AND GATE ENTRY POLICY:

After 6:00pm each day, no individual under the age of 17 will be allowed admission without a parent. For all attendees. No Fair Entry Sun-Thurs After 9:00pm, and Fri-Sat After 10:00pm

#### CLEAR BAG POLICY:

Clear Bags may not exceed 12"x6"x12". One-gallon resealable clear plastic freezer bags and small clutch purses no larger than 4.5"x 6.5" are also permitted. Diaper bags are allowed, but will be searched and tagged.

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#### KAILEY BOYER BLALOCK

Congratulations Kailey (Boyer) Blalock!! She is honored to be named Teacher of the Year at Haw Creek Elementary in Forsyth County. Kailey is in her 7th year of teaching, all at Haw Creek teaching kindergarten and 1st grade. She grew up in the Kennesaw/Acworth area. She attended Due West Elementary (K-2) and North Cobb Christian School(3-12). She graduated from University of North Georgia. She has a master's degree in Early Childhood Education. Kailey also taught at NorthStar Church in the Children's Ministry. Congratulations Kailey! Your family is very proud of you!!

#### KENNESAW-ACWORTH OPTIMISTS - RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

We are at a critical time in our club's history. It is a time when we all need to come together to help our club grow. For every member that we recruit for our club, there will be at least 33 kids in our community that are affected in a positive way. Now more than ever, we need Optimism and Volunteerism to grow and continue for our club. Kennesaw-Acworth Optimist Club was founded almost 50 years ago and has been providing support and projects for our community over the years.

That being said in an effort to continue our positive influence in our community, we need new members to help with the various projects and to serve in leadership and board positions. We are planning a N.O.W. (New Optimists Wanted) event to be held on September 27th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Center Street Tavern in Acworth. We are also looking for donations of gifts that we can provide for door prizes.

If you are looking for a way to give back to your community, join us for this informative event. RSVP via text to Stormi Kenney at 404-323-5254. Thanks to everyone,



#### CONGRATULATIONS WANDA SILVA HONORED AS ONE OF ATLANTA'S "2023 MOST ADMIRED CEOS"

Silva Capital Solutions, a boutique M&A firm, proudly announces that Wanda Silva, President and CEO, has been named to the Atlanta Business Chronicle's 2023 Most Admired CEOs in the "Professional Services" category.

As a Merger & Acquisition expert and Board Director, Wanda has over 25 years' experience in Professional Employer Organization (PEO), Healthcare, and Business Services industries. Leveraging her expertise in corporate finance, innovation, and strategy, she has steered Silva Capital Solutions to unparalleled success.

Wanda's outstanding leadership in guiding Silva Capital Solutions is highlighted by her many achievements, including orchestrating over 100 transactions with an aggregate sales price exceeding \$1 Billion. She has solidified her position as the M&A leader in the Professional Employer Organization (PEO) industry, with over 62 transactions alone.

A proud mother of two sons, Alan, a pilot for Southwest and Scott, CEO of Atlantis Digital, she dedicates her free time to family, friends, and as a volunteer for Hospice.

#### 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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### ANDREW BRAMLETT'S LOCAL HISTORY STORIES

In his day, Hiram "High" Sherman was one of the oldest individuals in Kennesaw. According to the August 18, 1887 edition of the Marietta Journal, Sherman was "97 years old" and "walking around quite lively."



Two years later, in a November 19, 1889 article titled "The Oldest White Man in Cobb County," the Marietta Journal recorded Sherman's age as 105. According to the article, he had served in one of the Seminole Wars, the Mexican American War, and the Civil War. Even at 105, he was still farming in Kennesaw. "He never used a pair of spectacles and says he can now see to shoot a rifle with accuracy."

The following year, the November 20, 1890 edition of the Marietta Journal contained Sherman's obituary. According to the article, he was 107, meaning he had aged ten years in the three years since the original 1887 article.

So, what is the truth about High Sherman? No gravestone is known that might offer insight into his birth and death. What is likely an accurate (or more accurate) estimate of his age is found in the 1870 census, when Sherman said he was 73, making him 93 years old when he passed away twenty years later. If the age in the census is correct, Sherman would have been born the same year John Adams became president and passed away twenty-one presidents later.

#### COBB GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday Sept 26 at 7 PM, the Cobb County Genealogical Society (CCGS) will be holding its next program. The speaker is Cole Hale who will speak on the Georgia Room Resources.. The program will be held downstairs in First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, 189 Church Street, Marietta, 30060. For more information, visit our website, <https://cobbgensoc.org/>

#### BRIGHT SIDE PUBLISHING INFORMATION

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A \$25 application fee to the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority is required with the entry of each scarecrow. All monies raised will go to promoting the downtown through beautification projects and events. Application fee can be paid by check, money order or cash. Please make checks out to the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority. Scarecrow spots will not be reserved until receipt of the application fee.

Visit [www.kennesaw-ga.gov/scarecrowsonmain/](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/scarecrowsonmain/) for Rules and Guidelines. Application is bottom of this webpage. Pictured above, 2022 First Place Winner: Mostly Mutts.

**KENNESAW'S SENIOR LUNCHEONS**

The Senior Luncheon in our FALL Series is Wednesday, October 4 and November 1, from 10:00 to 1:00, at the Ben Robertson Community Center. Our Fall Series is presented by Cobb EMC. We will have a caterer, and some fantastic bingo prizes will be available. Register now online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>. Click on Special Events and scroll to Fall Senior Luncheon Series. Cost is \$5.00 or give us a call at 770-422-9714. Social Hour begins at 10:00, Lunch is served at 11:00 and Bingo starts at 12:00.

**HOST HISTORIC WALKING TOUR**

The City of Kennesaw's Historic Preservation Commission is hosting a free walking tour of the Historic Downtown on Saturday 23 at 2:00 pm.

The walking tour will cover Kennesaw's history from the Native Americans to today. Attendees will hear about Kennesaw's railroad past, lost buildings downtown and additional stories from the heart of our community.

Registration is required. Tours are limited to the first 20 registered. Register at <https://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/historicwalkingtour/>.

Tours will begin behind City Hall at the Big Shanty Spring. The tour route is approximately half a mile.

