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The Taste of Acworth 2025 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.

"KEEP MOVING FORWARD" SUPPORT WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

BY: MARY LOU CAGLE, CONTRIBUTING EDITOR, MARIETTA, GA

The theme for Wreaths Across America 2025 is "Keep Moving Forward". This theme was inspired by the final words spoken by U.S. Army Captain, Joshua Byers, who was killed in action in Iraq, 2003. On July 23, 2003 as the company was getting ready to move from AR Ramadi to AL Fallujah, Josh was the lead vehicle of the convoy. About two miles out of AL Fallujah an IED was detonated and struck the Humvee that he was in along with three other soldiers and his interpreter. As the smoke was filling the air Josh gave a last command to his driver to "Keep Moving Forward." This command saved lives. Josh was 29 years old. Josh told his family before he deployed "there is no better way to die than in service to my beloved country."



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

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.

This year the National Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, December 13, 2025. You can be a part of this along with two million (2,000,000) volunteers and supporters who will gather to Remember, Honor and Teach at more than 4,600 locations in all 50 states, at sea, and abroad.

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, GA, use code GANCCA; for the Marietta National Cemetery, the code is GAMNCM.

Pictured is Mary's great-great-nephew helping place wreaths during National Wreaths Across America.

TRACY STYF NAMED AS ONE OF GEORGIA'S TOP 100 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN BY ENGINEERING GEORGIA MAGAZINE



For the eighth year in a row, Tracy Styf, Executive Director of the Town Center Community Improvement District (CID), has been named to the Top 100 Influential Women to Know list by Engineering Georgia.

Celebrated for her strategic insights and visionary leadership, Styf has directed millions of dollars annually into projects that improve infrastructure, transportation, parks and public spaces in the district. Collaborating with local, state- and federal partners, she has secured more than \$130 million in grant funding to turn big ideas into reality in Cobb County.

Her achievements include the South Barrett Reliever, easing regional congestion, and the National award-winning Skip Spann Connector, Cobb County's first lighted bridge and a landmark for Kennesaw State University.

Town Center Community Alliance, the CID's nonprofit partner, which has delivered signature green spaces like Aviation Park and the Bells Ferry Trailhead, was conceived by Styf. She also launched Georgia's first CID-operated bikeshare program, which quickly became a model for the state after setting national ridership records.

Known for building an inclusive culture, she leads an all-woman staff and mentors young professionals as they step into leadership roles.

Through teamwork and a commitment to results, Tracy Styf is helping shape Town Center into a welcoming destination to live, work and visit.

Edit Note: As we were finishing this paper, Tracy Styf was named Smyrna's Citizen of the Year by the Cobb Chamber of Commerce Congratulations Tracy Styf..



ENJOY THE FALL AT PAWSFEST PRESENTED BY THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF BLUE RIDGE

Blue Ridge, GA – The Humane Society of Blue Ridge is thrilled to announce their first annual PAWSFEST, a family and fur-friendly event happening on Saturday, October 18th from Noon to 8:00 PM at the Blue Ridge Farmer's Market.

This exciting, outdoor pet friendly beer and music festival is set to bring together pet and music lovers, families, and the local community for a day filled with fun, entertainment, and, of course, plenty of furry friends!

PAWSFEST will feature vendors, food trucks, beer & wine, a parade of pets, a blessing of pets, pet costume contest, a dog agility course, interactive demonstrations, games, silent auction, pumpkin carving contest, and of course amazing music!

The festival will feature live music from 1pm to 8pm from the talented groups Far 2 Fresh, Loose Shoes Band and the Celebrity AllStar Band! The Celebrity Allstars Band is comprised of former members of Earth Wind & Fire, Eagles, Billy Joel, Stevie Wonder, Janet Jackson, Garth Brooks and more! This will be a musical day to remember so put on your dancing shoes and join us for a great time for a great cause.

Whether you're here for the food, the music, or to support a great cause, PAWSFEST will offer something for everyone!

Tickets are available as follows:

Adults: \$10 (at the gate or ahead of time online). No refunds if you purchase tickets ahead of time; Children 12 & under: FREE

VIP Tickets: \$75 (Includes dinner by General Ledger, drink tickets, and private seating close to the stage for an elevated festival experience available 4pm - 8pm. VIP tickets must be purchased in advance)

To purchase Adult and VIP tickets go to our link: <https://givebutter.com/PAWSFEST2> All proceeds support the Humane Society of Blue Ridge's mission to care for, shelter, and find homes for animals in need within the community.

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BRETT MCINTYRE

Please join Helping One Guy in honoring
Brett McIntyre and his family on Tuesday,
October 14, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00pm at
Freedom Church. Dinner will be served,
catered by Olive Garden. Doors open at
6:00pm. Freedom Church is located at 3611
Cobb Pkwy NW, Acworth, GA 30101.

The dinner is provided at no charge to
attendees, and HOG will be raising money
to help Brett and his family. At age 43, he is
the proud father of four children and has been
married to his wife, Alicia, for 13 years. Life
took a major turn when Alicia was diagnosed
with Stage four colon cancer that has spread

to her liver. Brett has adjusted his work and daily responsibilities to focus on caring for her
and supporting their family. With Alicia no longer able to work or drive, Brett shifted into
part-time work and scaled back his real estate business. Despite these challenges, he and Alicia
remain dedicated to giving their four children as much normalcy as possible, ensuring they
continue to participate in activities like football and baseball.

