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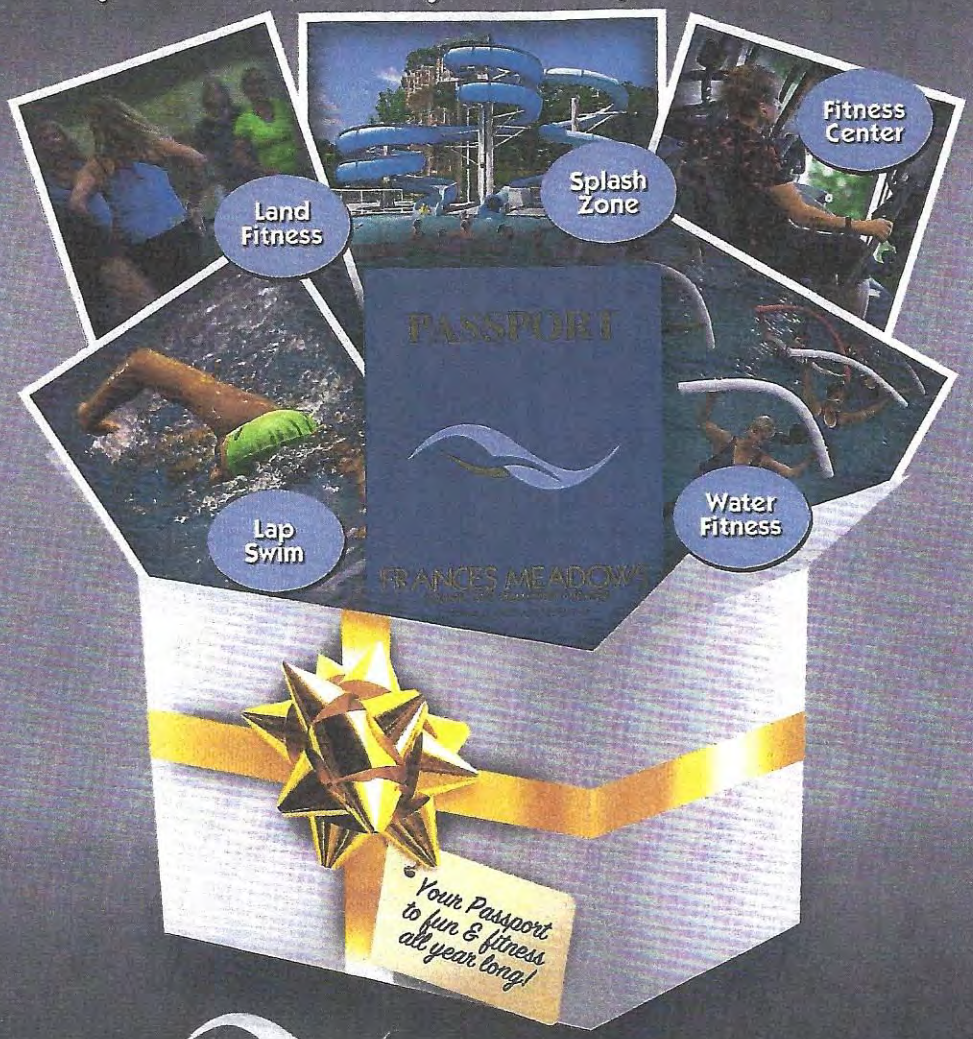

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Skate park plans show signs of life

BY CARLOS GALARZA
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After almost 10 years of talking about it, there are signs of life in the seemingly moribund plans to build a skate park in Gainesville.

A basic conceptual sketch of what such a facility would look like has been presented to city parks and recreation officials, according to Councilman Sam Couvillon, an ex-officio member of the parks and rec board.

Couvillon

However, Couvillon said a location for the skate park has yet to be identified or purchased, and there's no timetable for when such a facility would be built.

"Generally speaking, they would like the (skate park) to be in midtown," Couvillon told The Times on Friday. "Once the Walton Community homes come on board, they're trying to maybe have more recreation in the area in addition to the Greenway."

Walton Communities LLC and the Gainesville Housing Authority are partners on a complex of

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Green Street will close for parade

Times staff reports

Gainesville's busy Green Street will be closed most of Sunday afternoon for the city's annual Christmas event.

Sgt. Kevin Holbrook of the Gainesville Police Department said the roadway will be closed about 2:30 p.m. from Enota Avenue to Jesse Jewell Parkway. All side streets will be closed where they intersect Green.

The parade is set to begin at 4:30 p.m., and those attending Christmas on Green Street can then visit businesses on either side of the road. Businesses will have open houses, refreshments and live music. The Times will offer a photo booth and a live press run, among other activities. The event closes with the lighting of the tree at the intersection of Green and Academy streets.

