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ZAGSTER BIKE SHARE CLOSURES IN TOWN CENTER AND CUMBERLAND

The Cumberland Community Improvement District (CID) and the Town Center CID have received notice that Zagster will no longer be providing services to their markets. Based in Boston, Zagster managed and operated both of the CIDs' bike-share programs.

According to an email from Zagster, the closure is due to the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on business. Zagster will remove all bikes and stations from both areas between May 28 and June 12. Zagster stated they plan to communicate more information to members via their app and social media platforms this week. There are currently six stations in Cumberland and six stations in Town Center.

While Zagster's decision is beyond the control of the CIDs, both organizations are committed to providing valuable mobility options for their communities. Thousands of members have recorded hundreds of rides every week in each CID bike-share program.

"Bike-share programs have been extremely successful in the Cumberland and Town Center communities," said Kim Menefee, Executive Director of the Cumberland CID. "Our shared goal will always be to improve our communities as we continue to strengthen our partnerships and regional connectivity."

For additional questions regarding Zagster's closure plan, please contact partner_questions@zagster.com.



LOCAL FARMER'S MARKETS OPEN

Acworth Farmers Market - Shop for local at the Acworth Farmers Market every Friday morning from June 5-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 following guidelines will be followed: Volunteers from the city will be on hand to help. Vendors will wear masks and masks are also suggested for our customers. We request one shopper per family, no pets or small children recommended. Please practice social distancing. There will be no hand to hand contact. Tables will be two deep at each vendor booth. Credit cards preferred or bring lots of small bills to give vendors exact change. If you are an interested vendor please email Jeff Chase at jchase@acworth.org.

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.

Kennesaw Monday Market - the season for Kennesaw Market Mondays opened MONDAY JUNE 1st! The market takes place in the City Parking lot 2785 Watts Drive (. Here are some changes for this season: We will have a limited number of tables and chairs where people can sit (approximately half the number of tables/chairs from prior years). We will likely not have a beer vendor this season. We will likely not have musical entertainment. We will have 3 food trucks and 1 dessert truck. Farmers/Makers booths will be spaced out with a 'empty' space between each vendor

We are requesting the public that visits Kennesaw Market Mondays to practice social distancing guidelines as outlined by the CDC and State of GA.

The Marietta Farmer's Market (open year round) has been moved to 41 Mill Street (between Powder Springs and the Square. It is open on Saturdays only from 9:00 til Noon. Check out their website for more information - www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS CANCELLED

On Thursday May 28, 2020, Georgia Governor, Brian Kemp, advised, that while he was opening bars and nightclubs that no live venues would be allowed at this time. As a result fireworks celebrations have been canceled as follows.

Acworth - Given the continued restriction on large public gatherings, the city has made the difficult decision to cancel the annual concert and fireworks scheduled for Saturday, July 4.

Kennesaw - the City of Kennesaw has decided to postpone the Salute to America (July 3) event to September 12, 2020. The City of Kennesaw looks forward to continuing this great tradition of live music, fireworks and local vendors on the rescheduled date.

Marietta - Due to the Coronavirus, the City of Marietta has made the difficult decision to cancel all events scheduled for July 4, 2020 including the Let Freedom Ring Parade, festivities on the Square, and the fireworks show. This



was an extremely hard decision to make, but it was necessary to keep our citizens, visitors, and employees of the City of Marietta safe. While we will miss seeing everyone on the Square, we look forward a fun announcement coming soon to keep the patriotic spirit alive in the City

Please visit our Digital Newspaper website (brightsidenewsnewspaper.com) for updates on these events. Or download our Brightside Newspaper app from Google Play or the App Store.

WITH GREAT SADNESS



Greg Carter, 55, of Kennesaw passed away at his home on Friday, May 29, 2020.

Greg was born in Asheboro, NC on November 9, 1964 to Hugh Lavell Carter and Lucy Goodroe Carter. Throughout his career, Greg was involved in the food business, from managing restaurants to teaching culinary skills, to catering meals. He loved to cook and see people enjoy his creations. He recently served as the Special Projects Facilitator at Food and Nutrition Services in the Cobb County School District. He was past president of the Kennesaw Business Association and continued to serve there in many capacities.

Greg had a personality that drew people to him. He had a love for people that caused them to love him. He was well-known and well-loved in his community. Most importantly, he had a love for the Lord Jesus Christ and was an active member of The Grove Church in Acworth. His testimony of love for the Lord was evident to all who knew him. He was special to many of us.