**A HEALTHIER YOU AT SMITH GILBERT GARDEN**

Smith-Gilbert Gardens is offering numerous opportunities to connect with nature and improve overall well-being with A Healthier You. Throughout the months of September and October, the Gardens will be focusing on different ways to let nature be a healing presence.

There is something for everyone! See what is happening at the Gardens in September and October.

Gentle Yoga- Classes are appropriate for all ages, abilities, fitness levels and body types. Classes are offered on several dates throughout September at 10 a.m.

Guided Nature Walks- Every Saturday in September and October, beginning at 11-11:45 a.m., explore the Gardens and learn from Master Naturalists.

Kaiser Permanente Health Mobile- Free health screening available to the community on Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Art Workshops- Taught by Laura Surace, a Family Acrylic Painting class and Adult Acrylic Workshop will be offered on two dates in September and October.

Forest Bathing- One of the most powerful ways to lower anxiety, improve mood, and boost the immune system, numerous studies show, is to walk in nature. Offered from 10-11 a.m. on the following dates: Sept. 14, Sept. 23, Oct. 12, and Oct. 14.

To learn more about our events, visit <https://smithgilbertgardens.com/a-healthier-you/>.

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP**

Join the Kennesaw Cemetery Preservation Commission for "Cemetery Clean Up Day" on Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Kennesaw City Cemetery in Downtown Kennesaw. Clean Up Day is free and open to the public. All are invited to help us clean the headstones in the historic cemetery. Cleaning supplies will be provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own gloves.

**BELLS ACROSS AMERICA IN KENNESAW**

The Kennesaw Mountain DAR is hosting Bells Across America to celebrate Constitution Day. The event will be held September 17, by the tunnel entrance near Bernardo's. There will be DAR members handing out information on the US Constitution between 2:30-3:30. A bell choir will perform at 3:30; Mayor Easterling will speak, and then promptly at 4pm (when constitution was signed), we will have all citizens and downtown patrons ring their bells. We hope to have a great turnout. .

**SOLE KIDZ RUNNING CLUB**

Sole KIDZ Running Club has started their Fall 2023 running season, meeting at Swift Cantrell Park in Kennesaw every Tuesday and Thursday. Sole KIDZ teaches children ages 4-12 the value of hard work and self-esteem through exercise and healthy living. Each of the nearly 100 children and 30 coaches will run two 5-k races in the Kennesaw Grand Prix series, and the children will be challenged to finish both of them and better themselves throughout the season.

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BURGER21**

Burger21 (located in the Kennesaw Market) will be hosting Trivia every Tuesday starting 9/12! From 6-8:30pm you will get \$1 off draft beer and seltzers with the purchase of a Burger or Salad if you participate in our Trivia Night. Trivia Starts at 7, but you can come in at 6 and eat before you play!

**HIGH HOLY DAYS**

Congregation Ner Tamid Marietta/West Cobb invites everyone to celebrate High Holy Days With Us, which begin Sunday evening September 15th with Erev Rosh Hashanah and ends Monday September 25th with Yom Kippur, Yizcor and an evening meal after the fast ends. Visit [www.mynertamid.org](http://www.mynertamid.org) for details and registration.

For more information email: [info@mynertamid.org](mailto:info@mynertamid.org). Congregation Ner Tamid 1349 Old Hwy 41, Suite 220 Marietta, GA 30060 /678 264-8575

**FALL SIDEWALK  
SALE & CAN DRIVE**

Cobb Antique Mall is celebrating the first day of Autumn with a sidewalk sale on Saturday, September 23, from 10 am to 5 pm. CAM is located at 2800 Canton Road in Marietta with over 100 dealers – Cobb's biggest and voted "Best Antique Mall" numerous times by the community. Dealers will be dropping their prices faster than fall leaves! In addition, there will be a snow cone truck and free popcorn. Visitors are encouraged to bring a donation of canned goods to help support the food bank at Must Ministries.

**AGE 60 MIGHT BE THE NEW  
40, BUT 9:00 PM IS THE NEW  
MIDNIGHT.****JOIN KSU COMMUNITY  
& ALUMNI CHOIR**

The KSUCAC represents a wide variety of musical talents and experiences and is open to all who wish to share the joy of music under the direction of Erika Tazawa, Limited Term Instructor of Choral Music and Assistant Director of Choral Activities for KSU. Rehearsals are each Monday at 7:00pm beginning September 18, on the campus of Kennesaw State University. KSUCAC is in partnership with Kennesaw State University Bailey School of Music.

This all-volunteer, non-auditioned choir now averages about 80 members who come together each season to share the joy of music with the local community. Members represent KSU alumni, faculty, staff, students, and members of the surrounding community. Visit our website at [ksucac.org](http://ksucac.org) to find out more about our choir, how to join and how to support.

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We're so excited for you to see our "Juried Exhibit" which is going on now .

The works are exceptional and available for sale. Cast your vote for the "People's Choice" Award during the month of September...

The Awards Ceremony for this exhibit will be held during the "Open House" on Saturday, October 7, from 4-7pm. All work at the Art House is for sale. Visit them at 4425 Cherokee St Acworth, 12-6, Tuesday through Saturday.

**COBB MOMS  
HELPING COBB**

Cobb Moms Helping Cobb Inc is pleased to announce that it has been granted 501(c)(3) non-profit status by the Internal Revenue Service with an effective date of March 7, 2023.

Cobb Moms Helping Cobb began 9 years ago as a Facebook group of women whose aim was to assist those struggling financially in Cobb County, GA. The group has grown to over 5,000 contributors who share information, donate clothes and household items, and provide funding to assist under-served Cobb families in attaining financial stability.

In the first half of 2023, Cobb Moms Helping Cobb has been able assist over 70 families residing in Cobb County in housing and feeding their families. Group contributors provide this assistance through crowd funding and, with the 501(c)(3) designation, are now eligible to deduct those donations to reduce their federal tax bill.

The 501(c)(3) designation will also allow Cobb Moms Helping Cobb to extend its fundraising efforts into grants, events, and sponsorships so that it may increase the amount of families supported by the organization.

Find them at [cobbmomshelpingcobb.org](http://cobbmomshelpingcobb.org) or email them at [info@cobbmomshelpingcobb.org](mailto:info@cobbmomshelpingcobb.org).

