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## RARE OPPORTUNITY TO BOARD THE GENERAL LOCOMOTIVE AT RAILROAD RENDEZVOUS

The popular annual Railroad Rendezvous event will return to the Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History on Saturday, July 23.

A variety of activities celebrating the railroad and other industrial enterprises will be taking place throughout the day. A tractor show on the museum's front lawn will be the highlight of the event, featuring a 1917 Rumley steam tractor that will be fired up and blowing its whistle. A blacksmithing demonstration is also taking place outside.

A large interactive model train layout and various remote control vehicles will be on display inside the museum, alongside historic demonstrations, such as chair caning, a vintage printing press, and quilting. Additionally, a railroad silent film festival is scheduled and arts and crafts will be available for children.

Railroad Rendezvous also offers the rare opportunity to step aboard the General locomotive, made famous during the Civil War's Great Locomotive Chase of 1862, and look inside the cab.

The Southern Museum would like to thank our partners: Gordon Antique Engine & Tractor Club, Goat N Hammer, Atlantic Coast S Gaugers, Cobb County Radio Control Club, Acorn Workshop, Red Onion Press, and the Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild.

## NORTH GEORGIA STATE FAIR STARTS SEPT 22

One highlight of the fair are the free concerts performed. In a sneak peek sharing the talent available for this year's concerts.

A covered arena guarantees concerts rain or shine, including appearances by great country and contemporary Christian artists. Headlining the Carriage Kia Concert Series this year are: The Afters Friday, September 23; LOCASH Saturday, September 24; Josh Turner Wednesday, September 28; Corey Smith Thursday, September 29; Michael Ray Friday, September 30.



VIC REYNOLDS

JULIE ADAMS JACOBS

## COBB JUDGES APPOINTED

Governor Brian P. Kemp announced last week that he has appointed Georgia Bureau of Investigation Director Vic Reynolds and Deputy Attorney General Julie Adams Jacobs to fill two vacancies on the Cobb Judicial Circuit Superior Court. The vacancies were created after Judge LaTain Kell and Judge Mary Staley Clark retired effective on May 1 of this year.

Vic Reynolds will serve on the Cobb Judicial Circuit Superior Court. Prior to being appointed to this position, he was appointed Director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in 2019. In this position, he led an agency of over 950 employees.

Julie Adams Jacobs will serve on the Cobb Judicial Circuit Superior Court. Prior to her appointment, Jacobs had been with the Georgia Attorney General's Office since 2003, where she served as the Deputy Attorney General of the Commercial Transactions and Litigation Division.



## CITY OF KENNESAW RECOGNIZES THREE OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADERS

The City of Kennesaw presented three community leaders with the inaugural Follow the Leader award on Monday, June 20. The goal of the Follow the Leader award program is to recognize local community leaders who have made a difference in their service to the City.

The inaugural recipients of the Follow the Leader award are Allison Giddens, Rod Green and Ann Pratt. Allison Giddens is the Founder of the Dave Krache Foundation whose aim is to assist with financial fees related to metro Atlanta kids' sports' leagues and teams. Pastor Rod Green, co-pastor of One Church in Marietta, serves on the Kennesaw Police Chief's Citizens Advisory Board. Green helped organize and lead the City's Juneteenth events, which spread unity amongst the citizens of our community regardless of race, religion or creed. Ann Pratt was a driving force for building the Inclusive Playground at Swift-Cantrell Park, which is one of the largest inclusive playgrounds in the United States.

The award program is a project of the inaugural class of the Kennesaw Leadership Academy. The Kennesaw Leadership Academy is comprised of ten young professionals, representing seven different departments across the City. Leadership development and professional development are the two most important succession-planning tools the City of Kennesaw uses to invest in employees to help them learn, train and grow. By enhancing leadership skills and competencies, the goal of the Kennesaw Leadership Academy is simple: to create a deep pool of potential candidates with wide-ranging leadership skills who are able to step into future leadership roles within the City of Kennesaw.

In return, the Kennesaw Leadership Academy participants will partner with a selection of the award recipients to volunteer their time to support projects, organizations or causes which the award recipients are involved with.

Pictured above: l-r Mayor Derek Easterling, Rod Green, Ann Pratt, Allison Giddens' mother.



**JOSH TURNER  
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### THE GLASS SHOW IS BACK

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### CONGRATULATIONS



**BRENDA BORDEN**

Thursday June 23rd was the Installation banquet and end of year celebration for Vinings Cumberland Rotary. The club president, Todd Ash, awarded six club engagement awards. Kennesaw's Brenda Borden received one for social media content, photography of their events and promoting the club image, as well as for in-person attendance. Brenda is a Broker with High Caliber Realtors, Kennesaw.



### RETIRING THE FLAG



**KEVIN MARCY WITH MEMBERS  
OF POST 304**

Georgia Funeral Care owner, Kevin Marcy, participated with the American Legion Post 304 Honor Guard to assist Dogwood Forest Assisted Living and Memory Care facility retire their tattered flag on Flag Day. Kevin provided Dogwood Forest with a new flag and accepted their old flag for retiring. Georgia Funeral Care takes tattered flags and drapes all veterans prior to cremation so that veterans are honored and the flags are retired in a proper manner. You may drop your flag off at their facility located at 4671 S Main St, Acworth, GA

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

Edward Emmett Skelton was born August 24, 1889, in Kennesaw. His parents were James and Mary Skelton. Edward attended school until seventh grade. In 1908, Skelton went to work for the railroad as a brakeman. His father and many of his siblings also worked for the railroad. In 1917, he registered for the World War I draft, and his draft card described him as stout and short. After registering for the draft Skelton married Irene Hill.



