THE 18TH ANNUAL SUPERIOR PLUMBING TASTE OF ACWORTH

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

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

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

CHALKTOBERFEST: A FUSION OF ART, CRAFT BEER, AND COMMUNITY FUN! OCT14-15, MARIETTA SQUARE, MARIETTA, GA

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

Chalk Art Festival: A Canvas of Imagination

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

CHRIS DIMAS
Our October honoree has been chosen!
Meet Chris Dimas and his family at our next dinner on October 11, 2023, 6:30 to 8 pm here at NorthStar Church.
Chris and Toni Dimas, both committed school teachers serving Cobb County, are navigating an exceptionally challenging chapter in their lives. Their 6-year-old son, Josiah, was diagnosed with leukemia and had severe, adverse reactions from chemotherapy. He is currently receiving a specialized treatment that creates a rigorous medical path that the family walks together.
Let’s show the Dimas family that they are now part of an even bigger family...our Helping One Guy family! (Oh and by the way, Josiah’s birthday is coming up this Friday the 15th. Happy 7th Birthday, Josiah!) Visit www.helpingoneguy.org to view their full story, register for the dinner, donate and help spread the news!

LIFE IN THE CEMETERY

Join the Kennesaw City Cemetery Foundation and the Kennesaw City Cemetery Preservation Commission on October 20-22 for the second annual “Life in the Cemetery” tour. On this guided walk of the Kennesaw City Cemetery, experience history come to life as you meet eight dearly departed residents. This year’s event focuses on the impact of the railroad on our community. Tours will be held at 6:00 p.m., 6:45 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $15 each. Purchase tickets at https://kennesawcemetary.org/. The Kennesaw City Cemetery is located at 3000 Cemetery Street. Each tour is limited to 15 participants.

CONGRATULATIONS

PETE QUINONES TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN

MetroAtlanta Ambulance President and CEO Pete Quinones shall serve as Chairman of the Highland Rivers Behavioral Health Governing Board of Directors for fiscal 2024. Mr. Quinones, a member of the Cobb-Douglas Board of Public Health, joined the Highland Rivers Governing Board when the Cobb County Community Services Board integrated into Highland Rivers Behavioral Health (HRBH) in 2022.

Highland Rivers provides comprehensive treatment, support, and recovery services for adults, youth, families, and veterans affected by mental health disorders, intellectual developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases. The organization is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities International. As one of Georgia’s largest public safety -net providers, the agency serves individuals who are low-income, uninsured or who have Medicaid or Medicare-individuals who otherwise may not have access to critical behavioral health services including adults, children, and adolescents, families, and veterans.

Highland Rivers serves a 13-county region of northwest Georgia that is approximately 4,700 square miles including Bartow, Cherokee, Cobb, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, and Whitfield counties. Highland Rivers is one of the fastest growing regions in Georgia.

HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

Gifts handmade by local artists featuring pottery, paintings, candles, jewelry, quilts and more will be on sale Friday, November 10 - 10:00 am till 8:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday November 11 and 12 - 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. This event is being held at the Venue on Main - 2847 S. Main St., Kennesaw.

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ANDREW BRAMLETT’S LOCAL HISTORY STORIES

BORN IN ALABAMA IN 1947, Larry Nelson moved to Acworth when he was young. He went to North Cobb High School, and played baseball, football, and basketball. He served in the military during Vietnam, and in 1977 married Gayle Harrison of Acworth. After the end of his time in the military, he attended Kennesaw Junior College (now KSU) and graduated in 1970.

During this time, Nelson was introduced to the game of golf. He learned to play while reading a book by Ben Hogan. Nelson became the assistant to Pine tree Country Club’s golf pro, Bert Seagraves, and eventually decided to become a professional golfer. In 1973, he qualified for the PGA tour, and he won his first tournament in 1979.

Throughout his long career, Nelson has played in over 500 tournaments, and has 10 PGA Tour wins. He also has 19 PGA Tour Champions wins. Because of this distinguished record, Nelson is in the sports halls of fame in Alabama, Georgia, the Georgia State Golf Association, North Cobb High School, and Kennesaw State University. Most importantly, he was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2006. Just this year, he was 2023 Memorial Tournament Honoree at an event hosted by Jack Nicklaus.

