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## NORTH COBB ROTARY'S SMOKE ON THE LAKE BBQ FESTIVAL

The North Cobb Rotary Club, City of Acworth, and the Georgia Barbecue Association partner each year to host the Smoke on the Lake BBQ Festival presented by Superior Plumbing, will be held at Logan Farm Park. The event will take place on Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8. All proceeds are distributed amongst local charities, so come out and help make a difference in your community! Thanks to the partnership with the Acworth Business Association, Friday night will feature an outdoor concert from the Georgia Players Guild featuring music from Three Dog Night and Hall and Oates. Table reservations will be available and will include 6 chairs. Friday night will also include the infamous Lord of the Wings contest! Purchase tasting tickets and be the judge for best wings and get a taste of what different vendors have to offer. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. and festivities will last until 10:00 p.m. Saturday boasts some of the best BBQ around! Teams from all over the Southeast will compete in professional and amateur divisions to see who will take home the title. For a small fee, you can taste your way through some of the best BBQ in the Southeast! The event will run from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Smoke on the Lake BBQ Festival is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Rotary Club of North Cobb as proceeds of the event go to the charities of the North Cobb Rotary Club, including the Acworth Special Needs Field, End Polio Now, Mountain Top Boys Home, The Men's Extension, The Women's Extension, MUST Ministries, Cobb Christmas, local Cobb schools and more.

More information is available on page 7 of this paper. To sign up to be a cook team, to help sponsor the event or for information, call (770) 423-1330, or visit [www.smokeonthelake.org](http://www.smokeonthelake.org) and follow us on facebook.



## ACWORTH'S MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The ceremony to honor those who have given their lives in service to our country will be held on Saturday, May 29 at 10:00 a.m. at Veterans Memorial at Patriots Point in Cauble Park. Veterans and current servicemen will pay tribute to brave men and women who have fought and died for our nation. Engraved pavers dedicated to those who have served in our armed forces that have been purchased since the previous Veterans Day will be presented at the event.

For more information on the event contact Jeff Chase at [jchase@acworth.org](mailto:jchase@acworth.org) or call 770-917-1234.



## HISTORIC CHURCH IN ACWORTH RESTORED

It was a community effort, led by Mack Turner, President of Save Acworth History Foundation, Betsy Brown, VP of SAHF, Acworth Alderman, Tim Richardson, along with Ed Manning and Ben Burroughs (two members of the church). All five served on the restoration committee.

A leaking roof, crumbling foundation, broken windows were just some of the needed repairs to the building.

Funds for the \$250,000 renovation were generated by the sale of the church's parsonage that was no longer used, along with a public

fundraiser, led by the SAHF. The community, including the City of Acworth, Acworth residents, parishioners and local historians, stepped forward to help restore the church in the midst of a global pandemic.

Community pride in being involved was shown by the over 150 local citizens attending the ribbon cutting on Thursday, April 29. Citizens, local historians and long time church members, spilled over the lawn into the street as all gathered to celebrate this occasion.

The church serves as a beacon as you drive down Main Street. It is located at 4476 Northside Drive, on the corner where the 18wheelers keep trying to cross the railroad tracks. In spite of Covid, this restoration was completed in about six months.

To learn more about this event and the restoration, visit [www.youtube.com/AcworthChristianChurch](http://www.youtube.com/AcworthChristianChurch).

## REPUBLICAN DEVAN SEABAUGH RUNNING FOR STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 34 SPECIAL ELECTION

A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 15, 2021

Republican family man, community leader, and healthcare executive Devan Seabaugh has

announced his candidacy for State House District 34 Special Election to be held on June 15. This empty seat is the result of current Representative Bert Reeves' resignation.

"I am excited to announce my candidacy and look forward to working hard in the weeks ahead. I am proud to call our community home. Cobb County is a great place to live and raise a family, and I am determined to save our future and keep it that way for generations to come, which is why I am running."

"I haven't spent my life chasing political office, however, service to others is nothing new to me. From serving on the front-lines as a paramedic to serving our community through our work at Metro Atlanta Ambulance and countless community organizations, I am ready to do the same at the State Capitol for the community that I love."

"As a lifelong conservative, family man, and servant leader, I know there is too much at stake to sit on the sidelines. We need a reliable representative who is ready to protect and save our future. As that representative I will fight to save what matters most to our community: our quality of life, public safety, great schools, low taxes, and a strong economy. I will deliver on local issues that safeguard our way of life for everyone. I'm ready to do whatever it takes to save the future of Cobb County, and I look forward to earning the trust and support of my neighbors in District 34," said Seabaugh in his announcement.