Skelton was one of the first men from Cobb County called to serve in World War I. He trained at Camp Wheeler and served overseas from October of 1918 till June of 1919. After the war Skelton returned to the railroad.

In 1922, Skelton and his wife moved to Smyrna. They had three children, Frances, Jeanne, and Robert. Skelton and his wife were active in the Smyrna Methodist Church, and both served on the church's board of stewards.

In 1924, Skelton was promoted to conductor on the railroad. He was a conductor until his retirement in 1952. In total, he had worked for the railroad 44 years. Sadly, Irene Hill Skelton had passed away in 1951, and wasn't able to enjoy her husband's retirement.

In 1954, Skelton and his daughter Frances moved into a house on Memory Lane in Smyrna. Skelton died on August 30, 1975, at the age of 86, and was buried soon afterwards in the Kennesaw City Cemetery.

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## A GARDEN WITH WINGS BUTTERFLY HOUSE RETURNS TO SMITH-GILBERT GARDENS

"A Garden With Wings," the popular pollinator exhibit at Smith-Gilbert Gardens (SGG) featuring a kid-friendly pollinator garden and 1,500 square foot butterfly house, opens for the season on Tuesday, June 28, 2022. Visitors to the pollinator garden will see an inspiring collection of annuals, perennials and flowering shrubs that attract and support native pollinators like bumblebees, hummingbirds and butterflies. The recently expanded butterfly house offers an up-close experience with butterflies, plus the opportunity to see all stages of their life cycle. Visitors will see host plants that serve as food sources for a wide variety of caterpillars. The exhibit is included with Garden admission and runs through the month of July.



"Our Butterfly House offers a wonderful immersive experience for visitors," says Smith-Gilbert Gardens Guest Experience Manager, Vanita Keswani. "You can get up close to see all stages of the life cycle and learn about the plants that attract specific butterflies. The exhibit is a unique visit every time! Remember to bring your camera to capture these memorable moments."

Tickets must be purchased and reserved prior to arrival for all visitors and members. To purchase tickets, please visit <https://smith-gilbert-gardens.square.site/>.

Butterfly Ambassadors will be on-site to answer visitor questions on select days throughout the summer. Staff will also have information available and answer any questions in the gift shop located in the main house.

"A Garden With Wings" is generously supported by Garden Members and the Smith-Gilbert Gardens Foundation. Smith-Gilbert Gardens would like to thank this year's presenting sponsor, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and supporting sponsor Cobb EMC Foundation.

## SMITH GILBERT GARDENS TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

Family Programs presented by Smith Gilbert Gardens. Programs are geared toward children ages 4-14. Youth must be accompanied by an adult.

Purchase of Terrific Tuesdays Tickets INCLUDES Garden Admission. Additional child ticket for siblings only.

Terrific Tuesday classes for July: July 5th (All About Georgia), July 12 (Butterflies), July 19 (Poet-tree and Writing about Nature), July 26 (Cherokee Plants and Culture). All classes are from 10:00-11:15 and registration and descriptions are on our website at [smithgilbertgardens.com](http://smithgilbertgardens.com). Classes include an informational lesson and an art activity. Class fees are \$14 each (includes child and parent and regular garden admission), discounted prices for members is \$7 (sibling discount is available).

Starting in August, we'll have our homeschool workshops on Wednesdays.

## 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 next concert will be August 5 featuring: Outside The Perimeter 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](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/events).

## SPLASH PAD IS OPEN

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.



## YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The Kennesaw Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce the introduction of the City's FIRST Kennesaw Youth Volleyball League! The Fall League will be available to all young ladies nine (9) to fourteen (14) years of age! This new and exciting opportunity will give participants the space to learn and grow while offering a competitive but fun edge. All participants will receive a uniform and unique league item. Rules are division specific and are based on age groups. Teams will practice once during the week and majority of games will take place on Saturdays. Practice days and times are dependent on the team the participant is placed on.

Assessments will be held on Saturday, July 23 at the Recreation Center. Register on assessments day or online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>. Click on Youth Sports. Fee is \$130.00.

Practices will begin the week of August 8 and will be held at the Kennesaw Recreation Center (KRC). Games will begin on Saturday, September 10. All teams will participate in the end of the season tournament that will take place on October 15.

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### ARTS ALLIANCE NEWS

Visit us as we continue with our "Local Inspirations" Exhibit. "Local" is Georgia, Atlanta, Cobb County, Acworth... this exhibit includes paintings, photography, pottery, glass, turned wood, beading, quilting... Open House- Saturday, July 9, 4-7pm. Light refreshments will be available. This event is free and open to the public. The Art House is located at 4425 Cherokee St., Acworth. The exhibit will continue through July 30.

### COBB INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Cobb County is excited to announce the return of Cobb International Festival from noon - 6 p.m. Saturday, August 27, 2022 after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

This festival will feature food, costumes and cultural performances from around the world. It will showcase our rich diversity of our community and country. Admission is free but bring some money if you want to enjoy the food and shop!

