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## 2023 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 8 and Saturday, December 9. 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!

There will be delicious festival foods, local entertainment including over 40 schools performing on TWO stages, Peter Hart with Atlanta Puppetry Arts, a FREE Petting Zoo on Saturday, a variety of children's activities in the C&S Paving Winter Wonderland, and FREE PHOTOS with Santa all weekend.

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 and courtesy of Lemongrass Frms!

Visit with Santa, courtesy of Three-13 Salon, Friday from 5 – 9pm and Saturday from 10am - 5pm, 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 over 40 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 any Pest Kids' Zone inflatables: a giant slide, obstacle course, bounces, and more!

Piedmont Church is located at 570 Piedmont Rd., Marietta, 30066. Hours are Friday, December 8, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 9, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. FREE Admission and FREE Parking. There will be a free courtesy shuttle from the Old Time Pottery Parking lot. For more information call 770-423-1330 or www.piedmonthchurch.tv.

## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

ARTICLE BY: MARY LOU CAGLE, MARIETTA

Remember our fallen men and women; Honor those who serve and Teach the next generation the value of Freedom.



You can join the more than two million (2,000,000) volunteers and supporters this December 16, 2023, who will gather to Remember, Honor and Teach at the more than 4,000 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad. The Wreaths Across America is an organization that continues to focus on our veterans and military families and bring attention to the needs of our Veteran community. It will be a heartwarming experience for you even though you might not know the veteran whose grave you place a wreath - call their name and thank them for their service. There are many ways to serve our community and country. If you know a veteran or meet a veteran, take the time to talk to them about their service; most are happy to tell you their story. If you know a family who has lost a loved one they too will be thankful that you care. Teach our children about these men and women who

sacrificed so that they can enjoy the freedom they have: the freedom we all have.

Each wreath is made of fresh Maine Balsam Fir and decorated with a flag representing the USA, each branch of the military and POW/MIA. A hand tied velveteen bow completes the circle of flag tribute. Yes, made in the USA!

To sponsor a wreath the cost is \$17.00 per wreath. Send a check to Wreaths Across America, P. O. Box 249, Columbia Falls Maine 04623. If you would like to designate your wreath to the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia use code GANCCA; for the Marietta National Cemetery in Marietta, Georgia, the code is GAMNCM. Mary Lou Cagle is a contributing editor to the Bright Side.

## COBB CHAMBER PUBLIC SAFETY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The Cobb Chamber honored Cobb County's finest Monday, October 2, during its annual Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon, presented by Marquee Sponsor Superior Plumbing, and Platinum Sponsors Cobb EMC and MetroAtlanta Ambulance at the Coca-Cola Roxy. The event kicked off Public Safety Appreciation Week, a community-wide effort to say "thank you" to the men and women who work tirelessly to keep Cobb County safe.



## AWARD OF MERIT - KENNESAW AND COBB COUNTY OFFICERS

The Award of Merit recognizes a deserving recipient for acts of courage, demonstrating genuine care and concern for the citizens of the community and going above and beyond the call of duty, often resulting in a life being saved.

Kennesaw Police Officer Jared Wheeler and Officer Blake Arnold and Cobb County Police Sergeant Coty Thompson, Officer Andrew Brock, and Officer Jessica Richardson, Kennesaw Police Department and Cobb County Police Department

On the 28th of December in 2022, Kennesaw Police Officers Blake Arnold and Jared Wheeler got a call about two teenagers playing near a frozen lake. When they arrived at the scene, they could see a boy hanging off the ice with the rest of his body suspended in frigid water. Cobb Police Sergeant Coty Thompson arrived on the scene and presented the idea of reaching a hose out to the boy. Officers Wheeler and Richardson removed their gear to lighten themselves and began moving onto the ice towards the teen to bring him the hose. Once the boy took hold of the hose, Officer Arnold, Cobb Police Sergeant Thompson, and Cobb Police Officer Andrew Brock began to pull him back to the safety of the shore.

Once back on shore, the teen shared that there was another boy still in the water. Immediately, Officer Wheeler grabbed the hose and ran back onto the ice. But as Officer Wheeler was navigating the ice, it gave way beneath him, and he fell in. Luckily, the officers were able to pull Officer Wheeler out of the frigid water, but they quickly determined the rescue was too dangerous without the proper gear.

The rescue efforts put forth by this unit were incredibly honorable. They employed quick thinking, took action, and put their own safety on the line. The crew evaluated the situation and understood what was best, given the dangerous variables. Thanks to their lifesaving actions – that went above and beyond their police training – the life of a 16-year-old boy was saved.



L-R ACWORTH CHIEF, JESSE EVANS, ACWORTH OFFICER PALARCHE, FIRE CHIEF BILL JOHNSON, COBB CHAMBER, SHARON MASON

## MEDAL OF VALOR - OFFICER TANIESHA PALARCHE

The Medal of Valor is the highest award recognizing an individual for an act of bravery in a life-threatening situation. The award is only presented when a deserving candidate is found.

