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45TH ANNUAL SUPERIOR PLUMBING KENNESAW/BIG SHANTY FESTIVAL

The Kennesaw Business Association in cooperation with the City of Kennesaw along with the Title Sponsor: Superior Plumbing and Presenting Sponsor: LGE Community Credit Union will host the 45th Annual Superior Plumbing Kennesaw/Big Shanty Festival on Saturday April 17 and Sunday April 18 in downtown Kennesaw.

The Superior Plumbing Kennesaw/Big Shanty Festival features over 200 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 continue to social distance, we will not have a parade this year. Admission is free.

However, the Festival is providing FREE SHUTTLES to and from the downtown area. Two 14 passenger busses will be running shuttles from Swift-Cantrell Park to festival grounds during event hours – both Saturday & Sunday. Parking: Available at Adams Park & Swift-Cantrell

The Festival is sponsored by the Kennesaw Business Association in cooperation with the City of Kennesaw. Superior Plumbing is the title sponsor and LGE is the presenting sponsor. For more information call 770-4231330 or email jonathanjenkins@jrmmanagement.com. See you there! Pictured above: Kennesaw's own Great Gig Ensemble dance for Big Shanty Festival.



GA. JUNKIES SPRING VINTAGE MARKET

Addicted to rusty, retro, and funky junk! Join the GA Junkies 41 for our semi-annual event! Join us Friday, Sat and Sunday, March 19, 20, and 21 as we host Cartersville's largest spring a vendor markets! Georgia Junkies 41 is a semi-annual shopping extravaganza!

Our vendor fair has 100+ 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 100 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!

There will be plenty of delicious food and live music. Dogs on a leash are welcome. Car Show and Tractor Show are on Saturday with the Dog Show on Sunday. Just a sampling of our vendors that are packing up and traveling to the Georgia Junkies 41 Spring Market. You can find these and many others on our FB page @gajunkies41.

Mountain Kate Designs will be at our Spring show!! Laser cut earrings, pendants, bracelets, wood art, and suncatchers are just a few of the things Mountain Kate will be bringing to our Spring Vintage Market March 19-21

Calling all Car Clubs - come join our Car Show to be held on Sat Mar 20 10-3. Entry Fee is \$25.00. Registration begins at 9:00 am.

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.

Kids under 12 are free. Tickets are \$10 for the Early Bird/Weekend Pass, \$5.00 for each weekend Day. Plan to join us on March 19 from 3-7 (Earlybird), March 20 from 10-6 \$5.00, Mar 21, from 11-5 \$5.00, at the Bartow County Saddle Club, 43 Saddle Club Drive, Cartersville, GA, 30120.



NEW RESIDENTIAL GARDEN HAMLET IN KENNESAW

Kennesaw based real estate development company, Sanctuary Companies, Inc. has broken ground on Galt Commons, a Signature Collection of cottage homes by Sanctuary Companies. Inspired by historical architecture yet designed for modern living, each home is uniquely positioned on the historic Galt Farm to encourage porch-side conversations, cultivate gardens, and explore the seasons along the Garden Paths; all the while within a few footsteps of the new renaissance occurring in downtown Kennesaw.

Now preselling, Galt Commons™ will offer 42 homes with 9 distinctly different models ranging from 1065 square feet to 1936 square feet, each connected to extensive walking paths, outdoor fireplaces, community gardens, and a community pool with a barn style gathering cabana. Located on the site of the Historic 1864 Galt House on Cherokee Street, it is footsteps away from Depot Park and its new improvements, restaurants, coffee houses, breweries, and all the various festivals planned each year. Galt Commons™ will blend old and new seamlessly.

Sanctuary Companies has selected Teena Regan and her full-service team at 22One Realty, LLC. The Teena Regan Team operates by the principle that a good name is to be desired over wealth. Teena Regan can be reached at TRT@22ONERealty.com



JAY CUNNINGHAM,
COMMUNITY CHAMPION

CONGRATULATIONS TO JAY CUNNINGHAM, OWNER, SUPERIOR PLUMBING

Jay Cunningham, owner of Superior Plumbing, has been selected by the Tommy Nobis Center to receive this year's Community Champion Award, at the April 2021 Galaxy of Stars. This award honors a business, organization, or individual that has shown outstanding support and dedication to improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities in our community.

Well deserved as Jay does a great deal behind the scenes for many, but takes little credit.

The Tommy Nobis Center will be holding their 23rd Annual Galaxy of Stars as a virtual event on Friday, April 23, 2021 from 12:00-1:00 PM. This year's theme is "Stars Among Us," and they are honored to have the opportunity to recognize the successes of Tommy Nobis Center participants and the champions who empower people with disabilities throughout our community.

