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GEORGIA FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 24 – "Drinks, Meat 'n' Three" 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, Jim R. Miller Park. A fun festival Kick-Off Luncheon with whiskey, beer and wine tastings - and a variety of Meat Three lunch plate combos. Guest celebrity chefs will be preparing fantastic lunch plates. Friday, March 25 – "Classes from the Georgia Masters", Jim R. Miller Park (Master Class Pass Available for all 5 Classes) A variety of master classes featuring cooking

demonstrations with some of Georgia's most celebrated chefs, beverage demonstrations and tastings from winemakers and beverage experts. Each class offers the attendee an opportunity to taste culinary creations/bites with paired wines, beers or featured signature cocktails. *Classes from guest chef/authors will include a signed copy of their most recent cookbook.

Friday, March 25, 7:30 – 9:30 pm - "Fired-Up", Jim R. Miller Park

This BBQ Extravaganza is a showcase of the southeast's most celebrated Pitmasters and

grill masters with wine, beer and spirits - live music and more. Enjoy unlimited beverage tastings in a souvenir glass, along with delicious grilled, smoked and roasted gourmet BBQ bites - all included with ticket price. FREE parking, 21 & older only event, no pets allowed.

Saturday, March 26, 1 – 4 pm, "Savor, Georgia Food + Wine Festival", Jim R. Miller Park A fun afternoon of culinary and beverage tastings, with live music, celebrity chef demonstrations, interactive stations from several world-renowned beverage experts. Tickets include a souvenir glass for unlimited beverage tastings from hundreds of wines, beer and spirts exhibitors, and each guest will receive an RFID wristband which will be pre-loaded with \$10 in Tasting Credits and can be used to purchase additional credits throughout the festival. to be determined. A fantastic Silent Auction will feature a variety of items and services, from

luxury and beauty, to travel and one-of-a-kind entertainment and dining opportunities. The Silent Auction will benefit MUST Ministries. FREE Parking, no pets allowed.

Sunday, March 27, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm, "Sunday/Funday" (Family-friendly event)An exciting festival finale with live music and a variety of delectable restaurants, farmers, artisans, and food trucks, and a variety of beverages for purchase. A family friendly event with something for everybody in the family including a free Kids Zone. There will be a variety of beverages for everybody in the family, including a free Kids Zone. There will be a variety of beverages available for purchase for 21 and older-including beer, wine and cocktails. The Sunday/Funday

> purchase: Mimosas, Sparkling Wines, Bloody Mary Bar and Frose' (Frozen Rose') with a souvenir cup! Each ticket includes an RFID wristband pre-loaded with 10 Tasting Credits. Children 12 & under are FREE, free parking,

> event) Enjoy sipping and shucking the afternoon away while listening to live music and enjoying unlimited wine, beer and spirits tasting stations with unlimited buckets of oysters and BBQ. Oyster Roast, VIP Lounge

from 11 am 5 pm and VIP Lounge parking. Each ticket includes an RFID wristband preloaded with 10 Tasting Credits. Children 12 & under are FREE, free parking, no pets allowed.



Tickets available at www. georgiafoodandwine.com.

Lounge will feature specialty drink stations for no pets allowed.

Sunday, March 27, 12:00 - 3:00 pm, "Oyster Roast, VIPLounge" (Family-friendly tickets include admission to Sunday/Funday



Addicted to rusty, retro, and funky junk! Join the GA Junkies 41 for our semi-annual event! Join us Friday, Sat and Sunday, March 18, 19, and 20 as we host Cartersville's largest

spring vendor markets! GA Junkies is an unique shopping extravaganza!

Our vendor fair has 100+ booths available for selling everything rusty, shabby, industrial to farmhouse chic! Expect to see unique handcrafted clothing, jewelry, recycled goods, furniture, home decor, timeless treasures, plants and lots of junk!

Please visit The Leaf Store. They sell a variety of indoor plants and herbs along with handmade plant hangers! Expect unique plants that can't be found everywhere and common plants that are all reasonably priced! Shop their booth at Georgia Junkies 41 Spring Vintage Market on March 18th-20th.

Dogs on a leash are welcome. Car Show and Tractor Show are on Saturday with the Dog Show on Sunday. See a sampling of our vendors that are packing up and traveling to the Georgia Junkies 41 Spring Market. You can find them and many others on our FB page. Calling all Car Clubs - come join our Car Show to be held on Sat Mar 20 10-3. Entry Fee is \$25.00. Registration begins at 9:00 am.

Visit them, follow them, like them, love them, become a vendor with them. GAjunkies 41@ gmail.com, www.georgiajunkies 41.com and they are on FB at gajunkies41.

Kids under 12 are free. Tickets are \$10 for the Early Bird/Weekend Pass, \$5.00 for each weekend Day. Plan to join us on March 18 from 3-7 (Earlybird), March 19 from 10-6 \$5.00, Mar 20, from 11-5 \$5.00, at the Bartow County Saddle Club, 43 Saddle Club Drive, Cartersville, GA, 30120.



46TH ANNUAL SUPERIOR PLUMBING KENNESAW/BIG SHANTY FESTIVAL

The Kennesaw Business Association in cooperation with the City of Kennesaw along with the Title Sponsor: Superior Plumbing and Presenting Sponsors: LGE Community Credit Union and Georgia Grown will host the 46th Annual Superior Plumbing Kenneaw/Big Shanty

Festival on Saturday April 9 and Sunday April 10 in downtown Kennesaw.

The Superior Plumbing Kennesaw/Big Shanty Festival features over 200 Arts & Crafts booths, 25 food booths, two entertainment stage, as well as live acoustic music in the new

Food Court throughout the weekend. Something for the entire family!

A parade will kick-off the festival Saturday morning at 9:30am Admission is free to the

A parade will kick-off the festival Saturday morning at 9:30am Admission is free to the festival. Want to be in the parade? Email missy@jrmmanagement.com. Schools, churches, scouts, friends and neighbors are all welcome to march.

The festival is providing FREE SHUTTLES to and from the downtown area. Two 14 passenger busses will be running shuttles from Swift-Cantrell Park to festival grounds during event hours – both Saturday & Sunday. Parking: Available at Adams Park & Swift-Cantrell The Festival is sponsored by the Kennesaw Business Association in cooperation with the City of Kennesaw Sunday and LOE Communic Conditions.

City of Kennesaw. Superior Plumbing is the title sponsor and LGE Community Credit Union and Georgia Grown are the presenting sponsors. For more information call 770-423-1330 or email missy@jrmmanagement.com. See you there! Pictured above: The crowds enjoying a beautiful day at last year's festival.