### OFFICER TANIESHA PALARCHE, ACWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

A skill that is difficult to hone is that of intuition, but Officer Palarche has certainly done so. A skill like this is difficult to teach, but she has built hers up from years of keen observation, situational awareness, and taking information from numerous sources before every decision.

Last December, Officer Palarche was placed into a situation of great danger. She had to face a dangerous person twice her size as he violently attacked her and those nearby. During the length of the incident, Officer Palarche kept the man away from the bystanders at the location, keeping the aggression of the man focused on her. She was attacked violently time and time again, and while there were many justifications for using deadly force, she withheld and attempted to subdue the assailant instead. The bravery demonstrated by Officer Palarche was brilliant and the community is beyond grateful for her. This incident shows how truly determined she is in keeping her community safe.



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## THIS AND THAT

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



### ALISON BOYER

Happy 32nd Birthday Alison! (Her birthday is December 7) We love you and are proud you!! Love, Mom, Dad, Kailey & Brandon. Alison loves Buckees, the Braves, attending functions at the North Cobb Library, North Star Church and Acworth Horizon's League. where she plays Bingo, Baseball and kick ball. She is a pleasure to spend time with. Alison has a marvelous sense of humor, and has her nose in her iPad a great deal of the time. Most of all, she loves Disney videos.

### WELCOME



### Titus Ethan Hegel

To all to whom these presents may come, Greetings!

Having been conceived of Ethan and born of Sara, and drawing his identity therefrom, it is with great pleasure that Ethan Daniel Hegel and Sara Elizabeth Hegel do hereby announce the birth of and lay proper claim to Titus Ethan Hegel as their beloved son, heir, and biological offspring, from his first breath on the afternoon of the eleventh day of August, two thousand twenty-three, in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ, until the end of time.

Praise be to God Most High, forever and ever. Amen!

### MARIETTA POPS ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY CONCERT

Marietta Pops Orchestra is gearing up to present their popular holiday concert on Saturday, December 9th at 7:00pm. This year, as 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-four 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 at the holiday concert each year. Purchase tickets online at [www.mariettopops.org](http://www.mariettopops.org) or purchase tickets at the door.

For more information, visit their website or contact Dr. Hill at [MariettaPopsOrchestra@gmail.com](mailto:MariettaPopsOrchestra@gmail.com).

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### ANDREW BRAMLETT'S LOCAL HISTORY STORIES

On your left, as you travel down Acworth's Main Street, shortly after Highway 92, is Cemetery Road. Following this road will bring you to Acworth's Liberty Hill Cemetery, one of



the oldest in North Cobb. The cemetery rests on top of Liberty Hill, though it is not known how the hill got its name. In the 1840s, a small log church was built on the hill. The church was called Liberty Hill Baptist, and it was the first Baptist church in Acworth. Sometime after the church was built, a plot of land on the church grounds began to be used for burials. The first known internment was Nancy Morris Gragg, who passed away in 1847.

In 1864, the Civil War came through Acworth, and Liberty Hill Baptist was burned. It was rebuilt in 1866 on the same site. The church later moved closer to downtown and changed its name to the First Baptist Church of Acworth. The cemetery was deeded to the City of Acworth and is still used as the Acworth city cemetery. Many movers and shakers of Acworth's history are laid to rest within its gates.

Today, Liberty Hill Cemetery has over 3,500 burials and remains one of the most historic spots in Acworth. On the city's website is an interactive map that allows users to find the exact location of the cemetery's residents.

The Save Acworth History Foundation is working to collect the stories of residents buried at Liberty Hill. If you have any information you would like to share, please email [saveacworthhistory@gmail.com](mailto:saveacworthhistory@gmail.com)

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**CONGRATULATIONS GYMNASTICS ACADEMY**  
BY STORMI KENNY, KENNESAW DRIVING, KBA MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

On Tuesday, November 7th, Stormi Kenny, Kennesaw Business Association attended a ribbon cutting for Gymnastics Academy of Georgia (GAA) for their new addition of 13,000 square feet of space adding to the 17,000 already existing space. Jon and Cindy Aardema were able to accomplish this goal and add expanded recreational beam and bar areas, a much larger boys' gymnastic training area and a state-of-the-art Ninja Training area. With the expert construction by Norton Contractors the Gymnastics Academy of Georgia can now boast an amazing 40,000 square foot facility and can accommodate over 3,000 students. GAA will also be hosting some of the largest gymnastics competitions in Georgia. Jon and Cindy have been providing gymnastic training to students in the Kennesaw and Cobb County area since 2003. We are excited to see them growing!



