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## KIM GRESH NAMED 2020 WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

Cobb Executive Women (CEW) presented its 2020 Woman of Distinction Award to Kim Gresh, President of S.A. White Oil Company, at the Cobb Chamber's July Marquee Monday event.

The Woman of Distinction Award, formerly known as the Glass Ceiling Award, has been given annually since 1991 to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership through her professional endeavors, community involvement and social responsibility, thereby supporting and advancing her community and respective field.

"We're thrilled to honor Kim with the Woman of Distinction Award," said Cobb Chamber President & CEO Sharon Mason.

As President of S.A. White Oil Company, fuel supplier for the greater Atlanta area and Georgia's first supplier of biodiesel, Kim Gresh has made a name for herself in a male-dominated industry. She was the first female board member for both the Georgia Oilmen's Association and Conoco Phillips National Marketer Council.

Also dedicated to serving outside the workplace, Gresh is a tireless community servant who has made a tremendous impact on the community. She is actively involved with and serves on the Board of Directors for the Earl & Rachel Smith Strand Theatre, liveSAFE Resources, Cobb Community Foundation, Gateway Marietta CID, Sweetwater Mission, Boy Scouts of America Atlanta Area Council and the Wellstar Foundation Board of Trustees. She has received numerous awards and recognitions, including Cobb Citizen of the Year, Marietta Citizen of the Year, YWCA's Woman of the Year, Rotarian of the Year, Siegel Institute's Phenomenal Woman of the Year, and Marietta School's Alumnus of the Year.

Pictured Above: l-r: Heather Corbin, Sharon Mason, Kim Gresh, honoree, and John Loud, Loud Security



## KENNESAW'S GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR RECREATION CENTER

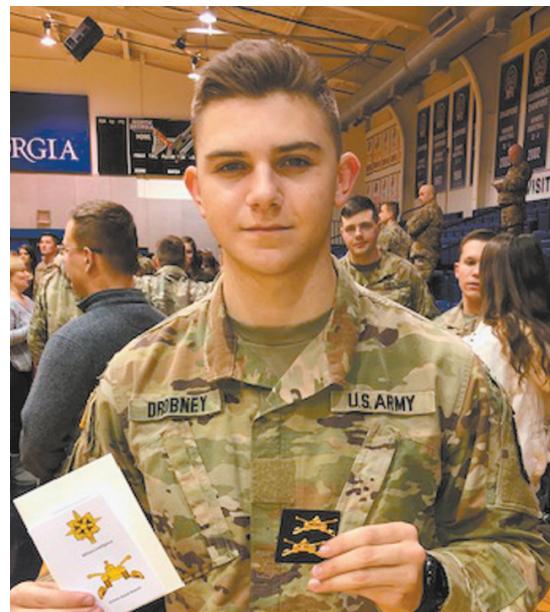
The City of Kennesaw and Kennesaw Parks & Recreation hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. for the new Recreation Center at Adams Park.

"With greater opportunities for physical activities including dance, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, yoga, an indoor track and much more, the positive impact of this new recreation center will have on our community is immeasurable!" states Kennesaw Mayor, Derek Easterling. "I am delighted the City of Kennesaw, in collaboration with Cobb County, is able to break ground on this significant project for the citizens of our great community."

"Adding the Recreation Center to the city's amenities will be such a blessing to the community," adds Parks & Recreation Director, Steve Roberts. "The Recreation Center, when complete, will be over 42,000 sq feet. Phase 1 will be Approx. 25,000 sq feet. Phase 1 will consist of 2 full size basketball courts that will allow us to start a basketball program for children ages 5-14. We will start a volleyball program for girls ages 7-14. We will offer pickleball and aerobic classes for seniors. These are just some of the new programs that the building will allow us to offer. The building will allow us to expand summer camps, and also start an after school program. We feel we can offer a very good option for parents with an after school program. It would allow us to have a space to do homework and get some exercise before their parents pick them up. We are really excited about the Recreation Center and all the new programs that we will be able to offer".

The Recreation Center is a two phase project. Construction of Phase One is estimated to be completed in 13 months.

## LOCAL RESIDENT COMMISSIONS AS UNITED STATES ARMY 2ND LIEUTENANT



Jacob Drobney, a recent graduate of the University of North Georgia and a cadet in the Boars Head Brigade Corp of Cadets, has been commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the United States Army. Drobney, a 2016 graduate of North Cobb High School's Magnet Program for International Studies, attended the University of North Georgia on a 4 year Army ROTC Scholarship. UNG is one of our nation's six Senior Military Colleges. In fact, UNG is the #1 Senior Military College having received the distinguished MacArthur Award 2 out of the last 3 years. The MacArthur Award recognizes the top Army ROTC program among the six Military Colleges including the Citadel, Norwich University, VMI, Texas A&M, Virginia Tech and the University of North Georgia.