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A BIG THANK YOU TO NCHS FOOTBALL SPONSORS

On Friday, February 26, Piedmont Church and Bay Equity Loans along with the NCHS Football Booster Club hosted a thank you luncheon for the many sponsors of NCHS Warriors Football team. High light of the luncheon was Coach Shane Queen's sharing of his Five P's philosophy that he teaches his players. Always nice to see NCHS alumni present. Picture above from Left to Right: Dr. Bruce Hester, Hester Dental; Stormi Kenney, Kennesaw Driving School; Tim Houston, City of Acworth Alderman, Barry Nash, State Farm; James Albright, City of Acworth; Lamar Almon, Acworth Police Department; and Jed Minyard, Cheesesburger Bobby's.

GUS'S FRIED CHICKEN HOSTING SOFT OPENING

The Community is invited to Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken soft opening on Sunday, March 21 from Noon until 7:00 PM. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to Helping One Guy (HOG). Come join us at 2826 S. Main Street, downtown Kennesaw. Menu at www.gusfriedchicken.com

GRIEF SHARE

Beginning Sunday, March 7, 2021, from 3:00 pm - 5 pm Summit Baptist Church in Acworth, GA, will be hosting an interdenominational seminar called GriefShare. This seminar is a Bible based program designed for persons that have experienced the death of a family member of friend. Participants will be around others that understand their feelings. This is a 13 week seminar with each session being a stand alone session so that a person is welcome to come anytime during the 13 weeks.

The cost is \$15 per person and scholarships are available. The group will meet in Room M114 at Summit Baptist Church, 4310 Moon Station Lane in Acworth. For more information please call 770-975-4595.

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COBB COUNTY

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Join the Cobb County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, March 23. 7:00 p.m. Muriel Jackson will speak on Reparation, Compensation and Restitution in the United States with emphasis on the South Claims Commission. The meeting will be held via Zoom.com, so sign up by going to the CCGS website: www.cobbgagensoc.org.

The Cobb County Genealogical Society General Meetings are held at 7 PM on the fourth Tuesday of the every month, except December. For now The meetings are virtual. Visit the CCGS website to register – www.cobbgagensoc.org.



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ANDREW BRAMLETT'S WHY WE SAY WHAT WE SAY.

This month's article is about the origins of some common plant names. The word FLOWER comes from the Latin word Flora, which is also the name of the Roman goddess of flowers. DANDELION comes from the flowers French name, dent-de-lion, meaning "Lion's Tooth". It is believed that the name refers to the pointed, toothlike, petals. RHODODENDRON comes from two Greek words: rhodon, meaning rose, and dendron, meaning tree. So, Rhododendron simply means "Rose-Tree".



TREE is believed to date back to the Welsh word derwen, which originally referred to oak trees. Over time, the word changed dramatically. First it became trewan, then traie, and finally tree. SPRUCE comes from the Old English word pruce which referred to Prussia that today a part of Germany. In medieval England, the word pruce was a trading term applied to all Prussian goods. At the time, it was believed Spruce trees only grew in Prussia, so the word was referred to by the trading term when it was imported to England. Eventually, Spruce became the trees name.

CORN has historically been ground to make cornmeal, and because of this corn comes from a Germanic word for particle, kurnam. On a side note, the "corned" in CORNED BEEF represents the particles of salt that preserves the meat. Both LIME and LEMON come from the Arabic word limah, meaning citrus fruit. Finally, GRASS comes from the early Germanic word grassan, meaning "that which grows".

EMAIL YOUR STORIES,
PHOTOS OR QUESTIONS
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ANDREW BRAMLETT VIDEO SERIES

For the past 3 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 cover his Bright Side Articles. His next series covers the history and highlights of each Georgia State Park His third series covers former State Parks in Georgia. 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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Long overdue and most certainly very much deserved...the Kennesaw Police were finally able to do KPD's 2020 Awards Ceremony minus their yearly banquet. They hope that they will be able to celebrate 2021 in a much different manner. Congratulations and thank you for all that you have done and continue to do. We are so proud to work with each and every one of you!

Detective Brian Moon- KPD's Officer of the Year 2020; Officer Adrian Barton- Bravery Award; Life Saving Award- Officer Michael Alvarez; Chief's Award- Sergeant Phillip Stroud; Chief's Award- Officers Joshua Hale and Adrian Barton; Chief's Award- Officer Joshua Ange Please join KPD in congratulating their dedicated officers for all their hard work! Pictured l-r: Officer Krohn, Officer Hale, Officer Barton, Sergeant Stroud



BUNNY BREAKFAST

The Kennesaw Parks & Rec Department is excited to continue the tradition of the annual Bunny Breakfast. This year, we invite the community to participate from the comfort of their vehicles! At this year's Bunny Breakfast, attendees will have the opportunity to take a quick photo with the Easter Bunny, grab breakfast-to-go and take home an Egg Hunt kit. Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, a fresh fruit cup and choice of drink. Egg Hunt kits include Easter eggs, candy, prizes and two Easter crafts. Bring your camera to capture photos with the Easter Bunny! Tickets are \$5 per person. Purchase tickets at <https://secure.recl.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog/index/>. Click on Special Events and then Bunny Breakfast. Tickets are non-refundable after March 20. The Bunny Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 27, 8:30-10:30 am at the Ben Robertson Community Center, 2753 Watts Dr NW, Kennesaw, 30144.



