Decatur residents and cyclists represent the city all over the world. Michael and Ian Garrison have both been selected to represent team USA in the Elite Men’s and Women’s Time Trial and Road Race at the 2019 UCI Road World Championships. It is highly unusual to have two athletes on the world championship team from the same town. Michael was selected in the junior category and his brother Ian in the under 25 category.

Joey Rosskopf also rode in the Tour de France this year, and Jason Crosby rode in the 105-mile Leadville Trail Mountain Bike race, all between 9,000 and 13,000 feet of elevation in Leadville, Colorado. Jason had the fastest time of all Georgians who participated this year, and the third fastest time for a Georgian in the 26-year history of the race.
‘Decatur, Open for Business’ Campaign Officially on Display

After officially launching the new campaign to promote Decatur as an employment center of choice for businesses seeking office space, the Decatur Downtown Development Authority (DDA) hopes to increase awareness and excitement in the community with banners appearing throughout the downtown district and a new website showcasing its benefits to businesses.

“It’s one thing to talk about the campaign and what we want it to represent, but putting our imaging and messaging out into the community in a way that is visually dynamic is an important step in this process,” said Chris Sciarrone, Decatur DDA chair. “We hope the community embraces these symbols and knows we are serious when we say Decatur is ‘open for business.’”

In addition to the physical signage, the DDA also launched a website to ensure potential office tenants have easy access to the attributes that make Decatur an ideal location to do business. This new digital portal can be found on the city’s webpage under the business tab, making it easily navigable for anyone looking for more information about the campaign. The DDA also launched a monthly email newsletter intended to share stories of burgeoning Decatur businesses with those outside the community, providing a window into the success that can be achieved on the east side of Metro Atlanta.

“While we hope every potential office tenant can experience what Decatur has to offer firsthand, it was critical that we have a digital presence to allow those outside our community to learn more about what we have to offer businesses interested in incorporating or relocating in our vibrant downtown community,” said Sciarrone.

The City of Decatur and the DDA announced this campaign in June, with these objectives: to attract companies to new and existing office space, drive already low office vacancy rates even lower, and build Decatur’s tax base. With two million square feet of office space, Decatur aims to recruit a new generation of businesses that complement our existing purpose-inspired doers, makers and innovators.
Gimmie Games
Decatur’s Unlikely Jackpot

When you imagine the ringing bells and flashing lights of slot machines, you probably picture Las Vegas, Atlantic City or another glitzy gambling hub. The last place you would probably think of is Decatur, but it happens to be the home of Gimmie Games, one of the world’s leading producers of slot machines.

CEO Daniel Marks was the lone employee when he founded the company in 2013, and nearly seven years later, Gimmie Games has 180 employees located around the world, with 40 of them based in Decatur, in Two Town Center at 125 Clairemont Ave.

“The biggest attraction of Decatur is that it’s a great place for my employees to eat and entertain, always taking in the vibrant, diverse community around us,” said Marks. “I also think Decatur’s progressive environment makes it easier to have a diverse staff like we do, because they can look around the community and find other people who can identify with them and their experiences. It’s just a very comfortable place to be.”

While the slot machines are manufactured in Las Vegas, the Decatur headquarters focuses on game design, artwork, sound effects and animation. The extensive equations that determine who wins – and how often they win – are handled by designated mathematicians, all of whom hold PhDs in mathematics.

Decatur has served as a significant recruiting tool for Marks’ highly educated employee base, especially thanks to the city’s incredible selection of restaurants. Marks takes his entire 40-person team out for lunch every day to one of Decatur’s many restaurants, constantly finding new flavors to sample. He also takes the whole company out for drinks and appetizers at least once a month, enjoying Decatur’s ambiance, culture and community.

“For our annual meeting, we welcome our employees from around the world and rent out a chunk of the YMCA so we can take a break, play some games and then get back to work,” Marks added. “It’s nice that when people visit from out of town, they can stay 100 feet from our office and walk to eat, go to Eddie’s Attic or go out for drinks. There’s always something fun and convenient to do here.”
Holiday Decorating Contest Coming Soon

The holiday season is here and that means it’s time to pull out your holiday decorations. Decorate your home or business in the colors and traditions of the season and enter the Holiday Decorating Contest. Submit a photo of your or your neighbor’s best decorations to Jackie Moore at jacqueline.moore@decaturga.com for the judges to review by Friday, Dec. 6. Be sure to include name and address of the decorations in the email.

Judges will ride by the addresses on Dec. 7 and 8, and winners will be posted on the Decatur Minute and the Decorate Decatur Facebook page. Special yard signs will be posted in the yards of winners to display for the holidays.

