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## PIGS & PEACHES BBQ FESTIVAL - 20TH YEAR

Festival fans and music lovers are invited to join Kennesaw Parks & Rec for two days of barbeque bliss at the Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival on Friday, August 20 from 6 - 10 p.m. and Saturday, August 21, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. at Adams Park.

From its humble beginnings, Pigs & Peaches has grown into one of the region's most beloved festivals attracting an estimated 65,000 attendees annually. Now in its 20th year, the festival features two days of non-stop music, good eats, cold beer and interactive family-fun. Attendees will find over 100 vendors, exhibitor and contestant booths, a Kid Zone full of inflatables, amusements and attractions, tons of tasty treats to satisfy every whim, and an incredible lineup of live entertainment and street performers.

At the heart of the festival is a Kansas City Barbeque Society sanctioned competition, which is also recognized as an official Georgia BBQ Championship event. Additional cooking events include a Backyard contest for amateurs, Anything Butt and Peach Dessert contests, and new this year, a Kid's 'Que contest. Over \$16,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded to contest winners.

Music headliners on the Main Stage include the rock & pop group, the Paul Hand Band, on Friday, starting at 8:00 p.m., and the sound of 80's arena songs from Shyanne on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Supporting acts include Angie Lynn Carter, Flying Buffaloes, Same Holladay & Kaitlyn Hanks, The Shetlands, Bach to Rock Sandy Plains featuring Bella Delle and the School of Rock East Cobb House Band.

Musicians on the Locally Brewed Stage include Men in Blues, Josh Gilbert Band, Run Katie Run, School of Rock West Cobb, Stephanie Berlanga, Levi Ransom, Bad Guru and Ezra Jacob.

The event will be held rain or shine. Admission is free.

For more information, visit [www.pigsandpeaches.com](http://www.pigsandpeaches.com) or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at 770-422-9714.

## PIGS AND PEACHES COURTESY SHUTTLES

COURTESY SHUTTLES will provide FREE round-trip service to the festival from the following convenient locations, including:

### NORTH KENNESAW AREA:

- Swift-Cantrell Park, 3140 Old 41 Hwy. - Shuttle picks up & drops off near the main plaza (by the roundabout). This shuttle has a lift to accommodate wheelchairs and other mobility devices.
- Kennesaw Elementary School, 3155 Jiles Rd. Shuttle picks up & drops off near the main portico.

### DOWNTOWN KENNESAW AREA:

- Commerative Park South Main St. -Shuttle picks up & drops off at the sidewalk
- Kennesaw First Baptist Church, 2958 North Main St. -Shuttle picks up & drops off at the front church parking lot.

Shuttle service will be available on Friday, August 23 from 5:30pm to 10:30pm, and on Saturday, August 24 from 9:30am to 10:30pm. Shuttles will depart from each location approximately every 20-25 minutes.

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## FIELD OF FLAGS ON DISPLAY - SEPT 4-SEPT 18

Each life lost to the senseless tragic events of September 11, 2001, will be honored by our 5th Field of Flags installation in 2021. This powerful commemorative event begins on Saturday, September 4th and will be open to the public until Saturday, September 18th. Click here for park hours. Please join us as we remember and honor those who lost their lives that fateful day.

The entire community is invited to participate in what has become one of the largest commemorative events in the nation.

There are many ways to become involved. Visit the 2021 Field of Flags installation at the Kennesaw National Battlefield Park, Old 41, Kennesaw, beginning September 4 through September 18.

Saturday, September 11 Attend the Memorial Service at the Field of Flags and Reading of the Names of those who lost their lives on 9/11, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30152. \

Organized by the Kiwanis Club of Marietta through the Marietta Kiwanis Foundation, the 9/11 Field of Flags is displayed every five years and has become one of the largest commemorative events in the nation. Flag sponsorship helps to fund this project and ensure its continuation in the future. The Marietta Kiwanis Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, #58-1409116. For more information visit: [www.911fieldofflags.com/](http://www.911fieldofflags.com/)

## PIONEER DAYS - LABOR DAY WEEKEND

BY DALLAS GODFREY

Pioneer Days are just around the corner. The dates this year are September 3-6, 2021



Four days of arts & crafts, Peachtree Rides & Games for all ages, and fun Carnival food. Pioneer Days is held at Sam Smith Park in Cartersville, located on Douthitt Ferry Rd.

### Allatoona

Charities was organized in 1982, to help the needy in our community. It was in Acworth for 30 years and we outgrew our

location. This is our 39th Annual Pioneer Days Craft Festival.

Pioneer Days moved to Sam Smith Park in Cartersville in 2010. The venue is great for Pioneer Days, we have plenty of room. We are being told by participants that this has become an annual tradition for their family.

We have Peachtree rides with us and they will have about 30 rides, games and carnival food. We also have crafts and all types of food.

### ABOUT ALLATOONA CHARITIES

Our organization loves giving back to the community. Everyone that works our event, does not receive any wages. It is all volunteer, which gives us more profit to go back into the surrounding community

Pioneer Days has raised enough money for us to give five \$1000.00 scholarships to Cartersville High School. We support the Battered Women and Children Shelter in Cartersville and a Children's home in Emerson Ga. We have been able to donate money to other charitable groups to help them support their charities.

It is very rewarding to give back to the community, that I grew up in. We were around in the 80, s when there were no other groups helping the way we do.

