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## THE SHRINE CIRCUS IS BACK IN COBB COUNTY

The largest Shrine Circus and Fair in North America is back for its 80th year, packed with more excitement than ever! The Yaarab Shrine has proudly partnered with Royal Hanneford Circus to provide circus goers with some of the best entertainment under the Big Top. Ringmaster Tim Tegge hosts an unforgettable array of talent including Motorcycles on a Wire, The Flying Clarkonians, the Hanneford Circus Giant Wheel of Destiny, Low Wire Balancing & Contortion, The Hanneford Circus Elephants, The Hanneford Circus FMX Thrill Riders featuring the Globe of Death, and many more exciting acts. The Shrine Circus would not be complete without the hilarious Shrine Circus Clowns. You can also see all the FREE ground acts including the Tiger Encounter and Lew-E's Comedy Circus. Wade Shows always provides fun affordable family entertainment with 35 rides for all ages. Come be entertained and amazed then fill up on all your favorite carnival foods- corn dogs, funnel cakes and cotton candy, just to name a few.

The Circus starts Saturday, May 21, through Monday (Memorial Day), May 30, 2022, but wait - don't miss the "SNEAK-A-PEEK-RIDE-A-THON" on Friday, May 20, \$10.00 unlimited rides (5:00 pm till close - Only Carnival and food - no circus performance).

### THE CIRCUS

Led by incomparable Ringmaster Tim Tegge, the 80th Annual Yaarab Shrine Circus and Fair will delight and excite your family like never before. Adults and kids alike will be thrilled by the Shrine Circus. This year's exciting line-up includes The Flying Clarkonians, Low Wire Hand Balancing and Contortion, the Hanneford Circus Elephants, the Hanneford Circus Thrill Riders performing death defying stunts, and much more! And don't forget, everyone's favorite- the Shrine Circus Clowns will be there to tickle your funny bone! Circus Show Times are: Monday through Friday: 7:00pm; Saturdays: 11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm and 7:00pm; Sundays: 1:30pm, 4:00pm and 7:00pm; Memorial Day: 11:00am, 1:30pm, and 4:00pm.

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### TICKETS

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Includes unlimited performances to the circus on any given day and access to the grounds for the Carnival Midway. Adults - \$10, 10 YEARS and under are FREE. Ride Tickets: \$1.25 each, all rides require more than one ticket. Minimum 36" TALL for rides, \$20 for 21 tickets, \$50 for 55 tickets, \$100 for 120 tickets

**BEST PRICES** Online Discount Tickets: Tickets online at 2022shrinecircus.com on sale: Now - May 30th, 2022. MEGA PASS- \$24.95 per person. Purchase is good any day and includes gate admission, circus admission and unlimited carnival rides for any one day from open to close **ADMISSION TICKETS-** \$7.00 per person. (10 & Under are always free). **RIDE TICKETS-** \$14.00 per 21-ticket sheet. (All Rides require more than 1 ticket). Parking:\$5 per vehicle.



## ACWORTH MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

A ceremony to honor those who have given their lives in service to our country will be held on a Saturday, May 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Cauble Park at Patriots Point. Veterans and current servicemen will pay tribute to brave men and women who have fought and died for our nation. Engraved pavers dedicated to those who have served in our armed forces that have been purchased since the previous Veterans Day will be presented at the event.

The service flags of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard surround the American Flag. The concrete dome structure is surrounded by a paver walkway. Engraved pavers can be purchased. 4" x 8" paver that includes up to 3 lines with 18 spaces for \$75.00 or an 8" x 8" paver which includes 4 lines with 18 spaces for \$125.00. Engraved pavers can be purchased for any person who has served America's Military

For more information or to order pavers, please contact Jeff Chase at jchase@acworth.org or call 770-917-1234.



## CONGRATULATIONS LONGACRE FAMILY

Tommy Nobis Center, a Marietta-based nonprofit that helps individuals with disabilities enter or return to employment, hosted its 24th annual Galaxy of Stars luncheon on Friday, April 8, 2022 at the Georgia Aquarium's Ocean Ballroom.

This year's Galaxy of Stars theme was 45 Years of Empowerment. Master of Ceremonies, WSB-TV Anchor Linda Stouffer, kicked off the event followed by a welcome and tribute to 45 Years of Empowerment from President & CEO Dave Ward and a video recollection by co-founder Bobbie Knopf.

Tommy Nobis Center presented four awards to recognize the hard work and dedication of outstanding individuals who have contributed greatly to building inclusive communities where employment success is possible, among them Kennesaw family, Marlon and Libby Longacre.

**Family Member Advocates Award** - Presented to Marlon and Libby Longacre who have been tireless advocates for their three sons, Todd, Jacob, and Matthew, who are all on the autism spectrum. Marlon is Community Pastor at Piedmont Church and has led many initiatives to support the special needs community. Libby is a special needs para-pro who has served as an advocate and resource for special needs families for many years. Together they have continually shown their heartfelt dedication to supporting children with disabilities. Their award was presented by Jay Cunningham of Superior Plumbing. A long time supporter of the Tommy Nobis Center and an advocate of the EYES program for young special needs adults.

The event that raised over \$257,000 to directly support programs and services for people with disabilities was sponsored by Cobb EMC Foundation, WSB-TV, Miller Family Foundation and Rachel & Ben Miller, Wellstar Health System, and the Atlanta Falcons. A recording of the event can be viewed at <https://tommynobiscenter.org/galaxy>.

Pictured above l-r Marlon, Mathew, and Libby Longacre along with Jay Cunningham, who presented their award.