Brett and his family have lifted up others in their hardest moments: now it's our turn to lift
them. Reserve your dinner and make a donation at HelpingOneGuy.org.

KSU NAMES RARE BOOK MUSEUM FOR ROBERT B. WILLIAMS



On the 40th anniversary of
its founding, Kennesaw State
University's Department of
Museums, Archives, and Rare Books
announced the naming of the Robert
B. Williams Rare Book Museum
honoring a longtime benefactor and
administrator.

The former director of Horace
W. Sturgis Library, Williams' career
as a Kennesaw State administrator
spanned from 1986 to 2009. His
personal cash, in-kind, and planned
giving to KSU are well into the
seven-figures and include thousands

of rare books and signature artifacts.

Originally called the Bentley Rare Book Gallery in 1986 and named for Marietta lawyer
Fred Bentley Sr. and his wife, Sara, the collection has grown dramatically in 40 years. In
addition to the Bentleys, KSU has had other notable donors, however, it is the many donations
from Robert B. Williams that has given the collection its distinct identity and central purpose.

"In 2017, the Rare Book Gallery transitioned to a museum with more than 10,000 items,"
Curator JoyEllen Williams said. "They range from Sumerian clay tablets and medieval
manuscript leaves to modern fine press books and literary first editions."

The museum's mission is to build a collection that documents the history of books in the
English-speaking world from significant historical periods. There are several signature pieces
in the museum, including:

- A 1502 edition of Dante's Divine Comedy annotated by a sixteenth-century Italian reader.
- A rare copy of the Declaration of Independence from the 1840s.
- A world-class collection of early printed works by Geoffrey Chaucer.
- A notable Shakespeare collection, including a 1685 Fourth Folio and excerpts of a 1632 Second Folio.

Williams' gift ensures that the museum will continue to offer rich and engaging educational
opportunities for generations to come.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to the Bentleys, who helped start the collection, and the Bentley
Rare Book Gallery will remain a prominent part of the museum," said Tamara Livingston,
executive director of Museums, Archives & Rare Books. "The naming of the museum after
Bob Williams promises to be a very exciting next chapter in the museum's history."

The Williams Rare Book Museum is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is located in the
Horace W. Sturgis Library at 385 Cobb Ave., NW, Kennesaw, Georgia and is free and open to the public.

Pictured above is Andrew Bramlett, Student assistant at the Department of Museums, Archives,
and Rare Books with Robert Williams on the right. Andrew also writes a column for the Bright Side
every month.

JOIN US

LIFE IN THE CEMETERY' TOUR

BY ANDREW BRAMLETT



The 'Life in
the Cemetery'
Tour is an annual
guided historical
walking tour. This
fundraising event
is sponsored by the
Kennesaw Cemetery
Preservation

Foundation, a
501(c)3, dedicated

to the preservation and restoration of the city's
cemetery. The event is co-sponsored by the
City of Kennesaw Cemetery Preservation
Commission. This year's tour will be held
the weekend before Halloween, Friday,
October 23rd thru Sunday, October 25th.
Tickets can be purchased at this link: [https://
events.cobbcountytx.com/events/life-in-the-
cemetery-tour-2025](https://events.cobbcountytx.com/events/life-in-the-cemetery-tour-2025)

During this year's event, attendees will
be introduced to cemetery residents who "put
Kennesaw on the map." Names like Lewis
Street, Watts Drive, Chalker Elementary,
Summers Street, Jiles Road, and Adams
Park are very familiar, but do you know the
origins of these place names? The residents
of the cemetery featured on this year's tour
are connected to the local individuals whose
names we pass by every day, but do not often
know who they were.

This one-hour walking tour, where the last
tour each day is after dark, covers a variety
of uneven surfaces. These include dirt, grass
and grass hills, asphalt and/or gravel roads.
Attendees will be required to navigate around
headstones and small walls surrounding some
family plots. This tour is not recommended
for those with wheelchairs, walkers, crutches,
mobility or balance challenges. (An online tour
is available at kennesawcemetery.org.) Pets
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CANDY CRAWL IS THE PLACE TO BE

Downtown Kennesaw is the place to be for a frightfully fun afternoon! The annual Candy Crawl is back on Saturday, October 25, from Noon to 5 PM.

Kids (and kids at heart) can trick-or-treat with local businesses, play carnival-style games, snap pumpkin-perfect photos, and explore the festive Scarecrows on Main displays. New this year: we're crawling on Saturday afternoon, giving families more time to enjoy their favorite downtown stops.

Put on your best costume, grab your candy bucket, and hit the streets for treats and fall fun. Games will be available in the Main Street Plaza. While candy stops are free, some activities (like bounce houses) may be pay-to-play.

Whether you're here for the sweets, the scarecrows, or the seasonal charm, the Candy Crawl is your ticket to a festive fall day in Downtown Kennesaw.

