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Enjoy the Warmth of Family this Thanksgiving

Fall in the mountains is yet another beautiful reminder of Habersham's beauty. As the leaves begin to fade and our peaceful mountains prepare for the first frosts, I hope the hustle and bustle of the year starts to slow down. I know we all look forward to more quiet times in the warmth of our homes and among the smiles of family and friends this Thanksgiving and into the holiday season.

To me, Thanksgiving remains one of the most vital traditions we share. It serves as a necessary and welcome anchor in our busy lives, reminding us that no matter the challenges we face, there is always profound meaning to be found in gratitude. It's a day to focus on the people who matter most and make our lives worth living while also fostering the bonds that connect us and tie our neighborhood together.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our readers for allowing us into your homes each month, and to express my sincere appreciation to our sponsors. Your partnership and support are the foundation of this magazine. It is because of your commitment to our community that we can continue to tell these stories and share the vibrant life of our Habersham home.

May your November be filled with crisp air, cozy moments, wonderful meals and the company of those you love. Cheers to a slower and more relaxed pace this Thanksgiving season.

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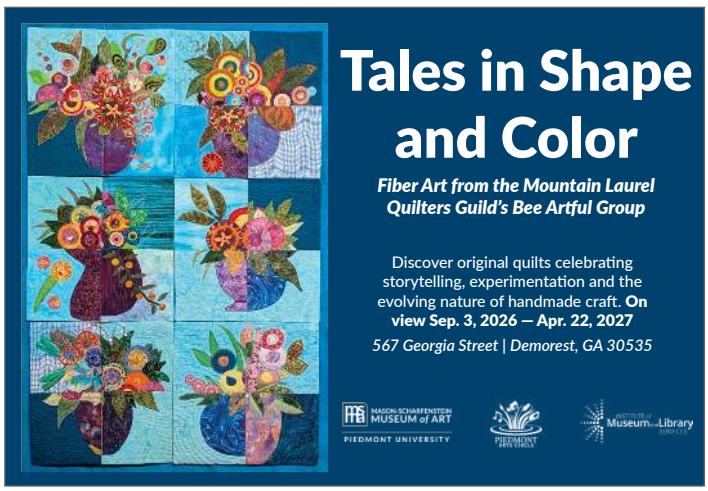
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VOICES FOR FREEDOM HILL

Brings Music and Hope to the Community

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An evening of music will help support new beginnings for women recovering from addiction when Voices for Freedom Hill takes the stage on Friday, November 13, 2026, at Level Grove Baptist Church in Cornelia.

The vocal talent competition benefits Freedom Hill Recovery Home for Women, bringing performers and community members together for a shared purpose. Singers will compete for a $1,000 grand prize, while guests can enjoy the performances knowing their attendance supports women working toward lasting recovery.

Tickets are $30 each, and sponsorship packages range from $250 to $10,000. For individuals and businesses looking to make a local impact, the event offers an opportunity to support Freedom Hill's work while celebrating musical talent. Proceeds help provide residential recovery, safe housing, counseling, life-skills training, discipleship, and daily necessities.

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Located in Demorest, Freedom Hill offers a Christ-centered recovery program for women struggling with drug or alcohol addiction. Its approach begins with a 12-month residential sober living community, where residents receive support as they learn to navigate life without substances and develop skills that support employment, parenting, and recovery.

Freedom Hill also recognizes that addiction affects entire families. Family support groups, prayer, and ongoing guidance help residents and their loved ones work toward restored relationships. Additional transitional and servant-leadership programs offer continued opportunities for growth beyond the initial residential commitment.

Voices for Freedom Hill invites neighbors to participate in that mission through a night of music. Buying a ticket, becoming a sponsor, or sharing the event can help connect women with the support they need to rebuild their lives. ■

For tickets and more information, visit ***givebutter.com/voicesforfreedom2026.*** *Learn more about Freedom Hill at* ***freedomhillhome.com.***



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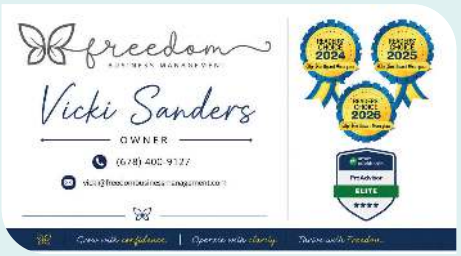
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Finish 2026 Strong:

A YEAR-END FINANCIAL CHECKUP



Before You Close the Books on 2026...
It feels like we just started 2026, but somehow year-end is already around the corner. For small business owners, now is a great time to do a little financial housekeeping before the holidays arrive and January gets busy. A little work now can save a lot of scrambling later!