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## THIS AND THAT

### CONGRATULATIONS



### MEAGAN DAVIS NAMED VICE PRESIDENT AT TOMMY NOBIS

Tommy Nobis Center, a Marietta-based nonprofit that helps individuals with disabilities enter or return to employment, recently named Meagan Davis as Vice President of Development. Davis joined Tommy Nobis Center in November 2016 and previously served as Director of Development. In her new role, she will provide vision and leadership for all development initiatives, including organizational expansion and community outreach, and provide leadership for the organization's annual giving and stewardship campaigns, grant and vehicle donation programs, and annual event.

Davis has a Master of Arts degree in English from The University of South Alabama. She is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and received her CFRE certification in 2020. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Kennesaw Business Association and on the Administrative Council for Eastside Church in Atlanta.

### ART OF THE COCKTAIL

Marietta Cobb Museum of Art will be hosting the "art of cocktail" event on Friday May 13, 2022, from 6:00-8:30pm.

This special event will feature Hickory Hills Art Auction benefitting Hickory Hills Elementary: An auction of original works of art by professional artists and the children of HH. Auction closes at 7:30PM!

Guest will enjoy the two current exhibitions: Contemporary Landscapes - Group Exhibition & Vibrant Shadows - Featuring Miles Davis. Entertainment will be provided by the Sarah Nova Trio.

This "art of the cocktail" specialty drink is the "Classic Mojito," created and presented by Red Hare Brewing Company. A Marietta Square favorite created with rum that's distilled in-house!

Admission \$10 - Members get in free. Hors d'oeuvres provided by Carriage House Catering and a cash bar will be available. Tickets are sold at the door.

### MEET MCKENNA COOK



### MCKENNA COOK

My daughter has absolutely thrived while attending Brookwood Christian School. She is in her fifth year as a student there and I have seen so much growth in her.

We enrolled her at Brookwood Christian School to give her the extra academic support she needed. She has gained so much academic growth as well as social and emotional. She is no longer timid in academic settings, and she has developed many healthy, sincere friendships. She is now a much more confident reader, she has found a new love for math, and she enjoys being at school.

One of her teachers recently described her as a leader in the classroom. She and I are both confident that she will be able to achieve great things in life because of the love and support that has been given to her while at Brookwood.

To learn more about how Brookwood Christian School teaches children with dyslexia, please call them at 678-401-5855 to schedule a personal tour.

### GRIEF SHARE

SUMMIT BAPTIST CHURCH offers GriefShare. A 13 week program, it is designed to provide caring support and hope for anyone grieving such a loss. At Summit Baptist Church our online format begins a new season on Wednesday evening, May 11, 2022, at 7pm. For details and to register, please go to griefshare.org or call us at 770-975-4595."



### ANDREW BRAMLETT'S RESIDENTS OF THE KENNESAW CEMETERY

Elmon Reece Wooten was born on November 13, 1896, in Chattanooga, though both his parents were from Georgia. He attended school until eighth grade, and later by 1918 he was living in Cherokee County, Georgia. He married Ethel Thompson, who went by Mae, around this time. On August 26, 1918, he was inducted in the military for WWI. He did not serve overseas and was honorably discharged on December 20, 1918.



Around 1920, Elmon and his wife moved to Kennesaw. In 1934 they purchased a house on Main Street which still stands today. Elmon became a prominent citizen of our community and worked as a merchant. In 1940, he was elected to the Cobb Board of Education. He was also involved with the Cobb Conservation Club. In 1941, Wooten began construction of a lake on his farm. It was finished in 1943 and became known as Wooten Lake. The lake soon became well known for its fishing.

In the late 1940s, Wooten became involved with the local masonic lodge. In 1946, he constructed a building in Downtown Kennesaw for his store. The building is best remembered as the home of the Whistle Stop Café. From 1950 to 1956, he served on the Kennesaw City Council. Elmon Wooten passed away on February 25, 1961.

### 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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## KENNESAW PARKS & REC INVITES YOU TO THEIR BACKYARD CAMPOUT

Kennesaw Parks & Recreation's annual Backyard Campout is returning to Swift-Cantrell Park on Saturday, May 14! Attendees will enjoy camping under the night sky, along with backyard games, field activities, and campfire entertainment featuring stargazing and s'mores.

The registration fee is \$25 per 10'x10' campsite and includes a hot dog dinner and biscuit breakfast. Participants will need to bring their own tent. A limited number of campsites are available. Advance registration is required.

Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>. Click on Special Events and scroll down to BackYard Campout. All participants under the age of 17 must be accompanied in their tent by their parent/legal guardian or another family member over the age of 18.

Kennesaw Parks & Rec hosts this event in support of the National Wildlife Federation's efforts to encourage children and families to experience the outdoors and connect with nature.

For more information, visit [kennesaw-ga.gov/parks-and-recreation](https://kennesaw-ga.gov/parks-and-recreation) or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at 770-422-9714.

## FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS

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

The Series will run from May through October, with no concert during the month of July. The June concert will be June 3: Layne Denton Band.

From 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., 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/Tunnel Plaza off Main Street. Tables are available for reservation for \$55. Tables will seat six individuals.

To reserve a table, please visit city calendar of events at [www.kennesaw-ga.gov/events](https://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/events).

## SPLASH PAD OPENS MAY 30

Kennesaw Parks & Rec is so excited for the Splash Pad to start its season! Memorial Day (May 30) is opening day! To make it even better, it will be free admission all day! Splash Pad hours are from 10 AM to 7 PM. See you there! The Splash Pad season runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The Splash Pad is open daily, except for Thursdays as it is closed for scheduled maintenance. Admission is \$2 per person. Children ages 2 and under are free.

## OUTDOOR MOVIE ON MAY 14

The City of Kennesaw's free Outdoor Movie Series will kick-off on Saturday, May 14, at Swift-Cantrell Park with a showing of Walt Disney Pictures' Encanto (PG) projected onto a giant inflatable screen after sun down. Swift-Cantrell Park is located at 3140 Old 41 Highway. Attendees are welcome to bring blankets, chairs, etc. for their own comfort. No high backed chairs, umbrellas, tents, pop-up canopies, etc. that could block the view of the movie for others. Food vendors are available beginning at 6 p.m.