And the fun doesn't stop there — stick around after dark for a free outdoor movie night at the United Bankshares Amphitheater in Depot Park. The classic sci-fi film "Invaders from Mars" starts at 7:30 PM. Bring blankets and chairs, grab a bite from on-site vendors, and enjoy a festive fall evening under the stars.

The Candy Crawl is hosted by Kennesaw Downtown Merchants, and the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority. The movie is hosted by Kennesaw Park and Recreation..

COME DECORATE DOWNTOWN KENNESAW FOR CHRISTMAS

Participants in the Holiday Extravaganza will receive a 6-foot artificial, unlit tree and a metal stake for display in Depot Park. All other decorations must be supplied by the participant. Solar-powered lights are allowed; electricity will not be provided.

Trees will be decorated between Saturday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 30, and must be removed by Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026. Trees will remain City property and should not be removed.

All decorations must be securely attached and suitable for public display. Participants are responsible for regularly maintaining their tree. The application deadline is Sunday, Nov. 16. The participation fee is \$25. Space is limited to 75 trees.



VETERANS LUNCHEON NOV. 7

The City of Kennesaw will honor the service of military members, past and present, with a complimentary lunch at noon Friday, Nov. 7, at the Ben Robertson Community Center, 2753 Watts Drive. All veterans and active-duty military are invited to attend. No identification will be required. A brief program will include acknowledgments from Mayor Derek Easterling, a special guest speaker, a presentation of colors and a POW/MIA recognition ceremony. Guests are welcome.

For more information, visit kennesawparksandrec.org or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at 770-422-9714.

SMITH GILBERT GARDENS' HARVEST GATHERING

Smith-Gilbert Gardens will host Harvest Gathering: A Garden to Table Dining Experience on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. Guests will enjoy a curated three-course dinner with wine pairings by Executive Chef Lauren McCormick of 1885 Grill, inspired by fresh, seasonal and locally sourced ingredients.



A limited number of VIP tickets are available. VIP admission includes reserved seating, early access to the gardens from 4 to 5 p.m., a beverage of choice and a private guided tour with Executive Director Dave Simpson.

The menu features a roasted beet and goat cheese salad paired with pinot noir; a family-style entrée of filet mignon with sweet potato mash and roasted vegetables paired with cabernet; and a plated cheesecake dessert with apple and pear topping paired with sauvignon blanc. A cash bar will be available for additional beverages.

All proceeds benefit the Smith-Gilbert Gardens Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports horticultural and educational programming.

The foundation works in public-private partnership with the City of Kennesaw to maintain the gardens' collections, support growth and connect children to nature and art. Garden staff will host informational booths with opportunities for guests to contribute further to the mission.

Tickets are \$125 for general admission and \$150 for VIP. Attire is autumnal casual elegance. Parking is available in the main lot off Pine Mountain Road, with handicap-accessible parking located inside the gardens behind the Hiram Butler House. Guests are encouraged to consider rideshare or carpooling. This rain-or-shine event has limited seating and no refunds.

Ticket Reservations are available online at <https://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/harvest-gathering-2025/>.

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The Marietta Cobb Museum of Art is proud to present Chalktoberfest 2025, a unique Chalk Art Festival and Craft Beer Festival. Enjoy your afternoon sampling craft beers, live music from local artists, watching professional Chalk Artists chalk the streets and eating great food at the beautiful downtown square of Marietta. A great day out for all the family, the Chalk Fest is free to attend. All proceeds benefit the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art and its mission of building community through art

VISIT <https://mariettacobbartmuseum.org/> for more information. The museum is located 30 Atlanta Street, SE Marietta, GA 30060



ACWORTH SCARECROW PARADE

The Acworth Downtown Development Authority proudly presents the 14th annual Acworth Scarecrow Parade! Take a trip down Main Street this October to ooh and ahh over all of the creative displays decorating Downtown Acworth for fall! Local businesses, schools, and non-profit organizations will parade their scarecrows STARTING NOW, until Monday, November 3, so don't miss it! www.visitacworth.com.

Pictured above: The Crazy Book Store Book Fairy Scarecrow. Be sure to drive up Main Street and see our visiting Scarecrows. Quite clever.

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NEWCOMERS CLUB

The Newcomers Club of Cobb County meets at 10:00 a.m. on the third Tuesday of most months and has other activities thought the month. www.newcomersofcobbcounty.com for the location of the next meeting or activity. Those NEW to Cobb or just looking for NEW friends and activities are invited to join us.

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**The key to adjusting
is a sense of humor.**
Marlon Longacre

WARRIOR WRESTLING INVITATIONAL

North Cobb High School is hosting their 9th Annual Wrestling Warrior Invitational for Varsity Boys and Girls. This event will be held in the Arena (seats 3,000) with six mats engaged throughout the event. This kicks off the 2025-26 wrestling season for our high schools. To date, 26 high schools are bringing their wrestling teams. The event starts at 9:00 am.



Taste of Kennesaw Saturday November 1

The Kennesaw Business Association and the City of Kennesaw invite you and your family to sample over 30 local restaurants from the Kennesaw and Cobb County area. Who doesn't like to eat? This is a great way to sample all your favorite restaurants again and again!

