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THE 78TH ANNUAL YAARAB SHRINE CIRCUS AND FLEA MARKET: NEW DATE & NEW LOCATION

2020 CIRCUS DATES - THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 · 9, 2020

The largest Shrine circus in North America is back for its 78th year, packed with more excitement than ever! The Yaarab Shrine has proudly partnered with Royal Hanneford Circus to provide circus goers with some of the best entertainment under the Big Top. Ringmaster Tim Tegge hosts an unforgettable array of talent, including the Flying Poemas, featuring teenage sensation triple somersaulting Adrian Poema Jr. Also on hand to delight and amaze, Tteven Delmonte on "The Wheel of Destiny" high above the crowds, the Pages Lions and Tigers trained and presented by Jungle Princess Miss Vincenta, the Hanneford Sister's Double Trapeze, The Hanneford Circus rendition of Arabian Nights, complete with horses and camels working at liberty, a Magical Transformation by the Bilea Duo, "Who Let the Dogs Out?" poodles with Miss Gabriella, 3-ring foot juggling dexterity at its finest, Motorcycle Mayhem in the Globe of Death, and the animal antics of "Chief Bear Paw" with David Donnert.

Circus Times: (2 hour shows w/ 15 minute intermission)

Thursday, Aug 6 - 7:00 p.m; Friday, Aug 7 - 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, Aug 8 - 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m; Sunday, Aug 9 - 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

The NEW LOCATION is at Cumming Fairgrounds. 235 Castleberry Road, Cumming

Georgia, 30040

Food: Get ready for a food feast!!! All the good stuff like homemade ice cream, corndogs, cotton candy, popcorn, fluffy fries, hamburgers, hotdogs, barbeque, home fries, wings and chicken fingers, turkey legs, snow cones, boiled peanuts, pork skins and more.

Flea Market: Browse handmade items, furniture, books, pottery, household items and an assortment of items for purchase on-site in the large red livestock barn adjacent to the Circus

arena.

Circus Admission: Adults - \$7, Children 10 and under are FREE, for more (404) 419-6755 or visit Information: www.2020shrinecircus.com

ABOUT THE YAARAB SHRINE **CLOWNS**

This is a Masonic organization and a unit of Yaarab Shrine in Atlanta, Georgia. Their mission is simple, they laugh and work so the injured and sick children may laugh and play. This is the first and oldest shrine clown unit in North America.

A MESSAGE FROM **CAROL THOMPSON EDITOR**

We are excited to share the Yaarab Shrine Circus event on August 6-9 in Cumming GA. This is the first large family event we have had to share since March. It is about 45 min to an hour drive north of our area.

The life blood for this paper is festivals, parades, ballgames, and all things family friendly and fun. To say the least it has been a slim spring and summer for this type of news. I urge you to follow the CDC guidelines of washing hands, social distancing, and wearing a mask for protection. Take Vitamin D3 and Zinc, go outdoors, walk and eat nutrional meals. The more we follow these guidelines, the sooner we get back to normal.



CITY OF KENNESAW CHANGES FLAGIn an unanimous vote, the City of Kennesaw has replaced the Confederate Battle flag which was flying in the Commemerative Park in downtown Kennesaw with the first Georgia State flag which flew before 1879. While it was never officially adopted as the state flag, a law adopted in 1861 required militia units to fly this flag which has the state coat of arms on a blue background. This was the only state flag for Georgia until 1879 when a different official flag was adopted. The Council chose this flag since the monument is honoring the memory of the men who took part in the Great Locomotive Chase and the men who gathered together from the local area to form Philip's Legion. The uniting factor between all the people is the location since many of the names are Union soldiers and other are civilians. Due to this, the Georgia state flag which was flown during the time of the civil war seemed the most appropriate and accurate to fully represent the interpretation of the memorial.

The symbolism on this flag features a symbolic image of the Constitution as an arch that is supported by three pillars, representing the three branches of government - the legislative, judicial and executive. A man stands with a drawn sword defending the Constitution whose principles are wisdom, justice and moderation.

COBB SCHOOLS BOE VOTES TO DELAY START OF 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

During a special called meeting on July 2, the Cobb County School District Board of Education voted to delay the start of the 2020-2021 school year until August 17th in response to a recommendation by Superintendent Chris Ragsdale.

Delaying the start of school year will give Cobb students, parents, teachers, and principals time to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year as District staff reviews updated guidance from

We are looking forward to welcoming Cobb students back to school. We are ready to see learning taking place but the health and safety of our students and staff is always our first priority. I am thankful to the Board for recognizing that a brief delay to the start of school year will give our students and staff the best opportunity for a successful school year," said Superintendent Chris Ragsdale.

Last week, during the June BOE meeting, the Superintendent announced that the District would be asking parents to choose between a "Face-to-Face" or "Full Remote" learning model for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

In anticipation of Thursday, July 2's special-called Board of Education meeting, the District decided to postpone the window for parents to select a model for the upcoming school year.

Students and parents will be notified of an updated timeline to make their decision, with details concerning the 2020-2021 school year, as soon as it becomes available.

The Superintendent and District staff remain in close conversation with public health officials and remain committed to decision-making which prioritizes student and staff safety while giving families the flexibility to make choices that are best for them

In preparation for our "face-to-face plus choice" model, we will be asking you to choose the classroom environment which is best for you and your family

Both face-to-face and remote learning options will be available for all students, in all grades K-12. If you choose remote learning, you will be asked to certify that you have access to a device, the internet, and are committed to the remote learning environment for the semester. If you choose face to face learning you will also be called if you intend for the semester. If you choose face-to-face learning, you will also be asked if you intend for your student(s) to ride the bus. School bus riders will be encouraged to wear masks. We also will continue to work tirelessly to ensure a safe and healthy environment for our staff and our students.

- Social Distancing will be enforced whenever possible.
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- Masks are encouraged on buses and in school buildings.
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HAPPY RETIREMENT DOC EATON

After serving and educating the students at Life University for 26 years, Doc Eaton is hanging up his clinic jacket. Doc Eaton served in a wide variety of roles during his tenure. From classroom instruction to running a practice in Zigong China to hands on instruction in the clinic. Doc has left an indelible mark on the education of the Chiropractic profession.