## ALL-STAR SUMMER DAY CAMP

Announcing the new and improved All-Star Summer Day Camp: Camp Venture! Camp Venture will have the same structure your kids know and love! This summer there will be nine weeks of non-stop fun beginning the week of May 31st through July 29th! Each week's schedule is hand crafted by our very own camp counselors. They will lead your camper on a summer to remember. Each week also has fun activities; from field trips, crafts, games, and more! Below is the list of themes this year! Register online at [www.kennesawparksandrec.org](https://www.kennesawparksandrec.org)

Nine weeks of Adventure: Week 1: Into the Wild; Week 2: Awesome Art Explorers; Week 3: S.T.E.A.M Week; Week 4: Water, Water Everywhere; Week 5 All-Star Sports; Week 6 Amazing Animal Kingdom; Week 7 Wilderness Explorers; Week 8: Mad About Science; Week 9: Finale Fun in the Sun;

For a ton more information visit their Camp Page: <https://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/summer-day-camp/>. Registration: <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>. Click on Summer Camps and scroll to the camp you are interested in.

## KENNESAW FARMERS MARKET IS OPEN

The Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority is excited to present the 2022 Kennesaw Farmers Market as it returns to Depot Park for the 2022 season. This year's market will take place on Mondays, with hours of operation from 3:30-7:30 p.m., and will be located in the Big Shanty Drive parking lot at Depot Park. The market season is set to open on Monday, April 4, and run through Monday, August 1. The market will close on May 30 in observance of Memorial Day and July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

The Market will feature farmers and makers, as well as some local favorite food trucks. On a typical Market day in summer, over 20 vendors will be set up offering their best vegetables, fruits, baked goods, and specialty items.

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### COBB GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Join the Cobb County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, May 24th, 7 p.m., when Sue VerHoef of the Atlanta History Center will discuss the oral history initiatives and genealogy resources of the Kenan Research Center. In person at First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church Street, Marietta, GA. For more information, visit <https://www.cobbgensoc.org/>.

### ARTS ALLIANCE NEWS

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**MAY 7, 2022 4:00PM TO 7:00PM**  
OPEN HOUSE for our "High School Art" Exhibit. Featuring Artwork from Allatoona High, North Cobb High and North Cobb Christian Schools will be featured!  
Light refreshments will be available. This event is free and open to the public. The exhibit closes May 14, 2022.

Our hours: Tuesday thru Saturday's ~ Noon to 6PM. Closed on Sundays, Mondays and Holidays. The Art House is located at 4425 Cherokee Street, Acworth.

### ACCEPTING APPOINTMENTS

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### COBB SENIOR SERVICES PRESENTS

#### SENIOR EXPO 2022

Change the Way You Age EXPO 2022 is coming Wednesday, May 18 from 10:00 am until 1:30 pm. More than 70 vendors will have products for sale, provide information, raffle prizes, giveaways, and give you the opportunity to try assistive technology! Northside Hospital will provide screenings on Blood Pressure, Skin Cancer, Sleep Quality, Stroke Prevention, and more. All of this is FREE & open to the community. The Cobb Civic Center is located at 548 Marietta Pkwy, Marietta.

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### KENNESAW FARMER'S MARKET

The Kennesaw Farmers Market is operating at Depot Park, downtown Kennesaw, on Monday afternoons from 3:30-7:30pm and will run through August 1. We need produce vendors. Right now we are set on non-produce vendors. Vendors can apply online using this link: <https://forms.gle/6sU2PjqwUUbahQv97> or by emailing [kennesawfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:kennesawfarmersmarket@gmail.com). We are also posting weekly market updates on our Facebook page, @KennesawFarmersMarket.

### COBB ELECTIONS: PRIMARY VOTING INFORMATION

It's time to prepare to vote in the May 24 primary election.

To check your voter registration visit <https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/>

You may execute an Absentee ballot requests at the site above. Requests are being accepted now through May 13.

In addition you can check your voter registration status, Mail-In application and ballot status. Poll location. Early voting locations, who your Elected Officials are; Registration information on file with the county office, receive a sample Sample ballot for the upcoming election, check your Provisional Ballot status.

Advance voting begins Monday, May 2. During advance voting, you can vote at any location listed. We will have wait times listed on [CobbElections.org](http://CobbElections.org) to help you find the shortest line. On Election Day, you must vote at your assigned precinct's polling location.

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## THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK

With event season underway, May is a great time to celebrate! Here in Acworth, we love to celebrate our blessings with our friends, families, and neighbors. As these celebrations kick off, we're reminded how grateful we are to live in a city of culture, and we look forward to you and your family joining in on this year's fun.

This year we'll be celebrating each other and all the contributions that each of us bring to this great life in Acworth. We have events and festivals scheduled every month, and we welcome all to come and enjoy as we raise each other up and have great time together! From our Juneteenth and Fourth of July festivals this summer to our Hispanic Heritage Month concert and Halloween JamBOOree this fall and every event in between, Acworth is ready to come together in celebration!

The Acworth Dragon Boat Festival is back at Dallas Landing Park on Saturday, May 21. Make sure to stop by this fun event to see the teams compete in rowing competitions in 40ft long dragon boats! We'll have our own Acworth team competing against other cities, and we look forward to a win this year! This event helps benefit Loving Arms Cancer Outreach. For more information, visit [www.acworthdragonboatfest.com](http://www.acworthdragonboatfest.com).

Don't forget to come out to Cauble Park on Saturday, May 28 at 10:00 a.m. for Acworth's annual Memorial Day Ceremony to honor those who have given their lives to protect the freedoms we enjoy every day in this country. Thank you to all who serve, and please join us as we honor those who gave all.