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**KIA UNIVERSITY/TRAINING CENTER**

Stormi Kenney, Kennesaw Driving and Kennesaw Business Association member was present for the ribbon cutting for the new KIA University/Training center. At this location, Kia offers a Veterans Technician Apprenticeship Program where Veterans can apply to a GI Bill approved apprenticeship that could lead to a great new career. Veterans can apply at [kiavets.com](http://kiavets.com). This is a program designed specifically for Veterans, with potential full-time employment with a participating Kia Retailer. Eligible Veterans may apply for and receive a GI Bill Monthly Housing Allowance during their apprenticeship. The apprenticeship includes access to all tools, equipment, vehicles, and training needed to complete the apprenticeship and certification process

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**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA AT KENNESAW CITY CEMETERY**

Please join the Kennesaw Mountain Chapter, NSDAR to Remember our fallen men and women; Honor those who serve and Teach the next generation the value of Freedom. The 4th annual Wreaths Across America event will be held on December 16, 2023, at 10:00am at Kennesaw City Cemetery, 3000 Cemetery St, Kennesaw, GA 30144. If you are interested in sponsoring a veteran wreath, please use this link: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/164153/Overview/>.

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**ALL ABOARD FOR HOLIDAY FUN**

On Saturday, December 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 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 the variety of antique toys on display throughout the day. The Atlanta Woodworkers Guild will display hand-lathed wooden toys, the Peachtree Doll Collectors will display antique and vintage dolls and toys, and the Atlanta Miniature Society will display a variety of dioramas.

Enjoy performances of holiday favorites by First Presbyterian Church of Marietta's bell choir at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for 30 minutes each and a performance of holiday tunes at 2:30 p.m. by the Big Chicken Chorus. Visit and get a photograph with Santa Claus himself from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also listen to readings of the Polar Express between 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. by North Cobb County Library's Janet Wingard.

Additional activities include a leather stamping craft table by Les McKeon, a holiday train layout, a letter to Santa activity and a children's holiday craft, all of which will be available all day.

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

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



**KENNESAW POLICE DEPARTMENT ACHIEVES RE-ACCREDITATION**

The Kennesaw Police Department recently achieved re-accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), emphasizing their dedication to upholding high standards and best practices.

Accreditation is reviewed annually with a full re-accreditation assessment every four years. This re-accreditation marks the fifth consecutive for the Kennesaw Police Department.

Being awarded the re-accreditation is a true testament of the dedication, professionalism and hard work of the Kennesaw Police Department.

**KENNESAW ACWORTH 911 ACHIEVES RE-ACCREDITATION**

The Kennesaw Acworth E-911 Communications Center recently achieved re-accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), emphasizing their dedication to upholding high standards and best practices.

Accreditation is reviewed annually with full re-accreditation assessment every four years. This re-accreditation marks the second consecutive for Kennesaw Acworth 911

Pictured above with Mayor Derek Easterling and Police Chief Bill Westinberger is Fire Chief and Public Safety Chairman, Bill Johnson on the far right.

**STRAND'S A CHRISTMAS TRADITION**

A Christmas Tradition returns to The Strand stage for another unforgettable year of sharing the holiday spirit through sparkling song and dance!

This hometown favorite holiday revue features costumed singers and dancers performing both traditional and funky Christmas favorites.

A Christmas Tradition's non-stop, high-energy spectacle is the perfect way to put the whole family in the Christmas spirit this season!

A Christmas Tradition is approximately 2 hours long which includes an Intermission. SHOW runs December 15-Dec 23 with four matinees.

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**ALL ABOARD FOR HOLIDAY FUN**

**DECEMBER 9, 2023**  
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**THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK**

It's the holiday season, and we're looking forward to a month full of celebrations in the Acworth Community! We welcome December and reflect on a year of blessings with hearts full of gratitude for a community filled with love and a giving spirit like no other!

Last month, Georgia Kids Belong held its first Acworth Cares: A Foster Care Celebration and Recruitment Night at the Tanyard Creek Overlook. Acworth is Georgia's first "Foster Friendly City". A true community spirit initiative, our local businesses and churches have come together this past year to offer discounts and opportunities for foster families through the Georgia Kids Belong app. This app gives us a chance to include families in our community that think they don't have a voice. It gives us a chance to reach out and include them. We'd like to say thank you to Rebecca Radicicchi and her team at Georgia Kids Belong for their passion and commitment to children in the foster system and to the families that step up and provide the best love, support, and stability that they can during often very challenging times in these children's lives. We'd also like to thank our local businesses and churches for the selfless commitments they've made to help provide memories and opportunities to the amazing foster families in our area. The leadership the Georgia Kids Belong team has shown, and the support the Acworth community has given these families truly shows what a great city we live in. Acworth is proud to be a Foster Friendly City!



Christmas in Acworth will be held on Saturday, December 9 at Depot Park from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Santa will be right here in Historic Downtown Acworth for pictures with the family. Be sure to bring your own camera as no photographer will be on site. There will also be free horse and carriage rides! This festive annual event is sponsored by the Acworth Downtown Development Authority. It's a great time to enjoy the shops and restaurants in our downtown districts while taking in the magic of the holiday season!

