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#### **ACWORTH MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

The ceremony to honor those who have given their lives in service to our country will be held on Saturday, May 23 at 10:00 a.m. in Cauble Park at Patriots Point. Veterans and current servicemen will pay tribute to brave men and women who have fought and died for our nation. Veterans and current servicemen will pay tribute to brave men and women who have fought and died for our nation. The ceremony will be live streamed on all the city's social media channels at the same time. For more information on the event contact Jeff Chase at jchase@ acworth.org or call 770-917-1234.

#### FREEDOM CHURCH CANCELS \$1.65+ MILLION IN MEDICAL DEBT FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES

Freedom Church has partnered with RIP Medical Debt to pay off just over \$1.65 million in past due medical debt for families in their community.

"Freedom Church loves our community and we wanted to bless as many families as we possibly could," said Pastor J.R. Lee. "We know that there are many in our community that are struggling in unimaginable ways financially and we wanted to spread hope during a difficult time in our community and around the world because of Covid-19. We pray these families can find at least some relief this week knowing these debts have now been paid in full on their behalf. What Jesus did for us we want to do for others.

The people of Freedom Church donated the resources to target relief in Bartow, Paulding, and Cobb Counties. Through their generosity, a total of \$1,655,242 has now been paid off for 1,043 families. Those benefitting from the relief have been notified this past week!

Freedom Church is located at 3611 Cobb Pkwy NW in Acworth, GA. You can obtain more info about the church at www.freedomchurch.tv. You can also follow Freedom Church on Instagram (@freedomchurchtv) and Facebook (@freedomchurch.tv).

RIP Medical purchases debt at a fraction of the price and partners with organizations like Freedom Church to set people free. You can learn more at RIPMedical.org.



#### WHAT IS MEDICALLY FRAGILE

Governor Kemp, issued an edict, on April 30, that the MEDICALLY FRAGILE (and Elderly (65 and up) MUST SHELTER-IN-PLACE until June 12, 2020. Who are considered medically fragile?

Citizens with chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, severe heart disease, severe obesity. Those who are immunocompromised. Citizens with diabetes, liver disease, or chronic kidney disease on dialysis. People living in nursing homes or long term care facilities. AND folks over 65.

Personal opinion: Many of my friends are not MEDICALLY FRAGILE, are over the age of 65 and still work. So it is difficult to understand why they need to shelter-in-place for another six weeks. We have a primary on June 9. While we can vote by mail - the polls will be opened and normally manned by retirees well into their 70's. Wonder if they will be declared essential workers so they can run the polls. I sure don't want to see the chaos that occurred when Kemp was elected.

I, for one, may become MENTALLY FRAGILE, if I stay home till June 12!



**90-DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD** BY DEVAN SEABAUGH, VP METRO ATLANTA AMBULANCE

The Coronavirus, COVID19, C19 or Rona- whatever you choose to call the pandemic that spread around the world in 90 days and affected us all is slowly being contained. The sick are still be treated, the casualties are still being counted and our awareness of the spread is heightened like never before. The lives effected are numerous. Our faith was tested, our resolve strengthened and our commitment to put the needs of others before ourselves shined bright.

COVID 19 slowed us all down, gave us time to reflect on aspects of our daily lives we may take for granted. We have a new respect for the jobs we may have taken for granted and we learned the definition of essential, and want verses need.

We learned the importance of the person that picks up our trash each day, of the farmer that grows our food and the truckers that deliver it to the store. The stock person, the cashier, the pharmacist that showed up because we needed what they had. The mechanic, the accountant and the banker. Those that keep the power on and water running. The quality of our public health and elected officials

How about the EMT and Paramedics that sit at the "tip of the spear", the nurse, the physician and other healthcare staff that show up, work excessive hours to care for the sick, knowing their lives, their safety and anyone they

come in contact with thereafter could be at risk too. The restaurant owners that refocused their efforts from dine-

in to takeout and delivery.

Our teachers that learned overnight to teach in a virtual environment and the parents that now have a greater appreciation and respect for what teachers provide for our kids.

Those sidelined from working their normal job that volunteered to deliver meals to kids, seniors, healthcare workers and others in need.

The long-term care workers that provided social interaction, food and hope to our seniors that have been sheltered in place going on  $60^{+}$  days.

Our homeless shelters that opened their pantries and doors to serve all neighbors in need and our military service men and women that left their families to care for those affected.

For many, it was nice to work virtually in pajamas and to have families back together at the dinner table for a home cooked meal and to hear stories from the day's activities. Some learned we can actually cook pretty well and the Food Network became a staple show.

No concerts, no sports, no afterschool projects, no traffic, no after hour meetings or other events to steal our time from our family. Instead, we filled those precious hours learning more about the people we care about the most, reading a book or watching a movie together at home. Some met their next door neighbors for the first time since they moved in and front porch swings actually got used.

We learned the kingdom of God is present anytime God is honored and worshipped not just when people gather in a building of bricks and mortar at a weekly service. We witnessed competitors working together for the greater good, we witnessed people of differing

political views coming together to make changes that lessen the strain on those that lost their income. From where I sit, there has been a great calming in the world. We have been forced to hit the pause button.

Many are still hurting and the climb back out of this economic depression will not be easy. I'm confident the economy will return with a vengeance because we know it can and we live in the greatest country in the world.

As the economy begins a new, we will never be the same will we. The world we lived in has changed, we have changed and the way we interact with others will forever change. The great part is that we get to decide what that new looks and feels like. We know what is important, what is essential and what is nice to have.

Condolences to those who lost a loved one and best wishes for a speedy recovery to those still fighting the good fight.

Thankful to live in a community that had the courage to come together and battle this head-on. Thank You for sharing your gifts of time, treasure and talent. Oh how I look forward to seeing you soon. Pictured above: EMT and Paramedics from Metro Atlanta Ambulance; WellStar Nurse, Heidi

Bowles in her Nurse Ninja wear created by her Aunt Kathy Camp.



