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COBB CHAMBER HONORS RETIRING U.S. SENATOR JOHNNY ISAKSON

The Cobb Chamber of Commerce celebrated its many accomplishments of 2019 at the 78th Annual Dinner celebration, presented by Wellstar, on Jan. 25 at the Cobb Galleria Centre. Over 1,000 business and community leaders attended the black-tie optional dinner affair, including military leaders, economic development partners and elected officials. Monica Kaufman Pearson of Cox Media Group served as the event's master of ceremonies.

The evening was a robust program, including a touching tribute to U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson. Senator Isakson was presented with the Chamber's Senator Johnny H. Isakson Leadership Award, named in his honor. The 2020 award was formerly known as the Leadership Award. Previously presented to a select group of individuals, including Kessel Stelling of Synovus Bank in 1988 and Marietta Mayor Steve "Thunder" Tumlin in 2014, the Senator Johnny H. Isakson Leadership Award is one of the ways the Cobb Chamber is honoring the legacy Sen. Isakson continues to bestow upon the county. The Chamber has also dedicated its 10th floor at 1100 Circle 75 Parkway, to the East Cobb-based senator.

U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson has given two decades of dedicated service to our state and country as our United States Senator. Isakson served as a U.S. senator from 2005 to 2019 and as a U.S. representative from Georgia's 6th Congressional District from 1999 to 2005.

GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Isakson first ran in 1974 for the Georgia House of Representatives in an eastern Cobb County district and lost. He ran again in 1976 and won. He served seven terms in the House. He won re-election unopposed in 1984[15] and 1988.[16] In the last four terms (1983-1990) he was the Republican Minority leader. In 1988, he was Co-Chair for U.S. Senator Bob Dole's presidential primary campaign.

GEORGIA SENATE

In 1992, he was elected to the Georgia Senate. In 1996, he decided not to run for re-election to a third term and instead ran for the United States Senate.

Another highlight of the evening was outgoing Chairman, Mitch Rhoden of Futren Hospitality, passing the leadership to 2020 Chairman John Loud of LOUD Security Systems, Inc. In his address, Rhoden celebrated the collective efforts of the Chamber and how it served as a champion for businesses and the community over the past year.

GRATITUDE MAKES SENSE OF OUR PAST, BRINGS PEACE FOR TODAY, AND CREATES A VISION FOR TOMORROW.
Melody Beattie

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Bright Side Newspaper maintains a calendar of events online in their Digital Newspaper at www.brightsidenewspapernews.com. In addition, you can download the Bright Side app for either Android or iPhone. The App has recent stories and if you scroll to the bottom, you will find a link to the online calendar. Great way to keep up with our local events



GRAND OPENING FOR THE INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND AT SWIFT-CANTRELL PARK

The City of Kennesaw and Kennesaw Parks & Recreation celebrated the Grand Opening for the Inclusive Playground at Swift-Cantrell Park this afternoon Tuesday, January 9. The Inclusive Playground is located at Swift-Cantrell Park, 3140 Old 41 Hwy NW.

The formerly existing playground featured nine (9) slides, 11 swings and a main play structure with 100 feet of ADA ramps and sensory boards. The additions include four (4) play structures over approximately 5,000 square feet that was previously unused. This area includes a main play structure with wheelchair accessible ramps that lead to a ropes tower, sensory stations, an eight (8) person wheelchair sway fun and a slide. The ramp system also leads to pod climbers, a tunnel system and climbing apparatuses. The main play structure has 40 feet of shade. The entire 18,500 square foot space has been made accessible to everyone by removing the wood chips and installing turf. Every child will be able to maneuver the entire space.

When speaking about the Inclusive Playground and its impact on the City, Kennesaw Mayor Derek Easterling stated, "This playground will serve not only the emotional and mental well-being of children with disabilities, it will serve our community in developing social equality and positive relationships in the area."

Following the presentation, all were invited for a tour to learn more about the playground, and light refreshments were provided by Nothing Bundt Cakes Kennesaw and Kennesaw Coffee Company.



KENNESAW'S ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DANCE

Spend the evening with your big and little tiki's experiencing the sights and sounds of the beach at Kennesaw Parks & Recreation's Valentine's Dance at the Ben Robertson Community Center, located at 2753 Watts Drive in Kennesaw, on February 8 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Join us for a Totally Tiki Luau. The Ben Robertson Community Center's Banquet Hall is transformed into a colorful and tropical luau dance party. This family-friendly event will feature an "all-you-can-eat" dinner and dessert bar, plenty of memorable photo opportunities and tunes spun by a professional D.J.

All adults must be accompanied by a child and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Seating will be open; however, tables will be reserved for parties of six or more. Tickets are only \$15 per person and can be purchased online at www.kennesaw-ga.gov/parks-and-recreation/ or at the Ben Robertson Community Center. Advance purchase is required.

Regular office hours at the Ben Robertson Community Center are Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. To sign up for a volunteer shift, visit kennesaw-ga.gov/parks-and-recreation and click on "Online Activity Registration." Then click on the "Special Events" tab and the Valentine's Dance will be under volunteer opportunities. For more information, visit kennesaw-ga.gov or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at (770) 422-9714.

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CONGRATULATIONS



Chip and Niecy Oudt announce the
engagement of their daughter Rachel Oudt
to Josh Elsberry son of Brian and Rhonda
Elsberry." Her parents also published this
young lady's birth announcement 21 years
ago in the Bright Side.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



CAMILA
Happy Birthday
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you so much and we
think the world of
you. We wish you the
best this upcoming
year as you celebrate
turning 12 on Feb 8.
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and friends.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AAYANNA

Loving you these past 18 years has been an
absolute blessing.
You have grown
into a lovely young
lady with a bright
future ahead of
you and I can't
wait to witness you
conquer all of your
dreams. Your dad,
sisters, extended
family and I are
super proud of you.
Aayanna Minott
will turn 18 on February 19.



CONGRATULATIONS



The Kennesaw Police Department hosted
a retirement luncheon on Monday December
21, 2019 for Captain Kimberly Brophy.
Captain Brophy has been with the KPD for
22 years, rising up through the ranks from
motorcycles to Captain. Before joining the
Kennesaw Police Dept., Capt Brophy rode
motorcycles for seven years for Cobb County.
She was a special agent for the armed forces
for five years. We will miss her.

CONGRATULATIONS



Fourteen-year-old, Kennesaw native,
Andrew Bramlett enjoys giving presentations.
Hespeakstocivicclubs,localhistoricalsocieties,
and senior retirement communities. In early
January, Andrew had the privilege of being
one of three participants who presented, with
the State Archivist of Georgia, to the Board of
Regents of the University System of Georgia
at their monthly meeting. Andrew shared
about his interest in history and the research
he has done on his many projects using
different records and resources from such
places as the Georgia Archives, Kennesaw
State University Archives and the archives
at Kennesaw Mountain.

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ANDREW BRAMLETT'S

WHY WE SAY WHAT WE SAY.

This month
we will be talking
about the origins
of some Cobb
County place names.
COBB COUNTY is
named for Thomas
W. Cobb (1784 –
1830), a Georgia
Superior Court
judge. MARIETTA
is believed to have been named for his wife,
Mary.



ACWORTH was named in 1843 by
railroad engineer Joseph L. Gregg. Gregg
named it after his hometown of Acworth,
New Hampshire. The New Hampshire town
is named for Sir Jacob Acworth, a surveyor
in Great Britain's Royal Navy.

KENNESAW's story is much more
complicated. The City of Kennesaw is named
after the famous KENNESAW MOUNTAIN
nearby. The National Park Service at one
time claimed that the mountain's name is an
adaptation of the Cherokee word Gah-nee-
sah, meaning cemetery or burial ground. The
book "Ancient Roots", by Richard Thornton
says Kennesaw comes from a Muskogee word
meaning "Raccoon People". Finally, one of the
signers of the Treaty of Holston in 1791 was
named Kennesaw. The treaty, between the
Cherokee and the US Government, does not
specify where Kennesaw lived, so he may or
may not be the namesake of our mountain.

An article in the September 26th, 1849
Charleston Courier tells the tale of a Chief
Kennesaw. According to the story, Chief Kennesaw
was hunting on what we now call Kennesaw
Mountain with some people from his village. He
went ahead of his party and found a prized deer.
After shooting it with his arrow, he took the antlers,
put them on his head, and did what is best described
as a victory dance. The other people in his party
saw these antlers moving, thought he was a deer,
and shot and killed him. After the sad death of
Chief Kennesaw, the article says that KENNESAW
MOUNTAIN was named in his honor.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next Save Acworth History Foundation
and Kennesaw Historical Society lecture will be
Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7pm.

Please join us as JoyEllen Williams, Special
Collections Curator at Kennesaw State University
(KSU), will share a presentation about African
American archival collections and rare books held
at KSU. Through a lecture and hands-on activities,
this program will introduce patrons to primary
sources that document and preserve the rich history
of African Americans in Cobb County. Following
the program, a brief history of Sardis Missionary
Baptist Church will be shared by church member
Mayzelle Hill.

The presentation is open to the public and
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KENNESAW'S TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT

The city of Kennesaw's annual family-friendly Touch-A-Truck event will return to Kennesaw but at a new location this year, Adams Park, 2600 Park Drive, on Saturday, March 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

The event is a partnership between the following departments, Parks and Recreation, Police and Public Works. Children can get up-close and personal with dozens of larger-than-life trucks, heavy construction and public safety equipment, cool cars and specialty vehicles. Participants can meet vehicle owners and operators while touching, climbing on and interacting with this exhibition of transportation. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

To sign up for a volunteer shift, visit kennesaw-ga.gov/parks-and-recreation and click on "Online Activity Registration." Then click on the "Special Events" tab and Touch-A-Truck will be under volunteer opportunities.

For more information, visit kennesaw-ga.gov or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at (770) 422-9714.

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Smith-Gilbert Gardens will host and submit a count on Saturday, February 15 from 9AM-2PM. Bird-watching tours will be held throughout the morning by backyard birding experts. Children will enjoy story time, scavenger hunts and bird-themed crafts.

This event is included with general admission

Held every year in February, the GBBC contributes data that provides a snapshot of bird distribution and helps scientists observe changes over the past two decades.

"IF YOU COUNT ALL YOUR ASSETS, YOU ALWAYS SHOW A PROFIT." Robert Quillen

CLASS REGISTRATION

Kennesaw Parks & Recreation's Winter/Spring Class Registration is now open. Resident and non-residents can register online or in person at the Ben Robertson Community Center, located at 2753 Watts Drive in Kennesaw.

The Winter/Spring season runs through Saturday, April 25. All City of Kennesaw Parks & Recreation activities are open to the public. This season offers a wide array of activities for all ages including running, gymnastics, painting, dance, tai chi, photography, karate, pottery, tennis and more.

Register online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at kennesaw-ga.gov/parks-and-recreation/. For more information, visit kennesaw-ga.gov or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at (770) 422-9714.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Smith Gilbert Gardens needs families to help clean up the gardens and make them beautiful again before the busy spring! Spring Clean Up will be held at Smith Gilbert Gardens on Wednesday February 19 from 9-12:00 pm. This is a perfect project for adults to volunteer with their children or grandchildren. You will be helping us clean and repair bird feeders and nesting boxes, remove invasive plants from garden beds, touch up paint on garden structures, spread mulch, and more. Bring your work gloves and be prepared for outdoor or indoor projects. Visit smithgilbertgardens.com and click on events for more information.



100,000 DONATED TO PARK

At the grand opening celebration of the all-inclusive park, the Swift-Cantrell Park Foundation donated \$100,000 for inclusive playground addition

All donations to the Swift-Cantrell Park Foundation go toward projects like the inclusive playground addition. At the Grand Opening Celebration, Swift-Cantrell Park Foundation Member Lee Elliot expressed his gratitude to everyone who contributed to the Foundation and said, "We are super grateful for everyone that has supported our Foundation by either running our race (Swift-Cantrell Classic), taking advantage of our partnership with Gas South or donating directly to us. You helped make this inclusive playground a reality.

For more information about Swift-Cantrell Park Foundation or how to donate, visit Swift-Cantrell Park Foundation online at swiftcantrellparkfoundation.org.

Pictured above: Front row: Board Members Roy Rosacia, Amanda Blanton, Jennifer Lynch, Steve Welsh, Mayor Derek Easterling, Phil Barber-President of SCPF

Back row: Parks Director Steve Roberts, Board Member Erika Orcutt, City Manager Jeff Drobney

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room features wainscoting and opens up to the gorgeous kitchen and family room. The family room boasts a gas fireplace, built ins and surround sound. The chef's kitchen is appointed with stainless appliances, granite counter tops, back splash, bar seating, and a breakfast nook. The oversized laundry room is equipped with a mud sink. The second floor features an open loft, which is perfect for a den, a play room, a game room, or an office. There are two additional spacious bedrooms and two full bathrooms. The unfinished basement is ready for you to design. The beautiful screened in porch and back deck overlooks the large, flat backyard and the home sits on a cul-da-sac lot!. The home is in the heart of shopping, dining, award winning schools and has easy access to the interstate. Amenities include a clubhouse, a pool, and a playground.

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The Helping Club, a 501c3 nonprofit, is hosting a Family Game Night on Saturday, February 8, 2020, from 4 PM to 6 PM at Arts Bagels and More, 3451 Cobb Parkway, Acworth.

The Helping Club provides free transportation to individuals deemed home-bound by their health care provider. It is our goal to alleviate depression and isolation for this forgotten population by providing free transportation and companionship. Please join us in raising awareness and aid for this population.

Check us out at www.thehelpingclub.org or give us a call at 404-630-9474 to learn more. Coffee and Games provided. The cost of admittance is free, but donations are appreciated.

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A duplicate bridge game started Wednesday, January 8th at the West Cobb Senior Center (WCSC), 4915 Dallas Hwy, Powder Springs, GA 30127, and will be held every Wednesday the Senior Center is open. The game starts at noon and lasts till about 3:30 pm. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early so we can start on time. Duplicate Bridge is a pairs game, it is recommended you come with a partner. If you don't have one, let us know in advance and we will make every effort to provide a partner. The director of the game will make the assigned pairs from unpaired players that show up for the session. Coffee and water are available in the hospitality lounge & soft drinks and snacks are available for purchase. You are welcome to contribute your own snacks to the group. There is a \$1 charge per session per person to cover the cost of the game. If you are interested in the game or have questions about the game, please feel free to contact me by my email, btippins@bellsouth.net.

BIRCH SOCIETY MEETING

The Acworth Business & Professional Chapter of the John Birch Society, meets monthly on the 3rd Friday of each month from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Center Street Tavern in downtown Acworth. We frequently have a speaker as well as time to review current affairs and concerns.

TOWNHALL MEETING

This is an opportunity for Cobb County Voters to learn about voting precincts, voting systems, and voting access, featuring Janine Eveler, Cobb Elections Directory. Hosted by Keli Gambrell, District 1 and JoAnn Birrell, District 3 on Thursday February 27, 6:00-8:00 pm at North Cobb Regional Library across from North Cobb High School

OPEN HOUSE

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Cobb County Branch of the NAACP invites the public to attend their Black History Month Open House every Saturday in February from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Visit includes Black History Movies, Current Events Discussion, meeting branch leaders, and more. The event is held at 605 Roswell St., Marietta, GA. Call 770-425-5757.

GOLDEN K MEETING

Marietta Golden "K" Kiwanis meets every Thursday at 10:00 AM at the East Cobb Senior Center on Sandy Plains Road in Marietta. Join us for fellowship, pastries and coffee, a speaker and sing along with the Golden "K" Choir.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Success Gateway Academy will hold an Informational Session on Thursday, Feb 13, 7 pm and Sat. March 7, 10 am at Due West United Methodist Church, Bldg C. RSVP at 770-626-2558.

MEN'S DAY BRUNCH

Bethel Acworth AME Church will be hosting our Men's Day Brunch on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 11:00 AM. All men are invited to attend. Bethel AME Church, 4826 School Street, Acworth, GA 30101. \$20 donation please. REV. Dr Ken Aveirls

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Helping Club is recruiting caring, compassionate, and motivated individuals to join our team. Whether you are a working adult, retiree, college student, or high schooler, in and around Acworth/Kennesaw, you can find a place here.

Our mission is to work with homebound individuals in need. Our goal is helping them regain their independence. We do this by offering assistance with transportation and companionship. We also have administrative, design, web, copywriting, social media, clerical, and of course, fundraising skills that total up to a wide variety of opportunities. If you're an extrovert or an introvert, we can use your skills.

If you are willing to share your time and talents to help our home-bound audience, we will work with you to establish a schedule that fits your lifestyle. Our volunteers are the foundation of our team.

Contact Scott Warhurst at 404-630-9474 or scott@thehelpingclub.org.



HOG DINNER

It is with a heavy heart that HOG is honoring Randall Droke, father of Logan Droke who passed last year, just four days shy of his 18th birthday. Randall and family are most certainly going through the most difficult time of their lives and our HOG Community is here to help the Droke family to our best abilities. Please keep the Droke family in your prayers! On Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30 pm HOG will honor Randall Droke and family. The dinner is at NorthStar Church. Register online at Eventbrite.com. Tickets are free. Donations are gladly accepted.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Thursday, February 13, 7pm

Saturday, March 7, 10am

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Due West United Methodist Church, Bldg. C/ Youth Center

Success Gateway Academy (SGA) is now enrolling for the 2020 School Year. As a Hybrid Homeschool Program, SGA serves children in middle and high school with sensory, social, academic, or attention challenges as well as those transitioning from a homeschool environment.

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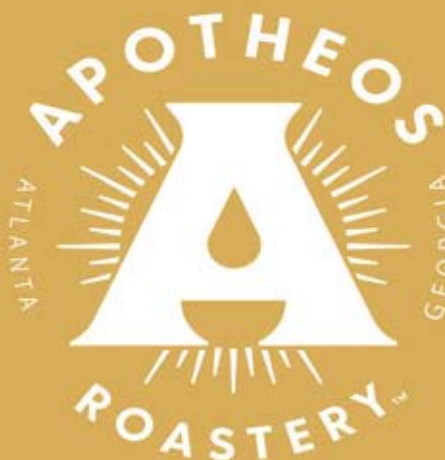
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ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

SHANNON STAHL PRESIDENT



Already a month into the 2020 year, how does this keep happening so fast! I am sure many of you feel the same. We all try to get our year off to a good start in January, and hopefully you are all in full swing for February!

We have several events this month. Our Morning Jolt held at The Holbrook, 7:45-9:00AM on February 11th and 25th. Our Alive After 5 held at Celebration Village, 5:30-7:30PM on February 13th. Our final event of the month is the Women's Luncheon, which will be an evening event at Fusco's di Amore. This will be on February 20th from 5:00-6:30PM, the speaker will be Diana Fusco. Be sure you RSVP for this event as well!

Some of these events will cost you extra if you haven't renewed your ABA membership, we don't want that to happen. Go to the ABA website and make sure your membership is up to date, and if you haven't joined then please come to one of our events. You will soon learn why you should be a part of this association.

February is a month that reminds us to love and care for others. The ABA is "Focused on Our Community" and in 2020 we are showing our community how much we love them. This is accomplished with all our volunteers and members. Thanks to our members, we are able to give back to our schools, teachers, and non-profit organization in the area, as well as provide networking events and luncheons for our business community. Join to help and get involved, and I promise that you'll feel the love that the ABA and Acworth have to offer.

KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

SHELLEY ELDER, PRESIDENT

Looking ahead to 2020, I am struck by how fortunate I am. Fortunate to be standing on such a successful and strong foundation as KBA exceeds 500 members for the first time. Fortunate to be leading a progressive organization that focuses on strengthening its members in new and exciting ways. And fortunate to have so many talented and hard-working business people willing to give of themselves to ensure even greater successes for KBA in the future.

My top three priorities in the coming year will take KBA to the next level. First, we will work to enhance KBA university to offer members the opportunity to broaden their skillsets and more effectively grow their businesses. Second, I plan to add an additional Business Expo to raise the visibility of those member businesses and third, we will work to increase the ways in which we interact with our business members to improve our overall communication and responsiveness.

We are in a very good place. I am looking forward to working with the amazing business men and women of the KBA as we continue to build our community and move forward into a new decade.



KBA LUNCHEON

Tuesday, Feb 11 11:00-1:00 pm at KSU Continuing Ed Bldg. Kennesaw, 30144. Program by John Loud (Loud Security) and Sharon Mason, President of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce. Catered by Copelands. Sponsored by greenmellon. RSVP at www.kennesawbusiness.org.

KBA AA5

The February KBA AA5 will be held on Tuesday, February 18 from 5:30-7:30 at Elevation Chop House, Cobb County Airport, 1723 McCollum Pkwy, Kennesaw. Sponsored by Henssler Financial. More information at kennesawbusiness.org.

NORTH COBB ROTARY

North Cobb Rotary meets at Pinetree Country Club every Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m., feel free to stop by in the coming weeks for great food, great fellowship

ABA AA5

The February ABA AA5 will be held on Thursday, February 13, 5:30-7:30 at Celebration Village, 4460 Celebration Blvd. Acworth. Catered by Celebration Village.

ABA WOMEN'S MEETING

Join us on Thursday February 20 Fusco's from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM for our Women's Meeting! This is being held in the evening to accommodate those women that can't get to the luncheon meeting. Diane Fusco is the speaker. RSVP acworthbusiness.org. Price is \$20.

ABA LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 5, 11:30-1:00 pm at Acworth Community Center, 4361 Cherokee Street, Acworth, GA, 30101. RSVP at www.acworthbusiness.org.

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DREAM SUNDAY

Sunday Feb 16 - 4:00 pm \$20.00 Our dreams reveal a lot about us that we don't review during the day. We work out problems, get messages, astral travel or replay an event over and over. We will learn about keeping a dream journal and ways to have clearer vision while we sleep. We will gain some tools to help us have better dreams and remember them. You can set goals to work on during your sleep.

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NEW MOON MEDITATION

Sunday Feb 23 4-00 pm - \$10.00 Would you like extra help with setting your goals or intentions each month? Using the energies of the new moon, we will discover a personal goal each month through discussion and meditation. Each moon cycle brings the opportunity to start with anew idea each month. For more information, please visit www.theoaksanctuary.com or call 404-903-4104.

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TEEN BOOK CLUB

Teen Book Club is starting up again for the spring semester! The next book club meetings will be Wednesday, February 5 and Feb 19 from 4pm - 5:30pm. The club meets every other Wednesday (except during school closures and holidays).