The winner of the Commissioners Cup will be presented at the Dec. 16 City Commission meeting. If you have additional questions or need more information email Jackie Moore, jacqueline.moore@decaturga.com, or call 678-553-6574.

Helping Our Neighbors This Holiday Season
It’s Not Too Late

There is still time to make the holiday season brighter for children and senior citizens in Decatur by participating in A Season of Giving/Christmas Decatur. You can choose to purchase gifts on your own by requesting a wish list and purchasing $100 to $150 in gifts specific to that person. If you bring your wish list to Little Shop of Stories to purchase a gift, the shop will donate 20 percent of your purchase to A Season of Giving/Christmas Decatur. Gifts are due Dec. 7.

Other ways to help include making a financial contribution or volunteering. To receive a wish list for a child or senior, inquire about volunteer opportunities, or for additional information, email aseasonofgiving@decaturga.com or call 404-378-8068. Happy holidays!

Join Decatur’s Census Complete Count Committee

The City of Decatur will be forming a Complete Count Committee (CCC) to increase awareness about the 2020 Census and motivate fellow residents to respond. The City Commission is looking for volunteers to help in shaping our community using this vital tool starting in January 2020. The CCC will perform its work from January 2020 to April 2020.

If you are interested in joining the city’s Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census, send your name, phone number, email address, and Election District 1 or 2 to City Clerk Meredith Roark, meredith.roark@decaturga.com by Dec. 2.

DEF Impact Report Correction

The photo at the top of page 7 of Decatur Education Foundation’s Impact Report (in the November Focus) shows DHS student Nashon Smith shaking hands with Congressman John Lewis.
### Solid Waste and Recycling Services Holiday Schedule

Keep this page as a reminder of changes in collection due to city holidays. Disregard DeKalb County solid waste and recycling notices. Please note: this schedule is subject to change. Check the Decatur Focus and official city communication channels for updates and reminders.

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Please note, if your day is not on the schedule, your regular pick-up day has not been affected.
Decatur Street Sweeping

With the season changing, leaves are falling. Please don't sweep or rake leaves into the streets because they will impede drainage and clog storm drains. Street sweeping helps keep Decatur clean and prevents debris and contamination from entering storm drains, which flow directly into local waterways.

Streets are swept once a month during the fall/winter season. This schedule may change due to inclement weather conditions and/or equipment maintenance.

To help us provide the best service:

- Remove any vehicles or trailers parked on the street. The street sweepers often have to go around parked cars in residential areas, missing vital portions of curb/gutter and leaving unsightly debris that can reduce the flow of water into the storm drain system.
- No garbage cans, yard waste or other items should be in the street during sweep day. Garbage cans and yard waste cannot be placed in the street more than 24 hours before pickup, and should be retrieved in the evening after pickup.
- Do not rake or blow your leaves into the street. Residents who rake leaves and other yard debris into the street make it difficult for crews to complete their appointed routes in a timely fashion. Recycle leaves and other green waste material by placing them in compostable yard waste bags. Green waste can include yard trimmings, grass clippings, leaves, weeds, brush and tree clippings.
- Remember that raking leaves into the street is considered illegal dumping.

For a complete street cleaning schedule, visit decaturga.com/streetsweeping.

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A New Kind of Crosswalk Comes to Decatur

The City of Decatur has three pedestrian hybrid beacons (PHBs), located at busy crosswalks:
• South Candler Street near Davis Street
• Clairemont near the YMCA
• Scott Boulevard at Westchester Elementary School

At a PHB, the pedestrian presses a button to activate the traffic signal, causing traffic to stop and allowing for a safe crossing. PHBs are well-suited for areas where pedestrian traffic is cyclical, such as at schools, as they allow traffic to flow unimpeded for the greatest part of the day, yet offer a protected midblock crosswalk when needed. The City of Decatur is committed to improving the pedestrian, bicycle, and Safe Routes to School networks throughout the city.

DRIVERS
Pedestrian hybrid beacons can be activated any time, day or night. Pay attention and always be prepared to stop for pedestrians.

PEDESTRIANS
PHBs will make it safer to cross busy thoroughfares, but pedestrians must always be vigilant. Pay attention and make certain that traffic is stopped before you proceed.

- Push button to cross
- Proceed with caution
- Slow Down
- Prepare to Stop
- Start crossing after traffic stops
- Wait to cross
- Wait for traffic to stop
- Stop! Pedestrian in crosswalk
- Stop! Proceed with caution if clear
- CountDown
- Continue if in crosswalk. If not, don’t start.
- Proceed if clear

decaturga.com/publicworks
Way to Go, Da’Shon!