You will be able to find Doc all around Kennesaw doing what he loves best, being an integral part of the Kennesaw community. Of course you will still see him at council meetings but keep an eye out around town for his birdhouses, custom cornhole sets and cutting boards. He has worked hard for the Chiropractic profession for a long time and now it is time to do some things that feed his soul in a different way. Happy Retirement Doc, you have earned it!

Pictured above: Doc Eaton with wife Pam and their children: İ-r Cris Welsh, Courtney Brennan, and son Jim Eaton

WELCOME NEW BABY



ALIYAH JULIETTE HILL

"Every good and perfect gift is from above..." James 1:17

Proud parents Julian Hill and Melinda Quesenberry announce their Perfect Gift

Aliyah Juliette Hill, born at 4:25 on May 23, 2020, measuring 7lbs and 10oz and 20 inches long. She joins her older brothers Dylan and Evan, and her older sister Alli.

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HOG DINNER

On Aug 11th, 2020 @ 6:30 PM, HOG Honors Jose Martinez at Northstar Church in the COMPASS BUILDING! Register online at EventBrite.com. Search for HOG Dinner. https://www.eventbrite.com.

Jose Martinez was born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico on June 14th, 1965. He moved to the USA in February of 1991 and became an American Citizen in 1999,

I'm married to Lucy Quintero and we have four wonderful children. I have been working in the Restaurant Industry for more than 25 years. I owned my own Restaurant, Allied Vaqveros Mexican Bar and Grill in Marietta. I joined LaBamba when they opened. In May of 2019, I was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. I have been under a routine regime including diet, exercise, and medication. The great support from family, coworkers and friends has been overwhelming.

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ANDREW BRAMLETT'S

WHY WE SAY WHAT WE SAY..

The origin of the term O'CLOCK goes back to the Renaissance Era when people would tell time by a variety of means. What you used to tell time often depended on where you were and what references were



available. Usually the sun was the reference point. Depending on the season or where you were located the amount of sunshine in a day would vary. Because of this, the time a sundial displayed might not line up with what a clock said.

According to Daven Hinskey at his website "Today I Found Out", it became common practice around the 14th century to distinguish that someone was using a clock instead of something like a sundial by saying "It is six of the clock". This later got shortened to "six O'CLOCK".

In 1828, gold was discovered in Northwest Georgia and people came from far and wide in search of riches. Northwest Georgia became very prosperous, particularly in Dahlonega. Dahlonega became big enough that a US mint was built in 1838. Eleven years later it was announced that gold had been found at Sutter's mill in California.

As people left Georgia to go out west, the head of the Dahlonega mint, M. F. Stevenson, made one final plea to encourage them to stay. He pointed to a ridge and said "Why go to California? In that ridge lies more gold than man ever dreamt of. There's millions in it." but the men left anyway. Later Mark Twain got word of Stevenson's quote from former Georgia miners. He shorted it to THERE'S GOLD IN THEM THAR' HILLS, and it stuck.

"PIGLET NOTICED THAT EVEN THOUGH HE HAD A VERY SMALL HEART, IT COULD HOLD A RATHER LARGE AMOUNT OF GRATITUDE."

A.A. Milne

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.

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The Food Trucks start serving at 5:30 pm and go until 8:30 pm. A variety of food trucks will be rotating throughout the season. Food trucks take cash, credit and debit cards. There is live music each week. There are tables and chairs for guests on site or they are welcome to bring their own chairs

Visitors have an opportunity to shop for fresh produce and prepared goods and eat an easy dinner while they celebrate 'No Cook Monday". The Farmer's Market is rain or shine and guests should follow the Kennesaw Farmer's Market Facebook page for updates on trucks, entertainment and weather closures at https://www.facebook.com/KennesawFarmersMarket. Photo by Virtually In Focus.



MOVIE IN THE PARKIt doesn't get much better than FREE, family-friendly movies in the park! Celebrate Christmas in July on July 25 with Buddy the Elf! New Line Cinema's Elf (rated PG) will be projected onto a giant inflatable screen after sundown.

The field will be marked with family squares to ensure social distancing. At this time we will not have activities before the movie but you are welcome to bring your own games, For your comfort, bring a blanket or low-back chairs. Pop-up tents, canopies or beach umbrellas that can obstruct the view of others are not permitted. Concessions will be available for purchase beginning at 6 PM.

IMPORTANT

Please register one member of your family for this event. There are no fees involved. Keep your receipt (either print your receipt or show email confirmation) and when you enter the park, please come to the Parks & Rec tent and you will be directed to your designated spot. Register here: https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog?filter=c2VhcmNoPT

Cancellations may occur due to weather conditions. Check Kennesaw Parks & Rec social media pages for updates.



A GARDEN WITH WINGS BUTTERFLY HOUSE

RETURNS TO SMITH-GILBERT GARDENS

"A Garden With Wings," the popular pollinator exhibit at Smith-Gilbert Gardens (SGG) featuring a kid-friendly pollinator garden and 2,000 square foot butterfly house, opens for the season on Wednesday, July 1. Visitors to the pollinator garden will see an inspiring collection of annuals, perennials and flowering shrubs that attract and support native pollinators like bumblebees, hummingbirds and butterflies. The newly expanded butterfly house offers an up-close experience with butterflies, plus the opportunity to see all stages of their life cycle. Visitors will see host plants that serve as food sources for a wide variety of caterpillars. The exhibit is included with Garden admission and runs through Saturday, August 1, 2020.

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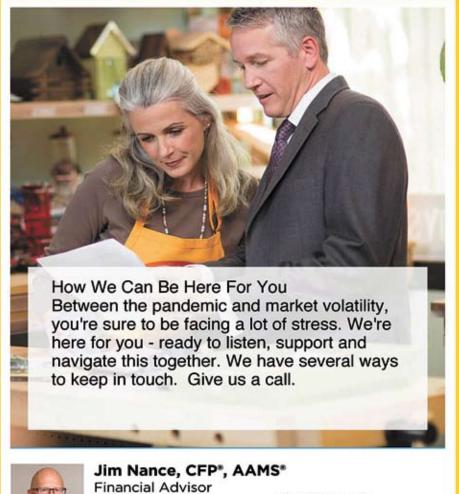
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COBB COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Has your family research stalled? Come join the Cobb County Genealogical Society for its annual "Brick Wall" meeting on Tuesday, July 28 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the west parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church Street, Marietta. Bring questions about your latest hurdle, or bring your recent success story about an obstacle you have overcome. Also bring a lawn chair and a face mask as we will employ physical (not social) distancing. Visit our website: www.cobbgagensoc.org.