Drobney is a Distinguished Military Graduate recipient, the highest national award for ROTC graduates.

Drobney was 1 of only 18 UNG cadets in the 2020 graduating class to earn this distinction. Distinguished Military Graduates are ranked in the top 20% in the nation among more than 5,000 ROTC cadets. Cadets are ranked on the national Order of Merit List (OML) by achieving superior grade-point averages, strong performance in the Army Combat Fitness Test, and proving their worth as exceptional leaders in their college ROTC training.

Drobney earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs with an Asian Concentration and a Leadership Minor. 2nd Lt. Drobney will serve as an active duty officer in the Armor Branch and will report for his Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) at Ft. Benning in early Fall.

## CHALKTOBERFEST CANCELLED

After long, serious consideration, the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art has decided that, unfortunately, Chalktoberfest 2020 scheduled for October 10-11 must be cancelled due to COVID-19.

The state of Georgia and the CDC's guidelines for holding an event of this magnitude would make it impossible for the Chalktoberfest staff and volunteers to maintain safe social distancing and mask requirements, crowd control enforcement, and other essential health measures that would have to be implemented for the safety of everyone involved.

We will look forward to bringing Chalktoberfest to the community again October 9-10, 2021. We sincerely hope you all stay safe and well.

## A MESSAGE FROM CAROL THOMPSON EDITOR

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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 and continues to be so. 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 nutritional meals. The more we follow these guidelines, the sooner we get back to normal.

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## THIS AND THAT

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**BROOKLYN MAMULA**

Happy 10th Birthday to Brooklyn Mamula. Brooklyn attends North Cobb Christian School. She loves to dance, sing and wakeboard. We love you Brooklyn! Mom, Dad and Alex



**D'SHON**

Happy 9th Birthday D'Shon! Another year of greatness and craziness but we wouldn't have it any other way. We LOVE you - Dad, Mom, D'Andree and all the furry kids

### HOG CANCELS REMAINING DINNER EVENTS FOR 2020

DUE to the changing safety recommendations regarding large gatherings, HOG has decided to cancel the remaining scheduled dinner events for the rest of the year.

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### CONGRATULATIONS



**DESTINY KLUCK**

Destiny Kluck, 17, a senior at Kennesaw Mountain High School, has been selected the Georgia Distinguished Young Woman of the Year for 2020-21.

Due to the coronavirus, the 24 candidates from across the state competed in a virtually-staged program for the first time.

Ms. Kluck was named the preliminary overall winner in interview, talent and fitness.

The daughter of Jerry and Debbie Kluck of Kennesaw, Destiny will represent Georgia in the national Distinguished Young Woman of America contest in Mobile, AL in June 2021. Further information: [www.gadistinguishedyw.org](http://www.gadistinguishedyw.org)



### HOG DINNERS CANCELLED

The Aug 11th, 2020 HOG Honors Jose Martinez at Northstar Church has been cancelled due to health concerns for our community.

Even though we've had to cancel our August 11th dinner that was planned for HOG Honoree Jose Martinez, husband and father who suffers from Parkinson's disease, Bob Kelly recently gave Jose an advance on his donations. Jose was so thankful and happy to receive it!

Any additional funds collected that are labeled for Jose will be delivered to him as quickly as possible. Jose and his family appreciate your continued prayers and support during this difficult time.

Donations can still be made to Jose with ContinuetoGive. Visit: <https://www.continuetogive.com/4867651>

ANDREW BRAMLETT'S

### WHY WE SAY WHAT WE SAY.

Today's article is on words from medieval times. First, I want to explain the origin of the word Medieval. The word dates back to only 1817 and is a condensed form of the Latin phrase "medium aevum", meaning Middle Ages. The term "Middle Ages" refers to the period between, or in the middle of, the fall of Rome and the Renaissance.



In medieval households the oldest person would typically take the first bath. The second oldest would take the next bath, then the third, and so forth. This means the baby went last. The bathwater would not be changed so as more family members took their bath it would get dirty. When the baby was done, the water was so dirty you might not notice the baby. If someone was not paying attention the baby might get thrown out with the bathwater! This led to the warning, "Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater!"

LUKEWARM comes from old English. The word "lewk" is old English for warm, so lukewarm actually means "warm warm".

During the Middle Ages people would go on pilgrimages. When they passed thru a village they would say "a la Sainte Terre", meaning "To the Holy Land". They became known as Sainte-Terre-ers, or saunterers. During these trips the travelers would stop in the villages and would spend time there, so these pilgrimages could take a long time. Because of how long and slow these "saunterers" trips could be, the word SAUNTER came to mean a long, slow walk.

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Stephen Richards

### 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](http://ajbramlett.com). I look forward to sharing more stories both in the newspaper and online in the coming months.