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BRANDON PATRICK

Happy 10th birthday! Brandon Patrick. Brandon's birthday is March 5. We love you so much, Mom & Lindsey

BROOKWOOD TEA AND SILENT AUCTION

Brookwood Christian School will host their famous Brookwood Tea and Silent Auction on April 28, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at Brookwood Christian School, 4728 Wood Street, Acworth 30101. This is a fund-raiser for the school.

At this writing they already have over 50 items in Silent Auction. If you are interested in donating, you call/ text 678-401-5855.

This event will be Catered by Soiree Catering, Atlanta and includes: Savory and sweet scones, tea sandwiches, quiche, charcuterie, assorted desserts, as well as cold and hot teas. Tickets are \$40 each. Text TEA to 404-491-7724 to buy tickets or purchase at BrookwoodChristian.com



SOUPER BOWL DONATIONS

Summit Baptist Church received over 400 cans of food collected by Baker Elementary school JR Optimist Club as part of Souper bowl game



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DONOVAN THEODORE

Donovan started at Brookwood Christian School in 9th grade after our family relocated from Louisville, KY. During the process of our school search, we looked for a school that had the capability of designing an educational plan that was very specific to his learning differences and a family like environment where he felt included and not made to feel different. Brookwood checked both boxes.

Donovan's learning differences were mostly centered around math and reading comprehension. When he arrived at Brookwood, he was definitely a few grades behind in both subjects. At Brookwood, Donovan received individual attention tailored to his learning style that enabled him to close the gap in his reading and math levels. This led to success in other subjects as he began to better understand his teacher's expectations and assignments better.

BCS challenged him and allowed him to develop a robust work ethic which he continued throughout his college career.

Donovan graduated Brookwood Christian as class Valedictorian and enrolled at Chattahoochee Technical College as a Television & Video Production major. During his time at Chattahoochee Tech, Donovan gained valuable experience as a Camera Operator on the former, local sports television show "Play To Win" and currently as a Production Assistant for the Acworth Cultural Arts production of "Seven Keys To Baldpate Inn"

Donovan will be graduating in May 2022 with an Associates of Applied Science Degree with the goal of working in the television/ video industry utilizing his experience as a Camera Operator, Production Assistant, Writer or Director.

For more information on how your child can benefit by attending Brookwood Christian School, visit their website at http:// brookwoodchristian.com and click on Inquiries for Enrollment under Quick Links.

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ANDREW BRAMLETT'S RESIDENTS OF THE KENNESAW CEMETERY

Andrew J. Bramlett

George Washington Johnson was born February 23rd, 1890, in Canton, Georgia. His parents were Tom and Ruida Johnson. By 1918, he had moved to



Marietta. In that year he registered for the WWI draft, but he never served in the military. At the time he registered he was working as

By 1920, Johnson was living near Pine Mountain. In that year he married Rosalee Sewell. Their son, John, was born in October of 1920. The family later moved to the Lakewood Heights neighborhood of Atlanta, where Johnson worked as an automotive body builder. While it is not known where Johnson was employed, General Motors Lakewood Assembly Plant had opened nearby in 1927.

In 1929, Johnson began being treated for kidney inflammation. It ultimately led to his death on March 7th, 1929. Johnson was buried in Kennesaw two days later. Johnson's grave is unique to the cemetery as it has a tile with his photograph printed on it that is embedded on the front of his tombstone.

DECORATION DAY

Join Kennesaw's Cemetery Preservation Commission as we celebrate Decoration Day on Saturday, May 7 from 10am to 2pm at the Kennesaw City Cemetery in Downtown Kennesaw. The time will be dedicated to beautifying Kennesaw's historic City Cemetery. Cleaning supplies will be provided, courtesy of the City of Kennesaw. There will be free lunch and music. All are welcome to come and participate!

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BUNNY BREAKFAST SATURDAY APRIL 2

Treat your family to a buffet including hot and ready pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage, as well as a medley of fresh fruit and delicious breakfast sweets. Everyone's favorite cottontail will be making his way from table to table to say hello to all the boys and girls. Be sure to bring your camera to capture all the memories! Seatings are available from 8:00-9:15 AM or 10:00-11:15 AM. Tickets are only \$6 per person and can be purchased online or at the Ben Robertson Community Center. Advance purchase is required. Tickets are non-refundable after March 25. Children ages 2 and under do not need a ticket if they will be sitting in laps.

8:00 AM: https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog/click on special events. 10:00 AM: https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog/ click on special events. PS - The cotton tail is really the Easter Bunny!



CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Cris Eaton Welsh congratulates Dr. Aaron Young on his one year anniversary with Eaton Chiropratic. Dr. Young graduated from Life University and in addition to working with Dr. Welsh is the LaCrosse Coach Hillgrove High School and B12 Team. A perfect fit for our community.

COUNTY MASK MANDATE LIFTED

The mask mandate in Cobb County buildings has been lifted as of FEBRUARY 28, following the updated guidelines from the CDC. The Emergency Declaration is still in effect and is expected to be terminated this week based on the continuing trend of lower transmission rates in the county. As of Friday of last week, transmission rates were still in the high range and trending downward. You can view the most up-to-date data on the Cobb and Douglas Public Health website.

SWIFT KIDS RUNNING

This program is a fun, flexible running program designed to get and keep kids in the community active. The mission of Swift Kids is to promote a healthy, active lifestyle through a running based program. Meeting location is the picnic pavilions at Swift Cantrell Park. Parent meeting is Thursday, March 10 at the Ben Robertson Community Center. Running begins March 15-June 9, every Tuesday and Thursday, weather permitting. Ages 5-12. Fee \$90.00 resident, \$110.00 non-resident. Register on line at https://secure.rec1.com/ GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog - click on Youth -Fitness & Health. Registration includes all sessions and two 5K races (Swift Cantrell Classic and Law Enforcement Torch Run, plus a T-shirt.

SUMMER PROGRAM PALOOZA

Have you ever wanted to learn more about Kennesaw Parks & Rec programs? This is your chance! Join us on Tuesday, March 29, from 5:30-7:30 pm, for Kennesaw's Park and Recreation Summer Program Palooza. This is a free event at the Recreation Center where community members can learn about all of our program offerings, meet instructors, ask questions, check out the new facility and sign up for a membership if you have not already. A variety of summer camp instructors will be on-site so attendees can meet them and learn more about the different camps available to the community such as, sports, art, and science camps, as well as the All-Star Camp. Attend Program Palooza and register on site to receive 10% that can be applied to summer programs! This event will happen before registration officially opens so be sure to attend to grab those spots early! Resident and Non-Residents will be able to register at the event. Staff will be available day-of to help you register for any of our programs. The Recreation Center at Adam's Park is located at 2737 Watts Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30144.