He wrote the column "Greg Carter Loves Food" for the Bright Side and called me "Mama Carol". He was truly one of my "kids".

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY HENLEY!

Henley McLaine Hanks turned two years old on Friday, May 22, 2020. Sweet Henley brings more happiness and love to our lives than we ever thought imaginable. We pray you never stop dancing, climbing, and making messes. Happy 2nd birthday, baby girl. We love you more than you'll ever know.

CONGRATULATIONS



Kara Hester graduated summa cum laude from UGA with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. Kara will attend the Dental College of Georgia in July. She is the recipient of the Hinman First Choice Scholarship Award. During her four years at UGA Kara was actively involved in the Alpha Chi Omega sorority and elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. She has traveled on several medical mission trips with NorthStar Church.

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Happy 11th Birthday Sterling!! My day starts with you. Your smile makes me cherish the time. Your love of my life my precious daughter. Love Always, Mommy

CONGRATULATIONS



MR AND MRS WILMERT!

Time to celebrate LOVE! Jordan and Rachel, our High School Sweet Hearts, were married on May 2, 2020. They both graduated from high school in 2014, Jordan Wilmert from Allatoona High School and Rachel Larson Alexander High School. Both went on to college and graduated from Kennesaw State University in 2018/2019 then on a romantic get away to Italy where they got engaged.

Wishing them nothing but happiness and a blessed marriage. Congratulations Mr and Mrs Wilmert!

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The topic for the Cobb County Genealogical Society's June 23rd meeting is "Writing and Publishing A Family History." The speaker is Josh Taylor. The meeting will either be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church Street, Marietta, or it will be a virtual presentation. Please check the website to learn which format will be used. See www.cobbgenegensoc.org.

ANDREW BRAMLETT'S

WHY WE SAY WHAT WE SAY.

In today's article, I will be sharing the stories of two common words that come from people's names. The first is BOYCOTT. During the early 1880's, political tensions were high among the tenant farmers of Ireland in what was known as the Irish Land War. Tenant farmers would get land from a landlord in exchange for a percentage of the harvest. At this time, the tenant farmers felt their rent was too high and unfair.



The harvest of 1880 was particularly low. Because of this, one of the landlords, Lord Erne, decided to lower the rent by 10% for the tenant farmers on his land. The farmers did not think that was enough. They decided to ostracize the man who managed the lord's land, Charles Boycott. News of the farmers act became well known, and BOYCOTT came to mean to protest someone or their business by ostracizing them.

Samuel Maverick was born July 23, 1803 in South Carolina. After moving to Texas in 1835, he became a prominent politician and cattle rancher. Cattle ranchers usually would brand or mark their cows with a logo using scorching hot metal. Maverick didn't do this, and he claimed it was because he didn't want to hurt the cows. Some said he did it so he could claim any unmarked cows as his own. Soon, a MAVERICK came to mean someone who is independent who does things their own way, like Samuel and his cattle.

After a while, maverick fell out of use. It did see a resurgence after Samuel's grandson, Maury Maverick, was elected to the US House of Representatives. On a side note, Maury coined the term GOBBLEDYGOOK. He claimed he got the word from the sound a turkey makes.

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SWIFT CANTRELL SPLASH PAD OPEN

The Splash Pad at Swift Cantrell is open with 50% capacity (50 people) It is first come first serve. There is no time limit but if someone leaves to eat or go to the restroom they will have to get back in line. The Splash Pad is open 10-7 every day except Thursdays (for maintenance). The cost is \$2 per person for children and adults.

PARKS AND RECREATION OPENINGS

The City of Kennesaw and Kennesaw Parks & Recreation announces next steps for reopening parks and facilities to public access.

SWIFT CANTRELL: Beginning Monday, June 1, 2020, the skatepark, dog park, pavilions and restrooms at Swift-Cantrell Park are open to the public. Playgrounds and the exercise equipment are now OPEN. Park hours are daily: 6:00 am til 10:00 pm.

CLASSES AND PROGRAMS at the Ben Robertson Community Center will resume beginning Monday, June 15, 2020. All guests will be screened & evaluated upon entrance, and will have their temperature taken. The Ben Robertson Community Center is open to the public for access to classes and programs only.