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#### THIS AND THAT



#### WHAT DOES HOG DO WHEN THEIR PROGRAMS ARE CANCELLED

With HOG having to cancel both April and June dinners, they felt like helping our first responders. They fed both the Acworth and Kennesaw Police departments along with Firehouse 26 in Kennesaw.Just a small thank you to these men and women. Hat's off to Johnny's Pizza in Kennesaw and Generation's Pizza in Acworth, for stepping up to help HOG make this possible.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**



#### KRISTY MOSS

The American Association of Teachers of French is pleased to announce that Kristy Moss, a senior at Mount Paran Christian has been awarded the Outstanding Senior in French Award. Students must be in at least French 3, maintain an A, be involved in the French program and have traveled to a Francophone country. Kristy is in Advanced Placement French, she is an officer in both The French club and The National French Honor Society. Kristy was nominated by her teacher Jennifer Bonn.

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CONGRATULATIONS

KAYLEIGH EVERHART

Congratulations Kayleigh Everhart for being identified as a Class of 2021 Georgia Certificate of Merit winner. You were nominated by your high school (NCHS), based on your current rank in the top five percent of your class. You are one of more than 5,000 juniors throughout the state of Georgia to receive this award. In addition to being an excellent student, Kayleigh is an accomplished dancer and artist. She is also a member of the International Studies Magnet program.

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ANDREW BRAMLETT'S WHY WE SAY WHAT WE SAY..

#### You probably

You probably know about a herd of elephants, a school of fish, a gaggle of geese, or even a pride of lions. These names are called Collective Animal Nouns. Surprisingly a number of these names for groups of animals have much m



animals have much more unusual terms. A lot of these can be attributed to one person.

Juliana Berners was a nun who some scholars believe may have written the hunting section of the "Boke of St. Albans" in 1486. Her work is seen as one of the first written accounts of hunting in the English language. It was in this section that she created many new terms for groups of animals.

Take, for instance a group of crows. In medieval times, people believed that crows were a sign of bad luck and death. Because of this, Berner's called a group of crows a murder.Similarly, she called a group of ravens an unkindness. Owls were viewed as noble or dignified, so she called them a parliament.

Some terms she created don't make sense. She called a group of ferrets a business, a group of geese a gaggle, and she called a group of hippos a bloat. She also created the terms a pride of lions, a shrewdness of apes, a troubling of goldfish, and a congregation of alligators.

Remarkably, every term I told you about, from a murder of crows to a congregation of alligators, and from a shrewdness of apes to a troubling of goldfish, are still in use today. So next time you see a business of ferrets or a parliament of owls, you know to thank Juliana Berners.

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#### ANDREW HAS VIDEOS ONLINE

I have enjoyed sharing my "Why We Say What We Say" articles here in the Bright Side Newspaper since I first began in November 2017. Recently, I have recorded videos of each one to share online. They can be found on the "Videos" tab at my website ajbramlett.com. I look forward to sharing more stories both in the newspaper and online in the coming months. Currently Andrew has 13 Videos recorded - has several more to go.



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#### MY FEELINGS ON BEING A 2020 GRADUATE BY ERIN GRIER, NCHS, KBA JOUNALISM SCHOLARSHIP RECEPIENT The way I miss school right now is kind of ironic because every day that I was in school,



I was begging for school to be over. Dragging myself out of bed each morning after staying up and doing homework all night was really taking a toll on me. I knew one thing though: It'd all be worth it when I got to walk across the stage wearing my cap and gown in May. When we went on what was supposed to be a two-week break from school, it felt like I was in the home stretch— I had found the perfect prom dress, booked the venue for my graduation party, and committed to the college of my dreams. Then all of a sudden, those rights of passage I had been looking forward to started getting canceled, but I remained oddly optimistic. There's no way my senior year will end like this, I thought... and then, it did. Not knowing my last day was my last day upset me. Knowing that I'd never get to experience a senior prom or high school graduation upset me even more. I was doing

a puzzle in the dining room with my dad when my mom told me I wouldn't be going back to school. My dad has shared several valuable principles with me over the years in order to help me put my life in perspective, and when he saw how upset I was, he reminded me of one: "Change follows growth and growth follows change." Even though I didn't imagine the end of my senior year being like this, my life has changed. I'm trying my best to adapt to my current situation and learn from it so that when this is over, I will be prepared for the challenges I'll face in the next chapter of my life.

#### SALUTING OUR SENIORS

These graduating seniors looked forward to this first milestone since kindergarten. My heart is broken for these students and the disappointment they must feel. Below are photos of graduating seniors that are personal friends - we salute them and all other seniors in our community.



**ANNIE SMITH** Annie Smith is graduating from Allatoona High School where among many other things, she played on the State Champion Volley Ball team. She is attending Shorter University on a volleyball scholarship in the fall.



**ISABEL DEANTONIO** Isabel DeAntonio is graduating from Whitefield Academy Magna Cum Laude. She will attend Syracuse University in the fall.



**KAYLA BOGGESS** Kayla Boggess is graduating from Allatoona High School and headed to Truett-McConnell University where she will study Biologic Sciences and play soccer.



LOGAN MOSSOR

Logan Mossor is a Honor Graduate from Hillgrove High School. Best known for his community service projects, Holiday Cards for Soldiers and Quaranteen Choirs, Logan will be attending Kennesaw State University Honors College in the fall to double major in Visual Arts and Musical performance!



**OLIVER PATTERSON HARDIN,** Many congratulations to Oliver Patterson Hardin, on his graduation from Kennesaw Mountain High School. Oliver is a member of Cross Country team, Track and Field team, KMTV and the National Honor Society. Oliver will become a University of Georgia Bulldawg! Well done Oliver P.

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cabinet space. The kitchen opens to the eat in area and the family room. The guest suite on the main features a private bathroom. The laundry room is on the main and boasts a closet. The second floor features a computer niche and a loft which would be a perfect for an office, a media room or a play room. The oversize master suite features a trey ceiling, sitting area, with newly added barn doors, and his and her closets. The spa like master bathroom has dual vanities with lots of counter space, a soaking tub and a separate shower. There are two additional bedrooms and a hall bathroom with dual vanities. The covered patio is inviting with an outdoor fireplace and is ready for your next gathering. The fenced in backyard is perfect for a pool and there is plenty of room to run and play. Amenities include a lap pool, a clubhouse, and tennis courts.