On September 15, 2023, Nelson and his wife returned to our area for an event hosted by the Save Acworth History Foundation. The day was proclaimed “Larry Nelson Day” in the City of Acworth. At the end of the event, it was announced that a portion of Old 41 between North Cobb High School and North Cobb Christian School has been designated the Larry Nelson Highway in his honor.

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CITY ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7

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

Both long time Acworth Alderman Butch Price and Gene Pugliese are stepping down from their positions, leaving two seats open. According to records from the Cobb Elections Board, Toby Carmichael, Veterinarian is running in Mr Price’s seat and is being opposed by Robert L. Liphman while long time resident, Steve Prather is running in Gene Pugliese’s seat with opposition from Kimberly Haase. Alderman Brett North has no opposition. The City of Kennesaw has three seats up this year. Mayor Derek Easterling is running for his third term, with no opposition. Both Councilwomen Tracey Viars and Lynn Burnette have opposition. Opposing Tracey Viars is Anthony Gutierrez while Lynn Burnette has three opposing candidates: Jon Brothers, Kyle Magro, and Madelyn Orochen.

Editor’s Note: At the time of publication, the Bright Side had not heard from any of the other candidates running either in Acworth or Kennesaw.

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**STEVE AND LORI PRATHER**

Steve Prather of Acworth is a candidate for the City of Acworth Board of Aldermen, Post 2. Steve, a 62-year-old retiree, resides in Acworth along with his wife of 32 years, Lori, and their three children. Steve is experienced, having been active in the community serving as Co-Chairperson of the Acworth Lake Authority since the early 90s and as a member of the Acworth Special Needs Development Group since its inception. He is also a past president of the KSU Alumni Association having served on the board for 15 years.

As a sixth generation Cobb Countyan, Steve graduated from North Cobb High School and Kennesaw State University. With his long history and experience in the community, Steve is now ready to make the commitment to Acworth as an elected member of the Acworth Board of Aldermen.

For more information on Steve and his candidacy please visit his website at www.stevecaward.org.

**TRACEY VIARS**

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

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

During her involvement with the city, she served on the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority for six years, three years as Chair, and been involved in the organization and management of several community events for Kennesaw.

She currently serves as an active member and liaison for the Kennesaw Downtown Merchants Association (KDMA) and has been a board member of the Kennesaw Business Association (KBA) as the Governmental Affairs Committee Chair for the past four years.

**TOBY CARMICHAEL**

As one of Acworth’s veterinarians & active community member, Toby Carmichael knows the priorities of Acworth’s neighbors and will fight to ensure Acworth continues offering top-quality opportunities to thrive.

As a member of our city planning commission for several years, I know what proposed developments actually add value to our residents and which ones add too much strain on our infrastructure and small-town feel.

As your Alderman, Toby will be a balanced and pragmatic voice on development, making sure to check in with neighbors about concerns before any project moves forward.

As your Alderman, Toby will be a strong advocate for new trail and park developments across the city with a particular focus on expanding new opportunities for our SR 92, Baker, and Cobb Parkway neighbors.

As your Alderman, Toby will be passionate about creating new opportunities for our residents to start and build their own businesses, and I want to provide even better support to our outlying businesses by Cobb Parkway and 175.

**LYNN BURNETTE**

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

These are just a few of ways I look forward to continue to serve and support our city.

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

I will continue to support our police department & our Public Safety Department. Keeping our community & our schools safe is of most importance to our citizens & their families.

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

With our new amphitheater opening up in 2024, our community continues to offer a great quality of life to work, educate & have fun.

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

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**OKTOBERFEST**
The 12th Oktoberfest to help MUST Ministries Food Pantry of Cobb County is BACK! On Saturday October 7th from 10-6 we’re inviting the neighborhood to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 2922 Sandy Plains Road Marietta 30066. We encourage folks to bring cans for MUST instead of the admission fee. If you prefer the minimal cost of $7 cans per adult, $3 or 3 cans per child or $20 or 20 cans per family is accepted.

