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I’m so excited to play this month! My mom told me all about the game. I found the Hidden Treasure chest in Lower left corner of Dave’s Music ad. Thanks for a great hometown magazine!

- N.O., Berkeley Lake, GA

I picked up your magazine while we were traveling through. I really enjoyed it!

- L.S.

I so enjoy your magazine and always try to pick up a copy when I am in the area!

- D.H., Candler, NC

Really enjoy your magazine.

- S.B., Toccoa, GA

OCTOBER TREASURE WINNER:
Shelia Brown from Toccoa, Ga
won a Tote Bag from Vintage Owl

DID YOU FIND IT:
The October treasure chest was located in the Dave’s Music ad on page 6

NOVEMBER TREASURE:
Batter Bowl with Whisk

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Forgiving someone is not easy, and sometimes things done to us are almost unforgivable. However, God teaches us to forgive as He forgave us!

One Bible story tells about Peter asking Jesus how many times he should forgive someone who has sinned against him. Jesus first replies with what would seem to be an absurd number of times – “seventy times seven”. Matthew 18:21-22 - Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother who sins against me? Up to seven times?” 22: Jesus answered, “I tell you, not just seven times, but seventy times seven!” Now, that doesn’t mean you just forget the transgression. We are human, and imperfect. The Lord says He will forgive and forget when we ask forgiveness and repent. Unfortunately, we do not have the same ability. Depending on the situation, it may require a time of healing, a time of rebuilding the trust you once had or someone had in you. With God’s help, we can begin to heal and begin to earn someone’s trust! Remember God says we MUST forgive. Matthew 6:15, “If you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Just imagine how many times our Heavenly Father forgives us each day! Forgiveness must be immediate, whether or not a person asks for it. Trust must be rebuilt over time. Trust requires a track record. If someone hurts you repeatedly, you are commanded by God to forgive them instantly, but you are not expected to trust them immediately, and you are not expected to continue allowing them to hurt you. God loves us, and would never want His children to endure daily pain and betrayal.

Sincerely,

Raina C. Troxell
A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER

Visit your local merchants this season, and have a Christmas to Remember!

FILL OUT AN ENTRY FORM AT THE PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES BELOW, AND HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF TWO CHRISTMAS PACKAGES!

**New This Year**

There will be 2 grand prize packages - one from the BJHC entries and one from the FSHME entries. Two winners will win one of the packages listed below. There will be a second chance to win (1 of 2) 43” flat color screen TV’s! All non-grand prize entry winners will be entered into a second drawing for the chance to win a flat screen TV, one from the FSHME entries and one from the BJHC entries.

**Contest Rules**

Each participating merchant will have a box placed inside their business with entry forms. Visit the participating business and enter your name, address and phone number. On December the 8th, all entry boxes will be picked up and a grand prize winner from each package will be drawn. Names of winners will be announced in January’s issue of Hometown Neighbors Magazine. You must be at least 18 years of age and a legal resident of Georgia. You may enter numerous times, but only one entry per visit.

**Banks, Jackson, Habersham and Clarke Counties Package**

- Erin London - Clarkesville - $50 Gift Certificate
- Purple Door - Commerce - $50 Gift Certificate
- Nash & Co. Salon - Clarkesville - Cut, Shampoo and Style
- Jewelry Expressions - Cornelia - Pendant and matching earrings from the birthstone kit-Value $200-$250
- Jarfly Antique Market - Jefferson - Customized Wreath
- 211 Main Street Restaurant & Bakery - Lavonia - $40 Gift Certificate
- Spoiled Rotten Boutique - Cornelia - Jewelry Set
- Southern Grain Boutique - Commerce - $50 Gift Card
- The Hen’s Nest - Banks Crossing - $50 Gift Certificate
- Priss Ellies - Jefferson - $50 Gift Certificate
- Simple Blessings - Commerce - $50 Gift Certificate
- Vintage Owl - Lavonia - Prize Package worth $50 Retail