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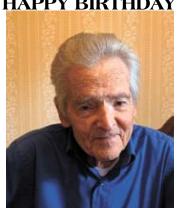
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Happy Birthday to Arthur Burton who turned 92 on June 15. Happy 92nd birthday Daddy! We love you lots! Sue, Lisa, Alan, Luna, Bella, & Evie

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LT. COL. ANDREW L. HEYMANN

Lt. Col. Andrew L. Heymann Georgia Army National Guard (GAANG) graduated from the United States Army War College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania with a master's degree in Strategic Studies on June 5, 2020. His next assignment is as an Operations Officer for the

201st Regional Support Group GAARNG. The U.S. Army War College's 10-month curriculum educates and develops senior military officers from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, as well as senior foreign military officers and civilian officials from a variety of federal agencies, to serve in strategic level command and staff positions worldwide.

Lt. Col. Heymann has served for over 20 years in the US Army and currently resides in Kennesaw, GA with his wife, Jenn, and their two daughters, Anabel and Lia.

While at the Army War College, he completed a research project on the future of Army talent management entitled "Army Talent Management After Next: the Evolution of the People Strategy", which was presented to, and commended by, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs and the Army G1.

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PALYCE EVELYN BERRIAN **PROJECT** "OPERATION H.O.P.E"

Palyce Evelyn Berrian of Powder Springs, GA, daughter of Ty and Nikki Berrian, recently organized a donation drive in her community despite the COVID19 pandemic.

Because of the pandemic, Palyce was not sure if a donation drive would be successful, but after consulting with LiveSafe Resources in Marietta, she decided the cause was worth the effort. In March she asked for people to donate toiletry items and hair products for the residents of LiveSafe Resources. She placed a plastic bin on her porch so that her supporters could safely drop off items, contact free. She also procured money through donations and used that money to make purchases locally in support of the program. In May, she was able to deliver almost 300 individual items to the organization. Palyce says "It's important to serve your community because it brings people together and it keeps you humble.

Palyce is a local "Virtual" Girl Scout and high school student at Pebblebrook High School. She is a student in the Cobb County Center for Excellence in the Performing Arts magnet program at PHS and serves as the Director of Community Service for the Student Government Association.

She also holds the local title of Miss Southern States, Junior Teen in the Miss Reigning America National Scholarship Pageant and will be competing with girls from all over the country this Summer for the Miss Reigning America Junior Teen title

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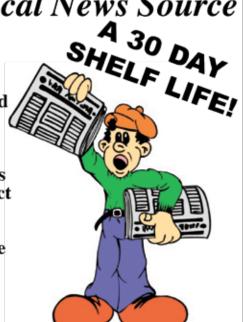
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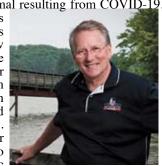
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THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK

As we continue to live, work, and play in this new normal resulting from COVID-19, it is comforting to see the return of many of our city services and Acworth businesses reopening their doors. Our beaches and playgrounds are now open, and many restaurants are now seating patrons. Several of our downtown merchants have really gotten into the Fourth of July spirit by decorating their storefronts and painting Main Street red, white, and blue! In addition to Main Street decorations, the Acworth Downtown Development Authority is hosting its first-ever Star Spangled Frana Art Installation at Frana Brown Park through July 31. The park is now decorated with wooden stars painted by our residents, businesses, and charitable organizations. Be sure to visit and support our historic downtown to see all these patriotic displays!



Despite the recent economic slowdown, we are seeing new businesses near completion and opening soon in Acworth. Red Top Brewhouse is scheduled for an August opening! 1885 has continued construction and is changing the landscape of our Parkside development. They are scheduled for a fall opening and will bring their Coastal Southern cuisine they are so well known for in Chattanooga

Our new Doyal Hill Park will begin construction later this summer. Located adjacent to the Rosenwald School, this park will serve as an outdoor interpretive history area that will include a plaza, landscaping, public art, and historical markers. The park is an effort to honor our rich African American history in the community and honor the name of Doyal Hill, our first African American council member.

The M2R Traveling Fence Gallery Art Exhibition is coming to Downtown Acworth and will be on display throughout our parks and landmarks July 20-August 14. Many of our very own local artists will be featured in this show. We would like to thank our dedicated volunteers with the Acworth Arts Alliance, Acworth Cultural Arts Center, and Acworth Tourism Bureau for their help in installing and bringing this cultural experience to our city. For more information, please visit www.m2rfence.com.

During this pandemic, restrictions and guidelines are constantly evolving. We encourage you to monitor any changes in policy regarding businesses and public gatherings for Georgia on Governor Kemp's website at gov.georgia.gov. By staying up to date and working together, we are on the path to reopening Acworth.

God Bless, Tommy

ACWORTH COMMUNITY CLASSES

STAND UP PADDLEBOARD

Join Marlo from Backbends & Brews in this exciting new stand up paddleboard yoga class on beautiful Lake Acworth! SUP Yoga will begin with basic paddleboard safety and instruction on balance and maneuvering. Then, students will anchor for a fun one-hour yoga class focused on breath, balance, and movement. After class, students will have a little free play time. This class is suitable for all levels, but participants must be able to swim. Class will meet at Cauble Park on July 22 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The price of this workshop is \$20 for City of Acworth residents and \$25 for nonresidents. Paddleboards, if needed, will be supplied for a \$15 rental fee from Appalachian Outfitters. Registration is available at www.acworthparksandrecreation. org.

POUND

Pound is a yoga/pilates inspired workout focused on toning and building strength in a rockout workout experience! Class will meet on Mondays, August 3-August 24 at the Acworth Community Center from 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m. The cost for these classes is \$30 for City of Acworth residents and \$35 for nonresidents. Additional information and registration can be found at www. acworthparksandrecreation.org.