CONGRATULATIONS RAYMOND GOSLOW

Congratulations to Cobb library staffer Raymond Goslow who finished in second place in the Jeopardy! National College Championship finals which aired February 22. He walked away with \$100,000 in prize money. Raymond graduated in December in Geographic Information Science (GIS) from Kennesaw State University. He plans to head to graduate school to get his Master's degree in library science and become a librarian.

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COBB GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 pm. Thomas MacEntee will speak on "Getting Ready for the 1950 Census Join us via zoom for this free presentation at 7 P.M. on February 22. This presentation is open to everyone Registration is required. To find out more about CCGS and their upcoming programs, or to register for this free program, visit the society's website: www.cobbgagensoc.org.

ARTS ALLIANCE **NEWS**

Upcoming Exhibit: "Chiaroscuro" Exhibit! This exhibit will run from March 5 thru April 23. acworthartsalliance.org/ guidelines/.

Visit us and see our exhibits, join a workshop, purchase a gift. The Art House is located at 4425 Cherokee St., Acworth. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, 12-6 pm.



ACWORTH CULTURAL ARTS **THEATRE PRODUCTION!**

You are invited to join the reception room at Baldpate Inn and observe a murder up close. Or was it a murder? Do our senses deceive us? Performances of Seven Keys to Baldpate Inn are March 25, 26, April 1, 2 at 8:00 pm March 27 at 3:00 pm. Roberts School Community Center. Purchase tickets \$20 online Acworthculturalarts.org/tickets

ACCEPTING APPOINTMENTS

OAK Sanctuary is open for appointments either online or in-person. Bach flower remedies are wonderful for times of stress and anxiety and are a gentle and safe way to assist with your emotional and mental well-being. A sound session, using Tibetan bowls, is the perfect way to escape, relax, regain focus, and regroup during these stressful times. Full descriptions of our services can be found at www. theoaksanctuary.com under the Consultations tab or call 404-903-4104.

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Renasant Bank is hosting a Backpack and Essential Items Donation Drive Benefiting the EXTENSION of Cobb County for homeless and addiction, through March 31.

The residents often come into the Extension program with just the clothes on their backs. They work full-time while in the program but walk, ride a bike or take public transportation to their jobs. A new backpack is a blessing to them; filling the backpack with the basic items they need to start their program

successfully is invaluable!

DONATION ITEMS NEEDED:

Backpack, tooth brush and paste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, razors, Hand sanitizer, Cloth masks New underwear & Socks (all adult sizes-men and women) Notebook/pens Encouraging notes or scripture verses, Feminine hygiene products Drop-off at Renasant Bank. 3415 George

Busbee Parkway NW, Kennesaw, GA, 30144, (470) 655-4872.

BORN AGAIN BLESSINGS CHILDREN'S **CONSIGNMENT SALE**

Children's and maternity clothes, shoes, toys, nursery items, baby equipment, furniture and more! Friday March 25, 9am-7pm. Saturday March 26, 9am-noon. Preview sale: Riverstone church, 2005 Stilesboro rd. Nw, Kennesaw, Ga 30152. More info:www. bornagainblessings.com

SAVE THE DATE DEBUT OF THE NOONDAY SHANTY 5K/10K

The Town Center Community Alliance has announced the debut of the Noonday Shanty 5K/10K for those looking to make strides along Noonday Creek Trail. Participants will have the opportunity to compete with runners, walkers and families at the inaugural event on March 26, 2022.

Managed by Orion Racing, the Noonday Shanty 5K/10K will offer two race lengths and will be the first USA Track and Fieldcertified race to take place on the Noonday Creek Trail. Participants of all skill levels are welcome to join .To register, visit https:// www.towncentercid.com/alliance/noondayshanty/

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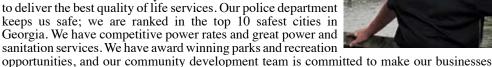
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THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK

We welcome March and all the signs of the promise of spring that are starting to pop up throughout the city. While we watch the flowers begin to grow as the seasons change, we're

reminded how our community grows and works together. We believe in Teamwork and we believe TEAM stands for "together everyone achieves more"! From our city team to our volunteer boards, from our local businesses to our community churches, Acworth is Teamwork. Our culture of Teamwork has been built on trust, encouragement and caring... that's why our Teamwork has unified our community and created a great quality of life.

Our city team works every day to make life better for our citizens and businesses. Every member of our team is committed to deliver the best quality of life services. Our police department keeps us safe; we are ranked in the top 10 safest cities in Georgia. We have competitive power rates and great power and sanitation services. We have award winning parks and recreation



We are proud of the teamwork we share between the city and the Acworth Business

Association! We are blessed to have our churches and pastors who love and pray for community. We are thankful for all of our volunteers who serve on our boards and authorities to build our quality of life. We are so grateful and humbled by the community teamwork from everyone

Before we know it, it will be time for the return of the Acworth Art Fest! This year, the festival will take place on Saturday, April 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Historic Downtown Acworth. Plan your visit to shop countless artisan vendors selling their handmade works on Historic Downtown Main Street!

Families can look forward to Friday, April 8 as the City of Acworth partners with our friends at Freedom Church to bring the Acworth Egg Hunt to the community at the Acworth Sports Complex with timed hunts for the kids as well as inflatables, crafts, and more! For more information and egg hunt times, please visit www.acworthegghunt.com.

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

God Bless, Tommy

ACWORTH FAMILY DANCE PARTY

The Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department is proud to present to a fun, new, and exciting program for the whole family! The inaugural Acworth Family Dance Party will take place on Saturday, March 12, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Acworth Community Center in Tanyard Creek Overlook. This year we will be hosting a DISCO dance party! We invite the Acworth community to bring their families and dance the night away! Moms, dads, siblings, cousins, grandparents and all family in between are welcome! This event will be a great opportunity for the whole family to get dressed up in some funky disco threads and spend a fun evening together. The event will include a DJ, light refreshments, gifts for the kiddos and photo opportunities! For those of you that love our daddy-daughter specific events, don't fret! We will be hosting our Daddy Daughter Date Night in June to provide a special night for father figures and daughters to spend together closer to Father's Day weekend. Register online at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org

YOGA CLASSES **BUILD YOGA**

Join Marlo from Backbends and Brews in this great fitness class! BUILD is a very dynamic class using yoga postures, plyometrics, hand weights, and calisthenics to BUILD strength, flexibility, balance, and endurance. Marlo donates 20% of class fees to charity! Classes are held on Wednesdays from 9:05 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. Monthly and drop-in rates are available. www. acworthparksandrecreation.org