### MORE ABOUT DEVAN SEABAUGH

Raised in Marietta, Devan has a passion for our community. He has served in countless community organizations, including Cobb Safety Village and SafeKids Georgia and as the Chairman of the Wellstar-Kennestone Hospital Board, the Wellstar Foundation, and MUST Ministries.

A committed family man, Devan has been married to his wife Beth, an accounting executive, for 29 years. They are the proud parents of 5 wonderful kids – Heidi, Abby, Zach, Olivia and Sophia who have all attended Kennesaw Mountain High School. The family has been members at the First United Methodist Church in Marietta for more than 30 years.

Editor's note - House District 34 covers the majority the City of Kennesaw in addition to a large portion of West Marietta..



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## THIS AND THAT

### CONGRATULATIONS



**BRETT NORTH**

Brett North joins the staff of Georgia  
Funeral Care, in Acworth, as the Director of  
Family Service and their Community Liaison.  
Brett is an Atlanta native; he and his wife  
Ann have lived in Acworth since 2000. Brett  
is very involved in the local community  
having served for 10 years as the President  
of his former Homeowners Association and  
nine years as a City of Acworth Planning &  
Zoning Commissioner. North currently serves  
on the Acworth Board of Aldermen. Brett  
is a "people person" and has a long history  
of serving others. He is happiest when he is  
helping/serving others, making him a good fit  
as our Family Service Manager. Whether it is  
assisting families with planning for the future  
or assisting a family who has experienced a  
loss, he's knowledgeable and sensitive as he  
walks them through the process. The North's  
are charter members of One Heart Church,  
where Brett served on the Board of Directors  
for eight years. Brett is also the founder and  
president of Tetelestai Missions Ministry,  
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at 678-574-4016 or email him at [Brett@GeorgiaFuneralCare.com](mailto:Brett@GeorgiaFuneralCare.com)

### BRIGHT SIDE PUBLISHING INFORMATION

The May 2021 paper is digital only. As  
of now we plan to print and mail the paper  
once a quarter until all of our special events  
and community gatherings return. At this  
moment we plan to print and mail the June  
paper. Even when the paper is not mailed it  
is still published once a month. You can read  
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contact them to arrange for a pickup on Mon,  
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pantry is located in the same shopping center  
as the SVDP thrift store in Kennesaw.

### SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD JUNE 15

Gov. Brian Kemp has called for a special  
election to be held Tuesday, June 15, to fill the  
Georgia House of Representatives District 34  
seat. The seat is vacant due to the resignation  
of Rep. Bert Reeves. Registration changes  
for District 34 must be completed by May  
17, 2021. This is not a county wide election.  
District map is available at [cobbelections.org](http://cobbelections.org).

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short note about anything you want to add.

### WELCOME NEW ADVERTISER

The Bright Side welcomes WNL Marine  
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toilet service and repair. See ad on page 11  
of this paper.

### COBB COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Join the Cobb County Genealogical  
Society on Tuesday, MAY 25. 7:00 p.m. as  
we host Dr. Shelley V. Murphy. Her topic  
is "Breaking Down the Challenges with  
African American Genealogical Research."  
Dr. Murphy, a noted genealogical speaker  
across the country, was a presenter at this  
year's RootsTech. The meeting will be held  
via Zoom.com, so sign up by going to the  
CCGS website: [www.cobbgenegensoc.org](http://www.cobbgenegensoc.org).  
Must register by midnight May 24.



### ANDREW BRAMLETT'S WHY WE SAY WHAT WE SAY.

This month's  
article is about  
words and phrases  
that come from our  
presidents. The word  
PRESIDENT itself  
comes from the Latin  
word praesident,  
meaning "chief". One  
of the most commonly  
used words that was  
created by a president  
is the word IFFY.  
Franklin D. Roosevelt  
first used the word in  
1937, and it was meant  
to convey the idea that  
a proposal was full of  
"ifs". The phrase  
KEEP THE BALL ROLLING  
comes from the  
presidential campaign  
of William Henry  
Harrison. Large,  
10-foot balls were  
rolled from town to  
town to promote his  
campaign.