The City of Kennesaw asks that anyone who has symptoms or has been exposed to anyone having symptoms including, but not limited to, having a fever over 100.4°F, cough or shortness of breath to please stay home.

For updates from the City of Kennesaw and more information on current operations, please visit www.kennesaw-ga.gov/covid-19.

BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE; YOU'LL END UP HAVING MORE. IF YOU CONCENTRATE ON WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE, YOU WILL NEVER, EVER HAVE ENOUGH."
Oprah Winfrey

ADAMS PARK IS OPEN

Kennesaw Parks & Recreation is excited to update the community regarding Adams Park.

Adams Park is open daily from 8 AM to 6 PM. Pavilions, restrooms and playgrounds are open.

The playgrounds and exercise equipment at Swift-Cantrell Park and playground at Adam's Park will is now open to the public!

The City of Kennesaw asks that anyone who has symptoms or has been exposed to anyone having symptoms including, but not limited to, having a fever over 100.4°F, cough or shortness of breath to please stay home.

The fields and batting cages will be open for non-organized activities. Organized activities, games and group gatherings greater than 25 people are prohibited.

The athletic fields at Adams Park are open for team practices, with a minimum of 30 minutes scheduled between practices to encourage social distancing and discourage gatherings of people over 25, in compliance with Governor Kemp's Executive Order 05.28.20.02. Dugouts will remain closed at this time.

Tennis courts will remain open to the public.

KENNESAW CITY HALL IS OPEN

The City of Kennesaw opened City Hall to public access beginning Monday, May 18, 2020.

All guests will be screened & evaluated upon entrance, and will have their temperature taken. To access City Hall, guests will need to use the middle double doors. City Hall will have a single access point, with separate doors for entrance and exit, to encourage social distancing.

The City encourages visitors to City Hall to wear Personal Protective Equipment, including a face covering.

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THE SOUTHERN MUSEUM

The Southern Museum is open to the public. Our updated hours of operation will be from Tuesday to Saturday from 9:30am to 5pm. For the health and safety of visitors and staff, the Jolley Education Center will remain closed, gallery interactives will be turned off, and public programs continue to be postponed. Paid admission will provide access to all exhibitions and movies. For more information visit www.southernmuseum.org.



SMITH-GILBERT GARDENS

Smith-Gilbert Gardens is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Members and non-members will need to reserve and purchase tickets online before visiting at www.smithgilbertgardens.com. The Hiram Butler House will remain closed, along with the Gift Shop. All public events, classes and programs remain canceled until further notice. Smith-Gilbert Gardens is continually working to ensure the safety of our visitors, volunteers and staff, and operations may change as the situation evolves. Smith-Gilbert Gardens encourages guests to check the website prior to each visit.

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FROM MAYOR TOMMY ALLEGOOD'S DESK

The City of Acworth has started to gradually restore access to city facilities and parks. Our city team has been working diligently to keep us all safe. Although many of our customer service areas will now feature hand sanitizing stations, social distance reminders, and plexiglass, we want to assure you that our most valuable resource is our people, and they will continue to serve the community we all so care about. I want to thank our city team for rising to this challenge. Through these efforts, we remain on track to safely reopen Acworth. For the most up to date information on city services, please visit www.acworth.org.



I want to encourage everyone to stay informed on the latest updates that affect our daily lives, local businesses, churches, and other institutions. Governor Kemp has modified restrictions on crowd sizes and access to restaurants, bars, and other venues. It is vital that we support our local businesses as they adapt to these restrictions. The Office of the Governor's website does a fantastic job of posting information regarding COVID-19. Visit their site at www.gov.georgia.gov.

The Cobb Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Acworth Business Association has really done an awesome job of providing resources to small businesses to guide them through these economic challenges and inspire the plan for recovery. Visit www.covidsupport.cobbchamber.org to find information on financial assistance, reopening guidelines, employment opportunities, and more.

Our lives have all been impacted by COVID-19, but we want to encourage you to hope and plan for the future. Acworth is a community with a heart where we all love and care for one another. I know we can get through this together. Please continue to pray for those on the frontlines of this crisis and our leaders as they make difficult decisions, local businesses, and those in need of God's grace. We at the city look forward to serving you again.