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## THIS AND THAT



### CONGRATULATIONS

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has become a U.S. Space Force Major  
Justin Cunningham. His wife, Air Force  
Major Ashley Cunningham performed the  
Interservice Transfer Ceremony at the Jim  
Cunningham Veterans Service Center at  
Chattahoochee Technical College. This Center  
is named after Justin's grandfather. Justin is a  
Cobb County native and presently lives with  
his wife and two daughters in Qatar until they  
learn where they will be stationed. Pictured  
with Major Cunningham, is Chattahoochee  
Tech President, Dr. Ron Newcomb.

### A HAPPY BRAVES' FAN



#### LIAM LAFFERTY

What a special day Liam Lafferty had  
when he attended the Braves baseball game  
on Tuesday, July 20 and received a Ronald  
Acuna Jr #13 necklace. Liam is back in school  
now at McClure Middle School. Have a good  
year and be safe. His granddad, Steve Martin,  
took him to the game.

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## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME



Not all Cobb County residents missed  
attending the ALL STAR GAME on Tuesday,  
July 13, 2021. Former Cobb resident, Hank  
Grant and his family were front and center as  
the Colorado Rockies hosted the game at Coors  
Field. With smiles so wide, you just know in  
your heart that Hank is still an Atlanta Braves  
fan. Hank and Corbin Grant live in Boulder  
Colorado with their two boys, where Hank is  
the owner and co-founder at Improper City  
and Rayback Collective.

They had a blast. Hank was interviewed  
by the Denver newspaper and he got to meet  
announcer Brian Jordan. Jordan serves as a  
TV pre-game analyst for the Atlanta Braves  
on Braves Live, the official pregame show  
on FSN South and SportSouth. He is active  
in the Atlanta community with the Brian  
Jordan Foundation and authored the semi-  
autobiographical children's book I Told You  
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Hank is pictured above with Brian  
Jordan.

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

During  
last month's  
Independence Day  
celebrations, I was  
reminded of a word  
with surprising origins  
in the American  
Revolution: the word  
DUDE. The word  
dude comes from the  
song "Yankee Doodle Dandy," whose lyrics  
may date back as far as the 1750s. According to  
legend, it was written by Richard Schuckburg,  
a British doctor living in America. The  
song was popularized during the American  
Revolution by British soldiers, who were using  
its lyrics to mock the colonists. The Americans  
took the song and made it a point of pride, and  
it quickly became a patriotic tune.

In the mid-1880s, "doodle" was shortened  
to "dood," and became a popular slang term  
for men who wore fancy clothes. The spelling  
soon morphed into DUDE. According to the  
BBC, Evander Berry Wall of New York was  
known for his expensive clothing and came to  
be known as the "King of the Dudes." After  
the turn of the century, dude gradually began  
to refer to all men.

Of course, "YANKEE DOODLE  
DANDY" has its own unique origins. A  
"Doodle" was a rough and uneducated person  
from the country, while "Dandy" was a term  
for people who followed the latest European  
fashions. So, a "Doodle Dandy" is someone  
uneducated attempting to act important.

At the same time "Yankee Doodle Dandy"  
was written, young men from Britain were  
often going on trips to continental Europe  
and developing a love for the culture they  
found. One thing they particularly loved was  
an unheard-of dish from Italy called macaroni,  
and "Macaroni" soon became a popular term  
for these travelers. When the Yankee Doodle  
Dandy "stuck a feather in his hat and called it  
macaroni," he is emulating these high-society  
Englishmen.

### 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  
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### UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

Lieutenant Joy Policarpio participated in the Unity in the Community event at Governor's Gun Club Kennesaw on July 18, 2021. The goal was to continue an open dialogue with our communities, strengthen existing relationships and build new ones. Thank you to all who attended from our community and we look forward to the next one!



### "KENNESAW 101" CITIZENS ACADEMY

The City of Kennesaw is excited to announce that applications are now open for the second "Kennesaw 101: The Citizens Government Academy."

The course is designed to expose participants to the diverse range of work the City performs, provide them an inside look at the day-to-day operations of the City, and contextualize all of these endeavors into the long-term vision of the City.

The Academy, which begins September 14, is open to City residents and business owners.

Each week, the Academy will have a specific area of focus on the different operations of the City, including culture and tourism, public works and facilities, public safety and justice, community development, budget and operations and political and legal process. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn from city staff and participate in hands-on activities. After completing the program, participants will better understand the role of local government in ensuring the prosperity of its community.

The Academy will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, with graduation scheduled for November 8.

The application is available for download on the City website at [www.kennesaw-ga.gov/download/kennesaw-101-application/](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/download/kennesaw-101-application/).

### SPRING 2021 GARDEN ART POLES WINNERS

The Kennesaw Art and Culture Commission (KACC) is pleased to announce the winning designs of our Spring 2021 Garden Art Poles were "Pole Jumpers" submitted by Aimee Boothe, "Mother Nature Sees All" submitted by Emily Bosze, "Springvale" submitted by Alaina Jean, "Love Blooms" submitted by Lily Nguyen, and "Native Birds of Kennesaw" submitted by Elizabeth Horner. The theme of round two is "Nature," and the KACC was delighted by the entries that were received.

As part of an ongoing project, the KACC, in partnership with the City of Kennesaw and Kennesaw Parks and Recreation, will issue a Call for Entries for the next phase of garden art poles in August.



### SMITH-GILBERT GARDENS RECEIVES GRANT

Smith-Gilbert Gardens was awarded a grant by Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA), a division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, as part of its initial disbursement of grants for fiscal year 2022. A total of 218 organizations were awarded 266 grants that provide more than \$2 million in funding to arts organizations throughout the state. The Bridge Grant provided funding for operating support to 135 organizations, the Project Grant will help fund 54 arts projects, and the Arts Education Program Grant was awarded to 77 organizations. Additional grants for Vibrant Communities and Cultural Facilities programs will be awarded in the Fall of 2021.