BARRE ABOVE

Barre Above is a full-body conditioning class. The trifecta low impact workout incorporates lower, upper, and core exercises with a focus on flexibility, balance, stability and strength. Barre Above will take place on Mondays, August 3-August 24 at the Acworth Community Center from 6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m. This series for classes in \$30 for City of Acworth residents and \$35 for nonresidents. Registration is available at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.

ZUMBA

Zumba fitness combines high-energy Latin music and international rhythms with unique and easy to follow moves and combinations that allow participants to dance away their worries. This effective, exhilarating and calorie-burning program features exotic rhythms such as salsa, merengue, cumbia, samba and more! All fitness and skill levels are welcome. There is no other fitness class like the Zumba Fitness party! Zumba classes meet at the Acworth Community Center from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday sessions are available for \$25 for City of Acworth residents and \$30 for nonresidents. Register online at www.acworthparksandrecreation.

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As we begin to return to a small sense of normalcy, I would like to urge you to still remain safe and cautious when returning to your routines. Although it is exciting to enjoy a meal at your favorite restaurant, shop in stores, vacation with family or have a face to face meeting, we are still not out of the woods with the COVID-19 pandemic. So, wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands, and cross your fingers that we will continue to move forward from this.

Our luncheon for June went out live on Facebook for the first time. We spoke about leading through crisis, the current status and what this quarantine has been like for everyone. I want to thank Freedom Church for allowing us to use their facilities and assisting with the technical side

of the luncheon. I would also like to thank James Albright, with Acworth Parks and Recreation for hosting and mediating our panel. I was incredibly grateful to have Coach Preston Lewis, with Integrity ATL and Chief Wayne Dennard, with the Acworth Police Department on our panel addressing Leadership through Crisis. If you missed it, you could go to our Facebook page to view at any time.

We are asking that all our members send the ABA a one-minute video that we can share on our platforms. Tell us what you do, whether you are open, and a bit about your business so that we can help promote our members. Please add your video to a PRIVATE MESSAGE to the ABA Facebook page.

We are still meeting virtually for our Morning Jolt every second and fourth Tuesday morning at 8AM. The Zoom information is on our website as well as on our ABA Morning Jolt Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you there and hope to have a place to meet soon.

KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SHELLEY ELDER, PRESIDENT

As KBA PRESIDENT , I invite our members to attend the KBA BACK TO BUSINESS LUNCHEON - FREE

Join us on Tuesday, July 14th (11:30 am - 1:00 pm) for first Luncheon back! We are ready to get "Back to Business" and are happy to offer an outdoor cookout under the pavilions at Swift Cantrell Park, Kennesaw! Free to our Guests & Members - You MUST RSVP ONLINE! at Kennesawbusiness.org. Also check online for our upcoming KBA AA5 and our SUPER WOMEN'S BUSINESS LUNCHEON. Both July events. Stay Safe!



ABA WOMEN'S MEETING

Join us on Thursday July 16 at Centre Street Tavern, from 11:30 PM - 1:00 PM for our Women's Meeting! Please plan to join everyone as we talk about getting "back to business".RSVP is required so we can properly prepare for social distancing. RSVP acworthbusiness.org. Price is \$20.

ABA LUNCHEON

Thursday, August 6 11:30-1:00 pm at Acworth Community Center, 4361 Cherokee Street, Acworth, GA, 30101. RSVP at www. acworthbusiness.org.

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Tuesday, July 14 11:30-1:00 pm at Swift Cantrell Park pavillions, Kennesaw. Cookout by our own JRM Management and friends. MUST RSVP at www.kennesawbusiness. org.

KBA WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Will host their luncheon, Friday, July 17, 11:30-1:00 pm at Copeland's of New Orleans - Kennesaw 1142 Ernest W Barrett Pkwy NW, Kennesaw, 30144. MUST Register to attend at kennesawbusiness.org.

KBA AA5

The July KBA AA5 will be held on Tuesday, July 21 from 5:30-7:30 at Copeland's of New Orleans MUST REGISTER AT kennesawbusiness.org. Space is limited by health regulations.



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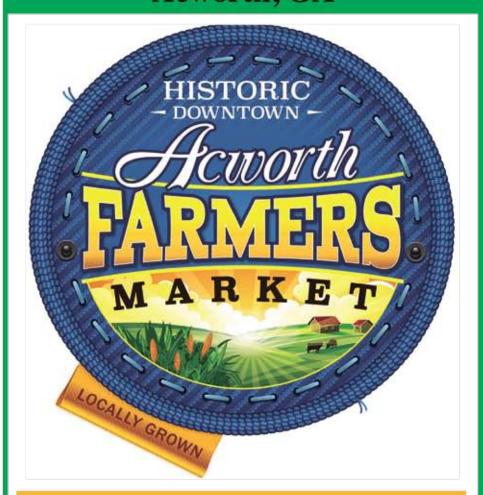
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MIKE SCHROEDER'S NEW BUSINESS IN ACWORTH

Mike Schroeder said goodbye to Carrabba's Italian Grill on July 3, after 18 wonderful years. He is so excited to announce that he is partnering with Miguel Morales Jr. of 1885 Grill in Chattanooga and will be opening a location here in downtown Acworth, overlooking Logan Farm Park. Thank you so much to Thomas W Allegood and the City of Acworth for everything they have done to make this dream become possible. We hope to open in September and can't wait to see you all there!

Pictured above with Mike are 1-r Josh Loud, R. J. Patel, John Loud, Mike Schroeder, Dr. Bruce Hester and Mark Mathews.



ACWORTH FARMERS MARKET

Shop for local at the Acworth Farmers Market every Friday morning from until 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

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THE NORTH COBB LIBRARY IS OPEN

The North Cobb Library, across from NCHS has re-opened. Hours of operation will be 10 a.m.-8 p.m., on Mondays and 10 a.m.-6 p.m., on Tuesdays through Fridays.