Make sure your books match reality.
Your bank and credit card accounts should be reconciled regularly, but take an extra look before year-end. Are there old checks that never cleared? Deposits that don't look right? Do your loan balances match your lender statements?

Get your vendor records in order.
Review the contractors and vendors you've paid this year and make sure you have W-9s for anyone who may need a 1099. January is not the time you want to discover you're missing someone's tax information.

Don't judge your year by your bank balance.
This is a big one. Money in the bank doesn't necessarily mean your business is profitable. Review your profit and loss statement and compare it to last year. What changed? What surprised you? Your financial reports should tell you a story about your business.

Look at who owes you and what you owe.
Review unpaid customer invoices and outstanding bills. Follow up on overdue accounts and investigate old balances. You'll get a much clearer picture of where your business actually stands.

Use 2026 to plan for 2027.
Good bookkeeping shouldn't just help you file a tax return. It should help you run a better business. Look at what worked this year, where you spent more than expected, and what you might do differently next year.

Our local businesses are more than numbers on a financial statement. They are our neighbors, friends, employers, and the places we choose to support every day. As a local business owner myself, I know how easy it is to focus on serving customers while putting our own financial housekeeping on the back burner. Taking a little time before year-end to understand where your business stands can help you enter 2027 with clearer information, greater confidence, and a plan for what comes next. ■

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Abby J's Italian STUFFED MINI PEPPERS

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I'm excited to share one of my favorite fall recipes—Italian Stuffed Mini Peppers.

It's warm, comforting and incredibly versatile. It makes a delicious weeknight meal, but it's equally perfect for tailgating or casual fall entertaining.

I especially love preparing it in cast iron. The peppers bake beautifully in the bubbling sauce, and the skillet makes a wonderful presentation right from the oven to the table.

I hope you enjoy the recipe! ~ *Abby J*

SERVES 6 TO 8 | PREP 25 MINUTES | COOK 40 MINUTES | TOTAL 1 HOUR 5 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound spicy Italian sausage
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 2 cups shredded Italian cheese blend
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- 2 cups pasta sauce of your choice
- 1 pound mini sweet peppers, tops removed and seeds discarded
- Fresh basil, for garnish

ABBY'S NOTE

For milder peppers, use sweet Italian sausage. For an extra kick, choose a spicy pasta sauce or add a pinch of crushed red pepper to the filling.

DIRECTIONS

1 Preheat the oven to 375°F.

2 Cut the stem end from each mini pepper. Remove the seeds and membranes while keeping the peppers whole. Set aside.

3 Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the sausage and cook for 6 to 7 minutes, breaking it into crumbles, until browned and cooked through.

4 Add the onion and cook for about 3 minutes, until softened. Stir in the garlic and cook for 1 minute more. Remove the skillet from the heat.

5 Stir the Italian cheese blend and half of the Parmesan into the sausage mixture until evenly combined.

6 Spoon the sausage and cheese filling into each prepared pepper.

7 Pour the pasta sauce evenly into the bottom of a large cast iron skillet. Nestle the stuffed peppers snugly into the sauce with the filled ends facing up.

8 Sprinkle the remaining Parmesan evenly over the peppers. Bake for 30 minutes, or until the peppers are tender and the sauce is bubbling.

9 Remove from the oven and garnish with fresh basil. Serve hot, spooning a little sauce over each pepper. ■



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A Creative Life and a Community the Collier Family Loves



Ask Charlotte Collier about her family, and she'll tell you about creativity, hard work, and the community they love. She'll tell you about raising boys, cheering from the sidelines, and building a life with her husband, Daron. But there's one more subject that deserves a place in the story.

"And, of course... chickens!!!"

It's a cheerful addition to a family story that has been unfolding in Habersham County for more than 25 years. Charlotte and Daron's life together includes sons William Collier and Aleksandr "Alek" Banks, grandchildren Callie and Xandr Banks, and plenty of opportunities to create something, support someone, or enjoy time together. Their newest adventure—raising chickens—has brought another helping of laughter and personality to the mix.

For Charlotte, those everyday experiences belong alongside the bigger milestones. Sporting events, outdoor adventures, shared projects, and little moments together all have a place among the memories she treasures.

At the center of those memories is Daron.

"Daron and I have been married for over 25 years," Charlotte shares. "He has been my rock, my partner, and my greatest companion through all of life's adventures."

Some of her favorite memories with him involve exploring nature and raising their boys. These days, tending chickens together has joined that list. After more than a quarter-century of marriage, Charlotte is grateful for the love, laughter, and experiences they've shared.