BEND & BREATHE MEDITATION YIN YOGA

Join Marlo for a yoga class that targets vour deep connective tissues, like your fascia, ligaments, joints, and bones. It's slower and more meditative, giving you space to turn inward and tune into both your mind and the physical sensations of your body. Marlo donates 20% of class fees to charity! Classes are held on Wednesdays from 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monthly and drop-in rates are available. www.acworthparksandrecreation.org

ACWORTH EGG HUNT

The skydiving Easter Bunny will be back for 2022! Come watch him make his exciting arrival on Friday, April 8 at the Acworth Sports Complex! The City of Acworth and Freedom Church invite your family to participate in the return of the Acworth Egg Hunt! The event will take place at the Acworth Sports Complex (4000 South Main St.) on the baseball fields. Egg hunts are timed, and gates will open at 6:00 p.m. Join Acworth as we celebrate with games, crafts, and grand entrance by the Easter Bunny! Always a ton of fun for young and old alike.

SCHEDULE:

7:30 p.m. – 0-2 year olds (Field #1) 7:40 p.m. – 3-4 year olds (Field #2) 7:50 p.m. – 5-6 year olds (Field #3) 8:00 p.m. – 7-8 year olds (Field #4) 8:10 p.m. – 9-10 year olds (Field #5)

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ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

BY DALE HOEFLINGER PRESIDENT

Often in my career in the finance industry, I have had the pleasure of helping my clients do

a little "spring cleaning," or check-in conversations around their business. These conversations usually are focused around business growth and plateaus that often follow. These plateaus occur when periods of steady increase suddenly level off. There are three words I use to describe this situation: progression, regression, and then there's stuck. Take the last 12 months for example...

where is your business today? Is your business stuck?

Before you get discouraged, let's look back a little.
Business owners are usually the one with the idea, the passion and the drive behind the business growth and success. Their business continues to grow faster and faster due to their idea coming to life. All of sudden the business owner finds themselves trying to handle all aspects of the business: taxes, accounting, payroll, lending, billing,



insurance, development, expansion, human resources, and so on. So now who's driving? What if you could stop doing the logistics of business and get back to building your business? Let the Acworth Business Association help you.

The Acworth Business Association is one of the largest and most active consortium of professionals in the area. We can help you expand your team and put you back in the driver's seat. We have CPA's, insurance agents, payroll companies, merchant services, lawyers, financial advisors and so much more. Come get to know them at one of our monthly events. Wake up and network at the morning JOLT. Break bread with your community during a luncheon. End the work day, grab a drink and build relationships with business owners at the Alive After Five. Ladies, come celebrate and share your success at the women's business lunch each month. Find us at www.acworthbusiness.org to Maximize Your Momentum.

ABA UPCOMING EVENTS

ABA MAR AA5

Will be held Thursday, MAR 10, 5:30-7:30, at FISH THYME. Hosted by Stephen and Veronica Dudley, this awesome restaurant is located at 3979 S Main St #5657, Acworth, GA 30101. Great food, great staff, great place to network and start Spring off in a positive mood. RSVP www.acworthbusiness.org.

WOMEN'S MAR BUSINESS NETWORK

The ABA Women's Business Network will be held on March 17 at 11:30 am at THE COWAN, 4271 Southside Dr, Acworth, GA 30101 Please RSVP at www.acworthbusiness.

ABA APR LUNCHEON

Will be held on Thursday, APRIL 14 at the Acworth Community Center. The luncheon begins at 11:30 and will be sponsored by Anchor Realty Partners. PLEASE to RSVP at www. acworthbusiness.org

KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION BY DANA DORRIS, PRESIDENT

A LEADER'S CONFIDENCE



Great leaders always seem to have that "it" factor. They look the part, have that extra swagger, and seem to be completely comfortable when speaking in front of a crowd. I have always heard that public speaking is the number one fear for most people – even more than death. So, what is their secret ingredient? I believe it is preparation and practice.

We've always heard that "practice makes perfect". I am not sure if that is necessarily true, but I do believe that practice builds confidence, reduces anxiety, and assists in delivering a successful presentation. In fact, I've read that those who spend quality time in preparation are the ones who can be more spontaneous during presentations.

Over the years, I have found 3 simple steps that help boost my confidence in public speaking:

1. Rehearse – Take time to rehearse out loud and in possible in front of a mirror. It is important to take the extra time and energy to rehearse out loud and not only review your presentation in your head.

2. Record yourself - Seeing yourself present can be an eye-opening experience. If video is unavailable, simply listening to yourself through an audio recording will help to adjust the details of your energy, voice inflection and pace.

3. Use a focus group – My family is usually my focus group to test my content. However, if you have an important project, choose subject matter experts to listen in and ask for their feedback. With technology platforms, like Zoom, you can easily accomplish this.

A very wise woman (my mother-in-law) once told me to have the grace of a swan even if I am paddling like crazy underneath the surface. You might still get nervous when you have a public speaking engagement but making your communication style a priority will help ease the tension and allow you to project confidence when you are speaking in front of a crowd. I am willing to bet that if you ask any of your favorite public speakers how they get ready for a big event, their secret ingredient will be their preparation for perfection. Just remember, even if they seemed poised and confident – they are probably paddling like crazy underneath the surface.

KBA MAR LUNCHEON

TUES MAR 8: 11:30-1:00 will be held at the Kennesaw Rec Center on Watts Drive, Kennesaw. Speaker is Earnest Davis, Host of "Real Money Real Talk". Please RSVP at www. kennesawbusiness.org.

KBA MAR AA5

Mardi Gras rolls on with the KBA on March 15th! Copeland's will host the Alive After 5 with all the makings of a true New Orleans experience. They will be cooking up a Low Country Boil and pouring all your favorite Abita beers. Of course, this will all be enjoyed to the tune of a brass band. Bring your beads and get ready to party "Til the Saints Come Marching In!" This will be held Tuesday, MAR 15, 5:30-7:30, at COPELANDS of New Orleans, 1142 Barrett Parkway NW Kennesaw GA 30144 RSVP www.kennesawbusiness.org

KBA FIFTH TUESDAY LUNCHEON

Will be held on Tuesday, March 29, at Copelands of New Orleans and sponsored NorthStar Church. The fun begins at 11:30 am. This is a fun relaxed time to network over lunch. RSVP www.kennesawbusiness.org.