LOOSE CANNON originally comes  
from ships and the  
cannons that were on  
deck. If they were not  
secured properly, they  
could roll around the  
ship, creating a hazard.  
The term LOOSE  
CANNON was first used  
to describe a person by  
Theodore Roosevelt.  
He once said that after  
his presidency he did  
not "want to be the old  
cannon loose on the  
deck in the storm". In  
this sense, Roosevelt  
is referring to not  
wanting to be aimless,  
like the cannon rolling  
around the deck. One  
of the first people to  
refer to a disruptive  
person as a LOOSE  
CANNON was Richard  
Nixon. Teddy Roosevelt  
popularized the term  
THROW ONE'S HAT IN  
THE RING and is the  
namesake of the  
TEDDY BEAR.

The word MAMMOTH,  
referring to size, was  
first used by journalists  
in 1802. They used it to  
mock a large wheel of  
cheese sent by a  
Massachusetts women's  
club to Thomas  
Jefferson. Finally, the  
word OK was  
popularized as an  
abbreviation of Martin  
Van Buren's nickname,  
Old Kinderhook. The  
word, however, did not  
originate with Van  
Buren.

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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  
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SUPERIOR PLUMBING THANKS CITY OF KENNESAW EMPLOYEES

Superior Plumbing recently hosted an appreciation luncheon for City of Kennesaw staff, which included a prize raffle. This is an annual thank you to the city for their hard work throughout the year and for their tireless efforts during the Superior Plumbing Kennesaw Big Shanty Festival. 1st prize is 100.00 Ruth's Chris Steakhouse gift card -winner is Justin Lapp; 50.00 visa gift card – Jeff Knox, and 25.00 Honeysuckle Biscuits and Bakery winner is Kandace Horne. Pictured are raffle winners Jeffrey Knox and Kandace Horne with Superior Plumbing Owner/President Jay Cunningham and City Manager Dr. Jeff Drobney. Raffle winner not photographed is Justin Lapp.



CONGRATULATIONS

Kennesaw Parks & Rec is proud to announce that the Parks Crew was awarded the Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial Hometown Hero award for Outstanding Service in the Community for Spring 2021! We always appreciate the work they do for us, and we are glad to see them receive this recognition. They deserve all the credit for keeping our parks in shape for the community!

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS

The Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority and the Kennesaw Downtown Merchants Association are excited to announce the inaugural First Friday Concert Series in Historic Downtown Kennesaw.

The Series, which runs from now through October, will hold the next concert on Friday May 7, featuring the Shetlands.

From 6:00 to 9:00 PM, the community is invited to stroll through the Historic Downtown area and enjoy an evening of shopping, dining and live music. The concert will take place at the Pedestrian Underpass off Main Street and is FREE - bring a chair. Tables are available for reservation for \$50. Tables will seat six individuals.

For more information, visit [www.kennesaw-ga.gov/first-friday-concert-series](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/first-friday-concert-series).

OPEN MIC NIGHTS

Join the Kennesaw Art & Culture Commission every third Friday from Now to September for Open Mic Nights! Open Mic Night, hosted by Elevated Events of Atlanta, will showcase local artists from 6-8 PM at the Pedestrian Underpass in Historic Downtown Kennesaw.

For artists interested in participating, walk-up spots will be available started at 5:30 PM or you can book your performance now by sending a message directly to Elevated Events of Atlanta!

Open Mic Nights are free and open to the public.

BACKYARD CAMPOUT

Do you like camping but also like staying close to home? Then join Kennesaw Parks & Rec for the Backyard Campout on Saturday, May 15! We will have spaces at Swift-Cantrell Park ready for families to set up camp at 5:00 PM. Campfires and activities, such as s'mores, stargazing and campfire entertainment are some of the fun that evening!

Kennesaw Pediatrics is sponsoring this event! Grab your tent, some sleeping bags and join us for a night under the stars connecting with nature! All information and registration can be found at <http://ow.ly/4OYb50Ey7BY>

WORKSHOP TERRARIUM MAKING SAT.MAY 15 2-3:30 PM

Kennesaw Parks & Rec is hosting a Terrarium making workshop for May's Art in the Park event. The event will be held at Swift-Cantrell Park at The General Pavilion. Parks & Rec staff will lead participants through the process of creating their own terrariums. Participants will have their choice of succulents and various decorations to incorporate into two small terrariums. All materials will be supplied and no artistic talent or experience is necessary. Light snacks and drinks will be available onsite or participants are welcome to bring their own food. Please remember that glass is not permitted in the park.