Admission to the Taste is FREE with food samples costing \$1.00 to \$10.00 each. Grab an adult beverage from the Beer Garden & sample delicious food from restaurants including Solacito Lindo, Nagel's Bagels, Alumni Cookie Dough, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Bernie's, Williamson Brothers BBQ, 1885 Grill, & many more!

BEER GARDEN: Visit the Beer Garden- sit back, relax, listen to live music and enjoy an adult beverage and watch the big game on a great fall day!

GEORGIA GROWN MEMBERS VILLAGE: Stroll the Georgia Grown Member Village and discover fresh and unique finds for yourself and everyone on your Christmas list.

There will be 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 KSU Cares Charities

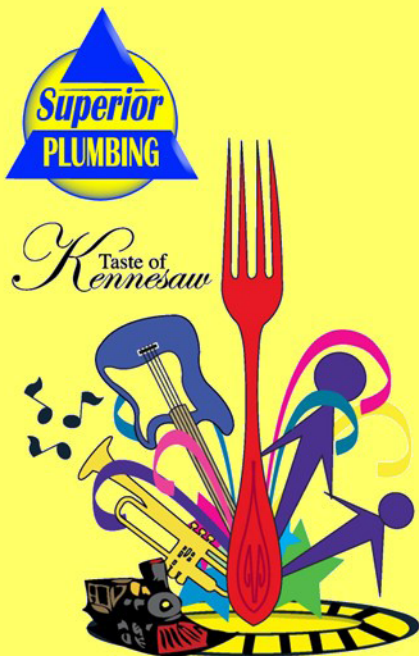
The 2025 Superior Plumbing Taste of Kennesaw will be held in Downtown Kennesaw, Georgia on Main Street on November 1, 2025 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

PARKING:

Parking will be available throughout the downtown area as well as Adams Park and First Baptist Church of Kennesaw. Handicap parking will be in the Handicap parking lot on Main and Moonstation

Interested in becoming a vendor, or sponsoring this event? Visit JRMManagement.com/taste-events.html. For additional information please call JRM Management Services at 770-423-1330

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ANNUAL CONSTITUTION WEEK HONORED

At the Thursday, September 4 regular city council meeting, Mayor Allegood presented the annual Constitution Week Proclamation to members of the Liberty Hill Chapter DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution). Constitution Week will be recognized September 17-23, whereas September 17 marks the two hundred and thirty-eighth anniversary of its drafting, and citizens are encouraged to learn more about this important document which stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties, freedoms, and inalienable rights and is the basis for America's heritage and the foundation of its way of life.

TIM RICHARDSON ANNOUNCES RUN FOR REELECTION AS ACWORTH ALDERMAN

ACWORTH – Longtime Acworth leader Tim Richardson has announced his candidacy for reelection to the Post 4 seat on the Acworth Board of Aldermen. A 45-year resident of the city, Richardson is completing his 28th year of service on the city's leadership team.



A native of Cobb County, Richardson retired from a successful career as a field engineer with Bell and Howell in the mail processing industry. The non-partisan election will take place on November 4, 2025.

Richardson's campaign will center on Quality of Life—a vision built on safe streets, smart growth, quality city services, and a strong sense of community. Over the past 25 years, he has helped foster partnerships that have strengthened Acworth's economy while preserving its small-town charm.

"I've always focused on what matters most—making Acworth a great place to live, raise a family, and retire," Richardson said. "That means smart growth, safe streets, a strong community, and responsive leadership. I'm ready to continue working for the citizens of Acworth for another four years."

Acworth Cultural Arts presents

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Step into the world of Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*—the legendary mystery that has been captivating London audiences for over 70 years! Join Acworth Cultural Arts for an evening of suspense, wit, and classic whodunit charm.

Performances run November 14–23, Fridays & Saturdays at 8 PM, Sundays at 3 PM. General seating; doors open 30 minutes prior. Tickets are available online at <https://www.acworthculturalarts.org/>

Don't miss the world's longest-running play... and its best-kept secret! Performances are being held at Acworth Roberts School 4681 School Street Acworth, GA 30101.



ACWORTH SCARECROW PARADE

The Acworth Downtown Development Authority proudly presents the 14th annual Acworth Scarecrow Parade! Take a trip down Main Street this October to ooh and ahh over all of the creative displays decorating Downtown Acworth for fall! Local businesses, schools, and non-profit organizations will parade their scarecrows beginning Monday, September 29, until Monday, November 3, so don't miss it! www.visitacworth.com

CITY OF ACWORTH'S SENIOR LUNCHEON

Senior luncheons are held at Acworth Community Center. The September luncheon is Wednesday Oct 15. Register online at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.

Join us every third Wednesday of the month for the City of Acworth's Senior Luncheon. Come join us for lunch and Bingo. This program is free to City Residents 55 and up, but you must register to attend. Registration closes 1 week before the luncheon.

Visit www.acworthparksandrecreation.org, navigate to the menu on left, click on register or reserve now. Select Senior from Age Group and then click on Senior Luncheon under Active Adult Programs. .



SAVE THE DATE- ACWORTH CHARM TOUR OF HOMES

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 8, 2025. Organized by Brookwood Christian School, this event not only grants a 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 seven 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” reflects our community’s commitment to education. All proceeds from the event will be used to equip 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 \$30. Your ticket pickup will be at TRG Wine Market on Main St between 11:00 and 4:00 on November 8. Don’t miss this opportunity to embrace the charm of Acworth while contributing to a brighter future for students with dyslexia.