Da’Shon Leggette, Decatur High School class of 2018 and a Club Ebster teen, joined AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps in August after learning about the program from Program Supervisor Portia Langley (who also served in the program in 2007).

AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time, team-based, residential service program for individuals 18-24 years old. Members work in small teams on service projects in the areas of disaster relief, energy conservation, urban and rural development, infrastructure improvement and the environment.

Da’Shon is stationed in Vinton, Iowa, and will serve in the program for 10 months. As a team member, he will mentor students, construct and rehabilitate low-income housing, respond to natural disasters, help communities develop emergency plans, and address countless other needs in the North Central region of the United States.

In exchange for their service, NCCC Members receive $5,550 to help pay for college, or to pay back existing student loans after graduating.

Club Ebster and Decatur Active Living staff are very proud of Da’Shon for committing to his journey in AmeriCorps. He was an avid volunteer at Ebster Recreation Center and helped with the Halloween and Valentine dances each year. He was also a basketball scorekeeper with the Athletic Division and is known in the community as a positive young man.

AmeriCorps NCCC looks for young people who are flexible, want to work hard for communities, are respectful of diversity, and are willing to put the needs of communities ahead of their own comforts. Da’Shon embodies these qualities. We look forward to his return and to the experiences he will bring back to Decatur.
Affordable Housing Task Force

Decatur faces a shortage of affordable housing, defined as housing options that cost no more than 30 percent of a household’s monthly income. As a result, many folks who work in Decatur – teachers, firefighters, police, as well as many private sector employees – struggle to find housing they can afford in the city, and are often forced to live outside Decatur and deal with difficult commutes.

To address this problem, the Decatur City Commission has created a 26-member Affordable Housing Task Force, which is developing recommendations for review by the commission, with eventual inclusion in the city’s 2020 Strategic Plan and 2020 Comprehensive Plan updates. Some of the central elements of affordable housing are explained in the sidebar to this article.

The work of the Task Force has been broken down into committees looking at defining affordability and prioritizing needs, identifying revenue sources, identifying a pipeline of developable land, preserving existing affordable units, policy and codes, retaining existing low-income residents, and community education. Decatur residents will have the opportunity to comment on the recommendations later this year or early next year.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING GLOSSARY

AMI or Average Median Income – the average or median household income for a region.

Missing Middle Housing – the range of multi-unit or clustered housing types compatible in scale with single-family homes, which includes duplexes, triplexes, carriage houses, and accessory dwelling units, whether for rent or for sale.

Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) – rental housing units that are affordable, without public subsidy support, for people living at or below an area’s median income.

Cost Burdened Household – a household spending more than 30 percent of its income on housing. A Severely Burdened Household, in turn, spends more than 50 percent of its income on housing.

Workforce Housing – housing for those who earn too much to qualify for affordable housing programs, yet cannot afford the average market rate. These households generally have incomes between 60 to 120 percent of AMI.

SEEN AROUND TOWN

Mayor Patti Garrett enjoyed a visit from Westchester Elementary second graders during a recent walking field trip.
Volunteer during MLK Jr. Service Project Weekend

Help Decatur’s Older Residents Stay in Their Homes

You can still sign up to volunteer for Decatur’s 18th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Service Project. This annual event brings together more than 1,000 volunteers each year who do house repairs and maintenance, weatherization, and yard repairs to help Decatur’s long-time homeowners live safely, comfortably, and affordably in their homes. The project honors the legacy and teachings of Rev. Dr. King and the spirit of the King Holiday, the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service.

Anyone can serve (age 12 or older, unless participating with a Scout troop). There are jobs for every skill level, including distributing sandwiches, cookies and brownies for hungry volunteers.

To volunteer or for more information, Call 678-553-6548, email leeann.harvey@decaturga.com or visit mlk-serviceproject.com.

SIGN UP FOR ONE OR MORE VOLUNTEER SHIFTS
(must arrive 30 minutes in advance):

Saturday, Jan. 18
9 a.m.-1 p.m
1-5 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 19
1-5 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 20
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
1-5 p.m.
DBA Seeks Thomas O. Davis Public Servant Award Nominations

Do you know a public servant who goes far beyond his/her job to strengthen our community, serve as a role model, and contribute to our community on an ongoing basis? The Decatur Business Association is calling for nominations for the 18th annual Thomas O. Davis Public Servant Award to honor a public servant – one who often goes unnoticed in his/her work but serves as an inspiration and who exemplifies honesty, integrity and professionalism in the performance of duties.