To register, visit <http://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog...>

In case of rain, we will move the event to the Ben Robertson Community Center (2753 Watts Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30144).

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### THE ACWORTH ARTS ALLIANCE'S ART HOUSE

The Art House is hosting Emerging vs Experienced - Students of North Cobb Christian School and Artists 65 and older. This exhibit runs from NOW thru May 24.

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!

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](http://acworthartsalliance.org)

### GARDEN TOUR

The Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County, Inc. 18th Annual Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will feature six (5) gardens including four (4) private gardens and the Reconnecting Our Roots Community Garden, all in the Central and East Cobb area.

Tickets are on sale beginning April 1. \$15 in advance, \$20 on the day of the tour. Children ages 17 and under are free. Tour is held rain or shine! Masks are required.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit: <https://www.cobbmastergardeners.com>

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## STOP UNDERAGE DRINKING

LATREECE ROBY  
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, CCAPSA

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

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**TAKE A DEEP BREATH  
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## BEER AND BEIGNETS...OH MY!

How about Dry County Beer and Beignets from Eatin Fresh KENNESAW after the Swift Cantrell race and every other race is this series.

Your first opportunity to experience this fun this is at the Swift Cantrell Classic on Saturday, May 8. The fun begins at 6:00AM Race day packet pickup and late registration opens if you haven't picked up your packet or registered before hand. At 7:30AM 1 Mile Fun Run Starts and at 8:00AM 5K Starts. For the little ones, they can run in the 8:55AM Tot Trot Be sure to stay for the 9:15AM Awards Ceremony and celebrate life returning to Kennesaw.

The Swift-Cantrell Park Foundation is celebrating 11 years of the Swift-Cantrell Classic! The Swift-Cantrell Classic 5k is the opening race of the 2021 Kennesaw Grand Prix Series. The race begins at the Kennesaw First Baptist Church, meanders through Swift-Cantrell Park, and finishes in historic downtown Kennesaw. The fast and flat race is professionally timed and serves as a qualifier for the Peachtree Road Race (GA1103OWC). Runners will cross the finish line and then enjoy an after-party in the front parking lot of Kennesaw First Baptist Church. Complimentary breakfast refreshments will be served post-race for all runners and friends. Register online at [kennesawgrandprix.com](http://kennesawgrandprix.com) or visit Kennesaw's Big Peach Running Co.

## HERO RUN 5K

### A RACE BENEFITING WOUNDED VETERANS

The Hero Run, formerly known as Run for Wounded Warriors, Inc., is the inspiration of Jonathan Borden of Kennesaw, Georgia. On Memorial Day 2009, as a then seventeen-year-old senior Naval JROTC cadet at Kennesaw Mountain High School, Jonathan watched several biographies about severely wounded service men and women from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Jonathan was deeply moved by those bios and he was personally challenged to do something for those wounded heroes. In 2010 he and his family and friends held the inaugural Run for Wounded Warriors in which over 400 local runners participated.

The 11th annual Hero Run 5K venue is in historic downtown Kennesaw on Saturday, June 5, 2021. The event will include a 5K run/1-mile walk with the 5K race sanctioned as an official qualifier for the world famous Peachtree Road Race. This 5k race is also part of the Kennesaw Grand Prix series. With these credentials, we will attract both serious and recreational runners. The goal is to host 2000+ runners/walkers, raising funds that will be donated to local wounded veteran organizations.

Registration is open now at [kennesawgrandprix.com](http://kennesawgrandprix.com) All registered 5K participants will receive an official race shirt, runner/walker number and goodie bag. Registration is also available at the Kennesaw Big Peach Running Company location. Presenting sponsor is Brookes-Berry-Haynie.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Andrew Gasparini, the Assistant to the City Manager with the City of Kennesaw, has been selected as one of 21 participants from across the country for the 2021 Global Ties U.S. Emerging Leaders Program.

Gasparini recently represented the State of Georgia and the Georgia Council for International



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### THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK

On April 1, we held our annual State of the City presentation. This year, we focused on our extraordinary Acworth brand. In 2014, the Acworth Tourism Board worked with Fenning Marketing Group to define what draws people to Acworth. They sat down with hundreds of visitors, business owners, and community members to ask them what makes Acworth different from other places. Again and again, we heard that Acworth is a safe and friendly community where anyone and everyone can feel welcome. This is how our City officially began our "You're Welcome in Acworth" brand. Back then, our City leaders had a vision of Acworth's future. Since then, we have continued to work hard to improve the quality of life for our residents and businesses, offer an outstanding destination for our visitors, and serve as an inclusive environment for all.