As always, for the latest information on any of our events and projects, you can visit [www.acworth.org](http://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.

May God Bless You and Your Families, Tommy



## ACWORTH DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

The Acworth Dragon Boat Festival will take place on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at Dallas Landing Park supporting Loving Arms Cancer Outreach! Imagine colorful 40 foot long boats with the head and tail of a dragon on each end, filled with 20 paddlers, a drummer, and steers person competing in a high energy race on the water. This athletic and cultural phenomenon originated over 2,000 years ago in Ancient China, and is presently the fastest growing sport in the world. To learn more about this sport or to get involved, please visit [www.acworthdragonboatfest.com](http://www.acworthdragonboatfest.com)

## DADDY DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT

The City of Acworth will host a Daddy Daughter Date Night at Tanyard Creek Overlook on Saturday, June 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This special event is the perfect night out for girls up to 14 years of age and their dad or adult male chaperone. Attendees will create precious memories as we enjoy an elegant dinner and some evening entertainment. The cost is \$40 per couple for City of Acworth residents and \$50 for non-residents. Seating is limited! For more information and to reserve your table, please visit [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

## AMERICAN RED CROSS CPR/FIRST AID/AED CERTIFICATION

Join us for our first CPR, First Aid, and AED Training. Participants will learn skills through hands-on training and demonstrations. Certification is through the American Red Cross and is valid for two years. This Class will be held at the Acworth Community Center on Saturday, May 21. fee is \$80.00. For more information, visit [www.acworthparksandrec.org](http://www.acworthparksandrec.org).

## ACWORTH SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Registration for Acworth's annual Summer Camp Sports Series begins May 2 for residents and May 9 for non-residents. Each camp focuses on fundamentals and skills of a different sport. Each camp is \$40 for City of Acworth residents and \$50 for non-residents. All participants will receive an official Acworth Sports Camp swag item. Camp schedules, locations, and age groups are listed at <https://acworthparksandrecreation.org>. Select upcoming registrations. Youth registrations will be at the top. Cant find what you need. Call 770-917-1231

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## ACWORTH'S SENIOR LUNCHEON

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## LINE DANCING

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## 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.com](http://www.campacworth.com).

## ZUMBA

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This past month I've been reminded of a story once about a little boy who saw a butterfly struggling to get out of its cocoon. He felt sorry for the butterfly because it was working so hard and not making very much progress. The butterfly would stretch and struggle and the cocoon was barely budging open. Finally, the boy had enough and decided to help the struggling butterfly. He found two small twigs and gently pulled the cocoon open far enough for the butterfly to escape. With a large smile and a sense of accomplishment, the boy stood back to watch the butterfly leave the cocoon and fly away.



It did leave the cocoon, but after a few short flaps of its wings, it fell to the ground and died. The problem was, the butterfly needed to struggle against the cocoon in order to build up that last bit of strength to fly away and have a full and successful butterfly life.

Business it can feel this way too. It can feel like we are struggling, stretching and pushing with very little movement. This often happens in the final stretches of the long journey towards growth and change; and just like the butterfly, change in business takes strength and endurance. We need strength to do things differently than we have always done them, and we need endurance to stay the course when very little movement seems to be happening. These final stretches of change and growth are arguably the hardest to do! Especially when you have already done so much work to get to this point.

My point of telling you this is to encourage you to keep going, keep striving and keep pushing. Those last few steps are always the hardest but you can do it and it will be worth it!

## ABA UPCOMING EVENTS

### ABA APR AA5

The ABA Alive After Five will be held at 1885 Restaurant on Thursday, May 12, RSVP [www.acworthbusiness.org](http://www.acworthbusiness.org).

### WOMEN'S APR BUSINESS NETWORK

The May Women's Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 17 at The Fountain, 4843 N. Main Street Acworth GA 30101, US Please RSVP at [www.acworthbusiness.org](http://www.acworthbusiness.org).

### ABA JUNE LUNCHEON

Will be held on Thursday, June 2 at the Acworth Community Center. The luncheon begins at 11:30 and will be sponsored by American Eagle Mortgage. Please RSVP at [acworthbusiness.org](http://acworthbusiness.org).

## KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

BY DANA DORRIS, PRESIDENT



May is a beautiful month in that we get to celebrate our mother's. Recognizing and understanding that sometimes mothers are really awesome dad's or other loved ones who are raising their families.

Our KBA theme this month is Being Others Centric and I cannot think of a more descriptive definition than my mother. In business, we can learn a lot from the traits of a good mother and women in leadership positions have qualities that stretch beyond the office or boardroom. Such as, being patient, respectful, strong, humble, empathetic, authoritative, and supportive. They can look beyond the role to see the person and know how to put themselves in other people's shoes to see the world from a different perspective.

My guess is that if you take a good look at the successful women leaders in your life, you will likely see some commonalities.

•Dedication and Determination – Most women are not looking for a pity party. They will address challenges head-on and never feel sorry for themselves. The best women leaders today possess this trait. Their determined attitudes have a positive influence on their followers and will forever shape their definition of leadership.

•Confidence – It took many years for women to get a seat at the table, but it did not take them long to pay attention to their surroundings to learn and be inspired. An untitled approach is endearing. Success is earned and there are no such things as shortcuts. Women who take pride in their work understand that it is more about the journey than the destination and that is what makes a true, self-made person.

•Being others centric – Another word for this is selflessness. When I think of my own mother, this describes her perfectly. She took a backseat to her family in many ways keeping her own interests in perspective and focusing on her family. This kind of selflessness is the heart of servant leadership. This is a hallmark quality of true leadership today in both men and women.

•Dependability – Regardless of the circumstances, being there for someone else in many capacities. Multi-tasking is a difficult skill and mastering it without dropping any of the plates in the air is admirable. The never give up spirit and mentality is what makes a leader worth following.