The library is open with limited services for the public aligned with safety and health guidelines of Cobb County and public health authorities to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Under this reopening phase, library patrons are asked to limit visits to browsing, completing library account transactions like checking out items, picking up available reserved materials and renewing or signing up for a Cobb library card. A limited number of public computers will be available for reservation. The public is encouraged to wear masks, practice social distancing and sound hygiene while visiting the libraries. For information, visit cobbcat.org or call 770-528-2320



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NORTH COBB ROTARY NAMED CLUB OF THE YEAR

The Rotary Club of North Cobb was selected as the best club out of 18 clubs in Cat II. This selection is made by the District Governor and all the Assistant Governors. The recent award as Club of the Year is the first for the Rotary Club of North Cobb.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS RECEIVED

Best Membership Growth - Acknowledged for Category II and for exceeding all clubs in District 6900, totaling 71 clubs. Net increase of 17 members; Best Membership Retention; NCHS Interact Club for Excellence as an Interact Club; Public Image Runner Up; Governor's Citation - This is awarded for club activities of 40 different criteria, including training, service projects, memberships. Six (6) clubs of the 18 clubs in our category achieved this award.; Best International Service Project - All of the club's International projects are considered when awarding this honor. Our efforts in Haiti included Doctor Hester's optometrist efforts of fitting 300 patients with glasses in a single week, Bruce Goddard's ongoing 22-year effort to build water cisterns and wells in Haiti and in Venezuela the crating goods to provide 25,000 meals to the community.

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Outgoing President Dave Schwickerath received the Sheffield Leadership Award. The award is presented to each club category president annually in District 6900 who best exemplify the extraordinary leadership traits represented by the Sheffield family and execute their responsibilities exceptionally. The award is named after the Sheffield family's legacy, who have been generational leaders in the Rotary Club of Americus.

Pictured above with award:l-r Joe Stockman, incoming president and Dave Schwickerath, outgoing president.

KENNESAW HOSTING ALL-STAR SUMMER DAY CAMP

The City of Kennesaw's Parks & Recreation Department will host six weeks of summer day camp at the Ben Robertson Community Center this summer. There is still time to register as camp runs through July 31, 2020. Camp hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Early care is available from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., and extended care is available from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The All-Star Summer Day Camp is open to ages six to 12.

Each week's schedule is hand crafted by Parks & Rec's team of camp counselors. The counselors will lead campers on a summer to remember. Kennesaw Parks & Rec is committed to providing engaging life experiences in a safe, caring and accepting environment; where creativity and curiosity is encouraged, and the emphasis is on having fun!

The health and safety of staff, campers and our community remains our priority. Please see the 33 guidelines that Kennesaw Parks & Recreation is following and sign-up for summer camp through Civic Rec at https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog.

The Ben Robertson Community Center is located at 2753 Watts Drive in Kennesaw.

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KENNESAW PARKS & RECREATION

Our front desk team has been helping maintain a clean community center by wiping down all of the tables and chairs on a consistent basis. This group is dedicated to making everyone who enters the building feel safe, and we are so thankful for them!

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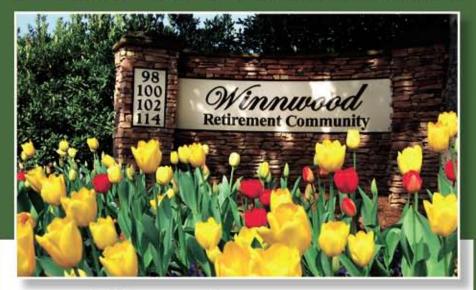
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WHY WEAR A MASK IN PUBLIC? INFORMATION FROM THE CDC

Cloth or medical grade face coverings are recommended as a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the cloth face covering coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice. This is called source control. This recommendation is based on what we know about the role respiratory droplets play in the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19, paired with emerging evidence from clinical and laboratory studies that shows cloth face coverings reduce the spray of droplets when worn over the nose and mouth. COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), so the use of cloth face coverings is particularly important in settings where people are close to each other or where social distancing is difficult to maintain.

A meta-analysis on more than 20 studies on mask use show that masks, whether cloth or medical-grade, can reduce the risk of respiratory illnesses like COVID-19 by 1/3 or more.

WHO SHOULD WEAR A FACE COVERING?

CDC recommends all people 2 years of age and older wear a cloth face covering in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

COVID-19 can be spread by people who do not have symptoms and do not know that they are infected. That's why it's important for everyone to wear cloth face coverings in public settings and practice social distancing (staying at least 6 feet away from other people).

FEASIBILITY AND ADAPTATIONS

CDC recognizes that wearing cloth face coverings may not be possible in every situation or for some people. In some situations, wearing a cloth face covering may exacerbate a physical or mental health condition, lead to a medical emergency, or introduce significant safety concerns. Adaptations and alternatives should be considered whenever possible to increase the feasibility of wearing a cloth face covering or to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading if it is not possible to wear one.

EXAMPLES

People who are deaf or hard of hearing—or those who care for or interact with a person who is hearing impaired—may be unable to wear cloth face coverings if they rely on lipreading to communicate. In this situation, consider using a clear face covering. If a clear face covering isn't available, consider whether you can use written communication, use closed captioning, or decrease background noise to make communication possible while wearing a cloth face covering that blocks your lips.

Some people, such as people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental health conditions or other sensory sensitivities, may have challenges wearing a cloth face covering. They should consult with their healthcare provider for advice about wearing cloth face coverings.

Younger children (e.g., preschool or early elementary aged) may be unable to wear a cloth face covering properly, particularly for an extended period of time. Wearing of cloth face coverings may be prioritized at times when it is difficult to maintain a distance of 6 feet from others (e.g., during carpool drop off or pick up, or when standing in line at school). Ensuring proper cloth face covering size and fit and providing children with frequent reminders and education on the importance and proper wear of cloth face coverings may help address these issues.

People should not wear face coverings while engaged in activities that may cause the cloth face covering to become wet, like when swimming at the beach or pool. A wet cloth face covering may make it difficult to breathe. For activities like swimming, it is particularly important to maintain physical distance from others when in the water.

People who are engaged in high intensity activities, like running, may not be able to wear a cloth face covering if it causes difficulty breathing. If unable to wear a cloth face covering, consider conducting the activity in a location with greater ventilation and air exchange (for instance, outdoors versus indoors) and where it is possible to maintain physical distance from others.