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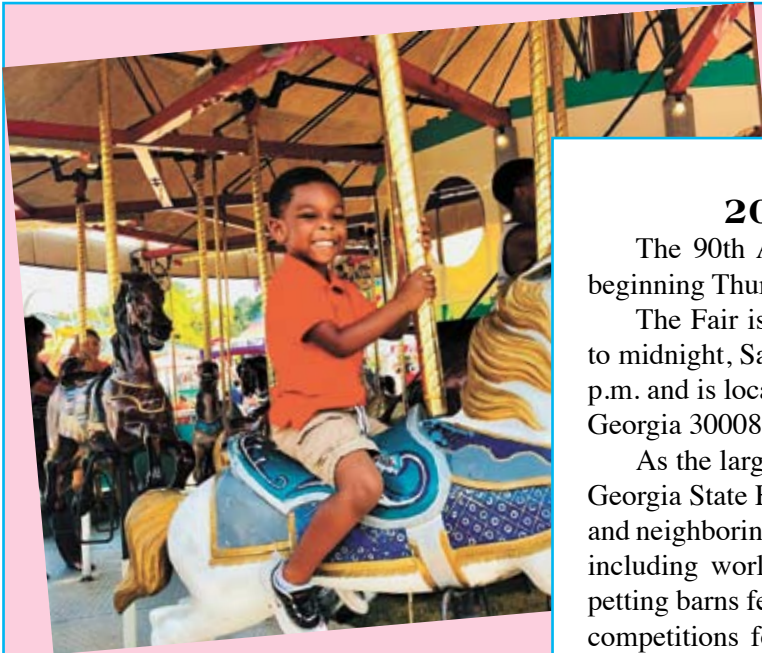
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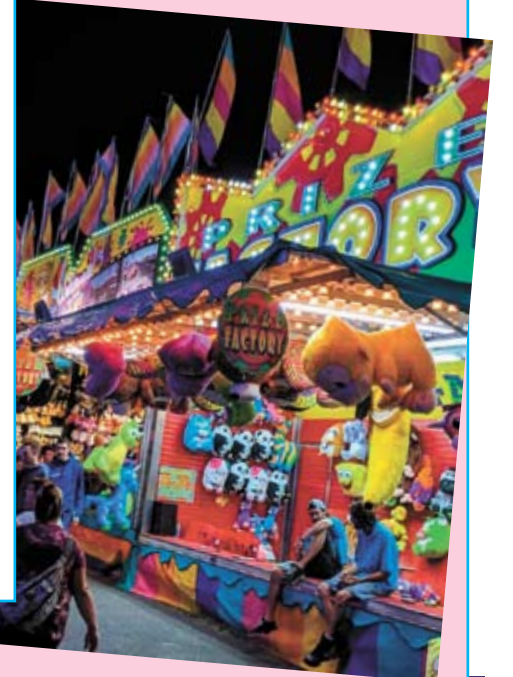
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The Fair is open Monday through Thursday 4 to 11 p.m., Fridays 4 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays 10 a.m., to midnight, and Sundays 12:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and is located at Jim R. Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road S.W., Marietta, Georgia 30008

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

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

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



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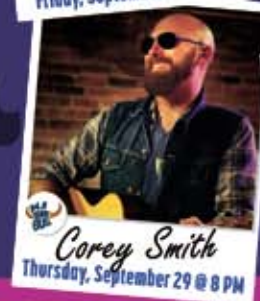
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With four beaches on two lakes, the recreational opportunities are endless in Acworth. Come enjoy everything our parks have to offer. Bring the family for a swim or take out a paddleboard or kayak for the day to make the most of the endless beauty of the landscape. The lakes offer the chance to teach the new generation how to unwind and relax with a day of fishing or by simply taking them on a hike around our miles of trails. We have some really great businesses right here on Main Street that can help you plan out your day with paddleboard and kayak rentals as well as bait, tackle, and local knowledge to make sure you find the best fishing spots at the parks! For more on all the fun going on in Acworth, head on over to [www.visitacworth.org](http://www.visitacworth.org). There, you'll find all the information you need to plan your trip.

After a day adventuring outdoors, head on downtown to grab a bite to eat. Acworth is blessed with a large array of really fantastic restaurants to choose from. There's something for everyone in Acworth! And as you and your friends and family unwind and disconnect from your busy schedules, take a moment to enjoy the lake breeze and quality of life that we love here in Acworth. We're looking forward to your visit!

Speaking of Downtown, the Downtown Classic Car Cruise is back at Logan Farm Park on Saturday, July 30 from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. We had a great time back in the spring when the first classic car cruise of the year was held at its new location in the Parkside District downtown. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back for this summer event, and we invite you and your family to come out to see these wonderful examples of automotive design.

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



## SUMMER DOWNTOWN CLASSIC CAR CRUISE MOVED TO LOGAN FARM PARK

On Saturday, July 30, Acworth will host a Classic Car Cruise in Downtown Acworth. The event will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Logan Farm Park (4405 Cherokee Street). The Lake City Cruisers partner with the City and the downtown Acworth merchants to hold these Classic Car Cruises. The event is free to the public. A \$5 entry fee is requested for all vehicles in the cruise. All proceeds go to the Horizon Field, an all-inclusive special needs sports facility in Acworth.

