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Collection of memoirs reminds teens: No one is invincible

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With the start of a new school year, students anticipate what this next year may have in store for them. High school students can look forward to a year full of new experiences and increasing freedom.

Corporal **Bill Richardson** of the Gwinnett County Police Department and Parkview High School alumna Ashley Adkins have put to-

gether a collection of memoirs to remind everyone that with freedom comes responsibility. *"It Won't Happen to Me"* is a collection of true stories about what can happen when an inexperienced driver gets behind the wheel of a car.

"The stories are in no way intended to imply or insinuate fault; they simply serve as reminders that accidents can happen to anyone at any time," said Cpl. Richardson. Some of the teenagers in the book were drivers,

some passengers, and some just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

More than 27,000 copies of *"It Won't Happen to Me"* have been printed and distributed through high school driver education programs in Gwinnett County. To request a copy or multiple copies of *"It Won't Happen to Me,"* call Cpl. Bill Richardson at 770.982.4440 or you can e-mail your request to bill.richardson@gwinnettcounty.com.

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Westside Police Precinct

Gwinnett County Commissioners and police officials gathered Tuesday, August 3, to celebrate the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony at the Westside Police Precinct in Norcross. The new facility was dedicated in memory of Officer Jerry Everett, who lost his life in the line of duty on April 17, 1964. Officer Everett's family was invited to join County officials in cutting the ribbon to officially open the facility.

Recorder's Court/Juvenile Court facility

Officials broke ground Tuesday, August 17, on the new Recorder's Court and Juvenile Court facility. The celebration took place at the site for the future facility on Stone



Mountain Street in Lawrenceville, approximately one block from GJAC. The building will provide relief to the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center (GJAC) and provide additional space for future growth.

The four-story, 107,531-sq. ft. facility will house three Recorder's Court courtrooms, three Juvenile

Court courtrooms, associated judicial chambers, offices, classrooms and support areas for other Juvenile Court functions, the Recorder's Court Clerk, a portion of the Solicitor's Office, and prison holding areas. The fourth floor will remain vacant for future expansion.

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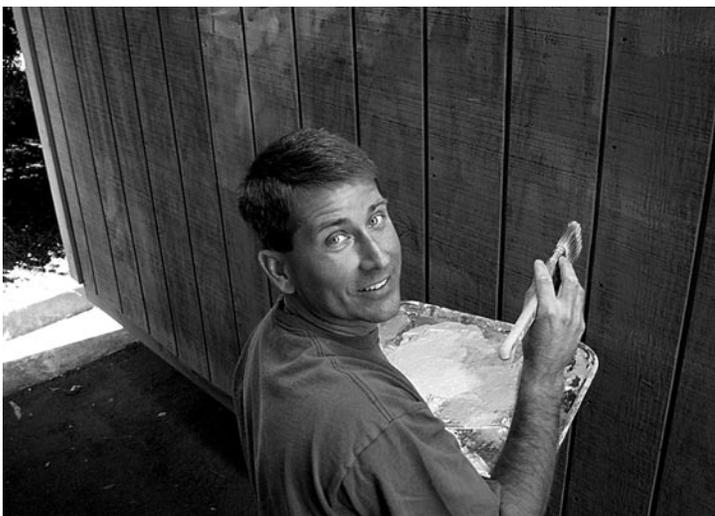
Gwinnett Great Days of Service (GDOS) is only a month away, so don't miss out on your opportunity to be involved in one of the largest volunteer efforts in the country. Last year more than 71,000 volunteers, including large corporations, schools, small businesses, individuals, church groups, and families completed 167 service projects for local non-profit agencies.

Volunteers, non-profit agencies, and those interested in sponsoring the 2004 GDOS can sign up using the online commitment form on the new, user-friendly Web site: www.gwinnettgreatdayofservice.org. Volunteers may sign up individually or as a team.

Agencies interested in submitting a project request must do so by October 1, 2004. Participation is free. The only requirement for participating agencies and volunteers is a commitment to the 2004 GDOS, which will take place on October 22 – 23, 2004.

Supplies needed for the projects are donated by generous local businesses or bought using sponsorship money. Both monetary and in-kind donations are crucial to the success of the program. Many non-profit agencies request projects that they cannot afford, and sponsorship monies and donated supplies help volunteers make dreams come true for local agencies.

The Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services envisioned the Great Days of Service five years ago in the spirit of Gwinnett's slogan, *Success Lives Here*. The event is designed to increase community awareness for the many agencies and organizations that the Gwinnett Coalition represents and supports.



