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44TH ANNUAL SUPERIOR PLUMBING KENNESAW/BIG SHANTY FESTIVAL

Festival on Saturday and Sunday, November 7 and 8. Normally held in April, this year's event was put on hold because of the virus.

Marlon says, "I am very excited and grateful to the City of Kennesaw and their faith in us to put on this event! Big Shanty Festival has a long standing tradition of being a great family event and we are ready to do our best to make this year's event the best of all!"

The Superior Plumbing Kennesaw/Big Shanty Festival features over 150 Arts & Crafts booths, 25 food booths, one entertainment stage, as well as live acoustic music in the new Food Court throughout the weekend. Something for the entire family!

The health and safety of those who visit the Superior Plumbing Big Shanty Festival is our top priority. We have taken enhanced health and safety measures for you, our visitors, and our staff. Here's what we are doing to keep you safe: Event staff members required to utilize appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) at all times. Event staff members to wash hands prior to starting their shift and at frequent intervals in between tasks. Event staff members to undergo screening, including a temperature check, upon arrival to event facility. Food to be handled with plastic utensils to minimize touch points by staff members. Multiple hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the festival. Superior Plumbing

Big Shanty Festival will follow all social distancing guidelines provided by local & state officials.

Because of the need to social distance, we will not have a parade this year. Admission is free.

The Festival is sponsored by the Kennesaw Business Association in cooperation with the City of Kennesaw. Superior Plumbing is the title sponsor. For more information call 770-4231330 or email jonathanjenkins@jrmmanagement.com. **See you there!**

A MESSAGE FROM CAROL THOMPSON EDITOR

The BRIGHT SIDE NEWSPAPER is published online at:

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The life blood for this paper is festivals, parades, ballgames, and all things family friendly and fun. EXCITED to write that our community has three fun filled events to look forward to in the coming weeks.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Bright Side Newspaper maintains a calendar of events online in their Digital Newspaper at www.brightsidenewspapernews.com. Check this site out - many stories and a great way to keep up with our local events



GA. JUNKIES FALL VINTAGE MARKET

Addicted to rusty, retro, and funky junk! Join the GA Junkies 41 for our semi-annual event! We host Cartersville's largest spring and fall vendor markets! Georgia Junkies 41 is a semi-annual shopping extravaganza!

Our vendor fair has 125+ booths available for selling everything rusty, shabby, industrial to farmhouse chic! Expect to see unique handcrafted clothing, jewelry, recycled goods, furniture, home decor, timeless treasures and lots of junk! Shopping extravaganza! Shop 125+ booths selling everything rusty, shabby, industrial to farmhouse chic! Expect to see unique handcrafted clothing, jewelry, recycled goods, furniture, home decor, holiday, timeless treasures and lots of junk! Enjoy Live music, Food, Fun and Festivities!

Just a sampling of our vendors that are packing up and traveling to the Georgia Junkies 41 Fall Market. You can find these and many others on our FB page @gajunkies41.

Take a trip down to booth "Memory Lane" this Fall and reminisce on things of the past with re-purposed home decor, birdhouses, kitchen art, vintage holiday decor.

ACWORTH'S OWN LAKE CITY CRUISERS WILL BE SHOW-CASING THEIR CARS, SAT OCT 17 10-3. REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:00 AM.

CALL 974-1813 TO PREREGISTER. NOW TIL DAY OF THE SHOW: \$25.00.

There will be plenty of delicious food, great deals, live music, and good ole' fashion family fun!

Visit them, follow them, like them, love them, become a vendor with them. GAjunkies41@gmail.com, www.georgiajunkies41.com and they are on FB at gajunkies41.

Tickets are \$10 for the Early Bird and weekend, \$5.00 for each Day. Plan to join us on October 16 from 3-7 (Earlybird), Oct 17 from 10-6 \$5.00, Oct 18, from 11-4 \$5.00, at the Bartow County Saddle Club, 43 Saddle Club Drive, Cartersville, GA, 30120.

Pictured above An Organized Quilt" will be making their Georgia Junkies Fall Vintage Market Debut this October 16-18th at the Bartow County Saddle Club bringing handmade quilts, baby quilts, lego keepers, hot pads, casserole holders, cast iron handle mits, glasses cases, hair scrunchies and more!!



KENNESAW GRAND PRIX RACE - SAT OCT 31

The 2020 Kennesaw Grand Prix Race will be run Saturday, October 31, 2020. If you've already registered - have no fear! You're covered!

This race benefits: Swift Cantrell Park Foundation; Wounded Veterans in Kennesaw; The Dave Krache Foundation; The Kennesaw Teen Center; The Southern Museum and Smith-Gilbert Gardens. If you haven't registered yet, you still have time! Oh, and have we mentioned the shirts are going to be sweeeet?

<https://raceroster.com/.../the-kennesaw-grand-prix-2020-race>

Have you registered for one of the KGPRS races already? Contact the race director of the race or ORION Racing (kelly@orionsporttiming.com) to get a promo code to run this race for free! *Please note that this event is not eligible for refunds*

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Congratulations to Coach Shane Queen, NCHS Head football coach on achieving his 100th win at NCHS on Friday evening, Oct 2. He says it best: "It's not a Coach Queen thing... it's a North Cobb thing!" Congratulations to all of the North Cobb coaches and players that were part of this accomplishment. Coach Queen is pictured with his family l-r: daughter Riley, wife Alisha, himself, and son Tyler.