The public servant can work in any government sector as long as they serve in a non-elected capacity. The award is not limited to City of Decatur employees.

The DBA established the award in memory of Thomas O. Davis, Decatur’s city attorney from 1968 until his death in 2000. Submit a nomination by writing a letter/statement explaining why the nominee should receive the award. The deadline for nominations is Friday, Nov. 15. For information or to submit a nomination, call 678-553-6548 or email leeann.harvey@decaturga.com.

Nominations may also be dropped off at Decatur City Hall, 509 N. McDonough St., second floor, Community and Economic Development department, or mailed to P.O. Box 220, Decatur, GA 30031.

Developing Intergenerational Relationships in your Neighborhood

Neighbors throughout Decatur are invited to attend the next Decatur Neighborhood Alliance meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m., at the Decatur Housing Authority Community Center, 481 Electric Ave. No neighborhood is too big or too small, whether you live in a house, condominium, townhome or apartment. You do not need to be involved with a neighborhood to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Gerontologist Jamie Gilbert (pictured) will discuss the benefits of developing inter-generational relationships. Neighborhoods are the perfect place to get to know everyone from young children to older adults. The bonds that are formed can make a difference in everyone’s life. Research has linked these relationships to other benefits, like improved mental and cognitive health.

Contact Lee Ann Harvey at leeann.harvey@decaturga.com or 678-553-6548 to confirm your attendance or to update your neighborhood’s listing on the Neighborhood Groups page of the Decatur website, decaturga.com/neighborhoodgroups.
Celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month

National American Indian Heritage Month, observed every November, provides an opportunity for us to celebrate the diverse and rich culture, history, and traditions of native people in the United States. While it is also a month in which many of us focus on giving thanks, that day can present a complicated time for those reflecting on the history of American Indians and the ways in which their traditions, ways of life, and culture have been affected in our nation’s history.

While Sacagawea, Pocahontas, Crazy Horse, and Sitting Bull – and their stories – are well known by some, there are many other aspects of American Indian culture, history, and life that we could better understand.

This month, we are reminded to give thanks not only for those things and people who have touched our own lives in positive ways, but for the many contributions Native Americans have made to our country and our communities. American Indian pictures, words, names, and stories are a critical part of American history and continue to impact our world.

In partnership with Little Shop of Stories, the Better Together Advisory Board suggests the following books for you to read, explore, and reflect on.

**Mama, Do You Love Me?**
by Barbara M Joossen
This board book shows the sweet ways a little girl asks her mama about the limits of their love. The answer, of course, is that it’s limitless. A great newborn read aloud, but also a good book for preschool ages 0-4 years old.

**Hiawatha and the Peacemaker**
by Robbie Robertson
This retelling of Hiawatha dusts off the old tale and makes it fresh and new. It has art by David Shannon and includes an original song done for the book by Robbie Robertson. Kids who love myths and folktales will thrill to the story, told with joy and heart by Robertson. Good for a broad range, 5-10 years old.

**In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse**
by Joseph Marshall
Jimmy McClean’s father is part white and part Lakota, and his mother is Lakota. Over summer break Jimmy embarks on a journey with his grandfather, Nyles High Eagle. While on the road, his grandfather tells him the story of Crazy Horse, one of the most important figures in Lakota and American history. Intertwining fiction and nonfiction, the book is about heritage and identity, re-centering a crucial figure in American history within his tradition. Middle grades, 10-14 years old.

You can find these books and many others at Little Shop of Stories, 133 E. Court Square, or at littleshopofstories.com/shop-online.
Rotary Club Sponsors DHS Students to Study Abroad

The Rotary Club of Decatur, part of Rotary International District 6900, is proudly sponsoring three Decatur High School students – Keiko Ito, Argentina; Molly Soulen, India; and Nikos Verlenden, Spain – for a year of study abroad through the Rotary Youth Exchange program. The students will serve as ambassadors living overseas, representing the Rotary Club of Decatur and the district.

To learn more about each student, visit the sites listed under their photos at right.

To learn more about the Rotary Youth Exchange program visit rotary.org/en/our-programs/youth-exchanges.

Keiko, Argentina  
ryeflorida.org/2019-20-keiko-argentina

Nikos, Spain  
ryeflorida.org/2019-20-nikos-spain

Molly, India  
ryeflorida.org/2019-20-molly-india

Goats Return to Clear Brush at Agnes Scott College

Fifteen goats and two sheep arrived on the Agnes Scott College campus in late September for another round of brush clearing. They remained on campus for several weeks to eat invasive plant species, including kudzu, English ivy and privet. Each goat consumed approximately 20 to 30 lbs. of brush per day.