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MARCH 26, 2020

#### CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

#### FRAUD ALERT

With the increase in the number of Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases, we are also seeing a growing number of scams related to COVID-19. Please beware of individuals going door-to-door offering tests

Please beware of individuals going door-to-door offering tests, vaccines, or cures for COVID-19. These individuals are asking for Medicare numbers, social security numbers and other personal information.

Please beware of phone calls, emails, or online ads from companies offering to send you a test or kit in the mail for the Coronavirus or COVID-19.

If you believe you have been exposed to the virus or need to be tested, please call your doctor or other trusted health care provider.

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) would like you to remember these tips:

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   Review your medical statements for potential errors, fraud or abuse.
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#### HEALTH SAFETY FOR HOME SERVICE VISITS BY DENNIS MCKEON

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As we are deemed an essential business, we immediately had a safety meeting. We already had gloves, mask, and shoe covers on the vans for the guys. We added Lysol wipes, and then incorporated new health safety policies. First, we needed to make sure our office

First, we needed to make sure our office was a safe place to come to work. We sanitize our office daily and installed a Reme Halo Air Purifier on our HVAC system that kills viruses. Our office staff needs to be confident that their place of work is a safe harbor. Then we decided that no other employee (technicians and installers) will be allowed in the office. This was for employee safety. If one person was a virus carrier, it would spread through the company fast. This keeps the departments separate.

Second, we trained the technicians and installers on how to approach the customers with safe distances, wearing gloves, mask, and shoe covers. Inside the house we need to touch thermostat, filter area, and condensate drain. We are trained that anything we touched we sanitize (wipes or spray). All the other work should be done outside at the A/C unit. There should be no concern of virus transfer in that area.

Third, on completion of the work, we use electronic invoices on tablets. When discussing the invoice with the customer, we sanitize the tablet before the customer signs the electronic invoice. We want our customers to feel confident that we are doing everything possible to keep their family safe from the virus. As always, our #1 goal is to keep your family safe and comfortable. To contact D. McKeon Heating and Air call 770-325-2479.

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#### GIFT CARDS FOR GEORGIA MILITARY FAMILIES

Melissa Krudwig, Bear of Real Estate is collecting gift cards for local National Guard Military Families. Georgia service members and their families who are struggling in this current environment (unable to work/telework or take paid leave).

If you are in a position to give, I would be grateful if you did so. Please help spread the word. Gift Cards needed: Kroger, Publix, Walmart or Target (You can safely purchase these through online stores and have them delivered.)

Please contact Melissa if you would like to coordinate a pick up at 770-310-3269 or please see other options listed below.

Please send cards to: GA National Guard Foundation, 1000 Halsey Ave., Bldg 447, Marietta, GA 30060, Attn: Harriet Morgan

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#### CELEBRATING COBB FOSTER GRADUATES

Any foster student that graduates from high school or college does so against many odds. This Spring we are very proud to announce that 20 Cobb County foster teens are graduating from high schools including Campbell, Osborne, Sprayberry and McEachern and one will graduate from a technical secondary school! Additionally, many of these teens plan to attend a secondary university, college, vocational or trade school.

Together4Grads has been created under Foster4Love, Inc. to raise awareness and funds (tax-free) for Cobb's foster graduates. With the community's help, Together4Grads would like to award gifts to help each through their transitions which are never easy for kids without parents. They will need funds for their dorm rooms, apartment furnishing and transportation!

Please make a tax-free donation and help provide gifts and money for our determined Cobb County foster grads. The donation link can be found at: www.foster4love.com/ together4grads.

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#### COBB GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Please join us for our monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 26th at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Larry Thomas; his topic is "The Two Colonial Georgias."

CCGS meets at the First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church Street, Marietta (in the basement). But, if a gathering is not possible, the presentation will be available on-line. Be sure to check the website to check for any changes which might occur: https:// cobbgagensoc.org.

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OAK SANCTUARY

We hear about it all the time in the wellness world: meditation. It sounds rather calming and something that I want to do when I have the time or maybe it sounds difficult and kind of strange.

Sitting still for several minutes and not "doing" anything is a tough concept for many. Why would I even want to do that? What benefit will it have? I can't sit still for that long; I have so much that I need to do.

As we are home more these days and looking for ways to cope with what is happening in the external world in a healthy manner, the best time to pay attention to your inner world is right now. Meditation helps you see where your attention goes and what stories your mind likes to tell. In those moments of stillness, you can learn more about yourself than you have ever had time to. Meditation will help you respond to a crisis better, calm down from too much stress, feel more grounded and in control, and maybe change the inner dialog that you have with yourself. It can help you reduce stress, control anxiety, be kinder, improve sleep, and control pain.

You can start out with just a minute and that can make the difference in how you are going to approach today. Just find a quiet place to sit where you will not be disturbed. Allow your focus to be on your breathing; the in and out of your breath. I like to use the words "breathe in" as I inhale and "breathe out" as I exhale. By breathing in and out equally, you will feel more calm and centered.

Your mind will be busy while you do this as it tries to create distractions. Return to being aware of your breathing instead of getting lost in your thoughts. It takes practice but if you can do this several times a week, you will begin to notice that you are changing for the better.

OAK Sanctuary is offering free meditation every Friday at 5pm online for the month of May. For more information, please visit OAK Sanctuary at www.theoaksanctuary.com or 404-903-4104.

#### VIRTUAL SCREENING APP FOR COVID-19 One of the most important part of Governor Kemp's briefing recently was the announcement



riefing recently was the announcement of the development of a Free Virtual Screening app by Augusta University to determine whether or not your symptoms reflect you have COVID-19. These symptoms are Fever, Cough and Shortness of breath. Augusta University Health is bringing the house call back to you by offering virtual visits. Access care is 24/7. Connect in minutes to a healthcare provider using your computer, tablet or phone. All visits are secure and confidential.