ABA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golfers - Mark your calendars for the annual Acworth Business Association Golf Tournament. This year's golf tournament will be held at Brookstone Golf Course on Monday, October 19.

This is an excellent way for ABA members to interact with golf pros and amateurs alike. Enjoy great drinks, excellent food, a beautiful course and a jam packed aba DAY.

Start the morning off at 7:30 with registration, a silent auction and breakfast. Shot gun start at 9:00 am. Finish the event at 1:00 with lunch and the awards.

Register online at acworthbusiness.org. Single player is \$125.00; Foursome is \$450.00 To register text Acworth to 48421 or visit acworthbusiness.org

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WELCOME



CHELSEA MIDDLETON, DMD

Hester Dental is thrilled to announce that Chelsea Middleton, DMD, has joined their team! Dr. Middleton is a recent graduate of the Dental College of Georgia. Many of you may recognize Dr. Middleton as she spent many hours before dental school shadowing and learning from Dr. Hester.

The daughter of a dentist, Dr. Middleton grew up traveling the world with her family while her father was in the military, and she eventually moved to Cobb County in 2006. She is a graduate of Kennesaw Mountain High School and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Mississippi. She is excited to be back in our community.

In her spare time, Dr. Middleton enjoys spending time with family and friends, working out, kayaking, and more recently planning her wedding for next Spring. She and her fiancé enjoy taking their dog on long walks up Kennesaw Mountain.

Dr. Middleton is now accepting patients for all general dentistry needs. We are confident that Dr. Middleton will provide the same excellent, compassionate care that you know and deserve. We believe that she is a perfect addition to our team, and we hope that you get the chance to meet her soon!

To make an appointment to see Dr. Middleton call the office at 770) 422-1554



ANDREW BRAMLETT'S WHY WE SAY WHAT WE SAY.

For this month's article, I will be talking about some spooky Halloween words.

All Saint's Day, also called All Hallows' Day, is celebrated by the Catholic Church on the first day of November. In medieval Scotland the day before All Hallows' Day was also celebrated and was known as All Hallows' Eve, which was sometimes referred to by the slang term "Allhallow-even". By 1750 this had morphed into the word HALLOWEEN.

The legend of the VAMPIRE comes originally from Eastern Europe. It is often believed the word comes from the Slavic word ubyr, meaning witch. This morphed into the Hungarian and German word vampir, which became the French word VAMPIRE.

COUNT DRACULA gets his name from Vlad Dracula, a ruler in the area of modern-day Romania. He is much better known by the name Vlad the Impaler, and is actually considered a national hero in Romania. WEREWOLF comes from the Old English word Wer, meaning man or male, and wolf comes from early German. Werewolf simply means "Wolf-Man".

GHOUL is from the Arabic word ghul, which is the name for graverobbing monsters of Middle Eastern legend. It was first used in English in 1786 by Samuel Henley, who was translating a French novel set in the Middle East called Vathek.

In colonial Haiti, slaves told stories of people brought back to life as undead corpses, doomed to walk the earth forever. The name for these creatures is believed to come the Kongo Language of Central Africa. It may be a combination of the words nzambi, meaning god, and zumbi, meaning an object with special powers. The word ZOMBIE became widespread in America in 1929, after a novel about zombies called "The Magic Island", was published.

ANDREW BRAMLETT VIDEO SERIES

For the past 2 ½ years Andrew Bramlett has written articles for the Bright Side on the origins of Words and Phrases. Now Andrew also is producing videos! His first series was 30 episodes and they covered his Bright Side Articles. His next series covered the history and highlights of each Georgia State Park (63 episodes). His third series covered former State Parks in Georgia (42 episodes). Andrew's current series is called "Overlooked History" where he shares interesting stories from history that have been largely forgotten. All of these videos can be found under the "Video Series" tab of his website, ajbramlett.com.



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FALL-O-WEEN FEST

Kennesaw Parks & Recreation beckons area ghouls, ninjas, superheroes and princesses to “Spook-Central Park” for its annual Fall-O-Ween Fest —an evening of FREE activities, costumed family-fun and a movie under the stars.

Activities available include: trick or treat trail, scavenger hunt, a socially distanced jumpin’ dancing wiggling show with Miss Gail’s Music, costume contest, movie and more! Miss Gail’s Music is an interactive show that will be great for toddlers through kid’s age five. The classic family favorite film Halloweentown will be projected onto a giant inflatable screen after sundown. 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 4 PM.

Please register only one member of your family for these activities. The field will be marked with family squares to ensure social distancing. Masks are encouraged while on site and movie attendees should monitor their own symptoms and should stay home if they are not feeling well. 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.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3iygtHU>. Cancellations may occur due to weather conditions. Check Kennesaw Parks & Rec social media pages for updates.

CLAY UNDER THE STARS

Kennesaw Parks & Recreation will host a night out with Art in the Park: Clay Under the Stars on Friday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Ceramic’s instructor, Kristen Smith, will lead a fun and safe social distanced class where attendees can make a bowl to use in their home or to give as a gift. Supplies are included and attendees will have their choice of glaze. No artistic talent is needed.

Attendees are invited to bring food and beverages of their choice.

The cost of registration for this event is \$40. Kennesaw Parks & Recreation encourages those interested to pre-register and pay online at least 48 hours in advance. Registration is available online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>. Attendees are asked to arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of class. Out of respect for other participants, those who are tardy will not be allowed to participate.