The goats are a chemical-free method of removing invasive plants, and an example of Agnes Scott's sustainability efforts on campus. This year's project is co-partnered by the college's Center for Sustainability and BrightView Landscape, which coordinated the service project with DayDay's Goat Rental.

Tuesday, December 3

DBA Holiday Party

Decatur Courtyard by Marriott, Ballroom B
130 Clairemont Ave.

5 p.m.  Hometown Heroes Beer Festival Grant Awards

6 p.m.  Networking Reception

Sponsored by Decatur Development Authority and Decatur Courtyard by Marriott

There is no meeting in November

Check for updates at decaturdba.com
Small Business Saturday at Little Shop of Stories

Nov. 30 • All Day
Come out and support Little Shop, 133 E. Court Square, on Small Business Saturday. Suggestions for holiday gift giving, food and other goodies will be provided, as well as an 11 a.m. visit with author Jane Yolen and her daughter and co-author Heidi Stemple.

November Events at the DeKalb History Center

Historic DeKalb Courthouse, 2nd floor
101 E. Court Square

Hops at the History Center

Georgia Place-Names From Jot-em-Down to Doctortown
Wednesday, Nov. 6 • 6-7 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Ever wonder about the origins of unusual place names in Georgia? Join the DeKalb History Center in welcoming Cathy J. Kaemmerlen, author of Georgia Place-Names From Jot-em-Down to Doctortown and discover some answers.

Cathy’s book dives into the origin stories behind some of Georgia’s most interesting and head-scratching place names, from Boxankle to Cow Hell. It will be available for purchase at the event. Cathy is the author of five published books and is known for her one-woman shows, put on through her production company, Tat-tlingtales Productions.

Member tickets are $5; nonmember tickets are $10. One drink ticket is included. The event is sponsored by Eagle Eye Book Store.

Fall Open House at the History Center

Thursday, Nov. 14 • 5:30-7 p.m.
The community is invited to a Fall Open House event at the DeKalb History Center to kick off the “Give Five for the Archives” fund-raising campaign. Exhibits will be open and behind-the-scenes tours of the archives/collections areas will be conducted. A cash bar will be available. The event is free and open to the community.

Since 1947, the DeKalb Historical Society, now the DeKalb History Center, has been collecting and preserving the history of DeKalb County, caring for thousands of documents and items housed in the Historic DeKalb Courthouse.

Lunch & Learn

Lyon Farmhouse Restoration
Tuesday, Nov. 5 • noon-1 p.m.
Free! Bring your lunch

The DeKalb History Center’s November Lunch & Learn will be presented by Mera Cardenas and Sarah Lisle from the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Alliance. The alliance is dedicated to preserving the historic buildings and lands located within its area, including the Lyon Farm, established by the Lyon Family in the 1820s. The Lyon family occupied the land for nearly 150 years.

In recent years, with the help of many organizations, work began on the Lyon house to stabilize and restore it. In May, the restoration was officially completed. The Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Alliance can now rely on the beautifully restored farmhouse to help interpret the history of the area for future visitors.
Waldorf School Holiday Fair

Saturday, Nov. 9 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

At the Waldorf School of Atlanta’s 32nd Holiday Fair, children of all ages can enjoy a variety of activities, including jump rope making, obstacle courses, candle dipping, face painting, a petting zoo, and flower braiding. Younger visitors can stop by the children’s-only Enchantment Shop filled with hand-made gifts. The Fish Pond will be fully stocked with underwater-themed, handcrafted treasures.

The Pocket Lady and her cape full of magical items will be back to visit. An artists market and the Forest Shop will offer hundreds of handcrafted items made from all-natural materials, including wooden toys, blown glass, jewelry, plant-dyed yarns, pottery, hand-made dolls, beeswax candles, artisan body and beauty products, unique clothing and fabrics, wall art, and more.

Food, snacks, live music, and entertainment will be available throughout the day.

The Holiday Fair adult preview night is Friday, Nov. 8, 6:30-9 p.m., and will include an adults-only preview of the Puppet Show at 6 p.m. Admission to the event is free, with fees for activities. Activity tickets can be purchased at designated ticket booths on the day of the event.