WELCCOME CRANES COFFEE SHOP

Mayor Allegood, Alderman Houston, and Alderman Richardson, alongside the Acworth Business Association and the City Team, were excited to welcome Cranes Coffee to Acworth on Friday, September 5, with a grand opening ribbon-cutting. Cranes Coffee specializes in bold Cuban-style coffee, celebrating tradition, flavor, and community. Stop by 3960 Southside Drive to try this new addition to Acworth’s wonderful coffee shops! Thank you to Crane’s Coffee for its investment in the city!

SMALL CLASSES, BIG RESULTS: THE IMPACT OF 1:10 TEACHER TO STUDENT RATIOS

KIM WIGINGTON, BROOKWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Research consistently shows that students with learning disabilities such as dyslexia and ADHD need a low teacher to student ratio. Small classes work especially well when the teacher uses structured instruction through Orton-Gillingham reading programs like the ones offered at Brookwood Christian School in Acworth.

Students with learning challenges achieve more when teachers can give them explicit instruction with immediate feedback. Students in very small classes are more engaged, participate more, have fewer behavioral problems, and are able to build closer relationships with teachers. These gains continue into young adulthood with higher high school graduation rates, college attendance, and even better adult earnings.

If your child is struggling in school, smaller classes tailored to their needs could be the advantage they need in order to succeed. Come see the Brookwood difference. Schedule a tour by emailing Office@BrookwoodChristian.com

VIEW THE FULL LIST OF ACWORTH’S CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES AT
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Acworth Charm

Acworth's Historic Tour of Homes

This year’s tour focuses on seven homes, three are pictured here. All are on the website listed below

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Saturday, November 8, 2025 - 12:00 -5:00
Tickets \$25 in advance or \$30 the day of.
Tickets: Text CHARM to 404-491-7724
Pick up tickets at the TRG Vino Market on Main Street Nov 8 (11 am til 4).
Visit www.AcworthCharm.com for more information.

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MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS WELCOMED

The City of Kennesaw and the Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History had the distinct honor of hosting 13 Medal of Honor Recipients for the 2025 Medal of Honor Celebration and The Great Locomotive Chase Welcome Lunch.

Guests were welcomed by the Blue Ridge Rifles of the University of North Georgia's Boar's Head Brigade and gathered for an official photo with the historic General Locomotive. The program featured remarks from Mayor Derek Easterling, CSX Regional Vice President Craig Camuso, and Medal of Honor Recipient James "Doc" McCloughan.

Following lunch, recipients and guests boarded a CSX train to Ringgold, retracing the daring route of the Great Locomotive Chase—the 1862 mission that led to the very first Medals of Honor. Actors were on board portraying the various Andrews' Raiders characters.

It was an unforgettable day celebrating courage, history, and the heroes who continue to inspire our nation.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible city staff—Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Kennesaw Police, the Southern Museum team, the City Manager's Office, and Communication & Engagement—for helping make this extraordinary day possible.

PEACE POLE AT SWIFT CANTRELL

The City of Kennesaw has unveiled a Peace Pole at Swift-Cantrell Park, a new symbol of our community's commitment to peace and unity.

Painted by Devereux Georgia Program Manager David "JD" Hurlock, along with Devereux students, the pole displays the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in English, Spanish, and Cherokee, reflecting Kennesaw's history and community.

We appreciate North Cobb Rotary's partnership in bringing this meaningful addition to our city.



The Center for Family Resources Launches 39TH ANNUAL THANKS FOR GIVING CAMPAIGN PROVIDING FOOD, DIGNITY, AND HOPE TO COBB COUNTY FAMILIES THIS THANKSGIVING

This November, The Center for Family Resources (CFR) marks its 39th year of bringing comfort and connection to families in need through its annual Thanks for Giving campaign. Presented by Lockheed Martin, the program runs from November 14–21 and provides Cobb County families with everything needed for a traditional Thanksgiving meal plus enough food to support children while schools are closed for the holiday week.

Thanks for Giving helps families by: •Ensuring children who rely on school meals don't go hungry during the break •Providing a full Thanksgiving dinner for families facing financial hardship •Offering a week's worth of groceries to reduce stress and restore dignity •Making healthy food accessible when it's often out of reach

In 2024, the campaign distributed more than 1,000 food boxes and stocked nearly 18,000 pounds of pantry staples for year-round support. A new kickoff day for food drop off this year on Friday, November 14 will help streamline packing and delivery to local schools.

The CFR invites businesses, organizations, and individuals to get involved. Whether through sponsorship, donations, or hosting a food drive, every contribution helps turn a week of worry into a season of joy. To join us, visit <http://bit.ly/477q45A>.



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EVENT VENUE



CHALKTOBERT FEST'S CRAFT BEER
FESTIVAL

The Marietta Cobb Museum of Art is proud to present Chalktoberfest and its annual Craft Beer Festival in Marietta Square.

Your ticket includes unlimited samples of 120+ craft beers, seltzers, ciders, and 25+ wines—plus, you'll receive a souvenir tasting cup. Enjoy live music and dance from local performers, watch international professional chalk artists transform the streets with their masterpieces, and enjoy food from local vendors.