MUSEUM SCAVENGER HUNT

The Kennesaw Museum Foundation and the Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History are hosting a socially distanced fundraiser that is fun for the whole family.

The Great Locomotive Railroad Roam, a scavenger hunt that focuses on local history, runs from Oct. 9 to Oct. 19. The Roam replaces the museum’s annual gala, which was canceled this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Proceeds benefit the Kennesaw Museum Foundation.

The Roam is \$25 per team to enter. After registering, participants will receive a list of clues and specific instructions.

Teams then must submit their entries to the Roam’s Facebook page by 4 p.m. on Oct. 19. A committee will select winners in several categories, including creativity.

For more information about the Roam and details about the contest, visit facebook.com/The-Great-Locomotive-Railroad-Roam-113049637187846/.

PROGRAMS RESUMED

The Southern Museum has resumed programming for their popular children’s program and their monthly Sensory Friendly Afternoons.

Mommy & Me, the Southern Museum’s preschool program, will take place on the first and third Thursday of each month. Mommy & Me is specifically designed for children aged 3 to 5 and their caregivers.

Mommy & Me has been restructured to a timed, hour-long program, with two class times available (10 a.m. and 12 p.m.), with enhanced cleaning that adheres to social distancing and safety guidelines. This program is included in museum admission and free for Museum members.

Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. Available online at www.southernmuseum.org/calendar.

Sensory Friendly Afternoons on the last Tuesday of each month has been resumed. From 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Museum will be transformed into a sensory-friendly environment. The Southern Museum invited visitors with Autism Spectrum Disorder, sensory processing issues or special needs to explore the Museum at their own pace! All ages are welcome. Included with general admission. Free for members!

More information is available on at www.southernmuseum.org.

FREE YOGA CLASS

Relax your mind, body & spirit. Dipti Mody will be hosting a FREE Yoga class on Sunday, October 18 from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM at Swift-Cantrell Park. Then register with Dipti for a class at your level. Dipti has 200 hours as a registered yoga teacher (RYT) and 300 hours of yoga therapy training. Beginning Vinyasa Yoga meets on Saturdays from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Hatha Yoga meets on Mondays from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, and Yoga Stretch meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. October sessions are available for \$40 for City of Kennesaw Residents and \$55 for Non-Residents. Register online at <https://bit.ly/3jqeK8V> to hold your spot!

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COBB COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Tuesday, OCTOBER 27 program for CCGS will be presented by noted historian Michael Shaffer. The topic will be In Memory of Self and Comrades: Thomas Colley & The 1st Virginia Calvary The meeting, starts at 7:00 pm, at the First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church Street, Marietta, GA. For more information visit www.cobbgagensoc.org

COBB COUNTY'S FALL FESTIVAL OF FUN

Cobb PARKS, iHeartMedia Atlanta and Safe Kids Cobb County present the 21st Annual Fall Festival of Fun - "Drive thru style"! This event will take place on Saturday, October 31st from 4pm to 8pm at Al Bishop Softball Complex located at 1082 Al Bishop Drive, Marietta, GA 30008.

Wear your costumes and bring your goody bags for a fun drive-thru event. Participants are asked to stay in their car as they enjoy the fun characters (princesses, dinosaurs, Bob the Builder, and more!) located throughout the park. Don't forget to stop at each station to collect goodies from the "Candy Fairy".

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HORSE BARN FOR RENT

Horse barn with 2 stalls for rent! Off Schillings Chase in Kennesaw-404-408-4223.

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION

Voters are encouraged to vote by Absentee Ballot for the November 3, 2020 Election to avoid waiting in lines. Public health concerns will likely impact In-Person Voting availability and wait times may increase due to social distancing and sanitation requirements. For an Absentee Ballot Application or for more information on ballot return options, please visit the Absentee Voting page at <https://www.cobbcounty.org/elections/voting/absentee-voting>.

LOCAL BALLOT DROP BOXES

Beginning September 16, 2020 until November 3, 2020 at 7pm the Ballot Drop Boxes (listed below) will be available 24/7 to return your November 3, 2020 Absentee Ballot.

- North Cobb Regional Library, 3535 Old 41 Hwy NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144
- Elections Main Office, 736 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta, GA 30064
- Cobb County Fire Station 13, 4640 Dallas Hwy, Marietta, GA 30064

EARLY VOTING

Early voting begins for Northwest Cobb at the West Cobb Regional Library, 1750 Dennis Kemp Lane, NW or North Cobb Senior Center at 3900 S. Main St., Acworth. Early voting is Oct 12-Oct. 30 Monday-Friday: 7:00 am to 7 pm and Saturdays October 17 or Oct 24, 8 am- 5 pm. More information at <https://www.cobbcounty.org/elections/voting/advance-voting>.

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THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK

You don't have to spend much time in Acworth to realize it is a city with a heart, and that is best represented through the actions of many members of our City team. In August, a crew from Acworth Power, including Power Foreman David Ross, Lineman Randall Womack, and Lineman Zach Lindsay, traveled to Louisiana ahead of Hurricane Laura to provide mutual aid assistance for storm damage. The crew stayed through early September and were able to help restore power to the towns of Abbeville and Welsh.