**Franklin, Stephens, Hart, Madison & Elbert Counties Package**

- North Georgia Credit Union - Lavonia, Toccoa, Hartwell - $50 Cash- Register at the Franklin, Stephens or Hart Branch
- Vintage Owl - Lavonia, GA - Prize Package worth $50 Retail
- 211 Main Street Restaurant & Bakery - Lavonia - $40 Gift Certificate
- Dave’s Music - Elberton - $50 Gift Certificate
- Hometown Floral and Balloons - Lavonia - Customized Wreath
- Southern Alpaca - Lavonia - $50 Gift Certificate
- Anastasia Salon - Toccoa - $50 Gift Certificate
- Salon Noel - Lavonia - Shampoo, Cut & Style
- Franklin County Eye Care - Lavonia - Free Eye Exam, $135 Value
- 2 Gal’s Dream - Hartwell - Gift Certificate and Prize Package
- Southern G’s - Hartwell - $30 Gift Certificate
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**Apple Dumplings**

2 (6 count) crescent rolls  
1 stick butter melted  
4 medium Granny Smith apples  
1 cup sugar  
1 can Mountain Dew  
cinnamon and sugar for topping

Peel and cut apples into 12 slices. Roll each apple slice in crescent rolls and seal around the edges. Place in 13 by 9 inch pan. Heat butter, Mountain Dew, and sugar to a boil until the sugar is dissolved. Pour over the rolls. The dumplings will float. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes or until golden and crispy.

- Submitted by Bri Harnish

**Corn Pudding**

5 eggs  
1/3 cup butter, melted  
1/4 cup white sugar  
1/2 cup milk  
4 tablespoons cornstarch  
1 (15.25 ounce) can whole kernel corn  
2 (14.75 ounce) cans cream-style corn


**Southern Candied Sweet Potatoes**

6 large sweet potatoes  
1/2 cup butter  
2 cups white sugar  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
Salt to taste

Peel the sweet potatoes and cut them into slices. Melt the butter in a heavy skillet and add the sliced sweet potatoes. Mix the sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Cover the sweet potatoes with sugar mixture and stir. Cover skillet, reduce heat to low and cook for about 1 hour or until potatoes are “candied”. They should be tender but a little hard around the edges. Also the sauce will turn dark. You will need to stir occasionally during the cooking. Stir in the vanilla just before serving. Serve hot.
Hot Shots Dance Company performed at HCHS Youth Night on Friday, September 7th.
Around Town

Franklin County

NOVEMBER 8, 2018-6-8PM, LAVONIA BUSINESS & RETAIL EXPO, Check Out What Lavonia Has To Offer, Get A Jumpstart On Holiday Shopping, Enjoy Complimentary Light Refreshments, Silent Auction For Trees & Wreaths. For more information, call 706-356-1926 or 706-356-5725.

NOVEMBER 9 & 10, 2018 - VINTAGE OWL BOUTIQUE’S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE NOVEMBER 16-18, 2018-BABES IN TOYLAND: FRANKLIN COMMUNITY PLAYERS,
The Lavonia Cultural Center.

NOVEMBER 19, 2018-ST. MARY’S SACRED HEART LOVE LIGHTS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY, Starting at 5:30 pm. Located in the St. Mary’s Sacred Heart Lobby at St. Mary’s Sacred Hospital in Lavonia, GA. There will be Refreshments and Entertainment will include Holiday Carols from First Baptist in Lavonia and Happy Days Child Care Learning Center, plus more! Sponsored by the St. Mary’s Sacred Heart Auxiliary. Please call 706-356-7824 or see one of the Auxiliary volunteers for information on how to make a Love Lights Donation or to Volunteer.

NOVEMBER 24, 2018-ROYSTON HOLIDAY MARKET, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Royston Depot. This will be a part shop small Saturday event.