"If you meet criteria for testing, staff will contact you to schedule a test at one of the state's designated testing locations near your home. Your health care information will be securely transmitted to your designated testing site," Kemp said. "From there, we will leverage the power of several key academic institutions in the state to process tests. These include Augusta

University, Emory University, Georgia State University and the Georgia Public Health Lab. In roughly 72 hours, you will be able to access your test results via a secure patient portal, and a medical provider will contact you directly if you are positive.

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#### PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY IS RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 9.

At the direction of the Georgia Secretary of State's Office, the March 24 Presidential Preference Primary has been rescheduled for June 9.

•Voter registration for the Presidential Primary is reopened. Because the Presidential Primary was postponed and will be conducted with the June 9, General Primary/Non-Partisan Election, the voter registration deadline will now coincide. New and changed voter registration applications can be submitted through May 11, at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov.

•Cobb Elections is mailing an absentee ballot application for the June 9 Primary/Election to every registered voter older than 60 years of age. Voters in that vulnerable population will receive a printed application to fill-in, sign and send back to our office. Younger voters who want to vote-by-mail are welcome to go to CobbElections.org and print their absentee ballot applications. All voted ballots must be returned to the Elections Office by June 5 to be counted.

•Early in-person voting is scheduled to begin on May 18. Votes already cast during the suspended advance voting period and any absentee ballots mailed back or hand-delivered by March 24 will be counted at the time of the June 9 general primary. For more information, call 770-528-2581.



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#### FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

The COVID-19 virus has dramatically changed all of our daily lives leaving many of us feeling overwhelmed and afraid. When a community faces challenges such as these, it is important to look for the individuals and organizations that rise up to help those in need. In the past month, I have been blessed to hear many inspiring stories of people doing their part to serve the community.

The Northwest Family YMCA is providing childcare for healthcare workers and emergency responders on the frontlines of COVID-19. This program allows hospitals and emergency services to remain fully staffed in order to protect and care for our community. To support the Northwest Family YMCA in their efforts, please visit www.ymcaatlanta.org.



Many children depend upon school lunches to meet their nutritional needs. The Northwest Family YMCA has partnered with Freedom Church to provide much needed groceries to those in need. At the time of writing this, they have distributed over 750 bags of food. For more information on how to help Freedom Church feed our community, please visit freedomchurch. tv/care.

I cannot say enough about the amazing employees we have working on our city team. Dori Askew of the Acworth Police Department applied her sewing skills and ingenuity to create face masks for every officer in her department. These masks will help protect our men and women in uniform and our citizens from further spread of the COVID-19. To protect our older population, many seniors have found themselves in isolation. Lauren Ham of the Acworth Parks, Recreation, and Community Resource Department saw this need and organized a pen pal campaign between local active adult communities and our city team. We are thankful to have people of outstanding character serving the City of Acworth.

When you feel alone or afraid, I ask that you join me in remembering that hope can be found through helping others. Acts as simple as calling a friend in isolation, donating a jar of peanut butter, or hand sewing a mask will get us through this crisis together.

God Bless, Tommy Allegood

#### ACWORTH'S MAY EVENTS

For the latest updates on changes to our events and programs, please visit our website at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org or follow us on social media @acworthparksandrec

#### ACWORTH FARMERS MARKET OPENS MAY 29

Shop for local at the Acworth Farmers Market every Friday morning from May 29-October 30 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The market takes place at Logan Farm Park (4405 Cherokee Street). Market customers will have a wide variety of garden ripe Georgia grown vegetables, eggs, cheese, bedding plants, fresh baked bread, pies, cakes, honey and jams to choose from each week. The Acworth Farmer's Market is proudly sponsored by the Acworth Downtown Development Authority. If you are interested in more information on being a vendor or just have questions about the market, please call 770-917-1234.

#### MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The ceremony to honor those who have given their lives in service to our country will be held on Saturday, May 23 at 10:00 a.m. in Cauble Park at Patriots Point. Veterans and current servicemen will pay tribute to brave men and women who have fought and died for our nation. The ceremony will be live streamed on all the city's social media channels at the same time.

#### SPRING CLASSIC CAR CRUISE ·

On a Saturday, May 30, 2020, the city will host a Classic Car Cruise in Downtown Acworth. The event will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Main Street in Downtown Acworth. The Lake City Cruisers partner with the city and the downtown Acworth merchants to hold these Classic Car Cruises. The event is free to the public. A \$2 entry fee is requested for all vehicles in the cruise. All proceeds go to the Horizon Field, an all-inclusive special needs sports facility in Acworth.

#### CITY OF ACWORTH ANNOUNCES PHASE ONE OF PARK OPENINGS

After careful thought and consideration, effective Friday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m. the City of Acworth took the calculated first step towards gradually increasing access to city parks. The city will continue to evaluate the potential next steps and communicate as we continue to monitor the Georgia Department of Public Health and Centers For Disease Control recommended guidelines.

Effective Friday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m. all trails, sidewalks, and open greenspace at the following parks are open during normal park hours of 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Parks included in this decision are Logan Farm Park, Acworth Sports Complex, Frana Brown Park, Baker Plantation Park, Newberry Park, East Lakeshore Park, and Cauble Park. The parking lot at Cauble Park including the boat ramp will remain closed.

Effective Monday, April 27 at 7:00 a.m. South Shore Park will be open for the sole purpose of granting access to Lake Acworth for launching kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and small boats. South Shore Park will be open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Last admittance to the park for launching purposes will be 6:00 p.m. South Shore Park is located at 4555 Ragsdale Road, Acworth, 30101. There is limited parking at the facility and the park may be temporarily closed when parking is full.

All site amenities at these facilities such as restrooms, playgrounds, pavilions, swim areas, sports fields, and batting cages remain closed. Dallas Landing Park, Proctor Landing Park, Overlook Park, and the Depot History Center will remain closed.

We ask for everyone to do their part by remaining socially distant and adhering to any and all recommendations from local, state, and federal health officials. We are grateful for everyone's patience and understanding as we continue to work through the impacts of COVID-19. We advise the public to continue to monitor our social media platforms and www.acworth.org for the most up to date information. For a full listing of city parks, click here.