Acworth Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources will be hosting its annual Menorah Lighting with the Chabad Jewish Center on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. The community is invited to come together to join the celebration of light and hope at Logan Farm Park. And don't forget the Light Up Main golf cart parade on Wednesday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m. This will be the third year residents have decorated their golf carts and celebrated the season with a drive through the downtown neighborhoods, including a dash down Main Street for everyone to enjoy! More information on both of these events can be found at acworthparksandrecreation.org.

As always, for the latest information on any of our events and projects, you can visit www.acworth-ga.gov, 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


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December 2, 4-7 p.m.



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Call for Artists: Submission deadline Friday, December 15, for our "All About Values" Exhibit. Visit our website for guidelines and details for this exhibit: acworthartsalliance.org/guidelines

The Art House will be closed December 23 through January 1, 2024. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. The Art House is located at 4425 Cherokee St. Acworth. Is open Tues-Sat 12-6.

**ACTIVE ADULT PROGRAMS**

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**CHAIR YOGA**

Learn stretching and strengthening exercises, breathing techniques and much more during this class. Classes will be at the Acworth Community Center every Tuesday. Classes will be held at the Acworth Community Center (4361 Cherokee Street Acworth 30101).

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Elevate your metabolism by moving rhythmically to music. Strengthen and tighten muscles using free weights. Classes will be at the Acworth Community Center every Thursday. Classes will be held at the Acworth Community Center (4361 Cherokee Street Acworth 30101). On Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Free-Resident/\$15- Non-Resident

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Work on improving core strength and balance, for beginners. Classes will be at the Acworth Community Center every Thursday. Classes will be held at the Acworth Community Center (4361 Cherokee Street Acworth 30101). On Thursdays - 4:15 p.m - 5:00 p.m. Free-Resident/\$15- Non-Resident.

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**BREAKFAST WITH THE GRINCH**

He's been on the naughty list but he's trying to be nice. The Acworth Parks, Recreation, and Community Resource Department is excited to host Breakfast with the Grinch presented by Waffle House at the Acworth Community Center again on Saturday, December 9, 2023. Enjoy breakfast while the Grinch visits 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. Tickets are \$20 each or \$160 for a table of eight. Space is limited and you must register each person attending or reserve a table for the whole family! visit: [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

**CHRISTMAS IN ACWORTH**

Come see Santa in Historic Downtown Acworth! Santa will be celebrating the season at Depot Park on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Families are welcome to stop by, visit, and take pictures. Pictures are free of charge. Make sure to bring your own camera to capture this special moment, as no photographer will be on-site. There will also be free horse & carriage rides downtown to enjoy for a wonderfully festive afternoon. We hope to see you this holiday season for Christmas in Acworth! Christmas in Acworth is proudly sponsored by the Acworth Downtown Development Authority. [www.visitacworth.com](http://www.visitacworth.com)



**LIGHT UP MAIN PARADE**

Coming Wednesday, December 20, 2023: Join Acworth for its annual Light Up Main Golf Cart Parade! Participation is free, but registration is required to join the parade line-up. Register at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org). 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 a 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!

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The fourth annual North Cobb Christian School Lower School Storybook STEAM Parade keeps getting BIGGER and even MORE impressive every year! This year's parade featured floats, balloons, artwork, instruments, and so much MORE -- all engineered and created by our K3 through 4th-grade students, inspired by their favorite books.

NCCS Head of School Todd Clingman and Lower School Assistant Principal Patrick McDonald commented the parade this year (watch out, Al Roker). As you might expect, the corny jokes were rollin'. (Our fave said by Mr. Clingman: "I used to be addicted to the Hokey Pokey, but I turned myself around.")

Highlights included the NCCS drum line (so good!), real-life Lightning McQueen, and our resident Christmas Elf bringing up the caboose to usher in the Christmas season!

Another grand highlight was the Rose Bowl Parade-inspired 7-foot-tall float made by our 4th grade students, featuring 3,000 handmade flowers as a tribute to 9/11.

After the parade, pie and cake was enjoyed by all before heading into Thanksgiving break. We are THANKFUL for all of the students and teachers who used their innovation to pull off this spectacular parade! Such an impressive array of talent and creativity!



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**NORTH COBB LADIES WIN THE GEORGIA 7A STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP!**

At one point during the season, the North Cobb Warriors volleyball team ran off 18 consecutive wins, however, that streak would come to an end at the hands of the Walton Raiders, the very team they faced on Saturday for the Georgia High School Association Class 7A state championship. With both teams riding win streaks heading into Saturday's showdown, to no surprise, the opening set was a close contest down to the finish as neither team had more than a two point lead throughout the entire set. And while the two teams battled to the finish, the Warriors came out on top to take set one 25-23. (photo courtesy of Lake Point Sports)

**CONGRATS TO NORTH COBB WARRIORS 2023 ALL-STATE PLAYERS!**

Nikol Antova - Senior All-Star Game Selection, Olivia Boyle, Sarah Boyle, Carys Sanabria, Hannah Nicholson. Players selected received their awards at the 2023 GVCA Senior All-Star Game on Sunday, November 12.