NOVEMBER 25, 2018- THE CITY OF CANON ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING, Canon City Park. Bring your family and join us in celebrating this Holiday Season. There will be music, fellowship and refreshments following the festivities. Hope to see everyone there!

NOVEMBER 29, 2018-CHRISTMAS IN ROYSTON, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

NOVEMBER 29, 2018-FRANKLIN SPRINGS CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING, Starting at 6pm. Santa, Carriage Rides, Craft Station, Caroling & More!

DECEMBER 1, 2018- CANON CHRISTMAS PARADE, The parade will begin at 11 am at Canon City Park. All participants

Stephens County

NOVEMBER 3, 2018 - MAIN STREET TRIBUTE TO BOB SEGER,
Historic Ritz Theatre at the Schaefer Center. 139 Doyle Street, Toccoa, GA 30577. 7:00 pm. www. ritztheatretoccoa.com.

NOVEMBER 4, 2018 – EXCURSION TRAIN MARKET,

NOVEMBER 10, 2018 - SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT, FEATURING DEBRA PERRY & JADYN’S CALL,
Historic Ritz Theatre at the Schaefer Center. 139 Doyle Street, Toccoa, GA 30577, 700 pm. Free admission, LOVE OFFERING will be taken www.ritztheatretoccoa.com. com. 706-491-3063.

NOVEMBER 15, 2018 - NIGHT AT THE RITZ FEATURING CHUCK NATION BAND & TRUETT MCCONNELL CHOIR “AN EVENING OF BLUEGRASS”,
Historic Ritz Theatre at the Schaefer Center, 139 Doyle Street, Toccoa, GA 30577. 7:00 pm. www. ritztheatretoccoa.com.

NOVEMBER 19, 2018- OPEN MIC MONDAY,
139 Doyle Street, Toccoa, GA 30577. 7:00 pm. www. ritztheatretoccoa.com.

NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 30, 2018-TOCCOA ON ICE HOLIDAY ICE SKATING,
Historic Downtown Toccoa. Open each weekend $5.00 per person including skates. www.mainstreettoccoa.com, 706-282-3309.

Hart County

NOVEMBER 3, 2018- CASA SUPERHERO RUN AT TUGALOO STATE PARK,
1765 Tugaloo State Park Rd, Lavonia. Fun Run: 8:30 am / 5K and 10 K 9:00 am. All events will be run on the roads through beautiful Tugaloo State Park. Each participant must complete a registration. Registration is available on active.com. Must be registered by 10/24/18 for pre-registration. Race day registration begins at 7:30 am. For more information, contact NEGA CASA, 706-886-1098, www.northeastgacasa.org.

NOVEMBER 3, 2018- HUGE INDOOR ARTS & CRAFTS SALE,
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1009 Benson St. (across the street from Quality Foods) Hartwell. Table rental is $30.00. All work must be totally or partially handmade. For more information, contact Patty Hussey at: ourladyofscircle.albchj@gmail.com.


NOVEMBER 18, 2018- JAMES ROGERS SHOW, SECOND ANNUAL VETERANS APPRECIATION EVENT,
5:00 pm at Hart County High School, Lonnie Burns Fine Arts Center, Hartwell. Tickets: advance general admission $15 per senior and students $12/tickets at the door $20/ veterans free must show proper ID at the door. For more information, contact Sidney Reed at 844-415-2445 or James Fulghum at 678-695-6554.

NOVEMBER 20, 2018- CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Hartwell Downtown Square. Enjoy the Christmas tree lighting, visit with Santa and have some cookies and cocoa. For more information contact Downtown Development Authority at 706-576-0188 or the Hart County Chamber of Commerce at 706-576-8590.