That same sense of commitment appears in Daron's professional life. He has worked as a service manager at Flint Machine Tools in Snellville for 25 years. Charlotte describes education, hard work, creativity, and serving others as values that matter throughout their family. Each person has found a different way to put them into practice.



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For Charlotte, creativity and entrepreneurship have long gone hand in hand.

She owns and operates Personalize It Boutique in Clarkesville, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary in April 2027. The business gives her opportunities to connect with people throughout the community and support local organizations and causes. Those relationships are a meaningful part of what she enjoys about her work.

Her interest in small-town business began well before she opened the boutique. It grew from watching family members build businesses of their own.



Charlotte's father was a bank president and bank owner who taught her about small-town business. His father started Penland Apple Orchards and a grocery store in Ellijay. On her mother's side, Charlotte's grandmother owned Corner Crafts, a craft store in Thomasville.

Together, those examples helped shape Charlotte's understanding of what a business could mean to the people around it.



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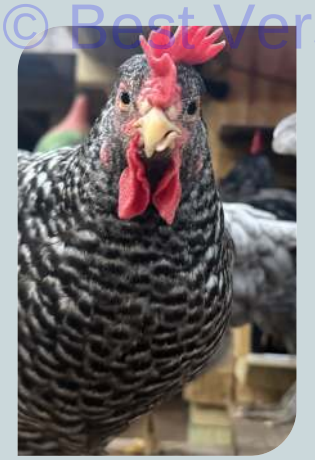
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"Growing up surrounded by people who built businesses and served their communities had a lasting influence on me and the way I approach my own business," she explains.

Her family's entrepreneurial history gave her more than an interest in ownership. It helped her see the importance of relationships and service. Today, Personalize It Boutique provides a place for Charlotte to bring her creativity into her working life while remaining connected to the community she calls home.

Before the boutique, she found other ways to bring people and creativity together.

In 2005, Charlotte co-started Level Grove Preschool. Two years later, she started Mosaic Arts Camp with the late Rev. David Turner. Both experiences brought together interests that have remained important to her: children, education, creativity, and community involvement.

Those projects are part of a larger pattern in Charlotte's life. Whether through her business, volunteer work, or earlier endeavors, she enjoys finding ways to use what she can do to support others. Working with children and helping creativity bring people together are opportunities she remembers with particular gratitude.

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At home, that creative spirit takes many forms. Charlotte enjoys embroidery, designing, sewing, gardening, writing poetry, and painting. Raising chickens has become another interest, although she readily includes "really all things creative" when describing the activities she loves.

"Creating something with my hands and bringing an idea to life has always been something that brings me joy," she says.

There is room in that enjoyment for both the finished project and the process of making it. Her interests range from fabric and design to words, paint, and the garden. Shared projects also give the family another way to spend time together and make memories.

William is pursuing his own creative path. He recently graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design, earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design. Charlotte describes him as creative and talented, with excitement about where his education and ideas might take him next.

His graduation marks a new chapter, and Charlotte is proud of the work that brought him to it. Creativity is a familiar part of the family's story, but William's education gives him his own opportunities to explore it.

Alek has built a career in the automotive industry as a service advisor at Hayes Chevrolet. He enjoys working with people and helping customers meet their needs. Charlotte describes him as the go-to person for customer assistance, someone who is willing to help.

The brothers' paths are different, and that is something Charlotte appreciates. She is proud of the ways family members have found to serve, create, and contribute through their work.

Before these career milestones, there were plenty of games to cheer.

William, also called Will, played Rapids Soccer throughout his childhood. Alek played Rapids Soccer before joining Raider golf from his sophomore through senior years. Sports and church activities have been part of the boys' lives, and supporting one another has been part of the family experience.

"Sports have always been a big part of our family, and we've enjoyed cheering each other on through the years," Charlotte says.

Time outdoors offers another source of enjoyment. Charlotte loves appreciating the beauty God has created, and one of her favorite travel experiences combined that interest with a visit to her aunt in upstate New York. Spending time with her aunt and exploring the area made the trip special. The mountains, trees, and scenery left an especially lasting impression.

Closer to home, Charlotte volunteers with the Soque Watershed Association, helping with graphic design and other projects whenever she can. It is another opportunity to use her talents in support of her community.

After 25 years in Habersham County, the family has much to appreciate. It has been a place to raise their boys, build businesses, participate in local activities, and create memories. Charlotte especially values the people and the strong sense of community. She supports local businesses, schools, churches, sports, and community events, continuing the connection between family life and giving back.

"We're incredibly grateful to call Habersham County home and to have had so many opportunities to give back to the community that has given so much to our family," she shares.