Volunteer Earl Dennis paints a mural outside a window at Joan Glancey Memorial Hospital during last year's Great Days of Service. Thanks to Dennis' generosity, rehab patients at Joan Glancey now have a beautiful mural to admire during their treatment.

Friends of Gwinnett County Senior Services raises more than \$6,600 for local seniors



Senior Zelma Haney browses auction items at the Friends of Gwinnett County Senior Services silent auction held at Delmar Gardens in July. The event raised more than \$6,600 for senior services.

Festival celebrates C.O.P.S. program success, promotes safety

Gwinnett County citizens are invited to join the Gwinnett County Police Department at the seventh annual C.O.P.S. Festival. The festival will take place on October 5 at 6:30pm at the Gwinnett County Civic and Cultural Center located at 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway in Duluth.

The C.O.P.S. Festival is a celebration of the partnership between the Gwinnett County Police Department, neighborhoods that participate in the C.O.P.S. Program (neighborhood watch), and the Gwinnett community as a whole. This year's C.O.P.S. Festival will include displays and demonstrations from units within the Gwinnett County Police Department and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services: SWAT team, K-9 Unit, Motor Unit (motorcycles), Aviation Unit, Training, D.U.I. Unit, and more.

County representatives will be present to provide helpful information about government and safety, and there will be a special area geared towards children, which will include face painting, a puppeteer, a moonwalk, and other fun activities. For more information on the C.O.P.S. program or the festival in October, contact the Gwinnett County Crime Prevention Unit at 770.623.2610.



Online Motor Vehicle Registration

Now you can renew your motor vehicle registration online at www.gwinnett-tag.com. For a \$4.70 processing fee, you can renew up to 50 motor vehicle registrations in a single transaction.

In order to process your renewal(s) online, have your motor vehicle renewal bill(s) available. Also, note that on-line renewals require a VISA or MasterCard credit card for payment.

Simply log on to www.gwinnett-tag.com and click on the "Renew Online" link. This will take you directly to the state of Georgia DMVS online renewal Web site. You will be required to enter certain identifying information from the renewal bill. After renewing all of your vehicle registrations, your credit card payment completes the transaction. Your renewal decal(s) and your new vehicle registration receipt(s) will be mailed to you in five to seven days.

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Discover Mills Park and Ride

The Department of Transportation celebrated the dedication of the Discover Mills Park and Ride lot on August 17. Citizens taking advantage of the express and local bus service can park at the 554-space facility to catch a ride to downtown Atlanta during peak travel times. Buses traveling local routes throughout Gwinnett County will also stop at the Discover Mills Park and Ride lot. The new lot has been filled close to capacity since its opening on July 22, 2004.

Attention Gwinnett County Taxpayers

The 2004 Property Tax bills are due September 15 and November 15 if you are paying in installments.

For more information, call the customer service line at 770.822.8800 or visit www.gwinnett-tax.com.

Check it out!

Find the parenting tips you've been looking for at the Gwinnett County Public Library. The books in the following list contain helpful hints on communicating with and caring for your children. There are also a few selections to help you care for your aging parents.

Family Reunion: Reconnecting Parents and Children in Adulthood, by Robert Kuttner

The New Father: A Dad's Guide to the First Year, by Armin A. Brott

Getting Your Child to Sleep and Back to Sleep: Tips for Parents of Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers, by Vicki Lansky

The Teen Code: How to Talk to Us About Sex, Drugs, and Everything Else – Teenagers Reveal What Works Best, by Rhett Godfrey and Neale S. Godfrey

Dr. Spock's Baby and Child Care, Updated and Revised, by Robert Needleman

Caring For Yourself While Caring for Your Aging Parents: How to Help, How to Survive, by Claire Berman

Your Child's Growing Mind: Brain Development and Learning From Birth to Adolescence, by Jane Healy

Money Still Doesn't Grow on Trees: A Parent's Guide to Raising Financially Responsible Teenagers and Young Adults, by Neale S. Godfrey and Tad Richards

You Don't Really Know Me: Why Mothers and Daughters Fight and How Both Can Win, by Terri Apter

This list was provided by the Gwinnett County Public Library. Call or visit your local branch for additional selection assistance, or check out the GCPL Web site at www.gwinnettpl.org.

Pet Corner



Randy and Sharane Stewart adopted Little Miss Minnie from the Gwinnett County Animal Shelter. "Miss Minnie is more than a pet," said Sharane. "She is our little girl." Here is Little Miss Minnie in her Halloween costume. She dressed up as Bat Girl ... or Bat Dog.