**ATLANTA CLASSICAL ACADEMY SCHOOL NEWS**

Liberty Classical Schools presented a discussion with Dr. Bernice A. King, CEO of the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change and Dr. Anika T. Prather, Johns Hopkins University Professor and Classical Education Scholar, on the importance of a classical education and the impact on non-violence work. The discussion took place on Tuesday, October 24 at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University. Students are pictured with Dr. Bernice King, sitting, center.



**GIRLS AND BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS PLACE FIRST**

In November Atlanta Classical Academy's boys' and girls' cross-country teams both placed first at the GHSA state cross-country championship. The final day of the competition took place on November 3rd. The girls' team repeated their state championship win in Class A Division II. This is the boys' first team win in program history.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**ANNELISA BELLACK  
AWTREY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Cobb's District Level Teachers of the Year picked up the keys to the new cars they will be driving for the next year. Each year, the Ed Voyles Automotive Group provides new cars for Cobb's District Level Teacher of the Year winners. This year, the drivers of the new cars are Dr. Elizabeth Goff, Bells Ferry Elementary; Annelisa Bellack, Awtrey Middle School; and Suzette Spinelli, Lassiter High School.



**ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING**

Congrats to Allatoona girls wrestling team for finishing 5th out 23 teams at the Creekview Invitational at Creekview high school on December 1st. Five girls represented Allatoona and the team placed 5th. Pretty amazing. Winners are: Brook French placed 1st 120LB; Irish Ritchie placed 1st 135LB; Chloe Wyatt placed 3rd 145LB; Leona Achile placed 4th 190LB

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## STAR OF BETHLEHEM

BY MARLON LONGACRE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR, PIEDMONT CHURCH

"After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was." Matthew 2:9

Wise people still search for Jesus. What are you going to find this Christmas? You are going to find what you are looking for. The Bible says, "Seek and you shall find." There is no better time than Christmas to become a seeker like the wise men were. Wise people still seek Christ.

What I love most about the Star of Bethlehem is that it shows how God went out of his way to help those who really wanted to find Jesus.

Every Christmas Eve, I have a tradition that I follow. After my wife Libby and the boys go to bed, I just sit on the couch and stare at the star that is at the top of our tree. What I do is just thank God for all the stars that He put in my life that pointed me to Jesus.

I am so grateful that God blessed me great parents who made all my Christmas mornings special. I thank Him for all the teachers who invested in me, who saw something in me that was worth their time and energy. I thank Him for all my Sunday School teachers, Vacation Bible School teachers, athletic coaches, college professors, adult Christians that cared enough about me to point me in the right direction toward Jesus.

I thank God for the opportunities that He gives me to pay it forward and be a star in someone else's life. So many people around us have lost their direction and need a star to point them to where Jesus is.

I pray this Christmas that you will honor the stars that God placed in your life by being a star this Christmas to those who are in need.

At Piedmont that is what our Love Does program is all about. We try to be a star for those in need. There are so many ways to be a star each Christmas. There are so many great charities in Cobb that do so many wonderful things for those in need. For the first time ever, I am going to ring the bells for the Salvation Army. I have always wanted to do that.

One community project that Piedmont is helping with this December is the KSU Cares program for the homeless students at Kennesaw State. Can you believe that? Homeless College Students! Many of those homeless students are Foster Kids who have aged out and have nowhere to go. At Piedmont we have already sent food to restock the food pantry that is in the Carmichael Student Center and we help raise funds to purchase meal plans.

Love begins with your eyes. Please this Christmas look for ways to be a star in someone's life and help point them to Jesus!



## LOVE DOES THANKSGIVING BAGS

I want to thank all of you who served God by serving others by supporting October and November's Love Does project. We have delivered over 400 Thanksgiving dinner bags including 100 Love Does Grocery Bags to Acworth Elementary, 50 bags to KSU (Kennesaw State University) Cares to help with homeless college students, 41 bags to the Storehouse Ministries food pantry. All of this is possible because of your commitment to serving God by serving others. Your financial donation Love Does has bought turkeys for all the bags that were given to schools.

*Thank you, Marlon*

## COSMETOLOGY PROGRAM ADDED TO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF SKIN, NAIL CARE AND MASSAGE THERAPY

The Bright Side welcomes Pam Jones and her new Cosmetology Program available for all interested students who wish to learn Cosmetology. The school is just a short drive to Sandy Springs and offers, Day, and Evening schedules. The school is Accredited and Licensed. Financial Aid is available for those that qualify. For more information about the school call 404-843-1005 EXT-113 or visit their website at [www.issnmtschool.com](http://www.issnmtschool.com).