God Bless, Tommy Allegood

**ACWORTH CARES**

Mrs. Charlie Mae Griffin is 94 years old and has lived in Acworth all her life. Mrs. Griffin sings in the choir, sells knickknacks to raise donations for Zion Hill Baptist Church, and is known for her service to others. Her kindness and giving nature make her an integral part of the community. When her home fell into disrepair, Acworth Alderman Tim Houston, longtime friend to Mrs. Griffin took action. By connecting with other community leaders, Alderman Houston was able to find generous partners to provide a new roof for Charlie Mae.

Construction was completed in two days. CRS (Commercial Roofing Specialists), Inc. donated the roofing materials, and Liberty Roofing installed the roof preventing further damage to her home. Pictured l-r: Acworth Mayor Tommy Allegood, Acworth Alderman Tim Houston, Bobby Scoggins of CRS, Inc., and Vic Rosati of Liberty Roofing

**LATEST ACWORTH OPENINGS
 BEACHES AND BOAT RAMPS**

Cauble Park, Dallas Landing Park, Proctor Landing Park, and South Shore Park will open on Monday, June 1 with limited parking. There will be a non-resident parking fee of \$10 at each location, seven days a week. The city will only be accepting credit/debit card payments, no cash. All major credit/debit cards will be accepted. City of Acworth residents will not be charged a parking fee with the appropriate resident pass.

All visitors shall comply with social distancing restrictions in accordance with Governor Kemp's most recent executive order. Groups shall be less than 25 and shall be in an area no closer than 6 feet from others in accordance with his order. Crowd size in the parks will be monitored and the parks/beaches may be temporarily closed if social distancing becomes difficult or is grossly ignored. Pavilions and playgrounds at these facilities will remain closed. Please remember outside personal grills are not allowed in our parks.

Hours of Operation:

Dallas Landing, Proctor Landing and South Shore: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Acworth Beach at Cauble Park - Park: 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m./ Beach: Sun Up to Sun Down

The parking fee applies at Cauble Park and South Shore Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

ACWORTH COMMUNITY CENTER

The Acworth Community Center will reopen for restricted activities on Monday, June 1. Pickleball and small group basketball will be offered in scheduled times on weekday evenings and Saturdays. The walking track will remain closed. To reserve a time period call Acworth Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources at 770-917-1234.

Some exercise classes have resumed. Contact the Customer Experience team at 770-917-1234 for reservations or click here for a full list of programming options.

DEPOT HISTORY CENTER

The facility will reopen to the public on Monday, June 1. The facility will be open during its regular operating hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Admission to the facility is free.

SENIOR CITIZEN AND SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMMING

The Recreation Department is offering a variety of virtual programs for our Senior Citizens and our Special Needs Population, click here for registration information. In person programs for these populations continue to be suspended through June 30. For a full list of current offerings, please visit www.acworth.org/parksandrecreation.

ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
SHANNON STAHL, PRESIDENT



For many, the month of May consists of wrapping up the school year and celebrating those who are graduating. It is important to acknowledge all the accomplishments our seniors have made and excitement for what is in store next, even without the proper celebrations.

The Acworth Business Association is proud to support our communities graduating seniors by awarding one student from each surrounding high school a \$1000 scholarship. This would not be possible if it weren't for all of the ABA members. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to support and give back to our community, this being one of many ways.

The winners of this year's award are pictured on page 6. We are impressed by the accomplishments this year's recipients have made thus far in their academic career. Congratulations to our 2020 scholarship winners, along with all of the Class of 2020 graduated seniors!

Our ABA members have had outstanding attendance at our Zoom Morning Jolt Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 8AM. Please join us! Continue to stay up to date on all that is happening within our town and in our community by visiting our social media and our website, acworthbusiness.org. We look forward to a time when we can all join together again!

Thank you for continuing to be the supportive community I know Acworth to be. It truly is inspiring to have seen, and continue to see, how we are able to come together to shed light on these times. I pray that you and your loved ones are remaining safe and healthy. God Bless!



CONGRATULATIONS

Sharing good news about Melissa Krudwig, The Bear of Real Estate - she is a long time advertiser in the Bright Side and a huge supporter of our veterans. See her most recent effort for our local Georgia Military below.

Congratulations to Melissa Krudwig, the Bear of Real Estate, for being featured in the Greater Atlanta Real Producers Magazine. Please be sure to contact Melissa, an Army Veteran, and her team for all of your real state needs. They would love an opportunity to earn your trust and help you execute your real estate goals. Call 404-793-BEAR (2327) or visit www.ThinkMelissa.com.

