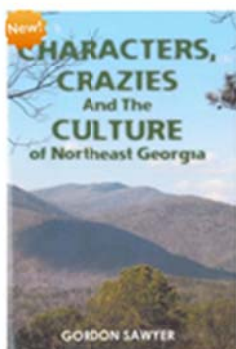




**Dear Tracie,**

The Christmas season is finally here! We hope you are staying safe this holiday and remembering to slow down and enjoy this wonderful time of year. Be sure to check out the community calendar below for local, special events. Peach State will be closed on Saturday, December 24th and Monday, December 26th to celebrate the Christmas season with their family.



***"Characters, Crazies and the Culture of Northeast Georgia"***

Be sure to stop by the bank on Thursday, December 8th between 2:00 and 5:00 and meet the author of "Characters, Crazies and the Culture of Northeast Georgia" - Gordon Sawyer.

This is Volume 1 of a two volume set and tells so much about, not only the history of Gainesville, but Northeast Georgia.

Mr. Sawyer has written several books including Northeast Georgia; A History, Gainesville - 1900 to 2000, James Longstreet: Before Manassas and After Appomattox, Richard Kidder: World War II Survivor and The Agribusiness Poultry Industry.

## December Community Calendar

1st: Women Source Luncheon, Frances Meadows Center, 11:45 am  
2nd: Gainesville Ballet "The Nutcracker", 770-532-4241  
3rd: Challenged Child, Festival of Trees, 7:00 pm, [sfrankum@challengedchild.org](mailto:sfrankum@challengedchild.org)  
3rd: Mingle with Kringle, Main Street Market, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
4th: Christmas on Green Street, 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm, 770-503-1319  
6th: John Berry Concert, Brenau Univ. [sfrankum@challengedchild.org](mailto:sfrankum@challengedchild.org)  
8th: Eggs & Issues Breakfast, Gainesville Civic Center, 7:30 am, 770-532-6208  
8th: Gordon Sawyer Book Signing, Characters, Craziest and Culter, Peach State 2 - 5  
25th: Merry Christmas  
31st: 15th Annual Polar Bear Swim, Rowing Venue, 2:00 pm, [www.lckc.org](http://www.lckc.org)

We are partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of Gainesville and our local Chamber of Commerce to help with their toy drive this year. Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy for a child between the ages of 5 and 17. The deadline for this event is Friday, December 9th. We have a drop box in our lobby.

### DONATE A CHRISTMAS TO LOCAL CHILDREN

Our goal is to gather 1,500 gifts before  
Christmas for local boys & girls ages 5  
through 17 in Hall County.

Help us reach that goal.



checks should be made payable to the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce

