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PIZZA, PINTS & PIGSKINS - SEPTEMBER 9 PIZZA, BEER, FOOTBALL, FUN, KIDS ZONE

Pizza, Pizza everywhere!! Pizzerias from all over Cobb County will converge on Logan Farm Park for food, fun, and games on September 9, 2023. Beginning at noon, each restaurant will serve their best pizza dish along with other yummy fares. Bring the whole family to eat, play in our huge Kid's Zone, listen to your favorite music, grab a cold beverage from the beer garden, relax and have fun!

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

Ice cold beer will be served in the Jay White the Loan Closer Beer Garden all day and night. The perfect complement to pizza! Grab a brew, eat pizza, listen to great music and chill at Logan Farm Park.

Georgia Grown: There will be a Georgia Grown Market Village featuring an array of food and gift items. We grow (catch, create and cultivate) it all here in Georgia. If you're looking for fresh, you have come to the right place. You will find a variety in this section from smoked sea salts, pecans, sauces, paintings, crafts, fruits and vegetables.

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

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

Music: Relax and sing-a-long to all your favorites songs throughout the day - featuring Local Artist Scott Thompson until 5 p.m., Lance & West from 5 pm -7 pm & ending with Bogey and Viceroy in concert from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. playing upbeat dance hits to end the day on a high note. Concert tables are available for purchase. Call 770-423-1330 to reserve.

Logan Farm Park is located at 4405 Cherokee Street, Acworth Ga., 30101. For more Information: Call 770-423-1330 or e-mail: missy@jrmmanagement.com



KENNESAW'S PIGS AND PEACHES FESTIVAL FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 & 19

Festival fans and music lovers are invited to join the City of Kennesaw for two days of barbeque bliss at the Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival, presented by Williams Elleby Law Firm, on Friday, August 18 from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 19, 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 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 22nd year, the festival features two days of non-stop music, good eats, cold beer and interactive family fun.

OVER 100 VENDOR BOOTHS AND A KID ZONE

Attendees will find over 100 vendor booths, a Kid Zone presented by Window World, full of inflatables, amusements and attractions, tons of tasty treats to satisfy every whim, and an incredible lineup of live entertainment. 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. Over \$16,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded to contest winners.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

The headlining acts for the Luzianne® Tea Main Stage are Drake Milligan on Saturday, August 19, and Allie Colleen on Friday, August 18.

Supporting acts include Charly Reynolds, George Shingleton, Abbey Cone, Thomas Fountain, July Turner, the Paul Hand Band, Bettin' on the Mule, Cat Carter, The Schumachers and Stephanie Berlanga. The event will conclude on Saturday evening with a fireworks finale, presented by New Country 101-FIVE, beginning at 9:30 p.m.

VIP EXPERIENCE

Tickets for the VIP Experience, hosted by Red Top Brewhouse are available for purchase. The VIP Experience includes a climate-controlled VIP tent, reserved seating at the Luzianne Tea Main Stage, two drink tickets, unlimited water, tea and the signature mock-tail, access to an exclusive VIP air-conditioned restroom, a separate service window at the Red Top Brewhouse booth and an exclusive festival coaster to commemorate the occasion.

THE PIGS & PEACHES CORNHOLE CLASSIC

The Pigs & Peaches Cornhole Classic will return to the Recreation Center on Saturday, August 19, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$50 per team with two divisions, casual & competitive. Play will be in round-robin format into bracket play. Prizes will be awarded to those who place first and second in both divisions.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT - FRIDAY NIGHT

Kennesaw Parks & Recreation will host a Parents Night Out on Friday, August 18, from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Registration is available for children ages five - 11 for \$25 per child. Attendees will enjoy an indoor bounce house, giant lawn games and popcorn! Dinner will be provided for all registered children.

Georgia Grown will feature the Georgia Grown Market in front of the Local Stage with 20 specialty Georgia Grown vendors.

The 2023 Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival is presented by Williams Elleby Law Firm. Additional sponsors include Luzianne Tea, Georgia Grown, New Country 101-FIVE, Red Top Brewhouse and Window World. For more information, visit www.pigsandpeaches.com or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at 770-422-9714.



STILL ACCEPTING PIZZERIAS TO COMPETE

Pizza, Pints & Pigskins are still accepting Pizzerias to compete on September 9, 2023 at Logan Farm Park, Acworth - bring your best pizza dish along with yummy fares for a chance to be voted the People's Choice Award, Judge's Choice Winner or the Most Creative. Great way to introduce your menu and restaurant to a crowd of about 20,000 folks. For an application call 770-423-1330, ask for Missy or Bill or e-mail: billwatson@jrmmanagement.com.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to Maebree (8), Boone (5) and Walker (1)! Wishing you the best day! Love, Dad & Mom

CONGRATULATIONS DAVID BELL



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

The Kennesaw Business Association recognized David Bell with their "Taking Care of Business" Award for his contribution and support of the 2023 Big Shanty Festival.

David has been involved with the activities of KBA for several years, starting with manning the NCHS booth at the Taste of Kennesaw (selling water). He is a Vice Principal at NCHS and on the board of KBA.

He is also, one of our go to people at NCHS, for information and help for the Bright Side Newspaper. Big Shanty Chair, Marlon Longacre, is pictured above, presenting David's award. Well deserved - David!

BE A BRIGHT SIDE REPORTER

It's easy to be a Bright Side Reporter — if you have a positive, upbeat story about your family, your neighborhood, your civic group, school, church activities, community events, happening in Kennesaw or Acworth, send it to us.

Simply write us a short note of the facts — we will rewrite it as a story. Email to Brightnews@aol.com (Photos are welcome too) Call 770-851-5469 for more information on submitting stories.

WE WANT TO SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS

HELPING ONE GUY



Helping One Guy Family, it's time to help a guy again. Please save the date for our next Fundraising Dinner on August 23, 6:30-8:00 pm to support and honor Matt Miller. Sometimes when we help a guy, it is because his children are in trouble. In this case, it is Matt's daughter...

This event is held at NorthStar Church, Blue Springs Rd., Kennesaw. Let's show the Miller family what our Helping One Guy community is all about by loving on them during this time.

Tinlei was sent to the hospital earlier this year because she'd been having bad headaches caused by excessive spinal cord fluid building up and putting pressure on her optic nerve and brain stem. (This was partly discovered during an eye exam that resulted in a trip to the ER.) A CT scan at the ER found a 3.5x4.5cm mass on her brain.

Tinlei had one surgery on June 22nd, to add an EVD tube to drain the fluid and make a plan of attack to remove the tumor. The tumor looks like it is completely surrounded by fluid so Tinlei's neurosurgeon team is very positive that this could be a best case scenario, but only time will tell. The family is providing updates as they get them. For now, they declare that this diagnosis "will not get them down and they will all be strong for their sassy Tinlei girl!"

Please consider registering at helpingoneguy.org in advance and/or making a donation today. Thank you for your prayers and support!

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

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ANDREW BRAMLETT'S LOCAL HISTORY STORIES

In 1889, the Independent Normal School opened in Acworth on today's Park Street. Professor N. E. W. Stokely ran the school, and it was hoped this would solve the problem of overcrowding in Acworth's school. Students came from across the area to attend the new institution. In addition to the usual classes, the school also offered a variety of other subjects including bookkeeping, surveying, photography, and telegraphy.



The school was located near a park with a mineral well, which became a landmark to describe the school's location. The greenspace gave Park Street its name. The Independent Normal School utilized several buildings and was affiliated with the Mineral Park Hotel where boarders could live for \$10 a month.

While the school is sometimes remembered as a college, a middle school or high school would be a better comparison. The youngest students accepted were ten years old. According to the December 7, 1890, Atlanta Constitution, the rates per month were as follows: Literary and Business, \$3; telegraphy, \$5; stenography and typewriting, \$10. The study of photography required a \$40 scholarship.

In 1891, a disgruntled schoolteacher quit and founded his own school down the street. Several of the Independent Normal School's students began to attend the new school and sued N. E. W. Stokely for their tuition. Stokely left the school soon afterward and later returned to Acworth in 1893. The disagreement severely injured the school, and the last record of its existence in newspapers is from 1893.

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Officer Jacqueline Long graduated from the North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy in the morning and was sworn in by Chief Westenberger immediately after. City officials, fellow officers, family, and friends were present to welcome her to the KPD family! Officer Long is eager to serve the citizens of Kennesaw and stated her family is her whole heart. We are excited to have her join our family! The next step is field training. If you see her out and about, say hello!

CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

The City Manager's Office is excited to host its latest class of Kennesaw 101: Citizens Government Academy students. The 8-week course is scheduled to start September 14, 2023, and is designed to provide an inside look at the City's day-to-day operations, how it forms partnerships and how management approaches short-term and long-term planning.

The class is open to anyone age 18 or older who lives and works within the Kennesaw City limits. Registration is limited to the first 15 registrants and the deadline to apply is Friday, September 1, 2023. The class will meet every Thursday from 6:00-8:00 PM. The program has no cost – only your time, effort and commitment! To register, please download the application from the link below.

<https://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/download/kennesaw-101-application-schedule/>

KENNESAW'S SENIOR LUNCHEONS

The Senior Luncheon in our FALL Series is Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 6, from 10:00 to 1:00, at the Ben Robertson Community Center. Our Fall Series is presented by Cobb EMC. We will have a caterer, and some fantastic bingo prizes will be available. Register now online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>. Click on Special Events and scroll to Fall Senior Luncheon Series. Cost is \$5.00 or give us a call at 770-422-9714. (This event will also be held on Oct 4 and Nov. 1. Purchase all three at one time for \$12.00. Social Hour begins at 10:00, Lunch is served at 11:00 and Bingo starts at 12:00.

SOLE KIDZ REGISTRATION

This program is a fun, flexible running program designed to get kids in the community active! The mission of Kennesaw Sole KIDZ is to promote a healthy, active lifestyle to the Kennesaw youth through a running based program. Meeting location is the at the picnic pavilions at Swift-Cantrell Park.

Registrations includes all sessions, two 5K registrations in the Kennesaw Grand Prix Series (Harvest Hustle on Sat Sept 9 and Nightmare on Main on Sat Oct 28), plus a t-shirt.

Parent Meeting: Tuesday, August 15 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM at the Ben Robertson Community Center (2753 Watts Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30144). Pace Night is Thursday August 17, at 6:30.

The running program is held from August 15 until October 26 every Tues and Thursday for boys and girls, ages 4-12 at Swift Cantrell Park. Required - Sole KIDZ Shirts and running shoes with socks and bring a water bottle.

Register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>, click on Youth-Sports and and scroll down to Sole KIDZ running program.

HUMMINGBIRD BANDING

AUGUST 26 @ 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

View hummingbird banding up close by Julia Elliott- Hummingbird Whisperer! Learn about the characteristics of hummingbirds, migratory patterns, and how to take care of your feeders. Scavenger hunts, crafts, and more are included.

Experience the wonder of birds of prey with "Fiona the Owl" of Hawk Talk in the Carriage House. (donations encouraged for the birds of prey rehab).

A bit on Julia Elliott – "Hummingbird Whisperer" Elliott received her federal Master Permit to band hummingbirds in 2010. She is one of about 150 persons from across the United States & Canada authorized to band these tiny birds. The process of banding, recapture, and recovery provides valuable information about bird history, especially migratory details and the relative abundance of a given bird species from year to year. Elliott will use three trainer traps set in the perennial border to capture the ruby-throated hummingbirds that populate this area.

General Public sales – August 12 to 24 while supplies last: Adults \$12; Children \$6

If you have any questions, please contact the Gardens via phone or email. (770-919-0248; info@smithgilbertgardens.com)

A MOM WILL TEXT HER TWENTY-YEAR-OLD CHILD TO LET HIM KNOW IT'S GOING TO RAIN AND NOT TO FORGET AN UMBRELLA.

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 September 1, featuring: A Doobie Brothers Tribute. 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 \$70. Tables will seat six individuals.

To reserve a table, please visit city calendar of events at <https://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/events>.

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SOCIETY**On Tuesday Aug 22 at 7 PM, the Cobb County Genealogical Society (CCGS) will be holding its next program. The speaker is Dr. Tom Scott who will speak on Cobb County in 1920. The program will be held downstairs in First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, 189 Church Street, Marietta, 30060. For more information, visit our website, <https://cobbgenegensoc.org/>**ARTS ALLIANCE
NEWS**Submissions are being accepted for our Juried Exhibit - now through August 15. See guidelines at www.acworthartsalliance.org.

All featured artwork is for sale. In addition to our featured exhibit, we have original art, prints, notecards, glass, pottery, jewelry, wood, resin, fabric work...created by our Member Artists also available! As always, we offer a broad variety of art styles and mediums.

The Art House is located at 4425 Cherokee St., Acworth (on the edge of Logan Farm Park.

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CHURCH****MEN'S WEEKEND**

Bethel AME Church is hosting their Men's Weekend event on:

Saturday, Aug. 12th @ 830A - Prayer Breakfast Sunday, Aug. 13th @ 3PMen's Day Worship Service All are Welcomed! For more details-please contact Bro. Steve Flanagan @ 678-571-1630

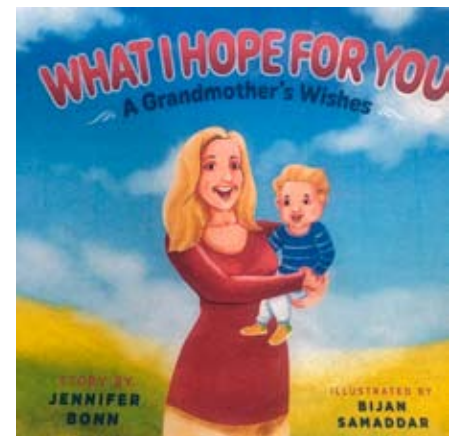
WORKSHOP

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All are Welcome. Come listen to how Bethel is Moving Forward and share ideas.