There will be Authentic German food and beverages, Live Polka Band, an awesomely Kids Area, Craft/Vendor Fair (inside) BINGO, LUTHER movie, Horseshoe Tournament and hourly drawings under the Oktoberfest tent, a Fire Truck and a horse to ride.

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**THE BOOKS THAT TAUGHT US**
Friday, October 20, 2023 11:00 AM - QW30 PM
Bentley Rare Book Museum
Ground Floor, Horace W. Sturgis Library (Kennesaw Campus)
FREE and Open to the Public

Join the Department of Museums, Archives and Rare Books for the opening reception of The Books That Taught Us. This exhibition uses the Bentley Rare Book Museum’s collection of rare and historic textbooks to explore the layered history of instructional texts in the English-speaking world. Using a combination of panels, textual artifacts, and interactive stations, The Books That Taught Us analyzes the full life of textbooks – from production to attribution – and invites critical conversations about the long-lasting relationship between textbooks and the people who use them.

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**ACCEPTING APPOINTMENTS**
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**TRIVIA AT BURGER21**
Burger21 (located in the Kennesaw Market will be hosting Trivia every Tuesday starting 9/12! From 6-8:30pm you will get $1 off draft beer and seltzers with the purchase of a Burger or Salad if you participate in our Trivia Night. Trivia Starts at 7, but you can come in at 6 and eat before you play!

**COBB GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**
On Tuesday Oct 24 at 7 PM, the Cobb County Genealogical Society (CCGS) will be holding its next program. The speaker is Jeff Clemens who will speak on the Westview Cemetery. The program will be held downstairs in First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, 189 Church Street, Marietta, 30060. For more information, visit our website, https://cobbgensc.org/

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TASTE OF KENNESAW - NOVEMBER 4
The Kennesaw Business Association and the City of Kennesaw invite you and your family to sample over 25 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 including Aloha Poke, Carrabba’s Italian Grill, Copelands, Governor’s Gun Club, Bernie’s, Williamson Brothers BBQ, 1885 Grill, Birdie’s Wings & many more!
BEER GARDEN: Visit Beer Garden- sit back relax and enjoy an adult beverage on a great fall day! Listen to live music and watch the game on our 8’ x 15’ screen.

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 Tommy Nobis Center.

The 2023 Superior Plumbing Taste of Kennesaw will be held in Downtown Kennesaw, Georgia on Main Street on November 4, 2023 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 JRM Management.com/taste-events.html. For additional information please call JRM Management Services at 770-423-1330

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We’re looking forward to you and your family, friends, and neighbors coming out to downtown Acworth for all the fun events this October! The Taste of Acworth returns to Historic Downtown Main Street on Saturday, October 7. This event has become a highly anticipated fall favorite where attendees can enjoy trying foods from a number of Acworth and nearby restaurants. And don’t forget, the annual Acworth Scarecrow Parade, sponsored by the Acworth Downtown Development Authority, is back and ready to be enjoyed the entire month of October! We can’t get enough of the way our community businesses, organizations, residents, and visitors alike come together to celebrate the fall season downtown. There’s something special about Acworth in the fall, and we hope you enjoy your time during this beautiful time of year as much as we’re enjoying the scarecrows hanging along Main Street!

This year, the Acworth Fall Town hall will take place on Wednesday, OCTOBER 11 at the Tanyard Creek Overlook in the Acworth Community Center. We’ll be sharing information on ongoing and upcoming projects within the city. It’s a great way to learn more about how the city functions and meet our amazing City Team that works hard to serve our residents every day. Please visit the “Events” tab at www.acworth.org for more information on the Fall Town Hall.

Looking for a fun Halloween event to take the kids to? Our city team has you covered! Acworth Parks, Recreation, and Community Resource Department is excited to host the Halloween JamBOOree at Logan Farm Park on Saturday, October 21 from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. This vibrant event returns this year full of carnival style games, bounce houses and trick-or-treating! The Acworth Power and Public Works and Acworth Police teams join forces on Halloween to bring families the opportunity to enjoy a spooky and safe trick-or-treating opportunity at their annual Safe-O-Ween event from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on October 31 at the Acworth Police Department. Our city team works hard on the planning of these events and loves to bring the festivities to the community we love to serve!