ART BLOOMS COMING THIS SPRING

With the support of the Cobb EMC Foundation, Smith Gilbert Gardens is very excited to launch Art Blooms this spring! This event will take place the months of April and May.

With 31 outdoor sculptures representing international, national, and regional artists, Smith-Gilbert Gardens is a property rich with artistic treasures. We want to connect art and nature in a unique way – through Art Blooms.

The staff has just finished planting 10,000 daffodil bulbs showcasing some of the sculptures in the permanent collection. In May, we'll open a temporary outdoor exhibit featuring sculptures created by students in the Master Craftsman Program at KSU.

Families and children will be invited to create their own pieces of art, display them at home, and share them on social media. On Saturdays, Art Ambassadors will be here to help interpret some of the pieces, encouraging new ways to look at our world.

The two month event will include a series of weekend artists' demonstrations and workshops, along with self-guided tours.

Art Blooms is included in regular Garden admission. Weekly Timed Tickets for Art Blooms will be available March 28th.

The Gardens are back open and weekly timed tickets are available now at <https://smith-gilbert-gardens.square.site/> Please note: If you're not able to purchase tickets online, you may stop at the Hiram Butler House to purchase.

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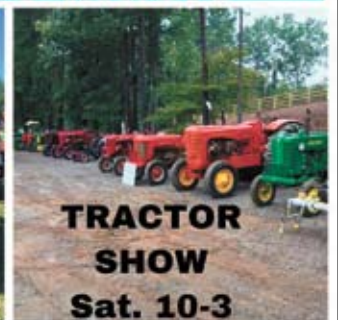
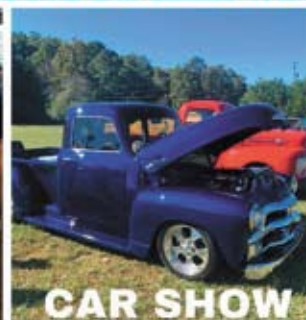
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THE ACWORTH ARTS ALLIANCE'S ART HOUSE

The Art House is hosting Something for Everyone. This exhibit runs from March 6 thru April 24.

Something for Everyone Reception is planned for Saturday, March 6 from 4-7PM. Receptions are free and open to the public. Please wear a mask or face shield while inside the Art House (while Covid continues). In addition to our featured exhibit, we have artwork by our 65+ Member Artists also on display! As always, we offer a broad variety of art styles and mediums...including paintings, drawings, prints, notecards, pottery, glass, jewelry, fabric creations etc. All Artwork is for sale!

ART CLASSES- We are currently requiring masks or face shields during our classes. Visit our website to register for upcoming classes: acworthartsalliance.org/classes/

We are open: Tuesday thru Saturday, Noon to 6PM. Closed Sunday, Monday. Located at 4425 Cherokee Street, Acworth, GA 30101, call 678-543-5777, visit acworthartsalliance.org

SWIFT CANTRELL RUNNING CLUB "SWIFT KIDS"

Spring is peeking just around the corner and this means it is time for Swift Cantrell Running Club "Swift Kids" to get under way. While we are on the subject -- we NEED running coaches for all levels -- positive attitude and motivators are welcome. If you want to volunteer please email Cris Welsh at drcriis@eatonchiropractic.com

Registration link to the City is now available on our new website AND now we can do all the waivers online after you register! www.SwiftKidsRunning.com. Spring session begins March 16.

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ACWORTH EGG HOP ART CONTEST

Celebrate spring by decorating your very own wooden Easter Egg to be displayed throughout historic downtown Acworth and our surrounding parks. We will supply a 2' wooden egg, that you will take home, decorate, and return to us for display. For this installation, we will "hide" the decorated eggs throughout downtown Acworth and our surrounding parks to allow residents and visitors to participate in an "egg hunt" to win goodie bags. Eggs will be on display from March 24 through April 11. Applications are due March 8. Supplies are limited. One egg per family/organization at this time. So reserve your egg soon!

For applications and further information, please email Jessy Patterson at jpatterson@acworth.org

MARIETTA TREE KEEPERS

Join us Saturday, March 6th from 9-Noon for our "Free Trees" event. This event is a celebration of Georgia's Arbor Day which was in February

Free tree bareroot seedlings and planting instructions Free tree information literature

This event is free to the public. Tree bareroot seedlings will be given away on the Marietta Square during the Farmers Market until we run out. The variety of trees are Dogwoods, Northern Red Oaks, Red Cedar and Redbuds. Look for the Marietta Tree Keeper tent and banner.

NORTH COBB ROTARY

North Cobb Rotary meets at Copelands New Orleans every Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m., feel free to stop by in the coming weeks for great food, great fellowship

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Keep an eye out on social media Facebook, Instagram and her website for a grand opening tour of the kitchen!