For more information contact: Rev. Orna Husbands, Pastor; 4826 School Street, Acworth GA. Bethelacworthame@gmail.com or call 678-451-6178.**NORTH COBB
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What I Hope for You, A Grandmother's Wishes is a children's book. The hardcover is \$29.35, and the paperback is \$17.95. It is the story of a grandmother's hopes for her grandchild in life. Jennifer hopes the book can be a gift from parents and grandparents, so children feel their love.

Jennifer is a Kennesaw resident who is available for book signings or talks about writing. Both books are available on Amazon at www.amazon.com.**ACWORTH FARMER'S
MARKET**

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

The Acworth Farmer's Market is held ever Friday morning from 8:00 am until 12 pm, now through October 27 at the Logan Farm Park (Main Entrance), 4405 Cherokee Street, Acworth, GA 30101. This event is held rain or shine.

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The Marietta Cobb Museum of Art is thrilled to present Chalktoberfest, a unique and exhilarating event that combines the vibrant world of chalk art with the delightful flavors of craft beer. This one-of-a-kind festival will take place on October 14th-15th, featuring an unforgettable craft beer festival, chalk art extravaganza, live music, arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, and an antique car show on Powder Springs Street. Chalktoberfest has something for everyone, and the best part is that the chalk festival is free and open to the public!

CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL: A TANTALIZING JOURNEY FOR BEER ENTHUSIASTS

On October 14th, Chalktoberfest will play host to a spectacular craft beer festival, a paradise for craft brew aficionados. With an impressive selection of 125 different kinds of craft beer and 25 different kinds of wine, attendees will embark on a tantalizing journey of taste and aroma. Craft beer enthusiasts can secure their tickets starting August 1st at a special price of \$40. However, act fast as ticket prices will rise to \$45 on September 1st, and they will be \$50 at the gate. So don't wait, get your tickets early to take advantage of the savings and secure your spot at this unmissable celebration of craft beer.

CHALK ART FESTIVAL: A CANVAS OF IMAGINATION

The centerpiece of Chalktoberfest is undoubtedly the awe-inspiring chalk art on display. Over 80 professional artists from around the globe gather to transform the streets of Marietta into an open-air gallery of breathtaking masterpieces. These talented artists captivate visitors with their creativity and skill, showcasing the versatility and beauty of chalk as a medium. Witness the magic unfold as the pavement comes alive with vibrant colors and intricate designs. And the best part? It's free for all to enjoy!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

Chalktoberfest is more than just art and beer; it's a celebration of community and togetherness. Throughout the festival, visitors will be treated to live music performances, creating a vibrant and lively atmosphere that will keep spirits high all day long. Families can explore the various vendor booths, indulge in delicious offerings from food trucks, and enjoy an antique car show on Powder Springs Street, adding a touch of nostalgia to the event.

PUBLIC CHALK COMPETITION: UNLEASH YOUR INNER ARTIST

For those who want to try their hand at chalk art, Chalktoberfest offers a public chalk competition. On Sunday the 15th, let your imagination run wild and contribute your own colorful creation to the festival's tapestry of art. Participants will have a chance to win exciting prizes and be part of the chalk art legacy that Chalktoberfest brings each year.

ABOUT THE MARIETTA COBB MUSEUM OF ART

The Marietta Cobb Museum of Art is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering a love for art and culture within the community. Chalktoberfest is one of the many events organized by the Museum to engage and inspire people of all ages.

Don't miss this extraordinary celebration of art, beer, and community! Mark your calendars for October 14th -15th and join us at Chalktoberfest for an unforgettable experience. For more information about the event and to purchase craft beer festival tickets, visit www.chalktoberfest.com.

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TOMMY ALLEGOOD

It's hard to believe that the kids are back in school and we're gearing up for the rest of the year. Even though the heat of the summer remains, school starting again reminds us of the changing seasons.

Seasons are what life is made of, and we're lucky here in Acworth to celebrate four beautiful seasons throughout the year in our parks and on our lakes. It isn't just the weather that changes through time, though. At any moment, everyone we interact with every day is going through a different season of their life. Some seasons are filled with joy and growth and others may be with sorrow or hardship. We may not always know what each of us is going through, but there's a connection between all of us that allows our different seasons of life to exist together, and that's really special. It gives our community the opportunity to be a pillar of support through our challenges and celebrate together through our good times, and that's what community is all about. As we walk through the different seasons, we invite our community to remember why we care so much about our beautiful city; it's home, it's where we are and who we are, and it's our place to share our seasons. . . together.



Speaking of seasons, have you seen the M2R Travelling Fence Gallery on display through our Historic Downtown and Parkside Districts yet this summer? It's always a joy this time of year to see this outdoor art exhibit travel through Cobb's cities. We're honored to participate in this annual event, and we love celebrating our local artists who participate in the show! Organized through Visit Acworth, the M2R Traveling Fence Gallery is a partnership with our friends at the Marietta Arts Council. For more information, please visit www.visitacworth.com.

This autumn, the Acworth Parks, Recreation, and Community Resource Department will be back with a wonderful lineup of seasonal events in our parks. These great events become traditions to our families and neighbors in our community and mark the seasons with their return. We look forward to seeing you and your family this autumn and holiday season as we celebrate downtown with each other.

As always, for the latest information on any of our events and projects, you can visit www.acworth.org, sign up for our e-news blasts on our home page, "like" the City of Acworth, Georgia on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram at @cityofacworthga.

May God Bless You and Your Families, Tommy

MOTHER-SON CAMP OUT

The Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department is excited to host the Mother-Son Camp Out at Proctor Landing Park again in September 16-17, 2023. This annual event is open to mothers and their sons who are 13 and under. Participants will camp alongside the beautiful Lake Allatoona while learning about camping etiquette, campfire building, knot tying and a variety of other outdoor activities!

Gates open at 1:00 pm with check in and campsite set up. Both dinner and breakfast will be provided. Month-son pairs are responsible for providing their own snacks and camping equipment. Not an experienced camper? No worries! We will have experienced volunteers available to assist with setting up each campsite. More information and registration at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/acworth-parks-recreation/catalog/index>. Scroll down to Special Events and click on Mother-Son camp out.

DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES

Are you ready to relive the glory days and drop it like its hot? Join us Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 6-9pm in Tanyard Creek Overlook for Dace Through the Decades. This event is for active adults 55+.

This event will feature a live DJ, finger foods courtesy of 1885 Grill, and a cash bar. Dress up in your favorite decade and join us for a night to remember. Registration for this event opens Monday August 7th for residents, and Monday August 14th for non residents.

Register here: www.acworthparksandrec.org

PIZZA, PINTS, AND PIGSKINS

Pizza, Pizza everywhere! Pizza, Pints & Pigskins will return September 9, 2023! Pizzerias from all over Cobb County will converge on Logan Farm Park for food, fun, and games. Each restaurant will serve their best pizza dish along with other yummy fares. Bring the whole family to eat, play in our huge Kid's Zone, listen to your favorite music, grab a cold beverage from the beer garden, relax and have fun! Help us judge the best pizza, most creative, and a myriad of other pizza contests.

HORIZON BASEBALL LEAGUE FALL REGISTRATION

The League is open to youth between the ages of 5-12, youngsters between the ages 13-21 and adults 22 and up. Play is designed to provide children and young adults with developmental and physical disabilities the opportunity to participate in athletic events. Games are non-competitive and each player on the roster gets on base before the opposing team gets to bat.

For children ages 5-12: All games are held at Horizon Field every Sat, 9-1 from September 9 to Oct 21 at Horizon Field. Register now through Aug 23 - Fee is \$15.00.

For youngsters ages 13-21: All games are held at Horizon Field every Sat from September 7 to Oct 21, from 1-4 pm, at Horizon Field. Register now through Aug 23 - Fee is \$15.00.

For adults ages 22 and up: All games are held at Horizon Field every Thursday from September 9 to Oct 10, from 6-9 pm pm, at Horizon Field. Register now through Aug 23 - Fee is \$15.00.

To register visit: <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/acworth-parks-recreation/catalog/index>. Scroll down to Horizon Special Needs Program and select the age group you are interested in.

SPECIAL WARRIORS TAE KWON-DO

Special Warriors Tae Kwon-Do is a great program for the young community with special needs. The traditional skills of Tae Kwon-Do have been adapted to teach focus, balance, hand-eye coordination, and effective self-defense. This class is instructed by Omar Welch who is a third-degree black belt and instructor certified by the United States Tae Kwon-Do Federation. Classes will meet Saturdays from Sept 9 to Nov 18 (except for Sep 23, Sep 30, Nov 11) at the Acworth Community Center on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Registration now open. To register visit: <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/acworth-parks-recreation/catalog/index>. Scroll down to Horizon Special Needs Program and select the class you are interested in.

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9-11 MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE

The 2023 ride is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2023, with a rain date of Sept. 16th. Our new location for the start is the Southern Devil Harley Davison, 2281 Hwy 411 NE, CARTERSVILLE, GA 30121.

The 9-11 Memorial Ride is a motorcycle parade that honors all first responders and active military and veterans. The 9/11 memorial Ride is in its third year. In 2021, we raised \$8200 for Tunnel to Towers. In 2022, we increased that amount to over \$12,000 and also donated two \$5000 checks to the families of the Cobb County Deputies who were killed in the line of duty.

In 2022, we had over 300 motorcycles and other vehicles participate in the 48 mile parade through Douglas, Paulding and Cobb Counties. This year, we have the new location and new route and are expecting well over 500 participants as we journey through Bartow and Cobb Counties.

The route will leave SDHD out to the right on 411, then south to US 41 South. We will follow Hwy 41 to Acworth Due West in Acworth, turning left and going over to Old 41 (S. Main St.) and turning left. We will follow Old 41 up through Lakepoint to Red Top Mountain Rd., then on to Interstate 75 northbound to exit 293 and left back to SDHD

Visit www.911memorialride.org for more information and to register. Click on registration and scroll down to fill out the form.

KENNESAW FARMERS MARKET

The Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority invites our readers the Kennesaw Farmers Market each Monday from 3:30 -7:30 in Downtown Kennesaw. This year's market takes is located in the Main Street Underpass Plaza. The market season is open on Mondays, and runs through Monday, September 25. The market will be closed September 4.

The Market features farmers, makers, baked goods, plants, as well as some local favorite food trucks. On a typical Market day in summer, over 15 vendors will be set up offering their best vegetables, fruits, baked goods, and specialty items.

For additional information, please visit <https://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/farmers-market/> and follow us on Facebook @KennesawFarmersMarket!

ART IN THE PARK

The 37th-annual Art in the Park in historic Marietta Square promises to be the best year yet with a larger footprint and 200 artists. Festival favorites like the Chalk Spot, Children's Art Alley and live music will return for three days of family-friendly outdoor fun.

Cobb County's only fine art festival, Art in the Park expects more than 50,000 attendees in 2023. A portion of the proceeds from Art in the Park benefits the Marietta Business Association, making the event its largest annual fundraiser.

ARTIST MARKET

This year will be the festival's largest fine art Artist Market to date, welcoming 200 professional artists working in a variety of mediums, such as acrylic, glass, jewelry, oil, pastel, photography, pottery, textiles, watercolor, woodworking and more. Artists are invited by an independent jury of art professionals, and all art is handcrafted. Visitors will have the chance to talk with the artists, watch demonstrations and get to know the work they are purchasing. Artists also offer attendees the opportunity to commission pieces.

DATE & TIME

Saturday, Sept. 2 - Monday, Sept. 4, 2023, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, includes Children's Art Alley Chalk Spot - Saturday, Sept. 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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FOUR-LEGGED BLOOD DONORS: STORIES OF PETS SAVING LIVES IN CHATTANOOGA
 BY DAVID COOK

Whenever there's an accident or trauma, humans need blood transfusions. But we're not the only ones. Consider our beloved pets and four-legged friends. What happens when they're hit by a car, ingest rat poison or require major surgery?

"Humans need blood transfusions," said Jenn Best. "So do animals."

Jenn Best is the blood bank manager at Veterinary Care and Speciality Group (VCSG) in Chattanooga, Tenn., with a team of more than 100 emergency and specialty doctors, veterinary technicians and support staff. When VCSG opens its new cancer care center this fall, it will be one of the largest small animal veterinary emergency and referral centers in the Southeast.

Thankfully, VCSG operates an in-house blood bank. There are very few animal blood banks in the country, Best said. And animal hospitals with their own blood bank? "Even fewer," she said.

Most hospitals order from blood banks around the country, relying on a wait time that's often 16 to 18 weeks, Best said. Two problems quickly emerge:

Animals need blood transfusions quickly, within minutes or hours of initial trauma, to have a chance to live. Waiting one day, let alone one week, can result in the loss of a pet.

Second, the nationwide blood shortage and lengthy ordering process can create a "vicious cycle of supply and demand," explained Best. Some hospitals will over-order blood, yet, with its 31-day shelf-life, stored blood may go unused.

This explains VCSG's vision: a self-sustaining blood bank. "The goal is to supply not only our hospital," Best said, "but other hospitals in our area."

Dogs can donate safely every six weeks and one donation – split into red blood cells and plasma – can save multiple pets.

Best would love to hear from any interested Acworth or Kennesaw pet owners. Before any pet can donate, there's a complimentary physical examination and screening process. Our donors must be healthy and young, two to eight years old, and live a relatively healthy lifestyle. Pets enjoy the direct attention of three blood bank staff members, including Best, who – with some help from peanut butter – make sure your dog's tail is wagging the whole time.

"They spoil him rotten," Jenny Daniels said. Her golden retriever mix Nero has donated three or four times. When Daniels, who works in a nearby veterinary clinic, heard VCSG was accepting dog-and-cat-donors, she gladly volunteered Nero. He loves it. "They are really gentle with him," she said. "It's a very quick procedure and they spoil and love him the whole time."

For Best, the process is deeply rewarding. Donors are potential life savers. "It will give a dog or cat in our hospital another chance at life," she said.