Holbrook said the road will reopen about 7:30 p.m.

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rental properties under construction in the midtown area of E.E. Butler Parkway and Atlanta Street.

In addition, a private developer is finishing up work on a midtown project called The Enclave — at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard near Queen City Parkway — that will put up for rent 45 townhomes.

The two projects are part of an intensified effort by city officials to revitalize the midtown area.

Couvillon said the skate park project would likely be a joint venture with Hall County.

County spokeswoman Katie Crumley said while she's unaware of any formal discussions between the city and county to partner on a skate park project, she would not be surprised if the idea is taken up as Hall continues working on a parks master plan.

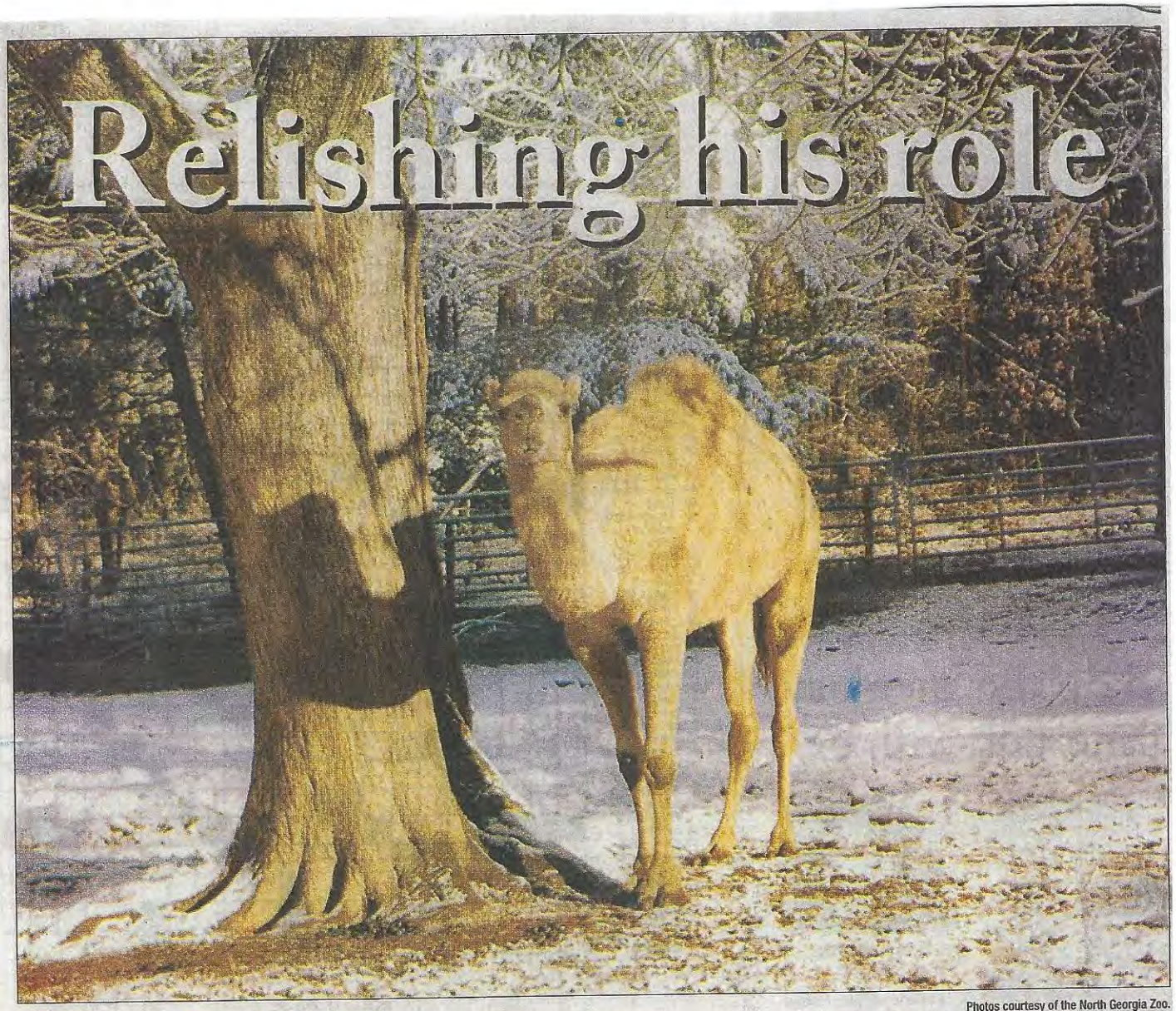
"Of course, Hall County is always open to partnering with its various municipalities, including Gainesville, on various projects," Crumley said.