Elbert County

NOVEMBER 3, 2018-GRANITE CITY FALL FESTIVAL, Downtown Elberton, 9am-4pm

NOVEMBER 10, 2018- CANDLE LIGHT SHOP NIGHT DECEMBER 2, 2018-CHRISTMAS PARADE

Madison County

NOVEMBER 3, 2018-MADISON COUNTY PIONEER HARVEST FESTIVAL,
10:00am to 5:00pm. Lots of craft vendors, agriculture demonstrations, fun for the kids, games, and food. Hwy 49, Danielsville. For more information call 706-799-3473.

NOVEMBER 10, 2018-CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY,
9 AM – 3 PM, Union Baptist Church, Visit Santa and make your own photos! 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Come out to support crafters from near and far! A day of fellowship, fun and of course food to start the Holiday Season. BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. 2900 Highway 106S, Hull, GA 30646. For more information, CALL Union Baptist Church @ 706-789-2378 or EMAIL: ubcladiesministry@unionbaptistchurch.us or VISIT: www.unionbaptistchurch.us.
Main Street Toccoa will sponsor the annual Christmas Fest and Festival of Trees on November 30 and December 1 in historic downtown Toccoa. Many activities will take place during this special weekend.

The downtown streets will be turned into a magical place Friday night November 30 at 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. as Santa will greet the young and old alike. He will be there to talk with the children and for the children to get their pictures taken with him. Santa’s Express train, two horse and carriage rides, and a live nativity will be a part of this special evening.

Christmas entertainment will begin at 6:00– 9:00 and will be located at the intersection of Tugalo St. and Sage St. under the city’s Christmas tree. The lighting of the city Christmas Tree will be at 6:00 p.m.

For those who like to shop, several downtown businesses and restaurants will be open with special sales and refreshments during the evening.

The Christmas Sage Market will be located in the Star Theater at 47 W Doyle St. It will be open on Friday from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 12:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Over twenty local artists and crafters will have Christmas decorations as well as Christmas gifts.

Beautifully decorated trees will be on display at the Festival of Trees located in the Stephens County Historic Courthouse. Beginning on Thursday, November 29 until Saturday, December 1, visitors will be able to view the trees from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Friday, November 30, and Saturday, December 1 from 12:00 – 4:00. Visitors may vote on their favorite tree Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

On Saturday morning, December 1, the X-Factor Grill will be offering a Breakfast with Santa from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

There will be ice skating again this year during the Christmas Fest and throughout the entire month of December. The rink will be located on Tugalo St in the parking lot. Starting on November 30, 5pm - 9pm, it will continue throughout the month of December. Each Friday it will be open from 5 pm – 9 pm, Saturday, 12 am – 9 pm, and Sundays, 1 pm – 6 pm. The fee is $5.

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The earliest classification or style of American Furniture is popularly known as the “Pilgrim Period” (1640-1690). European trained woodworkers, mostly from England, modeled their furniture after medieval and Renaissance design. “Joiners” were used to create the furniture. These mortise-and-tenon joints and inset panels helped create the fashionable thick slabs of preferred woods, oak and pine, into Bible boxes, blanket and linen storing chests— which also served as chairs, cupboards, paneled cradles, trestle base and gateleg tables.

Frequently, they ornamented their “case pieces” with carvings including flowers, lunettes, scrolls, leafage, and geometric elements. “Turners,” cut lathe-turned posts and spindles, and assembled those elements into “joint stools” and massive chairs called “Great” chairs. Large armchairs called “Carver chairs,” and complex “Brewster chairs,” are named after men who supposedly took such thrones with them on the Mayflower. Besides two chairs, most of the brave religious and political revolutionaries who landed at Plymouth Rock, December 21, 1620, had little in the way of furnishings.

A year after they landed, the pilgrims must have built by hand the great tables used for the three-day feast that hosted over ninety “Indians,” now referred to as the “First Thanksgiving”. Two accounts were made. One was by Governor William Bradford (1590-1657) in his important chronicle called the “History of Plimouth Plantation (until 1646).” The second was scribed by a colony leader, Edward Winslow, in a journal known as “Mourt’s Relation.” Documents of this type are the greatest of all antiques. They are windows to the beginning of all wisdom—the past.