A little over a year ago, the world was challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic. Acworth faced this challenge, adapted, and supported one another. Despite the pandemic, 2020 was a successful year for Acworth. Our exceptional city services experience no interruptions. Our population grew by 700 new residents. Fifty new businesses opened their doors, and real estate values increased by 15%. All these things are truly something to celebrate, but what really touched my heart during the past year is the inspiring acts of service from our community.

You don't have to look far in Acworth to know there are angels among us. Organizations like the YMCA and Freedom Church have partnered to feed over 144,000 people with food insecurities. Acworth Christian Church now has new life thanks to the efforts of the Save Acworth History Foundation and financial giving from generous souls. During school closures, our Acworth Achievers program kept kids connected through access to technology and tutoring. By utilizing CDBG funds, our City team and volunteers have provided 300 meals to seniors every week. To support our business community, these meals are purchased from local restaurants and caterers. The Cater family, owners of Pork Snobs, says that this meal on wheels program "saved their business." We have served over 6,000 meals and counting to our senior population through this program. These are only a couple of examples of the acts of kindness we witness again and again in our community.

God Bless, Tommy Allegood

### ACWORTH FARMERS MARKET IS OPEN

Shop for local at the Acworth Farmers Market every Friday morning from April 9-October 29 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 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.

### SPRING CLASSIC CAR CRUISE

On a Saturday, May 29, the City of Acworth will host a Classic Car Cruise in their Historic Downtown. The event will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Main Street. The Lake City Cruisers partner with the city and the downtown Acworth merchants to hold these Classic Car Cruises. The event is free to the public. A \$2 entry fee is requested for all vehicles in the cruise. All proceeds go to the Horizon Field, an all-inclusive special needs sports facility in Acworth.

### LIVE AT LOGAN FARM PARK

The Weekend Getaway Band will perform live music at Logan Farm Park (4405 Cherokee Street) on May 22. This outdoor music event is free and open to the public. Live at Logan Farm Park is the annual Acworth Arts Alliance and the Acworth Art House fundraiser. Proceeds from this event fund scholarships for High School Students furthering their education in visual arts, as well as the Acworth Arts Alliance providing art activities to the kids who attend camps offered at the Acworth Community Center. Music begins at 6:45 p.m. and concessions will be available for purchase. Additional information and sponsor table purchases are available at [www.acworthartsalliance.org](http://www.acworthartsalliance.org).

### JURASSIC PARKS AND REX

Dinosaur lovers of all ages are invited to an outdoor screening of the timeless classic Jurassic Park! This City of Acworth event will take place on the greenspace at Logan Farm Park on June 18, 2021. Festivities will open at 7:00 p.m. and the movie will begin at dusk. Concessions will be served, but visitors may bring picnics, blankets, and chairs to enjoy the show. Fun photo opportunities and giveaways will take place before the show. This event is free to the public. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please contact the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department at (770) 917-1234 or visit [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

### SPECIAL WARRIORS TAE KWON-DO

Special Warriors Tae Kwon-Do is a great program for the young community with special needs. The traditional skills of Tae Kwon-Do have been adapted to teach focus, balance, hand-eye coordination, and effective self-defense skills to those with special concerns. This class is instructed by Omar Welch who is a third-degree black belt and instructor certified by the United States Tae Kwon-Do Federation. Classes will meet monthly at the Acworth Community Center on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Additional information and registration are available at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://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](http://www.campacworth.org).



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**MOST IMPORTANT:** This year marks the 11th Annual Smoke on the Lake BBQ Festival & is the largest fundraiser for the Rotary Club of North Cobb. Here are a few charities that benefit from this event: Broken Shackle Ranch (for Boys), (CCYA) Center for Children & Young Adults, Cobb Christmas, Cobb County Safety Village, Eagle Scout Projects, High School Special Education Students, Horizon Special Needs Field, Men's and Women's Extension, Mountain Top Boys Home, Northwest YMCA Summer Feeding Program, The Zone - Davis Direction Foundation, liveSafe Resources (formally YWCA), Must Ministries, and many more.