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EXTENDS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT BUTTERFLY HOUSE TO AUGUST 15

Smith-Gilbert Gardens was recently named #3 on the list of Top 20 Places to Take Kids in and around Atlanta by Kids Out and About.



"The world has really changed but one thing remains constant – families want a safe place to take their children," notes Ann Parsons, Executive Director. "We've worked very hard over the past several years to offer innovative and creative ways for children to explore nature at the Gardens and are so pleased to see more families visiting now!"

The award winning 'Garden with Wings' butterfly house is currently open through August 15, offering a fun way to see butterflies and caterpillars up close. Ms. Parsons adds, "Each visitor approaches the exhibit a little differently, and each has a different takeaway from the experience. It's very rewarding to watch the reactions of children as they enter and see the butterflies!"

## KENNESAW PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS ART IN THE PARK



### THE SIPPING PLANT

Join Kennesaw Parks & Rec for brunch and a terrarium class presented by The Sipping Plant at the Ben Robertson Community Center! Each attendee is able to choose from our full range of terrarium container options, plants, and decor options. You will receive instructions on how to create yourr terrariums step-by-step, layer-by-layer, and will be told how to care for your creations once taken home! Pre register and pay online at least 48hrs in advance, arrive for check-in 10 minutes prior to start of class. Light refreshments will be provided by local Kennesaw businesses. Supplies Included. Tickets available for purchase: <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>. Click on Special Events. and then Art In The Park.

Class will be held on Saturday, August 22 from 10:30-12:30 pm at the Ben Robertson

Community Center. The cost is \$45.00. Everyone welcome, no age limit.

### PAINT AND SIP

Join local artist Jenna Leeuwenburg for Ann's Studio paint and sip on the go! Ann's Studio is a creative space for individuals of all skill levels to come together, to learn, and to make beautiful things. You don't have to be an artist to join, you only need to be willing to try and ready to have fun! Pre register and pay online at least 48hrs in advance, arrive for check-in 10 minutes prior to start of class, out of respect for other participants, those who are tardy will not be allowed to participate. Feel free to bring food and beverages of your choice. Light refreshments will be provided by local Kennesaw businesses. Supplies Included. Class will be held at the Venue in downtown Kennesaw and on the lot next door. If it rains Class will be held at Ben Robertson Community Center. Tickets available for purchase at: Register here: <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>. Click on Special Events. and then Art in the Park.

Class will be held on Tuesday, August 25 from 7-9 pm at the Venue, downtown Kennesaw. The cost is \$35.00. Everyone welcome, no age limit.

### FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS

It doesn't get much better than FREE, family-friendly movies in the park! Friday Night Flicks - School of Rock and School of Rock students will be performing before the movie. Fri, Aug 21, 6-11 PM. 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>. Click on Special Events. and then Friday Night Flicks Cancellations may occur due to weather conditions. Check Kennesaw Parks & Rec social media pages for updates.

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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.

### COBB COUNTY

### GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Have any gaps or mysteries in a family member's military story? Come join the Cobb County Genealogical Society's very own, Walter and Claudia Hutchins, as they discuss "Military Sleuthing: Beyond the DD214." The August 25th meeting may be virtual, so be sure to check out the CCGS website (www.cobbgagensoc.org) for pertinent information.

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Please call 770-310-3269 to coordinate a drop-off or a pickup of supplies.

Thank you so much for your consideration, in advance. - Melissa Krudwig

### MASTER GARDNERS

Grow Virtually is our new Fall 2020 horticultural education series presented free by the Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County via ZOOM.

Learn from the comfort of your home using your smartphone or computer! Simply call Renae Lemon at 770-528-4070 to register. Registration confirmation will follow with a PASSCODE to enter each class. Space is limited, so register now!

**Tuesday, August 11, 7:30 pm**  
**Fall Vegetable Gardening**

Terri Carter, Cobb Master Gardener and Family and Consumer Science (FACS) Program Assistant for UGA Extension, will speak to us about what to do NOW to prepare for your fall vegetable garden. What will you be planting? Get tips and ideas from Terri!

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*"It's not important to count every day ... What's important is to make every day count"*

In **Psalm 39:4**, David asks God to tell him how much time he has left here on earth. God tells David his days are numbered. Life is short and he will only be here for what seems like a moment.

In **Ephesians 5:16**, Paul encourages us to make the most of our time in each day and not be distracted with things that don't count!

With the time we have left on our journey, we better make sure we "Make it Count". So here are my three "Make it Count" lessons that have become my road map for the rest of my journey.



#### LESSON #1 LIVE LIFE WITH PURPOSE

My heart's desire is to Live every day with purpose ... To Show God's Love! Our Heart's desire is inspired by our deepest feelings. Choosing to be purposed to show God's love means making sure "It's not about me. It is about serving others". When we live with a heartfelt purpose to serve others, our journey will be purpose driven with love for our everyone in our life!