For more information, contact Best by email: bloodbank@VCSGvets.com or call 423-591-0270. To learn more about VCSG's services and soon-to-open cancer care center, visit www.VCSGvets.com. David Cook - davidjacksoncook@gmail.com - is a freelance writer in Chattanooga.

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THE PURPOSE OF PRAYERS

BY MARLON LONGACRE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR, PIEDMONT CHURCH

"And this is my prayer, that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight so that you may be able to discern what is best and that you may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ and you may be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God." Philippians 1:9-11

We all have people in our life who irritate us, get on our last nerve, and constantly rub us the wrong way. Do you ever stop and pray for them or just keep grumbling, nagging or nit picking them? Does that ever really work? Just ask my wife Libby!

Paul says in Phil 1:4 "I always pray for you, and I make my requests with a heart full of joy."

There are things in people's lives around you that you would like to change. We do not want to change but we want them to change. You cannot change anybody. They can only change themselves and you can only change yourself. But you can pray, and God can change people.

Positive praying is more effective than positive thinking. The quickest way to change an unhealthy relationship to a good one is to start praying for them.

Paul gives us four things that we need to pray for when we pray for people, our kids, our spouse, our friends, and neighbors. I pray for these four things every morning for myself, my family, and church family.

Pray that they grow in love. Paul says "That your love will grow more.

Pray that they make wise choices. "That you will fully know and understand how to make right choices." I worked on the car line at WinShape this year. I loved hearing moms tell their kids as they got out of the car to make good choices today. I was so impressed by that. I remember an episode of Cosby and Sandra thanked Cliff for being a great dad. He said, "Great kids make good parents." Kids who make good decisions make great parents.

Pray they live with integrity. Paul says, "I pray that you live pure and blameless lives until Christ returns."

Pray they will become more like Jesus. "That you will be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God." Study Galatians 5:22-23. The fruit of the Spirit is the Character of Jesus.

Be grateful for the people in your life. Pray joyfully for the people in your life. Pray these four things and you know your prayer will be answered. Why? Because they are straight out of God's word.

LOVE DOES STEPS UP

The four weeks before schools starts, members of Piedmont Church are hard at work collecting bookbags and delivering lunches to our teachers, all under the direction of Associate Pastor, Marlon Longacre.

The Congregation raises money over and above their tithing to support the students at our local schools. This year, the goal was 530 fully loaded book bags. The end result: because of the support of Love Does, Piedmont has given out 683 fully loaded book bags to local schools for students in need, reaching out to help students in Smyrna, Kennesaw, Acworth, Marietta, and Powder Springs. In addition these giving people opened up their 31st and 32nd sensory rooms at local schools.

And no school year is ready until our local teachers have been fed. Again the congregation reached out and in a span of about 8 days provided lunch to 1100 area teachers.

August Love Does Project is affectionately named Undies Sunday, as members of the church bring in underwear, t-shirts, and socks for our children in need. Underwear, socks, and T-shirts are in great demand from our local shelters, school nurse stations, and Foster Care children. Piedmont leads the way in meeting one of our community's deepest needs. Last year Piedmont gave over \$11k worth of undies to help Cobb Communities in Schools meet the needs of students.

If you are interested in participating in Undies Sunday, visit <https://piedmontchurch.tv/give/> for the variety of ways you can give. Or, attend church one Sunday during August as there are donation bins set up through out the church.



Acworth ES principal, Dr. Bertha Nelson, (white shirt) thanks Piedmont for their gifts of book bags and for providing lunch to her teachers.





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GCMF will spotlight country music with an emphasis on red dirt country. Artists slated to perform throughout the weekend include Turnpike Troubadours, Cody Jinks, Koe Wetzel, and Jamey Johnson along with 30+ national, regional, and local artists. Georgia Country Music Fest will take place at the Jim R. Miller Park - North Georgia's State Fair Grounds, over Labor Day weekend, September 1-3, 2023.

This star-studded three-day family-friendly event will feature live performances, unique vendors, theme nights, camping, and more! Located just 15 miles northwest of Downtown Atlanta in Marietta, Jim R. Miller Park provides residents and visitors access to an exciting selection of attractions and amenities, making it the perfect spot for Georgia's newest country music fest.

Give your friends a holler and get ready for some fun in the sun 'cause it's about to get rowdy in Georgia! Country's biggest stars are coming to beautiful Marietta, Georgia. This three-day event will host industry's biggest stars with 30+ artists, bringing a unique blend of today's country headliners, regional stars and up-and-comers plus your favorite locals, performing across multiple stages. With the combination of country music, hot Georgia nights, unique vendors, theme nights, camping and more, this three day fest is the ultimate end of summer vacation destination. Meet us there!

Three day tickets, two day tickets or single day tickets are available on line now. Plus if you like to camp, check out the camping facilities. Tickets for entertainment, parking and camping are available at <https://georgiacountrymusicfest.com/>.