The Cobb County Chamber of Commerce celebrated Cobb County's Public Safety Appreciation Week this month. The Acworth Police Department recognized Detective Evan Wallace as our Officer of the Year. Detective Wallace has served the City of Acworth since 2014. There he has shown a passion for helping others. Last year, when a local gentleman named Tony had his scooter stolen, Detective Wallace drove Tony to Cartersville to recover his main source of transportation. Once there, they discovered the scooter was damaged beyond repair. Detective Wallace knew he had to do something to make it right. With help from the Criminal Investigations Division and Chief Dennard, the Acworth Police Department was able to provide Tony with a new scooter. Congratulations to Detective Evan Wallace for this well-deserved recognition.

To bring our community closer together, the City of Acworth continues to hold a series of Community Conversations where we discuss current affairs that include race, prejudice, social injustices, and how to move forward. Save the date for our next Community Conversation event on November 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. We have partnered with the Acworth Business Association, the Georgia Small Business Development Center, and Earnest Davis from E3 Consulting to provide a minority, women, and veteran owned business seminar. This event will have limited in person availability but will also feature a digital option. For registration information on this seminar and other city programs, please visit www.acworth.org, sign up for our e-news blasts on our home page, or "like" Visit Acworth on Facebook.

God Bless, Tommy



LOGAN FARM PUMPKIN PATCH ART CONTEST

Families, non-profits, churches, organizations, and businesses were invited to participate in the City of Acworth's first-ever Logan Farm Pumpkin Patch Art Contest. Celebrate the fall season by visiting Logan Farm Park to see all the wooden pumpkins created by Acworth families and local businesses. The pumpkins will be on display at Logan Farm Park October 6-November 1. Children are invited to participate in the Logan Farm Pumpkin Patch Scavenger Hunt to win fun prizes. Scavenger hunt cards will be available for pick up at the Acworth Community Center or for digital download at acworthparksandrecreation.org.

WALK AWAY FROM ANYTHING THAT GIVES YOU BAD VIBES

HILL PARK FUNDRAISER

The Acworth's new Doyal Hill Park is now under construction. Located adjacent to the Rosenwald School and Acworth Community Center, this park will serve as an outdoor interpretive history area featuring public art honoring Acworth's rich African American History. To help raise funds for this public art installation, prints of the historic Rosenwald School Community Center by artist Ron Huffman are now available for purchase. Only 100 editions of this print will be produced. Prints are 11" x 14" (16" x 20" matted). Each print comes matted white with a black interior with a backing board. These numbered pieces are hand signed by the artist. Frame not included. Prints are priced at \$100. These prints are available for purchase at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org or at the Acworth Community Center.



ACWORTH TURKEY CHASE

The 12th Annual Acworth Turkey Chase will look a little different this year, but the goals of the event remain the same: provide food to the Housing Authority and food pantries in Acworth during the Holiday Season and spend time being active with family and friends.

For this year's event, participants will still receive their 12th Annual Acworth Turkey Chase long sleeve t-shirt when they bring their non-perishable food item, however this year there will not be a race day event. Everyone will be on the "honor system" to run or walk a 5K or 2K, it does not have to be the Turkey Chase course, any route will do!

We are asking all participants to share photos of themselves running or walking in their Turkey Chase t-shirt and use the hashtag #AcworthTurkeyChase2020.

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THE GLORIOUS RETURN OF THE GENERAL

On April 12, 1962 the City of Kennesaw held a centennial in commemoration of the famous locomotive chase that occurred when the General was hi-jacked from Kennesaw on April 12, 1862 by Andrews Raiders. To commemorate this 100 year occasion, The General steamed into Kennesaw under its own power and retraced its route between Big Shanty (Kennesaw) and Chattanooga in celebration of the chase.

With the appearance of the General, Kennesaw began to envision the famous locomotive as part of their town and residents went to work to accomplish this purpose the big shanty historical society was incorporated for the purpose of bringing the general home after the Georgia general assembly approved the resolution to place the engine in a Kennesaw museum.

Plans were sidelined when the Mayor of Chattanooga and his officials captured the General in the city's freight yard as the train was on its way to Kennesaw and refused to let it leave. The battle to retrieve the locomotive was turned over to the governor's office and the issue went to court in 1968. In 1970 the United States Supreme Court ruled that the L & N Railroad had the right to give the train to anyone.

The general was returned to the state of Georgia and on April 12, 1972 the Big Shanty Museum was open to the public and the Big Shanty commemoration was held so to celebrate the return of the train.

Our own engineer, V. G. Prather was given the honor of bringing the General home. A big thank you to his son, Steve Prather (Acworth) for sharing the photo above. These are some of the dignitaries involved in bringing the General home.

Pictured left to right. Louie Watts, Bobby Bentley (Sr) , Mike Ringle, Jerry Buckner, ????? , Doug Haynie, Ivan Malone, Tom Mendenhall, Benny Robertson, VG Prather, ????, Hoss Bozeman. This is purely from memory so anyone is welcome to email the names of ??? to brightnews@aol.com.

BIG SHANTY FESTIVAL HISTORY

In 1975, merchants in the downtown area of Kennesaw created a business organization that would promote and preserve the historical heritage of the downtown area of Kennesaw and encourage people to patronize their businesses. Thus the Kennesaw Business Association was chartered. Town Center wasn't even a gleam in anyone's eye then — the area was still being farmed. I-75 stopped in Marietta and resumed in Cartersville, and Highway 41 (now Cobb Parkway) was dotted with Stuckey's, quilts, and boiled peanuts.