Melissa Krudwig, Bear of Real Estate is collecting gift cards from Publix, Kroger, Walmart and Target for local Georgia military families that are struggling in this current environment and need to put food on their family's tables. There are Georgia National Guard members who are unable to work/telework, take paid leave or have lost their civilian jobs. Please consider making a donation, if you are any financial position to do so. Please help spread the word. More details can be found on the below link:

Visit [gift-card-donation-for-georgia-military-families/](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEP2w4ROh60) for more information or listen to Melissa's message on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/dEP2w4ROh60>.

FLOWER REMEDIES
TIMES OF STRESS AND ANXIETY
PATTY WALLENBURG

Staying positive and reducing your stress levels are always important and even more so these days. Most of us have developed coping strategies by now but there are certainly other ways to continue to improve upon them too.

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The winners of this year's award are pictured below. We are impressed by the accomplishments this year's recipients have made thus far in their academic career. Congratulations to our 2020 scholarship winners, along with all of the Class of 2020 graduated seniors!



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North Cobb High School. Plans to attend Emory University and major in Pre-med



EVANI PATEL
Kennesaw Mountain High School. Plans to attend Georgia Institute of Technology and major in Biology.



CHRISTINA STRAPP
Allatoona High School. Plans to attend University of Georgia and major in Biology.



ELLA MADDOX
North Paulding High School. Plans to attend University of Georgia and major in nursing.



NICHOLAS BYRD
North Cobb Christian School. Plans to attend UGA, major in political Science and International Affairs and desired to be a Military Attorney.



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Harrison High School. Plans to attend Barnard College of Columbia University and major in Public Policy/International Affairs

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ACWORTH CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS BY SYLVIA FLANIGAN

On Thursday, May 14, 2020, members of the Acworth Cultural Arts Council were excited to award scholarships to six deserving graduating seniors.



Acworth Cultural Arts Chair, Jeri Hadaway, awarded scholarships of \$500 to each of these Allatoona High School students. Students pictured are left to right: Danielle C. Maudlin, Theatrical Arts, Mackenzie Roberson, Choral Music, Nia George, Instrumental Music



Acworth Cultural Arts Treasurer, Darlene Knight, awarded scholarships of \$500 to each of these North Cobb High School Fine Arts students. Students pictured are left to right: Joshua Dixon, Choral Music, De' Andre Mallory, Theatrical Arts, Maurice Knight III, Instrumental Music

Teachers, Administrators, (including Dr. Cassandra Dixon, North Cobb Fine Arts Administrator), Scholarship Recipients, and proud parents, gathered as members of the Acworth Cultural Arts congratulated and celebrated the Fine Arts Department at both Allatoona High School and North Cobb High School.

YOUTH AND ALCOHOL BY LATREECE ROBY, CCAPSA

21% of Cobb County students surveyed had their first drink of alcohol before the age of 16. While some may believe that introducing alcohol in a “controlled environment” is safe, the facts are that youth who start drinking before age 15 are 6x more likely to develop a lifetime alcohol dependence. The good news is that if only 21% are drinking before 16 then the vast majority at 79% are NOT! Let’s keep it that way and strive for 100% alcohol free youth in our community. Do your part. Retailers remember it is against state and federal law to sale alcohol to a minor. Parents talk to your children about alcohol and what their experiences are and the other children around them. For weekly conversations starters, tools and tips for teens text “TALK” to 85775. TALK. THEY HEAR YOU!

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CONGRATULATIONS

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

Ed Note: Our apologies, Tracey's last name was incorrect in our May paper.

BROOKWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OPENS AUGUST 5TH

Is still accepting students for their 2020-21 school year. Classes start on Wednesday, August 5 at the school. For more information visit www.brookwoodchristianschool.org.

MYOFASCIAL CUPPING

BY MARY HAHN, TRILOGY MASSAGE

Myofascial Cupping is not a new type of treatment, in fact it has been used for thousands of years by Chinese, Russians, Egyptians and others. It was once included in Physical Therapy and Medical practices. It was recently brought back to use after Michael Phelps competed in the 2016 Olympics. He was shown with the red circles on his body and his comments about how much it helped his recovery helped bring Cupping back to the attention of many medical and alternative health professionals.