Being in the business world for the past 32 years, I have observed strong women in action. Women who brought a voice, strength, grace, and an important perspective to the table. Most importantly, the successful women in leadership positions who are running companies should not only be recognized as great women leaders, but they are also great leaders!

Happy Mother's Day to my mother Linda Pruitt and all of the awesome moms!

### KBA MAY LUNCHEON

TUES MAY 12 : 11:30-1:00 will be held at the Kennesaw Rec Center on Watts Drive, Kennesaw. Our speaker is Stephanie Stuckey, CEO of Stuckeys. This month's luncheon will feature a Partnership Expo to help local businesses connect with schools: 10:00 - 11:15 & 1:00 - 1:30 at the Kennesaw Community Center Please RSVP at [www.kennesawbusiness.org](http://www.kennesawbusiness.org).

### KBA MAY AA5

The May AA5 will be held on Thursday May 17, at Hester's Dental on Lewis Street, Kennesaw. Catered by Pisano's Pizzeria & Taste of Chicago. RSVP [www.kennesawbusiness.org](http://www.kennesawbusiness.org).

### KBA FIFTH TUESDAY LUNCHEON

Will be held on Tuesday May 31 at COPELANDS, 1142 Barrett Pkwy, Kennesaw GA 30144., Networking begins at 11:30. Please RSVP at [kennesawbusiness.org](http://kennesawbusiness.org).

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## KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

### KMHS GRADUATING SENIORS



DR. FRANK BOONE COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: PAIGE WOODHAM  
PAIGE WILL ATTEND GEORGIA TECH



THE JRM MANAGEMENT CHARACTER SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: MARCELO LANNAMAN. MARCELO WILL ATTEND UGA FOR 1ST YEAR AND TRANSFER TO GEORGIA TECH.



THE KENNESAW MAYORAL SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: ANJALI BALAGANESH. SHE WILL ATTEND GEORGIA TECH.



THE MARK BARRE VISUAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: KAYLIN "PERCY" ACKERMAN. SHE WILL ATTEND WARREN WILSON COLLEGE



THE SUE GUNDERMAN SERVANT LEADER SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: KEVIN CALAHAN JR. KEVIN WILL ATTEND GEORGIA TECH



THE SUE PICARDI MATH AND SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: SOUMIT GUNTUPALLI  
SOUMIT WILL ATTEND GEORGIA TECH

### KELL GRADUATING SENIOR



THE WALLY ZIMMERMAN VOCATIONAL, ENGINEERING, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: KALIGA SATHIS KUMAR. KALIGA IS UNDECIDED.



THE DEBBIE UNDERKOFER CULINARY ARTS SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: SUPATCHA SARA SAENGPRAOTOM  
SUPATCHA WILL ATTEND UGA

### OUTSTANDING GRADUATES

Congratulations to all of the 2022 KBA scholarship recipients. This incredible group of students have shown their desire to excel through their academics, community service, athletics, and many accolades they have received. They have a bright future ahead.



## KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

### NCHS GRADUATING SENIORS



THE CAROL THOMPSON JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP GOES TO: AMBER ROLDAN. AMBER WILL ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.



THE DAVID GRANT ROTC SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: REBECCA PEÑA-RUBIO. REBECCA PLANS TO CONTINUE NAVY ROTC AT HER UNIVERSITY.



THE OLIVIA SMATHERS PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: ANGELINA SISOUPHANH. ANGELINA WILL ATTEND UGA.



THE KEVIN JABBARI SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: DENYLON MORRISSETTE. DENYLON IS ENROLLED AT UGA.



THE RJ PATEL INTERNATIONAL MAGNET STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: CECILE DAVILA. CECILE WILL ATTEND UGA.



THE RENE DOLLAR FUTURE BUSINESS LEADER SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: MADELYN NAPOLITANO. MADELYN WILL ATTEND BERRY COLLEGE.

### ALLATOONA HS GRADUATING SENIORS



THE RON COCHRAN SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: AVA RHODE. PRESENTED BY RON COCHRAN'S DAUGHTER. AVA WILL ATTEND SAMFORD UNIVERSITY.



THE MICHAEL EVERHART COMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: CHANDLER PHILLIPS. HE WILL ATTEND SAMFORD.

Marlon Longacre, Chair of the Education Committee and the Big Shanty Festival is proud to share the NCHS and ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL students that were awarded scholarships at the April meeting of the Kennesaw Business Association. KBA members get to know many of these students as they are interns at our meetings and volunteers at our various functions. Funds for these scholarships are raised by the Big Shanty Festival.

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THE PAUL CHASTAIN CITIZEN SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: AVERY BAYES. AVERY HAS NOT CHOSEN HER COLLEGE YET.

### WOODSTOCK GRADUATING SENIOR



THE TERRY CHANDLER TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: DILLON WATSON. HE WILL ATTEND UGA

### HARRISON GRADUATING SENIORS



THE MARLON LONGACRE HEART OF A CHAMPION SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: BRADY MILLER. BRADY WILL ATTEND GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY



THE RON SUMPTER TRAILBLAZER SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO: KAYLA BELLAMY. SHE WILL ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

### HARRISON HS GIFTED TWO GOLF TRAINING SIMULATORS

Harrison's golf teams have a storied history. The boy's team has been to the state tournament every year since the Hoya program began in 1992. The girl's team started a couple of years after the boys, but they also have never missed a state appearance. Golf and success seem to go hand-in-hand at Harrison.

That success looks to be continuing at the school thanks to a generous donation of two training simulators to the Hoya program. The two machines sit side-by-side in the golf room inviting players to practice whenever they like, even if the weather outside is wet and dangerous.

"We have had a connection to the school since 2018," said Adam Blank. "Our daughter, Haven, has been playing golf with me since she was 7, and for Harrison for four years. We recognized a need and decided we could help."