All proceeds support the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art and our mission of building community through art.

This event sells out every year—don't wait! Buy online now to take advantage of early-bird rates—tickets are \$55 at the gate on event day.

THE CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL IS ON
SATURDAY 10/11 FROM 12PM TO 5PM ONLY.

No refunds! The festival is rain or shine; no refunds due to weather. Craft Beer Festival has a hard stop of 5:00PM, regardless of your arrival time. Serving at the Craft Beer Festival is not permitted & is illegal after 5:00PM so please plan your arrival time accordingly.

Under Georgia law, there is no liability for an injury or death of an individual entering these premises if such injury or death results from the inherent risks of contracting COVID-19. You are assuming this risk by entering these premises. If event obligations cannot be met due to a widespread health crisis, including the COVID-19 pandemic, that requires government shelter-in-place orders, states of emergency, etc. and the event must be cancelled, ticket buyers will be refunded in the full amount.

The rest of the festival -- including work by professional chalk artists, live entertainment, artists' market, vendors, and activities -- is FREE to attend. You only need to purchase a ticket if you want to participate in Saturday's Craft Beer Festival.

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BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH ART

The Marietta Cobb Museum of Art is proud to present Chalktoberfest, an exciting combination of our annual Chalk Art Festival with our Craft Beer Festival.

Enjoy your afternoon sampling craft beers, live music from local artists, watching professional Chalk Artists chalk the streets and eating great food at the beautiful downtown square of Marietta. A great day out for all the family, the Chalk Fest is free to attend. All proceeds go to the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art.

This award-winning, family-friendly, festival attracts over 80,000 visitors of all ages to the Marietta Square on the second weekend in October. Chalk artists from around the world come to delight visitors with their talents. Art & craft vendors line the streets with unique, one-of-a-kind artwork, while the Craft Beer Festival attendees enjoy of 120 craft beers and 25 wines. Visitors can enjoy live music, food trucks, a Community Chalk Competition, and a scavenger hunt.

VOLUNTEER: SATURDAY OR SUNDAY

Volunteers play a vital role in the success of Chalktoberfest. We need over 400 volunteers to help with everything from setting up and taking down the festival, face painting, selling beer, the beer festival, and many other jobs. Age 16+ (unless working with a parent). If you would like to volunteer, we would love to have your help. You can email: jennifer@mariettabartmuseum.org

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PIEDMONT CHURCH LOVE DOES PROJECT LOVE DOES GROCERY BAGS BY MARLON LONGACRE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR



"Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." Luke 3:11

October and November's Love Does project is the Love Does Grocery Bags. This coming Sunday in the East Hall the red Love Does grocery bags will be on the Love Does tables. Each bag contains the list of items needed for a family. Some of you have called and asked about the

items. You can bring the items to church Sunday and put them in the bags.

The items needed for the Love Does Grocery Bags are: Canned Sweet Potatoes or Yams; Cranberry Sauce; Canned Green Beans; Canned Peas; Canned Fruit (2); Canned Soup (2); Dessert Mix or Brownie Mix; Dressing or Stuffing Mix; Cornbread or Biscuit Mix (2); Macaroni & Cheese Mix or Rice (Boxed) and Jello (2)

Four hundred of these bags have already been committed to local schools and front-line charities. All financial donations given to Love Does in the months of October and November will be given to the schools to purchase turkeys for the bags and to help with transportation for Christmas at Piedmont. To donate food for Love Does Grocery Bags - email the church at info@piedmontchurch.tv or call the office at 770.422.2566

Piedmont's Fall Festival takes place on Sunday October 26th. The festival is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Just go to this link to sign up. <https://piedmontchurchmarietta.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1093/responses/new>. Piedmont Church is located at 570 Piedmont Road Marietta, GA 30066.

THREE 13 SALON 15TH ANNUAL HAIR & FASHION SHOW

Our event supports the Georgia Transplant Foundation. An organization that assists individuals before and after an organ transplant. Three-13's managing partner Lester, a two-time heart transplant recipient, founded this event in 2011 after his second heart transplant.

The event draws over 700 guests and Thanks to the incredible support of our community, we donated \$107,000 to the Georgia Transplant Foundation in 2024!

We are so looking forward to our 15th Annual "Angels of Life" Our event starts with five Bake Sales which will run every other Saturday leading to our event.

Our Bake Sales raise over \$25,000 in donations each year and feature both sweet and savory snacks, as well as arts and crafts prepared by all of your favorite Three-13 employees.

WHAT IS ANGELS OF LIFE?

Those who give life to others. Join us to celebrate the gift of life and those Angels who have made it possible.

During our event you will hear real life testimonies from transplant recipients and donor families who share their heartwarming journey and how GTF came to their aid during a time of need.

The evening highlights a 200+ items live and silent auction with everything from dining experiences, jewelry, art, home décor, exotic trips to our annual Yamaha Wave Runner! Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, dancing, live entertainment, music and the gift of life inspiring Hair and Fashion show designed by Three-13's Artistic Team.