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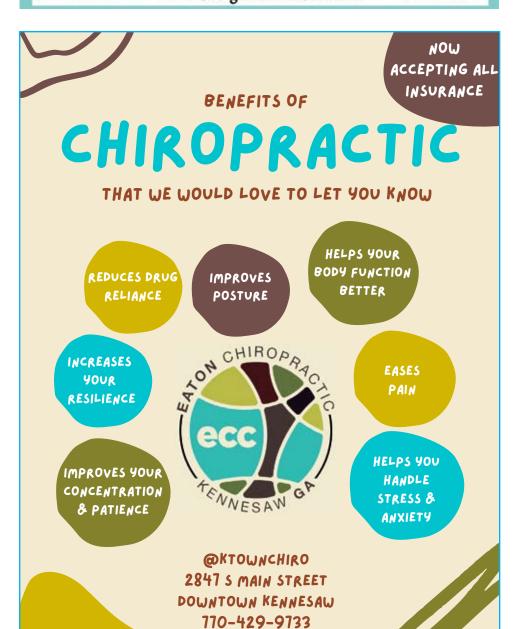
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COBB'S BUSINESS LEADERS HONORED AT 80TH ANNUAL DINNER

The Cobb Chamber of Commerce celebrated its many accomplishments of 2021 at the 80th Annual Dinner celebration, presented by Wellstar, on Jan. 29 at the Cobb Galleria Centre. Over 1,000 business and community leaders attended the black-tie optional dinner affair, including military leaders, economic development partners and elected officials. Brian Bohannon, Head Football Coach of Kennesaw State University served as the event's master of ceremonies.

The evening included a robust program, including outgoing Chairman, John Loud of LOUD Security Systems, Inc., passing the leadership to 2022 Chairwoman Britt Fleck of Georgia Power. In his address, Loud celebrated the collective efforts of the Chamber and how it served as a champion for businesses and the community over the past two years.

During the evening, Loud presented several prestigious awards to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to enhance the quality of the Chamber's programming and the quality of life in Cobb

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The 2022 Len Gilbert Award was given to Stephen Vault of Wellstar Health System. This award is presented to an outstanding board member who, through his or her leadership, commitment and dedication, achieved new heights for a Chamber program or event. Vault was honored for his work as the SelectCobb Board Chairman. During 2021, Vault elevated Cobb's economic development efforts and strengthened strategic partnerships in the county and the state. Under his leadership, the SelectCobb initiative had a record-setting year with the most active project pipeline ever and most completed projects in its history.

Loud's final award of the evening, the Chairman's Award, was presented to Jay Cunningham of Superior Plumbing, whose investment in the Marquee Monday event series, Chamber Membership Campaign, and workforce development efforts have made a significant impact within the Chamber and Cobb community. Cunningham has led the Cobb Workforce Partnership for the past two years, in which he successfully launched its strategic plan, a workforce development summit, and expanded the Chamber's target industry councils.

The Marietta Daily Journal presented its prestigious 2021 Cobb County Citizen of the Year Award to Mike Plant, Derek Schiller, and Alex Anthopoulos of the Atlanta Braves. Otis Brumby, (far left) made the presentation on behalf of The Marietta Daily Journal. Pictured below l-r Otis Brumby, Mike Plant, Derek Schiller, Alex Anthopoulos.





GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITTING THE COBB SHERIFF'S FOUNDATION

The Cobb Sheriff's Foundation, Inc. cordially invites the community to support its Second Annual Sheriff's Golf Classic on Monday, March 28 at the Atlanta Country Club. SA White Oil Company, Inc. and Axon are presenting sponsors for this year's Classic.

All event proceeds will benefit the Cobb Sheriff's Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization that provides critical funding to support deputies and civilian employees through its Care & Compassion Fund and Fallen Personnel Fund. The organization also supports vital community engagement initiatives and communities in need throughout Cobb County.

"This cornerstone event supports our vision of improving the quality of life for agency personnel, under served communities and citizens of Cobb County," said Robert Haley, Founder and Executive Director of Cobb Sheriff's Foundation. "We are focused on fostering community engagement and building strong relationships in the communities we serve," he continued.

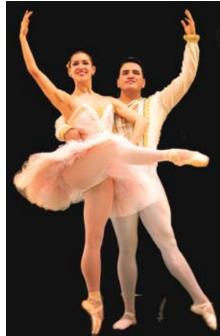
Business leaders and individuals can support the Sheriff's Golf Classic by volunteering, donating items to raffle or through sponsorships. For more information, visit cobbsheriffsfoundation. org.

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LEARN TO LISTEN TO YOUR INNER VOICE

On Sunday, March 27, 2022 beginning at 4pm OAK Sanctuary will host Listen to Your Inner Voice. We all have the ability to use our inner voice or intuition for guidance. This event will help you grow and strengthen your intuition. How does your intuition speak to you? What are the signals that your body gives when it wants to give you a message? Do you listen to that feeling in your stomach? We will explore some activities to help you to start learning how to trust your inner guidance. With practice, every one can access another way of receiving information and learn to trust their inner voice. Please bring a journal for recording your experiences.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, please visit www.theoaksanctuary.com under the Events tab or call 404-903-4104. The cost is \$20 and class will be held in-person at OAK Sanctuary, 4989 North Main Street, Suite 104, Acworth, GA 30101.



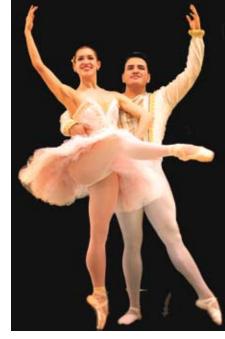
THE GEORGIA **BALLET MARCH PERFORMANCE**

The Georgia Ballet looks forward to welcoming you to their Spring Production at the Jennie T. Anderson Theater in Marietta, Georgia. GAB will present "Gala: The Celebration" to close out their 2021-2022 season the weekend of March 17th - 20th. The Georgia Ballet celebrates sharing these special moments of joy and the opportunity to experience this beautiful art form together after such a challenging time through their dynamic ballet production that includes a perfect combination of classical, contemporary and neoclassical styles. This production will include original contemporary and neoclassical group pieces and solos choreographed by GAB Ballet Mistress, Margit Reodriguez. It will also feature multiple classical pas de deux such as Flames of Paris, La Fille mal Gardee and Venice Carnival. To close, the talented GAB Company Members will perform in the majestic Paquita Grand Pas under the direction of artistic director, Mr. Daet Rodriguez. This is one celebration you do not want to miss, so save the date now, grab your family and friends and purchase your tickets today.

Gala: The Celebration will debut Thursday, March 17th with the sensory friendly show. Friday, March 18th will feature one show at 8:00 pm. Saturday, March 19th will feature two shows, 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Sunday, March 20th will close out the weekend with two shows, 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Tickets on sale NOW at www. georgiaballet.org/season.