Teen book club is held at the North Cobb Regional Library (3535 Old Highway 41 Kennesaw, GA 30144). Students can start arriving at 4pm. This book club is perfect for teens who are interested in reading different genres of young adult fiction and non-fiction titles and hanging out with friends after school.

Best of all this program is free and only requires registration for attendance tracking purposes!

SIMMER TIME'S FEBRUARY ARTIST

Join Jack Staver at Simmer Time Cafe and Art Gallery on Open House, Sat. February 22 from 5:00 until 9:00. This Mardi Gras theme will introduce you to Jack, the creator of one-of-a-kind hand crafted, quality jewelry, with a Western Flair. Meet Simmer Time's Chef Edouard who will be creating elegant cuising celebrating Mardi Gras - including red beans and rice, andouille stuffed croissants, Po Boys, Gumbo and his amazing Petite Fours.

Make your reservation for High Tea, being served Feb 8, from 2-5. Call 404-906-3311. This has become a very popular event.

Simmertime is on the corner of Main and Dallas Street across from the KFBC.

ADULT SPELLING BEE

The 4th Annual Adult Spelling Bee is on Friday, March 6th at the Strand. Stage Emcee: Justin O'Dell. VIP reception begins at 5:30 and the event begins at 7:00 pm.

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KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS EXPO

From painting services to money markets, insurance to local eateries, the KSU Continuing Education Center will be full of Cobb County businesses at the Kennesaw Business Association Business Expo on Tuesday, February 25. The event will be held from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Business Expo is a free event and provides patrons a unique opportunity to see some of the local business leaders in a comfortable setting. It is also a way busy professionals can achieve greater productivity and efficiency while growing their potential customer base.

Visitors will find lots of free give-aways and coupons as Cobb businesses show off products, deals, services and upcoming releases of future products and promotions. The Expo kicks off at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, February 25, at the KSU Continuing Education Center, Room 400 - 3333 Busbee Dr NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144.

Light hors d'oeuvres and admission to the expo are free and for information on the event or to become an exhibitor, please contact JRM Management Services, at 770.423.1330, or visit the KBA website, at kennesawbusiness.org. You can also email Jonathan Jenkins at jonathanjenkins@jrmmanagement.com.



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THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK

At February 6's Acworth Business Association (ABA) Luncheon, we celebrated last year's exciting achievements and offered a preview of what's to come this year in the 2020 State of the City address. I would like to thank everyone that came out to learn more about all the exciting things happening in our city. We could not have major accomplishments like the opening of the Pedestrian Bridge and the Acworth Community Center without the dedication of our city team, volunteer boards and commissions, business leaders, and community organizations. Thank you for your continued support. I would like to thank the ABA and its president Shannon Stahl for being such gracious hosts for Acworth's State of the City address.

The ABA is an awesome group of dedicated professionals with community in mind. The beginning of the year is the perfect time to join these local business leaders in their mantra of connecting, informing, promoting, and giving. The giving is where they truly shine as they contribute to our schools, teachers, law enforcement, local government, and other worthy organizations throughout the community. To learn more about the Acworth Business Association, I encourage you to visit their website at www.acworthbusiness.org.

I know that every resident of Acworth counts on the decisions made in the expansion and infrastructure of our city, but we need your help in the official count. The 2020 Census will begin this March. The Census impacts our schools, libraries, roads, hospitals, and programs that provide assistance to those in need. The Cobb County Public Library System has been doing a great job of raising awareness of the 2020 Census. Stop by the North Cobb Regional Library or learn more about taking part in this civic duty at www.cobbcat.org.

Last month, the Board of Alderman and I had the privilege to witness the swearing in of Acworth Municipal Court Chief Judge H. Luke Mayes at our January 2 meeting. Judge Mayes then in turn swore in Associate Judges Charles Chesbro and Joan Bloom. Congratulations to each of these judges and thank you for your service.

As always, for more information on what's happening in Acworth, you can visit www.acworth.org, sign up for our e-news blasts on our home page, "like" Visit Acworth on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram at @VisitAcworth.

God Bless, Tommy



NCHS STUDENT RECEIVES VIOLIN

BY SYLVIA FLANAGAN, ACWORTH CULTURAL ARTS.

The Lopez-Tabor Duo performed a "World Class" Concert featuring Alfonzo Lopez on the violin, and Michelle Tabor on the piano, at Acworth United Methodist Church on January 19th, 2020. This free performance was brought to our community by the Acworth Cultural Arts. The well-attended concert featured musical selections from the 1600's to the 21st Century.

For the second year in a row, a deserving student was selected by Dr. Paula Krupiczewicz, the Orchestra Director at North Cobb High School, to receive a brand new instrument! This support between the religious community, school community, business community, and arts community, is one of the many reasons people choose Acworth to live.

Acworth Cultural Arts, Dr. Krupiczewicz, and Harmony House Music Studio proudly presented a new Violin to North Cobb Orchestra student, Kennedy Green. The new violin was donated by Acworth's Harmony House Music Studio, owned by Heidi and Darrell Truitt. Acworth Cultural Arts wishes to thank the Acworth United Methodist Church for hosting the concert, and the wonderful audience that came and enjoyed the festivities.

Pictured above l-r Kennedy Green Harmony House owners, Heidi and Darrell Truitt, and North Cobb Orchestra Director, Dr. Paula Krupiczewicz.

ART EXPLOSION WINTER BREAK CAMP

It's time to get those creative juices flowing! Our Art Explosion Camp has a full week of non-stop art experiments and activities. Each day of camp will focus on a different art medium like fabrics and dyes, paper, paint, clay and more! Prepare to roll up your sleeves and create your next masterpiece. Campers are encouraged to dress in clothing ready to get painted, stained and splattered!

Camp is for ages 5-12 and will take place at the Acworth Community Center during Cobb County winter break (Monday, February 17-Friday, February 21). Camp activity hours are from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Drop off is available as early as 7:30 a.m. and late pick up ends at 6:00 p.m. Camp costs \$115 for City of Acworth residents and \$140 for non-residents. Register online at acworthparksandrecreation.org.

ACTIVE ADULT LUNCH -

Join us on the third Wednesday, February 19, for the City of Acworth Parks and Recreation Departments Senior Luncheon. Come join us for lunch, bingo, and other special activities. The luncheon is held at The Acworth Community Center. Lunch is served at noon. After lunch we will have several rounds of bingo with prizes. This program is free to all seniors! Call Acworth Parks and Recreation for more information - 770-917-1234.



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We (Kathy & Shana) continue to drive the countryside, visiting old farmsteads, small towns, antique malls, fairs, markets and vintage events. We have chatted with hundreds of potential vendors and soon-to-be customers to survey what turns a good event into a great one! We post daily on our Instagram, Facebook, and website so we can keep our Junkie friends informed.

You'll be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook @gajunkies41. You can also search for us by typing Georgia Junkies 41 into your search bar. Thank you for supporting our dream and we hope to meet you in person soon! Georgia Junkies 41 - Shana & Kathy

Mark your calendars for the Georgia Junkies 41 Spring Vintage Market, which will be held March 20-22 at the Bartow County Saddle Club, 43 Saddle Club Dr., Cartersville. Don't miss the Car Show on Saturday, March 21 from 10-3. Vendor application are available at www.georgijunkies41.com.

KSU SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL SET FOR MARCH 21

ANNUAL FESTIVAL IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Celebrate the arts at Kennesaw State University on Saturday, March 21, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. during the annual Spring Arts Festival. The free indoor/outdoor community event will feature an artists' market with booths of artwork by local and traveling artists as well as make-and-take art, children's activities, and numerous demonstrations and workshops.



Major attractions in and around the Visual Arts Building include an iron pour, glass blowing and blacksmithing demonstrations. From Junkyard Wars to 3-panel comics and Raku ceramics firing, children and adults will find exciting possibilities to explore, including 3D printing and creating your own percussion instruments.

The Artist Market features artists' booths offering wares and art for sale from ceramics, jewelry, paintings and sculpture to photography, and fiber arts. Alumni and student clubs are encouraged to participate. Exhibiting applicants artworks are adjudicated based on technical ability, originality of the art, and quality of the booth display. Judging and awards for "Best Booth" are held on the date of the event. The winner receives a trophy and will be offered a free booth space the following year.

Artwork from local artists and students will be featured in the annual Pin-Up show in the Visual Arts building. For more information, please visit www.KSUArtsFestival.com



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DAY OF SERVICE AT BROOKWOOD CHRISTIAN
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Volunteers from Acworth Achievers, Freedom Church, and Acworth Parks and Rec painted a multi-purpose room, cleaned the building, and wrote notes of encouragement to participants in Kit Cummings’ Power of Peace Project.



**RIDE TO READ -
MOTORCYCLE FUNDRAISER FOR BROOKWOOD CHRISTIAN**
Brookwood Christian School invites all motorcycle enthusiasts to join them as Brookwood honors National Reading Month by hosting their third charity motorcycle ride with Acworth’s very own Chef Henry Chandler leading the ride! The event will be held on Saturday, March 21. Proceeds benefit the International Dyslexia Association – Georgia Chapter as well as Brookwood Christian’s Dyslexia Reading Programs.
The event includes breakfast catered by Henry’s Louisiana Grill & Henry’s Uptown at the school at 9:00 am and is included in the cost of the ride. Come enjoy biscuits/gravy, eggs, cajun grits, andouille sausage/bacon, coffee/juice, before KSU (that is Kick Stands Up) at 10:00 am with Chef Henry leading the way. The ride will last approximately two hours, includes a police escort through scenic surrounding areas and will end up back at Henry’s.
Thanks to all who came out last year, we generated \$2,970 for Dyslexia! We would love to break the \$5,000 mark this year!
The cost is \$25 per bike plus \$15 for passenger until March 6. Price then goes to \$30 per bike/\$20 for passenger. If you don’t ride, come enjoy fellowship and breakfast for \$10.00 (must be paid by March 6. More information and registration is available at www.brookwoodchristian.com. To register text RIDE to 404-491-7724. Sponsorships are available starting at \$100.00, email r2r@brookwoodchristian.com for more information. Follow this event on Instagram and FB @ride2read.

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This live “Dinner and Show” is a fundraiser for Acworth Cultural Arts, who contributes scholarships to local high school seniors. Funds raised go back in to the Acworth Community to raise awareness of the importance of the Arts in our everyday lives.

Local Director and Acworth Cultural Arts Board Member, Carole Roach, is directing Award Winner Playwright Nedra P. Robert’s comedy/drama, “Wake Me When It’s Over”, at Dogwood Terrace on March 6th and 7th.

Friday and Saturday Dinner and performances begin at 7:00pm. Tickets for those two dates are \$45 per person, and include your Gourmet Meal and Play.

A Sunday Dessert presentation will begin at 6:00pm, and includes Dessert, Play, and a “surprise” presentation! The Sunday Dessert presentation tickets are \$35 per person.

The play is about three daughters, preparing their mother’s eulogy, for her funeral. Unbeknownst to them, the mother reacts to each individual’s contribution- resulting in a hilarious evening of laughter and reflection.

This play features local talent, such as Cindy Higgins, Suzanne Husting, Charles & Mary Monroe, from Acworth, Donna Young, from Cartersville, and Lori Henderson from Dallas, Georgia. Call Dogwood Terrace at (770) 627-4069 for Reservations.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

“Pops at Logan Farm Park” is scheduled for Saturday, April 18. More details coming soon! This will be the second annual fundraiser for the Acworth Arts Alliance, which fund sscholarships for students pursuing higher education in the art world.

NEWK’S KENNESAW IS OPEN ON CHASTAIN ROAD

Newk’s announced its grand re-opening of its Chastain Kennesaw location recently. The Newk’s location at 745 Chastain Road was temporarily closed for re-imaging, and was officially reopened November 4, 2019. To mark the occasion, multi-franchise owner Paul Williams, Sr. served up a hearty-sized helping of hospitality with weeklong Re-Grand Opening Celebrations featuring seven days of specials.

“I’m beyond excited to re-open Newk’s Eatery at Chastain.” says Williams, owner of The Williams Food Group “We have a great team assembled, and we’re eager to kick off this celebration to re-introduce our unbeatable menu and community spirit to old and new neighbors alike.”

Newk’s is a fast-casual brand specializing in handcrafted meals made in an open kitchen and opened originally at this location on October 1st, 2018. “We are excited to have re-opened in the Kennesaw community”, said franchisee Paul Williams. We are committed to continuing the high standards for food quality and providing a healthier food options for our clients.

This 3,896 square food restaurant accommodates 145 guests and offers a covered patio with heating and air conditioning. It is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Being located on busy Chastain Road has been highly awaited its re-opening by the loyal client that have supported our fast causal brand. In addition to dine in, this location offers a to-go section, catering, special events, and multiple delivery options.

Check out the menu for Newk’s Kennesaw on Chastain, at <https://newks.com/>. Their soups are made in small batches to ensure big flavor. We value quality over quantity, which means we rotate our offerings daily. Check our daily soup schedule to see which favorites we are serving today. My favorite, French Bistro Steak & Mushroom is served on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Their pizza offerings are the best. Their 10” crust made of hand-rolled dough is brushed with garlic-infused olive oil to make it extra crispy. Choose from Spicy Shrimp, Sausage & Pepperoni, Newk’s Q and many more.

Their sandwich menu is loaded with flavorful favorites. There’s one for every personality, from the hearty Italian to the tangy Newk’s “Q”. Whether you dine in or pick up, remember that Newk’s has the best sandwiches near you.

Better yet, quit reading this, get in your car and go to Newk’s. Great menu

We invite the community to come experience a healthy fast causal dining experience. We are open to catering, fundraisers, spirit nights, and special events. Come and experience Newk’s Kennesaw today.

8 TIPS TO RELIEVE WINTER DRY EYES

BY: DR. DYLAN REACH, ACWORTH FAMILY EYE

Whether you live in a climate with cold winter weather or you are planning a ski trip up north, winter can be a challenge if you suffer from dry eyes. Dry, cool air, cold winds and even drier indoor heating can cause eye irritation, burning, itchiness and redness, and sometimes even excessively watery eyes as more tears are produced to compensate for the dryness. Many people have a chronic feeling that they have something in their eye and some even experience blurred vision. These symptoms can be debilitating!

Here some tips on how to relieve dry eye discomfort, and how to know when your condition is serious enough to come in for an evaluation.

•Keep eyes moist using artificial tears. If over-the-counter drops don’t help or if you have chronic dry eyes, speak to your optometrist.

•Use a humidifier to counteract the drying effects of indoor heaters or generally dry air.

•Point car vents or indoor heaters away from your face when the heat is on.

•Drink a lot! Hydrating your body will also hydrate your eyes.

•Protect your eyes outdoors with sunglasses or goggles – the bigger the better!

•Soothe dry eyes using a warm compress and never rub them!

•Give your eyes a digital break. People blink less during screen time which is why extensive computer use can lead to dry eyes. Follow the 20/20/20 rule by taking a break every 20 minutes to look 20 feet away for 20 seconds and make sure you blink!

•For contact lens wearers: If you wear contact lenses, dry eyes can be particularly debilitating. Not all eyedrops are appropriate for use with contact lenses, so ask your optometrist which is compatible with your contacts and solution, and which brand of contacts are better for dry eyes, preferably daily disposable lenses.