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### THE ACWORTH ARTS ALLIANCE'S ART HOUSE

The Art House is hosting their Juried Exhibit. This exhibit runs from August 7 thru September 25. An Award Ceremony & Reception will be held on Saturday August 7 4-7 pm and A People's Choice Award Reception will be held on Saturday, September 4, 4-7.

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)

### 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 September 3.

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

### NORTH COBB ROTARY

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**GOD SAYS...****OUR HOME IS TO BE A SHELTER IN STORMS.**

BY MARLON LONGACRE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR, PIEDMONT CHURCH

Joe Nuxhall was a Reds' broadcaster for 40 years until he passed away in 2007. He always called the 3rd and 7th innings on radio. Then after the game he hosted the "Star of the game show." He would always end the night with his famous saying. "This is the old left hander rounding third and headed for home."

Rounding third and headed for home. That's pretty much where we are as we come to the end of this Series Summer Road Trip and for most all of us as summer vacation is about to end and school is about ready to start.

Vacations and visits back home are great and we love making new memories but on that drive back home we start to think of all the responsibilities that we have and all things that we have to catch back up on.

The grass needs mowing. Laundry needs to get caught up. We have to sort through the mail... Wash the car from all the dead bugs on the front hood. We head back to work with two weeks' worth of paper and work piled up on our desk.

Yes we have responsibilities but we need to remember that God has big plans and responsibilities for our homes and it is my hope and prayer that today with what little time I have left to get us motivated and excited each time that we round third and head for home.

**GOD SAYS OUR HOME IS TO BE A SHELTER IN STORMS.**

Jesus tells us in *John 16:33* that life will be tough. The bible tells us that we will face storms and storms are temporary and they do not play favorites. It rains on all of us. We need a shelter from the storms. We need a place to sleep.... We need a place of protection... stability... and security.

Look at this verse... *Proverbs 14:26*

"Reverence for the Lord gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security." Notice two big words there. Refuge and security. Do your children have a place of refuge and security?

There are so many kinds of storms that we face.

There is the CHANGE storm. It is amazing how our world can change on a dime. 2020 proved that! We have illnesses... one test at the doctors office... We lose people that we love... people who forever have changed the trajectories of our lives. Kids graduate school and move on... We change jobs... we move to new homes... There needs to be a place that no matter where the home is, there is a family in it that I know I can count on. When change comes we need a place of shelter in storms.

FAILURE is a storm... We don't always win... Sometimes we lose... We miss out on the job promotion. The raise didn't happen this year and you feel like you let everyone down because you so wanted so much to provide more for your family.

Things don't always go as planned. You can overcome lots of failures in life if there is a home to come home to that is full of love and hugs. A shelter in storms.

REJECTION is a storm. Rejection may be the hardest storm to handle of all. So many of us today are still haunted by words said to us by adults or friends when we were kids.

Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me. That's not true. Broken bones heal a lot faster than hurtful words that we keep replaying over and over in our minds.

I have talked with so many parents whose kids have had their feelings hurt by what others say about them on social media.

All of you who are parents have been through this. You know why it is so important that your home be shelter in storms.


Show God's love this week in your home... Give a ear... a hug... some help... listen to your loved ones hurt... Help them out... Believe in them... Be an encourager... God meant for the home to be a shelter in storms.

Editor's Note: This is part 1 of Marlon Longacre's sermon on HEADING HOME. More next month.

**HOG FUNDRAISER FOR AUGUST**

Our NEXT HOG DINNER: will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 @ 6:30 PM in honor of Josh Webb, Former Northstar Church employee.

Josh Webb is no stranger to NorthStar Church. He has been a member since 2004 and has played guitar and sang with the worship team for over 17 years. He also led the creative team for 4 years. Four months ago, Josh was diagnosed with a brain tumor- an acoustic neuroma- that was lodged against his brain stem. On April 29th, Josh had surgery to remove it. The tumor was embedded in several nerves. During surgery the surgeons had to do extensive work on those nerves to remove the tumor, leaving Josh with deafness in his right ear and paralysis of the right side of his face. Josh is having to relearn normal every day skills with his right hand, and regain balance. The dinner will be held in the Northstar Church Compass Auditorium - Kennesaw, GA. We have only 250 seats available.



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### SAYING THANKYOU!

Brian Bulthuis was honored at his retirement reception on Wednesday, July 28, by City of Acworth staff, community members and friends, as a large group gathered at the Cowan Mill to wish him well.

Brian has served the City of Acworth for 25 years, and has help guide it from a sleepy little town with empty storefronts, to a bustling energetic destination for surrounding areas.

Many improvements have been added, including the Acworth Community Center, Logan Farm Park and the Bridge in downtown Acworth. With these improvements have come the addition of restaurants and small businesses and an increase in the population. Many thanks Brian for professional guidance.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Horizon Baseball needs volunteer coaches. Do you love baseball and working with children? Come out and coach with us at Acworth's Horizon Field. No experience required.

One hour a week commitment. Background Check Required. Every Saturday, September 11-October 23, - no games on Saturday Sept 25.

As a volunteer parent coach, your child is guaranteed a spot on your team and your child's registration fee is waived. For more information, contact Lauren Ham at 770-917-1234 or email [llham@acworth.org](mailto:llham@acworth.org).



### WELCOME CHARLIE'S ANGELS MOVERS

The City of Acworth and members of the Acworth Business Association were on hand to welcome Charlie's Angels Movers to their new location 4489 Acworth Industrial Drive, Acworth. The ribbon cutting was held July 9.