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#### ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SHANNON STAHL PRESIDENT



We are finding ourselves in a state where we need to stay optimistic. We are focusing on our families, our friends, businesses and our community. I find myself in many Zoom meetings, spring cleaning the house, remotely working from home and back in 5th grade with my daughter. Like so many this has become our normal.

am enjoying some of what has become quarantine life. Things like, having everyone at the dinner table, movie and game nights, and taking our pets on walks. All these things happened before, but as the kids grow up it seems to happen less and less. I can also say that I do enjoy my weekend attire all week long! With all that said, I do miss my friends and going out to restaurants

to enjoy a meal. A meal that I didn't have to cook or clean up! Weekend road trips or traveling to the beach for spring break. I don't enjoy the uncertainty that this time has brought us, with our businesses, our schools and to so many in need. I have talked to some on the front lines of this pandemic working in the hospitals and helping those in need. We are so are blessed to have these individuals, especially during this time, and should continue to keep them in our prayers.

We all need to be the optimist and look forward to life returning to normal and remember to take away the good that came from this. Cherish this time with your family and be thankful for the opportunity to organize your home and life. When we are all thriving at our jobs and businesses be thankful for the busy days and remember to pay it forward when you can.

## KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SHELLEY ELDER, PRESIDENT

I am proud to introduce the Kennesaw Business Association Senior Scholarship winners for 2020. Each student and the name of their scholarship is pictured on the next two pages. Since 2005 KBA has recognized the successes of our graduating



interesting in this group is the fact that two students selected have already established themselves as leaders. Makayla Groves is the Commanding Officer of the North Cobb/ Harrison JROTC unit and Javon Tatam, KMHS, is a Cadet Lieutenant Commander and the Commanding Officer of the KMHS NJROTC Unit

In spite of our limitations due to the shelter-in-place requirements, our KBA members have stayed in contact with each other through texting, virtual meetings and the old fashioned, talking on the phone. Looking forward to being with everyone soon. KBA members, please read your email blast or the KBA FB page to get updates.



#### THE NORTHWEST YMCA NEEDS YOUR HELP IN **FEEDING OUR LOCAL KIDS!**

Last Saturday the Northwest Family YMCA in West Cobb in partnership with Freedom Church - assembled and delivered a weeks worth of lunch supplies directly to children in Cobb County who struggle with food insecurity while school is not in session. This was done with the help of our volunteers and the generous donations from local business and Y members

The families we serve were overwhelmed and grateful for the much needed supplies. These are the families we serve year round. It was good to see the children and assure them that the Y is here for them during time of crisis.

Our lunch kits consist of a loaf of bread, a jar of peanut butter, jelly, granola bars, fruit cups and a few sweet treats. We are looking to expand these kits to include breakfast items and afternoon snacks.

Food donations needed:

• Bread (BY THE LOAF); • Jar of peanut butter; • Jar of Jelly

• Single serve packages of pretzels, goldfish; • Fruit cups, applesauce • Granola bars/ fruit bars

We are delivering the supplies weekly in order to minimize exposure and adhere to current social distancing guidelines. The Northwest Family YMCA and Freedom Church have delivered meals to more than

500 children and we hope to do much more in the coming weeks, but this requires donations to support this important hunger relief program.

Donations may be dropped off at Freedom Church (Cobb Parkway across from the big Walmart)Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. For more information contact Becky Cross at beckyc@ymcaatlanta.org.

Pictured:Debbie George, Betsy Mathews- Y staff members, Northeast Cobb Family YMCA, Marietta, GA



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Mayor Derek Easterling Mayor Scholarship Samuel Dembowitz - KMHS



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#### 2020 KBA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



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Ron Sumpter Trailblazer Scholarship Audrey McNeal - Harrison HS



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SHOUT OUT TO MY FELLOW BUSINESS OWNERS

BY LAURA ANN HART, TOM AND CHEE RESTAURANT AND FOOD TRUCK My "Shout Out" goes to all my fellow business owners. During these past 6 weeks have seen a strength among you that is unprecedented. One day it was business as usual and have seen a strength among you that is unprecedented. One day it was ousness as usual and within a week or so, it was nothing. No sales, no customers and no idea of what was coming next. It was like we were all left standing when the music stopped in a cruel game of musical chairs. Instead of throwing up the towel and crying "uncle" I saw an extraordinary strength rise to the top. Those who needed help, asked for help. Those that were able to help, gave help. Those who had to close their doors, continued to pay their staff. Those who didn't have it to give, gave anyway. I witnessed businesses owners redefining their businesses and pivoting to adjust to our "new normal." Yes, there have been tears, yes there have been sleepless nights, yes there has been disappointments but most importantly, I have seen hope, love and courage. Bottom line, they showed up regardless of the circumstances. They continued to fight their way through to get to the other side. None of us know what is going to happen but I do know this incredible group of musketeers will see their way to victory!

(Side note: Yesterday I was sitting in my parking lot sharing a meal with other small business owners actually laughing, crying and recounting our stories of what has happened over the last 60 days. I don't remember the last time I had smiled like I did yesterday. I missed my friends and the fellowship we have shared for so many years.) Pictured above Laura and Eric Hart, owners of Tom + Chee.

#### **MORE ABOUT TOM + CHEE**

During this time of social distancing, they have come up with some initiatives of their own and have helped facilitate a number of donations made possible by a generous community. Here are some of the support that they have been able to provide: • Joining forces with Capozzi's in East Cobb, owned by Adam Kessler, they participated

Joining forces with Capozzi's in East CODD, owned by Adam Kessier, mey parucipated in making lunches for kids in the community. Tom & Chee purchased supplies and then asked the community to donate. Through this, there were able to feed about 150 children. Tom & Chee kick-started an initial \$500 worth of goods and were quickly followed by over \$1800 worth of food donated by the community through Amazon and drop-offs. They have since stopped this effort once Must Ministries set their outreach in place.
Some generous customers purchased lunch to donate to police, fire, and ambulance used To dota they have received \$1600 towards this effort. Also locally-owned Uptown

personnel. To date, they have received \$1600 towards this effort. Also locally-owned Uptown Cheapskate are running a fundraiser that will match up to \$1000 to go to Tom + Chee to continue these efforts.

• Other customers have donated funds for Tom + Chee to prepare meal to specific groups including: nurses and doctors in the ICU at Cartersville Medical, staff at Children's Healthcare

of Atlanta Urgent Care Kennesaw facility, Children's Calvary Home, and more. In addition to adhering to the CDC guidelines for employees, Tom + Chee is offering curbside and to-go orders, deploying their food truck upon request, and implementing e-pay capabilities to keep their customers and employees safe. Please continue to support your local small businesses like Tom + Chee!



CONGRATULATIONS Dr. Benji Morell, principal of Pickett's Mill Elementary School surprised Tracy Burk (4th grade teacher) with the announcement that she had been named Teacher of the Year.

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#### **HERO RUN 5K**

Due to the request by the State of Georgia to not assemble in large groups til after June 12, the Heroes 5K will not be held June 6. It will be rescheduled at a later date. Visit Kennesawgrandprix. com for more information.

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#### EASTER PARADE

Parade organizer, Susie Kessler, brainstormed with neighbors to bring some joy to her Parade organizer, Susie Kessier, bransformed with neighbors to bring some joy to her neighbors on Easter Weekend amid the virus quarantine. In just five days her super volunteers executed her vision. Cars were decorated, music was chosen, signs were made and the 18 miles of the parade route was mapped out. The tricky part was getting the word out to all the residents, but they had another volunteer that blasted their Facebook page.

The Easter Bunny was greeted with delight by many hundreds of children watching from their driveways. Other parade cars included the Holy Cross of the Resurrection and another car celebrating our Country and 1st Responders. Everone needed a break from this virus if just for a few hours, said Kessler. It was a

glorious day and to see the smiles of the young and old was a joy for all of us! Volunteers included Sharon Pell, Mike Manley, Natalia and Juan Alarcon, Trasey

Welton, Kelley and Matt Miller, Kristina Bouterse, Holly Cavanough , Ashley Danalia and Bill Kessler.



#### A LOVE OF WORDWORKING PUT TO WORK!

Doc Eaton, will be retiring soon from Life Chiropractic (actually just changing careers). During this shelter- in-place, he has turned to his love of woodworking and created birdhouses and birdboxes, and these are for sale. The Wren house is a 4 inch cube with another inch of roofing. It sells for \$15. It is made to

specs for Wren houses, from cedar fencing. Finches and Nuthatches love this houses too. The Cottage Syle house is 6 inches wide 6 inches tall to the peak and 5 inches deep. It

has an accessible clean out on the bottom. It sells for \$20. The Bluebird box is 10 inches tall 5 inches wide 5 inches deep and has a clean out door.

It sells for \$25 and made to specs.

If you want to purchase on E call Doc. at 770-990-3996. At this time he only excepts cash or check. Pick up is available at his home in Kennesaw. P S - The man can make anything.



#### **HELPING THE COMMUNITY IS A FAMILY AFFAIR**

So what do you do when you're in the middle of relocating your business after spending 20 years in the same building and along comes an international pandemic which stops life as you know it in its tracks? If you're Bibi Husain of Ajay Upholstery in Kennesaw, you take the skills you've honed over a lifetime and get busy sewing masks with the fabric you might've used in your business during a busier time using machines that are experiencing downtime as well. It was an easy decision as Bibi Husain, her husband Indy Ramnauth and their two sons have a reputation of pitching in to help out their community.

All told, Bibi and her mom, who is visiting from Canada to assist with the business move, have sewn and provided over 3,000 masks to nurses at area hospitals, to essential and frontline workers including employees of grocery stores and restaurants and for many immune-compromised and elderly citizens of the community who were having a hard time finding the gear needed to protect themselves from the virus.

If you get a chance to stop by and say thanks to these community helpers or you need a mask yourself, they have recently relocated to 3610 Kennesaw North Industrial Parkway, Building 100, Suite A in Kennesaw just off Moon Station Road.

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#### NCHS YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

Robert Ingram, NCHS Football Coach made my day by announcing that they are going full speed ahead with their youth football camp at North Cobb HS. For students and parents interested the North Cobb Warrior Football Youth Camp will be held July 20-23, 6:00-8:00 pm. Register online at www.northcobbfootball.com/camp.

#### **BUSINESS NEWS**



#### CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA

The Hillgrove High School Lacrosse team put their appreciation in action by donating the snacks and drinks from their concession stand to the Children's Urgent Care facility on Big Shanty Road. Their season ended early leaving them with snacks that would've gone uneaten this year but they found a deserving recipient in the staff at Children's.

Thank you to the hardworking medical professionals at Children's who have and continue to go above and beyond to care for our children! Are you wondering how you can support the frontline workers and staff at Children's? They've created a convenient list of ways that you can help on their website (www.choa.org) for you to choose from. It can be as easy as just staying home to protect others or sending a virtual smile to staff and patients!

#### **MEET NICOLE RICKER**

Nicole Ricker is a full-time real estate professional specializing in listing and selling residential homes in Cobb County and surrounding areas. She believes that the buying and selling process is often filled with challenging decisions and a wide range of emotions so it's important to have an agent you trust and communicate well with. She tries to make the overwhelming task of buying and selling a home as seamless as possible. Nicole is committed to long-term client relationships with most of her business coming from repeat clients and referrals who have trusted her with their family and friends. She is dedicated to giving back to those who protect and serve our community by helping police officers and other first responders save money when buying or selling a home. Nicole and her husband, who works for Atlanta PD, and their two Jack Russel Terriers reside in Acworth. For more information call Nicole at 770-815-9539. Her ad is on page 3.

#### STILESBORO PERSONAL CARE HOME

Stilesboro Personal Care Home was established on February 4th 2009, in Kennesaw GA. The owners of this family business are Garfield and Andrea McCook. Garfield holds a BSC in Marketing, and is a Real Estate Broker. Andrea McCook is a Registered Nurse for 25 years.