## ACWORTH YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department is pleased to announce another season of the Acworth Youth Volleyball League! The season will consist of five games and a single elimination tournament at the end of the season. We will offer three 6-on-6 divisions based on the ages: 9- 10 years old, 11- 12 years olds, and 13- 14 years olds. The deadline to register is Saturday, July 23. Assessments will take place on Saturday, July 23 with practices beginning mid-August. Registration and additional information are available at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

## STAND UP PADDLEBOARD YOGA

Join Marlo from Backbends & Brews in this exciting stand-up paddleboard (SUP) yoga class on beautiful Lake Acworth! SUP Yoga will begin with basic paddleboard safety and instruction. Then, students will anchor for a fun one-hour yoga class focused on breath, balance and movement. This class is suitable for all levels, but participants must be able to swim. 20% of all of Backbends & Brews profits will be donated to charity! Paddleboard Rental is available at \$15 per class. Class is held on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Cauble Park.

## ACWORTH'S SENIOR LUNCHEON

Join us every third Wednesday of the month for lunch and bingo at the City of Acworth's Senior Luncheon. 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

## HORIZON FALL BASEBALL

Registration Begins: Monday, July 11

Season kick-off: Thursday, September 8 for the Adult League, and Saturday, September 10 for the youth and teen leagues (6-week league)

3 different leagues within the Horizon Baseball League:

Youth league (5-12 years old)

Teen league (13-21-year-old)

Adult League (22 and up)

Fees: \$15.00 for the season (includes jersey, hat, and trophy)

Location: Horizon Field in the Acworth Sports Complex (4000 S. Main St. Acworth 30101)

Games are non-competitive and each player on the roster gets on base before the opposing team gets a turn to bat. Youth and teen games are played on Saturday and adult games are played on Thursday nights. We don't have any practices only games. Rules consist of everyone getting on base, no outs, everyone on the roster bats and the last batter gets a home run. We usually have community buddies at every game to work with the athletes. The buddies run with the athletes, assist with batting, help in the outfield, and assist in the dugout.

ED NOTE: This is an awesome program for our special population. Take a minute and attend one of their games. The adults play on Thursday evening.

## 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](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org)



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**ACWORTH'S JOB FAIR A SUCCESS**  
**BY MADISON STAHL**

Businesses across the country are struggling to find help these days, even in Acworth. Acworth Business Association teamed up with the Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department to host Acworth's first Community Wide Job Fair on June 28, 2022.

Many businesses are having to turn away opportunities and close on days they would normally be open, because they simply don't have the help required to keep operations running like before. We hope last week's job fair is a step in the right direction to solving this issue.

Thank you to everyone that participated and for the continued support for our local small businesses!

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You are invited for coffee with the mayor and his team! The Acworth Business Association is the best economic development partner to the city. The mayor wants to give business owners and new ABA business members considering a move to Acworth an opportunity to meet him and gain access to every city resource to make it easy to locate and invest in Acworth.

**JOIN THE MAYOR AND THE ABA,**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 12, 9:15AM @THE COWAN**

**ABA UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ABA JULY AA5**

The ABA Alive After Five will be held at Red Top Brew House on Thursday, July 14, 2022. Located at 4637 S. Main St. Acworth.RSVP [www.acworthbusiness.org](http://www.acworthbusiness.org).

**WOMEN'S JULY BUSINESS NETWORK**

The June Women's Luncheon will be held at Red Top Brew House on Thursday, July 21, 2022. Located at 4637 S. Main St. Acworth.RSVP [www.acworthbusiness.org](http://www.acworthbusiness.org).

**ABA AUG LUNCHEON**

Will be held on Thursday, Aug 4 at the Acworth Community Center. The luncheon begins at 11:30 and will be sponsored by Celebrity Ballroom Dance Studios. Please RSVP at [acworthbusiness.org](http://acworthbusiness.org).



**THE GENERAL WINS AGAIN!**

The Kennesaw Business Association's inaugural gold tournament, The General, was a huge success. Tournament organizer Quinton Austin (Copeland's) worked very hard to ensure all sponsors and golfers had an amazing experience. Food and beverages at all holes and impressive prizes for raffle winners and winners. We had 36 teams, and many sponsors participated. A tip of the hat to Museum Director, Dr. Richard Banz, for tooting his train whistle to start the event. We look forward to building on this very first one and making this an annual event enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all the volunteers and JRM Management who helped make this event run smoothly on tournament day. A great time was had by all. Pictured above our KBA board members practice teeing off on the putting green. .

**KBA UPCOMING EVENTS**

**KBA JULY LUNCHEON**

TUES JULY 12 : 11:30-1:00 will be held at the Kennesaw Rec Center on Watts Drive, Kennesaw. Our speaker is Kat Schwaig, president of KSU. Sponsored by 22One Realty. Catered by 1885 Grill. Please RSVP at [www.kennesawbusiness.org](http://www.kennesawbusiness.org).

**KBA JUNE AA5**

The July AA5 will be held on Tuesday July 19 , 5:30-7:30. RSVP [www.kennesawbusiness.org](http://www.kennesawbusiness.org).

