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SALUTING ACTS OF VALOR, YEARS OF SERVICE

Cobb County Police Department recently honored excellence throughout its department.

The March awards and recognition ceremony at the Jennie T. Anderson Theatre in Marietta saluted the service of almost a hundred officers, employees and select civilians.

"The men and women of the Cobb County Police Department work hard on a daily basis to serve the citizens," Police Chief John Houser said in a statement. "I am proud of all those officers who were recognized today for their outstanding service. Additionally, I want to thank each and every Cobb County police officer for their sacrifice, professionalism and dedication to our public safety efforts."

The "Blue Star" commendation, which honors an officer who was significantly physical injured while in the process of performing duties, was bestowed on Sgt. D.J. Mangold.

In May, Mangold helped subdue a violent subject who continued to attack even after he was shot and tasered multiple times by officers. Mangold remained in the fight, despite being thrown into a window and suffering an immobilizing shoulder injury.

Houser presented the Department Commendation Certificate, which awards a civilian resident who has given voluntary assistance and accomplished an act of outstanding personal performance for the department to Robert Moore and Robert Tenore.

Moore apprehended a bank robbery suspect after following him from the scene while Tenore helped save the life of a stabbing victim by applying first aid before officers arrived.

The Meritorious Service Award, which honors an officer who has performed a meritorious deed for the department and the residents of Cobb, went to Ofc. Antonio O'Geen.

Houser honored Bill Borden with the "Chief's Award" for his efforts in support of the K9 unit, including arranging fundraisers.

Bureau Commendation certificates for meritorious deeds went to Sgt. C.E. Dong, FTO J.M. Bullis, Ofc. B.D. Nichols, Ofc. D.J. McDonald, Ofc. M.H. Finks, Ofc. K.D. Davis, Ofc. B.R. Jackson, FTO M.A. Neely, Ofc. T.J. Hass, FTO T.M. Desrosiers, Ofc. J.R. Wallace and Ofc. J. Richardson.

Lifesaving Awards, given for acts instrumental in saving a life, were bestowed upon Ofc. M.D.



Special

Cobb Police Chief John Houser, left, presents Sgt. D.J. Mangold with the Blue Star commendation during the March awards ceremony.

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Garito, Ofc. A.M. Garza, Ofc. A.J. Porter, Ofc. C.N. Robles, FTO C.T. Landwehr, Ofc. N.G. Slatton, Ofc. C.P. Walker, Ofc. C.N. Robles, Ofc. J.D. Cason, Ofc. C.H. Isbell, Ofc. J.T. Calleiro, Ofc. B.A. Gallimore, Ofc. C.M. Monahan, Ofc. E.P. Garrett, Ofc. J.S. Atkinson, Det. T.M. Fuller and Ofc. W.S. Rast. Other recognitions included 2016 retirees, fitness awards, promotions, the Harlan Sawatski Scholarship, the Drew Brown Community Service Award and the Field Training Officer of the Year Department Commendation Certificate.

Throughout the year, those residents who wish to commend an officer or resident who meets one of the categories listed should email Lt. Robby Ray, chair of the Cobb County Police Department Awards Recognition Board, at robby.ray@cobbcounty.org.



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Learn how to do business with Cobb County

Make plans to attend the 2016 How to do Business with Cobb seminars, where you will learn about vendor opportunities, network with local business owners and hear about the local vendor preference.

The next workshop will be held 5-7 p.m., Thursday, **April 14**, at the Cobb County Safety Village, 1220 Al Bishop Drive, Marietta. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet with Cobb County School District and Cobb County Government staff who make the purchasing decisions.

To reserve a spot for you and your colleagues, send an email to inger.eberhart@cobbcounty.org. Later this year, a second seminar will be held 5-7 p.m., **Oct. 20**, in the BOC Room on the second floor of 100 Cherokee St., Marietta.

Voters can prepare for upcoming election

The General Primary is **May 24**. To ensure you are ready to cast your vote, visit the "My Voter Page" at mvp.sos.ga.gov or the GA VOTES app and enter your name, county and birth date. Be sure your voter registration is up-to-date so you can vote in the correct precinct. You can find the free GA VOTES app at your Apple of Google Play store.

Not registered? Need to update? Register online or update your address by clicking the "Register" button.

Don't wait too late. The last day to register for the May 24 General Primary is **April 26**. If you need additional information, contact the Cobb County Elections Office at 770-528-2581 or visit cobbelections.org.



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Musical dreamscape arrives in Cobb

Go back in time to the exciting and turbulent 1960s with Atlanta Lyric Theatre's new production of "Dreamgirls," playing **April 8-24** at the Jennie T. Anderson Theatre.

The play is a behind-the-scenes look at the music industry of the '60s and '70s, when rhythm and blues blended with other styles of popular music to create a new American sound.

It's the story of an up-and-coming girl group from Chicago, The Dreams, who become backup singers for a James Brown-like R&B star. The women find themselves on a roller coaster ride to fame that includes romance and heartbreak, disappointment and redemption.

Ticket prices range from \$38 to \$58 and are available for purchase at www.atlantalyric.com. Jennie T. Anderson is located at 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta.

New Farmer's Market opens next month

Cobb County Farm Bureau and Cobb County PARKS are partnering to bring a new Farmer's Market to Cobb County. Starting **May 24** and running 3-7 p.m. every Tuesday through October, local farmers will have booths set up at Lost Mountain Park, 4845 Dallas Highway, Powder Springs.

The event will feature food trucks, pony rides, face painting and balloons, fire trucks, live music, bounce houses and more. Customers will be able to shop local and eat locally grown from vendors providing eggs, meat, breads/baked goods, jams/jellies/preserved items, produce and more.

Interested vendors should contact Sonia Lopez at TwoByTwoFarms@comcast.net or 770-608-1119 or Debbie Payne at dmpayne@gfb.org.



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