#### LESSON #2 LIVE LIFE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

My heart's desire is to leave everyone and every place better than how I found them. When we make life better for others, we create Quality of Life for our family, friends, and community. Making a difference requires our personal awareness so that we see everyone around us. When we make a difference, we create quality of life that changes our world!

#### LESSON #3 LIVE LIFE AS AN ADVENTURE

My heart's desire is to live every opportunity as an adventure ... To go where no one else wants to go!

In every adventure, we learn life's lessons about success, achievement, and failure from our business associates, friends, and family. Find the courage and begin a journey on a road less traveled. It is in our adventures that we learn personal growth lessons that are learned when we go ... where no one else wants to go!

Living these three "Make it Count" lessons have given me the opportunity to change the ending to the story of my Journey!

God Bless, Tommy

### ACWORTH EVENTS FITNESS CLASSES

Acworth Parks and Recreation provides several fitness classes including Yoga, Pilates, Missedfit (dance movements with body weights), Zumba, BOLLYX Low Impact Training (This Bollywood-inspired dance fitness class will get you moving, sweating, and performing to the best music of India!) and more. Register online at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

#### FALL BASEBALL

The Acworth Baseball Association is currently accepting online registration for the 2020 Fall Baseball Season at [www.acworthbaseball.org](http://www.acworthbaseball.org). We provide a safe, challenging and most of all, fun instructional and competitive baseball experience for boys and girls, ages 4 to 19. Our goal is to instill in the children of this community the ideas of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty and a sense of teamwork so that they may become strong, healthy, well adjusted members of the community.

Register online at [acworthbaseball.org](http://acworthbaseball.org). Fees vary depending on the age of the participant. All registration fees, age group information, and additional information are posted at [www.acworthbaseball.org](http://www.acworthbaseball.org). Come join one of the best youth baseball programs around!

### FALL PRESCHOOL SPORTS CAMP

This is a non-competitive program to help three and four-year olds develop basic skills for sports programs in the future. The program gives children a chance to explore a variety of different sports all in one program such as soccer, t-ball, and basketball. Spring camp is held every Monday and Wednesday, September 14-October 7 from 6:00 p.m.- 6:45 p.m. at the Acworth Community Center. The participation fee for this camp is \$50 for City of Acworth residents and \$65 for non-residents. Registration is available at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org). Registration closes Friday, September 4

### BROOKWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Brookwood Christian is still accepting registration for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Thanks to Brookwood's small school size and small class size, which gives their students a learning environment in which they can learn without stress, Brookwood is able to open under "normal" school conditions and meet CDC, State, and Local guidelines. This means Brookwood is returning face 2 face with online options and limiting enrollment to meet guidelines

Brookwood is a small private school that specializes in serving students with language processing disorders, such as dyslexia, but we also have students who attend because they thrive in our small, personal class environment.

Each class is limited to 10 or less, and classes of 5 or less are not uncommon. Each building, lower grades and upper grades, is limited to 40 or fewer students; and students & faculty are limited to their building only.

Brookwood has outdoor classroom space and walking field trips & lessons, weather permitting.

#### BROOKWOOD'S FUND RAISERS

Because of the upheaval in schedules caused by the Covid 19 virus Brookwood's fundraisers for last Spring were cancelled. Sharing tentative schedules for the following

Ride 2 Read will be sometime in October. The date depends on Henry Chandler's (leader of the ride) schedule - we will be sure to share.

Acworth Charm is planned for Saturday, November 7. And will be on Parkside AND Lakeside this year!

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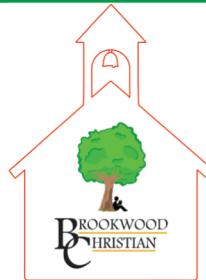


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Maya Angelour said "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."

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**BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN LIFE THAT YOU CAN CONTROL.**

**Mindset :** Be positive, be persistent and be someone that other people look forward to seeing. Here's a trick: try being the most enthusiastic person you know. Just for a day. You'll notice yourself smiling more than ever and other's will notice.

**Work ethic:** Nobody has ever become an overnight success. It takes years and years of grinding away until you get there. Think about it like chopping down a tree. You won't knock it down in one swing, but if you chop ferociously over time, it will go down.

**The way you treat others:** We all know the Golden Rule. Go out of your way once a day for a stranger: hold the door open, give them a compliment, ask them how their day's going.

**Wellness:** Eat clean foods. Get 7+ hours of sleep. Drink water. Get active every day. Read books. Listen to uplifting music and podcasts. Avoid the 9 o'clock news and other media outlets that will only put you down. Meditate. Your body and mind is the best investment you can make.