For any additional questions please contact The Georgia Ballet at 770.528.0881



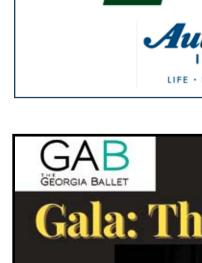


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GOD HAS PLANNED SOMETHING BETTER... BY MARLON LONGACRE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR, PIEDMONT CHURCH

"They were all commended for their faith yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better..." Hebrews. 11:39-40 (NIV)

I thought of this verse after my beloved Cincinnati Bengals lost a heart breaker Sunday night to the Los Angeles Rams in the Super Bowl. 51 years I have been cheering for them to win the Super Bowl. I am keeping the faith that God's something better planned for the Bengals is multiple Super Bowl victories.

The Bible says that faith is trusting if I don't get it. Here's the truth: God hears and answers every prayer you pray. Fact number two, He does not always answer the way you want Him to. In fact, sometimes when you pray, God says, yes. And sometimes when you pray, God says, No. And sometimes when you pray, God says, not yet. And sometimes God says, "I have a better idea. I have got something different. I know you're going to like this better." All four of those are equally valid answers to prayer. And faith is trusting God even when I do not get the answer I expected or wanted.

Notice Hebrews 11:39-40 is talking about some of the other Hall of Famers in God's Hall of Fame. "These were all commended for their faith yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better." Living by faith does not exempt you from problems. Sometimes we pray for God to remove a problem and instead He keeps the problem there and gives you the strength to go

I still remember the day the Doctor told us that Matthew was autistic. Libby and I did not want Jacob to grow up by himself like our oldest son Todd. There is a 9-year age difference between Todd and Jacob. I thought Jacob and Matthew would be teammates on sports teams. I thought they would be inseparable. God had a better plan. While they were not teammates on the playing field, Matthew never missed a game that Jacob played. Matthew was Jacob's #1 fan. He had Jacob's football schedule memorized. He has Jacob's Hudl account password so he can re-watch all of Jacob's game on his iPad. I have zero doubt that when Jacob gets married, Matthew will be his best man. God had a better plan!

Anybody can trust God when things are going great. Anybody can give when they have extra money. Anybody can persist when they see the deadline is only a couple inches away. Anybody can believe when it is right there in front of them. But real faith is built in the valleys of life. Sometimes it is trusting God's better idea even when we do not see it.

February's Love Does was all about Special Needs. Your financial support this month helped Piedmont Church partner with front-line ministries such as the Tommy Nobis Center, Special Needs Cobb, Camp Trach Me Away, and Skye Precious

The Piedmont Church's financial support this month has been amazing. In addition to supporting these front-line ministries, Piedmont is now able to support 3 more sensory rooms at Baker, Powder Springs and Acworth Elementary.

I love all of you dearly and thank you for loving people especially those who will never be able to pay you back.

LEARN MORE ABOUT LOVE DOESI know that you are busy but please mark March 24th at 6:30 p.m. on your calendar to come to the Piedmont Conference room for the next Love Does 365 Conference. All these schools and front-line ministries will be in attendance. Please come and learn how God can use your support to be the answered prayers of those on the front lines every day who minister to these kids and their families. Love Does takes care of our small non-profits who care for special needs, medically challenged, and foster

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SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL BLOOMS AGAIN AT KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY ANNUAL EVENT CELEBRATING THE ARTS TO BE HELD IN PERSON, IN A

NEW LOCATION

Kennesaw State University's School of Art and Design is excited to bring back the Spring Arts Festival on Saturday, March 19, 2022. The free, in-person Festival is family-friendly, with activities for almost all ages. It will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the new Chastain Pointe Studios, across from the main campus in Kennesaw

"We can't wait to welcome everyone back to our annual Spring Arts Festival," says Prof. Craig Brasco, who is helping to organize the popular event. "We hope it will be a beautiful spring day and that everyone will come out and celebrate the visual arts at KSU." The event will be held rein or chiral and the string of the st will be held rain or shine, as many of the activities are inside the new Chastain Pointe Studios, housing drawing, painting, and print making.

Children will have the chance to create a special piece of art on a real press. Prof. Cynthia Lollis says, "Visitors may take home a two-color, printed keepsake inspired by spring." The print making department will also present a letterpress printing demonstration showing how books and newspapers were published for 500 years.

If you like fashion, bring your phone and take photos of this year's contemporary fashion show featuring Prof. Keely Clay's students in Apparel and Textile Technology. She says, 'Our students will take old garments and refashion them into new ones. The fashion show will be ongoing throughout the day.

Fabric plays a central role in creating soft sculptures that are sure to be a hit with all ages. Prof. Amanda Britton is leading a soft sculpture booth where mini plushies may be created. It wouldn't be a festival without a glass artisan creating beautiful pieces in front of an amazed crowd. This year's special guest is Kelly Robertson of Cavalry Glassblowing Studios in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Finally, student groups will be offering various works for sale in the popular Artists' Market.

The 2022 Spring Arts Festival will be held in person on Saturday, March 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at KSU's Chastain Pointe Studios, 1200 Chastain Road, Suite 115, Kennesaw, GA 30144. The event is free and open to the public. For the latest updates, maps, and schedules, please visit KSUArtsFestival.com.

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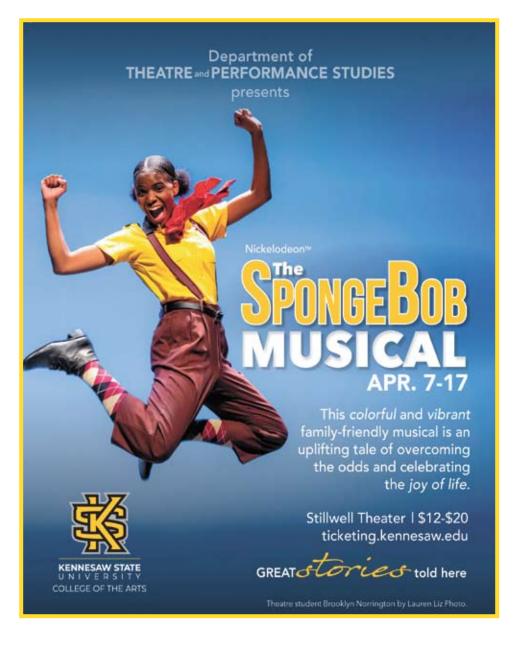
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CONGRATULATIONS NCHS STUDENTS