### SEPT ACTIVE ADULT DAY TRIP: BLUE RIDGE

Enjoy the sights and smells of fall. Active adults ages 55 and up are invited to visit Mercier's apple farm and explore Blue Ridge's quaint Main Street for lunch and shopping. This trip includes a lot of walking. Please wear comfortable shoes. Lunch is not included in your cost of the trip. Bus departs from the Acworth Community Center (4361 Cherokee Street Acworth 30101) on Friday, September 17 at 9:00 a.m. The trip fee is \$10 for City of Acworth residents and \$15 for non-residents. Registration is available online at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

### CARS ON THE LAKE

The SaveAcworthHistoryFoundation will hold their annual Cars on the Lake fundraiser at Dallas Landing Park on September 18, 2021. The car show will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For further information, please visit [saveacworthhistory.org](http://saveacworthhistory.org)

### ACWORTH ADULT PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

The Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department will host a Summer Theme Pickleball Tournament! Come dressed in your best summer gear as we say goodbye to the Summer months! Players will be able to play against others of similar skill level and play is guaranteed! The tournament will be held on Friday, August 27.

The fee for the tournament is \$25 for both City residents and non-residents. Each participant will receive a custom Acworth take home. Winners will receive a t-shirt and department credit for a future pickleball program! Registration and additional information are available at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

### ACWORTH DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Dragon Boat Atlanta and Loving Arms are teaming up to bring you the Acworth Dragon Boat Festival! This event will be held on August 21, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Dallas Landing Park. Dragon Boating is an up-and-coming sport, soon to be an Olympic sport. Many communities hold dragon boat races as a different means to benefit charitable organizations within the community. These festivals are fun-filled days for all ages featuring corporate and community teams racing in 46-foot long ornamental dragon boats. Race day combines various cultural activities with food and fun for spectators and participants. People love the thrill, the teamwork, the adrenaline, and positive interaction in the boat. People who never thought of themselves as athletes can thrive in a dragon boat and discover a challenging alternative to other sports, which is why this is currently the fastest-growing water sport! To learn more about this sport or to get involved, please visit [www.acworthdragonboatfest.com](http://www.acworthdragonboatfest.com).



## CHALKTOBER FEST RETURNS

The Marietta Cobb Museum of Art is pleased to announce the return of Chalktoberfest on October 9th and 10th in the Marietta Square and The Craft Beer and Wine Festival to be held on October 9th from 12 pm until 5 pm.

Tickets for the Craft Beer and Wine Festival go on sale August 1, 2021. This is a sell-out event, so get your tickets early! Save \$10 when buy your ticket online from August 1st through August 31st; tickets, if available, are \$45 at the gate on day of the event. A ticket gives you access to unlimited samples of over 120 types of brews and over 25 varieties of wine from Total Wine, and you get a souvenir cup!

Enjoy an afternoon sampling craft beers, an assortment of wines, live music from local artists, watching professional chalk artists chalk the streets, and eating great food in the beautiful downtown square of Marietta. All proceeds go to the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art.

For more information, please visit [Chalktoberfest.com](http://Chalktoberfest.com).



## PIZZA, PINTS & PIGSKINS - SEPTEMBER 11

Pizza, Pizza everywhere!! Pizzerias from all over Cobb County will converge on Logan Farm Park for food, fun, and games on September 11, 2021. Beginning at noon, each restaurant will serve their best pizza dish along with other yummy fares. Bring the whole family to eat, play in our huge Kid's Zone, listen to your favorite music, grab a cold beverage from the beer garden, relax and have fun!

Lots of football activities are planned and you won't miss a thing with games being televised throughout the day on big screens.

Help us judge the best pizza, most creative, and a myriad of other pizza contests. People's Choice Award goes to ...come help us decide! Can you think of a better way to spend a Saturday with the family besides tasting each pizzeria's best and deciding who will take home the trophy? There will also be a Judge's Choice and Most Creative.

This is a wonderful opportunity to taste you way through some of the best local pizza restaurants in our area. Admission is FREE. Presented by: Superior Plumbing and Sponsored by: City of Acworth and Marietta Daily Journal.

Relax and sing-a-long to all your favorites songs throughout the day – featuring Local Artist Scott Thompson until 6 p.m. & ending with The Return - The Ultimate Beatles Tribute Band in concert from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Concert tables are available for purchase. Call 770-423-1330 to reserve.

## STILL ACCEPTING PIZZERIAS TO COMPETE

Pizza, Pints & Pigskins are still accepting Pizzerias to compete on September 11, 2021 at Logan Farm Road - bring your best pizza dish along with yummy fares for a chance to be voted the People's Choice Award, Judge's Choice Winner or the Most Creative. Great way to introduce your menu and restaurant to a crowd of about 20,000 folks. For an application call 770-423-1330, ask for Missy or Bill or e-mail: [billwatson@jrmmanagement.com](mailto:billwatson@jrmmanagement.com).

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The Fair is open Monday through Thursday 4 to 11 p.m., Fridays 4 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays 10 a.m., to midnight, and Sundays 12:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and is located at Jim R. Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road S.W., Marietta, Georgia 30008

As the largest fair in metro Atlanta, the Superior Plumbing Presents North Georgia State Fair attracts over 300,000 people every year from north Georgia and neighboring states. The Fair features live music, a variety of free attractions including world class ground acts from around the globe, not one but two petting barns featuring barnyard and exotic animals, flower shows; blue ribbon competitions for handmade goods and items, fruits, vegetables and artwork of all kinds; local entertainment, and delicious fair foods including all of the traditional fair, as well as lots of unexpected culinary delights. The family owned and operated Great James H. Drew Exposition Midway, one of the largest carnival midways in the United States, features a wide assortment of carnival games, entertainment, and exciting rides for thrill-seekers of all ages, including the Wildcat Rollercoaster, the Georgia Mountain Lift and the Mega Slide.