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ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH  
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THE KENNESAW MAYORAL  
SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO:  
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ATTEND WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY



THE MARK BARRE VISUAL ARTS  
SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED  
TO: NELAYNA EDWARDS. SHE  
WILL ATTEND GEORGIA STATE  
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JACOB WILL ATTEND GEORGIA  
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### OUTSTANDING GRADUATES

Congratulations to all of the 2021 KBA scholarship recipients. This incredible group of students have shown their desire to excel through their academics, community service, athletics, and many accolades they have received. They have a bright future ahead. Each student is unique and we have posted their bios on our Digital Newspaper website. To read the KMHS students' bios, please visit: <https://wp.me/p3lnJT-274>.



## KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

### NCHS GRADUATING SENIORS



THE CAROL THOMPSON JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP GOES TO: ELYSSA ABBOTT. ELYSSA WILL ATTEND UGA



THE DAVID GRANT ROTC SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: MATHEUS LAGO. MATHEUS WILL ATTEND EMORY UNIVERSITY



THE DEBBIE UNDERKOFLEER CULINARY ARTS SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: NATHAN BAXTER. NATHAN HAS FIVE COLLEGES TO CHOOSE FROM



THE KEVIN JABBARI SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO TREVOR LOVETT. TREVOR WILL ATTEND GEORGIA HIGHLANDS



THE MARLON LONGACRE HEART OF A CHAMPION SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: ZARI MASSAY. ZARI WILL ATTEND EMORY UNIVERSITY AT THE OXFORD CAMPUS



THE RENE DOLLAR FUTURE BUSINESS LEADER SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: OLUWATITO OMOTESO TITO. TITO IS DECIDING BETWEEN UGA AND BERRY COLLEGE



THE RJ PATEL INTERNATIONAL MAGNET STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: KAYLEIGH EVERHART. KAYLEIGH WILL ATTEND UGA



THE OLIVIA SMATHERS PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: BAILEY CERIO. BAILEY WILL ATTEND OLE MISS

Marlon Longacre, Chair of the Education Committee and the Big Shanty Festival is proud to share the NCHS students that were awarded scholarships at the April meeting of the Kennesaw Business Association. KBA members get to know many of these students as they are interns at our meetings and volunteers at our various functions. Funds for these scholarships are raised by the Big Shanty Festival. To read the NCHS bios visit <https://wp.me/p3lnjT-27u>. To read the NCCS bios visit <https://wp.me/p3lnjT-27h>.

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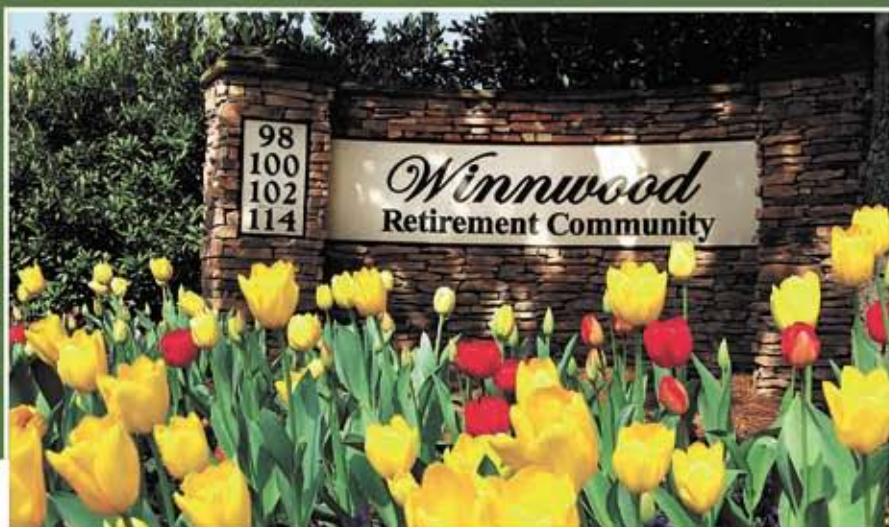
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### LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE SENIORS

Each one of these students have an interesting story to tell. To read the NCCS bios visit <https://wp.me/p3lnjT-27h>. To read Harrison High School scholarship bios visit: <https://wp.me/p3lnjT-27m>.

### HARRISON GRADUATING SENIORS



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**BY AMBER ROLAND, NCHS**

Born in Haiti in 2003, Louis Haslan's life thus far constitutes one of great loss juxtaposed with great reward. Losing his parents in 2014 at the hands of an incident in Haiti left Haslan without the parental guidance that most children flourish off of. 2010's infamous Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti, and caused mass destruction that Haslan witnessed firsthand while simultaneously mourning the loss of his aunt. Haiti's catastrophic environment following the earthquake forced Haslan to move to America alongside his siblings.