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## WHY ISRAEL MATTERS TO CHRISTIANS

BY PASTOR PERRY FOWLER  
KENNESAW FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

- Jesus was born in Israel
- Mary and Joseph were from Israel
- Jesus was baptized in Israel
- Jesus fasted 40 days in the wilderness of Israel
- Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount in Israel
- All of the original 12 Apostles were from Israel
- All of the miracles of Jesus were performed in Israel
- The Last Supper occurred in Israel
- The betrayal of Jesus occurred in Israel
- Jesus prayed, "Not my will but thine be done" in Israel
- Jesus was crucified in Israel
- Jesus died in Israel
- Jesus was buried in Israel
- Jesus rose from the dead in Israel
- Jesus ascended back to heaven from Israel
- The Holy Spirit was first poured out at Pentecost in Israel
- The Church was born in Israel
- The first sermons of the church were preached in Israel
- The first miracles of the Apostles were performed in Israel
- The first baptisms occurred in Israel
- The first missionaries to the nations were sent out from Israel
- When Jesus returns He will return to Israel

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### MENORAH LIGHTINGS



#### CITY OF ACWORTH MENORAH LIGHTING, DECEMBER 2022

All three of our communities have a Menorah Lighting Ceremony planned, each on a different day. See below.

#### COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING - MARIETTA

Our community is invited to join Congregation Ner Tamid, Marietta for a Menorah lighting on the Glover Park Stage at Marietta Square. The lighting is Sunday Dec 10 at 6:30 pm. The event will be led by Rabbi Joseph Prass, Marietta Square, 50 Park Square, Marietta 678-264-8575.

#### ACWORTH'S MENORAH LIGHTING

The City of Acworth invites everyone to join us for our 11th Annual Menorah Lighting Ceremony on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Logan Farm Park. Rabbi Zalman Charytan from the Chabad Jewish Center will officiate the lighting with Mayor Tommy Allegood.

#### KENNESAW'S MENORAH LIGHTING

Join the City of Kennesaw, in partnership with Chabad of Kennesaw, for the Menorah Lighting in Depot Park on Wednesday, December 13, at 5:30 PM. The eight day Jewish holiday commemorates the Jewish Maccabees' military victory over Syrian-Greek oppression more than 2,000 years ago. During Hanukkah, Jews across the world celebrate the miracle of light that burnt for eight days out of a single-day worth of oil found in the Temple. One Hanukkah candle is lit the first night and an additional candle is lit each successive night. The holiday is a celebration of religious freedom and hope.

#### HOW MUCH WATER AND WHEN

I knew that a minimum of water is needed to help remove toxins from the body. What I didn't know is that drinking water at a certain time maximizes its effectiveness in the body, and the right time to drink it:

- 2 glasses of water after waking up; helps activate internal organs.
- 1 glass of water 30 minutes before meals helps digestion.
- 1 glass of water before taking a bath helps to lower blood pressure.
- 1 glass of water before going to bed prevents strokes or heart attacks.

I might also add, my doctor said that bedtime water also helps prevent leg cramps. Leg muscles need hydration and therefore slumps wake you up. The cardiologist said share this with your loved ones, several lives can and will be saved.

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McKenna Farms Therapy Services specializes in helping special needs children use Equine Therapy to further their speech, mental development, and more. While on the horse, children may open up, may sense their surroundings in a new perspective, moving along with the horses, who are super sweet and have their own personalities.

We have openings for Feeders, Sidewalkers, Leaders and more!

McKenna Farms is a non-profit that provides high-quality and comprehensive physical, occupational, and speech therapy to children in a family-centered location. We are on 30 acres of farmland bordering Paulding and Cobb counties. Our campus includes, among other things, offices and therapy cottages, a sensory room, outdoor and indoor arenas, a sensory trail, and a barn that houses eighteen horses.

Please come to one of McKenna's Volunteer Orientations. You can reach us at [volunteer@mckennafarms.org](mailto:volunteer@mckennafarms.org) and see what we are about and get ready to begin a rewarding, happy and fulfilling experience! Our website is [www.mckennafarms.org](http://www.mckennafarms.org), call 770 443-9672, and thank you and we hope to see you soon!

### 12TH ANNUAL MILITARY TOY DRIVE

The Think Melissa Team is collecting toys and gift cards for the older children (examples: Walmart gift card, Target gift card, pre-paid Visa, etc.) to support our local military families in the Georgia National Guard.

Please help spread the word! If you are making a cash donation, please allow time for our elves to shop. You do not have to be local to participate!

Please join us in our gratitude mission by giving our nation's youngest heroes the most amazing Christmas they could imagine!

Click the below link to view our Amazon wish list, if you prefer to have items shipped directly to us: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/33W344OT6CSKH...>

Cash donations are needed by 12/08/2023 so we can shop. The other donations deadline is Wednesday morning, 12/13/2023.