**Language:** A mentor of mine told me to be precise with my verbal and body language. Until then, I've never thought about how many words I waste and how often my body language is misleading to how I actually feel. Every word is worth a million dollars and every action is worth 5 million. Be precise. It's funny, when you focus on these variables, things start to fall in place. You build momentum. You feel better, more confident.

Focus on what you can control and take your game to the next level.

"I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it" — Charles Swindoll

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This past month was extremely exciting, as we were able to kick off the start of our face-to-face meetings again. We had a great turnout for our event at Logan Park, where we enjoyed free breakfast provided by Andy Duncan from Chick-Fil-A along with an amazing guest speaker, Earnest Davis! We also hosted an Alive After Five event at Huey Luey's rooftop, Morning Jolt at The Cowan, and Women's Luncheon at Center Street Tavern. All our July events had outstanding attendance, and we were very excited to see everyone together again.

We are still taking the necessary precautions to ensure the health and safety of our community. We are doing what we can to host most gatherings in outdoor settings, followed with social distancing and sanitary precautions. Other events have been held at venues that are able to accommodate indoor social distancing. Our community's health is forefront on our minds during this time.

It is still a great time to be a member of the Acworth Business Association! We have two of our largest events coming up, The Taste of Acworth on October 12th and the Golf Tournament at Brookstone Country Club which was rescheduled for April to October 19th. Please refer to our website [acworthbusiness.org](http://acworthbusiness.org), for additional information and updates regarding these exciting events!

I am optimistic for the great things ahead for us all throughout the second half of 2020. Let us continue our mantra of Connecting, Informing, Promoting, and Giving!

**KBA LUNCHEON**

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 11:30-1:00 pm. For more information and location visit at [www.kennesawbusiness.org](http://www.kennesawbusiness.org). At this writing no decision has been made as to location. Rumor is it will be at the Ben Robertson Community Center. **MUST RSVP**

**KBA AA5**

The August KBA AA5 will be held on Tuesday, Aug 18 from 5:30-7:30. For more information and location visit [www.kennesawbusiness.org](http://www.kennesawbusiness.org). **MUST RSVP**

**ABA WOMEN'S MEETING**

Join us on Thursday August 20 from 11:30 PM - 1:00 PM for our Women's Meeting! RSVP is required so we can properly prepare for social distancing. For information about the location visit [acworthbusiness.org](http://acworthbusiness.org). Price is \$20.

**ABA LUNCHEON**

Thursday, September 3, 11:30-1:00 pm at Acworth Community Center, 4361 Cherokee Street, Acworth, GA, 30101. **RSVP at [www.acworthbusiness.org](http://www.acworthbusiness.org).**



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**LOCAL ARTIST HONORS HEROES AND CANCER SURVIVOR**

Georgia artist and author, Tina A Stoffel, honors cancer survivor and heroic s supporters. This past April, Stoffel was contacted by Frosty Dillman to paint a portrait of her husband Steve, a career firefighter who is battling cancer believed to be caused by chemical exposure while on the job. The photograph that Mrs. Dillman shared with Stoffel shows her husband surrounded by his long-time comrades at the Fire Department.

For his first treatment in March, approximately 150 of his comrades showed up at his first treatment to support him. When Mrs. Dillman inquired about the painting, Tina was hesitant to accept the commission because she has been working on a book and accompanying art exhibition for over a year.

COVID-19 caused her to postpone her planned exhibition, allowing more time for Stoffel to paint this beautiful tribute. Upon beginning the painting, Stoffel says she could feel the emotion of the overwhelming support. "I'm incredibly honored to paint these heroes. It is the most meaningful painting I have ever created."

One month later, Stoffel put the finishing touches to the portrait and it was ready for the big reveal. Stoffel says it was a huge challenge due to the small faces about the size of her fingernail. Although Mrs. Dillman said their faces could be painted without too much detail, Stoffel felt that it was important to put as much detail in as she could. As she neared completion, Mrs. Dillman said, "Oh, I will tell you I prayed for a thousand angels. My prayer was answered. I wish you could be here to present this most special gift."

After careful consideration, Stoffel decided to accept the invitation and flew back to her hometown of Indianapolis, Indiana to present the gift as a surprise. When she presented the painting to Steve, she told him she needed help naming the painting. Steve was very surprised. After taking it in for a moment, he stated he wanted the name "Brotherhood" in the title. Stoffel simply named it "Brotherhood."

Tina A Stoffel is a local Artist residing in Marietta Georgia since 2006. She can be reached at 770-286-1155 or Admin@TinasFineArts.com



**CONGRATULATIONS**

Kennesaw Mayor, Derek Easterling, wears many hats. We are excited to announce that Easterling has been named the Commander of the North Cobb-Harrison JROTC. He has the best of both worlds - his love of teaching and his love of the military. A perfect fit as he is a 18-year Navy veteran.