**CONGRATULATIONS**

North Cobb Rotary was named Club of the Year for District 6900, Category 3, Rotary Year 2022/23, for the second time in the last three years. News from the Club includes:

Record proceeds from Smoke on the Lake of \$53,000+ for programs and charities.

23 new members in 2022/23 and 8 in 2023/24. Ongoing programs to educate new members. \$7,500 raised to send baby formula to Venezuela. Clean up of Pine Mountain MS Gardens

Monthly meals served at the Men's and Women's Extension. Monthly service with Forever Fed with food distribution

Support of Davis Direction and Rescuing Hope Galas. Recent programs from Cobb Commission Chair Lisa Cupid and DA Flynn Broady

President Nancy Prochaska is serving her second term.

**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.

This parking map information will benefit everyone and make parking hassle-free. Please visit [mariettaga.gov](http://mariettaga.gov), type downtown parking in the search box as you head to the Square to find the best parking spot for your visit.

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## THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK

As the summer heat breaks and ushers in those beautiful early-autumn days this month, Acworth is full of reasons to celebrate! We're looking forward to upcoming events and joining in on the community spirit as fall sports and festivities kick off.

We love celebrating with our community here in Acworth, and value each and every one of us who makes up the fabric of our city. Last month we spoke about seasons, the different paths people travel, and how they unite us together. This month, we're reminded that those seasons create our histories and are bound together by our cultures and experiences. Each of our unique stories comes together to make a community worth celebrating; one that's important to its residents and visitors alike. Our Acworth story is a special one, made of people from all walks of life and rich in culture and memories of the things that have made us who we are. We celebrate the values and experiences that we can share and grow with each other, and we're grateful for being able to share it together!



We invite you to Logan Farm Park this month for Concert on the Green: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. This exciting event will have the whole park dancing on Saturday, September 23 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. We are looking forward to celebrating this special occasion here in our community with an evening of exciting music and delicious food! One week later, on Saturday, September 30, the last Downtown Classic Car Cruise of the season returns to Logan Farm Park for the fall. This event will be held at Logan Farm Park from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., and we invite all to come out and enjoy seeing the beautiful classic cars that attend.

As always, for the latest information on any of our events and projects, you can visit [www.acworth.org](http://www.acworth.org), sign up for our e-news blasts on our home page, "like" the City of Acworth, Georgia on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram at @cityofacworthga.

May God Bless You and Your Families, Tommy

## MOTHER-SON CAMP OUT

The Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department is excited to host the Mother-Son Camp Out at Proctor Landing Park again in September 16-17, 2023. This annual event is open to mothers and their sons who are 13 and under. Participants will camp alongside the beautiful Lake Allatoona while learning about camping etiquette, campfire building, knot tying and a variety of other outdoor activities!

Gates open at 1:00 pm with check in and campsite set up. Both dinner and breakfast will be provided. Month-son pairs are responsible for providing their own snacks and camping equipment. Not an experienced camper? No worries! We will have experienced volunteers available to assist with setting up each campsite. More information and registration at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/acworth-parks-recreation/catalog/index>. Scroll down to Special Events and click on Mother-Son camp out.

## ACWORTH CHARM

Save the date for a charming afternoon of philanthropy and historical immersion as Historic Downtown Acworth gears up to host the much-anticipated "Acworth Charm - Tour of Homes" on November 11, 2023. Co-Organized by the collaborative efforts of the Acworth Art Alliance

and Brookwood Christian School, this event not only grants a sneak peek into the captivating interiors of Acworth's homes but also gives back to the community that holds it dear.

From 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, participants will stroll through the heart of Acworth on a captivating walking tour.

Attendees will have the opportunity to enter several charming homes and admire the architectural styles and interior designs that render each home exquisitely distinct. For your convenience, golf-cart shuttles will be readily available.

More than just an exhibition of beautifully designed homes, the "Acworth Charm - Tour of Homes" embodies our communal dedication to education and the arts. All proceeds from the event will be allocated towards funding arts scholarships through the Acworth Art Alliance, nurturing the growth of local artistic talents. In addition, a portion of the funds will contribute to equipping dyslexic students at Brookwood Christian School with specialized reading tools.

Secure your spot with early bird tickets priced at \$25. Text CHARM to 404-491-7724 before the event to take advantage of this offer. On the day of the event, tickets will be available for \$35. Ticket pickup will be at the Acworth Historic Jail on Center Street, between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Don't miss this opportunity to embrace the charm of Acworth while contributing to a brighter future for young artists and students with dyslexia.

## CLASSIC CAR CRUISE

The Fall Downtown Classic Car Cruise is back September 30, 2023. The event will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Logan Farm Park (4405 Cherokee Street). The Lake City Cruisers partner with the City and the downtown Acworth merchants to hold these Classic Car Cruises. The event is free to the public. A \$5 entry fee is requested for all vehicles in the cruise. All proceeds go to the Horizon Field, an all-inclusive special needs sports facility in Acworth.

## CONCERT ON THE GREEN: CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE

Saturday, September 23, 2023! Concert on the Green: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month continues Acworth's Concert on the Green series with a festival highlighting Hispanic Cultures within our community. This event will feature a variety of Hispanic food vendors, music, and dance groups in a fun, family friendly atmosphere!

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**THEATRE PRODUCTION, “DEATH AND TAXES”**

The old saying goes “There’s nothing certain in life except death and taxes”. But the folks at Acworth Cultural Arts would like to add one more certainty: laughter at their fall theatre production, “Death and Taxes” by Pat Cook.

Presented by special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing, the play is a comedy of chaos as a city council tries to solve a murder. Populated with “the usual suspects” - the Mayor, the editor of the local paper, the sheriff, a few “concerned citizens”, the town doctor and the high school drama teacher - you will wonder who up on stage, or maybe right next to you in the audience, might be the guilty party.

Director Carole Roach was very gratified with the number of talented actors who came to audition for roles, and has narrowed down a finely tuned ensemble.

Performances run Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 on September 22, 23, 29 and 30, with one Sunday matinee at 3:00 on Sept. 24. All performances are at the Robert’s School and Community Center on School Street in Acworth. Tickets can be ordered online at [acworthculturalarts.org](http://acworthculturalarts.org) for \$25. While on the site, browse the upcoming season of events that ACA has planned. You won’t want to miss a thing!