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

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### VIRGINIA GAYLE DESPAIN OBITUARY

#### WE KNOW HER AS GAYLE!

Virginia Gayle DeSpain of Kennesaw Georgia, age 79, passed away on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. Gayle was born in Chickamauga, Georgia, and was a longtime business owner in Kennesaw during the 1970's and 80's. She co-owned and operated Calico Corners, as well as Appletree Antiques, and was one of the first members of the Kennesaw Business Association. Gayle, along with Carol Thompson, Linda Spence, and Dr. Frank Boone, helped start Kennesaw Old Fashioned Trade Days, now known as The Big Shanty Festival.

Gayle is survived by her husband, Larry E. DeSpain; her sons Chris DeSpain (Lisa), and Scott DeSpain (Tracy); her grandchildren Amber Tierney (Austin) and Casey DeSpain (Zane); extended family, and many friends.

In lieu of flowers and cards, donations may be made in Gayle's memory to Mostly Mutts at [mostlymutts.org](http://mostlymutts.org), or to your favorite animal rescue organization.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.winkenhofepineridgefuneralhome.com](http://www.winkenhofepineridgefuneralhome.com) for the DeSpain family.





## MARIETTA CITY NEWS



### MARIETTA PICTURES WITH SANTA

Santa and his elves are so excited to see you! This year, you'll find Santa in front of a beautiful Christmas backdrop at the Marietta History Center this season, with the beloved Hadley's Photography team ready to capture your family's memories. Santa and his elves have spent all year carefully planning an extra special Christmas this holiday season. We've taken every step to make sure your photos with Santa will fit right in with the years' past. We are unable to take walk-ups, so we've made it simple to schedule your visit with Santa. Book your appointment on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/mariettasquarewinterwonderland/>. Reservations are limited, so book your spot as soon as possible. For more holiday fun visit Marietta Square Winter Wonderland website.

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### CONGRATULATIONS LADIES CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

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The principal treated our Cross Country boys and girls to IHOP this morning for their success at the Georgia High School Association Cross Country State Championships over the weekend. We're so proud of our Blue Devils!



### TREEKEEPERS - SAT DEC 9

Give back to your community and get some good exercise by coming out and joining us for our December Scavenger 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, December 9, 2023 at 9:00am. This planting will be a scavenger hunt where the volunteers will be given clues to find the trees that they will plant. Tools and refreshments provided. Dress for outdoor weather

The City of Marietta Maintenance Building (near Lewis Park) and the link to Lewis Park is <http://www.marietta.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Lewis-Park-22>

### POP-IN AT THE MARIETTA HISTORY CENTER: HOLIDAY CRAFTS

The Marietta History Center will be hosting its monthly Pop-In event on Saturday, December 16th from 10am-4pm. This is a monthly event that takes place on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Pop-In's provide children and their families the opportunity to interact with the museum through themed activities and crafts. Join us in, December for crafts and activities geared towards aviation. Pop-In for Family Fun is generously sponsored by Cauthorn, Nohr, and Sanders. This sponsorship allows this program to be FREE for all to enjoy.

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### CHATT TECH AND KENNESAW STATE LAUNCH LINK PROGRAM

Many college students in the Metro Atlanta area begin their goal of earning a bachelor's degree by first taking courses at Chattahoochee Technical College and then transferring into Kennesaw State University, the third largest university in Georgia. Now making this transfer process even better for students is the new LINK program, an academic bridge from Chatt Tech to Kennesaw State.

College officials from Kennesaw State and Chattahoochee Tech met at the Chatt Tech North Metro Campus on Tuesday, Nov. 14, to formally launch the LINK program with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Transfer Articulation Agreement. This initiative represents a valuable college partnership, which empowers students to transition seamlessly from Chatt Tech to Kennesaw State. Through the new LINK program, students are encouraged to first complete 30 credit hours at Chatt Tech representing 10 classes of General Education courses. Then these students apply as a transfer student to Kennesaw State with a solid foundation of courses that transfer seamlessly into Kennesaw State programs of study.

Chattahoochee Tech students who enroll in the LINK program will receive professional academic advising at Chatt Tech and have access to a transfer evaluation counselor from Kennesaw State. Beginning college at Chatt Tech allows students to explore interests, complete general education requirements, and ease into the college experience. Chatt Tech students in the LINK program who complete transferable credit hours with a 2.0 or higher GPA will have their Kennesaw State application fee waived, and their Chatt Tech transcripts will be released to KSU for free. In a practice known as reverse transfer, credits earned at Kennesaw State also can be applied toward possible associate degrees awarded by Chatt Tech.

The MOU and Articulation Agreement was entered into between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Kennesaw State University, and Chattahoochee Tech, a Unit of the Technical College System of Georgia. For more information about the new LINK program, visit the Chattahoochee Tech and Kennesaw State websites at: <https://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/link-new-student/> or <https://www.kennesaw.edu/admissions/undergraduate/bridge-program.php>

Pictured above: Chatt Tech President Dr. Ron Newcome and KSU Associate Provost, Sheb True.