Sadly, a terrible plague of small pox would all but wipe out these benefactors a year later. The pilgrims suffered a year where they had buried half their number, leveling graves and sowing them with grain in the spring to conceal their losses from the Indians. Still, in 1621 the two races sat together for a short-lived peace and gave thanks for their blessings. That is the true meaning of Thanksgiving.
We are born innocent of the many stages of maturity that our life will guide us through. As children, we expect to learn many things. Like riding a bike, attending elementary school, and high school. Our supreme dream is to be driving around town, alone in the family car, and have close friends see us in action. We beep the horn to get their attention. The adrenalin level in our blood stream is so high, we pray we don’t take off the side of a parked car as we make the next turn.

Finally, the day arrives when we are adults and have our own car to drive on life’s highway. We meander along the pathway of life using our vehicle and our emotions to transport us down this winding pathway.

Excitement of our achievements fills us when we reach some of the goals we set for ourselves. This joy pushes us forward to conquer the things on this wonderful new course we’ve discovered.

We aren’t given a roadmap or a GPS system to prepare us to drive on all the life's streets. There are obstacles that create roadblocks and complicate our course of action until the unconnected lines appear on the pavement indicating it’s safe to change lanes and travel another route.

As adults, we attempt to predict and prepare for the future and what lies ahead. We learn to cope with the different emotional feelings of love, sadness, and loss. The sadness from the loss of a pet, the loss of material things, friendships that fade away, and possibly the loss of our dream job that was taken away from us before we were ready to give it up.

The most difficult portion of life’s highway is navigating through grief. We expect to lose grandparents, aging parents, older relatives, or an acquaintance that has fallen ill from a terminal malady. There’s nothing in our psyche to prepare us for the loss of our children. When you lose a child, the moment you hear they’re no longer with you, in this life, you are filled with shock and disbelief. These feelings are followed by anger that it has happened to you, but you live through it.

There are times you ask yourself what have I done to deserve this grief, and what could I have done to prevent it? Next comes the why questions. Why has this happened to me and not to someone else, and why is someone I loved, more than my own life, not here anymore. There are no sensible answers to these nagging questions.

People ask me how did you overcome the loss of both your children? The answer is, I haven’t gotten past their passing. I miss their presence in my life every day. Mother’s Day and the anniversary of their birthday comes every year and they’re not physically here to celebrate.

In the passing of time, I learned to celebrate their legacy with the fond memories of their lives and not dwell on their passing. There’s a vacancy in my heart that time and others can’t completely fill. However, my grandchildren and their spouses have helped fill an immeasurable amount of this void.

And last, I know my sons would want me to be happy and not grieve for them all my waking hours. So, I celebrate their life with laughter about their accomplishments and the humorous things they did as children, and the fun times we had together after they became wonderful young men. God, prayer, and fond memories are the way I navigate through the grief of losing them, and all three of these things are good for the soul. 🙏
Most people think burn injuries occur mainly during the Spring/Summer months. After all, we’re busy burning debris from winter storms, or simply preparing fields/garden sites in anticipation of planting crops. Summer months bring numerous outdoor activities, such as cookouts, camping, and fireworks. However, statistics show most burns occur during the Fall/Winter months.

In the fall, we’re busy burning debris left over from harvesting crops, cleaning up after summer storms, burning bonfires, or deep-frying turkeys. Winter months see an increase in the number of house/structure fires. This increase occurs in part due to the use of space heaters or use of other alternative sources to keep our residences warm.

According to the American Burn Association (ABA), 73% of all burn injuries occur at home. The most recent data indicates 486,000 burn injuries were treated in the U.S. and Canada in 2016. This number is believed to be underestimated as most minor burn injuries are treated at home, urgent care facilities, or private medical facilities.

Burns are classified First degree, Second degree, or Third degree, depending on the severity.