For the Colliers, the story continues through new opportunities, creative projects, grandchildren, and time together. There are accomplishments to celebrate and familiar pleasures to enjoy—and, as Charlotte would surely remind us, chickens. ■



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Sold	188 Hoyt St	Cornelia	1344	0.31	3	2	$165,000.00
Sold	663 Kelly Mountain Rd	Clarkesville	1400	1.15	2	2	$180,000.00
Sold	418 Wilbanks St	Baldwin	1352	1.1	3	1	$212,500.00
Sold	3401 Camp Creek Rd	Mount Airy	1188	2	3	2	$229,900.00
Sold	4398 Highway 115	Demorest	1226	2	2	1	$270,000.00
Sold	540 Highland Pointe Dr	Alto	1288	0.2	3	2	$275,000.00
Sold	1312 Fairview School Rd	Demorest	1502	2.43	2	1	$285,000.00
Sold	638 Hazel Creek Rd	Mount Airy	1300	4.78	2	2	$299,000.00
Sold	665 Trojan Ln	Alto	2160	0.42	3	2	$305,000.00
Sold	111 Smith Ct	Clarkesville	1190	0.17	2	2	$312,000.00
Sold	2994 Cannon Bridge Rd	Demorest	1805	1	3	2	$333,900.00
Sold	10740 Highway 197 N	Clarkesville	2228	3.55	3	2	$339,000.00
Sold	2978 Cannon Bridge Rd	Demorest	1862	1	4	2	$339,900.00
Sold	318 Stonington Dr	Mount Airy	1894	1.29	3	2	$349,900.00
Sold	629 Bald Ridge Cir	Demorest	2307	0.12	4	2	$349,999.00
Sold	270 Stonington Dr	Mount Airy	2074	1.2	3	3	$369,900.00
Sold	258 Stonington Dr	Mount Airy	1894	4.41	3	2	$389,900.00
Sold	134 Grace Land Dr	Mount Airy	1774	1	4	2	$390,000.00
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The comfort and safety needs of seniors may evolve in ways that are sometimes hard to predict and manage—especially at night. For example, sudden nighttime waking, frequent daytime naps, and shifts in the body's natural rhythms can cause sleep problems and can result in anxiety, stress, wandering, or accidents and falls.

Overnight home care from a professional agency can be an option—or sometimes a necessity.

Studies show that between 40% and 70% of seniors have sleep problems, at least half of which are undiagnosed.

Common issues include:

- Insomnia
- Overnight urination
- REM sleep behavior disorder
- Pain
- Sleep apnea
- Restless leg syndrome

If you are worried about a loved one in the evenings, it may be time to consider overnight home care.

Signs Overnight Care Might Be Needed

When a loved one and you are accustomed to your independence, asking for professional support can be challenging. However, overnight care can be essential for them to stay healthy and safe.

Consider senior care if your aging loved one experiences the following:

- Forgetfulness
- Falls
- Frequent trips to the bathroom
- Mobility changes
- Nighttime wandering
- Personality changes
- Sleeping too much during the day

These issues can be caused by aging, health conditions such as dementia, and medication side effects. You may try to work around nocturnal restlessness by waking when your senior does—but this shortchanges your sleep patterns and can lead to caregiver burnout.

Remember, you can't care for your loved one if you are exhausted or sick. Seek professional caregiver support from a reputable company like Visiting Angels.

Overnight or 24/7: Visiting Angels Can Help

Overnight care involves a professional in-home caregiver who arrives in the evening to help your senior prepare for bed. After bedtime, they'll monitor your senior to help with:

- Fall prevention
- Incontinence
- Memory issues
- Mobility
- Restroom use

While your loved one rests, their caregiver can handle tasks such as folding laundry and other light housekeeping, but their priority is your loved one. In the morning, the caregiver will help your senior wake up and prepare for the day, which may include eating breakfast, bathing, and dressing.



24/7 care may be more appropriate if you have significant all-day concerns about your senior. Through 24/7 care, teams of two to three caregivers work in shifts so your loved one is never alone while you are at work, tending to your family, or getting much-needed sleep.

Visiting Angels caregivers are carefully matched to each client to ensure they have the skills and personality to establish an ideal fit. A care coordinator will discuss every scenario to ensure your loved one is always safe.

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HOT TUBS & SPAS
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Feeling Crummy?

YOUR HOT TUB MIGHT BE THE COZIEST SIDEKICK EVER



Cold. Flu. COVID. None of them are invited, yet they always seem to show up anyway. While a hot tub isn't a cure (and we would never claim it is), it can be one seriously comforting way to support your body while it does what it's designed to do: heal.