People who work in a setting where cloth face coverings may increase the risk of heatrelated illness or cause safety concerns due to introduction of a hazard (for instance, straps getting caught in machinery) may consult with an occupational safety and health professional to determine the appropriate face covering for their setting. Outdoor workers may prioritize use of cloth face coverings when in close contact with other people, like during group travel or shift meetings, and remove face coverings when social distancing is possible. Find more information here and below.

If face coverings cannot be used, make sure to take other measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread, including social distancing, frequent hand washing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

PLANT LIFE by Jim Caulk, Kennesaw GA









Many thanks to Jim Caulk, (local cartoonist from Kennesaw) for sharing this timely and important reminder about staying home. While the shelter in place has been lifted we are still seeing an uptick in the virus and anything that each one of us can do to will help reduce infections is important

The strip, called Plant Life, features Hilde Grimes as the demanding, ill-tempered mechanical maintenance technician; and she bullies her way through life alongside a variety of co-workers, friends, and her antithetically minded husband, Leon

For more information about Plant Life, go to www.NutsandBoltsCartoons.com, or sign up to follow the Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/NutsAndBoltsCartoons.

WWII ARMY NURSE 1LT IRMA CAMERON DRYDEN RECOGNIZED AS A LIVING LEGEND



The Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation, America's only national memorial dedicated to preserving the history and contribution of women's military service to the country, has proclaimed local Cherokee County residen, Irma Cameron Dryden as a "Living Legend."

The mission of the Military Women's Memorial is to honor women's contribution to the defense of our nation and inspire the next generation of leaders through the examples of those who have paved the way. Irma Dryden is one such pioneer having served as an Army Nurse with the Tuskegee Airman during World War II.

Former 1st Lt. Dryden has been a registered member at the Military Women's Memorial since 2018, joining hundreds of thousands of other women whose story of service has been recorded for all time. Mrs. Dryden was born in New York City, N.Y. In her registration she says that "Taking that train ride to Alabama was an experience I'll never forget." While the face of racial discrimination was cruel, she considers her Service with the Tuskegee Airmen Nurses to be among "her proudest accomplishments." Lt. Dryden married Tuskegee Airman 1st Class Charles Dryden of the 99th Flight Squadron in 1943. She remains a member of the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. which preserves and teaches about the group's legacy. Lt. Irma Cameron Dryden turned 100 years old in May 2020. She is being recognized

as a trailblazer and pathfinder for future generations of women to follow.

The Military Women's Memorial's goal is to record the story of every woman who is serving or who has served. If you know a military women or women veteran you can register her at www.womensmemorial.org. If you know a woman whose service stands out as an example for the generations and should be recognized as a Living Legend – contact the Military Women's Memorial pr@womensmemorial.org.

Pictured: Navy veteran Amy Stevens, Founder of Georgia Military Women, Victoria Turney, Retired Gunnery Sergant, USMC and Retired Army Nurse Renee Robb-Truitt visited with Lt Dryden and listened as she shared some of her stories from her time with the Tuskegee Unit.



TOWN CENTER CID **ANNOUNCES 2020 BOARD**

At its latest board meeting, the Town Center Community Improvement District (CID) renewed board officers and three board posts. In addition, the board appointed Steven Cadranel, president and founder of Arris Realty Partners, to serve in Post 5 for the CID board.

Renewed in the meeting are the three-year terms for Kelly Keappler, Darin Mitchell and Marie Moore. Keappler, president of Quintus Development, has served on the CID's board since 2007 and currently serves as Chairman. Mitchell, executive director at Chase, has served on the board since 2014 and currently serves as Treasurer. Moore, general manager at Simon Property Group, has served on the board since 2016. Also, serving as Vice Chairman for another year is Dan Buyers, Partner and Senior Vice

President of McWhirter Realty.

Cadranel, a life-long resident of Atlanta, will help support the CID's mission to improve the Town Center district. He has more than 30 years' experience developing, managing, and acquiring a variety of retail and mixed-use projects throughout the southern and eastern United States. Cadranel was instrumental in the creation of the Mall of Georgia and the foundation for what is now known as the Buckhead Shops Atlanta. He also developed the Cliftwood luxury multi-family property and its complimentary retail and restaurant center, located along Roswell Road in Sandy Springs.

Cadranel is a University of Georgia graduate with a business and real estate and urban development degree. He is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers and the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he serves as trustee and incoming vice chairman for the Kennesaw State University Foundation, board member and past president of the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta, and board member of the Jewish

Federation of Greater Atlanta. He is a recipient of KSU Foundation's Claris C. Bagwell award for Distinguished Service, the Erwin Zaban Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, the Erwin Zaban Bridge Builder Award, KSU Foundation's Chairman's Award, and he was the 2019 BB&T Harry Maziar Golf Classic tournament honoree.

When he is not working or volunteering, Cadranel and his wife of 34 years, Janet, enjoy spending time with their two children, family and friends, traveling and relaxing at their







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built in bookcase. The chef's kitchen opens to the keeping room and the family room. It is appointed with stainless steel appliances, tile backsplash, granite countertops, and bar seating. The keeping room is a perfect space to cozy up with a good book, next to the stone fireplace. The oversized master suite features a trey ceiling and a spa like master bath with a whirlpool tub. There are three additional bedrooms and a hall bathroom on the second floor. The finished basement boasts an amazing bar area that is perfect for hosting your next gathering. There is a living room, a game room, a bedroom, a full bath, and another room that is perfect for an office, a gym or a playroom. Complete with 3 car garage, the large deck leading to the large, private backyard is perfect for your Summer BBQ's. Amenities include a clubhouse and pool.

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COVID-19 ALTERS HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

BY AMBER ROEDEN, NCHS

Cobb County sports came to a crashing halt in March when school abruptly transitioned to virtual learning due to the fatal coronavirus outbreak. After weeks out of school, Cobb County cancelled the remainder of spring sport seasons to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 at This cancellation left numerous Cobbathletes heartbroken.

The long awaited return of Cobb sports came after three lengthy months of state mandated quarantine and self isolation. During this unprecedented time of chaos, athletes became forced to practice their cherished sports alone from the comfort of their homes.