Always, for the latest information on any of our events and projects, you can visit www.acworth.org, sign up for our e-news blasts on our home page, “like” the City of Acworth, Georgia on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram at @cityofacworthga.

May God Bless You and Your Families, Tommy

BeTheL A.M.e. ChURCH - 160 yeARS

Bethel A.M.E. was built by the hands of 200 freed slaves living in Acworth after the Civil War. The emancipated slaves immediately became a vital part of the Acworth community, and took on a monumental task using their artistry and skill to build a church.

As Bethel prepares for its 160th birthday, the Acworth community is working together to promote and preserve this historic structure.

Once the Acworth Business Association board of directors learned the church needed rehabilitation, Bob Brooks of Cross Country Mortgage reached out to his vast network group to kick start the effort. If you would like to donate time, materials, or money to this effort, please contact Bob.Brooks@CCM.com.

Come see this gem for yourself the weekend of November 10-12, 2023. On Friday, November 10 at 11:30 the Acworth Historic Preservation commission will hold a ceremony designating Bethel as a local historic landmark, with a plaque dedication at the church. On Saturday, November 11 Bethel will be on the Acworth Charm tour of homes and will be open from 12:00-5:00. For tickets go to AcworthCharm.com.

On Sunday, November 12 Bethel will hold a birthday celebration during the Sunday morning service.
ACWORTH BOOK & STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

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

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

ACWORTH TURKEY CHASE 2K AND 5K

The 15th annual Acworth Turkey Chase will take place on Saturday, November 18th. Enjoy an exhilarating 5K run, jog, or walk through Historic Downtown Acworth and along the shores of beautiful Lake Acworth. Turkey Chase runners have helped stock local food pantries during the holiday season! Be sure to save the date for this special event. Participants of all ages and abilities are welcome. All participants must bring a non-perishable food item on the day of the race to receive a race number and t-shirt. www.acworthparksandrecreation.org

ACWORTH'S SENIOR LUNCHEON

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

ACWORTH YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department is pleased to announce that registration has begun for the Acworth Youth Basketball League! The league will be offered to participants 5-14 years of age. The season will run from October 21 and Sunday, October 22 with practices beginning the week of November 6 and games beginning Saturday, December 2.

All participants are required to have a birth certificate on file. If you already have a birth certificate on file from a previous season or from another program, you will not need to submit another copy. Please either email a copy to parksbirthcertificate@acworth.org or bring a copy to our office located at 4361 Cherokee Street, Acworth, GA 30101. You will not be able to register unless we have a birth certificate on file.

For more information and to register, please visit www.acworthbasketball.com.

ACWORTH CHARM

Save the date for a charming afternoon of philanthropy and historical immersion as Historic Downtown Acworth gears up to host the much-anticipated “Acworth Charm - Tour of Homes” on November 11, 2023. Co-Organized by the collaborative efforts of the Acworth Cultural Arts and Brookwood Christian School, this event not only grants a sneak peek into the captivating interiors of Acworth’s homes but also gives back to the community that holds it dear. From 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, participants will stroll through the heart of Acworth on a captivating walking tour. Attendees will have the opportunity to enter several charming homes and admire the architectural styles and interior designs that render each home exquisitely distinct. For your convenience, golf-cart shuttles will be readily available.

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

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

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This year’s tour focuses on six homes plus 160 year old Bethel AME Church
METRO ATLANTA AMBULANCE DONATES $15,500 TO THE COBB POLICE K-9 UNIT AFTER DEATH OF K-9 CHASE

K9 Chase was a Belgian Malinois born in Hungary on August 13, 2018. He began his career with the Cobb Police Department in April 2020 with Officer Neill. K9 Chase had served with the Cobb County Police Department for over three years. As a K9 trained for narcotics detection and criminal apprehension, K9 Chase seized thousands of dollars’ worth of illegal narcotics and helped with numerous arrests. K9 Chase succumbed to injuries while in the line of duty and after a valiant lifesaving effort by his handler Officer Neill, Cobb Fire Engineer David Kleiman, Cobb Firefighter Tim Barmann and the Crew from Metro Atlanta Ambulance Unit 217, Cobb Police Sargent Alex Johnson, Sergeant KC Robinson, and Officer Tyler Selvia.