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CARLEY VOGEL,



MORGAN KENNEDY

### MISS COBB COUNTY AND COBB'S TEEN NAMED RUNNERS-UP TO GEORGIA TITLES

Miss Cobb County, Carley Vogel, and Miss Cobb's Outstanding Teen, Morgan Kennedy, were each named 3rd runner-up in the finals of Miss Georgia and Miss Georgia's Outstanding Teen staged at the River Center for the Performing Arts in Columbus, June 17. Fifty-three Miss candidates and thirty-eight Teen contestants participated.

Earlier in the week-long judging Ms. Kennedy gained a Teen preliminary award for the on-stage question and evening gown division. Ms. Vogel was winner of the Floreida Harrell Performing Arts Scholarship. The Miss Georgia Organization awarded long-time Miss Cobb volunteers Terry Chandler, Charles Chinnis, Steve Duncan and Gene Phillips with Lifetime Achievement awards for their dedicated service to the scholarship program.

A Kennesaw resident, Ms. Vogel, 21, is a junior at Middle Tennessee State University, where she is majoring in the recording and music business field. She displayed her well trained voice with a vocal of "Over the Rainbow" in the talent division. She is the daughter of Amanda and Jim Vogel.

A rising senior at Cobb County Center for Excellence in the Performing Arts, Pebblebrook High School, Ms. Morgan, 17, wowed the audience with a fast-paced tap dance to "Survivor." Her parents are David and Michelle Kennedy of Dallas.

Applications are being accepted for the 64th annual Miss Cobb County and Teen Competitions set for the Jennie T. Anderson Theater, Aug. 6. The Miss Cobb Scholarship Organization, composed entirely of community volunteers, has been recognized at the top cash scholarship program in the Miss Georgia system for the past 27 years. Affiliated with the Miss America Scholarship Organization, the Miss Cobb Pageant was started by the Kennesaw Mountain Jaycees in 1958.

For further information on being a contestant, sponsor or volunteer, contact email [misscobbcounty@yahoo.com](mailto:misscobbcounty@yahoo.com) The contestant deadline to enter is July 15.

### CONGRATULATIONS

In addition to placing third in Miss Georgia contest, Carley Vogel won the Floreida Harrell Performing Arts scholarship with her beautiful singing voice.!

The Miss Georgia Organization awarded long-time Miss Cobb volunteers Terry Chandler, Charles Chinnis, Steve Duncan and Gene Phillips with Lifetime Achievement awards for their dedicated service as Community Volunteers for the Miss Cobb County Scholarship Competition. Cobb is recognized as all-round one of best locals in


Miss Georgia system. Pictured at right are Miss Cobb County, Carley Vogel and Lifetime Achievement recipient, Terry Chandler.



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**NAGEL’S BAGELS OPENS BAKERY AND CAFÉ  
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Nagel’s Bagels opened their very first brick and mortar location with a grand opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Thursday, June 9 at 125 W Main Street in historic downtown Cartersville, GA.

“This community has been so supportive of us over the last three years and we are thrilled to be able to open our bakery and café in the historic downtown area. We cannot wait to welcome everyone into this new space which we designed to create a sense of belonging and warmth,” said Kelly Nagel, Chief Marketing Officer and Bagel Tester at Nagel’s Bagels. The regular business hours will be 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and closed on Sundays. Breakfast and Lunch will be served every day and brunch served all day.

Cartersville was first introduced to Nagel’s Bagels at the Cartersville Farmers Market in 2019.

“When we started out, it was really just a hobby; something fun to do that was different from my day job as a Program Manager for Oracle,” said Rich Nagel, Owner and Chief Baker for Nagel’s Bagels. “The first time we went to the farmers market we sold out in less than an hour and I feel like all we have done since then is try and keep up with the demand! I can’t really describe how great it feels to share something you are passionate about with people and to see that they love it. Hearing people say ‘I love your bagels’ is just incredible. I will never get tired of hearing that.”

Nagel’s Bagels will continue to provide home and business delivery and expand their wholesale market. There are currently more than 10 retailers who carry Nagel’s Bagels in their coffee shop, cafés, restaurants You can learn more at [www.nagelsbagels.co](http://www.nagelsbagels.co).

Nagel’s Bagels is located at 125 W Main Street in downtown Cartersville, directly across the street from the Chamber of Commerce office.

Pictured above: It is truly a family affair. Making the opening official are l-r Rick’s and Kelly’s Krissy and Korey daughters, Rick Nagel and Kelly Nagel. Editor’s note - I have been at a lot of ribbon cuttings and grand openings but never one this well attended, filled with excitement, laughter and smiles. Folks from all around attended including many from the Acworth Business Association that Kelly is involved with



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## DO NOT BE COMPLACENT! DEPEND ON THE LORD

BY MARLON LONGACRE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR, PIEDMONT CHURCH

*"Hezekiah was too proud to show gratitude for what the Lord had done for him, and Judah and Jerusalem suffered for it". 2 Chronicles 32:25*

When you get complacent, the people in your ministry suffer for it. When you get complacent in your home, your children suffer for it. When you get complacent in your business, your business suffers for it. Hezekiah is wealthy. He is also fat and lazy. He has arrived. He is successful and secure. He is relying on past successes. He is just going to coast.

Whenever you coast through life, remember you are going downhill. Life is tough and when you are coasting, you are going downhill.