The following is a reprint from a 1978 newspaper article in the Newshopper: "The Festival, an annual event, originated in 1975 for the purpose of stimulating tourism and promoting business in the downtown area of Kennesaw and to celebrate the history of our town. The idea started with Gayle DeSpain, Lynda Spence, Carol Thompson and Jean Guess, all local business women and members of the KBA. In discussing ways to bring new people and business into Kennesaw, they planned a spring outdoor sale in an open area between their shops on Main Street, with the hopes of attracting customers with a colorful display of antiques and craft items."

Dr. Frank Boone, President in 1975, suggested that their plans be sponsored on a larger scale by the business association and supported by the City of Kennesaw (he was a Councilman too). Thus the first Festival was born. Originally known as Trade Days, that first Spring, 36 booth spaces were set up. In 1977, Festival Chairman, Dent Myers, added a civil war battle reenactment and over 10,000 people attended the Spring event.

The rest is history, with the sponsorship of the KBA and the active support of the City of Kennesaw, the Festival has spread from the front lawn of By-Gone Treasures to encompass the lawn of the Museum, the Depot Parking lot, line the streets of J. O. Stephenson Ave and Main St.. and fill the parking areas at City Hall. Over 150 booths have been sold for this year's festival — I don't think any of us who were involved in the planning of the first event ever envisioned how large and successful it would grow..

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MUST MINISTRIES NEEDS HELP!!

MUST Ministries is experiencing the greatest food need in its 49-year history “No words can express the desperation we’ve seen in the past few months. No food, no jobs, no place to live.....and no hope,” stated MUST Ministries President and CEO Dr. Ike Reighard.

The truth is, food sources are scarce, Reighard continued. The food banks can’t help because their inventory is virtually gone. The grocery stores have a limit on quantities and the aluminum shortage has reduced the availability of canned goods.

Because of these difficult situations, MUST is calling on the public to pitch in during this unprecedented crisis. The nonprofit is requesting people consider two ways to help.

1. Host a food drive for items needed most: Canned vegetables (beans, corn, green beans, tomatoes) Beef stew, Canned meats (chicken, tuna, ham) Chunky or condensed soups, Canned fruit or fruit cups Mac and Cheese boxes, Pasta Canned pasta, Spaghetti sauce with meat, Chilli
2. Give financially or raise money to give. Limited food supply means less food donated.

“Schools, churches and businesses who normally give have been closed. Most of our food supply has to be purchased - about 80% - and at retail prices. We need PALLETS of food each week,” Reighard said.

To put this in perspective, MUST has distributed more than 1.2 MILLION POUNDS of food since March 16. MUST has 39 school food pantries and 3 client services pantries, sends food boxes to senior citizens in two counties and just finished the annual Summer Lunch program where a record 379,471 meals were provided to at-risk children in five counties.

Marietta-based MUST Ministries has been delivering food to its 39 MUST Neighborhood Pantry programs embedded in public schools, a source of providing 384,419 pounds of food since COVID began in March.

“Never has the scripture ‘I was hungry and you fed me’ meant so much to so many,” Reighard said. “Right now, we are praying the community will come to the rescue of their neighbors in need. If people will shop this week and bring us food, it will help save the day.”

Food donations can be dropped off at the MUST Donation Center drive-thru at 1280 Field Parkway off Highway 41, open Tuesday - Saturday, 9-5. The Donation Center is closed Saturday - Monday to give our hard-working staff some time off, Reighard explained. “It’s been a long six months of non-stop outreach.” Financial donations can be made at mustministries.org by clicking the donate button on the front page.



ACWORTH’S 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 each week. The Farmers Market has been extended through Friday November 20

The Acworth Farmer’s Market is proudly sponsored by the Acworth Downtown Development Authority. If you are interested in more information on being a vendor or just have questions about the market, please call 770-917-1234.

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So hard to believe that it is already the fall season. What better way to start things off than at the most amazing golf tournament ever! The ABA will be having our annual golf event on October 19th at the Brookstone Golf and Country Club. The event will begin with a 9AM shotgun to start off a full day of fun!

These past months we enjoyed beautiful weather at Tanyard Creek Area of Logan Farm Park with truly inspirational speakers. Our breakfast event on October 8th was our last planned gathering at this location. We will be returning to our normal Luncheon time and location of 11:30AM at the Acworth Community Center in November. Please make sure to

RSVP on acworthbusiness.org.

Our city has gone above and beyond these past couple of months with many ribbon cuttings to welcome new businesses to the Acworth community! One of the recent ribbon cuttings was held at the Cowan House followed by their amazing open house event! We have had many meetings at the Cowan House at the Old Mill for our monthly Morning Jolts, along with our September Women's Luncheon. We will continue holding our Morning Jolts at this location!

We also welcomed the Redtop BrewHouse to our town with an official ribbon cutting followed by a celebration with the ABA Alive After 5 event. I encourage you to check out all the amazing new businesses that have opened and that are coming soon to Acworth! Our October AA5 was celebrated at Acworth's very own Logan Farm House and we are looking forward to November's AA5 at the Cowan House at the Old Mill, please join us for an amazing evening of networking!

As we move into this new season, our events continue to change according to what the city and these times allow. Unfortunately, we are not going to be having the Taste of Acworth this year. We will be focusing on our Golf Tournament and making it the event of the year! Please help us make this event epic, so that we can continue to donate over \$30,000 to schools and non-profits this year. This has been a difficult year for many, so let's continue to support and lean on our amazing community!