In addition to being the Commander, Easterling is the Senior Naval Science Instructor.

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The B12 Sweet Bees won the middle school division at the River City Rivalry. Awtrey and Barber Middle School students Ava Johnson, Mia Goldbach, Josie Barszcz, Keating Ball, Elaina Soriano, Shelby Welsh and Mt Paran Kendall Hallas pictured. Shelby's team won! They are the River City lacrosse tournament CHAMPS



## CONGRATULATIONS LACROSSE CHAMPS

Congratulations to Sophia Soriano and Isabelle Welsh from the NCHS Lacrosse team. On July 19th their summer team B12 won the Summer LAX Splash Championship.



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## KICKBALL LEAGUE

Registration for coed adult (ages 16+) kickball will remain open until leagues are full or until Wednesday, Aug. 12. Kickball leagues will be played at the Al Bishop Complex on Tuesday and Thursday nights. League play is scheduled to begin the week of Aug. 17. Team registration fee is \$200. Each team must field at least eight players and no more than 11 players. At least four females must take the field at all times. Everyone on the team can kick. The season will consist of 10 games which include a post season tournament.

For more information and registration packet, see [cobbcounty.org/parks/recreation/athletics/kickball](http://cobbcounty.org/parks/recreation/athletics/kickball).

## GRAND PRIX 5K RACE CHANGED

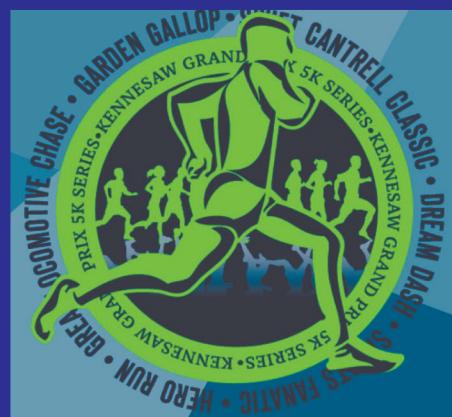
Due to City Event Cancellations and logistical concerns, the Race Committee has opted to postpone the 2020 Kennesaw Grand Prix Race until Saturday, October 31, 2020.

If you've already registered - have no fear! No further action needed - you're covered! If you haven't registered yet, you still have time!

You can register here: <https://raceroster.com/events/2020/32140/the-kennesaw-grand-prix-2020-race>

Our non-profits count on this race series to fundraise and it was a tough decision to evolve the series this year. We are looking forward to a fantastic 2020 race and thank you so much for your patience and support

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The Kennesaw / Acworth Optimist Club is excited to announce that the Second Annual Mayor's Golf Tournament Challenge has been rescheduled for Friday October 9, 2020. Registration starts at 11:00 am and tee off at 1:00 pm. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW.**

We would like invite you to play golf (individually or as a foursome) or sponsor a hole to advertise your business. This Friday afternoon golf tournament will be an enjoyable end to a busy week on the beautiful greens of The Cobblestone Golf Course. Lunch will be served and prizes will be awarded. Cost is \$80 a person, or \$320 for a team of four.

This tournament will feature a competition between Acworth and Kennesaw for the Mayor's Tournament Trophy to be traveling each year to the winning City. Mayor Allegood and Mayor Easterling will be our special guests.

For more information call Eddie Lummus at 404-695-1256, David Grant at 770-490-4235 or Stormi Kenney at 404-323-5254. Register at [www.MayorsChallengeGolf.com](http://www.MayorsChallengeGolf.com).

**TEE IT UP FOR THE KIDS!**

The Marietta Golden "K" and Lost Mountain Kiwanis Clubs announce that the 25th Annual Youth Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at the BridgeMill Athletic Club in Canton. Registration is 7:30 am and Shotgun Start is 9:00 am. Foursome is \$500, Individual Player is \$125.

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For additional information please contact: Co-Chairman Barry Carpenter 770-510-8118 or Co-Chairman Joe Van Horn, Jr 404-358-1432.

The Marietta GK Club meets Thursday at 10:00 AM at the East Cobb Senior Center. The Lost Mountain Club meets at the same time at the West Cobb Senior Center.

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The food boxes will contain the following items: Produce, Frozen Meat, and Milk. Each box is designed for one family. If you are picking up for another family you will need to sign up for two or more spots. In an effort to keep everyone healthy we ask that you wear a mask and remain in your car.