**ACWORTH BOOK & STORYTELLING FESTIVAL**

The Acworth Book & Storytelling Festival is coming on Saturday, Oct. 14. This annual event will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the historic Rosenwald School in Doyal Hill Park, 4410 Cherokee St., Acworth.

Sponsored by Acworth Cultural Arts, this forum of local authors and storytellers is free to the public. This year’s theme is “Words and Stories of Many Voices”, highlighting cultural and creative diversity. History, mystery, fact and fiction will all be represented. Attendees will hear presentations by published authors, and performances by members of the Southern Order of Storytellers and students from KSU’s Storytelling Troupe. The Festival will also feature a panel discussion on the impact of AI, as well as an opportunity to browse books offered for sale and meet the authors.

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Lots of football activities are planned and you won’t miss a thing with games being televised throughout the day on big screens.

Ice cold beer will be served in the Jay White the Loan Closer Beer Garden all day and night. The perfect complement to pizza! Grab a brew, eat pizza, listen to great music and chill at Logan Farm Park.

Georgia Grown: There will be a Georgia Grown Market Village featuring an array of food and gift items. We grow (catch, create and cultivate) it all here in Georgia. If you’re looking for fresh, you have come to the right place. You will find a variety in this section from smoked sea salts, pecans, sauces, paintings, crafts, fruits and vegetables.

Help us judge the best pizza, most creative, and a myriad of other pizza contests. People’s Choice Award goes to ...come help us decide! Can you think of a better way to spend a Saturday with the family besides tasting each pizzeria’s best and deciding who will take home the trophy? There will also be a Judge’s Choice and Most Creative.

This is a wonderful opportunity to taste you way through some of the best local pizza restaurants in our area. Admission is FREE. Presented by: Superior Plumbing and Sponsored by: City of Acworth and Marietta Daily Journal.

Music: Relax and sing-a-long to all your favorites songs throughout the day – featuring Local Artist Scott Thompson until 5 p.m., Lance & West from 5 pm -7 pm & ending with Bogey and Viceroy in concert from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. playing upbeat dance hits to end the day on a high note. Concert tables are available for purchase. Call 770-423-1330 to reserve.

Logan Farm Park is located at 4405 Cherokee Street, Acworth Ga., 30101. For more Information: Call 770-423-1330 or e-mail: [missy@jrmmanagement.com](mailto:missy@jrmmanagement.com)

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**NGSF NON-COMMERCIAL COMPETITIONS**

The 1955 Cobb County Fair Premium catalogue stated - "The real purpose of the fair is to bring together for display, the best livestock, agriculture and home products made and grown the county." Today the fair is the North Georgia State Fair, livestock and agriculture have almost become things of the past but the artistic and gardening talents of area residents will still be presented in the non-commercial exhibits in the 2023 Fair.

Non-commercial competitive divisions include needlework, sewing, and handicrafts which include jewelry, toys and woodworking. Creative arts such as basketry, an expanded photography division, oil painting, watercolors and other media as well as ceramics woodcarving and sculpture are displayed along with food products in the agriculture/horticulture area. Food preservation, canning, drying and preserving vie for honors along with baked goods by entrants of all ages. The popular Christmas corner continues to grow and an expanded quilting division promises added incentives for quilters. Displays are set up inside the Exhibit Hall.

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**TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS REPRESENTING COBB COUNTY SCHOOLS CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST - FOR OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS**

It was Christmas in August for 17 North East Cobb Schools plus KMHS and 13 Marietta Schools as Piedmont Church distributed \$36,000 raised by the Egg Drop held at Sprayberry High School and the church's Love Does Program. The monies are used for high school Shop with the Kids programs at Christmas, Football sponsorships for Marietta, Kell, Sprayberry and Kennesaw Mountain High School plus a variety of programs that benefit the elementary and middle schools in NE Cobb and the City of Marietta. Representatives from these schools gathered for a luncheon on Monday August 14 at Piedmont Church where the checks were presented.

**LOVE DOES GENEROSITY**

**BY MARLON LONGACRE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

Piedmont Church family because of your generosity there are hundreds of special needs kids attending sensory rooms that you provided. Today we are installing our 32nd sensory room at Bascomb Elementary. Because of your support, there are hundreds of people today attending the Zone in Marietta to fight off addictions. Today front-line shelters such as Children's Haven, Cobb Communities in Schools, MUST Ministries, will be able to help hundreds of children and their families with diapers and undies because of your support of this month's Love Does project. Every kind of problem you can imagine from thermometers for senior adults to Asperger's disease, to whatever is at the other end of the alphabet we have tried to meet the needs of those on the front lines. When you give, you are not just giving to some pie in the sky thing. Piedmont is very intentional with Love Does projects. We strive to meet the deepest needs in our community.

September's Love Does project is no different. All financial donations made this month to Love Does will go to support our local high schools' JR ROTC programs. We will be sponsoring their Military Balls, which is their biggest fundraiser of the year. The Military Ball helps raise funds for their uniforms and competitions. Piedmont will be partnering with Wreaths Across America to help purchase wreaths at Georgia National Cemetery at Christmas time for those who have faithfully served our country. Many former Piedmont members are laid to rest at Georgia National Cemetery.

Piedmont will also be partnering with the CURE for childhood cancer again this month. Look for more details about this partnership in EPICS to come.

Thank you for your support of Undie Sundays in August. My office is filled once again with underwear, socks, t-shirts, and diapers for the 4th straight week to give out to local front-line shelters. What a great month August has been for Love Does.

**ABOUT GENEROSITY**

Did you know that every time you are generous, your faith grows? It does not just demonstrate your faith; it grows your faith. Why? Because you are saying, God this money, time, energy, or whatever that I do not have to give away, but I am going to give it to you, or I am going to give it to somebody else, and I am going to be generous, trusting that you will provide for me. It is evidence, a statement of faith; every time you give you are making a statement of faith. God, this is something I could use for myself, but I am giving it away because I know that you will take care of my needs. I know you will replace it. I know you will supply what I need. And I trust you, it demonstrates, and it develops your faith.

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously... [He is talking about sowing seeds.] for God loves a cheerful giver. God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

Here is what that is saying. A farmer goes out and he is going to spread some seed around, sow some seed. He starts throwing his seed around. If he throws a little bit of seed, he gets a little crop. If he sows a lot of seeds, he gets a lot of crops. If he sows an enormous number of seeds, acres, and acres of seeds, he gets enormous acres and acres of crop.