The following students have signed letters of intent to further their education. Front Row: Joshua Bagley - Football - Point University, Isaiah Blake - Football - Shorter University, Mahassen Thomas – Basketball – Huntingdon College, Dayuna Colvin – Basketball – Butler Community College, Aidan Williams – Football – Washburn University. Back row l-r Latrell Bullard - Football - Ga Southern University, Zachariah White - Football - Georgia Military College, Cooper Tendick - Golf - University of West Florida

SEMI-FINALISTS FOR GOVERNOR'S HONORS

Congratulations to the following North Cobb High School students who have earned prestigious semi-finalist interviews for the Governor's Honors Program (GHP). GHP is a residential summer program for gifted and talented high school students who will be rising juniors and seniors during the program. The program offers instruction that is significantly different from the typical high school classroom. It is designed to provide students with academic, cultural, and social enrichment necessary to become the next generation of global critical thinkers, innovators, and leaders. These NCHS students display an amazing diversity of excellence and we are so proud of them. Zioni Moore – Communicative Arts; Tristin Shestag – Engineering, Mechanical & Electrical; Daniel Johnson – Music Woodwind, Bassoon; Miguel Flores-Padilla – Music Woodwind, Saxophone; Simri Martinez – Music, Voice, Tenor/Soprano; Leona Longhurst – Science, Physics; Valeria Alvarado – Social Studies; Yuna Vang – Social Studies; Sara Jiang – World Languages, Chinese.

KMHS NJROTC ORIENTEERING

BY KIMBERLY BESSE
Kennesaw Mountain NJROTC competed in Regionals for Orienteering. Orienteering is a individualized sport where cadets/competitors are given a map, compass, a whistle, and an E-stick. Cadets/competitors go on a course with their designated map. White=beginners, Yellow=experienced beginners, Orange=intermediate, Green=varsity male course, and Brown=varsity female course. All courses are scattered with control points, they look like a kite that is in triangular form that is colored orange and white. When they have found their designated control point they will insert their E-stick in order for it to count. While the cadets/ competitors are given a certain amount of time for certain courses. The cadets/competitors goal is to get all the control points they are given in the fastest time. If they go past their time, they will have to go back to the start to end their run.

Kennesaw Mountain High School NJROTC competed in the Regionals Orienteering in Augusta, Georgia on January 29, 2022. Expecting the weather, cadets dressed for the cold, running at 10am-3pm. Over all, the unit placed 15th out of 30 units.

COBB'S COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS RESOURCE FAIR

Summer camps, ballet, swimming, sports, theatres, museums, and a theme park are some of the opportunities Cobb parents will have the opportunity to explore at an upcoming event designed especially for students with disabilities. The Cobb Schools Community Connections Resource Fair is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on March 8 at North Cobb High School. Families can make reservations to attend here.

The Cobb resource fair is designed to educate parents on the extracurricular opportunities available for students with disabilities. It provides an opportunity for families to learn about the sensory-friendly and accessible options offered by Cobb and Atlanta area organizations and attractions. The event will feature more than 50 vendors. Sign up today at https://signup.com/go/ooUPPyi.

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The musical comedy featuring classically trained veteran artists from world opera stages is like Duke Dynasty goes to Carnegie Hall - down home laughs with big city music!

Seats fill quickly, so make sure to reserve your tickets now! MARCH 25-27. Call the Strand box office at (770) 293-0080 or visit www.earlsmithstrand.org to purchase tickets.

OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS TO SUBMIT TO **METRO MONTAGE XXII**

Metro Montage is the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art's 22nd annual juried exhibition featuring all types of genre, medium, style, subject matter, concept, and technique in art. Metro Montage XXII will feature works of fine art by contemporary artists that showcase the diversity and skill within our nation's culture. An anonymous panel will select works of art to be exhibited at MCMA from over 900 submissions. Submissions are open and will close April 18 at 11:59PM.

TASTE OF MARIETTA SEEKING VENDORS

Marietta's largest and longest running food festival is returning to the Marietta Square on April 24th. Ending a two-year hiatus, Taste of Marietta will bring the flavors of Cobb County together

Applications are now available for vendors, and any restaurant in Cobb County is welcome to apply. The deadline to apply is March 18, 2022. Visit tasteofmarietta.com/restaurants for applications, deadlines, and health department information.

For questions about vendor applications or event details, call 770-429-1115 or visit the Marietta Welcome Center

MARIETTA SHAMROCK SHUFFLE

The Marietta Police Athletic League (PAL) invites you, your family, your company to create a team and register today for the 6th Annual Marietta Shamrock Shuffle 5K Walk/Run! The race is Saturday, March 12,2022 at 9:00am (welcome & warm-up at 8:00am) at the Marietta Square, 75 East Park Square, Marietta, GA. On site registration will be available starting at 8:00am on race day and at Packet Pick-up on Friday, March 11th from 3-7pm at the Hugh L. Grogan Jr. Community Center, 510 Lawrence Street, Marietta. Proceeds will support Marietta PAL's youth sports and recreation programs. Register today at https://runsignup.com/Race/GA/Marietta/ShamrockShuffleMarietta.

4TH OF JULY PARADE APPLICATIONS

Marietta Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce the application for the 2022 Let Freedom Ring July 4th Parade, on Monday, July 4th, is now open. 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 online. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 27th at 5 pm. To register for the parade: https://cityofmarietta.formstack.com/forms/fourth_of_july_parade
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CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND DENT "WILDMAN" MYERS MEMORIAL

As most are aware, Dent "Wildman" Myers was not a traditional kind of man. He wants no one to remember him as he was in the last phase of his life, instead he wants all to remember him when he was ROBUST. This is exactly what we intend to do. Which is why the photo above taken in Dent's 40's.

In an Encampment style setting, we will have a gathering for those who wish to pay their respects, share stories, connect, and enjoy the camaraderie to honor the life of Dent "Wildman" Myers. This Celebration will be jovial. Dent's body may have passed, but his spirit and legacy never will.

Wildman's shop will be open and ready for all shapes of life to learn, as he always

The date of the celebration will be Saturday, March 19, 2022. We are looking at beginning at 11 am. Location of the Celebration will be 2879 N Main St. Kennesaw, GA 30144.

CONFEDERATELY~Marjorie

(Drama, perceived offences/grievances are neither welcome nor allowed.)