Meals are a simple \$10 per meal. New menus drop every Friday! Orders are done via the website by Thursdays for Saturday/Sunday pick up. Please check our website www.EatinFreshKennesaw.com for start date for orders. Pictured are friends and family as they celebrate the opening of Eatin Fresh Kennesaw.

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BACH FLOWER REMEDIES: MY OWN ROAD
BY PATRICIA WALLENBURG

One of the most important things to remember these days is to walk your talk, remember the lessons you have been through, and remember to think of other ways to take care of yourself. You should be able to fall back on the tools that have helped you before. They could be as simple as a quiet and still moment sitting outside or maybe remembering to choose to eat better and healthier, drink plenty of water, and get plenty of sleep.

It is good to remember that you do have the ability to heal yourself. Healthy changes you make in your life can impact you in ways that you do not always know but usually for the better.

After getting Covid in November, I forgot to take care of myself. I forgot to use the tools that I know can help me improve and feel healthier faster. I started researching and updating my supplements. I started eating better again. I keep a more consistent sleep cycle. I also started using my Bach Flower Remedies. They are so simple that I sometimes discount the value that they have. So I started a new remedy bottle for myself and I have been feeling much better and really quickly too. I can focus much better and not be so foggy all day. I am not as tired. I am starting to do the things I enjoy again.

I have been using Sweet Chestnut which is great for trauma and shock. Being sick is a shock to the system. I also take Olive for tiredness so that I am sleeping better and wake well rested. I take White Chestnut for focus so that my mind stays present and sharp. I take Walnut as being ill affects the body and self. And I take Impatiens so that I am more tolerant of the days that I am not feeling my best and keep from being too impatient if I feel like things are taking too long. The results have been very positive and I will continue to adjust my blend as the weeks progress.

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As we move further into 2021, your City of Acworth team is so excited to serve your needs. We work hard every single day to keep our residents and visitors happy and safe by adapting community programs and services for our ever-changing world. Through our partnership with businesses, we have helped keep doors open, and despite setbacks from the pandemic, we look forward to economic growth. We promise to continue to devote your tax dollars to deliver the very best quality of life to our citizens. This quality of life is made possible through your city services. Services that make your life better.

Acworth is a community where everyone can feel welcome. Your Acworth Police Department keeps the community safe all while fostering an environment of inclusion. By focusing on job growth and business opportunities in the City as well as offering a variety of housing types, your Community Development Department ensures that anyone can call Acworth home. Many of the essential services like utilities and sanitation are a result of the hard work from your Acworth Power and Public Works Department. Throughout the pandemic, your Acworth Parks, Recreation, and Community Resource Department found ways to bring safe programming to the community and welcomed visitors back into our parks. Your Customer Service Team at City Hall continued to be responsible stewards of your tax dollars while offering a friendly and safe environment to those we serve. Building the best quality of life to earn your trust is what we do every day. To hear more about your city services and plans for Acworth's future, we encourage you to tune in to the virtual broadcast of our annual State of the City presentation on April 1 at 11:45 a.m. This presentation will take place at the Acworth Business Association's April luncheon, but attendance will be limited to follow recommended social distancing guidelines. The live stream will be available through the City of Acworth's YouTube page. Make sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/AcworthGeorgia to watch the 2021 State of the City.

As always, for more information on any city services and events you can visit www.acworth.org, sign up for our e-news blasts on our home page, "like" Visit Acworth on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram at @VisitAcworth.

God Bless, Tommy

DADDY DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT

The City of Acworth will host a Daddy Daughter Date Night at Tanyard Creek Overlook (Acworth Community Center) on Saturday, March 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This event is open to all girls up to 14 years of age with their dad or adult male chaperone. This year enjoy an elegant dinner with some Hollywood Glamour! The cost is \$40 per couple for City of Acworth residents and \$50 for non-residents. This enchanted movie star themed evening is taking the place of the 2021 Daddy Daughter Dance. Registration and additional information are available at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.

CAMP ACWORTH

Camp Acworth 2021 is around the corner and is going to provide your kids with a summer full of fun, safety, and new adventures! Parents may choose to register their child at either Lake Acworth Adventure Camp located at Cauble Park or Overlook Adventure Camp located at the Acworth Community Center. Weekly camp activities include outdoor nature walks, educational speakers, water based activities, arts and crafts, team building activities and more! Camp Acworth is for children ages 6 - 14 (Children attending 1st - 8th grade in upcoming school year). Camp consists of eight, one-week sessions beginning June 1 and concluding on July 30. The cost is \$115 per week for residents and \$140 per week for non-residents. Registration opens Monday, April 5th for residents and Monday, April 12th for non-residents. Space is limited! For more information and to register, please visit www.campacworth.org.