When you sow a seed, you do not just get one back. If you plant a corn seed, do you get one seed of corn back? No, you get a whole stalk of corn on the top that has lots of kernels. God always multiples what you give him. get more. You sow a lot; you get a lot. It is all up to you. The more you give away your life, God says the more I will bless your life and I will deepen your faith.



**THE 18TH ANNUAL SUPERIOR PLUMBING TASTE OF ACWORTH**

Title sponsor Superior Plumbing and Acworth Business Association in cooperation with the Acworth Downtown Development Authority and City of Acworth presents the Taste of Acworth on Saturday October 7; 11:00 a.m. til 6:00 pm. on Main Street, downtown Acworth

The Taste of Acworth 2023 will satisfy your palates, quench your thirst, fulfill your family's need for music & entertainment!!! You will be able to sample many Acworth restaurants on the beautiful Main Street in downtown Acworth. There will be more than 150 booths featuring local restaurants and businesses from around the greater-Acworth area. Look for the entertainment stage, inflatables for the kids, lots of food, and more! Plan to bring your family to experience a true "Taste" of Acworth!

**Admission is Free!** Come hungry as there will be an array of diverse restaurants that will be offering food samples from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Participating Restaurants: 1885 Grill, Chick fil-A Acworth & Brookstone, Henry's Louisiana Grill, Sweet Zensations, Red Top Brewhouse and many more!!

Kick back and enjoy a cool one at Jay White's "The Loan Closer's" Beer Garden, which comes with Saturday afternoon football games. Parking: Parking is available throughout the area.



**Georgia Grown:** There will be a Georgia Grown Member Village featuring all items. We grow (catch, create and cultivate) it all here in Georgia. If you're looking for fresh, you've come to the right place. You will find a variety in this section from smoked sea salts, pecans, sauces, paintings, crafts, fruits and vegetables.

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**CHALKTOBERFEST:**

**A FUSION OF ART, CRAFT BEER, AND COMMUNITY FUN! OCTOBER 14-15, 2023 MARIETTA SQUARE, MARIETTA, GA**

The Marietta Cobb Museum of Art is thrilled to present Chalktoberfest, a unique and exhilarating event that combines the vibrant world of chalk art with the delightful flavors of craft beer. This one-of-a-kind festival will take place on October 14th-15th, featuring an unforgettable craft beer festival, chalk art extravaganza, live music, arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, and an antique car show on Powder Springs Street. Chalktoberfest has something for everyone, and the best part is that the chalk festival is free and open to the public!

**CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL: A TANTALIZING JOURNEY FOR BEER ENTHUSIASTS**

On October 14th, Chalktoberfest will play host to a spectacular craft beer festival, a paradise for craft brew aficionados. With an impressive selection of 125 different kinds of craft beer and 25 different kinds of wine, attendees will embark on a tantalizing journey of taste and aroma. Craft beer enthusiasts can secure their tickets starting August 1st at a special price of \$40. However, act fast as ticket prices will rise to \$45 on September 1st, and they will be \$50 at the gate. So don't wait, get your tickets early to take advantage of the savings and secure your spot at this unmissable celebration of craft beer.

**CHALK ART FESTIVAL: A CANVAS OF IMAGINATION**

The centerpiece of Chalktoberfest is undoubtedly the awe-inspiring chalk art on display. Over 80 professional artists from around the globe gather to transform the streets of Marietta into an open-air gallery of breathtaking masterpieces. These talented artists captivate visitors with their creativity and skill, showcasing the versatility and beauty of chalk as a medium. Witness the magic unfold as the pavement comes alive with vibrant colors and intricate designs. And the best part? It's free for all to enjoy!

**FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT**

Chalktoberfest is more than just art and beer; it's a celebration of community and togetherness. Throughout the festival, visitors will be treated to live music performances, creating a vibrant and lively atmosphere that will keep spirits high all day long. Families can explore the various vendor booths, indulge in delicious offerings from food trucks, and enjoy an antique car show on Powder Springs Street, adding a touch of nostalgia to the event.

**PUBLIC CHALK COMPETITION: UNLEASH YOUR INNER ARTIST**

For those who want to try their hand at chalk art, Chalktoberfest offers a public chalk competition. On Sunday the 15th, let your imagination run wild and contribute your own colorful creation to the festival's tapestry of art. Participants will have a chance to win exciting prizes and be part of the chalk art legacy that Chalktoberfest brings each year.

**ABOUT THE MARIETTA COBB MUSEUM OF ART**

The Marietta Cobb Museum of Art is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering a love for art and culture within the community. Chalktoberfest is one of the many events organized by the Museum to engage and inspire people of all ages.

Don't miss this extraordinary celebration of art, beer, and community! Mark your calendars for October 14th -15th and join us at Chalktoberfest for an unforgettable experience. For more information about the event and to purchase craft beer festival tickets, visit [www.chalktoberfest.com](http://www.chalktoberfest.com).

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The remodeled 1,650-square-foot restaurant can now seat 12 guests inside and is open daily from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### CITY ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7

Both the City of Acworth and the City of Kennesaw are holding elections on Tuesday November 7. The City of Acworth has two open Aldermen seats and the City of Kennesaw has two contested councilwomen's seats.

Both long time Acworth Alderman Butch Price and Gene Pugliese are stepping down from their positions, leaving two seats open. According to records from the Cobb Elections Board, Toby Carmichael, Veterinarian is running in Mr Price's seat and is being opposed by Robert L Liphman while long time resident, Stever Prather is running in Gene Pugliese's seat with opposition from Kimberly Haase. Alderman Brett North has no opposition.

The City of Kennesaw has three seats up this year. Mayor Derek Easterling is running for his third term, with no opposition. Both Councilwomen Tracey Viars and Lynn Burnette have opposition. Opposing Tracey Viars is Anthony Gutierrez while Lynn Burnette has three opposing candidates: Jon Bothers, Kyle Magro, and Madelyn Orochena.



### TRACEY VIARS RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION

Incumbent Kennesaw City Council Member Tracey Viars has announced she will seek re-election for the Post 2 seat that she currently holds.