Gate Admission: \$10.00 admission. Children 10 and under are free. Ride tickets are \$1.25 each, \$20.00 for 21 tickets, \$50.00 for 55 tickets and \$100 for 120 tickets. All rides require more than one ticket. Parking is \$5. ATM machines are located on the midway.

Online advance discount tickets can be purchased for \$7.00, with children 10 and under free. A book of 21 ride tickets can be purchased for only \$11.00 (a 50% discount) through September 23. Visit our website at [www.northgeorgiastatefair.com](http://www.northgeorgiastatefair.com)

### CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

Georgia Funeral Care invites our community to join their Christmas in August toy collecting for Operation Toy Soldier

Operation Toy Soldier is a nation wide program of the funeral homes in the Veterans Funeral Care network. Georgia Funeral Care is an active member of this group

Most of the funeral homes in the Veterans Funeral Care network are owned and run by veterans or, ARE the children of veterans. So when we found out about the need, we wanted to help.

We get questions about types of toys needed. A football or soccer ball is a big hit. Barbie Dolls and coloring books are huge. If your 5-10 year old would like it, our kids will love it too.

It is very important to us that you understand that even though Operation Toy Soldier is a nationwide toy drive, all the toys you donate STAY LOCAL. When you donate a toy in the Atlanta area, the toy goes to a soldier's family in Atlanta.

Drop off bins are located at Georgia Funeral Care (4671 S Main St., Acworth, Acworth Community Center, Northcutt Station Salon (at 4510 S. Main Street) and The Atlanta Ice House, 2600 Prado Lane, Marietta, 30066, for the month of August.

Drop off bins for September will be at Georgia Funeral Care and Northcutt Station Salon. Both on Main Street in Acworth.

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## OPERATION Toy Soldier

### Christmas in August

Georgia Funeral Care is launching their Operation Toy Soldier drive at the Eyes of Freedom Exhibit - on display July 29-31 at the Acworth Community Center. The public is encouraged to bring an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl as they visit the Exhibit.

**For more information call 678-574-3016**





CONGRATULATIONS MATTHEW LONGACRE

Matthew Longacre completed the EYES summer program at Tommy Nobis Center during July. Matthew is pictured with his parents: Libby and Marlon Longacre. He is a senior at NCHS and is looking forward to attending North Cobb’s football games. Once he graduates he will be eligible to attend the EYES vocation training at Tommy Nobis.

EARLY YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (EYES)

Early Youth Employment Services (EYES) provides vocational training and education within school settings to students with disabilities age 14 to 22 as they become empowered to pursue their career goals. These Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) include comprehensive vocational evaluations, job readiness training and personal and social adjustment. A summer program at Tommy Nobis Center is also offered.

The goal of Tommy Nobis Center and Nobis Works vocational training and placement services is to provide individualized employment support for participants based on their interests, abilities, needs and vocational preferences. For more information about Tommy Nobis Center and Nobis Works vocational training and employment services, please contact us by phone at 770-427-9000 or visit [tommynobiscenter.org](http://tommynobiscenter.org)

OUR SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATION

A special needs child is a youth who has been determined to require special attention and specific necessities that other children do not. ... The state may declare this status for the purpose of offering benefits and assistance for the child’s well-being and growth.

There are four major types of special needs children. Physical which includes muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, chronic asthma, epilepsy, cerebral palsy and more. Developmental includes Down Syndrome, Autism, Dyslexia, Processing Disorders. Behavioral/Emotional type includes ADD, Bipolar, Oppositional Defiance Disorder and the fourth type is Sensory Impairment: Blind, Visually Impaired, Deaf, Limited Hearing.

Cobb County Schools, Churches and the City of Acworth have special programs and educational groups for the families of special needs children.

The most comprehensive group is Together We Care Ga. They help people find resources and navigate all things special needs here in GA. Jillian Palmiotto, Acworth, runs this group. [www.togetherwecarega.org](http://www.togetherwecarega.org).

Lauren Ham, City of Acworth Parks and Recreation is in charge of the special needs programs available to the public. This includes the Horizon League which offers a variety of virtual and in-person programming for our Special needs population. Horizon Leagues include Baseball, Kickball, Soccer Clinic, Mileage Club (walking), Adaptive Yoga and Special Events. Programs are seasonal. To learn more Email Lauren at [lham@acworth.org](mailto:lham@acworth.org) or call 770-917-1234 or Google Acworth Horizon League for the website.

When families receive a diagnosis, it’s scary and overwhelming. Resources like this should be shared. If you know of a support group or a service that would benefit families please share it with us. Email Lauren at [lham@acworth.org](mailto:lham@acworth.org).