First degree burns are usually superficial, red, and sometimes painful. (Think of a sunburn)

Second degree burns may cause the skin to be red, blistered, and swollen. Second degree burns are very painful.

Third degree burns can cause the skin to appear translucent, whitish, or charred (black). There is no pin-prick sensation in the burned area(s). There may also be exposed muscle, and or bone.

First degree burns can easily be treated with topical medications, such as Aloe Vera gel, with or without Lidocaine, or Bacitracin ointment. Anti-inflammatory medication such as Ibuprofen/Motrin can be used for pain relief. It’s important to wear loose-fitting, cotton clothing during the healing process.

Second degree burns that cover more than 10% total body surface area (TBSA) should be referred to a burn center. Burns that involve the face, hands, feet, genitals, perineum, or major joints, should also be referred to a burn center.

Third degree burns should be referred to a burn center regardless of the size of the burn, or age of the individual.

Some important do’s and don’ts:

DO:
- Have working smoke detectors/alarms in your home and change the battery each time we change our clocks for Daylight Saving Time (Spring-forward), or Standard Time (Fall back).
- Keep a small fire extinguisher in your kitchen.
- STOP, DROP, and ROLL, should your clothing catch fire.
- Consult a healthcare provider for evaluation should you receive a burn injury.

DON’T:
- Immerse any burn in ice-cold water. This can cause a frostbite injury, in addition to the burn.
- Use accelerants such as gasoline, lighter fluid, or diesel fuel, to start a fire.
- Place flammable items near a space heater.
- Hold fireworks in your hand, place fireworks on the ground before lighting.

The above recommendations are not intended to be all-inclusive and should not be used as a substitute for medical advice. Please consult a healthcare provider for evaluation/treatment of burn injuries.

Submitted by Eric Newman, PA
DO YOU KNOW THESE 10 PILGRIM FACTS?

As you sit down to feast on turkey, sweet potatoes, corn and pumpkin pie this coming Thanksgiving, you can play a little trivia game using these ten interesting facts about the Pilgrims.

1. NOT ALL OF THE PILGRIMS LEFT ENGLAND BECAUSE THEY WANTED FREEDOM FROM RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION.

While several of the Pilgrims (called Separatists) did want to flee England for religious freedom, others went to the New World for business opportunities, some were hired hands and some were servants.

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were to sail to the New World, The Speedwell and The Mayflower. The Speedwell, made two attempts to leave with the Mayflower, but each time it leaked. So, the Mayflower sailed alone across the Atlantic Ocean.

3. THE MAYFLOWER CREW AND THE PILGRIMS DID NOT GET ALONG VERY WELL.

The Pilgrims were unaccustomed to the sea, and frequently became sick. The sailors called them “glib-glabbety puke stockings.” Conversely, the Pilgrims did not like the sailors’ “salty” language.

4. THE MAYFLOWER WAS NO LUXURY CRUISE.

The journey from England to the New World was an uncomfortable one. The Mayflower was a cargo ship and not meant to carry the 102 Pilgrims and 30 crew members. The travelers had to spend most of the sixty-six days of the journey underneath the ship in cramped quarters. There was no bathroom, so they had to use buckets to relieve themselves. There were no showers or laundry, so most of the people did not bathe and wore the same clothing for all sixty-six days of the voyage!

5. THERE WAS NO MIDNIGHT BUFFET ON THE MAYFLOWER AND THE FOOD WAS AWFUL.

The Pilgrims had very little variety in their diet. Because of the winds, they were unable to cook their meals and ate everything cold. They ate “hardtack”, a dry biscuit. Insects infested much of the food that was aboard the ship.

6. A BABY BOY WAS BORN ON BOARD THE MAYFLOWER.

Despite the horrid conditions on the Mayflower, a baby was born while it was crossing the ocean. The name of the baby was Oceanus Hopkins.