Assimilating into American culture proved difficult for Haslan. Speaking a mixture of broken English, Haitian Creole, and French, Haslan found it hard to communicate. By emerging himself in the English language, Haslan adapted to and learned America's native tongue while making new friends along the way. His new friends exploited Haslan's naive foreigner tendencies which frequently got Haslan into trouble.

As Haslan entered the later years of his adolescence, high school ushered in a new beginning. This fresh start allowed Haslan to distance himself from the bad influences imposed by his friends. Determined to honor his parents' legacy, Haslan committed himself to making better life choices and developing a diligent work ethic that gifted him with success throughout high school.

Louis is a cadet/Lieutenant Commander. In addition to NJROTC, is Louis involved in any other school activities, clubs, or community service. Louis is and is graduating with a 4.315 GPA and has received an academic scholarship to Vanderbilt University.

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You really can’t beat Acworth City Hall, because they are the best. Thank you, Acworth for making my family, my business, and my school families feel welcome. The Acworth Business Association would like to welcome you to come see us. We are Acworth. We are moving forward united and strong.

**ABA LUNCHEON**  
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**ABA WOMEN’S EVENT**  
Thursday, May 20, 11:30-1:00 pm. The May ABA women’s luncheon will be held on the deck at the Logan Farm House 4756 Logan Rd, Acworth, GA 30101, and will be catered by Picnic Market and Mercantile. Our speaker is Rhoda Hendrix, Lifestyle blogger from the blog Southern Hospitality. In addition to our speaker we will have a Day at the Races theme complete with a Best Hat contest! RSVP [www.acworthbusiness.org](http://www.acworthbusiness.org)

**TOMMY NOBIS CENTER RAISES OVER \$235,000**  
Tommy Nobis Center, a Marietta-based nonprofit that helps individuals with disabilities enter or return to employment, hosted its 23rd annual Galaxy of Stars event virtually on Friday, April 23, 2021 and raised over \$235,000 – more than any other previously held Galaxy of Stars event.

The event brought together corporate leaders, community supporters and friends to honor the impact of Tommy Nobis Center’s programs, celebrate its participants and raise much needed funds to support ongoing operations. This year’s Galaxy of Stars theme was Stars Among Us. Master of Ceremonies, WSB-TV’s Action News Anchor Justin Farmer, kicked off the event followed by a warm welcome from several TNC Stars. The program featured Stars Among Us—Tommy Nobis Center program participants who have achieved career success.

Tommy Nobis Center presented four awards to recognize the hard work and dedication of outstanding individuals who have contributed greatly to building inclusive communities where employment success is possible.

The award winners included: Tommy Nobis Rising Star Award – Awarded to Destiny Adamson, a program participant who with the support of Tommy Nobis Center landed her first job. I Community Champion Award – Awarded to Jay Cunningham, owner and president of Superior Plumbing who in addition to being a successful businessman for over 30 years has given back to the community in countless ways through his dedication to many endeavors and causes. Family Member Advocate Award – Awarded to Lucy Cusick who not only provided fierce advocacy for her own son, Josh who was born with Cerebral Palsy, but also provided support to thousands of families during her 25 years as Executive Director of FOCUS + Fragile Kids.

Lifetime Achievement Award – Awarded to Dr. Ike Reighard, President & CEO of MUST Ministries and Senior Pastor of Piedmont Church, who has devoted his life to helping people exchange ordinary living for an extraordinary life. For almost five decades, he has brought insight, inspiration and humor to countless people as pastor, teacher, corporate executive, nonprofit leader, author, and motivational speaker. The organizations Ike leads are known for tangibly meeting the most pressing needs of the most vulnerable among us

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## MARIETTA NEWS



### SPRING SPLASH PRESENTED BY THE MARIETTA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION & CREDIT UNION OF GEORGIA

Plan to join us for the Spring Splash ~ Catch the Wave networking extravaganza around the wave pool at White Water/Six Flags! There will be fun, food, drinks, games, music, activities, and a huge Duck Race. Half of the proceeds from Duck sales will benefit MUST Ministries. Prizes for the Duck Race winners and lots of fun and games with the Duck theme resonating throughout Spring Splash. Adopt a Duck for a chance to win. Ducks will be launched in the

Little Hooch River that flows around the Wave Pool/Spring Splash event area.