CHRONIC DRY EYES OR DRY EYE SYNDROME

Dry eye syndrome is a chronic condition in which the eyes do not produce enough tear film, or do not produce the quality of tear film needed to properly keep the eyes moist. While winter weather can make this condition worse, it is often present all year round. If you find that the tips above do not alleviate your discomfort or symptoms, it may be time to see an optometrist to see if your condition requires more effective medical treatment.

CASINO NIGHT**HOSTED BY POST 304**

Do you feel lucky? On Saturday, February 22nd starting at 7pm, you might be able to find out just how lucky you are. The Ron Asby North Cobb American Legion Post 304 is holding its Third Annual Casino Night, with games of chance like roulette, blackjack and craps.

This year promises to be even bigger and more spectacular with additional game stations being added, and a return of the Chef from the Pine Tree Country Club catering the evening with "heavy hors d'oeuvres".

Raffle prizes will be given away throughout the evening and a silent auction of big-ticket items will occur at the end of the festivities.

You can find out more, including purchasing your tickets, at www.post304.org/casinonight

LET'S GO FLY A KITE

The Kennesaw-Acworth Optimists along with the North Perimeter Optimists will be presenting "Let's Go Fly a Kite", Optimist Kite Day in the Park.

The event will be held on March 21, 2020 from noon to 4pm at the Swift Cantrell Park at 3140 Old 41 Hwy, NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144.

Bring your own kite or \$1 for kite building supplies. There will be Carnival games, Awards plus hot dogs, chips and drinks for sale.

Thank you to our sponsors: Primrose-Wade Green, Eaton Chiropractic, Bright Side Newspaper and Kennesaw Parks & Rec.,

Thanks also to the JOI Clubs (Junior Optimist Clubs of Acworth Elem, Baker Elem, Barber Middle, Harrison High, Kennesaw Mtn High.

ACWORTH'S YOGA CLASSES**MARY'S GENTLE YOGA**

Maintain your balance and flexibility through gentle non-strenuous yoga poses. This classes is perfect for active adults to deepen flexibility and strengthen the body. Classes are available monthly on Fridays from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Pre-registration is required with a \$20 resident and \$25 non-resident fee due upon registration. Visit www.acworthparksandrecreation.org to secure your place in the class.

MARY'S CHAIR YOGA

Maintain your balance and flexibility while using a chair for support. Chair Yoga offers a practical alternative to traditional yoga. These classes at the Acworth Community Center deepen flexibility and strengthen the body. Classes are available monthly on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Pre-registration is required with a \$20 resident and \$25 non-resident fee due upon registration. Visit www.acworthparksandrecreation.org to secure your place in the class.

Pictured above: Mary Munroe, Yoga instructor

SCHOOL OF MUSIC- 2020 COLLAGE CONCERT**BAILEY PERFORMANCE CENTER, KENNESAW CAMPUS****FEB. 15 | 3 P.M. & 8 P.M.**

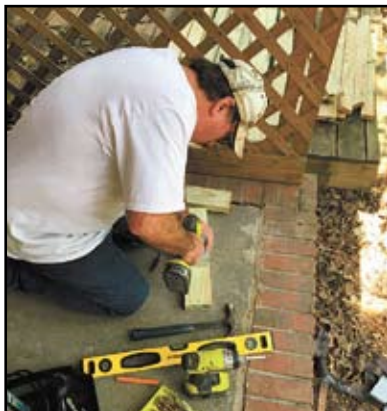
The 14th annual Collage Concert will feature performances from over 200 School of Music students and faculty, including the Student Jazz Combo, the Symphony Orchestra, and Chamber Singers. These concerts are major fundraising events for the School supporting music scholarships. Don't miss this opportunity to see the musical talent at KSU! Tickets are \$15-30. Tickets at https://arts.kennesaw.edu/concerts-and-events/buy_tickets.php.

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

The Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department will host the annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday, March 14, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Acworth Community Center. This year's theme will be a Masquerade Dance!

All girls ages 13 and under and their dads or adult male chaperones are invited to attend the dance. This event provides a great opportunity for dads and daughters to spend a special evening together. The event will include a DJ, light refreshments, gifts for the girls, and optional pictures by a professional photographer.

Registration for this event will begin on February 3 for City of Acworth residents and the cost will be \$30.00 per couple. Registration for non-residents will open on February 10 and the cost will be \$40.00 per couple. Additional daughters will cost \$10.00 each. Make sure to pre-register for this event! Day-of Registrations will not be guaranteed a gift and increased rates will apply. For more information or to register visit www.acworthparksandrecreation.org

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HORIZON LEAGUE

HORIZON BASEBALL LEAGUE -

Registration for the Spring Horizon League is open. The Horizon League is a non-competitive baseball league for athletes ages 5 years and older with physical and/or cognitive disabilities. Games will be played on the Horizon Field at the Acworth Sports Complex. The cost of the league is \$15 per player. The deadline to register without a late fee is March 27. Games for the youth and teen league begin on Saturday, April 13. Adult games will be played on Thursday nights beginning April 11. Register online at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.

ACWORTH'S SPRING BREAK SPORTS CAMP

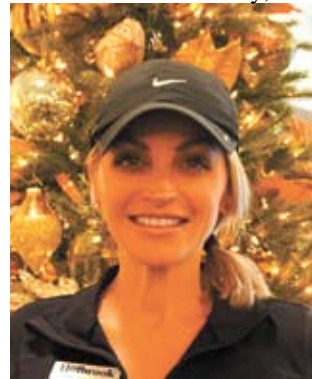
This spring break, keep it moving with our Spring Break Sports Camp! Daily activities include playing a variety of different sports and team based activities including basketball, soccer, hockey, dodgeball four-square and more! Campers will be able to focus on fun and engagement. This non-competitive program is perfectly balanced with high and low-impact activities to even the playing field for all campers! Camp is for ages 6-14 and will take place at the Acworth Community Center during Cobb County spring break (Monday, April 6-Thursday, April 9). There will be no camp on the day of Good Friday, April 10. Camp activity hours are from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Drop off is available as early as 7:30 a.m. and late pick up ends at 6:00 p.m. Camp costs \$115 for City of Acworth residents and \$140 for non-residents. Register online at acworthparksandrecreation.org.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO GET STARTED.....

BY AMY FENDLEY

Beginning in midlife, we may start to face a number of age-related issues where we begin to doubt our fitness capabilities. It is important at any age that we keep moving in order to be as strong in body, mind and spirit as we possibly can in the years ahead.

These are so many workout methods that we can choose to help build & gain strength, increase our flexibility, enhance our balance, eliminate stress & practice mindfulness but workouts shouldn't be approached as one size fits all and chances are, you won't enjoy all of them. Choose 1 or 2 and stick with it. In a nutshell, just move!



Yoga, Tai Chi, water fitness and strength workouts are excellent methods of self-care practices that are vital from our younger years all the way through our senior years!

A senior workout can be accomplished with gentle muscle work, stretches, posture & core awareness, breathing techniques, mindfulness meditation and relaxation as long as you find the right instructor for you! So be smart in your instructor choice as well as your class when you begin your search! Find a reputable, licensed / certified instructor who can personalize & design each client's workout practices to be safe, smart, steady, enjoyable and attainable.

There are a number of injuries and complications that are to be considered when beginning a workout routine with all age groups. The secret in beginning and sticking with a workout routine is to disclose all of your health history, surgeries, injuries and limitations. More than anything, listen to your body and what it's telling you! Find what feels good, is challenging to you and especially a workout that you'll stick with long term.

Once you've found your perfect accountability partner in your workout setting of choice, be diligent with showing up! My guess is once you begin seeing the incredible benefits, you'll discover your body's amazing capabilities and you will have a new appreciation of what you didn't know you were capable of!