Couvillon said it's not unusual for these kind of recreational plans to take time.

"How this kind of stuff works is, it's dreamed about, then it's planned on and then you got to act on it," he said. "I would be shocked if it were a year away. It's probably something we will look at when the budget year come around."

City parks and rec officials could not be reached for comment.

Relishing his role



Photos courtesy of the North Georgia Zoo.

Obadiah, a dromedary camel owned by North Georgia Zoo, stands in his enclosure during winter in Cleveland. Obadiah and zoo Director Hope Bennett will participate in Christmas on Green Street today.

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Camel Obadiah is among the actors who bring Nativity to life

BY NICK BOWMAN
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Obadiah, a trained actor who craves the spotlight, has been performing in live Nativities for years and will bring his talent to Gainesville this Christmas season.

He went to school in North Georgia for years, honing his craft of recreating the birth of Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem. There will be no missing that craft when he performs for Christmas on Green Street today.

He's also hard to miss because he's a half-ton camel.

Obadiah is one of five camels living at the North Georgia Zoo in Cleveland, according to Director Hope Bennett. Bred in captivity, Obadiah came to the facility in 2005 as a six-month-old calf from another facility.

He's a dromedary camel — meaning he only has one hump, while the Bactrian has two — and is now 12 years old.

He lives on a diet of grass and grain, and just like many dogs and other species of animal, he has summer and winter coats (and sheds like a monster in springtime, requiring a heavy amount of brushing and growing).

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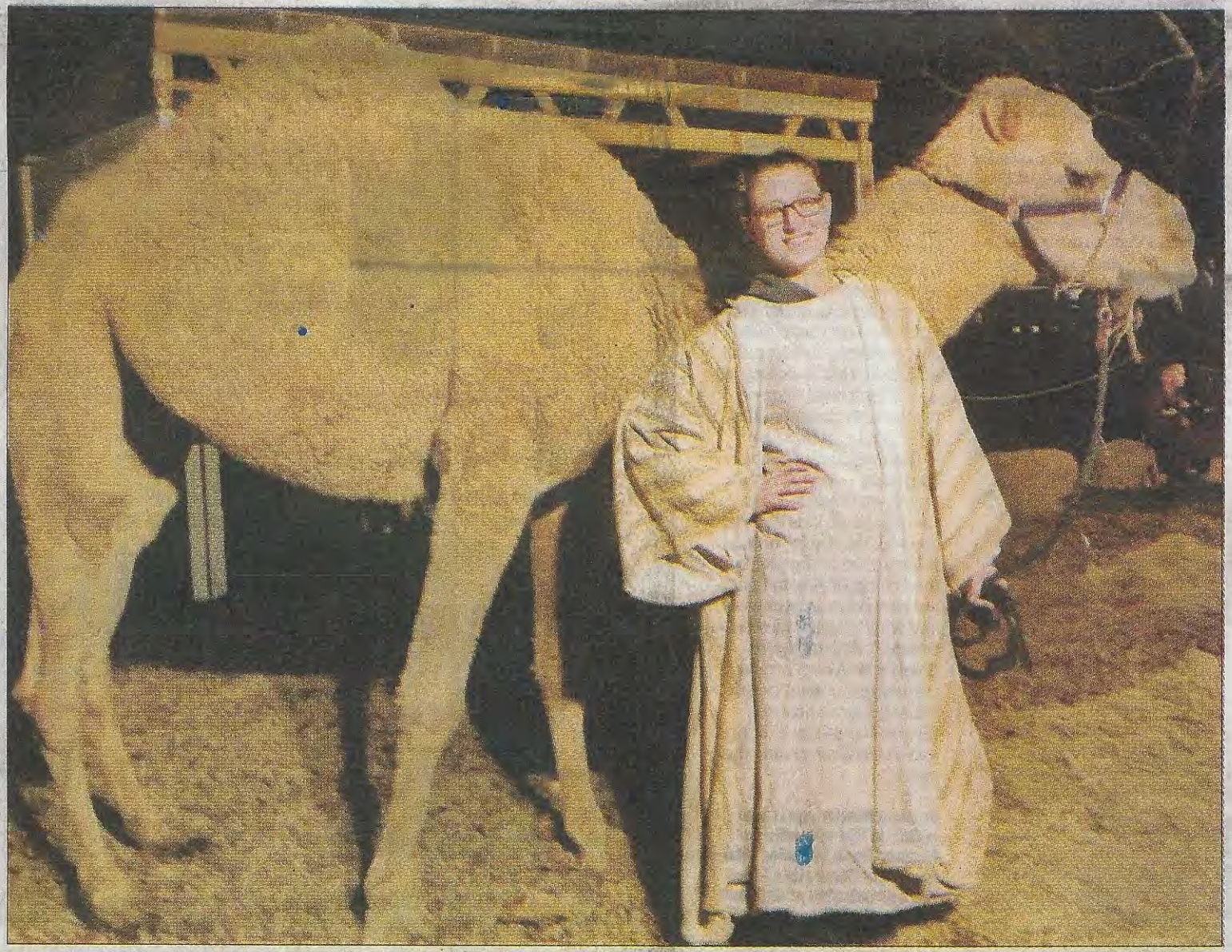
Christmas on Green Street