What is the antidote to complacency? The antidote to being complacent and self-satisfied as a leader is to never stop depending on God. You must take risks in faith. You must let go of some security to go for God's best in your life.

Remember in the parable of the talents where the man who got one talent just went out and buried it. He played it safe. God does not like coasters. In fact, God called him "A wicked lazy servant." We need to take some risks in faith. Push the edge of the envelope (as they would say in "Top Gun").

*Hebrews 11:6 says, "Without faith it is impossible to please God."*

Attempt something that cannot be explained in the power of the flesh. Every year in ministry I try something that I know I am bound to fail in unless God bails me out? If you are not attempting any program, any idea, any event, that unless God bails you out, you are bound to fail, you are not living by faith and you will miss opportunities to grow and mature. God says, "Go for it!" Do not be complacent. Depend on the Lord.

*"Behold the turtle! He only makes progress when he sticks his neck out."*

Thank you again for your support of this month's Love Does. All financial support given to Love Does this coming Sunday will go to help the MUST Ministries Summer lunch program.

Because of your support of Love Does this month, Piedmont has been able to help front line partners such as Children's Haven, Foster4Love, Faithbridge, Goshen Valley, Davis Direction Foundation, MUST Ministries and Mountain Top Boys Club.

July will be a busy month for many reasons. I know that many of you will be on vacation. Piedmont will have plenty of volunteer opportunities. We will be stuffing book bags, feeding teachers, and installing sensor rooms at local elementary schools. The dates, times, and places of these events will be on the website beginning next week.

Community ministries at Piedmont will always be pushing the envelope by listening and meeting the deepest needs of our community.

## JULY'S LOVE DOES PROJECT

For the month of July our Love Does project is all about fully loaded backpacks for kids in need at our local schools. Piedmont has received requests for 560 fully loaded backpacks. Because of your financial support of Love Does, Piedmont has purchased 400 fully loaded

backpacks. We need help with the additional 160 backpacks.

Last year the Piedmont Church family brought in well over 160 book bags. The list of items needed for each backpack is: Spiral Notebooks, Paper (pack of 150 sheets). Glue sticks (pack of two), Scissors, Crayons Colored Pencils, Cra Z Crayons, Pencils (8 pack), Composition notebook

I cannot wait to see the East Hall decorated with these backpacks. Libby and I will be out shopping this weekend.

Thank you so much for the support you give each month to Love Does. Because of your support of previous Love Does projects, the month of July will be a busy month serving the community. We will be installing three new sensory rooms this month as well as feeding teachers for pre-planning at 8 local schools.

The dates and times for those community projects are on the website. Go to [Piedmontchurch.tv/serve/epic/](http://Piedmontchurch.tv/serve/epic/) to sign up and help Piedmont make a difference in our community.



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I marvel at water flowing over rocks at a waterfall and then how still the water can become as you follow the trail of water base.

It flows so fast & furiously crashing over rocks to quietly rest somewhere with less motion.

Us humans are a lot like that. Crashing & crushing our week, to land at the weekend where we can settle in and finally be still for a moment.

I have to remind myself to pour out when I have to, but rest when I need to. We're created to live in rhythm, doing & being, motion and rest. Not sure who, but someone else out there needed to hear that.

I have to remind myself that Jesus made waterfalls to move the water but he also made a time & place in the end for stillness. I also have to remind myself that it's important to know there's

great purpose in both.

When I am still and I spend time with Him, He always rewards me and helps me discover little treasures along the way and this little treasure will find it's way onto my hat band.



WHAT IS A SOUND BATH AND WHY  
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PATRICIA WALLENBURG, OAK SANCTUARY

A sound "bath" is much more than just a sound experience, though a lot of it is just that. A personal sound bath begins with setting an intention and getting relaxed and comfortable while lying down on a mat. It continues by opening and clearing the energy centers of the body (the chakras). A diagnostic is done to determine areas of low or unbalanced energy in the body and then addressed. These can include injuries, aches, pains, unbalanced energy centers, and more. Then the fun part! Tibetan bowls are placed on and around the body and played in patterns so that vibration and sound surround and wash over the body. Hence the idea of bathing. The vibrations help balance and release energies in the body and can help with relaxation and calming the mind, lowering blood pressure, pain relief and lessen stress and anxiety.

A personal session is the most common but you can also do a group session with several of your friends or co-workers. The same idea applies except there is no diagnostic done to each person. You still get to experience the calm and peace brought about by relaxing and letting the different sounds wash over you. In a group session, Tibetan bowls are used along with a gong, bell, crystal bowl, drum, and more. This is a unique experience and no session is ever the same. This can be done at our location or it can come to you at your home or office.

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## KENNESAW'S PIGS & PEACHES BBQ FESTIVAL AUGUST 19 AND 20

Festival fans and music lovers are invited to join Kennesaw Parks & Rec for two days of barbeque bliss at the Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival on Friday, August 19 from 6 – 10 p.m. and Saturday, August 20, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. at Adams Park.

From its humble beginnings, Pigs & Peaches has grown into one of the region's most beloved festivals attracting an estimated 65,000 attendees annually. Now in its 21st year, the festival features two days of non-stop music, good eats, cold beer and interactive family-fun. Attendees will find over 100 vendors, exhibitor and contestant booths, a Kid Zone full of inflatables, amusements and attractions, tons of tasty treats to satisfy every whim, and an incredible lineup of live entertainment and street performers.