The Blank family donated the simulators several months ago and the Hoya golf team has been using them almost daily ever since. It has allowed the teams to get swings in despite what is happening outside. The simulators also provide tons of information on each swing that players can use to improve their game.

"They give us unreal data feedback," said head coach Travis Farmer. "Ball speed, club speed, spin rate, accurate distances, just to name a few. All of that data helps the players to identify and adjust their swing path and putting technique."

Harrison is one of only three schools in the District to have a simulator and the only one with two. "It is so convenient to have them right here at the school," said senior Haven Blank. "We don't have to travel to the course or the range. The simulators give you so much information. It has really helped with getting my distances right and helped me improve overall."



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**KENNESAW'S JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION**  
**BY MELISSA O'BRIEN**

The Kennesaw Police Department and its Citizen's Advisory Board is pleased to announce that Juneteenth 2022 will be celebrated again in the City of Kennesaw on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Swift-Cantrell Park. The entire Kennesaw community is invited to join in family-friendly activities with food trucks, community vendors, bouncy houses, police and fire truck displays, entertainment and more from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

This is the second annual Juneteenth celebration in Kennesaw. The event is a result of the Kennesaw Police Department, in partnership with a team of faith and community leaders, teaming up to celebrate the community, the diversity of the community, and unity with a family-friendly event.

Juneteenth is the most popular annual celebration of emancipation from slavery in the United States. Last year, Juneteenth became a federal holiday to be celebrated each year. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, where on that date in 1865, in the aftermath of the Civil War, those who were enslaved were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation.

The event is free to the public. Food truck vendors will be there selling food and drink.

**ACWORTH'S JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION**

Concert on the Green: A Juneteenth Celebration will take place at Logan Farm Park on Saturday, June 18, 2022. The event opens at 5:00 p.m. with live music taking place from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This concert is a celebration in observance of June 19, 1865, when the last African American slaves held in Confederate states were finally freed by the Union army. The City of Acworth will hold a free concert from the Total Package Band.

The City of Acworth invites the whole community to bring blankets and folding chairs and join this celebration of freedom and respect for all cultures.

**MEET JUDGE LEONARD**

Judge Leonard presently serves as the Chief Judge for the Cobb Judicial Circuit. He has served the citizens of Cobb County since his appointment to the bench in December of 2010. Through his service on the benches of both the State & Superior Courts of Cobb County, he has the unusual distinction of having been appointed by two different Governors and elected three times.

Judge Leonard obtained his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Kentucky in 1997 and his J.D. degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 2000.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Leonard maintained his Marietta law practice that he established in 2000, where he employed 11 people practicing primarily in criminal law and civil litigation. He practiced, primarily in Cobb County, but traveled all over Georgia, making almost daily court appearances during his years in practice. This led him to appear in front of approximately 100 different Judges in both the state and federal courts and has played a vital role in how Judge Leonard treats people and runs his courtroom.

As a member of the Council of Superior Court Judges, Judge Leonard serves on the following committees: Pattern Jury Instructions, Uniform Rules, Court Security, and Court Technology. He also Chairs the Automated Data Collection and Case Management Standards Subcommittee. He also serves as the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Judicial Workload Assessment for the Judicial Council of Georgia.

Judge Leonard served on the Board of Directors for the Tommy Nobis Center for 14 years, advocating to remove barriers and provide job training and placement for people with disabilities. He also served on the Board of the Leadership Cobb Alumni Association and is an alumnus of the Leadership Cobb Class of 2013. He is also a member of the 2022 Honorary Commanders class.

Judge Leonard and his wife live in Marietta. They have three children and three black labs.

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4 benefits that I want to share with you today about being a blessing to others.

**#1 SERVING OTHERS WILL CREATE JOY IN YOUR LIFE**

I remember the song by Johnny Lee in the movie Urban Cowboy. Look for love in all the wrong places. We not only look for love in the wrong places, but we also look for joy in all the wrong places as well.

You do not find happiness in the world's values of pleasures, possessions, and prestige. We want to have fun, have lots and toys and we want everyone to notice. None of those things brings satisfaction and none of those things last.

Permanent joy comes through service. By giving my life away. God wired us that way so that when you give your life away that is when joy flows through your heart. Why? Because He wants you to be like him.

**LET ME GIVE YOU TWO SECRETS OF JOY.**

•The first secret of joy is get the focus off your self. The more you focus on you, the more miserable you are going to be. You have got to shift your focus from an inward focus –(It's all about me ) to an outward focus (It's about God and serving others.)

You were not put on this planet to live for you. You have got to give back. You have got to contribute. That is where joy comes from.

•The other way Joy comes is when you use your gifts to help others.

I love this verse. Philippians 2:4 "Forget about yourself long enough to lend a helping hand."

Don't be too busy to volunteer - at church, at your child's school, at a non-profit that needs helping hands, at a hospital, - there are many ways to volunteer your time.

**#2 IT WILL IMPROVE YOUR RELATIONSHIPS.**

Your relationships will get better the more you learn to serve. That is something you have to practice at because the root of every single relational problem is self-centeredness. There are other issues, but the root is selfishness.

I want what I want, and you want what you want. Neither of us are willing to budge and give in and change. Boom that causes conflict.

Life is the lifelong task, the lifelong school of learning how to be unselfish. Unfortunately some people never learn it. They go through all of life living for themselves. The whole task of life, the why God put you here, is to learn to be unselfish. Why? Because God is love and God wants you to learn to be like him.

Don't try to be interesting... be interested. Be interested in others. Be interested in others and they will think you are the greatest person in the world. Too many people are only interested in themselves. When finally, somebody is interested in them, they think you are the greatest conversationalist who ever lived.

**#3 SERVING OTHERS UNSELFISHLY WILL MAKE YOUR LIFE****MEANINGFUL.**

Jesus said it like this, "If you try to keep your life for yourself, you're going to lose it but if you give up your life for my sake, and for the sake of the good news, you will find true life."