There are other wonderful pets that also need a loving home. If you would like to see photos of cats and dogs currently up for adoption, visit www.gwinnettcountry.com, or the shelter at Hi-Hope Road and Ga. 316 in Lawrenceville or call 770.339.3200.





WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND GWINNETT

Registration for the fall quarter of **SeniorNet** is September 8 from 9:30am – 1:00pm at the Gwinnett Senior Center at Bethesda Park. SeniorNet membership is \$40 a year and required for all computer classes. Call 770.564.4699 for information on fall classes.

Registration for **Adult Winter Street Hockey** is September 8 at 7:00pm at Rhodes Jordan Park Community Center in Lawrenceville. Sign up is by team only, and the cost is \$600 per team. Divisions include Men's Open and Woman's Open. The season opens September 18 and all games will be played at Pinckneyville Park in Norcross. Call 770.822.5485 for more information.

Come enjoy **Grounds 'n' Sounds** at the Gwinnett History Museum. Acoustic Guitarist, Bill Kahler, will perform on September 10 at 8:30pm. Admission is \$5, and drinks and light desserts will be available for purchase. Call 770.822.5178 for more information.

The fifth annual **Gwinnett Corporate Challenge** brings together businesses and business leaders in Gwinnett County for two

weeks of sports competition to raise funds for youth recreation scholarships. Employees from organizations throughout Gwinnett County will compete in several activities during the weeks of September 12 – 24, including horseshoes, swimming, golf, softball, a trivia game night, 5K run, bowling, two-ball basketball, tennis, table shuffleboard, billiards, and volleyball. For more information please contact Mariann Brown at 770.822.8862.

Become a Neighborhood Park Watch volunteer at Dacula Park and Little Mulberry Park. There will be a **Neighborhood Park Watch Meeting** for Dacula and Little Mulberry Parks on September 21 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at Dacula High School. For more information, call 770.822.8813.

Banish Misfortune will perform September 24 at the Gwinnett History Museum as part of the **Coffeehouse Nights series, Coffee-Ceilidh** (pronounced "kay-lee"). Doors open at 8:00pm, and music and fun begin at 8:30pm. Admission is \$5, and drinks and light desserts will be available for purchase. Call 770.822.5178 for more information.

Enjoy free music under the stars on the lawn of the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse in Lawrenceville at the **Moonlight and Music Concert Series** on September 24 at 8:00pm. Call 770.822.5450 for information.

Enjoy an evening of **Pizza and Bingo Family Night** at the new Mountain Park Activity Building in Stone Mountain on September 24 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Play Bingo for lots of prizes and enjoy some pizza. The cost is \$6 for a family of four and \$1 for each additional person. Call 770.822.5414.

Leave the driving to us as we travel by van to some of Atlanta's finest art venues. The **VAN GO Art Excursion** will leave September 30 at 10:00am from Pinckneyville Community Center. Due to limited space, pre-registration is required, and the cost is \$10 per person. Bring lunch money, as we'll stop for lunch in Virginia Highlands. For more information call 770.417.2200.

Sign up for the Gwinnett Parks Foundation **5K Road Race**. The race is November 13 at Tribble Mill Park in Grayson. Registration is \$15 for participants registered before November 5, and \$20 for those registering after November 5 and on race day. Visit www.gwinnettparksfoundation.org for more information.



Indoor Swimming Venues

Summer is almost gone, but you can still enjoy swimming at one of Gwinnett Parks and Recreation's **indoor aquatic centers**. The following hours will be in effect Labor Day – Memorial Day:

Bogan Park Aquatic Center

770.614.2063

Indoor Lap Pool

Monday, Wednesday 7:00am – 8:50am,
11:00am – 3:00pm
Tues., Thur., Fri. 11:00am – 3:00pm
Saturday Noon – 6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Indoor Leisure Pool

Monday, Wednesday 3:00pm – 7:30pm
Tuesday, Thursday 3:00pm – 8:30pm
Friday 3:00pm – 6:00pm
Saturday Noon – 6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Collins Hill Park Aquatic Center

770.237.5647

Indoor Lap Pool

Monday, Wednesday 9:00am – 9:00pm
Tuesday, Thursday 6:00am – 9:00pm
Friday 9:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday Noon – 6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Mountain Park Aquatic Center

770.564.4650

Indoor Lap Pool

Monday, Wednesday 6:00am – 9:00pm
Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am – 9:00pm
Friday 9:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday Noon – 6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Warm/Instructional Pool

Monday – Saturday Noon – 6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

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