KBA AA5 - OCTOBER

The OCTOBER KBA AA5 will be held on Tuesday, October 20 from 5:30-7:30 at Apotheos Roastery, 2871 Cherokee Street Kennesaw GA. Come enjoy signature beer and heavy hors d'oeuvres from the Nest, luscious desserts from Gabriels, and meet the owners of Apotheos, take a tour of this exciting new business in downtown Kennesaw - this includes the Roastery and 1808 Event center, which is named after the highest elevation point in Metro Atlanta, Kennesaw Mountain. By creating Atlanta's first cold brew production facility, tasting room, and event space, Apotheos is bringing together the artisan, the consumer, and the local community in one seamless experience. MUST RSVP www.kennesawbusiness.org.

ABA OCTOBER WOMEN'S MEETING

Join us on Thursday October 15 from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM for an evening Women's Meeting at Red Top Brewhouse, Acworth's first craft brewery located 4637 South Main Street, Acworth! Come meet new women business owners and great old friends. Red Top Brewhouse will be conducting a tour of their facility. Count on heavy hors d'oeuvres, sample a taste of their own artisan brew, have a glass of wine or hard cider. RSVP is required so we can properly prepare for social distancing. Visit acworthbusiness.org. Price is \$20.

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COBB CHAMBER ANNOUNCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS TERM EXTENSION

The Cobb Chamber Board of Directors announced they will extend the terms of their 2020 Board of Directors chair leadership.

As the 2020 Chairman of the Board, John Loud, President of LOUD Security Systems, will now remain Board Chairman until the end of 2021. Loud will be succeeded by Britt Fleck, Regional Director of the Metro West Region of Georgia Power, who will continue as Chair-Elect in 2021 and will begin her term as Chairwoman in 2022. Greg Teague, President of Croy Engineering, will now begin his role as Chair-Elect in 2022 and will become Chairman of the Board in 2023.

"In order to help the Cobb Chamber best navigate the disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 Board of Directors held a special vote to extend the term for its board chair leadership," said Mitch Rhoden, Immediate Past Chairman of the Cobb Chamber Board of Directors.

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MEDICARE PLAN F "TRAP" STAY OR MOVE? JERRY BOHUS, PROIDENT INSURANCE

If you are enrolled in a Medicare Plan F, you may want to look at other options as the result of a recent change in the enrollment rules.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a rule change that enrollment in Plan F will only be available to persons who turned 65 prior to January 1, 2020.

Plans G and N have replaced Plan F for the newly eligible turning 65, after January 1, 2020.

The most popular plan is Plan G. Inpatient hospital services are covered at 100% in both Plan F and G. The only difference between Plans F and G is that G has an annual deductible (\$198 in 2020) for outpatient services and doctor visits, as determined by CMS each year.

Enrolling in Plan F will cost \$700 to \$800 per year more than Plan G. Thus, the annual \$198 deductible in Plan G is a bargain compared to the extra cost of Plan F.

There are fewer younger insureds enrolling in Plan F today. The average age of those enrolled in Plan F is rising every year. Therefore, the expectation is that the annual rise in Plan F premiums over time will be higher than increases in Plan G premiums. This difference will become larger over time.

If you are already enrolled in Plan F and want to move to Plan G to take advantage of lower rates, you can do this anytime during the year. However, you will have to go through medical underwriting and might be turned down due to existing medical conditions, and this is the "Plan F trap". I can help you with this underwriting process.

If you are unable to pass the medical underwriting needed to enroll in Plan G, there are still two options available for you.

One, you can drop Plan F and keep only Medicare and A and B, a possibly risky strategy.

And two, you can move to a Medicare Advantage plan during the Annual Enrollment Period, October 15 to December 7. I can also help with this option.

I will be happy to answer any of your questions and explain these options at your convenience. CALL ME AT 770-499-2040.

Next Month, I will discuss how Plan G compares to Plan N.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

Think Melissa's Sales Team is collecting Christmas care packages to send to our deployed service members. It is a wonderful away to show our appreciation for all they sacrifice for us. This is a huge team effort. Please help spread the word!

Care package donations needed: gum, hard candy (nothing that can melt), trail mix, granola bars, Christmas (non-perishable) related cookies or candies, current magazines, beef jerky, individual powdered drink mixes (Gatorade for example), oral products, travel sized wet wipes, small travel games, small footballs, playing cards, books, all toiletries (male and female), lip balm, sunscreen (lotion only), Sudoku, Crosswords, Brainteasers, etc.

Thank you cards and handwritten notes to the deployed service members are greatly needed. This is a great project for schools, Sunday Schools or Scouts.

Deadline for donated care package items and cash are due by 10/26.

Volunteers (children and adults) are needed to organize the donations and assemble the packages. The packing party will be on 10/28, from 6:00-8:00 pm, - location to be announced.

The donation drop off points are their office in Marietta and Aqua-Tots Swim Schools, Kennesaw. They will also coordinate with you to pick up your donations.

The cost to mail a care package is about \$15. If you would like to help mail out the care packages, they will provide you cash to mail, addresses and custom forms. They only ask that you mail the care package/s by the end of the first week in NOV. You can take one package or as many as you would like.

In support of our annual Military Care Package drive, we need financial donations to mail the boxes. Please call or email me, if you are interested in making a financial donation for the shipping costs. Melissa@ThinkMelissa.com or 770-310-3269

OAK SANCTUARY OCTOBER EVENTS

OAK Sanctuary's upcoming event, Sacred Circle Sunday will be held Sunday, October 18 beginning at 4pm. I consider sacred space to be an invisible boundary that you create and then stay inside of to keep you safe from harm or outside influences.