What: Parade, open houses at businesses, live music
When: 4:30 p.m. today
Where: Green Street, Gainesville
How much: Free



Shannon, a Nativity scene actress, stands with Obadiah, a dromedary camel, at a display in 2016. Obadiah is part of the North Georgia Zoo in Cleveland and will participate in Christmas on Green Street today.

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Obadiah's a bit of a heavy drinker and can down some 30 gallons of water in a single sitting. He'll live between 40 and 50 years — that's a lot of Nativities and plenty of time for Obadiah to continue his work as an ambassador for his species at the zoo.

"We have some camels that get more rambunctious, other camels that are more laid-back," Bennett said. "Obadiah has always been more laid-back and inquisitive about people."

He took to training like a "puppy dog," she said, and knows how to lay down, crawl and come when called. He responds to affection and, like any mammal, has likes and dislikes — and can even become pouty.

Obadiah is "not just an animal — it can respond to you. It can connect with you, and it can have moods," Bennett said.

But if you're wondering, Obadiah has never spit at an yone, the classic, clichéd habit of an unfriendly camel.

There's no reason for the head-high camel to be unfriendly this time of year, Bennett said.

"This is their role; this is their season. Nativity December is their favorite month because all of the camels get to go out and help bring reason to the season and help bring the season alive," she said.

He's a frequent performer at Nativities for Sardis Baptist Church, Burnt Hickory Baptist Church and Peachtree Presbyterian in Roswell.

Of all of Obadiah's public events, his role at Christmas events can have some of the greatest effects on people. Christians across the nation and world will, or already have, put up their Nativity scenes recreating the birth of Jesus in wood, plastic and paper.

Bennett said bringing the scene to life, not just with people but with creatures like Obadiah, helps reinvigorate the moment.

"It's an opportunity to help people remember it's not about the commercialism, it's not about giving gifts," she said. "It's about giving and experiencing baby Jesus."

Today, Bennett will serve as Obadiah's handler in Gainesville, where they'll walk the Christmas parade and then spend some time at Christmas on Green Street.

He's well-suited to the job, she said, after being trained from a young age to enjoy the company of people. Now, the 1,200-pound pack animal thrives on the performances.

"He's great with public events," said Melissa Burns, assistant director of the zoo. "He's been traveling and going to Nativities most of his life. Out of all of our camels, he's the attention hound. He loves it when people are petting him and seeing him."

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Holiday tradition continues

Photos by **SCOTT ROGERS** | The Times

Kids watch for the beginning of the parade Sunday during the annual Christmas on Green Street event.

Annual Christmas on Green Street event brings fun for all

BY KAYLEE MARTIN
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Thousands of people packed the sidewalks of Green Street in downtown Gainesville on Sunday for the annual Christmas on Green Street event. Presented by the Hall County Historical Society, this event has become a holiday tradition for many.

The event kicked off with a parade including antique cars, followed by a tree lighting at the intersection of Green and Academy streets.

Among the parade participants were a number of local groups, while some dressed as Disney princesses, "Star Wars" characters and superheroes also walked down Green Street.

Spectators oohed and ahhed over performances by North Georgia Stars twirlers and Atlanta Freedom bands.

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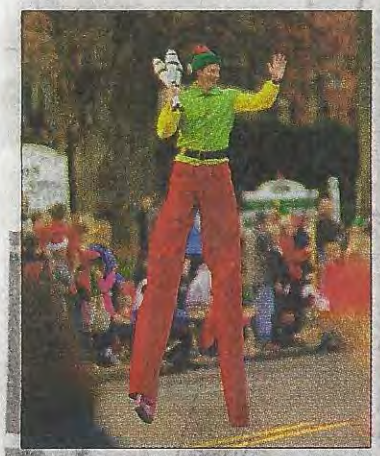

Above left: A parade participant makes his way down Green Street. **Above right:** Santa and Mrs. Claus make an appearance atop a Gainesville fire engine.

Photos by **SCOTT ROGERS** | The Times

"Star Wars" characters entertain parade watchers Sunday during the annual Christmas on Green Street parade.