The home is located on 1.3 acres of a tranquil property. This allows our residents to continue to enjoy their outdoor activities in a safe and secluded environment. Initially we were licensed for three rooms. We soon realized that access to quality (affordable) care in a home setting was in short supply. By 2015 we had expanded to six rooms.

The demand for our quality services continued to increase. For our 10th anniversary, we added an additional building. which was completed in January. The new addition contains four resident rooms, two fully handicapped accessible bathrooms, living/dining area, and a caregiver's room. Our total capacity is now ten residents. The basement is stubbed and framed for an additional resident entertainment area.

Our second resident who joined our PCH family in May 2009, will commence his 12th year with us on May 31 2019. All of our residents become our extended family. We are enjoying the fulfillment of seeing our residents continue to enjoy a quality lifestyle. Our motto is, "Home Away From Home"

We felt the need to give back to society, and feel that a PCH was our way of "Ministering". Please feel free to call us at 678-290-0085 for additional information. PAGE 13 BRIGHT SIDE



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#### **GREAT GIG DANCE CO. -DANCING THROUGH THE STORM** BY TAMMY EVERHART, GREAT GIG DANCE CO.

For Great Gig Dance Co. in Kennesaw, everything changed on Thursday, March 12 when we learned our schools would be closing on Monday and students would have to continue learning online. For 20 years, Great Gig Dance Co. has been providing dance instruction for children and adults - IN PERSON! Looking at the prospect of continuing on when students likely would not want to venture out to the studio was daunting and frightening. However, within 2 days we developed a plan. We purchased 4 licenses to run our dance classes online and live using the Zoom platform. We quickly bought tripods for each of our 4 studios, along with an upgraded router. We held a virtual meeting with our staff, and by Monday we were up and running, with ZERO time off to figure it out.

If you're a dance teacher and you're teaching via live-stream, you're going to work twice as hard as you normally do. We plan our classes with enough material to fill our 45-minute or 1-hour time slots, but when your whole class is staring at you from a screen full of "Brady Bunch" squares and you've had to mute them all so that everyone can hear YOUR voice and YOUR Tap shoes, the whole game changes. Those young dancers who normally ask questions and even tell stories about everything from their brother's birthday party to what they ate for breakfast are not

talking. And it's only your voice that is filling the void. You have to keep your energy level on EXTREME to keep dancers engaged online. You smile until it hurts and use every expressive face and every ounce of energy you can summon. If you're doing it right, within the first 2 minutes of class your Apple Watch will ask you if you're doing a workout.

Challenges to live-streaming dance classes:

- •Providing high-quality video/audio product with limited resources
- •Helping people understand how to use the technology

•Expecting things to work perfectly every time (Comcast went down in the middle of a class one day and we were all scrambling to connect to our phone hotspots.)

This whole "Covid-19 Digital Dance" would have been much more of a challenge if we didn't have such an amazing and adaptable group of professionals on our faculty and staff. We all love seeing our students' faces every week, even if it's only on a computer screen. We will continue to dance through this storm. Great Gig Dance Co. will keep providing the quality dance instruction in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary and Hip-Hop dance styles that we have for the past 20 years. It doesn't look exactly the same right now, but regardless of what ANYONE tells you, DANCE IS ESSENTIAL!

Great Gig Dance Co. is located in Kennesaw at 4200 Wade Green Road. For more information on our programs, contact us at 770-218-2112, or visit our website at www.greatgigdance.com.

Pictured above - two of the four monitors, Michael Everhart is overseeing during online dance lessons from Great Gig. At many points, four studios were going all at the same time.



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#### MARIETTA COBB ART MUSEUM ARTY PARTIES

We wanted to share some news with you about our ongoing commitment to building community through art. While we wait to open our doors and share our exhibitions, we have introduced an Arty Party Series to bring art education to the community.

The goal of the Arty Party Series is to create art using everyday items found around the house. Allison Frink, Education Director, models past and present exhibiting artists' work as the basis for building projects that can easily be done at the kitchen table. In her latest lesson, Allison uses the work Athos Menaboni to deliver instruction on the techniques used to draw birds. You will be able to enjoy Menaboni's work in person once we reopen the Museum, but in the meantime you learn how he created his art using the information found the this video on our website. You can visit our website to view the complete collection of Arty Parties. New parties are typically added on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Stay well and we look forward to seeing you at the Museum soon. Visit http://mariettacobbartmuseum.org/artyparty-videos/ to see the complete collection including Athose Menaboni bird techniques.



#### MARIETTA SQUARE ART GALLERIES VIRTUAL ART WALK GALLERIES JOIN TOGETHER TO OFFER AN ONLINE EXPLORATION OF FIVE

**NEW SHOWS** 

The first Friday of each month is typically a hub of activity on the vibrant Marietta Square as residents and visitors gather for the popular Marietta Square Art Walk. In light of current social distancing recommendations, however, it looked like Art Walk would be put on hold. Enter a collective of five galleries, determined to present their artists' work at a time when art is needed more than ever. The solution: band together to create a virtual Art Walk.

The galleries of the Marietta Square held their second Virtual Art Walk at 5pm Friday, May 1, 2020 at onlineartwalk.com and via Facebook and Instagram platforms. Participating galleries included dk Gallery, The Loft, MUSE & Co, North Park Gallery, and RobertKent Galleries. Collectively, the galleries represent over 200 artists and offer a vast array of quality

artistic offerings with diverse mediums and presentations. The current shows will remain online through May 31,2020. The May Art Walk is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2020. Visit www.onlineartwalk.com for your virtual art walk.

#### **COBB SENIOR SERVICES** BY KATHY LATHEM

How are you during our "adjusted" normal? This is certainly an opportunity for us to tap into our creative side, isn't it? I truly hope you, your families, and those you serve are all well & healthy.

Cobb Senior Services (CSS) is operating in a very limited capacity. The senior centers are closed but we are still delivering Meals on Wheels to our homebound clients on a staggered schedule and we are also taking seniors to their scheduled medical appointments.