June 5th brought exciting news for innumerable athletes across Cobb County when county officials announced that summer conditioning for fall sports would begin on June 8th.

Summer conditioning constitutes an ancient tradition in Cobb County's history and serves to thoroughly prepare athletes across 5 sports to prepare for the rigorous seasons and ferocious opponents awaiting them in fall. Cheerleading, cross country, football, softball, and volleyball classify as fall sports in accordance with strict guidelines created by "Georgia's High School Association". Over the grueling course of 2020's pandemic, this association became equipped with the difficult decision of whether or not sports would be safe enough for teams to participate in summer conditioning amid a global pandemic.

Lengthy strategic planning allowed the board to form an educated decision, which ultimately affected every coach and player within the Cobb County lines.

Due to the harsh realities imposed by the Coronavirus, summer conditioning has been required to follow stern restrictions. In order to participate, coaches must ask each athlete COVID-19 screening questions and record their temperatures before allowing admission into a gym or onto a field. The highest temperature allowing athletes to participate in conditioning is 100.4 degrees. In addition to intense screening before admission, GHSA requires athletes to bring their own water bottles and sport drinks as communal water jugs and coolers became banned with hopes of stopping the spread of germs and ultimately the spread of the virus.

The GHSA also prohibited the use of water fountains and locker rooms while requiring social distancing strictures. These strict safety precautions ensure the safety of players, coaches, and their loved ones who could possibly contract the virus. Although intricate and tedious, these safety procedures allowed North Cobb's phase one conditioning period to conclude on June 26th with zero positive coronavirus cases across any of the five fall sports.

When evaluating the want to host fall sports, it became evident that support from players, parents, and coaches remains persistent and overwhelming. While Cobb County has not released information regarding a fall start-up thus far, conditioning will continue after "dead week" followed by tryouts on select teams, including volleyball at North Cobb.

Spirits remain high and athletes eagerly await the return of their prized sports and strive to improve and enhance their athletic skills on a daily basis.

We hope more than anything that we will be able to play in the fall with fans cheering us on in the stands. That's why our team loves to play football and support their beloved Warriors," NC head football coach, Shane Queen said.

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The cost is \$15 per person and scholarships are available. The group will meet in Room M111 at Summit Baptist church in Acworth. For more information, please call 770-975-4595



GAMMAN NAMED NEW SUPERINTENDENT

The National Park Service (NPS) South Atlantic-Gulf Acting Regional Director, Karen Cucurullo, announced the selection of Patrick Gamman as the new superintendent of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Gamman will begin his new assignment in mid-August.

Gamman has a park service career that spans almost three decades. Most recently, he served as superintendent of John Day Fossil Beds National Monument in Oregon. His first NPS experience was in 1990 as a Student Conservation Association volunteer at Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota. Through the years, Gamman has held a variety of positions in management, interpretation and backcountry in national parks across the country, including Denali National Park and Preserve, Grand Canyon National Park and Cape Hatteras and Padre Island national seashores. Gamman returned to the South Atlantic-Gulf Region three years ago when he served as acting superintendent of Andrew Johnson National Historic Site in Tennessee. There, he gained a deep respect for the region's employees, partners and communities.

An Oregon native, Gamman graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in geology. He takes every opportunity to enjoy parks and the outdoors – kayaking, bicycling, hiking and horseback riding – with his wife, Jo Anne.

THE GILREATH GRANDCHILDREN

Ray and Emily Gilreath, longtime residents of our community are so proud to announce the following:

Congratulations to Dr. Nicole Gilreath who has graduated with a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Medical College of Georgia. Dr. Gilreath is a former Kennesaw Mountain High School graduate, class of 2012. She is the daughter of David and Geri Gilreath of Kennesaw, GA, sister of Taran (Gilreath) and Drew Findling of Marietta, GA, granddaughter of Ray and Emily Gilreath of Kennesaw and Peggy Wooton and the late John "Buddy" Wooton of Kennesaw.

Congratulations to Addi Gilreath who graduated from East Side High School in Covington, GA, class of 2020. Addi will be attending the University of Georgia. She is the daughter of Rev. Dr. Douglas and Lynn Gilreath of Covington, GA, sister of Hannah and Hayden Gilreath, grandaughter of Ray and Emily Gilreath of Kennesaw and Linda Brownholtz of Beverly Hills, FL.

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MARIETTA NEWS



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MARIETTA PROVIDES OVER 2000 MEALS

First United Methodist Church of Marietta has donated over 2,000 meals to feed the residents at The Extension during the COVID - 19 pandemic. Since mid-March, Cobb County has been under a public health state of emergency and a shelter-in-place order, The Extension has had to close both of their campuses to the public temporarily. When First United Methodist Church of Marietta heard that they were struggling to fill their meal calendar because of the pandemic, they agreed to fill 23 of the open dates in April, May, June and July.

First United Methodist Church of Marietta has provided meals and encouragement to the residents at The Extension on a monthly basis for many years. The Extension men's campus serves a total of 57 men, and the women's campus serves a total of 25 women. While the residents work during the day, they look forward to coming "home" to an evening meal provided and served by volunteers.

When the Coronavirus pandemic struck, FUMC of Marietta saw an even greater opportunity to serve and give back to their community. FUMC has been dropping off meals at each campus as needed throughout the crisis. First United Methodist's Director of Programs Forrest Cate commented, "The opportunity for church members to prepare the meals off-site and share the food while the residents serve themselves was a perfect way to stay safe and show love. Our church members have responded in an unprecedented way. Sign-ups would fill up as soon as they were released. Some families took the entire meal; other meals were made by each member providing a part of the meal.

One of our members who loves to cook wanted to help but couldn't get out to deliver the meal or shop for groceries. So another member keeps her supplied with groceries and delivers the food to The Extension for her. We are on track to fill 23 of the available dates in just a couple of months. And we thought we were doing something providing 12 per year!

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We are on track to provide over 2000 meals in just four months. And we thought we were doing something providing 500 meals for the whole year. We miss the interaction with the residents and actually sharing the meal with them, and we hope that will resume one day. For now, we continue to be inspired by the courage and the community of The Extension residents and will always support their journey to reconciliation with God and community and creation anyway we can."