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Several local businesses also had their doors open for visitors with refreshments and other family-friendly activities, and food trucks were part of the event as well.

Of course, Santa Claus was the star of the show.

"I have to make my rounds to visit all the children and then read their letters before Christmas," Claus said.

Caleb Kersh, owner of local business C. Kersh Photography, and his wife Shea are regular visitors for the event.

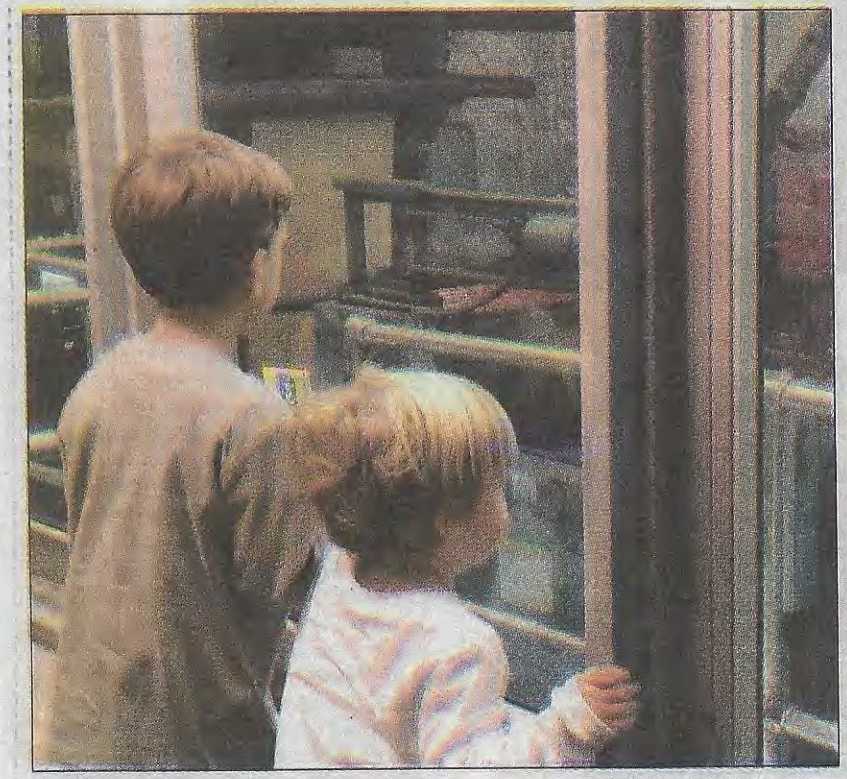
"I think we've been coming to this event for five or six years. I don't even remember at this point. We always come," Caleb Kersh said. "I brought my camera with me today. Green Street has so many historical houses, and to see them decked out for Christmas with the parade makes for some cool pictures."

"Christmas is such a happy holiday," added Shea Kersh. "Everyone is always in such high spirits, and you see that almost everywhere you go this time of year."

Among the many children at the event was 10-year-old Javon Hollis.

"My favorite part about Christmas is the presents. ... Just kidding!" he joked. "I like Christmas because it brings people together and you get to spend time as a family."

Above: A Batmobile replica, complete with the Penguin driving, makes its way along Green Street during the parade. **Below:** Disney characters parade along Green Street.



SHANNON CASAS | The Times

Children watch The Times printing press during Christmas on Green Street. The Times offered a photo booth and live press run, among other activities.

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• **Carroll Griffin**, Domain Manager for **ZF Industries Gainesville**, was presented the Plant Manager Award at the 4th Annual People of Manufacturing Awards at the 2017 Georgia Manufacturing Summit in October. Griffin has been with ZF for 17 years and manages budgets at three plants with a combined inventory valued at over $3 million. He is an active member of the Greater Hall Chamber, serving on the Safety Council and is also chairman of the Lanier Technical College Industrial Systems Advisory Committee. ***zf.com***

• **Brian Daniel**, President of **Carroll Daniel Construction**, announces industry veteran, **Al Petrangeli**, as the company's new Chief Operating Officer. Petrangeli joins Carroll Daniel following his recent retirement from international construction services firm, Balfour Beatty Construction, one of the largest contractors in the U.S., where he served as regional COO. ***carrolldaniel.com***

• **Magical Nights of Lights at Lanier Islands** runs though January 3. Stop at the Holiday Village to enjoy visits with Santa, watch holiday classics on the massive flat screen TV and dine on tasty holiday treats. At Winter Adventure, purchase wristbands for unlimited carnival rides, access to the snow play zones and bubble skating. ***lanierislands.com***