When we do meditation or intention setting, we should create a sacred space of protection to do our work in. How would one create such a space? How do others create their sacred space? Are there rituals that are followed that creates a sacred space? Are there items that you can use to create your sacred space?

This event will discuss some ways that you can create your own sacred space and will introduce some of the ways of inviting in the energies of the four directions to lend their support.

We will then do a meditation to meet the helpers that are in each direction that you can ask to help you stay protected and safe while you are in the circle you create.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, please visit www.theoaksanctuary.com under the Events tab or call 404-903-4104. The cost is \$10 and class will be held in-person at OAK Sanctuary, 2765 South Main Street, Kennesaw, GA 30144 (next to Horned Owl Brewery).

OAK Sanctuary is also open for appointments either online or in-person. Full descriptions of our services can be found at www.theoaksanctuary.com under the Consultations tab or call 404-903-4104. We are offering a **special of \$15 off any service** that is booked during the month October.



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NCHS WELCOMES KENNESAW MAYOR TO STAFF**AMBER ROLDAN, NCHS STUDENT**

Despite the unconventional start to the 2020-2021 school year, NC welcomed an inspiring new asset to the Warrior teaching team. By welcoming Kennesaw's esteemed mayor, Derek Easterling onto staff, NC enacted their memorable mantra of "inspiring excellence." Easterling's accepting the position of Senior Naval Science Instructor: Lieutenant allows NC's NJROTC program to flourish.

Easterling's 18 years serving in the US Navy exceeded qualifications for the position. His years of serving the country, juxtaposed with his mayoral experience combined to create the perfect teaching resume. Although it does not constitute his first time teaching, the NJROTC position combines his passions of teaching and leadership, allowing him to relish the memories of his preceding naval career while exploiting his leadership skills.

Easterling's NC teaching career began in an unprecedented way compared to previous years. Easterling faced more anxiety than traditional new NC teachers experience with the transition to strictly virtual learning. Adapting beautifully, Easterling overcame every obstacle thrown his way. From system crashes to glitching databases, Easterling quickly learned to add tech-savvy to his portfolio of charismatic characteristics.

"Virtual classes are definitely challenging but it's nothing that our unit won't overcome. Easterling alongside his students is quickly adapting. Easterling's passion and leadership skills make him a great leader," NC NJROTC junior Logan Wagner said.

Before joining the teaching community at NC, Easterling joined the Navy in 1980 where he quickly rose to rank and received the prominent title of Lieutenant while emerging himself in the Naval Officer Indoctrination Course. After his Navy career ended in 1996, he furthered his passion for teaching and leadership while quickly becoming involved in the Kennesaw community. Before accepting a position at NC, he taught Social Studies next door at Awtrey Middle school. Well versed in both the realm of teaching and military expertise, his vast knowledge in both areas allows his NJROTC students to truly receive an advanced, versatile education.

Teachers and students alike happily welcome Easterling into Warrior Nation. They hope to learn from him about, not only the vast aspects of NJROTC but how to become a leader while serving one's community.

"It is my goal to be a leader in my community and empower the next generation of leaders by my actions and through teaching," Easterling said in his LinkedIn profile.

Photo courtesy of Virtually in Focus**UNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Hats off to Jimmy Dickens, Amazing Cuts and his crew and friends. On Sunday, September 20 over sixty folks gathered in the Amazing Cuts parking lot for bar-b-que and to paint the above messages. Definitely showing that we have unity in our community. Thanks to Jimmy and his friends. Unused supplies were donated to Pine Mountain Middle School.

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MARIETTA NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS

Andy Gaines of the Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre has been named a winner of the 2020 Next Generation Award by Cobb Young Professionals (CYP), the Cobb Chamber's networking and development group for professionals.

As General Manager of the Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre, Andy oversees all aspects of the company including supervising staff, working with the Board of Trustees, and overseeing all financial matters. Andy's philosophy of creating and cultivating an environment where all people can have a platform to be creative has brought more organizations to The Strand for greater community partnership.

Andy has not only served as an excellent leader for The Strand, but has served as an outstanding leader in his community. One of his biggest impacts on the community is his successful efforts in the creating of the Marietta Arts District as part of Cobb Travel and Tourism. Andy worked to get the necessary participation and support across Marietta from nonprofits, businesses

and government to reinforce the reality that Marietta is an Arts Destination in the state of Georgia and the Southeast.

POP-IN AT THE MARIETTA MUSEUM OF HISTORY: BOOKS

The Marietta Museum of History will be hosting its monthly Pop-In event on Saturday, October 17th from 10:30am-3:30pm. Pop-In's provide children and their families the opportunity to interact with the Museum through themed activities and crafts. Join us in October for crafts and activities geared towards Books, currently these will be "to-go" so families may enjoy them at home while the Museum adheres to current health guidelines. With our "Book crafts", which are included with admission, to take home we are adding in a virtual craft on our Facebook page! The Museum's new health policies and procedures are posted on our website. The Marietta Museum of History 1 Depot Street, Marietta, GA 30060 Cost: Admission to the Museum during the Pop-In will be \$5 per person with a family cap of \$20

THE MASH-UP MAN

The Mash-Up Man, a comic book revealing the SuperPowers of students with Special Needs, is released. Families have sought children's literature that reflects the lives of their children with Special Needs to no avail, until now. Students with Special Needs live behind a mask, even in public. People easily overlook their SuperPowers. The Mash-Up Man offers an insight to the amazing adventures of students with Special Needs. Comic lovers, from grade school through adulthood, will enjoy the engaging illustrations and heartstring tugging story. A book signing is planned at Desktop, Kennesaw, Sat. Oct 24, 10:00 am till Noon. The Mash-Up Man can be purchased online at www.themashupman.com.