NorthStar Church is located at: 3413 Blue Springs Rd. Kennesaw, GA 30144. Pickup location is NorthStar's overflow parking lot adjacent to the church. Questions? Please contact Becky Cross at [beckyc@ymcaatlanta.org](mailto:beckyc@ymcaatlanta.org)

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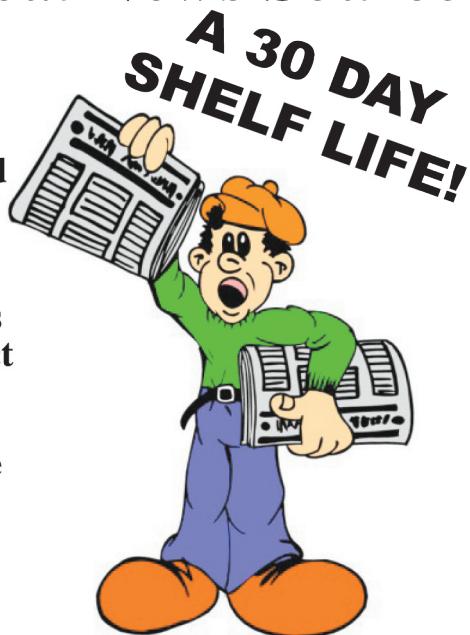
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## COBB COUNTY SCHOOLS RETURN VIRTUALLY

AMBER ROLDAN-NCHS

Exasperated months of a grueling pandemic in an unprecedented world posed society with innumerable obstacles to overcome. A prominent problem concerning returning to school quickly emerged with summer coming to a rapid end. On July 16th, Cobb County Schools released their decision to return to school with a fully remote platform starting in the fall. Although the decision presented teachers and students alike with a sense of clarity discerning returning to school, it's ambiguous composition sparked innumerable questions.

CCSD Superintendent Chris Ragsdale announced that the county would transition to remote learning beginning August 17th, instead of in the traditional face-to-face way of schooling. Ragsdale stands firmly in his belief that due to the rapid spread of the fatal disease affecting the day to day lives of Cobb County families, the continuation of furthering students' education virtually constitutes the safest and smartest option.

Students across the county display mixed emotions in relation to starting school virtually. Some students are ecstatic with school being strictly online and feel as if this transition will boost their academic performance while keeping them safe during the pandemic.

"Starting virtually is the right thing to do. I definitely miss my friends but I would never want to expose them or their families to a disease that could endanger their health," rising junior, Abigail Nwachukwu, said.

However, despite the evident health risks, numerous students revealed their devastation with CCSD's decision to participate in virtual learning. Students quickly became fixated with the negative aspects that remote learning would inevitably cause. Students worry that their mental health will deteriorate after not being able to see their beloved teachers and classmates on a day to day basis. They also voiced concern that the virtual learning mandate will hinder their education.

"I am afraid that I won't learn as well as I should because I learn best when I am able to ask my teachers questions and I am able to perform hands-on activities," rising junior, Alyssa Maclellan said.

Although CCSD ceased to release a return to school date, Ragsdale stands firm in his belief that staff and students will flourish under the new virtual learning mandate. With only days of summer vacation remaining, students anxiously await their schedules as teachers head back to school where they will participate in training to ensure that virtual learning provides students with all of the help and resources that a traditional classroom environment presents.

**Editor's Note:** While working at home, students will have a more structured schedule than they did last Spring. Attendance will be taken every morning, classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with Wednesday being reserved as an Instructional Support Day. A lot of thought and preparation went into these schedules and when face to face learning opens, the schedules will be able to slide right into the class rooms. To view the schedules, visit <https://www.cobblearningeverywhere.com/prek-12-overview/>

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## CANCELLED EVENTS

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**BLACK BEAR VISITS MARIETTA**

As most of metro Atlanta is now aware, a roughly 300 pound adult male black bear decided to visit Marietta yesterday. Calls to 911 operators began just before 9:00 AM yesterday and continued throughout the day. The big boy paid a visit to Laurel Park off Manning Road before migrating to multiple neighborhoods in the surrounding area. National Park Service (NPS) Chief Ranger Anthony Winegar joined MPD Major Brian Marshall in monitoring the bears movements though out the day. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was contacted early in the day and advised that the heat would cause additional stress to the bear if they attempted to immobilize it chemically (a.k.a. "tranquilize"). The hope was that the bear would return to the woods in the nearby National Park on its own. By early evening it became obvious the bear was quite content with its new home and was in no hurry to leave. Once the sun set and temperatures cooled, the DNR, NPD and MPD came up with a plan. Trained certified personnel from DNR safely chemically immobilized the bear around 10:15 PM near 175 Kimberly Way.

DNR transported the bear to monitor its health and we are happy to report he is now awake, healthy and recovering from the chemical immobilization. DNR stated they plan to release him in a natural habitat outside Cobb County at an undisclosed location in North Georgia. We have also been asked if it will be tagged or chipped, and DNR stated that is not necessary as he did not attack anyone or show any signs of aggression. We want to thank everyone involved in this process. Federal, State and local authorities all worked together with Marietta residents to safely relocate this large bear.