Staff are packing non-perishable food and toiletries for our seniors in need. We are so very thankful for donations from the community to help us be able to meet these needs. Those who are interested in making donations may find the details at this link: https://www.cobbcounty. org/public-services/news/donate-food-toiletries-seniors or call 770-528-5355.

Please don't hesitate to contact CSS if we may be of assistance to you or someone you know, especially an older adult in Cobb. Those in need of services may call our Information & Referral line at 770-528-5364.

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#### WAITING PATIENTLY FOR THE END OF THE STOR by dales hughes, jeremiah consulting, apotheos roastery

Many of you know, I grew up on Air Force bases. I ran down those streets, swam in the NCO pools and hung out at the Teen Centers. For a large part of my youth, we were at war. Daily death counts came in from Vietnam. Protests raged across our country. Many of us wore POW wrist bracelets. We hoped our prisoner would come home alive. This morning, I learned more about a man who suffered as a POW – Admiral James Stockdale. I vaguely remember hearing his story before. But this morning, he and his story caught my attention. Here are some quotes so you have a feel for this man.

Leadership must be based on goodwill. Goodwill does not mean posturing and, least of all, pandering to the mob. It means obvious and wholehearted commitment to helping followers.

•The challenge of education is not to prepare a person for success, but to prepare him for failure.

 $\cdot Do$  the right thing even if it means dying like a dog when no one's there to see you do it.

 $\cdot The guy that just arranges things so that the stock market holds up is nobody in my estimation.$ 

Go read about him at this website: https://achievement.org/achiever/admiral-james-b-stockdale/

Why did he and his story catch my attention this morning? Because we are prisoners in our homes right now. Okay, not like Admiral Stockdale was. We are not in the Hanoi Hilton and I won't degrade his story with that level of comparison. BUT I will not degrade your story by saying that your present suffering is any less real and painful to you.

We are suffering and you might even be on the verge of depression, anxiety or just giving up. And it doesn't help any of us that we see the tribal infighting over leadership and communal decisions. It doesn't help any of us that we are bombarded by "medical pundits" in the form of our next-door neighbors espousing their views on opening the economy and conspiracy theories. We are in a state of turmoil and confusion no different than the days I lived on those Air Force bases.

At this point, you might be saying – well golly gee whiz . . . thank you Dale for pointing out how bad it is . . . you pushed me deeper toward that pending depression. If you are saying that, STOP. You will miss my point if you live there. Admiral Stockdale survived. It was brutal but he survived. Our country survived Vietnam. It was brutal but we did. We will collectively survive as well. But your individual survival requires that you do something to avoid giving up, to avoid depression and to push through this. You must say "to hell" with the voices from your Hanoi Hilton guards and "to hell" with the voices from the surrounding villagers taunting you with their negative pundits about the demise of America. Listen to the Admiral Stockdale's in your life. And if you can't hear them, look for their footprints and get within hearing distance. They are moving forward. They are not looking backward.

Last week, two of the companies that I have the privilege of being part of received PPP funding. The negative villagers are screaming across social media about all the companies that did not get the help.

They say it went to illegal aliens. Wrong. The forms and the verifications that we submitted would not allow that.

They say it all went to big companies. Wrong. We got it and we are small fish.

They say it is a "bailout" implying that we should be ashamed for applying and accepting. Wrong. It is our tax dollars advanced to us to save our companies, help our people and survive. We will pay it back through survival.

•They say it was hard. Damn right it was. You had to be prepared.

•They make it political. Wrong. It is people. It is their very existence and survival.

So how and why were we prepared. Two simple reasons. We worked hard. And we had intervention that cannot be explained beyond belief in something greater than any one of us.

The hard work part -- well, I can personally tell you that it took lots of it. The files on my computer are evidence. I retyped two forms at least three different times. I memorized intricate data and details that will never be needed again. I read that damn act and its regulations. And every minute invested in that work was gladly done so we could receive those funds and be stewards of those funds to help those relying on us. But it is not the "I" that made this possible. Without a doubt, I know there are forces moving that are greater than me. Call it Jesus. Call it God. Call it the Big Eye in the Sky. Call it whatever you want to call it. I have my own name and know my view. How do I know? . . .

Two or three years ago, a man showed up at our office doors – let's call him Banker Bob. He wanted to see if he and his bank could help us. Banker Bob was the brotherin-law to a man who had been a part of group that years before had made decisions that seriously impacted my life in ways that I felt were neither fair nor good. Let's call that man Painful Paul. Hindsight will probably prove that the impact was good. But at the time, the pain was harsh. For me mentally, it was crushing. But I pushed on believing that good would come.

Back to Banker Bob, I wanted to dismiss him and send him on down the road. But I did not. I decided he was not Painful Paul. So, we began talking. Banker Bob told me how he could help. I didn't believe Banker Bob, but I believed that something greater than Banker Bob or Dale might be working. So, I took the first step which led to the second step and so forth. And wow, I was wrong. Banker Bob delivered in ways that I could have never imagined. And Banker Bob introduced me to SBA lenders within his bank. And those SBA bankers were like colonoscopy doctors with their cruel tubes. They analyzed every detail of my being and our companies and made me produce those documents. And it worked for the deal we wanted a year ago. And guess what? Over the last few weeks when those details were needed again, we were ready. We had what PPP demanded. We had it in SBA formats. We had a relationship with an SBA bank ... and we cleared the cuts and got our money. And that means very little to me personally, but it is the world to the employees who will need those paychecks.

So, what do I believe? I believe that even while we are in "prison" that events are conspiring to free us. Painful Paul imprisoned me physically for a period and then mentally for a longer period. Then Banker Bob gave hope. And that hope led to actions. And those actions led to good needed today. But that is not the end of this story. What will we do with that good? For you

What will we do with that good? For you leaders in those companies that received the good, are you going to drop your fears? Are you going to see the footprints of something bigger than yourself? Are you going to follow those footprints and listen for the next step? We are moving together toward something greater than any of us. Say "to hell" with the negative voices in our minds, in our social media and in our companies . . . step up and do something great today so that years from now when you tell our story, it has an ending that we love.





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