I truly delight in sharing my expertise and knowledge with others and I hope you'll at least begin to explore classes in your area and that you'll try something new and out of your comfort zone.

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The team at ETO Martial Arts and Fitness has kicked off their 2020 season in full action!

They are honored to work with several community partners. On Friday January 24th, ETO instructors Missan Edwards and Staci Thomas were invited to help judge Bullard Elementary School's 5th grade Soap Box Speech Contest. On Tuesday January 27th, instructors Doug Edwards, Meena Edwards and Staci Thomas met with residents of the Rival on Main to lead a Self Defense Workshop. On Thursday January 30th, five members of the newly selected 2020 ETO STORM Elite Team; Alex Harmer, Zach Hextell, Austin Killebrew, Allison LoTempio, and Lucas Nieves were featured performers for the Pitner Elementary International Festival. They showcased a demonstration of martial arts, stunts, weapons, & board breaks set to their signature music! Be on the lookout for upcoming performances and events that include KSU's International Festival, Cobb County's Princess for a Day Event, Big Shanty Days and Self Defense Workshops at Cherokee County Community Center. For more information on ETO Martial Arts & Fitness or the ETO STORM team, check out www.myeto.com or call 770-528-9821. GO ETO!

BATTLE OF KENNESAW 2020 –

MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SERVICE PROJECT

Calling all Martial Arts & Fitness Competitors! The Energy Tae Kwon Do Organization will host the 17th Annual Battle of Kennesaw Martial Arts and Fitness Championships on Saturday March 21, at Furtah Prep School located at 5496 Highway 92 (Acworth). The vision of the Battle of Kennesaw is to provide a safe and fun competition that unites martial artists and fitness competitors in a service project for families in need during the holiday season. The Battle of Kennesaw is open to both ETO and Non ETO students of all ages and all belt levels.

Awards will be presented in each category for 1-2-3 placements, BUT the greater emphasis of the competition is participation. Each pre-registered participant earning a total of 10+ merits from a combination of martial arts & fitness events will be awarded a handsome 4 foot trophy. The Battle of Kennesaw has partnered with local service organizations to provide gift cards to needy families during the Holiday Season. In addition to the competition and service project, The Battle of Kennesaw will celebrate the "Modern Day Warrior 2020" scholarship award. For more information on BOK please call 770-528-9821 or register online at www.myeto.com.

MARDI GRAS 5K

The 11th annual Marietta Mardi Gras Run is fast approaching on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 in the Marietta Square. The race, hosted by and benefitting the Junior League of Cobb-Marietta (JLCM), includes a 5K run/walk, 1K fun run and tot trot for children. The 5K serves as an official qualifier for the 2020 AJC Peachtree Road Race. To learn more or register, visit bit.ly/MMGR5K.

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WHY GROWN MEN HUNT

BY KEN WHITE (CLAUDIA'S DAD)

When the duck hunting season ends, there is a feeling of sadness like saying goodbye to a friend.

When the season ended recently, where I hunt in Missouri, I noticed that the older I get, the more the seasons seem to streak by, leaving only a blur of fond memories. Most duck hunters know it is the act of shooting wild ducks or the number bagged that landmarks a season. It is the hunting partners, special places and tradition of the sport that cast special feelings. By its very nature, waterfowling places the participants in uniquely wild and beautiful settings.

Duck hunting produces adventures as well as predicaments unlike other forms of outdoor activity. It is a test of endurance, patience, skill and determination. There is some relief when it is finally over. However, no sooner than it ends, comes the trickle of anticipation and hope that the wild places stay wild and the birds grow in numbers next season.

Are duck hunters a crazy bunch who relish 4 a.m. alarm clocks, arctic-type weather, knee deep mud, and long drives home? Maybe! It goes with the territory. Why do grown men lust for the haunts that attract and hold migratory ducks? It is in our blood. In a way we are lucky.

The duck season that just ended was forecasted to be strong. Duck numbers were indeed high. In my many years of duck hunting I can recall other good seasons that might have presented more challenges and adjustments than this one.

Several years ago, when the season first opened, it was hard to get too excited about hunting ducks with temperatures in the 60's and 70's. Most of the ducks stayed north for the opener. However, the warm weather presented another opportunity. Paul Hoffman and I camped and hunted at a favorite lake and managed to take several mallards opening morning, but what I remember most was our Saturday night campfire: grilling steaks over glowing coals. Normal duck hunting weather probably would have precluded tenting and feasting under the stars. The rest of the north zone was good, yet nothing could take away the magnificent sunrises and the wild stillness of the lake. Ironically, the last day of the north zone season, the lake froze so we had to break ice to set the decoys. A lot of ducks flew overhead, but the motionless decoys and broken ice spooked the mallards showing our setup as thoroughly fake.

Ever since I was a teenager, I don't remember missing a duck season opener at a favorite spot, although one season I hunted a different lake for the first time and enjoyed surprising success during the weekend there. I shared a blind with John Benjamin and Glen Atkinson. We had an excellent hunt and one thing stood out. There were two mallards heading for our decoys, but Glen didn't see one of them and when I shot, the bird fell into the blind knocking Glen to the floor. He said, "I thought the sky was falling."

There is no finer adventure outdoors than sharing duck hunting days with your sons, daughters, wives, friends and Labrador retrievers. It makes you realize that memories were being made. The season ended all too fast.

Ken White is a guest columnist and the father of Claudia Chandler, Acworth. He has been writing for various newspapers in Missouri for about 60 years. Thanks Ken - pretty humorous.



TOWN CENTER CID LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The Town Center Community Improvement District (CID) is excited to announce its brand-new, dynamic website (www.towncentercid.com) to kick off the decade. The site presents the CID as a driving force behind projects that have benefitted Cobb County's business community for 23 years. Furthermore, it provides a more significant web presence for the CID's creative placemaking focus, in the form of its nonprofit arm, the Town Center Community Alliance.

Developed by Marietta agency 524 Creative, the new site's design fully integrates the CID's organizational vision and mission. Clear, user-friendly navigation streamlines their message and empowers users to find what they're looking for faster. Each page showcases the CID's thoughtful, forward-thinking plans for the area through refined messaging and imagery that draws in the viewer.

The visual experience builds upon the CID's brand, which they introduced in 2015. The design represents a refinement of the diamond shapes that comprise the CID logo, bringing them to the forefront. The site also implements new color gradients that complement the CID's vibrant palette.

"Our fresh website design is an evolution of our established visual brand, one that we are thrilled to roll out across all our upcoming marketing," said Tracy Rathbone Styf, executive director of the Town Center CID. "The Town Center area is unique because it integrates natural assets into a prosperous business center. The site perfectly represents its incomparable character as well as the CID's overall vision—to make Town Center a vibrant, accessible community and inviting regional destination."

"We love that innovation is an integral part of the Town Center CID brand and an explicit focus of their board," said April Wright, principal of 524 Creative. "Their openness to new ideas and boundary-pushing consistently makes them trailblazers in their field. It was a pleasure to partner with them on their new website and previous branding, and we are excited to see it launch."



SAINT CATHERINE & SAINT JOSEPH FUN NIGHT!

FUN NIGHT MINISTRIES!, in which more than 250 honored guests and volunteers attended. This special evening featured a catered dinner, photo booth, performance by Saint Catherine's Spanish Ministry Mime Group, and dancing. The evening was kicked off by red carpet introductions of the honored guests, who linked arms with their volunteer buddies and proceeded to the cheers of the crowd down the Red Carpet flanked by an Honor Guard of 20 Fourth Degree Sir Knights of Columbus from Assemblies 2161 & 3355..