Waldorf School is at 827 Kirk Rd. Parking is available at the WSA/Columbia Presbyterian lot at 711 S. Columbia Dr. Overflow parking is available at the Friends School of Atlanta and Columbia Theological Seminary Inman Drive lot. For more information, visit waldorfatlanta.org or call 404-377-1315.

OCP Harvest Celebration

Thursday, Nov. 14 • Friday, Nov. 15

The students at Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool will present their annual Harvest Festival to the community. Harvest provides an opportunity to establish a sense of pride and accomplishment as they create a “feast” from foods they planted in the play garden. Students will chop vegetables for a soup, as well as make bread and butter, and offer the meal to families. The experience will help them learn about seasonal changes, nature, and stewardship, instilling a deep respect for the natural world and their place in it.

There will also be an admissions tour Thursday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m.-noon, just before the Harvest celebration begins.

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Decatur Farm to School Fall Dine Out

Wednesday, Nov. 20 • 5-9 p.m.

The Wylde Center’s Decatur Farm to School (DF2S) Fall Dine Out is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 20, 5-9 p.m. Local restaurants participating include Raging Burrito, Farm Burger, Twain’s, Sapori di Napoli, Calle Latina, Butter and Cream, My Parents’ Basement, Oakhurst Market, Universal Joint, Steinbeck’s, Marlay House, Kimball House, and The Imperial.

Eat at a participating restaurant that night and a portion of total sales will go to DF2S. Visit wyldecenter.org/decatur-farm-to-school-dine-out/ for a complete list of participating restaurants. Raffle tickets are available for purchase, too.

All proceeds support Wylde Center programs, including Decatur High School summer internships, school grants, conference scholarships, and taste tests.

Get to Know Furnish with Love

Thursday, Nov. 7 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The community is invited to join Furnish with Love (FWL), a new nonprofit in Decatur, for cocktails and bites at Trinity Mercantile & Design, 116 E. Trinity Place.

FWL aims to create an Atlanta where every family has a home in which they can thrive. The organization has offices at Legacy Park and is seeking donations of cash, furniture, and time. For more information, visit furnishwithlove.org.

Columbia Theological Seminary Hosts Smithsonian Exhibit Exploring Human Origins

The John Bulow Campbell Library at Columbia Theological Seminary, 701 S. Columbia Dr., will be one of the first seminary libraries to host the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History traveling exhibit – Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean To Be Human? The exhibit is open to the community through Dec. 13, but small groups are asked to schedule a tour in advance by email at humanorigins@ctsnet.edu.

The Exploring Human Origins traveling exhibit was designed to inspire people to contemplate their place in the natural world and reflect on how human ancestors evolved to adapt in a variety of climates and locations over millions of years. The exhibition and its associated community events are designed to engage audiences to explore the scientific discoveries concerning human evolution and how these findings connect to diverse personal and societal perspectives about who we are as a species.

The exhibit was developed in partnership with the American Library Association and made possible by a grant from the John Templeton Foundation with support from the Peter Buck Human Origins Fund at the Smithsonian. It has appeared at 19 public libraries and just one other seminary across the country. For more information about the exhibit, as well as events and conversations associated with it, visit humanorigins.si.edu.
Decatur City Dance Presents:

New Goose: A Day with Mother Goose Unravels

Saturday, Nov. 9 • 7 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 10 • 2 p.m.
Drew Center for the Arts Theater
300 East Lake Blvd., Atlanta

Decatur City Dance kicks off its 2019-2020 season with the ballet New Goose: A Day with Mother Goose Unravels, a re-imagining of the famous nursery rhymes. New Goose follows the adventures of Mother Goose, her son Tom and a host of colorful characters. Join the company’s Apprentice and Junior Ensembles for a family-friendly performance. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students and seniors. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit decaturcitydance.org.

Alternative Gift Market at North Decatur Presbyterian Church

Saturday, Dec. 7 • 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • 611 Medlock Rd.

Take a shopping trip around the world! Decatur residents Linda and Haywood Curry invite the community to North Decatur Presbyterian Church’s annual Alternative Gift Market. Vendors sell fair trade, environmentally sustainable and reasonably priced holiday gifts supporting refugees or disenfranchised populations.

Gifts for sale include items from Africa, Latin America, Asia, South America and the Middle East, as well as local products from emerging entrepreneurs. Holiday gift cards will also be available, in honor of or in memory of loved ones, such as goats for the Haiti EcoVillage School, El Refugio legal defense for detainees, or sending a child to Peacemakers Camp.

A Children’s craft corner and refreshments will be available while you shop. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted by most vendors. The church is at the intersection of Medlock, N. Decatur Road and Scott Boulevard. For more information, contact Deedee Murphy, ddmm54@comcast.net, 404-276-0593.