MARIETTA NEWS

SPRING VOLUNTEER SIGN UP FESTIVAL

AT KENNESAW MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD PARK

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park announced its Spring Volunteer Sign Up Festival open to all visitors interested in helping at the park which hosts over 2.5 million visitors every year. The event takes place Saturday, March 26, 2022, outside the Visitor Center from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Volunteers and park staff will be available to share more information on the many opportunities open to help at the park

Patrick Gamman, Kennesaw Mountain NBP Superintendent said, "we are very excited to invite visitors and our community to sign up, have fun, make new friends and give back to the park. We really have something for everyone!"

Areas represented include Visitor Services, Living History, Friends of KMNBP and the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club. Volunteer opportunities vary in time and flexibility and include tour guides, greeters, parking lot patrol, education, historical programs and demonstrations, fund raising, newsletters, Eagle Scout project coordination, trail maintenance crew leaders, trail patrols, trail workdays and much more. Kennesaw Mountain NBP is the largest contiguous green space in the Metro-Atlanta area with over 2900 acres and 22 miles of maintained trails. Visitors enjoy the natural beauty of the flora and fauna alongside history, civil war battlefields and challenging mountain hikes with incredible views.

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is open daily from sunrise to sunset and is located at 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30152 www.nps.gov/kemo.

SUMMER KIDS SAFETY CAMP REGISTRATION **NOW OPEN**

The Marietta Police Department (MPD), Cobb County Police Department (CCPD) and the Cobb County Safety Village (CCSV) are excited to announce the second annual Rad Kids Summer Camp. All three agencies are dedicated to protecting our citizens in every way possible and are always looking for ways to educate and protect our youth. To that end, the MPD, CCPD, and the CCSV are involved in protecting children through a program called

Radkids is a safety education program that emphasizes personal empowerment. The camp is designed for children between the ages of 5 and 12 years old. Topics covered include how to prevent bullying, how to stay safe while on the internet, at home, at school, in a vehicle, and outdoors. In addition to these issues, we will discuss the many tricks used by child predators and the physical resistance strategies that kids can use to thwart these possible child abduction attempts.

The camp will take place July 18-21 at the Cobb County Safety Village from 9am to 4pm. The cost for the camp is \$85. The camp will be divided into two groups, five to seven year-olds and eight to twelve year-olds. If you would like to register your children, please visit the following sites.

5-7 year-old camp registration: https://5-7yearolds2022.eventbrite.com
8-12 year-old camp registration: https://8-12yearolds2022.eventbrite.com
If you have any questions regarding the Radkids Camp, please contact Officer Paul Hill via email at: phill@mariettaga.gov. Additional info available at http://www.radkids.org.

CONGRATULATIONS

MHC TOMBSTONE CLEANING WORKSHOPS RECEIVE AWARD FROM THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS

The Marietta History Center's Tombstone Cleaning Workshops have been awarded an Honorable Mention for Education program of the year by the Georgia Association of Museums. The Tombstone Cleaning Workshops were designed, implemented, and presented by Collections Manager, Christa McCay, with the hope to show others how to properly care for tombstones. The workshops were held in small groups with proper techniques and supplies shown to allow the participants to be hands on. The Marietta History Center will be offering more Tombstone Cleaning Workshops in the Spring. For more information about the program or events please visit us at www.MariettaHistory.org

ACWORTH ACTIVE ADULT EVENTS

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Join us every third Wednesday of the month for the City of Acworth's Senior Luncheon. Come join us for lunch at noon and Bingo after. This program is free to all seniors but you must RSVP to attend. Reservations will be accepted the week prior to the event. The event is the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at the Acworth Community Center (4361 Cherokee Street Acworth, Ga 30101)

RSVP: (770) 917-1234 Community Center (1 week prior to the luncheon) Cost: Free but you must RSVP.

LINE DANCING FOR BEGINNERS

Active Adults: Register now, learn how to line dance with knowledge, technique and style while staying fit. Join Leslie Thompson at the Roberts School Community and Education Center (4681 School St., Acworth) every Tuesday from March 1 to March 22 1-2:30 pm. Fee is \$25 for residents, \$30.00 for non-residents. Call (770) 917-1234 for more information.

CARDIO WITH LAUREN

Elevate your metabolism by moving rhythmically to music. Strengthen and tighten muscles using free weights. Classes are held on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Registration is required. This class is free for all active adults ages 55 and over.

For more information contact Lauren Ham at lham@acworth.org or call 770-917-

CLASSES FOR SENIORS

SENIOR WARRIORS GENTLE MOVEMENTS

Senior Warriors is designed for Acworth's amazing Active Adult (55+) population. Join our instructor, Omar Welch, as we use traditional Korean movements to increase balance, mental focus, and movement. The goal is to help students continue to be the best they can be in all things! Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Acworth Community Center www. acworthparksandrecreation.org

CHAIR YOGA WITH MARY

Mary's Chair Yoga is designed for Active Adults aged 55+. This class is conducted in a chair with gentle movements that concentrates on relaxation and strengthening muscles. Mondays or Wednesdays from 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Acworth Community Center www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.

GENTLE YOGA WITH MARY

Mary's Gentle Yoga is designed for Active Adults aged 55+, but ages 18+ are welcome. This class is conducted on a mat with gentle movements that concentrates on relaxation and strengthening muscles. Tuesdays or Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Acworth Community Center www. acworthparksandrecreation.org

ACWORTH FARMERS MARKET VENDORS

The goal of the Historic Downtown Acworth Farmers Market is to support the development of the local agricultural economy by providing a place for farmers/producers to sell their goods directly to consumers while assisting businesses that sell food, farm/garden, and kitchen related products. The idea behind the market is to bring back the "small town" community atmosphere while providing an alternative shopping outlet. The Farmers' Market shall encourage a sense of community where business people and residents come together in historic downtown to support the local community & producers in our area.

LOCATION: Logan Farm Park (Main Entrance), 4405 Cherokee Street, Acworth, GA

OPERATION: Each Friday morning from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. beginning APRIL 8th through OCTOBER 28th, 2022. The event is rain or shine.

For more information visit acworth https://www.acworth.org/departments/parks_ recreation_and_community_resource_department/index.php and click on Acworth Farmers Market in the menu on the left.

ACWORTH'S PICKLEBALL LESSONS

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

CAMP ACWORTH

Camp Acworth summer day camp program provides a safe and active environment for children to enjoy their summer with the option of two exciting locations! Both Lake Acworth Adventure Camp and Overlook Adventure Camp will return this summer. Each week, both camps will go on a field trip to exciting places like Medieval Times, Zoo Atlanta, and the World of Coke. Weekly guests will visit Camp Acworth and teach kids a variety of subjects, ranging from public safety to performing arts. Camp Acworth is open to Acworth residents and non-residents. Our camps are tailored for kids in 1st through 8th grade. For more information, please visit www.campacworth.org.



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