The 3rd Annual Dancing Under the Stars! was a huge success due to the 170+ volunteers and the dozens of Knights from K of C Saint Catherine of Siena Council 9923 who prepared the catered meal, while Saint Joseph K of C Council 4599 Knights volunteered and served the meal along with a professional DJ who kept the dance floor full the entire evening. A wonderful time and lasting memories were seen on the smiling faces of both honored guests and volunteers throughout the evening and captured by the 2100+ photos taken by Molly Rowland, Playing With Pictures Photography.

Offered monthly by both Churches, this ministry, Fun Night!, features dinner, dancing, arts and crafts, birthday and holiday celebrations. In accordance with its mission, Fun Night! volunteers, while having fun with participants, "strive to create an environment of acceptance and support as well as foster an appreciation for the gifts and talents of each individual."

ATTENTION ARTISTS

The Marietta Cobb Museum of Art is accepting submissions for the 20th annual juried exhibition, Metro Montage XX. Submission deadline is April 17 at 11:59 pm.

Metro Montage is the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art's 20th annual juried exhibition featuring all types of genre, medium, style, subject matter, concept, and technique in art. "Metro Montage XX" will feature works of fine art by contemporary artists that showcase the diversity and skill within our nation's culture. An anonymous panel will select works of art from over 500 submissions. As this is the 20th Anniversary of Metro Montage, we will be celebrating by utilizing all galleries in the museum for the exhibition, enabling us to accept more pieces of art than in years past!

Selected artwork will be exhibited at the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art from July 11 - September 6, 2020. Questions? Email MCMA Curator, Madeline Beck, at madeline@mariettacobbartmuseum.org.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Marietta Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Department has announced a call for artists for its yearly May-retta Daze Arts & Crafts Festival on May 2-3, 2020 on the Marietta Square.

May-Retta Daze is a two-day art, crafts & music outdoor festival held annually, the first weekend in May at the Historic Marietta Square. The festival features exhibitors and artists showcasing handmade goods including painting, pottery, woodwork, metal, glass, fabric, soap, candles and more.

In addition to a wide variety of arts & crafts, the Music Festival will showcase various live acoustic musical performances from local artists throughout both days. There is something for everyone with festival food, kid's zone and live music. Bring the entire family to shop, relax and soak up the sounds on the Marietta Square.

Applications are online at <http://jrmmanagement.com>. Click on Arts & Crafts menu, scroll to May-retta Daze and click on flyer for application form.

MARIETTA GARDEN CLUB FUNDRAISERS BRIDGE

The Garden Center is hosting a Bridge Tournament fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 16 from 2-5:30 pm. Enjoy fun and fellowship as ALL levels welcome. The fee is \$35 per player (or more if you wish). Space is limited, registration ends February 10. To register, contact the Garden Center at 770-427-3494 or email mgardenc@bellsouth.net.



SPRING CONCERT

The Marietta Garden Center is hosting a Spring Concert fundraiser on Saturday, March 7 at 3:00 pm. The tickets are \$26 per person and benefit the Marietta Educational Garden Center.

Join Sara Stevens, soprano and Cathy Sewell (Flower Garden Club member), pianist for a musical afternoon featuring vocal and piano favorites including Classical, Musical Theatre and much more! Light refreshments will be served.

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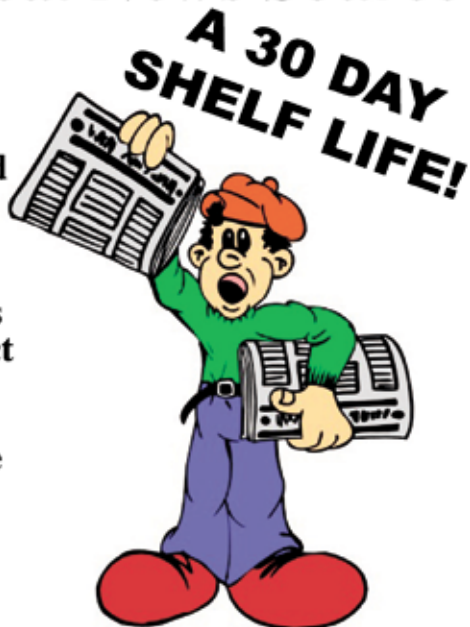
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MARIETTA NEWS

KATHY WINIARCZYK NAMED MARIETTA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION'S MEMBER OF THE YEAR!



Credit Union of Georgia is honored to announce the recognition of their Business Development Officer, Kathy Winiarczyk as the Marietta Business Association's 2019 Member of the Year! The Marietta Business Association has nearly 300 members and carefully selects one member each year who has gone above and beyond to recognize for this award.

Winiarczyk not only stepped up to a board role in 2019 with the Marietta Business Association, but she also serves throughout the Cobb and Paulding communities. She is currently serving as West Cobb Business Association's President Elect. Her passion for community is evident throughout her dedication to serve as well as volunteering with MUST Dance 2019, the 2019 Gobble Jog Committee and Dancing with the Stars 2019 for Loving Arms Cancer Outreach.

When asked why she has dedicated so much of her time, Winiarczyk stated, "I have a love for community! I grew up in Cobb County, went to Osborne High School in Marietta and raised my children in Paulding County. Each of these communities have shaped me and I hope to give back to them in the same way they have given to me."

Pictured l-r: 2019 Member of the Year Kathy Winiarczyk, MBA Board Member Michelle Faucher, MBA 2019 President Brent Rittersdorf

MARIETTA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The next MBA monthly luncheon will be held Monday February 24, at Roswell Street Baptist Church – in the Fellowship Center at 744 Roswell Street, Marietta 30060, with parking in the East Parking Lot at Aviation Road SE and Roswell Street. Morning Mingle will be held in the Crossing at RSBC from 10:30-11:30AM. The buffet opens at 11:30AM, and the program is from 12:00 – 1:00PM. The speaker is Michael Coles, creator of the Great American Cookie Company. Come listen to his adventures.RSVP at Mariettabusiness.biz

MARTINIS AND MUSIC

Marietta Cobb Museum of Art will be hosting Martinis and Music February 14,2020 from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Johnny Porrazzo will entertain guest as they enjoy the work of artists Chad Cole and Jim Hill.

Martinis and Music is free to members and \$10 for non-members. Hors d'oeuvres will be catered by Carriage House Catering and a cash bar will be available. Tickets are sold at the door.

MARIETTA TREE KEEPER

This Saturday February 8 at 10:00 am our workday will include pencils instead of shovels.... We will be updating the tree inventory for the Marietta Cemetery. This is truly a work day where you can eat a donut while you work and is a great opportunity to get scientific and experience a real learning experience. All volunteers will be deputized arborists for the day!

Please join us for this MTK Event. We will be inventorying trees on the Marietta City Cemetery Trail. The parking address is: Brown Park, 358 West Atlanta St., Marietta, 30064, look for the green signage. You can also drive into the middle of the cemetery and look for our sign-in table at the small white building. Donuts, hot chocolate and hot coffee provided. In case of bad weather please call 770-424-4664 for weather updates and rescheduled date.

MARIETTA COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

Do you love to garden and would you like to be part of a local garden club in your area? The Marietta Council of Garden Clubs(MCGC) would love for you to join a garden club and we invite you to our monthly meetings. Maybe you're a beginner and lack basic gardening knowledge, or an experienced gardener looking to get involved in community projects. The upcoming meeting is on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 9:30am. Come and socialize and listen to this month's program on "Reading Trees for Health and Risk" with Peter Jenkins, an ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) Certified Arborist. The meeting also informs you on what the garden clubs are doing in the Marietta area. The meeting will be held at the Marietta Educational Garden Center, 505 Kennesaw Ave, Marietta, GA, 30060, 770-427-3494.

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