We are currently accepting sponsors, donations to the silent/live auctions and donations! Contact Christina 770-762-5554 or marketing@three-13.com for more details

WHO IS THE GEORGIA TRANSPLANT FOUNDATION

OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS donated: The Georgia Transplant Foundation's (GTF) work never stops, people never stop having the need for organ transplants so neither will our fundraising!

In 14 short years, Angels of Life has donated \$1,057,313 to the Georgia Transplant Foundation through the efforts of Three-13's in-salon Bake Sales and selling \$5 Angels in-salon. This event takes place on Sunday October 19 at 4:30 pm at the Atlanta Marriot/Galleria. Visit www.three-13.com for bake sale days and more information.



CONGRATULATIONS TO WBA 12A

WBA 12U went 3-0 this past weekend, winning the Training Legends Super Sunday Showdown II Gold Championship!!! Out scored opponents 35-13. Way to go Warriors! Warrior Baseball Academy is Travel baseball program affiliated with Acworth Baseball Association. To learn more about them, find them on Facebook.



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2025 NIGHTMARE ON MAIN 5K

Join the City of Kennesaw on Saturday, October 25, for the Harvest Hustle 5K, a fast, flat, and fun race through Downtown Kennesaw and Swift-Cantrell Park. Whether you're chasing a Peachtree Road Race qualifying time or enjoying a morning walk with friends and family, this event is the perfect way to kick off your summer.

Registration is \$35 and includes: Professionally timed, USATF Certified 5K course, Race t-shirt, and awards for top finishers in multiple categories

Race Day Schedule: • 7:30 AM – One Mile Fun Run; • 8:00 AM – 5K Start; • 8:55 AM – Tot Trot • 9:15 AM – Awards Ceremony

Runners meet at the Kennesaw First Baptist Church, Main Street, Downtown Kennesaw (Plenty of parking, restrooms, and warm-up space available)



NCHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME - CLASS OF 2025
The North Cobb High School - 2025 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner was held on Friday, September 12, 2025.

Pictured above not in order: Kyrie' Chandler - Basketball ,Alec Clifford - Cross Country, Nick Miller - Football, Jimi and Regina Richards - Community Members, Brett Stanton - Football, Kristen Stoll - Softball, Angela Ucci Urban - Cheerleading

CONNECTING GEORGIA VETERANS TO HOST
FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT NOV.10, 2025

Connecting Georgia Veterans (CGV) is proud to announce its First Annual Golf Tournament, taking place on Monday, November 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the prestigious Bentwater Golf Club in Acworth, Georgia. The event is especially meaningful as it coincides with Veterans Day week and the 250th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps.

All proceeds from the tournament will directly support Connecting Georgia Veterans' Emergency Lodging and Support Programs, which provide critical housing assistance and service connections to struggling veterans across the state of Georgia. Each swing on the course helps ensure that no veteran is left without safe shelter, stability, and access to the benefits they have earned.

The event will feature a shotgun start, contests, raffle prizes, and opportunities to sponsor holes in honor of veterans. Community members, businesses, and organizations are invited to participate as players, sponsors, or volunteers to help raise funds that will keep veterans and their families safe and connected to life-changing services.

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Shotgun Start: 10:30 AM

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Putting Contest Sponsor | \$1250
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Corporate Sponsors | \$1000
4 golfers and signage on tee box.

Hole Sponsors | \$500
Prominent signage on tee boxes. Logo on all marketing materials.

SINGLE PLAYER PRICE | \$150
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MARIETTA'S HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Marietta's HarvestFest is an annual festival held each October on the Marietta Square. The festival includes the HarvestFest Market, Touch-A-Truck, Scarecrows In The Square, Costume Contest, Pie Eating Contest presented by Pie Bar, and Halloween Happenings kid's festival. The festival is sure to please the whole family! The Festival will take place on Saturday, October 18 from 9:00AM to 5:00PM at Glover Park on the Square in Marietta. The HarvestFest Market draws exhibitors from the southern states, including many local vendors, showcasing and selling their handmade arts & crafts.

A host of activities are planned through out the day: Touch-A-Truck 10:00AM to 2:00PM Festival-goers of all ages will enjoy this portion of the event. Pie Eating Contest 11:30AM to 12:30PM is for ages 6 and up - come hungry! Kid's Festival Calling all kids to come dressed in their favorite costume with a trick-or-treat bag! Halloween Happenings is a kid's festival for children ages 12 and younger. Carnival games, inflatable houses, candy and other special activities make this a safe and fun fall event. Come dressed in your best handmade costume! Contest starts at 2:00PM at the Glover Park Stage with our littlest contestants. More information: <https://www.mariettaga.gov/> and type HarvestFest in the search box.

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FREE Museum Entry from 10am-4pm
Crafts & Activities from 11am-2pm



POP-IN FOR FAMILY FUN

Come and Explore the Marietta History Center (MHC) on Saturday October 18, with family fun activities and crafts. This month's program is entitled Haunted History. Activities are held from 11 am to 2pm and the Museum is open for FREE from 10am to 4pm in the galleries. Please follow our events on Facebook for the most up to date information. *Schedule of events is subject to change without notice. VISIT <https://www.mariettahistory.org/> for more information.

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MARIETTA'S GARDEN CENTER IS 175 YEARS OLD!