7. THEY DID NOT SETTLE IN THE FIRST PLACE THEY LANDED.

On November 9, 1620, the people spotted land at Cape Cod. After a search party of the healthiest men went out to find Plimouth (Plymouth), they again set sail and landed on December 21st.

8. THE SURVIVORS HAD TO BURY THEIR DEAD IN THE DARK.

During their first winter in Plimouth (Plymouth), more than half of the people died from illness. In order to not let the Native Americans who lived nearby know how much their ranks had died, they buried the dead in the dark so no one could see their decreasing numbers.

9. NATIVE AMERICANS, SQUANTO AND SAMOSET, SAVED THE DAY.

Their two Native American friends, Squanto and Samoset, spoke perfect English. Squanto taught the Pilgrims to plant with fertilizer, such as fish heads, with their seeds.

10. THE FIRST THANKSGIVING FEAST WAS BASED ON THE JEWISH HOLIDAY OF SUKKOT.

In the fall, when the harvest was great and bountiful, the Pilgrims decided to give thanks to God and their Native American friends for helping them through their first year in the New World.
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Habersham and Elbert County both have a great connection to Savannah, the oldest city in Georgia. They also have common name sakes, Joseph Habersham and Samuel Elbert. Both were family by marriage.

Joseph Habersham was an American businessman, Georgia politician, soldier in the Continental Army, and Postmaster General of the United States. He was born in Savannah, Georgia, to James Habersham and Mary Bolton. He attended preparatory schools and Princeton College and became a successful merchant and planter. He was married to Isabella Rae, who was the sister-in-law of Colonel Samuel Elbert.

Samuel Elbert was the son of Baptist minister William Elbert and his wife, Sarah Greenfield. Elbert’s parents died in South Carolina when he was fourteen. He traveled back to Savannah.

Elbert was employed by a prosperous planter named John Rae, an important man in both commerce and government. Rae had built a beautiful home on his land near Savannah known as Rae’s Hall. It was through Rae’s influence that Elbert was commissioned to go into Indian country as a trader. He had great success in his dealings with the Indians, mostly because of his kind regard for them.

He became engaged to Rae’s daughter, Elizabeth. In 1769, they were married at Rae’s Hall, a union which, according to historian Charles C. Jones, “confirmed Elbert’s social position and influence”.

Elbert became a captain of a grenadier company of Savannah’s First Regiment of Militia in June 1772 and signed a pledge of allegiance to the King of Great Britain as a prerequisite to being commissioned as an officer. He became active in the Provisional Congress of Georgia and its outgrowth, the Georgia Council of Safety. At the suggestion of a committee of the Council of Safety, the companies of the Georgia Militia decided to elect their own officers. As a result, all officers loyal to the king were replaced with staunch supporters of the oppositionist cause. On February 4, 1776, Elbert was made a lieutenant colonel and later colonel in the Georgia Militia.

Joseph Habersham was also a member of the Council of Safety and the Georgia Provincial Council in 1775 and a major of a battalion of Georgia militiamen and subsequently a colonel in the 1st Georgia Regiment of the Continental Army.

Joseph Habersham served as Speaker of the Georgia House in 1785 and was a member of the Georgia convention in 1788 that ratified the U.S. Constitution.

He served as mayor of Savannah...
from 1792 to 1793 and then was appointed Postmaster General by President George Washington in 1795 and served until the beginning of Thomas Jefferson’s administration in 1801.

Joseph Habersham was also a Savannah Freemason. He is recorded as a masonic member of Solomon’s Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M. at Savannah, Georgia. Solomon’s Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M. at Savannah was founded by renowned statesman, philanthropist and Freemason James Edward Oglethorpe on February 21, 1734.

Joseph Habersham died in 1815. Habersham County in Northeast Georgia, from its creation in 1818, is named in his honor, along with numerous sites and streets throughout the state.