BEGINNER BATON TWIRLING

The Acworth Parks, Recreation, and Community Resource department is excited to offer something fun and new for energetic kiddos! Majorette Beverly will teach a 6-week class covering all of the basics of baton twirling for beginners. Using rudimental movements, students will learn twirling and dance moves with musical routines! On fair weather days, Ms. Beverly will host the class in the fresh air of beautiful Logan Farm Park. Classes will take place on Mondays from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The City of Acworth resident fees for this class are \$80 for the entire session. Non-residents fees are \$85. Registration and additional information are available at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.



PICKLEBALL LESSONS

Pickleball lessons are back at the Acworth Community Center. Lesson times are available on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. All experience levels are welcome. Kids lessons now available. Additional information and registration are available at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.

ACWORTH SPRING BREAK BASEBALL CAMP

This three-day camp is open to athletes 5 to 12 years of age and will cover the basics of the sport of baseball that will assist in the development of every participant and is a great mini-camp to participate in over Spring Break! Camp will be held at the Acworth Sports Complex on the baseball fields on Tuesday, April 6, through Thursday, April 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The cost to participate in this camp is \$35 for City of Acworth residents and \$45 for non-residents. The deadline to register is April 2. Registration and additional information are available at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.

ACWORTH ADULT MULTI-DAY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

This Multi-Day Acworth Pickleball Tournament will feature skill, gender, and age specific divisions. Over the course of three days, the Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department will offer divisions specific for seniors, men, women and mixed and play is guaranteed. The fee for the tournament is \$30 for a single division and \$5 for each additional division. All participants will receive a t-shirt, goody bag and access to a hospitality suite. The Active Adult Division (Ages 50+) will play on Friday April 23. The Men's and Women's Open Divisions will compete on Saturday, April 23. Mixed Open Division games will occur on Sunday, April 24. Each day, games will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Acworth Community Center. Registration and additional information are available at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.

GENTLE YOGA WITH MARY

Mary's Gentle Yoga is designed for Active Adults aged 55+, but ages 18+ are welcome. This class is conducted on a mat with gentle movements that concentrates on relaxation and strengthening muscles. Classes are held on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information and registration, please visit www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.



POLAR PLUNGE

James Albright, City of Acworth wrote: Proud of law enforcement agencies in Georgia, our @acworthpolice & @SOGAChampions for breaking fundraising records despite the pandemic! According to Special Olympics Georgia they had 40 teams participate and raised over \$170,000. Coldest Polar Plunge to date! Awesome for our team @VisitAcworth to be able to support & host this impactful event! Acworth Chief Wayne Dennard plunged with our Acworth Police Explorers. The Acworth Police Explorers raised over \$7k! According to Special Olympics Georgia they had 40 teams participate and raised over \$170,000.

Hat's off to the team from the Knights of Columbus from St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, Acworth, GA, Council 15996 as they plunged into the freezing waters at Lake Acworth as part of the Polar Plunge 2021. The Knights of Columbus team raised \$2,015 in donations, which along with all the other donations, will help provide free year round sports training and competition for our athletes. At plunge time the air temp was 30 degrees.

The Bright Side Newspaper is online
www.brightsidenews.com/web.nc.pdf



VALENTINE GREETINGS

Malachi Singleton pulled some WARRIOR football players together along with a couple of cheerleaders and went to show some Valentine L O V E to our local assisted living community, Dogwood Forest. Sometimes it's the small gestures that keep hope alive in the hearts of others. Joining Malachi were Joshua Joseph, Deon Tyler, and Robert Grigsby. These young men are all sophomores at North Cobb High School and are outstanding football players. Can hardly wait to watch them play next fall. Thank you for your kindness.

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EVENT VENUE

ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

BY KIM WIGINGTON, PRESIDENT

ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION IS MOVING FORWARD: UNITED AND STRONG

How do we move forward? We change and we grow.

We have talked about confronting our preconceived notions, changing our thoughts and changing the world. We've also talked about growing by being a connector and building personal relationships.

Let's take a look at how changing our thoughts can grow our business.

As we make connections, we begin to encourage and support other businesses, even our competition. That's where changing our thoughts comes into play. We have to stop seeing others as competition and more

as collaborators.

Competition means one side wins and the other side loses. But it is possible for both sides to win? Of course! In a small down like Acworth, "a rising tide lifts all boats." What does that mean for us?

This month, I challenge you to get to know people in the same business as you. Find out what they have to offer that you don't. What can you learn from them? What can you teach them? How can you help each other? If you can't help a particular client, who can?

As you begin to recommend other businesses to clients, the more other businesses will recommend clients to you. The more united we are as a business community, the stronger we are as individual businesses.

ABA LUNCHEON

Thursday, MARCH 4, 11:30-1:00 pm.
PROGRAM is Sharon Mason Cobb Chamber, President & CEO and John Loud Chairman Chamber of Commerce, sponsor is North Cobb Christian School. Catered by Copelands. Acworth Community Center, 4361 Cherokee Street, Acworth, GA, 30101. RSVP at www.acworthbusiness.org.