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

Kennesaw Parks & Recreation is currently accepting applications for vendors and sponsors. Parks & Recreation staff are committed to producing a quality event for attendees with a unique assortment of exhibitors and the Pigs & Peaches

BBQ Festival would not be possible without the support of businesses and organizations. For those interested in becoming a vendor or sponsor, please visit [www.pigsandpeaches.com](http://www.pigsandpeaches.com) for more information!

Music headliners on the Main Stage include the rock & pop group, the Paul Hand Band, on Friday, starting at 8:00 p.m. Supporting acts include The Relics, Leah Belle Faser, Run Katie Run, School of Rock East Cobb, School of Rock West Cobb and Courtney Dickinson.

Musicians on the Local Stage include Bettin on the Mule, The Shetlands, The Steven Brooks Band, Tastebud, Trevor Startt, Bach to Rock's 30 Watts, Stephanie Berlanga and Dusty Roads Duo.

The event will be held rain or shine. Admission is free. For more information, visit [www.pigsandpeaches.com](http://www.pigsandpeaches.com) or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at 770-422-9714.

## COBB SENIOR SERVICES

Cobb County has rolled out a new website for Senior Services effective July 1st. Rather than finding events for all the centers together, you can now find all the events (including quarterly classes) offered at a particular center. Simply click on the center's name, then click on the option to view all activities and you will be taken to My Active Center, which is where the centers input everything they offer.

If you're looking for "Ongoing Activities" such as billiards, bridge, chess, etc, you will find those on each centers' webpage. We hope you like the change!

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**JOHN LOUD ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ESA**

John Loud, President of LOUD Security Systems, operating in metro Atlanta, was elected as Chairman of the Board for the Electronic Security Association, the nation’s largest trade association representing the electronic security and life safety industry. Loud previously served as ESA’s Vice Chairman and took the helm after being sworn in as Chairman on June 14th by ESA’s Executive Committee.

ESA member companies install, integrate and monitor intrusion and fire detection, video surveillance and electronic access control systems for commercial, residential, industrial and governmental clients.

In cooperation with an alliance of chapter associations, ESA provides technical and management training, government advocacy and delivers information, advice, tools and services that members use to grow their businesses and prosper.

Together, ESA member companies employ more than 500,000 industry professionals and serve more than 34 million residential and commercial clients.

Loud has worked in the electronic security industry for over 27 years and has been involved with the Association on a national and state level.

“I’m excited to lead the national board and show what we can do in government advocacy, training, insurance against cyber attacks, and the development of tools to bring dealers more options so they can see what [ESA] national can do for them,” says Loud. “I have great passion for the industry, and realize that together we can learn and do more. My company has grown by using resources provided by the Georgia Life Safety and Security Association in Georgia and by the national ESA, and I want to invite others to do the same.”

Loud has served on numerous dealer advisory councils for his industry and is involved in his Georgia community, where he recently completed two terms (2020-2022) as Chairman of the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce and is past President of the Georgia Electronic Life Safety and Security Association (GELSSA).

In his role as Chairman of the ESA Executive Committee, Loud is looking forward to encouraging collaboration for the advancement of the electronic security industry and ESA member companies.



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## MARIETTA NEWS

### ART IN THE PARK RETURNS TO MARIETTA SQUARE

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND: SATURDAY, SEPT. 3 – MONDAY, SEPT. 5**

The 36th-annual Art in the Park takes place in historic Marietta Square during all three days of Labor Day weekend. The only fine art festival in Cobb County, the outdoor, family-friendly event regularly welcomes more than 45,000 attendees and features 150+ artist booths, live music, children's activities, the Chalk Spot and plenty of great food from surrounding restaurants. A portion of the proceeds from Art in the Park benefits the Marietta Business Association, serving as its largest fundraiser.

For Festival Map & More Information: <http://www.artparkmarietta.com/> or call Festival hotline – 404-966-8497

### MARIETTA HISTORY POP-IN EVENT

The Marietta History Center will be hosting its monthly Pop-In event on Saturday, July 16th from 10am to 4pm. Pop-In's provide children and their families the opportunity to interact with the museum through themed activities and crafts. Join us in, July for crafts and activities geared towards Rockets & Robots, currently these crafts are in the galleries for families to enjoy.

The Marietta History Center is located at 1 Depot Street, Marietta, GA 30060. Admission is FREE due to a private donor.

The Museum uses ordinary objects to tell the extraordinary stories of Marietta and Cobb County. Current temporary exhibits include: "Marietta 1899: Color Captured in Black & White." Traveling exhibit "Gateway to the South: Remembering the Dixie Highway", an exhibit created by the Bandy Heritage Center



### THE GEORGIA BALLET ANNOUNCES THEIR 2022-2023 SEASON AT THE JENNIE T. ANDERSON THEATRE

The Georgia Ballet is excited to announce their 2022-2023 Season which will include Peter Pan, The Georgia Ballet's The Nutcracker, and Carmen at the Jennie T. Anderson Theater. This upcoming season marks The Georgia Ballet's 63rd Anniversary.

The season will open in October with the exciting "Peter Pan". Next up will be "The Nutcracker" a family tradition for all ages and to finish the season The Georgia Ballet will present a combined program "Carmen" that includes Bolero de Ravel and Fortuna.