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"Avoiding problems with bears—or being BearWise—is usually simple, though it may not always be convenient," says Adam Hammond, Georgia Department of

Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division state bear biologist. "One of the six BearWise Basics is about securing food, garbage, and recycling. When bears have access to human-provided foods, regardless of the source or the intent, they will take advantage of them, and that often leads to further problems."

Why is it such a big deal? A bear that repeatedly finds food from garbage cans, bird feeders, and pet food bowls is unlikely to leave, and will become bolder in its search for easy food. This can lead to property damage of homes, garages, vehicles, and more. Once bears have learned bad habits and have come to rely on people for a "free meal," they rarely change those behaviors, and this type of behavior progressively gets worse with time and experience. If you really care about bears, please make the extra effort to ensure that your home and yard are "unattractive" to bears—to protect yourself, your family and pets, and bears.

BearWise is an education program developed by bear biologists from each of the 15 state wildlife agencies that make up the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA). The program, anchored by the website [www.bearwise.org](http://www.bearwise.org), offers citizen specific, detailed, and high-quality information to help people live responsibly with bears and to keep bears wild. Parents, this website has exciting NEW items geared towards kids, including activity/coloring sheets and a placemat for children. These items are a great tool for keeping kids busy and helping them learn about bears.

The black bear is a symbol of Georgia's natural diversity, the only bear found in the state and a conservation success story. Though now considered the most common bear in North America, the species was nearly eradicated from Georgia in the 1930s due to unregulated market hunting, illegal harvest—including the killing of bears as "vermin," and large-scale habitat loss. Sound wildlife management practices have restored Georgia's black bears to a thriving population estimated at 4,100 bears statewide.

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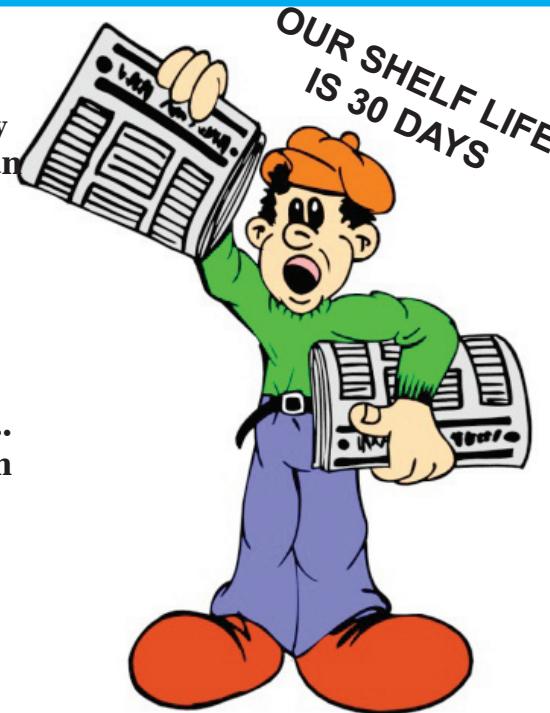
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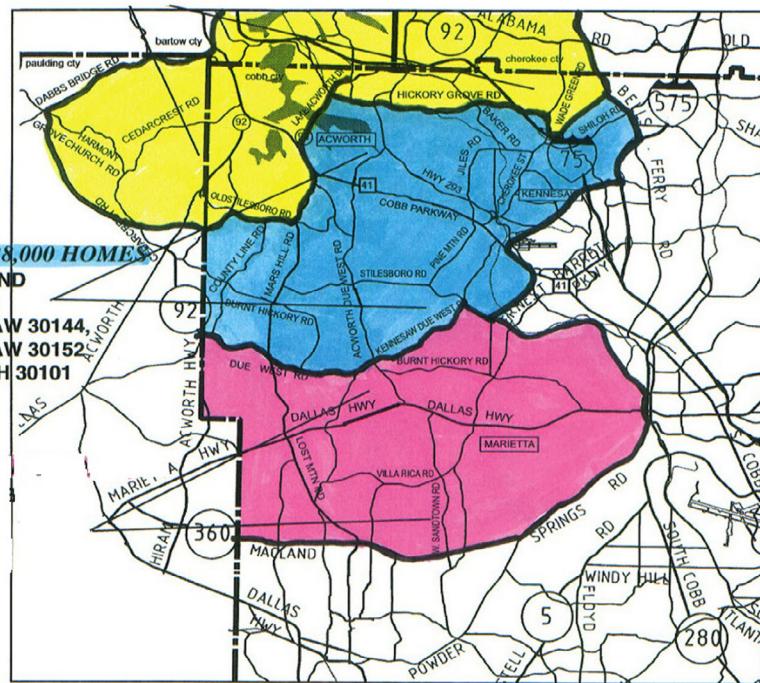
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