Recently, the Marietta Educational Garden Center celebrated the 175th birthday of its historic home, Fair Oaks, and the rich history it represents.

Located at 505 Kennesaw Avenue at the foot of Kennesaw Mountain, the property was once part of a Cherokee Indian Trail and later became the site of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. The home was built between 1850-1852 by the Newton family, crafted with handmade nails, wooden pegs, and heart-of-pine floors. Over the years, it passed through several families, including Mrs. Meyers, who named it "Fair Oaks" for the stately oaks that flanked the front door. Clara and Howard Benson were the final private owners, living in the home for more than 40 years before generously donating the property.

Today, Fair Oaks continues to stand as a treasured part of Marietta's history and an elegant space for gatherings.

For more information about Fair Oaks and the Marietta Educational Garden Center, visit - <http://brnw.ch/21wWhOJ>



MOON OVER SLEEPY HOLLOW

by Anabelle Lee Macri

Blood moon
Grinning ghoulish gourd
Mistaken for a shoreline's
Ghostly beacon
Glowing tall, an eerie twist
As darkness creeps beyond its depth
"Who is tapping at my chamber door?"
None stir, as if asleep
Save for one, who watches, frozen still
Finally, silence reclaims its blessed peace
No more tapping, knocking, rapping
Tis hallowed ground, I say
The mischievous creature stays anyway
Betwixt and between it is
Til dawn wakes the living
Off it goes, scattering the dead
A disappearing speck skyward
The sedentary Sleepy Hollow remains

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Bright Side Newspaper maintains a calendar of events online in their Digital Newspaper at www.brightsidenewspapernews.com. Check this site out - many stories and a great way to keep up with our local events.

ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
BY PRESIDENT KIM WINGTON



October is a festive month for the Acworth Business Association.

In addition to networking and connecting at the Luncheon, Morning Jolts, Alive After 5, and Women's Network Lunch, October also brings two community favorites.

On Saturday, October 11, the Taste of Acworth festival returns to downtown, filling Main Street with local restaurants, live music, and family fun. This event attracts thousands of visitors each year.

Adding to the October fun, the ABA's annual charity golf tournament is Monday, October 27. The tournament combines competition with a spirit of giving back by raising funds for local nonprofits and schools.

As fall festivities come to Acworth, the ABA continues its mission of building businesses

and making connections in our community. For details on events or membership, visit AcworthBusiness.org.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS UPCOMING EVENTS
ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

THUR OCT 9 ACWORTH ALIVE AFTER 5 Join the ABA for after hours food, fun and networking at MAIN STREET EVENTS, Acworth. Join us for our Taste of Acworth Kick Off. This event is free for ABA Members, \$5 for Guests RSVP at www.acworthbusiness.org.

SAT OCT 11 TASTE OF ACWORTH - DOWNTOWN ACWORTH 11-6 PM.

THUR OCT 16 WOMEN'S LUNCHEON - 11:30-1:00 @QUALUSI VINEYARDS. 440 Blossom Trail, Acworth, 30101. Please RSVP at www.acworthbusiness.org. Member is \$20.00.

THUR NOV 6 ABALUNCHEON - 11:30-1:00 ACWORTH COMMUNITY CENTER. Please visit acworthbusinessassociation for more information and to RSVP acworthbusiness.org

KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

TUES OCT KBA LUNCHEON - 11:00-1:00 GOVERNOR'S GUN CLUB, 1005 Cobb Place Blvd, Kennesaw Guest Speaker: Please note: Sharon Mason, Cobb Chamber President & CEO State of the County If you choose not to register in advance, you will pay an additional \$10 at the door. Sponsors: Freedom Church & Three-13 Salon, Spa, & Boutique | Caterer: Catered Southern Events.

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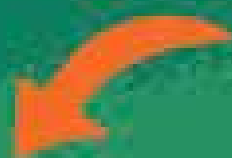
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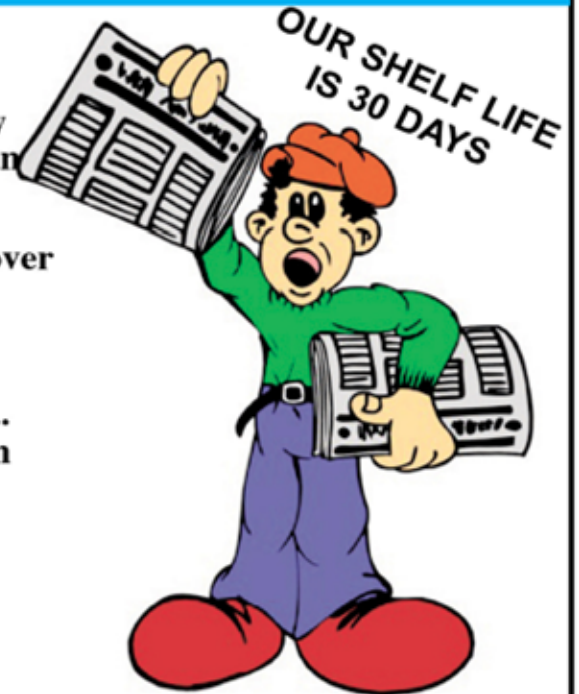
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