Each performance will include a sensory friendly show. Sensory friendly shows are tailored to children and adults with different visual and auditory sensitivities. In addition to the sensory friendly, The Georgia Ballet will also host school shows for both Peter Pan and Nutcracker performances.

For more details on the upcoming season, visit [georgiaballet.org](http://georgiaballet.org) or call 770-528-0881. Tickets for the new season will be available for purchase mid-summer. Stay connected with GAB via social media on Instagram: @georgiaballet and Facebook: The Georgia Ballet. The Georgia Ballet is under the artistic direction of Mr. Daet Rodriguez.

### GLOVER PARK CONCERT SERIES

The 2022 Glover Park Concert Series is 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. The concert lineup for July 29 features Chuck Martin playing Country.

A limited number of stage-adjacent tables can be reserved for a fee. On the first working day of each month beginning at 8:00 a.m., table reservations open. 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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July 9, 11 am: Pigeon Hill Hike

“Presently, and as if by magic, there sprung from the earth a host of men, and in one long, waving line of blue the infantry advanced.”- General Samuel French. Some of the toughest fighting of the war occurred on a small spur just below the dual- peaks of Kennesaw. This Ranger- led hike will describe the futile Union assault and the Confederate defense of Pigeon Hill. We will meet at the Pigeon Hill parking area (GPS Coordinates: 33.963276, -84.594391) and will go up the rocky slope. The hike is moderate, so bring good shoes and plenty of water.

July 10: 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 pm: Infantry Demonstrations

Come on out and see our living history volunteers and Rangers set up camp right next to the Visitor Center and live life for a day as Civil War infantryman. Rifle firings will occur at the above- specified times. We will also go over basic drill, school of the soldier, arms and accoutrements and even food and disease.

July 16, 11 am: Cheatham Hill Veteran’s Talk

The story of Kennesaw Mountain did not end after the battle in 1864 but was continued by the veterans who fought on the battlefield. The ranger will discuss how Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park was established through efforts of Union veterans who fought at Cheatham Hill. This program will be held at the Illinois Monument

July 17, 11 am: Kolb Farm History Talk

When the Kolb Family built their farmhouse in the 1830’s, they had no way of knowing how important their land would become. From being the site of a major battle, to giving modern visitors a look into the past, the Kolb Farmhouse still remains a key part of the Kennesaw Mountain story. Come join this short ranger talk to learn more. This talk will be held at the Kolb Farmhouse in the southern section of the park.

July 23: 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 pm Artillery Demonstrations

Artillery was a vital component to the operations of both armies during the Atlanta Campaign and played a key role in several engagements during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Come and join us for some interaction

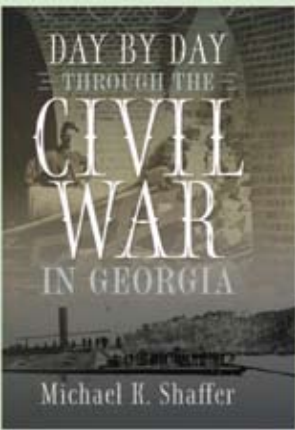
July 24, 11 am: Life of a Soldier

Life for the infantry soldier of the Atlanta Campaign was less than ideal. Long marches, poor health conditions, and at times constant fighting made it one of the hardest jobs in the military. Join us for this interactive ranger program that will take you into the life of these men.

July 30, 11 am: The Fighting McCooks

On June 27, 1864, Colonel Daniel McCook, Jr. led the Federal assault up Cheatham Hill, where he was mortally wounded. This brave man was not the only McCook to fight for the Federal army. This 30- minute program will introduce the ‘Fighting McCooks’, the story of 3 Ohio brothers and their 15 sons who joined the Federal forces and fought throughout the Civil War.

\*This program is not at the Visitor Center; parking is at 947 Cheatham Hill Dr, Marietta (the Illinois Monument parking lot)



July 31, 1 pm: Day By Day Through the Civil War in GA with Michael Shaffer

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Michael K. Shaffer is a Civil War Historian, instructor, lecturer, newspaper columnist and author. Shaffer teaches Civil War Courses at Kennesaw State University’s College of Graduate and Professional Education and at Emory University,

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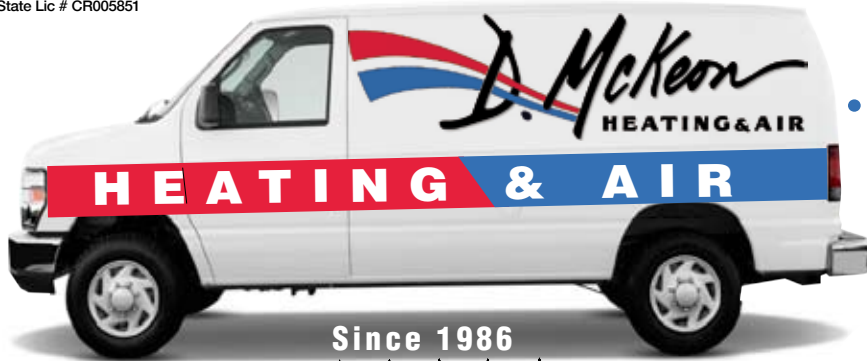
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