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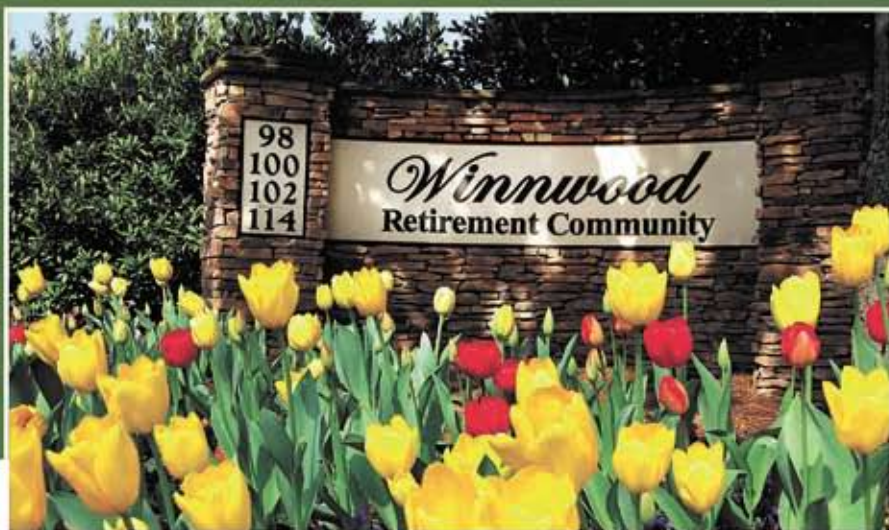
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## CONGRATULATIONS TINA KLEIN

Congratulations to Balanced Running Coach and Kennesaw Community advocate Tina Klein. Tina and her relay teammates Judy Stobbe, Roxanne Springer and Sue Patterson-McDonald crushed the current American and World Record in the 4 x 800 meters at the USATF Masters Nationals in July. These ladies are pictured above. Tina also took the silver in the 5,000 meter.

This is Coach Tina's 1st world record!

You can find Tina and her incredible husband Dale early on Saturday mornings at Swift Cantrell Park sharing their love of community and running with their Balanced Running family.

Tina has been a fixture in the Kennesaw Running Community for the last 10+ years. She created the kilometer kids program at the Atlanta Track Club and her partnership with the community here is what eventually developed into the Swift Kids Running Program.

## SWIFT CANTRELL RUNNING CLUB "SWIFT KIDS"

School has started and Fall 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 [drcri@eatonchiropractic.com](mailto:drcri@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](http://www.SwiftKidsRunning.com). FALL session begins AUGUST 17.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN 5K

Kennesaw Police Department is excited to be given the opportunity to be a part of the Kennesaw Grand Prix. The Law Enforcement Torch Run 5k is the 4th race of the Kennesaw Grand Prix Race Series. It is a fast, flat, and well-marked course with gentle hills through Kennesaw's Main Street and Swift Cantrell Park. Registration is now open for our Aug 14th, 2021 race day!

Over the past four decades, law enforcement, through the Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics has worked to improve the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities. We have witnessed acts of kindness, leadership, and perseverance from the 110,000+ members of the law enforcement community from around the world, at tens of thousands of events in support of our athletes.

As the Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement volunteers contribute countless hours each year, generate ongoing awareness about our mission, and secure crucial grassroots resources. Members of law enforcement are also Special Olympics parents, coaches, volunteers, and Unified partners.

There continue to be opportunities to use our combined voices to make critical strides towards true inclusion in every community. Special Olympics is proud of our relationship with the Law Enforcement Torch Run® and grateful for their support that makes much of our mission possible.

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## Law Enforcement Torch Run 5k



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## ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION BY KIM WIGINGTON, PRESIDENT



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Here are some ways you can support your local school without spending a lot of money:

1. Send treats to the teachers at a local school.
2. Send one gift card to the school and let them draw a teacher's name to receive it.
3. Do you have left over office supply logo merchandise from the conference you didn't get to attend? Send it to a school.

4. Buy school supplies when they go on clearance next month, and give them to a school.

5. Volunteer as a mentor, a reader, a lunch room monitor or anything else that gives teachers support. Be prepared to do a background check first.

Acworth is moving forward, united and strong.

### ABA AUG AA5

Thursday, Aug 12, 5:30-7:30 at Red Top  
Brewhouse RSVP [www.acworthbusiness.org](http://www.acworthbusiness.org).

### ABA WOMEN'S EVENT

Thursday, Aug 19, 11:30-1:00. The Aug  
Women's luncheon will be at The Cowan.  
RSVP [www.acworthbusiness.org](http://www.acworthbusiness.org)

### ABA AUGUST LUNCHEON

Thursday, Sept 2, 11:30-1:00 pm.  
Acworth Community Center, 4361 Cherokee  
Street, Acworth, GA, 30101. Come welcome  
Kevin Paul Scott, co-founder of ADDO, a  
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### KBA AUG LUNCHEON

Join us on Tuesday, Aug 10 at 11:30 at  
the Governor's Gun Club, as we listen to  
our speaker Sharon Mason, President and  
CEO of the Cobb Chamber. Catering by  
Governor's Gun Club This event is sponsored  
by The Teensa Regan Team. Please RSVP at  
[kennesawbusiness.org](http://kennesawbusiness.org).

### KBA AUG AA5

Take me out to Truist Park on Thursday  
August 26, 2021 starting at 5:00 pm. The  
Marietta Business Association invites the KBA  
to join them as guest of the Atlanta Braves  
for a Super Sized, August Connections (AA5)  
After Hours. This event includes several  
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through the summer.

Today Patrick has completed fourth grade reading!! Y'all when I say I cried, I ugly  
cried! I'm so proud of him and all of his hard work and determination. Looking over the  
sheet sent home with all that he can do now made me cry again. He is so proud and has  
gained so much confidence!

I am so thankful for every teacher who has ever worked with Patrick. I hope they know  
the impact they have had on him then, now and forever. There are truly never enough words  
to say THANK YOU!!