You're going to give your life away for something. Some people give their life away for a career and you get a gold watch at the end -- big deal!

Some people give their life away to get a big bank account. You're going to give your life for something. The question is are you going to give your life for the right thing? How much is it going to matter in eternity? How much is it going to matter forever? When you die is it going to matter at all?

It is not the duration of your life that matters but the donation of it that counts.

Nobody ever remembers a taker. You can't name one building, one street, one school, one bridge, one scholarship, one stadium that is named after a taker only a giver.

**#4 YOU WILL LEAVE A LEGACY**

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## MARIETTA NEWS



### MEDICAL DEVICES COLLECTED FOR DISABLED ADULTS AND CHILDREN

The Rotary Club of Marietta Metro recently partnered with FODAC (Friends of Disabled Adults and Children) for the collection of new and gently used medical devices and equipment like wheelchairs, bath rails, bedside toilets and walkers. The collection was held at the First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, on April 23 and was a great success. Over \$208,300 equipment was donated this year.

Our Rotary Club of Marietta Metro is very thankful to the community for answering our call to donate equipment. It all will be used to help adults and children throughout our area and overseas.

Gently used equipment needed includes beds, scooters, canes, bed and shower railings, braces, etc.

The Rotary Club hosts this event annually. However, FODAC makes regular pickups at MUST Ministries throughout the year so items may be dropped off there during business hours. Pictured above: members of The Rotary Club of Marietta Metro who worked the collection site.

### MARIETTA'S AUDITORY TIME CAPSULE

Cobb Landmarks and Historical Society and the Marietta Arts Council seek participants for 2 Years Later... An Auditory Time Capsule Residents asked to tell their stories as part of unique oral history project

Two Cobb-County non profits are joining forces to produce a special project: capturing an oral history of Cobb County residents through first-person storytelling. Featuring stories of Cobb County residents and the way their lives have changed since March of 2020, participants are asked to call a phone number and share their story in their own words. Each story will be available at CobbStories.com as an audio file, and each story will be transcribed for the hearing impaired.

The auditory catalogue will have a companion portraiture series captured by photographer Justin Hadley. The exhibit debuts Saturday, May 7th, 2022 at M2R TrailFest — an immersive celebration of the arts in Downtown Marietta, GA — as part of the M2R Fence Gallery, a countywide, yearlong traveling art exhibit. Each photo panel will contain a QR code linked to the story of the participant. The public can visit the project web site to hear the stories as well as share their own.

Cobb County residents are invited to call (770) 569-3305 and share their story in their own words.

### GLOVER PARK CONCERT SERIES

The Downtown Marietta Development Authority and the City of Marietta are proud to announce the 2022 Glover Park Concert Series presented by Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's International Realty. As in previous years, these free concerts will take place monthly in Glover Park in the Marietta Square. All concerts begin at 8:00 on the last Friday of each month, April - September

The concert lineup: May 27, BJ Wilbanks, That 70s Show; June 24, Catalinas, Beach; July 29, Chuck Martin, Country; August 26, Brotherhood, Doobies Tribute; September 30, Still Swinging Big Band

Attendees can bring a picnic or dine in one of the many fine restaurants located on the square. Blankets and lawn chairs may be set up in the park. Tables and chairs are permitted in the street after 6:00 p.m. No personal tables, plastic ground covering, ropes, tape, stakes, etc. used to section off areas are permitted inside the park as they will be removed.

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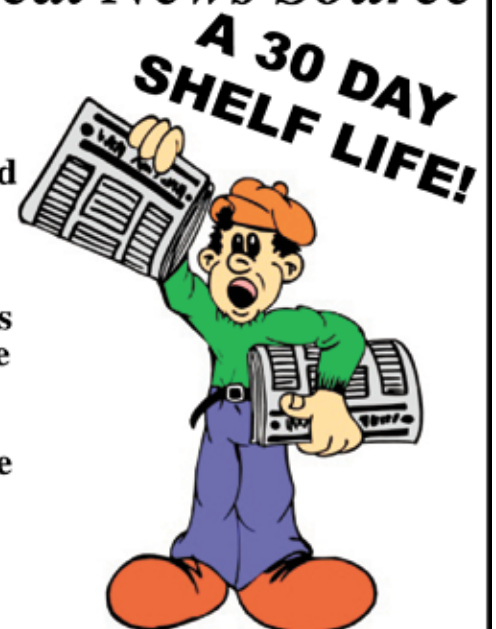
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## LEARNING DAYS SUMMER CAMP



Learning Days Summer Camp is still accepting campers for the summer. Call 678-742-8004 for more information. Also hiring for the summer.

## NORTH COBB FOOTBALL YOUTH CAMP

We are excited to host our North Cobb Football Youth Camp this summer June 14-June 16, 6:00-8:00 pm at Emory Sewell Stadium. You can register at [www.northcobbfootball.com](http://www.northcobbfootball.com)

This year's camp will feature the coaching staff from your 2-TIME defending Region Championship team as well as varsity football players and former football players now playing college football. This year's camp ensures to be the best as we have grown our camp to over 100 participants. If you know someone who may be interested in attending, please feel free to push this information along to them. We look forward to seeing you at camp.