Metro Atlanta Ambulance Service Vice President Devan Seabaugh stated, “these K-9 Officers play a pivotal role in providing public safety in our community and it was a very sad day in Cobb County losing K9-Chase. Providing public safety is a team effort in Cobb County, we all work together, and we all hurt when something happens to one of our own. While we will never replace K9 Chase, we are happy to donate $15,500 towards the cost of obtaining a new K9 Officer for the Cobb Police Department.”

Metro Atlanta Ambulance Service is the 911 ambulance service provider for Bartow, Cobb, and Paulding Counties and is an integral part of the emergency medical response system in Cobb County.

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**VETERANS DAY - WITHOUT THE APOSTROPE!**

**BY MARY LOU CAGLE, MARIETTA**

Veterans Day does not include an apostrophe but does include an “s” at the end - Veterans. Why: because it is a day to honor All veterans of the United States, living or dead. It is a day to say to all veterans “Happy Veterans Day.” The term “veteran” means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable. Celebration of Veterans day is November 11 of each year. Veterans Day began November 11, 1918 when Allied powers signed a cease fire agreement with Germany - the 11th day of the 11th month at 11 a.m. This brought to an end World War I. Originally called Armistice Day, in 1954 at the urging of major U. S. Veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day. Many ask the question, “What is the difference in Memorial Day and Veterans Day?” Memorial Day honors those who have died in military service, while Veterans Day in November honors all veterans living and dead.

Military service has touched most American families; Today, November 11, 2023 over 18,500,000 Americans living have served in the military. This day is designated a day to honor these men and women, and those who died, who served in the United States Military.

Mary Lou Cagle is a contributing editor to the Bright Side Newspaper.

**MARIETTA’S VETERANS DAY PARADE**

Registration is now available for the community to participate in the City of Marietta and the Horace Orr Post 29 of the American Legion’s 19th Annual Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 11 at 11am on the Marietta Square.

This year the parade will begin at 11am near the American Legion on Gresham Ave and march up Roswell Street towards the Marietta Square and back down Lawrence Street.

Please sign up to participate and help the City of Marietta and the Horace Orr Post 29 of the American Legion honor all veterans and commemorate those who have paid the ultimate price in serving the United States of America.

Please click mariettaga.gov and type Veteran’s Day Parade in the Search bar on front page, to fill out your registration form. The deadline to submit your application is Friday, October 13, 2023 at 5pm. For more information, please visit https://www.post29marietta.org/copy-of-support-us-1

**LIVE MUSIC AT THE COWAN HISTORIC MILL!**

Featuring 2-Time Grammy Nominated Recording Artist and Songwriter Kevin Rowe, with special guest Rocco Gorelik!!! Thursday, October 19 - 7 - 10:30pm EDT. Tickets are $25.00. Visit Eventbrite.com. Search for The Cowan.

This in-person event promises a night filled with GREAT MUSIC, excitement and fun. The doors open at 7:00 PM, music begins at 7:45 PM. Enjoy complimentary charcuterie and snacks along with a full cash bar! Music will fill the entire property, so enjoy the concert inside under our GRAND chandelier, sit and enjoy our large outdoor fireplace or listen while on our upper deck looking out over scenic Acworth!

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The Secret of Lasting Love - Three Basic Habits

By Marlon Longacre, Associate Pastor, Piedmont Church

Habit Number One - Refresh Physically

1 Corinthians 6:12 reads, “Honor the Lord with your body.” We overlook the signs and symbols that say our emotional tank is empty. We tend to get angry at the people we love most. We desire to avoid people and we see them as problems. We have no desire to show God’s love in such a way when our emotional tank is low. We dream of getting away. We remember the tag line to one commercial that went “Calgon take me away!” We dream of seeing the sunset on the beach. We are always thinking about it. Even King David had this problem. He said, “If I had the wings of a dove, I would fly away.”