Veterans Day Commemoration

Nov. 11 • 11 a.m. • Decatur Cemetery • 229 Bell St.

Join the American Legion Post 66, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 66 and Friends of Decatur Cemetery for the traditional Veterans Day Ceremony of Remembrance. The time coincides with the Armistice, which ended the Great War, considered by many at the time to be “the War to End all Wars,” in 1918.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, in preparation for the ceremony, volunteers will place American flags on the graves of more than 1,000 men and women who served their country in both war and peacetime and earned their final rest in Decatur Cemetery.

The flags will remain in place through Saturday, Nov. 16. To volunteer contact Amy Weaver, amy@b2creativeinc.com, or Sarah Zingarelli, sarahzunit66@gmail.com.
Decatur Events

Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale at Decatur First Christian Church

601 W. Ponce de Leon Ave. • November 29 until sold out
Decatur First Christian Church will hold its annual Christmas Tree and Wreath sale beginning Friday, Nov. 29, 9 a.m., and continuing until sold out. To purchase Christmas trees and handmade wreaths, visit the church (across from the Decatur Post Office), or pre-order your tree between Nov. 1 and Nov. 27 for a 5 percent discount at decaturdisciples.org. Prepayment is required to receive the discount.

The deadline for pickup of pre-sold trees is Dec. 6. Local deliveries are $10; certain conditions apply. Proceeds benefit church and community missions in the city of Decatur, including the Toy Park. For more information, call 404-378-3621.

Sale hours are 4:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Saturday; and 1-8:30 p.m. Sunday.

Volunteers Needed and Appreciated
Help unload the tree truck on Sunday, Nov. 24, at noon. Volunteer for a four-hour time slot during sale hours and receive a free T-shirt and homemade meal. Call 404-378-3621 for information on how you and your organization can serve.

Saint Thomas More Catholic School Open Houses
Nov. 6 and Jan. 8 • 9:30 a.m.
Discovery and Donuts:
Dec. 8 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

St. Thomas More Catholic School, at the intersection of W. Ponce de Leon Avenue and W. Trinity Place, invites parents of prospective students to the Discovery and Donuts event and Open House opportunities. Participants can meet faculty, hear from students and parents, tour the campus, and learn how academic excellence, learning and faith are at the heart of the school. The school is celebrating more than 68 years of operation. For more information, visit stmga.org/.

Oakhurst Tree Lighting, Concert and Lantern parade
Sunday • December 8, 6 p.m.
The Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool will host its annual lantern parade and tree lighting in Harmony Park, Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. Lantern making will begin at 4:30 p.m. The parade will begin at Oakhurst Cooperative Preschool, 830 W. College Ave., at 5:30 p.m., arriving at Harmony Park around 6 p.m.

The Oakhurst Community Choir will have a concert at Ka-varna at 5 p.m. They will also sing at Harmony Park for the tree lighting.
Holiday Events at Little Shop of Stories

133 East Court Square

Little Shop of Stories’ holiday event sign-up will open Friday, Nov. 1, at 10 a.m. Call or drop by to sign your little ones up for one (or all) of Little Shop’s holiday traditions.

Events

Dec. 14 • Gingerbread Party
Dec. 19 • Hanukkah Celebration
Dec. 21 • Polar Express Party and Visit with Santa
Dec. 23 • Night Before Night Before Christmas Reading and Visit with Santa

Andrea Beaty Visits Little Shop of Stories Nov. 12

Andrea Beaty, author of picture books Ada Twist, Scientist, and Rosie Revere Engineer, comes to town with her newest in the Questioneers series, Sofia Valdez, Future Prez. For additional details, call 404-373-6300.

Shannon Messenger Author Event

Nov. 19 • 7 p.m.
Decatur Library Auditorium
215 Sycamore St.

Join Little Shop of Stories for an evening with New York Times bestselling author Shannon Messenger. The event will take place at the Georgia Center for the Book, located in the Decatur Library. The event is free and open to all. You must purchase a copy of Legacy from Little Shop of Stories to enter the signing line. Books will be available for purchase at the event. You may also preorder the book and secure your place in the signing line by purchasing a Legacy preorder ticket.

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**Wylde Center’s Recycling Day Festival**

**Saturday, Nov. 16 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Oakhurst Garden, 435 Oakview Rd.**

Celebrate America Recycles Day with Wylde Center and its fantastic community partners at the first annual Recycling Day Festival. This family-friendly event is full of community resources, educational topics, and activities, all centered on the world of recycling.