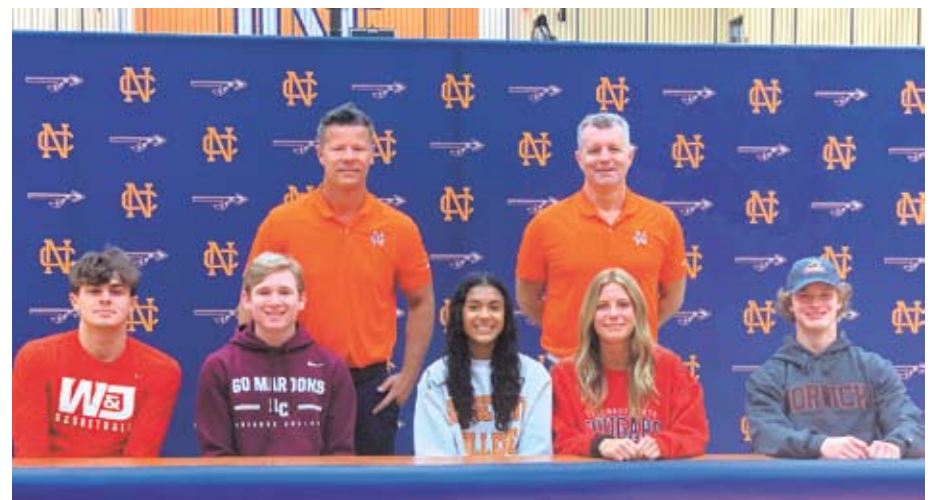
## CONGRATULATIONS TO NCHS GOVERNOR'S HONORS FINALISTS

Our North Cobb Warriors have yet again made us immensely proud with their stellar success in this year's multi-level Governor's Honors Program (GHP) application process. I'm excited to share that this year we have 5 GHP Finalists attending the program at Berry College in Rome, GA this summer. 3 additional students were chosen as alternates.

Thank you so much for the time and effort so many of you have invested in the education and lives of these great Warriors!

**GHP Finalists** Zioni Moore-Communicative Arts; Tristin Shestag-Engineering: Mechanical & Electrical; Simri Martinez-Music: Voice, Tenor/Soprano; Leona Longhurst-Science: Physics; Sarah Jiang-World Languages: Chinese;

**Alternates** Daniel Johnson-Music: Woodwind, Bassoon; Miguel Flores-Padilla-Music: Woodwind, Saxophone; Yuna Vang-Social Studies;



## NCHS SIGNING DAY

Congratulations to the following students who are furthering their education and continuing to play sports.

Pictured above with AD Matthew Williams and Principal Matt Moody are l-r Alex Acosta - Basketball, Washington & Jefferson College, Pennsylvania; Derek Brooks - Baseball, Roanoke College, Virginia; Maddie Diaz - Lacrosse, Georgetown College, Kentucky; Kenna Armitage - Soccer, Columbus State, Georgia; Jaxon Bampfild - Lacrosse, Norwich University, Vermont.



## APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR MISS COBB COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP



a graduate of Pebblebrook. Both are set to represent Cobb County for the Georgia titles in Columbus, June 14-18 this year. State winners advance to the Miss America and Miss America's Outstanding Teen Competitions.

To obtain a contestant application or learn how you can support the program as a sponsor or volunteer, contact Gene Phillips, [misscobbcounty@yahoo.com](mailto:misscobbcounty@yahoo.com) or 770-545-1351. The competition is managed and conducted by the Miss Cobb County Scholarship Organization, composed entirely of community volunteers. The Miss Cobb scholarship program has been named the top program in the Miss Georgia system for the past 27 years.

Pictured above l-r Miss Cobb County's Outstanding Teen, Morgan Kennedy and Kennesaw resident, Carley Vogel the reigning Miss Cobb County.

## YOUNG ADULTS' LEGAL NEEDS BY ERIKA ORCUTT, ATTORNEY AT LAW

Graduation season is an exciting time for families and students alike, filled with celebrations, adventures, and transitions. Whether your graduate is headed to higher education, vocational training, travel, or a new career, this new season comes with new responsibilities, and your role legally changes.

Once someone reaches age 18, a parent or legal guardian can no longer receive certain information, make financial or medical decisions, or access student college records, even in an emergency. It is critical to get legal documents in place before a crisis occurs.

A durable general power of attorney will allow you to have access to and handle your adult child's financial affairs when s/he is unable to do so. For example, a power of attorney can allow you to communicate with financial institutions, deposit and withdraw money, and pay bills on his/her behalf.

An advance directive for healthcare is crucial to receive medical information and make medical decisions. When your child is a minor, you can legally obtain medical information, make appointments, and decide on treatments. But after age 18, you no longer have access to medical information or authority to make those decisions.

If your student is headed to college, be aware that under FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act), you will not have access to their academic or financial transcripts. Your child can sign a FERPA waiver, which grants you (or any other person listed) permission to view his/her academic and/or financial aid records. If your child is reluctant to "give up" their privacy rights, you can explain that the waiver can be used as a "safety net" to catch them if they start to fall academically, check for institutional errors, and not to micromanage him/her.

Although the new-found freedoms of being a young adult are likely ones your child has looked forward to for years, young adults still do rely heavily on their parents, guardians, and loved ones for guidance and support. Having the proper legal documents in place allows you to fully support your child especially in an emergency. Giving the gift of legal planning makes a wise and unique graduation gift, too!

## 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 2nd 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 June 11, 2022 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. Register today [kennesawgrandprix.com/law-enforcement-torch-run-5k](http://kennesawgrandprix.com/law-enforcement-torch-run-5k)

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The North Cobb Rotary Club, City of Acworth, and the Georgia Barbecue Association partner each year to bring you the Smoke on the Lake BBQ Festival presented by Superior Plumbing. This event will be held at Logan Farm Park on Friday, May 6, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All proceeds from this event are distributed amongst several local charities, so everyone come out and help make a difference in your community!

This two-day event features the famous Lord of the Wings competition and a Friday night FREE concert featuring Georgia Players Guild Tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival and a BBQ competition on Saturday! Teams from all over the Southeast compete in professional and amateur divisions to see who will take home the title. For a small fee, you can taste your way through some of the best BBQ in the Southeast! Parking will not be available at the park so please park downtown. For more information on this event, please visit [www.smokeonthelake.org](http://www.smokeonthelake.org).



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