ABA MARCH AA5

Thursday, March 11, 5:30-7:30 at Fish Thyme. RSVP www.acworthbusiness.org.

ABA WOMEN'S EVENT

Thursday, March 18, 11:30-1:00 pm.
Henry's Uptown, Main Street, Acworth, GA 30101.

COBB CHAIR, LISA CUPID TO SPEAK AT MARCH KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Kennesaw Business Association is honored to welcome Cobb Chair Lisa Cupid as their speaker at the March luncheon on Tuesday, March 9, 11:30-1:00 at the Governor's Gun Club. To RSVP and for more information visit kennesawbusiness.org.

Lisa Cupid has served on the Cobb Board of Commissioners for eight years and was previously commissioner of District Four. Some accomplishments during her public service include championing Cobb's newly instituted Sunday transit service, improving citizen education and engagement in government and advocating for enhanced public safety measures, including the use of license plate readers, additional body cameras and a public safety nuisance abatement program. Cupid is known as a strong advocate for the fair treatment of all of Cobb's residents and stakeholders regardless of geographic, demographic or economic standing.

Lisa Cupid is an attorney and former mediator, policy analyst and manufacturing process engineer. She resides in Austell with her two children and husband who is also an attorney, law partner and former electrical engineer. Both are graduates of Georgia Tech and Georgia State College of Law. The Cupid family attends Buckhead Church



KBA LUNCHEON

Tuesday, March 9, 11:30-1:00 pm. Come hear Cobb County Chairwoman: Lisa Cupid. Please RSVP at www.kennesawbusiness.org. Our monthly luncheons are held at The Governor's Club; 1005 Cobb Place Blvd. NW in Kennesaw. Sponsors are Raise The Bar Coaching and Image 360. Catered by The Governor's Club,

KBA MARCH AA5

The KBA AA5 will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 5:30-7:30 at The Venue, located at 2847 Main Street, downtown Kennesaw. This is a great networking event- bring your best smile and lots of business cards. One of our newest KBA members, Eatin Fresh, will cater this event as the food sponsor along with The Venue (great place to host an event). Please RSVP at kennesawbusiness.org

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ACWORTH EGG HUNT

On March 26, the City of Acworth and Freedom Church invite your family to participate in the return of the Acworth Egg Hunt! The event will take place at the Acworth Sports Complex (4000 South Main St.) on the baseball fields.

SAFETY GUIDELINES:

Face masks are strongly encouraged. Please do not attend if you or your children are feeling unwell or exhibit cold or flu symptoms. Only one parent per child will be allowed on the egg hunt fields.

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no skydiving bunny this year. However, the bunny will make several appearances throughout the evening and be available for photos.

The egg hunt is divided into five age groups. To mitigate crowd sizes and maintain social distance, hunts will occur in 30-minute increments to allow each age group time to clear the area. Hunts will alternate between fields.

Schedule: 6:00 p.m. – 0-2 year olds (Field #4) 6:30 p.m. – 3-4 year olds (Field #6) 7:00 p.m. – 5-6 year olds (Field #4) 7:30 p.m. – 7-8 year olds (Field #6) 8:00 p.m. – 9-10 year olds (Field #4) For more information contact Jessy Patterson at jpatterson@acworth.org



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NORTH COBB HIGH SCHOOL

While restrictions have put a cap on gatherings, we are excited to share with the Bright Side readers the accomplishments of our NCHS Students. Awards, Recognitions, Signings -- all something to cheer about.



Congratulations to the following Warrior football players who were recently named to the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association's 1st Team All State. Montreal Jenkins, senior, OLB; Malachi Singleton, SO, QB; Christian Moss, senior, WR; Josh Josephs, JR. OLB.



Congratulations Ben Moran. Ben signed with Kennesaw State University. Ben is a Kicker.



Congratulations Christian Moss. Christian signed with Virginia Tech. Christian is a Wide Receiver.



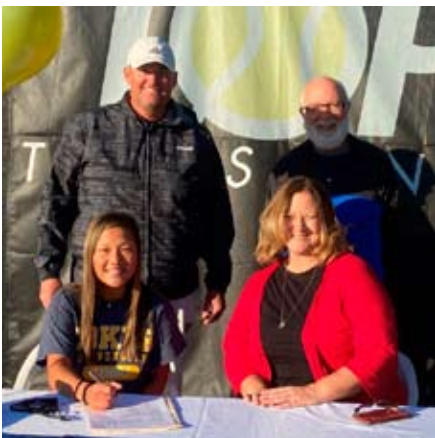
Congratulations Jadyn Walker. Jadyn signed with Kennesaw State University. Jadyn is a Linebacker.



Congratulations Miles Evanson. Miles signed with Reinhardt University. Miles is a Defensive Lineman.



Congratulations – Emily Labus. Emily has signed to play Soccer with University of Alabama at Huntsville.