• Consider sponsoring one of the Chamber's upcoming events such as **Business After Hours, recognized as one of Gainesville-Hall County's greatest networking opportunities**. Gain valuable on-site exposure for your organization while making quality business leads. Details: Mandy Lathem, 770-532-6206 x 115. Email: ***mlathem@ghcc.com***

• **Breakfast with Saint Nick** at the **Atlanta Botanical Garden Gainesville** is Saturday, December 9 from 9-11 am with a continental breakfast, a fun holiday craft and St. Nick! Space is limited. 404-876-5859. Register at ***atlantabg.org***

• **Hall County Fire Services is offering free CPR** (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) classes to citizens interested in learning this life-saving skill. Classes are held quarterly at 6 p.m. at the Hall County Emergency Services Complex, located at 470 Crescent Drive in Gainesville. Space is limited. To sign up, call 770-531-6838 or visit ***hallcounty.org***

• **Victorian Christmas at the Northeast Georgia History Center** is Sunday, December 10 at 1pm. Come celebrate the Holidays with photos with Santa by the fire, refreshments as well as Christmas Songs and Carols. Create a pioneer Era inspired decoration. Free Admission. 770-297-5900. ***negahc.org***

• The **20th Annual Lanier Canoe & Kayak Club's Polar Bear Plunge** is January 1st at 12pm at the LCKC Boathouse at Lake Lanier Olympic Park in Gainesville. All registrants receive an event t-shirt. Hot drinks and chili after the event. $30 individual; $90 family of four (4). Register at ***lckc.org***

• Residents and visitors can now **sign up to reserve Hall County Parks facilities online** for facilities at Laurel Park, Cherokee Bluffs Park, Alberta Banks Park and River Forks Campground. Online rentals will also soon be available for the County's three community centers: North Hall, Mulberry Creek and East Hall. ***hallcountyparks.org***

• With 18,782 students enrolled, the **University of North Georgia** (UNG) experienced a growth of 3.1% for the 2017 fall semester. Among Georgia's public colleges and universities, UNG's percentage increase is the fifth-largest, just behind Georgia Southwestern State University at 3.3% growth. Georgia Tech saw the highest percentage of enrollment growth at 9.4%. ***ung.edu***

• The Georgia Recreation & Park Association named **Gainesville Parks & Recreation as Agency of the Year** – the 13th time over the last 18 years that Gainesville has won the honor (category of 20,000-50,000 residents). Over the past year, over 750,000 people visited the city's 22 parks and facilities, producing an economic impact of approximately $9 million. ***gainesville.org/recreation***

• The Board of the Georgia Academy for Economic Development announces Hall County graduates from the 2017 Region 2 Multi-Day Training Program: **Amanda Lewis**, *Greater Hall Chamber;* **Glennis Barnes**, *Georgia Power;* **Rhonda Samples**, *Hall County Schools;* **Misty Freeman**, *Gainesville City Schools*; **Lisa MacKinney**, *Hall County Library System.* Graduates gained a unique understanding of the complexities of economic and community development on the local, regional, and state levels. ***dca.ga.gov***

• Join **Kimbrough Law** on December 6 from 12-1pm for a free 'lunch and learn' at Scott's Downtown. Find out how to plan for future long-term care expenses without bankrupting yourself. Reservations: 706-850-6910. ***kimbroughlaw.net***

GOT NEWS?

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Business Expo on February 15

Exhibits & Sponsorships Available

The Chamber continues its BUY LOCAL initiative with Business EXPO 2018 on Thursday, February 15 at the Gainesville Civic Center with the Annual Business Luncheon, more interactive exhibits and an expanded Taste of Gainesville at Business After Hours. FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Business EXPO 2018

11:30 am - 1:00 pm – Annual Business Luncheon
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm – Business EXPO
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm – Business After Hours & Taste of Gainesville

- Member Exhibit $300 / Non-Member Exhibit $500 / Non-Profit Exhibit $200
- Great Sponsorships at a variety of levels and include booth, promotion and ads
- Business-to-Business networking and leads development
- Taste of Gainesville with menu samples from area restaurants
- Business After Hours with prizes and giveaways
- Business Expo is Open to the Public with No Admission Fee

Annual Business Luncheon

Bob Swoszowski, owner/operator of McDonald's of Northeast Georgia, Inc., is keynote speaker at the Annual Business Luncheon, kicking off the Business Expo, at 11:30 a.m. on February 15 at the Gainesville Civic Center. Bob purchased his first store with a partner in 1973 and now owns 12 McDonald's restaurants. Come hear his keys to success. $15 Chamber Members; $25 Non-members. Lunch reservations and exhibit info: Mandy Lathem, 770-532-6206 x 115. Email: ***mlathem@ghcc.com***

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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPM

Annual Pre-Legislative Forum

Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
State of Georgia

The Chamber continues to assist local businesses and citizens in communicating their concerns and discussing issues with our legislative delegation at the Eggs & Issues Breakfast on **Thursday, December 14, 7:30-9:30 am at the Gainesville Civic Center** with Georgia's Lt. Governor Casey Cagle the Gainesville-Hall County Legislative Delegation for the Georgia House of Representatives and State Senate. Sponsored by **Jackson EMC**. Open to the public. Space limited. $25 Chamber members; $30 Non-members (non-refundable after December 8). Includes a full buffet breakfast. Reservations required. Gerri Collins, 770-532-6206 x 106 or ***gcollins@ghcc.com***. Reservations Online: ***GreaterHallChamber.com/events***

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Open to the Public
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Pre-Legislative Forum

Eggs & Issues

Thursday, December 14

7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Gainesville Civic Center

Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
Gainesville-Hall County Legislative Delegation

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The Greater Hall Chamber always has 100% participation from the Hall County delegation at this event, as our legislators remain interested in hearing what the citizens of this community have to say, and the attendees want to hear what the legislators have to say. The issues that have already been identified prior to the legislative session have a direct impact on our community, and we need to better understand the issues as well as have an understanding of the legislators' positions on these important issues. Join the conversation. Space is limited, so make your reservation today.

Eggs & Issues Reservations: Gerri Collins, 770-532-6206 x 106
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Upcoming Chamber Events

Tuesday, December 5
South Hall Business Coalition
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Spout Springs Library / FB

Thursday, December 7
Business After Hours
The Market on Limestone
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
2500 Limestone Pkwy / Gainesville

Tuesday, December 12
Small Business Seminar
7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. – Chamber

Wednesday, December 13
Network Over Coffee
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Loretta's Country Kitchen/Oakwood

Tuesday, January 30
Social Media Workshop
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Brenau University / Jacobs Building

Thursday, February 15
Business Expo 2018
11:30 am - 1:00 pm – Lunch
1:00 - 6:00 pm – Business EXPO
4:00 - 6:00 pm – Business After Hours & Taste of Gainesville
Gainesville Civic Center

Get details and register for these and more Chamber events online:
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GREATER HALL
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

DECEMBER 2017

Tuesday, December 5
South Hall Business Coalition
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Spout Springs Library/Flowery Branch

Tuesday, December 5
Youth Leadership Hall
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6
Healthcare Committee
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. – Chamber

Thursday, December 7
Leadership Hall County
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 7
Small Business Roundtable
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. – Chamber

Thursday, December 7
Business After Hours
Sponsor: **The Market on Limestone**
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
2500 Limestone Parkway/Gainesville

Tuesday, December 12
Small Business Seminar
Funding Resources to Grow Your Business
7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. – Chamber

Tuesday, December 12
Ambassadors Council
3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Masterpiece Mixers/Gainesville

Wednesday, December 13
Network Over Coffee
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Loretta's Country Kitchen/Oakwood

Thursday, December 14
Annual Eggs & Issues Breakfast
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Gainesville Civic Center

Thursday, December 21
Chamber Executive Committee
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Chamber

NOTE: No Chamber Board Meeting in December. Chamber office will be closed on December 25 & 26 for Christmas Holidays

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Wednesday, January 10
Network Over Coffee
8:30 a.m. -9:30 a.m.
Longstreet Cafe/Gainesville

Tuesday, January 16
South Hall Business Coalition
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Oakwood City Hall

Wednesday, January 17
Lunch 'n Learn
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Avenues of Life Counseling and Coaching, 439 Green Street/Gainesville

Tuesday, January 30
Social Media Marketing Workshop
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Brenau University/Jacobs Building
340 Green Street/Gainesville

Get details and register for these and more Greater Hall Chamber Events Online: ***GreaterHallChamber.com/events***

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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Thursday, February 15, 2018: **Business Expo 2018**
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Gainesville Civic Center

Wednesday, February 28, 2018: **Healthy Hall Healthcare Awards Luncheon**
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Brenau Downtown Center

Thursday, March 22, 2018: **Chamber Chase 5K & 2 Mile Wellness Walk**
6:00 p.m. – Riverside Military Academy

Friday, April 27, 2018: **Hackers Holiday Golf Tournament**
10:00 a.m. – Legacy on Lanier Golf Club at Lanier Islands

For Event Sponsorship Information, call 770-532-6206. 12/5/17

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EDITORIAL

Christmas on Green Street hits right notes

It's hard to imagine a more enjoyable way to start the season in Gainesville than with the annual Christmas on Green Street sponsored by the Hall County Historical Society, and this year's event was one of the best ever.