Stacy DeCuyper I hope you know exactly what a blessing you have been for Patrick.  
You have changed his entire life. We are so thankful for you and I truly thank God daily for  
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Amanda, Patrick's Mom

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## MARIETTA NEWS

### AMY REED NAMED AS DIRECTOR OF MARIETTA MUSEUM OF HISTORY

The City of Marietta is pleased to announce that Amy Reed has been selected to serve as the new Museum Director of the Marietta Museum of History after an extensive nationwide search and interview process.

After almost 20 years of experience with the Marietta Museum of History, Amy is more than qualified to lead the Museum. She has worked as the Curator of Exhibits and Educational Programming at the Marietta Museum of History for 18 years. She completed her B.A. in History at North Georgia College and State University and went on to work on her Master's in Public History from the State University of West Georgia. Through that program she received her Certificate in Museum Studies.

Amy has presented on numerous topics to the Georgia Association of Museums, the Southeastern Museums Conference, and numerous civic groups throughout the country. She has curated dozens of exhibits highlighting the unique people, places, and events from around Cobb County including Remarkable Women of Marietta and Cobb County, Y'all Come Eat: Southern Foodway Traditions, The Man with the Camera: Photographs by Raymond T. Burford and Made by Her Hands: The Beauty, Warmth and Stories of Local Quilting.

Amy created and facilitated the Diverse Cobb Advisory Committee, co-hosts the weekly Facebook live series History Loves Company and facilitates programming such as The Remember When Club, Evening with History lectures, Diverse Cobb programming and numerous fundraisers.

The City of Marietta is excited to see the Museum's leadership pass into such capable hands. The history of Marietta and Cobb County will continue to be told through Amy's guidance with the help of the high caliber staff at the museum.



### MCMA HOSTING MARTINIS AND MUSIC

Marietta Cobb Museum of Art is hosting Martinis and Music Night on August 20, 2021 from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm at 30 Atlanta Street, Marietta, GA 30060.

Johnny Porrazzo will be entertaining guests with his pop rock music. Metro Montage XXI, MCMA's annual juried exhibition will be on view. Carriage House Catering will provide hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available.

The Museum is located at 30 Atlanta St., just off the Marietta Square. Admission is \$10 at the door or free to members of Marietta Cobb Museum of Art.

### MARIETTA CITY SCHOOLS LOOKING FOR BUSINESS PARTNERS

Marietta City Schools is looking for 12 "Flagship" partners that want to sponsor a Back-to-School event at one of our schools. The events vary from teacher luncheons to STEM Nights. The schools, in turn, will provide exposure and publicity for your business. In addition, the Marietta Business Association will recognize your efforts to support our schools. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Dr. Tricia Patterson as soon as possible to arrange your event. [triciapatterson@marietta-city.k12.ga.us](mailto:triciapatterson@marietta-city.k12.ga.us),

### GLOVER PARK CONCERTS

The City of Marietta is hosting its 2021 Glover Park Concert Series on the last Friday, of the month at 8:00pm on the Marietta Square. The concerts are free, but a limited number of tables can be reserved for a fee.

Table reservations are taken on a first come basis on the first working day of each month beginning at 8:00 am. Table reservations for the August 28th concert will open on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. Bring a picnic or dine in one of the many fine restaurants located on the square.

The concert for Aug 27 is Glow Band playing Classic Pop. Blankets and lawn chairs may be set up in the park and tables are permitted in the street after 6:00 p.m. No personal tables, plastic ground covering or ropes, tape, stakes, etc. used to section off areas are permitted inside the park as they will be removed.

**PARKING:** Free on street parking, City Hall parking deck, 205 Lawrence St and the Care Here of Marietta parking lot, 268 Lawrence St.

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## MARIETTA NEWS



### ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK RETURNS TO MARIETTA SQUARE

After a necessary one-year hiatus, Art in the Park returns to historic Marietta Square this Labor Day weekend. Featuring more than 150 fine art booths, this outdoor event also delights the entire family with children's activities, live music and great food from local restaurants.

**ART** - Art in the Park is a fun and interactive way to experience a wide variety of artists working in many media. This year, the festival will feature more than 150 artists with offerings in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, pottery, woodworking, glass, photography, textiles and jewelry in fine metals and precious stones. At the Artist Market, visitors can purchase art and learn about it in person with the artists. Some will even offer demonstrations during the festival for a real behind-the-scenes look at how to make certain pieces.

**CHALK ART** - The children's Chalk Spot, sponsored by THE Marietta Local is a street art display benefitting the Marietta High School Visual Arts Department and offers participants the opportunity to create their own designs on their own sidewalk spaces. This chalk art will be displayed throughout the festival, and participation is just \$10 per person. The registration fee (onsite only) includes a box of chalk and coupons from local businesses, while supplies last. Also for the kiddos, Art in the Park includes the Children's Art Alley, a free, interactive "make and take" area located on Atlanta St. on the south side of the park.

This event will be held Saturday, Sept. 4 - Monday, Sept. 6, 2021

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day in Glover Park on the Historic Marietta Square Free Festival Admission

**PARKING** - Free on-street parking is available around Marietta Square. Additional parking is available in the decks located at Waddell and Lawrence streets.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

The 30th annual Marietta StreetFest brings family fun, live music, arts & crafts and classic cars back to the historic Marietta Square, Saturday, Sept. 18 - Sunday, Sept. 19. This outdoor event is presented by the Marietta Museum of History, and admission is FREE!

**THE ARTS** - Attendees will have the opportunity to glance through many collectibles and treasures that feature shabby chic and folk or something new and crafty for the home. Artist Alley will showcase works from more than 70 vendors. Local and national artists offer handcrafted items like paintings, jewelry and pottery, as well as market-style items, such as lotions, jellies, jams and sauces.