Congratulations to tennis standout Olivia Drake for recently signing a National Letter of Intent to play tennis at Coker University in South Carolina. Go Warriors!

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MCCLURE MIDDLE SCHOOL THANKS ITS COMMUNITY
BY MEGAN BELL

Most will agree teachers around the world are working harder this school year than ever before, and this holds true for teachers right here in our community. It seems the parents of McClure Middle School are keenly aware how true this is and have not let the pandemic hinder their support for the teachers of their young, teenaged children. Perhaps they are familiar with the saying, “If there were a tenth Beattitude it would be Blessed are the middle school teachers.”

Cory Stanley stepped into the role as principal of McClure Middle School this year and has been amazed at the level of support provided by the parents and community. “Our parents have felt the burden of this pandemic in their workplaces and in their homes. Even with these additional challenges, they continually go above and beyond in their support of our teachers, our staff, and our initiatives at McClure. We would not be the amazing school that we are without our parents and community. We are so thankful for all they do to support us!”

Partnering together, the McClure PTSA and McClure Foundation have found that they can pool their resources in supporting the school. “There’s no reason for our organizations to work separately,” says Foundation President Allison Carter, “when we can accomplish more through collaboration.” PTSA Co-President Esther Freeman agrees, “We are a better team when we work together.” Marguerite Craig, PTSA Co-President chimes in, “It’s a win-win for everyone; the school, the parents, and ultimately our students.”

The collaboration between the parent-volunteer organizations has resulted in numerous accomplishments during a (how shall we say it) “bizarre” school year, including the installation of six water bottle filling stations throughout the school, feeding 20+ families during the holidays, providing \$5K in teacher grants to support instruction, contributing to the purchase of rewards to support positive student behavior, providing grab-and-go meals to staff members, volunteering to distribute meals to our community, and kicking off a renovation project titled The Maverick Makeover at McClure.

Never in our history is partnering with your school’s teachers and staff more important than it is now. Isn’t it great to live in a community where we not only understand this concept, but we also live it out every day?

GOVERNOR EXPANDS VACCINE PHASE BEYOND 1A

Governor Brian Kemp has expanded the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine to teachers, school staff and other vulnerable groups in Georgia. These additional groups will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine starting March 8.

Vaccines will be available for pre-K and K-12 school teachers and staff. Georgia adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as the parents of children who have complex medical conditions, will also be eligible March 8.

More information about the phases of vaccination, testing, and other information on COVID-19 can be found on the Department of Health website at COVID Vaccine | Georgia Department of Public Health. (<https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine>).

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BY RJ PATEL, OWNER PCT CLEAN

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From a year's worth of research and KBA's encouragement and love on January 4th, 2003 was born Prestigious Cleaning Team. Like Kentucky Fried Chicken our clients have helped us evolve to PCT Clean! Last month we started our 18th year in business.

Along the way we have fortunate to win 2 national awards from our Cleaning Industry Association and a highlight was when PCT Clean won business of the year in 2015. Last year PCT earned Best Of Cobb. We appreciate the love our cleaning industry and community have shown to us.

This is all due to the people we have at PCT. It's only appropriate we recognize our cleaning staff-our frontline people. Meet Sasha, who has risen from cleaning homes to training and leading people over the past 4 years. Meet Alma, who is our Director of Happiness for the past 3 years, she makes sure our clients are happy with PCT's services. Then we have Marleni, who has recently joined us and takes care of our commercial cleaning division. And we have Mary Johnson who is our DOS-director of sales.

In 2020 we gave birth to PCT Disinfecting. A division of PCT Clean that provides Covid-19 and SARS cleaning. We have our certification through GBAC-The global Bio-Risk Advisory Council. We have completed just over 3.3 million square feet of disinfecting in Georgia, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Arizona, Alabama, and Tennessee. Our goal is to help businesses open and stay that way! We bring a Peace of Mind during this uncertain time.

If you know PCT, you know we give back as much as possible, as of today we have completed 335 Free home cleanings for women undergoing chemo and radiation. We have supported our local schools, food pantry and 2 years ago we built out a free medical clinic in Clarksdale Mississippi. Be assured PCT is Socially responsible.

What does the future look like for PCT. We are expanding into the Atlanta market this year and also are looking to acquire existing businesses.

We express our deepest love to KBA for giving us the encouragement we needed at the beginning. We wish you and your businesses success. Love All Serve All.

MOM AND POP BUSINESS OWNER'S DAY

BY CLAUDIA CHANDLER, ACWORTH

Mom and Pop Business Owner's Day is March 29th to celebrate independent business owners and the struggle they often face competing with large corporations. So many have been hit particularly hard this past year. Here is an example of how I envision showing support locally.