Samuel Elbert died in 1788. Elbert County in Northeast Georgia was established on December 10, 1790 and was named in his honor. 🌷

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HTN MAGAZINE: What made you decide to start your new business?
DAWN: I re-located to Franklin County from Jefferson, GA last Fall. I spent many years in sales and marketing in the employee benefits industry, but I always had a passion for real estate. I'm an entrepreneur at heart so naturally after obtaining my real estate license, the next obvious step was to learn the ropes, then obtain my broker's license so I could open Point Properties Realty.

Q HTN MAGAZINE: What sets your business apart from other businesses in the area?
A DAWN: Service and results! Every property is unique, so if we are selling your home, we tailor our proven marketing strategies to your home's story. Accurate pricing is also critical to successful marketing. We do our research, we educate our sellers and our buyers and we CLOSE! We are not the type of firm to take a listing we cannot sell. We focus on quality in our listing inventory and fair pricing, not simply getting as many listings as we can.

Q HTN MAGAZINE: What type of merchandise or services are you offering the area?
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Q HTN MAGAZINE: What was involved in opening your new real estate business?
A DAWN: I wanted to focus on building a team who have a heart for people. Our team of professionals are second to none in knowledge, experience and innovation. We are members of the National Association of Realtors and have taken a sworn oath to practice under the NAR Code of Ethical Standards. Not every real estate agent is a REALTOR and there is a difference. Stop by and we'll have a chat! We're located in the heart of Lavonia and serve the entire NE Georgia region as well as the Western SC Upstate.

Q HTN MAGAZINE: Tell us about your family, hobbies, and interests outside of the business.
A DAWN: I've been married to my soulmate, Gene for 33 years. We have four grown children and eight precious grandchildren ranging from 16 to 1 year old. We're avid animal lovers and our fur family consists of three rescue dogs. As a kid, I spent summers in this area, and feel very fortunate to be able to live here and be a part of this wonderful community. I'm a certified KCBS BBQ judge, so in my free time I travel around and judge competitions.

Q HTN MAGAZINE: Is there anything else you think would be interesting to our readers about your new venture?
A DAWN: Drop by any time for a cup of coffee and conversation! We love to meet our friends and neighbors. Someone is usually in the office weekdays, AND we're always on call! 🎧
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Southern Shavings, Inc. is a family owned and operated new business in the heart of Vanna, GA, right outside of Royston. We sat down with the Alewine family to speak with them about their new endeavor, and what they have to offer to the area.

Q HTN MAGAZINE: What made you decide to start your new business?

A ALEWINE FAMILY: We decided to start our new business in this area because of the abundance of poultry houses in North Georgia. Northeast Georgia ranks first in the poultry industry. It markets the most chicken and egg products around the globe. On the average day in 2012, Georgia produced 29 million pounds of chicken and 11.8 million eggs.

Q HTN MAGAZINE: What sets your business apart from other businesses in the area?

A ALEWINE FAMILY: We only use high-quality shavings. They are made from whole pine trees at our own mill on the premises. Fresh pine shavings have terpenes which help control insect and microbial production in poultry houses. Our shavings are soft flake bedding with no chips and no splinters. They are fluffier and more absorbent.

Q HTN MAGAZINE: What type of merchandise or services are you offering the area?

A ALEWINE FAMILY: We offer spreader truck loads of fresh pine shavings to poultry businesses in the area on bulk loads purchases.

Q HTN MAGAZINE: How much planning, renovation, work was involved in opening?

A ALEWINE FAMILY: We researched the type of machines needed to manufacture high quality shavings for over two years. We found and purchased property in Vanna, built all the buildings, installed scales and the new equipment.

Q HTN MAGAZINE: Tell us about your family, hobbies, and interests outside of the business.

A ALEWINE FAMILY: We love to go boating, skiing and hunting together. We work well together, and believe our commitment to our family owned business benefits our customer.

Q HTN MAGAZINE: Is there anything else you think would be interesting to our readers about your new venture?

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