This event takes place on Thursday May 20, 2021. 4:30 – 8:00pm at White Water/Six Flags Park 250 Cobb Parkway N. – Marietta, Ga. 30062 . Admission Tickets (includes 2 drink tickets) \$20. Purchase Ducks: 1 Duck/\$10, 5 Ducks/\$25, 25Ducks/\$125. For Admission & Registration: <https://www.mariettabusiness.org/events#!event/2020/5/14/2020-spring-splash>. For more Information: [www.mariettabusiness.org](http://www.mariettabusiness.org) or find us on Facebook .

### REGISTER NOW FOR THE PARADE



### MARIETTA TO CELEBRATE THE 4TH ON THE 3RD!

Online Registration  
Open for Marietta's 2021  
July 4th Parade

With the release of Governor Brian Kemp's most recent Executive Order on April 8th, which removes the ban on public outdoor gatherings of 50 or more people, the City of Marietta will move forward with its Independence Day events and the Let Freedom

Ring Parade.

The City of Marietta's Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting applications for the 2021 Let Freedom Ring July 4th Parade which will be held on Saturday, July 3rd. School bands, military units, civic organizations, beauty queens, local Boys and Girl Scout clubs, area businesses and others can sign up online to be a part of this year's parade.

Parade applicants should apply at <https://www.marietta.gov/civicalerts.aspx?aid=3188>. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 28th at 5 pm.

\*The City of Marietta reserves the ability to cancel any events at any time due to an Executive Order issued by Governor Brian Kemp due to COVID-19 or any other outside factors. More info: Marietta's Parks and Recreation Department, 770-794-5601

### ART EXHIBIT AT MCMA

The Marietta Cobb Museum of Art presents The Four Elements: A Group Exhibition, on view in the Main Galleries from now through June 20, 2021.

For this thematic group exhibition, the concept centers on the Four Classical Elements: Earth, Air, Water, and Fire. Going back to antiquity, these were considered to be the most fundamental materials that comprised everything in the physical universe. This exhibition features thirteen artists whose work is relevant to at least one of the Four Elements, either by way of subject, concept, or technique.

Featuring artwork by Chad Awalt, Robert G. Burch, Scott Eakin, Eloisa Gallegos Hernandez, Joseph Guay, Donté K. Hayes, Christina Kwan, Pam Longobardi, Eleanor Neal, Kevin Palme, Doug Pisik, Corrina Sephora, Jamele Wright, Sr.

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### REGISTER NOW MARIETTA'S GEM CITY SUMMER CAMP!

Marietta Parks, Recreation & Facilities announces registration is now open for its Gem City Summer Camp.

Children, 6–12 years of age, may attend the Gem City Summer Camp at Custer Park Sports & Fitness Center, with activities held at various City parks. Parents may book all 5 weeks of camp, June 14 – July 23rd or just pick the weeks they need. There will be no camp the week of July 4th (July 5 – 9). The cost per a camper for one

week of regular camp hours, 9:00am – 4:00pm, is as follows: City of Marietta residents \$75 and non-City of Marietta residents \$90.

Extended hours, 8:30am – 9:00am and 4:00pm – 5:30pm, may be added for an additional \$20 per a camper.

For more information or to register, please contact the Custer Park Sports & Fitness Center, located at 545 Kenneth E Marcus Way, Marietta, Ga 30060 or call 770-794-5630

To register online, please visit our website [www.marietta.gov](http://www.marietta.gov) and type in Summer Camp in the search box.



### SPRAYGROUND NOW OPEN

Marietta's Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that the Elizabeth Porter Park's Sprayground will open for the season

During the month of May, the Sprayground will be open Friday through Sunday. From May 28th through September 6th the Sprayground will be open seven days a week, and finally from September 7th through September 25th the sprayground will remain open Friday through Sunday. Due to COVID, your family's experience at the sprayground will be booked in two-hour time slots and we recommend booking online in advance due to the accommodation restrictions, but you can book onsite. Please see below for the full schedule and time slots available. Daily admission for the sprayground is \$2 for City Residents and \$3 for Non-Residents and there is no cost to use the playground.

Visit our website [www.marietta.gov](http://www.marietta.gov) and type Sprayground @ Elizabeth Porter Park in the search box.

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