"I'm excited to announce my candidacy for another term as the Post 2 City Council Member for the City of Kennesaw. I love this city and I'm proud of the work we've done thus far! I'm ready to bring my years of experience, fortified by my passion for the city and dedication to a results-driven track record, back for another term as we work together to keep Kennesaw on track."

During her tenure that began in 2018, the City of Kennesaw has achieved its healthiest financial position, ever, no longer relying on the issuance of a TAN to meet its liabilities, all while raising reserves to a financially responsible level despite having to navigate the uncertainties of a worldwide pandemic.

During her involvement with the city, she served on the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority for six years, three of those years as Chair, organized and championed the first Kennesaw Beer & Wine Festival, reorganized and managed the city's combined Farmer's Market & Dinner at the Depot event, served as liaison to the Smith-Gilbert Gardens, held a stakeholder position in the city's Livable Centers Initiative update process and in the creation of new purpose-driven design standards for the Cherokee Street corridor, served on the Amphitheater Planning Committee, the Events Committee and worked as a Race Director and volunteer for the city's Grand Prix 5k Series. She currently serves as an active member and liaison for the Kennesaw Downtown Merchants Association (KDMA) and has been a board member of the Kennesaw Business Association (KBA) as the Governmental Affairs Committee Chair for the past four years.



### LYNN BURNETTE RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION

I am happy to formally announce I have qualified and am running for re-election for Kennesaw City Council Post 1. It is a honor to currently serve as a Kennesaw City Council member.

Our beautiful historical city of Kennesaw is thriving! These are just a few of ways I look forward to continue to serve and support our city.

As our city continues to grow with higher density with new developments, that we continue to preserve our established neighborhoods & businesses with responsible growth.

Kennesaw is rated one of the safest cities in Georgia, for families to live & to establish a business. I will continue to support our police department & our Public Safety Department. Keeping our community & our schools safe is of most importance to our citizens & their families.

The city of Kennesaw is thriving financially with excess of emergency funds with strategic planning from great leadership within our city.

With our new amphitheater opening up in 2024, annual festivals our city does a phenomenal hosting, our wonderful parks & recreation center, our community continues to offer a great quality of life to work, educate & have fun!

My family and myself have built our lives here. I love our city of Kennesaw that we call home! I would appreciate your vote for Kennesaw City Council Post 1 November 7th.

*Lynette Burnette*

**\$25 MILLION IN IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO COBB COUNTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**



Hawthorne Global Aviation Services, the fixed-base operator for Cobb County International Airport, is investing \$25 million in improvements to the airport. These improvements will include a new airport terminal and 65,000 square feet of new hangar space.

“This is a perfect example of the caliber of businesses we have in Town Center and their commitment to the area’s vitality,” said Tracy Styf, executive director for the Town Center CID. “These improvements and the demand for additional hangar space are a direct reflection of the region’s growth and its ever-changing transportation needs.”

Construction of the improvements will be phased with the new terminal being completed by June 2025, followed by construction of the first 40,000 feet of

hangar space, and the final 25,000 square feet of hangar space connected to the new terminal will be completed by June 2040.



**KENNESAW’S HARVEST HUSTLE 5K - SEPT 9**

NOW IS THE Time to register for the third 5K of the season hosted by the Kennesaw Grand Prix. The HARVEST HUSTLE 5K is the THIRD race of the 2023 Kennesaw Grand Prix Series and will be held on Saturday, September 9 If you are a runner, how about setting your PR on an amazing, fast and flat course inside the city limits of Kennesaw?

The race includes a one mile fun run at 7:30 a.m.; the 5K at 8 a.m.; and a Tot Trot at 8:55 a.m. Awards are presented at the after party on Main Street at 9:15 a.m.

The HARVEST HUSTLE 5K is run on a mostly flat and fast asphalt course, professionally timed and USAT&F Certified, through Downtown Kennesaw and Swift-Cantrell Park. The course is perfect for competitive runners seeking a qualifying time for the Peachtree Road Race.

Fees are: 5K - \$35 (now – Sept 8) Day of Registration \$45; 1 Mile Fun Run - \$20; Tot Trot - \$5. After-party activities include snacks and water for participants, music and local vendors!

Packet Pick up is available Thursday September 7 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at Big Peach Running Co. Kennesaw located at 1625 Ridenour Blvd, Kennesaw, GA 30152. The Kennesaw Grand Prix races are under the direction of the Kennesaw Parks and Recreation Department. Visit [kennesawgrandprix.com](http://kennesawgrandprix.com) to register or for more information.

**NCHS WARRIOR WAY 5K  
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Be a part of the tradition of excellence! Join us for the 16th Annual North Cobb High School Warrior Way 5K trail run/walk on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Celebrate a community that works and plays together!

The Warrior Way begins at 7:30 a.m. in the front of North Cobb High School at Blue Springs Road, and runs down Old Hwy. 41 to take a left onto Nowlin Rd and then enters the NCHS trails behind Awtrey Middle School. Runners will exit the trails and take a right back onto Nowlin Rd and another right onto Old Hwy 41 to finish on the NCHS track. Expect a well-marked trail full of exciting turns and hills. The trail portion is not suitable for strollers. The 1K Fun Run starts at 8:30 a.m. All proceeds benefit NCHS Cross Country. You can register for the race online or by printing a registration form that you can mail by going to <http://www.northcobbathletics.com>. Click on North Cobb Athletics menu at top and scroll down to Cross Country. Take the challenge, and come out to run a 5K the Warrior Way!

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MICKEY MELLON, GREENMELLON

Back in the day when calling a company you'd often hear a messaging saying that "your call may be monitored", which I suspect was true. We hear the same thing on those calls today, but it's a lie — your call absolutely is being recorded and studied (and with AI, even moreso).

As Seth Godin said in his book "The Song of Significance":  
 "Your call may be monitored". Except not the way we expected — now it's every call, all the time.

It goes well beyond that. We all know how much we're being tracked online by cookies, ads, and social networks, but little things do more than you expect too.

I recently reached out to a client about an overdue invoice and they said "I'm sorry, I never got it. Can you please re-send it?", seemingly unaware that we know that isn't true. We sent a month ago, and they viewed it twice the next day. Of course, we didn't want to damage the relationship by calling them out and we were happy to re-send, but you can't just hide even on little things like that.