LOCAL ARTIST LAUNCHES NEW BOOK

On October 10 at RobertKent Galleries, Georgia artist and author, Tina Stoffel, will premier her encouraging new book 'My Wild Life' and art exhibition with artist talks at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Through her own life experiences and this 20-month long project, her motivational true story will encourage us all to pursue our dreams and overcome obstacles from trauma to life's everyday challenges. Tina will also be at the Galleries every Saturday during Oct.

"Having survived abuse along with my mother," Tina says, "Each chapter is represented by a symbolic painting". This has truly been a labor of love working through pain and healing as I wrote and painted my experiences. My prayer is the book and paintings will give others hope and encouragement no matter what obstacles are put in their path."

Throughout her book you will see her struggles from domestic abuse, depression, financial despair, self-doubt and even suicide to the fulfillment of her dreams through love and resiliency.

"With October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month," Holly & Robert Tuchman, owners of RobertKent Galleries say, "it is fitting that we along with Tina are donating a portion of her book sales and art sales to liveSAFE Resources, Cobb County's only emergency shelter for those fleeing from domestic violence."

Original copies will be available at RobertKent Galleries the day of the show until supplies last. Pre-orders will soon be available at www.TinasFineArts.com

Tina A Stoffel is a Marietta Artist. She can be reached at 770-286-1155 or Admin@TinasFineArts.com

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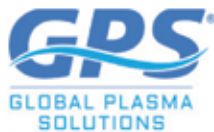
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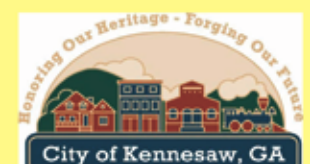
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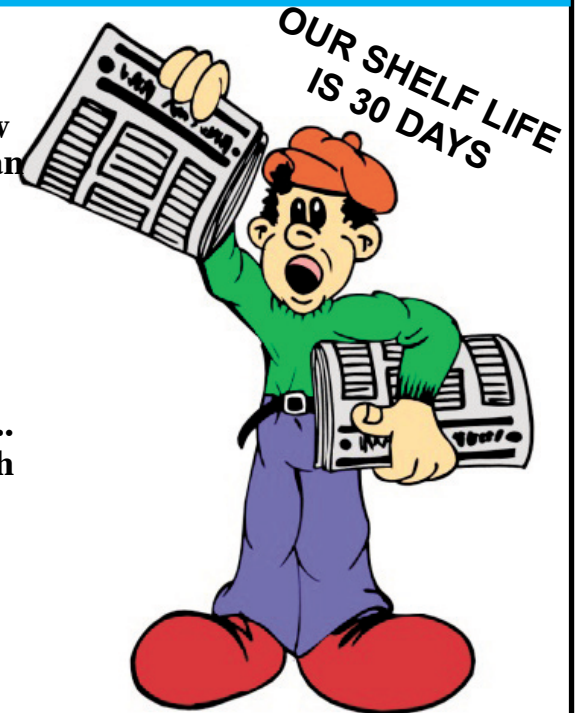
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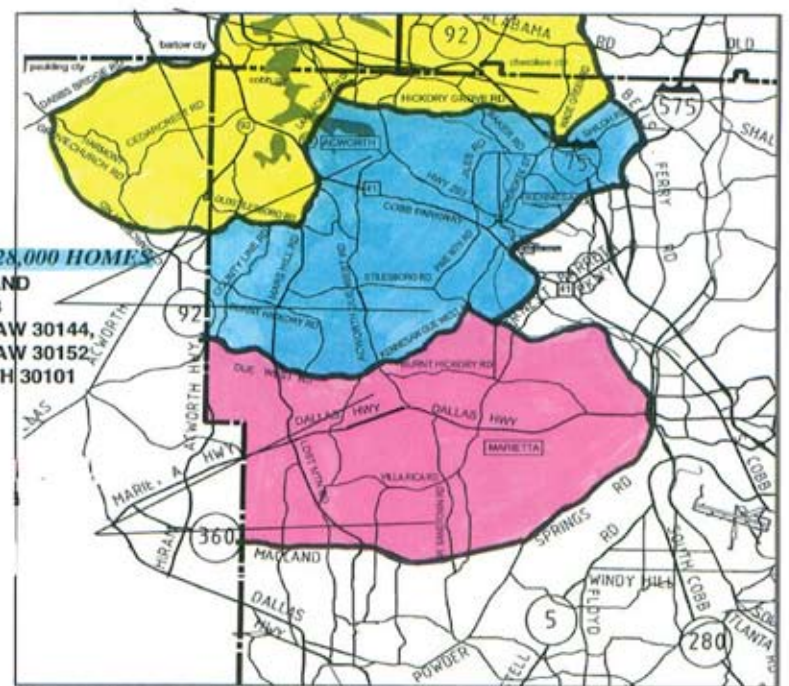
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