To keep loving you must do the things that keep your emotional tank full. Three suggestions from God’s word:

- Solitude, time alone. You need time alone. Jesus frequently withdrew from crowds. Mark 6:31 reads, “So many people were coming and going. Jesus said to them, ‘Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.’” Sometimes the best gift to give those we love is time alone.

- Recreation. Recreation is not rest. There are certain activities that recharge you emotionally. There are certain things that recreate energy in your life and enthusiasm for life that recharge you. It may be hobbies, a sport, a craft, or some games.

- A balanced diet. There are certain habits that will help you:

  A daily quiet time

  Join a Bible study

  Regular exercise

  Recreation

  A balanced diet

Habit Number Two - Refresh Emotionally

Warning signs that you are headed for spiritual burnout: nothing seems worth the effort, what is the use; life is futile, purposeless, blaming God for your problems—“Why did you let this happen to me?”--you bought it on yourself. Scriptures teach us that many of the great saints of the bible blamed God when they were in burnout stages. David did, Moses did, Elijah did, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Abraham.

How do you stay spiritually fit so you can continue to show God’s love in so many ways. Three spiritual habits that will help you:

- A daily quiet time - Time spent alone with God where you let God talk to you through the Bible and you talk to God through prayer. Nothing will help your life more than a daily quiet time. 2 Corinthians 4:16 reads, “This is the reason we never lose heart. Our bodies suffer wear and tear but every day the inward man received fresh strength.” Outwardly our body suffers wear and tear but inwardly we can be renewed, spiritually we can be renewed every day, by spending time alone with God.

- Join a Bible study - A Christian without being involved in a bible study is an orphan. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 reads, “Therefore encourage and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” You need to be in a bible study where you can share needs, problems, and cares and pray for each other and develop friendships. Two are stronger than one.

- Worship - Singing spiritual songs is spiritually renewing. Praise renews and rejuvenates. It builds up. Psalms 59 reads, “I will sing of your strength in the morning, and I will sing of your love for you are my refuge in times of trouble.” When Matt and the praise team sing in the first part of the service – it is not a warmup act. It is just as important as the message. I love standing beside Libby and watching her sing on Sunday mornings. The worship songs on Sunday restore you.

Habit Number Three - Refresh Spiritually

Take the time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit. 1 Timothy 4:8 reads, “You need to be in a bible study where you can share needs, problems, and cares and pray for each other and develop friendships. Two are stronger than one.

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

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

CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL: A TANTALIZING JOURNEY FOR BEER ENTHUSIASTS

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

CHAk ART FESTIVAL: A CANVAS OF IMAGINATION

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

FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

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

PUBLIC CHALK COMPETITION: UNLEASH YOUR INNER ARTIST

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

ABOUT THE MARIETTA COBB MUSEUM OF ART

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

Don’t miss this extraordinary celebration of art, beer, and community! Mark your calendars for October 14th-15th and join us at Chalktoberfest for an unforgettable experience. For more information about the event and to purchase craft beer festival tickets, visit www.chalktoberfest.com.
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KENNESAW’S NIGHTMARE ON MAIN 5K - SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

Get your Halloween Costume ready to hit the road!
NOW IS THE Time to register for the last 5K of the season hosted by the Kennesaw Grand Prix. The NIGHTMARE ON MAIN 5K is the fourth race of the 2023 Kennesaw Grand Prix Series and will be held on Saturday, OCTOBER 28 If you are a runner, how about setting your PR on an amazing, fast and flat course inside the city limits of Kennesaw?
The race includes a one mile fun run at 7:30 a.m.; the 5K at 8 a.m.; and a Tot Trot at 8:55 a.m. Awards are presented at the after party on Main Street at 9:15 a.m.
The NIGHTMARE ON MAIN 5K is run on a mostly flat and fast asphalt course, professionally timed and USAT&F Certified, through Downtown Kennesaw and Swift-Cantrell Park. The course is perfect for competitive runners seeking a qualifying time for the Peachtree Road Race.
Fees are: 5K - $35 (now – Oct 27) Day of Registration $45; 1 Mile Fun Run - $20; Tot Trot - $5. After-party activities include snacks and water for participants, music and local vendors!
Packet Pick up is available Thursday October 26 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at Big Peach Running Co. Kennesaw located at 1625 Ridenour Blvd, Kennesaw, GA 30152. The Kennesaw Grand Prix races are under the direction of the Kennesaw Parks and Recreation Department.
Visit Kennesawgrandprix.com to register or for more information.