The chat sees all

The big one that surprised me a few years ago is when we put a chatbot on the GreenMellen site, and I was the one that generally was running it. It wasn't a great fit for us so we took it down a few weeks later, but it opened my eyes in a big way — we could see everything the person on the other end was typing. Not just when they pressed "enter", but every keystroke.

It was kind of agonizing. I'd be watching people type, and I knew exactly where their question was going, but I couldn't answer too quickly because they didn't know I could see. Worse, I'd have some people type their question, then delete it, re-word it, erase another word or two, and keep tweaking it, while I had to wait around for them to officially submit it so I could answer.

The point here is that "they" can see everything. Ad companies know what sites you've visited, chatbots know everything you type, companies know when you view their invoices, and every call you make to a big corporation is being recorded and studied by them.

There's not much you can do with this info, since most of it you already knew anyhow and all of it is hard avoid, but just be aware of how much others can see with every little action you make online.

Mickey Mellon is co-owner of GreenMellen an internet marketing service, Marietta. Visit [www.greenmellonmedia.com](http://www.greenmellonmedia.com) for more information.

### BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS UPCOMING CALENDARS

#### ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

**THURS SEPT 7 ABA MONTHLY LUNCHEON** - 11:30 Join us for our program featuring BRAD RAFFENBERGER Acworth Community Center. RSVP [acworthbusiness.org](http://acworthbusiness.org).

**WED SEPT 20- ABA ALIVE AFTER FIVE** 5:30 pm- Hosted by NORTH GEORGIA STATE Fair and Jim R Miller Park, Marietta. Event is free for ABA members, \$5 for guests. RSVP at [acworthbusiness.org](http://acworthbusiness.org)

**THURS SEPT 28 - ABA WOMEN'S LUNCHEON**, 11:30 at QUALUSI VINEYARDS, 401 Blossom Trail, Acworth, GA Join the women of the ABA for lunch, networking AND FUN. Cost is \$20 if you preregister, if you choose not to register in advance you will be charged an addition \$5 at the door. RSVP [acworthbusiness.org](http://acworthbusiness.org).

#### KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

**TUES. SEPT 12 KBA MONTHLY LUNCHEON** - 11:00 Join us for our program: featuring Speaker: Debbie Sardone, founder of Cleaning for a Reason at The KSU Professional Education Building on Busbee Dr. Kennesaw. Sponsored by PCT Clean and North Georgia State Fair, Catered by Adrianes Delectables. RSVP at [kennesawbusiness.org](http://kennesawbusiness.org).

**WED SEPT 20- ABA ALIVE AFTER FIVE** - Hosted by NORTH GEORGIA STATE Fair. Catered by: Williamson Brothers BBQ North Georgia State Fair @ Jim R. Miller Park 2245 Callaway Rd., Marietta, 30008 Event is free for KBA members, \$5 for guests. RSVP at [kennesawbusiness.org](http://kennesawbusiness.org).

**TUES SEPT 26 WAKE UP KBA**. 7:45-9:00am. Hosted by INDEPENDENT GROUNDS, 3061 Busbee Pkwy, Suite 2000 Kennesaw GA 30144 Join us at 7:45am on the 4th Tuesday of every month for coffee, breakfast, and some early morning networking at various locations around town.

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**SAHF OPEN HOUSE**

Acworth has finished its renovations of City Hall and included an office for the Save Acworth History Foundation. SAHF hosted an open house where visitors could access the large collection of photos that residents have shared over the last few years. The office space also provides shelving for the storage of valuable information of the history of Acworth. Pictured on left is Carol Pope, whose grandparents owned the local hardware store, speaking with Mack Turner and Betsy Brown. SAHF has plans to eventually open the office on a weekly basis .



**9-11 MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE**

The 2023 ride is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2023, with a rain date of Sept. 16th. Our new location for the start is the Southern Devil Harley Davison, 2281 Hwy 411 NE, CARTERSVILLE, GA 30121.

The 9-11 Memorial Ride is a motorcycle parade that honors all first responders and active military and veterans. The 9/11 memorial Ride is in its third year. In 2021, we raised \$8200 for Tunnel to Towers. In 2022, we increased that amount to over \$12,000 and also donated two \$5000 checks to the families of the Cobb County Deputies who were killed in the line of duty.

In 2022, we had over 300 motorcycles and other vehicles participate in the 48 mile parade through Douglas, Paulding and Cobb Counties. This year, we have the new location and new route and are expecting well over 500 participants as we journey through Bartow and Cobb Counties.

The route will leave SDHD out to the right on 411, then south to US 41 South. We will follow Hwy 41 to Acworth Due West in Acworth, turning left and going over to Old 41 (S. Main St.) and turning left. We will follow Old 41 up through Lakepoint to Red Top Mountain Rd., then on to Interstate 75 northbound to exit 293 and left back to SDHD

Visit [www.911memorialride.org](http://www.911memorialride.org) for more information and to register. Click on registration and scroll down to fill out the form.

**CONGRATULATIONS CITY OF ACWORTH**

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to City of Acworth for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

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**DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES**

Are you ready to relive the glory days and drop it like it's hot? Join us Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 6-9pm in Tanyard Creek Overlook for Dace Through the Decades. This event is for active adults 55+.

This event will feature a live DJ, finger foods courtesy of 1885 Grill, and a cash bar. Dress up in your favorite decade and join us for a night to remember. Registration for this event opens Monday August 7th for residents, and Monday August 14th for non residents.

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## COBB COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES SENIOR DAY AT THE NGSF

Cobb County Senior Services is joining forces once again with the North Georgia State Fair for Senior Day! If you're 55+, clear your schedule for Friday, September 22, because it's your time to shine. From 9 am to 1 pm, enjoy a morning packed with free activities, complimentary admission, and free breakfast. And that's not all – as the clock strikes 4 pm and the fair opens its doors to the world, all those 55 and above get in for free! The schedule includes:

- 8:00 am: Breakfast (while supplies last)
- 9:00 am – 1:00 pm: Petting Zoo and Barn
- 9:00 am – 1:00 pm: Non-commercial exhibit hall
- 10:00 am: Bingo
- 11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Ride the Georgia Mountain Lift
- 11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Food vendors open for lunch (on your own)
- 11:00 am: Rosaire's Royal Racers
- 11:30 am: Sea Lion Splash
- 12:00 pm: Ready Go Dog Show 12:00 pm: Bingo

The North Georgia State Fair takes place at Jim R. Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta, GA 30008. More information about the senior activities may be obtained at [www.cobbseiors.org](http://www.cobbseiors.org) or 770-528-5355. For information about the fair, visit [www.northgeorgiastatefair.com](http://www.northgeorgiastatefair.com) or call 770-528-8989.