Thousands were on hand to watch the parade, stroll up and down historic Green Street, enjoy the music, taste the food, see the lighting of the tree and generally partake in an abundance of good cheer.

The parade itself had a little something for everyone, with participants ranging from Obadiah the Nativity camel to fully costumed storm troopers, marching bands, creative floats and even that criminal mastermind Penguin cruising through in the Batmobile.

As soon as a fire truck carrying Santa and Mrs. Claus completed the parade, throngs of people left their viewing stations to see what the denizens of Green Street had in store, and they weren't disappointed, as once again the area's most historic thoroughfare proved an exceptional host.

For three hours or so people of all ages, all races, all nationalities and all political persuasions mixed and mingled in a steady stream of foot traffic, forgetting for a while any factors that might differentiate them and reveling instead in the things they held in common.

It was an evening for excited children, laughing adults, celebrating families and dozens of friendly pets brought along for the fun.

It is heartening to think that all across our nation, communities large and small celebrate the holidays each year with similar events meant to foster community spirit and togetherness, though one would be hard pressed to imagine any of them being more enjoyable than Gainesville's own.

Those on hand for the year's Christmas on Green Street certainly had a perfect opportunity to enjoy the "goodwill toward men" with which the season is associated. We can only hope that sentiment will prove the norm for the year to come, rather than the exception.

Kudos to the event organizers and sponsors for making the 2017 event truly special. We are already looking forward to doing it again next year.

Slipping and sliding in snow

Photos by DAVID DARNES | The Times

Marlee Quigley, 17, sleds down a hill at Roper Park in Gainesville on Saturday.

Worst of storm over, kids enjoy early snowfall

BY JOSHUA SILAVENT
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It was a time to watch in awe and wonder as the snowstorm began blowing through Gainesville and Hall County Friday afternoon, then it hunkered down overnight, leaving three or more inches of powder on porches and roads.

But when the sun did shine again early Saturday afternoon, it was finally time for some fun.

And so down and down and down the hill went Marlee Quigley and her younger brother, Coen, on plastic, circular sleds, hollering with joy.

Marlee, 17, said she had played soccer before on this field at Roper Park off Thompson Bridge Road. So she had the "inside scoop" on where to find a steep, snow-covered hill ripe for sledding.

Coen, 13, was up for any challenge, and so down he slid frontward, backward and in the Superman flying pose.

"Oh, I'm gonna feel this tomorrow," he said with a smirk before one final run, his adventurousness pushing out the wisdom in his words.

Across town, Beyla and Aniya Ellerbee were putting the finishing touches on a snowman outside the Boys & Girls Club with their proud mother looking on.

Aniya, 9, and Beyla, 13, Ellerbee build a snowman.

The girls, 13 and 9 years of age, said they couldn't remember the last time they had the opportunity to do this.

So happily they gave the snowman a necklace of pebbles as an added touch. Then the snowballs flew between the two.

Reports of snowfall continued in Gainesville and across Hall County until at least 10 a.m. Saturday, according to the National Weather Service.

All Hall County and Gainesville government facilities, including community centers, the landfill, animal shelter, compactor sites and libraries were closed throughout the day.

Games and events scheduled for Hall County Schools were canceled. And many stores, health clinics and churches remained shuttered until today.

But there were few incidents to report resulting from the storm.

Plenty of stores were open, too, as were restaurants and grocery stores, as road conditions cleared quickly along main thoroughfares once temperatures rose above freezing.

"It appears people stayed off the roadways, as we asked," said Gainesville Police spokesman Sgt. Kevin Holbrook. "We had a few minor incidents at the onset of the storm, but for the most part, nothing major

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to report."

Casey Ramsey, interim director of the Hall County Emergency Management Agency, said public works crews were busy Saturday clearing secondary, neighborhood streets of snow.

With little ice accumulation, Georgia Power reporting only scattered outages across Hall County Saturday morning, while Jackson EMC reported that just a few hundred customers remained without power as of late Saturday afternoon.

Though concerns about icy road conditions materializing Saturday night and early this morning dissipated some, officials cautioned that neighborhood roads and driveways remain susceptible and to be aware.

Motorists are urged to report any icy road conditions to Hall County Dispatch at 770-536-8812.

Left: Aniya, 9, and Beyla Ellerbee, 13, build a snowman in Gainesville, on Saturday.

Below: Beyla throws a snowball at her sister Aniya, not pictured.

Photos by DAVID BARNES | The Times

Above: Coen Quigley, 13, sleds down a hill at Roper Park. **Right:** Aniya Ellerbee, 9, builds a snowman.

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Greater Hall Chamber's Annual Legislative Forum

Thursday, December 14

7:30 am - 9:30 am

Gainesville Civic Center

Sold Out!

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