Breakfast (and gossip) begin at Nibbles Grill before I bring the pets to Acworth Animal Hospital for their annual shots. Dropping the dogs at home, I remember to brush my teeth before my dental checkup with Dr. Lee at Acworth Dentist. All is well but I look forward to a more pleasurable appointment for my massage at Pearl's Spa. Then, totally relaxed, I peruse the nearby shops including Serendipity House, Picnic Market and Two LiRu before picking up a unique, outdoorsy item from Appalachian Outfitters. By now I'm a little hungry for lunch but must narrow down the choices; will it be a sandwich from Miss L's or Pizza by Fuscus today?

When the tire light comes on, I pop into Jones Tire for a quick but friendly and professional air service check which solves the problem. So, I continue up the road to Robby's Propane to fill the empty bottle I've brought and I'm set for our next grilling out with the neighbors who, oh yes! has a birthday today! An easy stop at Lacey Drugs provides me with a birthday card (and my prescription refill) before ducking into Acworth Flowers for a fresh and fragrant gift to accompany the card.

Next, I enjoy my appointment with Jim Nance at Edward Jones across the tracks and catch a glimpse of Kristina Eaton Signature Weddings who did a fabulous job for my friend's daughter's recent wedding. Which makes me recall the beautiful wedding we attended at The Cedar's Weddings & Events a few years ago. A glance at my watch reminds me it's nearly time to meet my girlfriends for a drink at the outdoor firepit of Red Top Brewhouse before our reservations for the best meal ever at...you guessed it, Henry's Louisiana Grill!

Later, as I make the short drive home, full and happy, I realize that my entire day was spent within a mile of home. Although I spent all day giving and receiving in my local community, I haven't begun to cover all of the Mom & Pop's nearby (yet).

Supporting our local small businesses helps the entire community; to stay in business, to keep our charming and unique town character but, in addition, it's fun! Please join me in supporting Mom & Pop Businesses on March 29th and beyond.

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MARIETTA'S BIRNEY MEMORIAL GARDEN HONORS PTA FOUNDER NATIONAL PTA FOUNDER'S DAY

While parents, teachers and students manage education during unprecedented times of a Covid-pandemic, one thing remains constant... the commitment to children.

On February 17, our nation celebrated PTA Founder's Day (Founded in 1897 as the National Congress of Mothers) and honor the legacy and work of their founders — Alice McLellan Birney, Pheobe Apperson Hearst, and Selena Sloan Butler. While all three women are held with high regard, those of us in Marietta, GA hold a special place in our heart for Alice Birney — our hometown hero.

The Birney Memorial Rose Garden, originally named "The Sun Court," was dedicated in 1942 to honor Alice Birney as the co-founder of National PTA. This historic garden is situated on the, now, Marietta Middle School campus. At the center of the court there is a sun dial and it is surrounded by square, stone slabs representing each of the 50 state PTAs. Outlining the courtyard are garden beds showcasing 40 varieties of roses.

The Birney Memorial Rose Garden is maintained by Marietta Daisies Garden Club volunteers, known as the "Daisy Darlings." Collectively, the Daisy Darlings donate more than 130 man-hours/year to prune, plant, and nurture this community treasure.

Donations are accepted to help with the maintenance and repair cost. Most recently, Daisy Darling/artist, Melissa Snyder, created a beautiful illustration which has been made into notecards and will also be sold as a limited-edition print to help offset expenses of stone replacement. Notecards are available for sale through Marietta retailers, White Rabbit Cottage and Market with a B.

Visit mariettadaisies.wixsite.com/gardenclub for more information or to make a donation.

Pictured: The Birney Memorial Rose Garden is located at 121 Winn Street in Marietta and represents each of the 50 State PTAs. Illustration by Marietta Daisies Garden Club member, Melissa Snyder.]



CALL FOR ARTISTS - METRO MONTAGE XXI

Metro Montage is the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art's 21st annual juried exhibition featuring all types of genre, medium, style, subject matter, concept, and technique in art. Metro Montage XXI will feature works of fine art by contemporary artists that showcase the diversity and skill within our nation's culture. An anonymous panel will select works of art from over 500 submissions.

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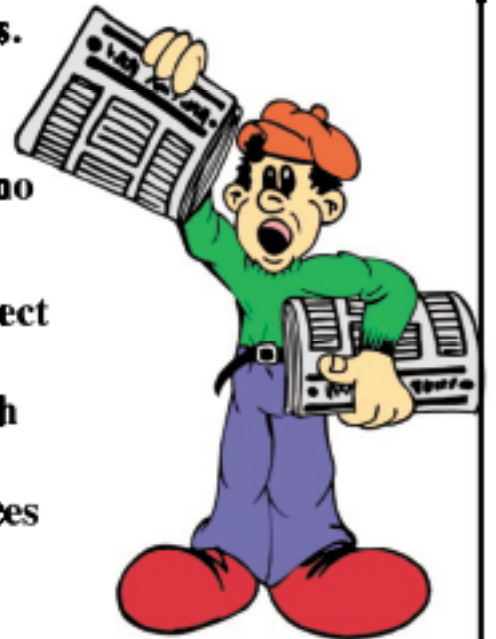
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