Myofascial Cupping is a power and therapeutic application of cups in which suction is used to increase blood flow to assist in the healing of muscles. Today massage therapists, physical therapists, athletic trainers and some medical doctors use Myofascial Cupping for a multitude of interventions. Here is a list of some of those interventions: reduce swelling and edema, increase blood flow (to aid in healing), desensitize areas of pain and nerve irritability, release the body's natural pain killers such as endorphins, reduce muscle spasms, deactivate trigger points, break up scar tissue and reduce tightness in muscles and muscle stiffness.

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MAGGIE TANNER

The Susan Gunderman Servant Leader Scholarship was presented to Maggie Tanner (Kennesaw Mountain High School)

Maggie served as the Senior Class Secretary, was active in the Drama Club and is a Student leader and Worship team member at Stonebridge Church. Graduating with a 4.317 GPA, Maggie will attend Auburn University, majoring in English Education with the goal of teaching high school English.

Editor's note: Our apologies for printing Maggie's last name incorrectly in our May issue.

GREAT DANE POWER WASH

Welcome Jim Eaton, owner of Great Dane Power Wash.. A hard working man, Jim has opened his own business with the stimulus money he received because of Covid-19. He is a welder by trade, but wants to be sure he can provide for his family by owning his own business. He is the son of Doc and Pam Eaton.

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When teaching dance online there is a slight time delay. Watching your students execute the choreography can be maddening if you're trying to listen to the music and match their movements. You have to implement a new understanding of timing and ignore the rhythm of the music completely.

You have to keep your movements rather small to make sure your body stays within camera's range so that everyone can see what you're demonstrating. While teaching a Tap class I had one young girl tell me that my feet get blurry every time I move them too quickly (ah, now that's the magic of Tap dancing).

You have to repeatedly tell young dancers to stop sitting down on their sofa during class; to stop petting the family dog during the warm-up; that it's not ok to run outside to tell your dad something during Ballet class; that their baby sister is very cute but needs to get her face away from the camera because she's obstructing your view. I've had children "raise their hand" during dance class to ask if they can go to the bathroom (in their own home). I've really enjoyed seeing some of the parents get involved and learn the routines with their children, and I've even had a father who stepped in front of his teenage daughter's laptop to show me his version of her Tap dance. I've seen dancers taking class in their living room, bedroom, garage and even one Tap dancer who was only allowed to wear her Tap shoes in her bathroom so I had a great view of the toilet (she could have at least put the lid down).

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BIG SHANTY ELEMENTARY TEACHER JOGS 50 MILES TO SEE HIS STUDENTS.

Big Shanty Intermediate's ALP teacher, Will McAllister, devised a unique way to connect with his students during this time of social distancing

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After looking at where his students lived, he created a series of 8 runs. Since he had quadruple cardiac bypass surgery in 2017, he had to limit each leg to around 7 miles each. He ran over 50 miles in total and had the chance to "Jog By and Wave Hi." to nearly all of his students.

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GRADUATING SENIORS

Parents of Brookstone seniors hosted a graduation ceremony, complete with parade. Many thanks to Kennesaw's mayor, Derek Easterling, for giving a positive and inspiring message to these students. All are Harrison High School Grads and include Hannah Lucerne Drum, Faridah Fasinro, Kaitlyn Marie Isakson, Konrad Lewis, Christopher Scott Maughn, Casey James Miller, Amara Di'Niece Newsom, Marion Nicole Plumley, Ashlyn Stevenson, Nicholas James VonFeldt . CONGRATULATIONS



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Even in a shut down Kennesaw Mountain Mane Link students found ways to love on their community

The students took 400 packages of cookies to nurses at Kennestone Hospital. Gave \$400 to Cobb County School District to help feed kids in need. Since mid-March, Cobb County School District staff have served up more than 318,000 meals to students in need. Although school is out for summer break, Cobb staff will continue to provide a 5-day supply of breakfasts and lunches each week at eight school locations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. through at least the end of June. Hosted a parade in front of Kennesaw City H all to thank the Kennesaw Police Department and gave them over \$100 in fruit and snacks Gave the firemen and police in Precinct One a \$100 in snacks. Pictured are Kennestone nurses with cookies.

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**CONGRATULATIONS
PENELOPE ROSELL**

My friend Christy Rosell shared her thoughts with us. Incredibly proud of this girl. She worked really hard on this essay about what patriotism means to her. She spent hours writing, rewriting, and editing. The end product was an emotional piece, juxtaposing our freedom with stories she's heard about her dad's upbringing in Cuba. We got news on the last day of school that she WON the contest, which was sponsored by Cobb EMC, who surprised her with this beautifully framed essay. Proud mama right here!

Ed Note: Her award winning essay is printed below. Penelope is 10 years old and will start middle school in the fall.

**WHY BEING HALF CUBAN MAKES ME AN
AMERICAN PATRIOT**

BY: PENELOPE ROSELL

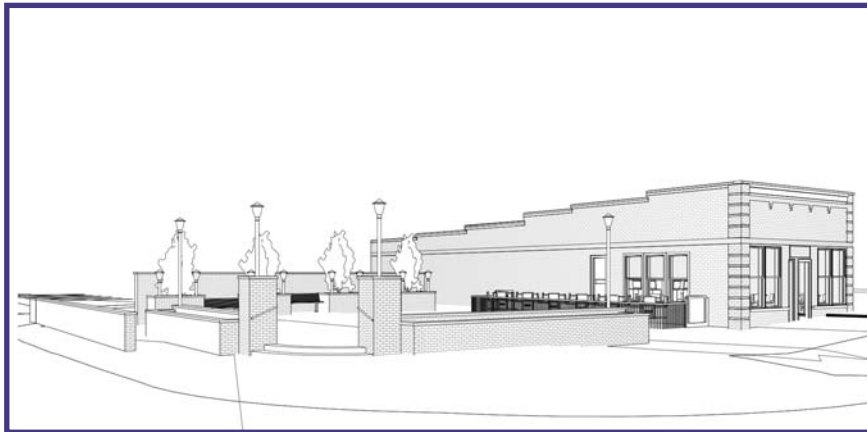
Patriotism is a love for one's country. It's easy to take for granted the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Like many people, I often take our freedom for granted. My dad who was born in a communist country reminds me how lucky we are to be American. In this essay, I will tell you about patriotism and what it means to me.

Cuba is a communist country, which means they control everything. When my dad lived in Cuba, the government controlled how much food people got. Some days he would get 2 to 3 eggs, sometimes a little rice, rarely meat, and sometimes nothing. My dad and his family had a very hard time getting food.

Another thing the government controlled was where people could go. In Cuba, most people could not leave. Even if you wanted to go on a vacation, you could not leave. My Abuelo (grandfather) escaped and came back on a boat to pick up his family. The country put his family into a concentration camp for months until they let them go. This was when Cuban president Fidel Castro allowed people to be claimed and leave with family and was called "the Mariel Boatlift."

The government in Cuba controls everything which makes most people fearful. Many people feared the main leader Fidel Castro when my dad was a kid. Later, he died, and his brother came into control. The government is not trustworthy, and most people fear the government in Cuba. Soldiers walk around with guns and often throw people in jail. I am very lucky to live in America where I am not scared.

Earlier, I said it's easy to take our freedom for granted. My dad reminds me how lucky we are to be American. I am so thankful to live in a place where I am not controlled and am free. I am half Cuban, but I am 100% American and I love my country. That's patriotism.



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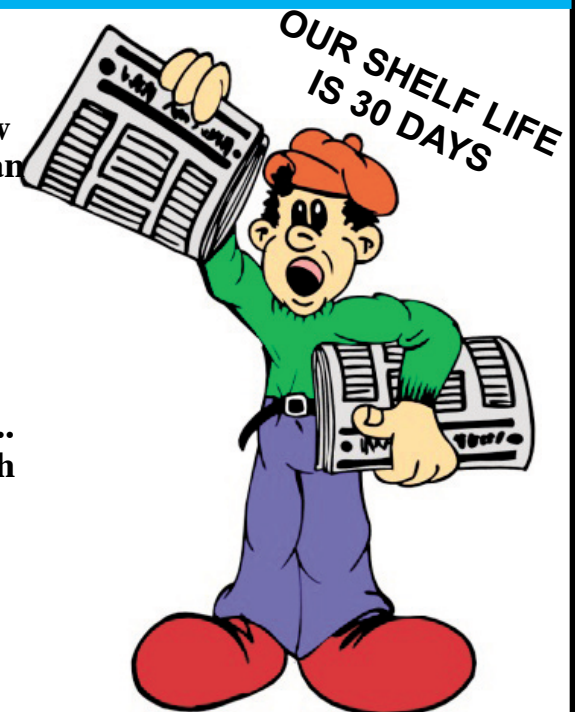
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