Think of your hot tub as your personal relaxation station.

Warm water increases circulation, which helps ease muscle aches, loosen stiff joints, and calm that whole-body tension that often comes with being sick. It's the same reason a warm shower feels good... only better, because you can actually sit back and let the water work its magic.

Steam is another quiet hero. The warm, refreshing air from a hot tub can help loosen congestion and soothe irritated sinuses, making breathing feel a little easier when you're stuffed up and miserable. No miracle cures here... just good, honest comfort.

Now, let's talk about sleep. Quality rest is one of the most powerful tools your immune system has. A warm soak before bedtime helps relax your body and mind, making it easier to fall asleep and stay asleep. Better sleep equals better recovery.

A few smart-soaking reminders:

- Keep sessions to about 15–30 minutes!
- Drink plenty of water!
- Skip soaking if you have a high fever or feel lightheaded.

Used wisely, a hot tub becomes part of a healthy wellness routine, helping you feel better while your body handles the heavy lifting.

And if you don't have a hot tub yet, we'd love to change that.

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November THINGS TO DO

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NOVEMBER 6, 2026
WATERCOLOR HOLIDAY CARDS WORKSHOP
Sautee Nacoochee Center
283 Highway 255 North, Sautee
Time: 1–4 p.m.
Create holiday cards with local artist Leonie Wennekers while supporting the Habersham Animal Shelter. Beginner-friendly; $40 includes instruction and paper/card materials. Bring your own paints or obtain paint with a pet food donation.

NOVEMBER 7, 2026
UNLIMITED TROUT FUN
Smithgall Woods State Park
61 Tsalaki Trail, Helen
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Join Trout Unlimited for a beginner-friendly introduction to fly fishing. Learn the differences between fly fishing and spin fishing.

NOVEMBER 7, 2026
SOS AT FENDERS ALLEY
Fenders Alley, Cornelia
Time: 7 p.m., tentative
Something Once Sacred makes its debut at Fenders Alley. Start time may change depending on the UGA/Ole Miss football kickoff.

NOVEMBER 7, 2026
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Habersham County Fairgrounds, Clarkesville
Time: 9 a.m.
Shop local vendors and holiday gifts, including T-shirts from Cat's Paw Creative Designs.

NOVEMBER 9 AND 23, 2026
MAHJONG NIGHT: OPEN & GUIDED PLAY
CeNita Vineyards
591 Dock Dorsey Road, Cleveland
Time: 6–8 p.m.
Enjoy open play with an instructor available to help beginners. $15 per person; reserve your spot at cenitavineyards.com/events.

NOVEMBER 13, 2026
VOICES FOR FREEDOM HILL
Level Grove Baptist Church
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Support the women of Freedom Hill through this musical event. Sponsorships, tickets, and audition information available at givebutter.com/voicesforfreedom2026.

NOVEMBER 14–15, 2026
CRAFTMAS 2026 — A MINI RETREAT
ScrappyShak
2454 Highway 17, Sautee
Time: Begins November 14 at 8 a.m.; ends November 15 at 5 p.m.
Join ScrappyShak for its third annual Craftmas weekend. Tickets and information available at scrappyshak.com.

NOVEMBER 15, 2026
MISS GEORGIA BULLDOG PAGEANT
Piedmont University, Demorest
Time: 8 a.m.
A UGA-themed pageant hosted by MAC Pageants and Kelly McIntosh. A $15 sponsorship at the door benefits Georgia English Bulldog Rescue.

NOVEMBER 17, 2026
LEGO NIGHT
Cornelia Public Library
301 N. Main Street, Cornelia
Time: 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Build a creation based on the monthly theme or let your imagination lead the way. Creations will be displayed in the library entryway.

NOVEMBER 19, 2026
VET TO VET CAFÉ
Habersham County Senior Center
217 Scoggins Drive, Demorest
Time: 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Meet with fellow veterans over a cup of coffee.

NOVEMBER 21, 2026
MISS COUNTRY CHRISTMAS 2026
Habersham County Senior Center, Demorest
Time: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
A traditional Christmas pageant hosted by Ruby Elite Pageantry and Crystal Sims Hembree.

NOVEMBER 21, 2026
TURKEY TROT 5K: ROUND 3
Train Depot
Time: 8:00 a.m.–noon
Join Be Someone Café and Elite Recovery for a family-friendly 5K featuring local businesses, free activities, and warm-up routines by Smudged Academy. Cheer on your favorite runner or join the fun! Tickets: bsgcoffee.com/order-bsg-coffee/p/turkey-trot-4-kiwanis.



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