**MUSIC** - StreetFest is thrilled to welcome the Marietta Grassroots Music Festival again this year. Festival goers can grab their blankets and lawn chairs and support local musicians. This music festival was created with the purpose of showcasing the best talent from the city and surrounding communities to build upon and strengthen the foundation of community pride present today and encourage a pay-it-forward attitude. For more information about the Marietta StreetFest contact: Carolyn Morris 404-966-8497

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In the military, there is a saying: "Got your six." When you hear these words, you know you can count on your fellow service member/s.

I'm blown away by the civilians, in our community. They have demonstrated again that they have our local military families' six. These civilians, civilian organizations, military families and military organization made this the best year yet for our Georgia National Guard families.

Thank you so much to everyone that donated to the 8th Annual Military School Supply Drive! It was a huge team effort and a tremendous showing of love, which will benefit our local military children that sacrifice for our freedom. I am incredibly grateful and so very proud of our community!

Thank you to: Susan Pryor, Beth Waters and Family, Karen Frost, Pleinis Family, Dodie Tippens Amee Davis, Brunessa Drayton, David Dickerson and Jenny Dickerson, Daigle Family, Mitchell Family, Amy Wilemon, Carrie Powers, David Perrie, Larry LunsPro, Usmvmc Cartersville GA5, Kaitlyn Carson, Susan Scherer, Jackie Wheeler and Jennifer,

## FOLLOW UP TO IATROGENIC DISEASE ARTICLE

BY DR. CRIS EATON WELSH

Oh the number of calls, emails, inboxes and drop-ins I have gotten at the office to "discuss" my article on Iatrogenic disease.... and sadly they all went the same way and had the same over riding tone.

The two biggest questions were:

1. Who was the doctor?

2. What can I do to choose a better doctor?

And to that I say... You missed the entire point....

You don't need a different doctor, you need a different paradigm.

A doctor is just a human working in a system. This system that people put all of their hope in is not about health, it is about putting out fires and managing sickness and disease. It is the system our society has chosen.

Corporations are in the business of giving people what they want. The majority have chosen this system and buy into it.

This is system that puts all of its faith in a pill, injection or procedure.

A system that puts out fires ...often-time fires it actually starts.

A system that focuses on throwing drugs and procedures at disease processes instead of prevention.

If you want to avoid iatrogenic disease... think differently, act differently, choose differently.

You need to shift your paradigm, not your doctor.

Editor Note: What are you doing to promote your preventative medicine paradigm (or way of living)? Healthy Eating, No Smoking, Moderate alcohol, Exercise (walking is great exercise), Making time for yourself, Laughing, Relaxing, Getting enough sleep?

## FOSTER 4 LOVE

Dear friends, colleagues and supporters,

As you may know, our organization has been serving foster and adoptive families in our community for the past few years. We have been fortunate to help children and families reach meaningful healing. Of course, none of this would be possible without the incredible support of our community. However, through our work over the years, we have identified a strong community need for a family visitation center right here in Cobb County and are excited to announce that we are launching that comprehensive family visitation center very soon.

Along with supervised visitations, the center will also offer a resource closet, and an intake center for children coming into foster care. Our search for the perfect location has brought us a location in Marietta very close to Cobb County DFCS and other local services. In order to reserve this space, we need assistance collecting the initial opening funding of \$25,000. To that end, we have already secured a funding grant of \$50,000 to cover staff costs in the space once open.

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I will continue to listen and work with others on both sides of the aisle to find solutions to real problems facing our District, our County and our State.

I invite you to visit [voteseabaugh.com](http://voteseabaugh.com) and click on 'Keep Me Updated' so I can keep you informed on what is happening under the Gold Dome over the next year.

God Bless, Devan Seabaugh, State Representative-Elect District 34



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INTRODUCTION TO THE KENNESAW CITY CEMETERY  
BY ANDREW BRAMLETT

Located in Historic Downtown Kennesaw, the Kennesaw City Cemetery dates back to at least 1863. Prior to that time, the cemetery was part of Camp McDonald, the largest Civil War training camp in Georgia. In October of 1863, several months after the camp closed, Lucius Summers was laid to rest, becoming the cemetery's first known burial. Over the next several years, more and more townspeople were interred at the site. In 1900, the historic sections of the cemetery were purchased by the City of Kennesaw. The remaining portions, near what is now the back of the cemetery, were donated by Mayor Luther Chalker in the 1970s.

The volunteers of the Kennesaw Cemetery Preservation Commission, under advisement from the City Clerk's office, oversee the cemetery. The City Clerk's office handles all sales and permits for burials. Burial plots cost \$1,000 for city residents, and \$1,500 for non-residents. A cremation garden is also available, and memorial trees can be purchased. For more info about burials and memorial trees, visit <https://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/city-cemetery/>

In addition to the funding from the sale of cemetery lots and trees, the Kennesaw Cemetery Preservation Foundation helps raise money for the cemetery. More info about the Foundation can be found here: <https://kennesawcemetery.org/>

It has now been 158 years since Lucius Summers was laid to rest. The cemetery still remains an important part of our community and is a tangible link to our City's past.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Christopher Abel, a student who is visually impaired from Acworth, Georgia, won first place in the Varsity Category at the 2021 Braille Challenge Finals for the second year in-a-row. The Braille Challenge is the only academic competition of its kind in the world for students who are blind or visually impaired. It motivates students grades 1-12 to hone and practice their braille literacy skills and the winner made it to the top out of more than 1,200 competitors.

Tracy Fitch, a Teacher of the Visually Impaired, of Atlanta has been named Braille Institute's Teacher of the Year for 2021. She also is the teacher for Christopher Abel.

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