## BROOKWOOD IS A GREAT LITTLE SCHOOL BY CHARLEY, 11TH GRADE STUDENT

Hello, beautiful people of Acworth! My name is Charley and I am an 11th grade student at Brookwood Christian School. For those of you who don't know, Brookwood is a School that specializes in helping kids with moderate learning disabilities. BCS offers their students a low stress environment and plenty of one-on-one time teachers. It's especially helpful to be in such a relaxed setting when kids who attend Brookwood have after school activities elsewhere.

For example, I do competition cheer (shout out to The Stingray Allstars!) and during the school year I am at practice multiple times during the week. My little brother who also attends BCS races motocross and my boyfriend does Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (alongside his three jobs). So, we all greatly appreciate it whenever we get such little homework, and are always able to ask for extra help from teachers who don't judge us, and know how to reach our unique learning differences.

All-in-all I think Brookwood is a great little school in our little corner of the world, WHO KNEW?!

## BROOKWOOD GALA

Do you love Bridgerton? Our first annual Brookwood Gala is Bridgerton themed and will take place on November 10, 2023 at The Cedars, in Acworth, GA. The night before the Acworth Charm historical home tour, go back in history with us to the Regency period.

In Lady Whistledown fashion, let's embrace our top hats, coat tails, corsets, gloves, and ball gowns as we celebrate the night with a Bridgerton Holiday Ball.

Tickets are \$125 per person, or you can reserve a table for a discount. A table for 4 is \$450, and a table for 6 is \$650. Tax deductible sponsorships are also available.

Tickets include a full dinner, adult drinks,

## TRUCK-A-PALOOZA

Save the date for Truck-A-Palooza 2023, a fun and exciting, family-friendly, educational event, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16. The event will feature hands-on experiences with heavy construction vehicles, police cars, fire rescue trucks, SWAT trucks, dump trucks, fire engines, military vehicles and much more. Find it all at the Town Center at Cobb Mall in the back parking lot by the food court, 400 Ernest W Barrett Parkway NW, Kennesaw.

Cost will be \$5 per person; maximum \$20 per family (up to six family members). Children under 2 years are free. Tickets are available at the entrance. All proceeds will benefit the Cobb County Safety Village.

## DO YOU HAVE YOUR LIBRARY CARD?

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# MARIETTA NEWS



## “SQUARE”CROWS IN THE SQUARE

“SQUARE”CROWS IN THE SQUARE is an annual event and will be on display throughout October. Squarecrows should have a theme and name that reflects your school or group’s personality or celebrate Marietta’s history with a historic Marietta figure! Squarecrows will be judged on originality, construction, and presentation. Awards will be given to Best In Show and 1st place in each category: School/Club, Business, Government, and Non-Profit Organization.

Scarecrow participants are welcome to participate during HarvestFest Halloween Happenings by hosting kids activities or offer treats at their scarecrow display. Email ezillweger@mariettaga.gov for more information. Download the information and application.

Application deadline September 22nd “Square”crow setup between Oct 2nd – 9th Judging week of October 9th

Winners announced at HarvestFest October 21st. “Square”crows must be removed before November 3rd

PICTURED ABOVE: United Methodist Church of Marietta’s Weekday Preschool decorated their very own scarecrow last year. Yes... our 4 year olds made everything including the doghouse!

## MARIETTA FIRE DEPARTMENT 2ND ANNUAL MFD 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB

The Marietta Fire Department will host their 2nd annual MFD 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb on Sunday, September 10, 2023 from 9am-12pm at 112 Haynes Street, Marietta, GA. The event will honor the 343 firefighters and all heroes that paid the ultimate sacrifice on 9/11/01. Participants will climb 110 stories in either turnout gear or civilian PT clothes at the 120 Cherokee St. parking deck. This event is open to all first responders and anyone who wishes to climb!



All proceeds from this event will go the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and to the Marietta Firefighter Support Fund. Not a big climber? You can still register to donate to these non-profit organizations.

All climbers will receive a lanyard with a picture of a fallen FDNY member from that day to carry with them as they climb, along with a personal silicone wristband and 9/11 remembrance decal. The MFD hopes to continue to honor and never forget these brave souls and their families.

Select local restaurants on the Marietta Square have graciously offered their support with discounted meals/tabs for those who show their ticket and registration after the event, so be sure to stick around for food and fellowship post climb!

All participants will be required to sign a waiver at check-in the day of the climb. To register, please visit the website - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-marietta-fire-911-memorial-stair-climb-tickets>.

## BROWN BAG LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Marietta Parks, Recreation & Facilities is proud to announce that the Brown Bag Lunchtime Concerts are back. Josh Jones will kickoff the month long concert series on Thursday, September 7th at 12:00 noon on the stage in Glover Park.

Grab your lunch at one of the many great restaurants around the Marietta Square and meet your friends and co-workers at Glover Park for the Brown Bag Concert Series. The Brown Bag Concert Series features FREE music from Noon - 1 p.m. every Thursday in May & September in Glover Park on the Historic Marietta Square, 50 N Park Square Marietta, GA 30060.

Performance Schedule: September 7 - Josh Jones; September 14 - Imagine Brass Band; September 21 - Seth Watters; September 28 - Paige O’Neil

## GLOVER PARK SUMMER CONCERTS

The Downtown Marietta Development Authority and the City of Marietta are proud to announce the 2023 Glover Park Concert Series presented by Marietta Dental Associates. As in previous years, these free concerts take place monthly in Glover Park in the Marietta Square.

Last Concert of the season: September 29: Grains of Sand, Beach, Soul & Motown Blankets and lawn chairs may be set up in the park. Tables and chairs are permitted in the street after 6:00 p.m. No personal tables, plastic ground covering, ropes, tape, stakes, etc. used to section off areas are permitted inside the park as they will be removed.

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