### 6 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH SERIOUSLY

STAN POPOVICH

Many people underestimate the impact that mental illness can have on an individual or family. It can be difficult to admit that you have a mental health problem in your life. Secondly, it can be just as difficult in getting the people you know to understand your situation without making any kinds of judgments.

As a result, here are six reasons why you should make your mental health an important priority in your life.

1. Your situation will improve if you get help: Your anxieties and fears can be challenging to manage and more than likely you will need some help. Just as you talk to your doctor about your regular health, you should not be hesitant in seeking help for your mental health. If left untreated, your anxieties and fears may not go away.

2. Drugs and alcohol are not the answer: Drugs and alcohol can make your problems more complicated. Many people have said that drugs and alcohol will only add more problems to your situation. Be smart and learn how to cope with your mental health issues by talking to a qualified professional. There are many health professionals in your area that can give you some ideas on where you can go for assistance.

3. You will save time and money: Eventually, you will have to confront your fears and mental health issues. Save yourself the time and heartache and confront your problems now rather than later. You will save months of struggling by getting help right away. The sooner you get assistance the faster you will start getting some relief.

4. You are not alone: Everyone deals with fear, stress, and anxiety in one's life whether your friends and others care to admit it. In addition, do not be embarrassed that you are getting help. We all learn new things from others on a daily basis and learning how to manage your anxieties is no different. In addition, your goal is to get your life back on track and not to get everyone's approval. If people start asking you questions, just say your dealing with stress. Most people can relate to dealing with stress and anxiety!

5. Do not make the mistake of doing nothing: There are many people who struggled with anxiety and other mental health related issues, and they tried to ignore their problems. As a result, some of these people struggled on a daily basis and eventually things became more difficult. It can be scary asking for assistance, but the key is to take things one day at a time.

6. You have a variety of options: There are many mental health support groups, organizations, and counselors in your area that can help get your life back on track. Talk to your doctor to get more details on where you can go for some assistance. Help is available but you must be willing to make the choice of getting better. Remember that every problem has a solution. You just have to make the effort to find the answers.

Stan's website at <http://www.managingfear.com>





**TASTE OF KENNESAW WINNERS**

Fantastic weather, thirty three restaurants serving wonderful food and crowds of folks made downtown Kennesaw an exciting place to be on Saturday Nov 4. The 2023 Superior Plumbing Taste of Kennesaw was held in Downtown Kennesaw, Georgia on Main Street on November 4, 2023 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Pictured above are the winners: 1-r Best Appetizer, Firefly Catering; Best Decorated Booth, Mezzo Luna Pasta and Seafood, KBA President, Kevin Jabbari, Best Presentation: Forks and Flavor; Best Dessert: 1885 Grill; Best Entree: Copelands.

In addition to the above winners, the Superior Plumbing Taste of Kennesaw also awarded three honorable mentions. They went to: Entree Aloha Poke, Island Style Jerk an Tingz; Appetizer: Fern Gully Jamaica Cafe, Meat Pie, Appetizer: Tony's BBQ Experience, Pork Belly



A team of six secret shoppers visited all 33 food booths to taste a variety of delicious foods - entrees, desserts, appetizers, along with best over all food presentation and best decorated booth. A great big thank you goes out to these six shoppers for a job well done. Hats off to Milad Jabbari, Emma Glen, Tammy Everhart, Kim Moore, David Bell, Stormi Kenney. As one of the team members told me, "It was so fun!! I didn't mind, just had to fast the next day."

A great big thank you to Pierre R. Michael, Head Shots and Beyond, for taking a ton of photos and helping me identify the winners. Hats off to Michael Everhart, Chair of the Taste of Kennesaw.

The Kennesaw Business Association and the City of Kennesaw invited you and your family to sample over 33 local restaurants from the Kennesaw and Cobb County area. What a great way to sample all your favorite restaurants again and again!

Admission to the Taste was FREE with food samples costing \$1.00 to \$10.00 each. Visitors could grab an adult beverage from the Beer Garden and sit back relax, while they listened to live music and watched the game on the Taste's 8' x 15' screen. Or they could walk around and sample delicious food from restaurants including including Aloha Poke, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Copelands, Governor's Gun Club, Bernie's, Williamson Brothers BBQ, 1885 Grill, Birdie's Wings & many more!

Visitors also had the opportunity to Stroll the Georgia Grown Member Village and discover fresh and unique finds for yourself and everyone on your Christmas list. There were a wide variety of children's activities from a Quad Bungee, Rockwall, inflatable slides, bounces, and much more.

The Taste of Kennesaw benefits these five local charities. Shop with a Mustang; Shop with a Warrior; Shop with a Longhorn; Jerry Worthan Community Christmas Fund and Tommy Nobis Center.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, or a sponsor of this event in 2024, we suggest you visit JRM Management.com. For additional information please call JRM Management Services at 770-423-1330

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