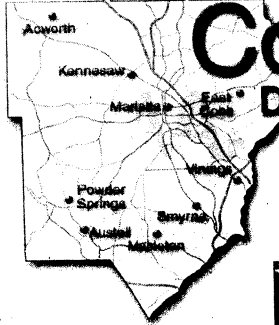


# Around Cobb

## Daily Update



Shoppers shell out high prices for holiday toys **6B**

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DATELINE: MARIETTA

## Runners raise funds on foot



Staff photo by Todd R. McQueen

Bob Climko and Kim LaBoone of the Cobb Douglas Community Services Board will run a half marathon to launch a nonprofit.

## Duo hit streets in half marathon for health services

By Amanda Crissup  
Marietta Daily Journal Staff Writer

Two members of the Cobb and Douglas Community Service Board (CDCSB) run today in the Atlanta Track Club's half marathon to kick off a fundraising effort of epic proportions.

"We're in the health care field, so it just seemed like a healthy thing to do," said Dr. Bob Climko, director of medical affairs for CDCSB.

To raise money for the Center of Community Based Partnerships, the board's new nonprofit organization, Climko and Kim LaBoone, CDCSB chief financial officer, both plan to match pledges up to \$3,000.

"They can support us, but really we're matching those funds to help other people in the community," Climko said.

The CDCSB provides mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse services to more than 13,000 residents of Cobb and Douglas counties. Climko estimated yesterday the team had raised \$8,000.

Tod Citron, CDCSB executive director, said they're using the Atlanta race as a way to get the fledgling nonprofit off the ground.

"It's sort of a kickoff for it without us having our own signature event yet," Citron said.

Some of the money will go toward art supplies for the CDCSB's therapeutic art program. Citron said the art program gives the people they serve a creative outlet and gives them a way to sell their art and become more financially independent.

Although the colleagues don't normally run together, Climko and LaBoone decided to team up to raise funds.

"We both have very intense jobs, so as we work out our minds very intensely during the day, it's just stress relief," Ms. LaBoone said.

The 41-year-old Marietta resident said she got hooked on running a little later in life than some. Ms. LaBoone started running for her own health when she was 30.

### If you'd like to help out:

Tax-deductible contributions can be made to:

The Center for Community Based Partnerships  
Attn: Cindy Biddy  
3830 South Cobb Drive  
Suite 300  
Smyrna, GA 30080

"I'm behind a computer and behind a desk a lot of the time and that's why it's important to have some physical activity outside of the normal workday," Ms. LaBoone said.

From 2001 to 2002, she ran four marathons and has previously participated in the Atlanta Thanksgiving half marathon. To train, she runs mostly in the mountains, and can't even remember how many pairs of running shoes she's owned. Ms. LaBoone learned early on the importance of retiring her shoes after 400 miles.

"When I first started running, I just kind of stumbled into it and I had foot problems," she said.

Ms. LaBoone went to see a doctor and learned she had a wide foot and had been getting the wrong shoes all her life. Fortunately, she said, her foot pains were short lived and now she only wears New Balance shoes.

"It takes a sense of persistence and being willing to put one foot in front of the other and being willing to sticking to the training time," Ms. LaBoone said.

Climko, 52, has been running since his college days at Rutgers University. Normally he runs with his dog, C.J., but said the chocolate brown poodle's max mileage is four miles. Since the half marathon is 13.1 miles, C.J. will be waiting at the end of the race with Climko's wife, Marti.

"Being on Thanksgiving, it's a time for giving thanks that I'm still healthy enough to run it, but also to give thanks to the organization that I work for and the people that we serve," he said.

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## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

### COBB COUNTY — In

1996, Bedminster was expected to be up and running in September, however, Cobb County Commission Chairman Bill Byrne gave a confused answer about what would have to be done to get the co-composting facility on County Farm Road back online. In his monthly, "Speaking of Cobb" television show, Byrne established a timeline detailing the process of getting the \$23 million plant operated by Bedminster Bio-conversion Corp. back online. He also talked about plans for the future and the benefits of the facility, yet he gave contradictory statements about what is going to be done during reconstruction. The facility was shut down in August because of serious operational problems that led to the emission of noxious odors and serious problems for nearby residents. On Aug. 23, after the plant had shut down, a fire broke out, severely damaging the building and equipment inside.

**KENNESAW** — In 1996, an angry and confused crowd of residents and business owners told the Kennesaw mayor and City Council they hated major parts of a plan to revitalize parts of the historic downtown. The public hearing, billed as something that would be "pretty heated" because two or three people were disturbed about adding sidewalks, widening roads and diverting traffic, turned out to be a standing room only situation with about 150 people attending. After more than two hours of citizens questioning Mayor John Haynie and the City Council and offering them alternatives, residents left the meeting knowing that another public hearing, possibly two, would be held before a vote for a detailed design plan from engineers was taken.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

**ACWORTH:** Meetings of the mayor and Board of Commissioners at 6:30 p.m.