This effort, on the part of the church, is headed by Forrest Cate of FUMC of Marietta. To find out more about FUMC of Marietta, visit their website at https://www.mariettafumc.org/. To find out more about The Extension go to www.theextension.org

THE WILLIAM ROOT HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDEN HAS RE-OPENED

Cobb Landmarks, which owns and operates the c. 1845 William Root House as a historic house museum, has announced that the museum is open visitors. The museum had been closed since March as a public health precaution in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic. Closing the museum and the gift shop and cancelling scheduled group tours meant a loss of critically important revenue for the nonprofit organization. Now, the organization hopes that new social distancing protocols will help guests feel safe during their visit.

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"The William Root House Museum & Garden has reopened with regular hours and new social distancing protocols for our staff and museum guests. While our hands-on components are temporarily closed, our exhibits, gardens, and gift shop are all open," said Trevor Beemon, Executive Director of Cobb Landmarks.

When guests arrive, they will begin by checking in at the Root House Museum Visitor Center located inside the refurbished 1830s Manning Family Cabin. Credit card payment is encouraged as a touchless payment option. Upon checking in, each museum guest will be given a stylus pen. The stylus pen should be used to operate the interactive touchscreens located throughout the museum. The interactive touchscreen displays and comprehensive exhibits have been designed to allow self-guided discovery based on your personal interests. Guests will be free to explore the museum campus at their own leisure, however, guests should practice social distancing and leave plenty of space for entering and exiting exhibit spaces. No more than ten guests will be permitted in the museum at one time. Stylus pens should be returned to the Visitor Center for sanitizing at the end of your visit.

ABOUT THE WILLIAM ROOT HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDEN: Owned and operated

ABOUT THE WILLIAM ROOT HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDEN: Owned and operated by Cobb Landmarks & Historical Society, the William Root House is one of the oldest homes in the Atlanta area. Museum guests can use interactive touchscreens to learn about life for this middle class family and their enslaved house workers. Home to the Root family from 1845 to 1886, the house and property have been meticulously restored to their c. 1860 appearance.



JACK AND FLO

A FOURTH TO REMEMBER DALE HUGHES

Happy Fourth of July. This is Flo writing for me and Jack. Where has time gone? We wake up. We clear our minds and take a good early morning walk and we realize 2020 is halfway finished. I bet you a bag of treats that you are not arguing against that. Jack isn't. And I am about to tell you why. Yes, we have worried about COVID19 and becoming infected. Yes, we have worried about the hate and fear mongering all around us. Yes, we have worried about the impact of all that on businesses and communities. And yes, we know it is hard to be joyful and to spread joy when you wake up each day and face all that junk. But why have we not posted for a while?

Well, Jack got sick. Real sick. And we were scared. It started back in May. We took a walk in our back yard and when Dad wasn't looking Jack talked me into jumping into the stream with him. We were splashing around giggling and having fun. We got a little hot, so Jack and I took some sips from the stream. It started first with me. I couldn't control my bowels. I was going everywhere, and I didn't want to eat. Then it hit Jack. Poor guy. It dehydrated him. He was one sick puppy. Somewhere in the middle of it all, he got aspiration pneumonia. And he spent three days in the veterinary clinic hooked up to intravenous fluids. I like saying that instead of IVs; it makes me feel really smart. Dad says I am.

Okay back to my story about Jack. I overheard Dad talking with the doctor a couple times and it encouraged me and scared me. First, it encouraged me because I realized just

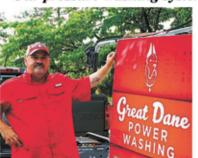
Okay back to my story about Jack. I overheard Dad talking with the doctor a couple times and it encouraged me and scared me. First, it encouraged me because I realized just how loved we were. Dad just flat out told the doctor to do whatever it took so that Jack would get back home with us. He said "yes, you will revive him . . . no, you will not let him pass away without us doing everything we can for our buddy." At one point, the doctor told Dad that Jack simply wasn't responding. That Jack would not get up, would not eat his food and would not walk. Dad told the doctor that Jack was sad and needed us and our love to push him to be stronger and get through this. So, dad told the doctor to get Jack hydrated. Dad told the doctor to get the vomiting and diarrhea under control. And Dad told the doctor that we would come get Jack, bring him back home and take it from there.

Dad said Jack was depressed and felt abandoned. He needed us and our love. The doctor was skeptical, but I don't think she wanted a visit from me and Dad. And you know what? Dad was right. I went the day we picked Jack up. He looked awful. He barely made it up the ramp into the back of the truck with me. I was waiting on him to give a big old hug and kiss. Jack collapsed and wet himself in the back seat. Dad told him not to worry. We stopped at the CVS got some wipes and cleaned Jack so he wouldn't have to ride home all wet and messy. Since then, there have been a lot of very short and very slow walks. And we have spent lots of time on the floor with Jack.

But guess what? He is back. Yes, Jack is back. Jack just needed us to help him fight back. It taught me something about forever homes. They matter. Is your community a forever home? If so, doesn't it matter. Isn't it worth the fight? Don't we need each other? Don't we need to fight together and not against each other? We need to fight back these diseases together for everyone – the strong and the weak. We need to fight back COVID19. We need to fight back hate and racism. We can't be a forever home if it isn't for everyone. There is no joy when you are unhealthy. We are unhealthy. We need a lot of short, slow walks together and some moments on the floor together. But we know we can do this. We believe. Let's take this TIME to rest, relax and be safe. Then let's fight our way through all this together – lets spread Joy and Love together – for everyone.

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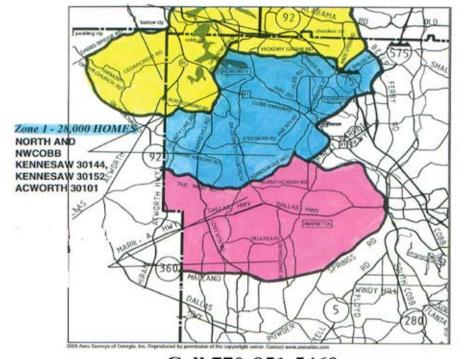
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