Join us for recycled papermaking demonstrations, family-friendly music performances, crafts using recycled materials, and more. Current participating partners include Steam-powered Kids, music from Maria Rossoto’s Friends in the Garden, City of Decatur Public Works, CompostNow, Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation, Decatur Environmental Sustainability Board, Scraplanta Creative Reuse, Decatur Makers, Dreamweave Alliance, and One More Generation.

The event is free and will take place rain or shine. Donations are encouraged and will be accepted at the door.

Please note that, due to capacity limitations, recycled materials will not be accepted at this event. Rather, Recycling Day Festival will have educational activities and information centered on recycling for families to enjoy, free of charge.

**Wylde Wreaths at Oakhurst Garden**

**Dec. 4-14**

The Wylde Center invites adults to create their own wreath masterpieces during a 90-minute workshop at Oakhurst Garden, 435 Oakview Rd. Participants will be provided with balsam fir wreaths, along with a variety of garden materials, including dried berries and herbs, dried flowers, pine cones, and magnolia pods.

Each person can choose a decorative bow to embellish the wreaths and create one-of-a-kind holiday decorations. Feel free to bring your own beverage and snacks, including beer and wine, and get as creative as you want to be with the wreaths, which will be ready to take home the same evening.

The cost is $65 per person, or $55 for Wylde Center members. All materials are included. Wylde Center staff will be on hand to offer suggestions and any needed help. Sessions will be held Dec. 4-14. All sessions are 21-plus with the exception of Family Day. For more information visit wyldecenter.org or Wylde Center’s social media platforms.

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Westchester Elementary Celebrates School Sign Restoration

The Westchester PTA Board and Principal Rochelle Lofstrand held a dedication ceremony for the school’s iconic school sign at their school-wide picnic and book fair in September. The sign restoration was completed in a way that preserved its original design while restoring it to its now fully functional, lighted capacity.

On hand for the ceremony were Decatur Mayor Patti Garrett; Mayor Pro-Tem Tony Powers; CSD School Board members Garrett Goebel and Heather Tell; and Executive Director of Schools Dr. Maggie Fehrman. Principal Lofstrand and PTA Board members Tim Martin, Kristin Hutchinson, Sybil McCullar, and Michelle Stevens were in attendance, along with Westchester Grounds Committee Chair Laura Wingfield and several dozen parents, children, and neighbors.

Replacing the original Westchester sign with a new design was never up for discussion, as many stakeholders and community members had expressed their affection for it over many years. Therefore, the Westchester PTA board, including Principal Lofstrand, began creating a plan for the sign’s restoration 12 months ago, to bring it back to life. The new sign features modern materials, including LED lights that will allow it to continue to serve as an important landmark for years to come.
DEF’s Supper & Sips Moves to November

Thursday, Nov. 14 • 6:30-10:30 p.m.
Courtyard by Marriott

Enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors at the Decatur Education Foundation’s Supper & Sips event. Sample Southern-inspired bites from some of Decatur’s restaurants, including Leon’s, Steinbecks, Calle Latina and Salaryman (a new restaurant from the team that brought you Taiyo Ramen). Butter & Cream will return to provide seasonal ice cream flavors. Victory Beer and Decatur Package will provide beverages that complement the Southern fare.

The party will feature games, an auction with a new and very Decatur auctioneer, and the mission-driven fund-a-need. Proceeds for the event support the work of the Decatur Education Foundation, which connects people, resources and ideas to meet the needs of our kids.

For more event details or to purchase tickets, visit defsupper.com. Learn more about DEF’s mission and impact at decatureducationfoundation.org or “like” them on Facebook and Instagram.
A Novel Affair

Tapas+Trivia raised $30,000 to support library programming. The DeKalb Library Foundation thanks Lenz for serving as the presenting sponsor and sending a team to play trivia.

#decaturlovesbooks  #anovelaffair  #tapasandtrivia

Youth Fire Prevention

Captain Meyers, retired Decatur firefighter, Lt. Justin Sardine, and firefighter Sebastien Pean of Decatur Fire Rescue worked with Kameron Harper, exchanging information about teens, behavior, and fire alarm systems. After productive conversation Kameron and family took time to capture the moment in front of Engine 2.

#youthfireprevention  #decaturfirerescue

Cross Country at Legacy Park

In September, Decatur High School hosted the Eddie Fowlkes Invitational Meet at Decatur Legacy Park. Thanks to all the volunteers and City of Decatur staff who prepared the course for the competition.

#overthehills  #throughthewoods  #runlegacy

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