15TH ANNUAL COBB DIAPER DAY

The 15th Annual Cobb Diaper Day is being held virtually in September and October for 2022. Through the efforts of the Cobb Diaper Day, more than one million diapers have been donated to assist low-income families in Cobb County. The goal this year is to collect more than 100,000 diapers.
Organizations, companies and individuals are encouraged to participate in a variety of ways:
Make a donation at www.cobbdiaperday.com.; Purchase diapers on Amazon through the Cobb Diaper Day Wish-list; Declare a day to collect diapers from your fellow employees, organization members, neighbors or friends;
Drop off donations one of our community collection days: Oct 24 and Oct 26 from 2-6 pm at the Cobb EMC Solar Flower Garden in Marietta, Georgia. Or email DiaperDayCobb@gmail.com to arrange for a pickup.
Cobb Diaper Day was founded by the late Barbara Hickey in 2008 to help families in Cobb County. Barbara envisioned the community coming together to support local families in need and reminded us all that it is often the little things in our lives that make the biggest difference. Low-income families often have the daily stress of choosing between food and diapers. Prolonged wearing of a wet diaper causes diaper rash, and a crying baby leads to more stress in the home. Low-income families also face additional challenges:
Food stamps do not include hygiene products, such as diapers. On average, the cost to purchase diapers is approximately $100/month. Diaper donations will be distributed to the community through the following community partners:
Cobb Douglas Public Health Teen Pregnancy Program; Communities in Schools of Georgia in Marietta/Cobb County; LiveSafe Resources; MUST Ministries; Ser Familia; The Center for Family Resources.
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN HILL PARK
Calling for volunteers of all ages to come out and assist Marietta Tree Keepers as we maintain Hill Park on Saturday, October 21, 2023. Hill Park is a pretty little pocket park that was transformed from a once vacant lot just a few blocks off the northeast corner of Historic Marietta Square. The park was dedicated to the memory of Willie Hill, deacon of Zion Baptist Church. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Rho Zeta Omega Chapter and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Omicron Mu Lambda Chapter will also be volunteering alongside of Marietta Tree Keepers for this event. All volunteers are welcome.

Volunteers are asked to arrive at 8:30am to enjoy donuts and beverages before digging in to work. All ages are welcome to the family-friendly event. Dress appropriately for the weather. Tools will be provided although volunteers are welcome to bring their favorite outdoor gloves and tools if they like. Large groups please contact us with your number of volunteers that will be in attendance.

HE’S GOT HEART! CHRIS RAGSDALE NAMED NATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR!
From coast to coast, people from around the country tuned in to hear Cobb Superintendent Chris Ragsdale named the National Superintendent of the Year by the American Heart Association. The annual Kids Heart Challenge and American Heart Challenge awards ceremony, held virtually, recognized Superintendent Ragsdale for his commitment to ending cardiovascular disease, the nation’s number one killer, through the Association’s in-school programs.

“We are incredibly proud of Chris Ragsdale and all of his work in supporting whole body health for all,” said Scott Webb, board chairman of the American Heart Association in metro Atlanta and vice president, account services, Pointnext Technology Services at Hewlett Packard Enterprise. “Schools play a vital role in building a foundation of healthy living for future generations, and we are thrilled to see our lifesaving mission touch the lives of students, schools, and educators right here in metro Atlanta.”

The Superintendent of the Year award is given each year to a superintendent who has been instrumental in growing the Kids Heart Challenge, American Heart Challenge and/or District Heart Challenge program(s) in their district. Superintendent Ragsdale was nominated by local American Heart Association staff for the national award. According to the American Heart Association, Superintendent Ragsdale is fully invested in the Association’s mission and sets the expectations for his schools and leaders to participate in the Kids Heart Challenge and American Heart Challenge. He leads by example and encourages all students in Cobb County to live a heart-healthy lifestyle.

Under Superintendent Ragsdale’s leadership, Cobb Schools was crowned the top school district in the nation for dollars raised for the 2021-2022 and the 2022-2023 school year. In addition, Cobb Schools set a record for the most dollars raised in one school year by a single district. For the 2022-2023 school year, Cobb County schools raised $770,000, making American Heart Association history earlier this year. Prior to the national championship announcement, King Springs Elementary School was recognized for setting a new Cobb Schools record for raising $45,000 for the Kids Heart Challenge.

“It goes without saying how deeply humbled I am to receive this award. However, it cannot go without saying that this award would not be possible without the remarkable efforts of our incredible team of students, teachers, staff members, and parents,” said Superintendent Ragsdale. “They came together in an amazing way to support the work of an organization that is dedicated to saving and improving the lives of so many throughout our communities, our states, and our nation. Thank you on behalf of the entire Cobb County School District for this recognition; we are all honored to be a small part of the amazing work that the American Heart Association is doing.”

During the awards ceremony, Superintendent Ragsdale was described as a “true champion” for the American Heart Association mission and someone they would like to “clone.” He was also praised for his “leadership and support.”

Superintendent Ragsdale was not the only award recipient from Cobb Schools. The American Heart Association also named Cobb Online Learning Academy PE teacher Alesha Whitaker the American Heart Challenge Rookie of the Year for the high school level.

“IT’s so encouraging to see schools, students, and educators serve as a catalyst to improve health,” said Marsha Jones, volunteer chairperson of the board of the American Heart Association. “This year’s awards winners demonstrate that through passion, dedication, and leadership, nothing can stand in our way as we drive toward a world of longer, healthier lives for all.”
VCSG’S PULLEN CANCER CENTER OFFERS HOPE AND HEALING

This November, Veterinary Care and Specialty Group (VCSG) will open its new 28,000 square-foot cancer care treatment center in Chattanooga, Tennessee. This is really big news in the veterinary world. And even bigger news for distraught pet owners whose dog or cat is facing cancer.

VCSG’s new Pullen Cancer Center contains one of America’s very finest and newest linear accelerators, the machine that delivers external beam radiation therapy. Because this linear accelerator is so advanced, it will be the newest model in the city – for humans and for pets.

It provides access to care that pet owners don’t have, said Jesse McKay, the chief medical physicist at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, adding: it provides the kind of radiation I’d want if I had cancer. McKay compares this to a new car plant moving to town. It’s unique to the country, he said. It’s surprising a town of a quarter-million would have something like this.

VCSG’s linear accelerator offers stereotactic targeted and conformal rapid arc radiation to the tumor; the more advanced the linear accelerator, the more precise delivery of radiation.

What’s that mean? The Edge linear accelerator can conform 360 degrees to any body size or shape while delivering super-precise radiation, which McKay describes as intricacies finer than half a centimeter or quarter of a centimeter.

This allows for precise treatment of tumors, especially those located in vulnerable positions — a spinal cord or the brain, for example. Nearby healthy tissue is left unaffected.

This means shorter treatments. And less anesthesia. And less traveling to faraway hospitals with costly hotel bills.

VCSG has more good news: Dr. Jason Strasberg is coming. Strasberg will lead the cancer care center. He specializes in radiation oncology and across the country, there aren’t many vets who do.

“Owners come in pretty distraught. Their pet has cancer,” Strasberg said. “I’m able to talk to them and walk them through the prognosis and generally, this gives them a better outcome than what they were expecting. To provide that is a unique thing and brings me joy. It happens almost on a daily basis.”

VCSG is already one of the largest private hospitals in the Southeast. To offer cancer care at this level only furthers its mission.

“Pets get cancer, the same as humans. We offer the same treatment, the same hope, the same healing,” said VCSG co-owner and founder Claudia Pullen. For more information on VCSG’s new cancer care center, visit www.VCSGvets.com.

Editor’s Note: Bright Side Readers -- remember Chattanooga is only a 90 minute drive from Kennesaw.

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