"Georgia is rich in history and tradition, offering a deep rooted connection to country music," said Bob Durkin of Southern Entertainment. "We are thrilled to bring the first fest of this caliber to the area. Get ready for a one of a kind experience."

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KENNESAW'S HARVEST HUSTLE RUN 5K - SEPTEMBER 9

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The race includes a one mile fun run at 7:30 a.m.; the 5K at 8 a.m.; and a Tot Trot at 8:55 a.m. Awards are presented at the after party on Main Street at 9:15 a.m.

The HARVEST HUSTLE 5K is run on a mostly flat and fast asphalt course, professionally timed and USAT&F Certified, through Downtown Kennesaw and Swift-Cantrell Park. The course is perfect for competitive runners seeking a qualifying time for the Peachtree Road Race.

Fees are: 5K - \$35 (now - Sept 8) Day of Registration \$45; 1 Mile Fun Run - \$20; Tot Trot - \$5. After-party activities include snacks and water for participants, music and local vendors!

Packet Pick up is available Thursday September 7 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM at Big Peach Running Co. Kennesaw located at 1625 Ridenour Blvd, Kennesaw, GA 30152. The Kennesaw Grand Prix races are under the direction of the Kennesaw Parks and Recreation Department. Visit Kennesawgrandprix.com to register or for more information.



LOUD SECURITY NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS 2023 INSTALLER OF THE YEAR

Cobb County based security company, LOUD Security Systems Inc., was recently presented with a SAMMY award for Installer of the Year by Security Sales & Integration (SSI), a leading national security industry publication for security professionals. As the winning company, LOUD Security was featured as the cover story for the July issue of Security Sales & Integration magazine.

Of all the categories recognized, 'Installer of the Year' is considered the most esteemed throughout the industry, highlighting a company's remarkable achievements and best practices.

The winners were announced at the Venetian Resort Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. This is the fourth time LOUD has won a prestigious SAMMY award, having won in three other categories, including 'Best Display ad' for 2023, 'Best Social Media Campaign' for 2020, and 'Best Promotional Video or Audio' for 2019.

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33RD ANNUAL KBA BACK TO SCHOOL BASH A SMASHING SUCCESS

KBA was at Pine Mountain Middle School for the 33rd annual KBA Back To School Bash, where we provided lunch to over 200 teachers and staff from Pine Mountain Middle School and Hayes Elementary. A big thank you to Mike Schoerder and his staff at 1885 Grill for an amazing lunch.

Seventeen sponsor tables lined the hall on the way to the cafeteria allowing attendees the opportunity to meet some of our sponsors and learn about their business.

A great big thank you to our KBA many sponsors who provided the funds to put on this event - approximately \$16,000 was raised allowing each teacher to receive gifts. KBA purchased \$8000 in gift cards from our local restaurants that belong to KBA or participate in Taste of Kennesaw. Many thanks to Marlon Longacre (Piedmont Church) and David Bell (NCHS) for making this event happen.

Pictured at right: David Grant, State Farm, who started our Partners in Education when he was KBA president in 1990.



ABA AUGUST LUNCHEON HOSTS PIGSKIN PREVIEW

Head football coaches from four of our high schools took part in the ABA's annual Pigskin Preview for the upcoming football season. Pictured left to right: Caleb Carmean, Kennesaw Mountain HS, Shane McQueen, North Cobb HS, Brad Smith, (new head coach) at Allatoona HS and Matt Jones, Head Coach at North Cobb Christian HS.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS UPCOMING CALENDARS

ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

THURS AUG 10- ABA ALIVE AFTER FIVE - Hosted by 1885 Grill, 4438 Cherokee Street, Acworth Event is free for ABA members, \$5 for guests. RSVP at acworthbusiness.org

THURS AUG 24 - ABA WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, 11:30 at THE HOLBROOK 4491 SOUTH MAIN ST Acworth. Join the women of the ABA for lunch, networking AND FUN. Cost is \$20 if you preregister, if you choose not to register in advance you will be charged an addition \$5 at the door. RSVP acworthbusiness.org.

THURS SEPT 7 ABA MONTHLY LUNCHEON - 11:30 Join us for our program featuring BRAD RAFFENBERGER Acworth Community Center. RSVP acworthbusiness.org.

KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

TUES AUG 8 KBA MONTHLY LUNCHEON - 11:00 Join us for our program: PANEL DISCUSSION ON BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR KENNESAW at The KSU Professional Education Building on Busbee Dr. Kennesaw. Sponsored by FREEDOM CHURCH, RSVP at kennesawbusiness.org.

TUES AUG 15 KBA ALIVE AFTER FIVE at Tommy Nobis Center 1480 Bells Freer Rd., Kennesaw, GA 30152
5:30-7:30. Event is free for kBA members, \$5 for guests. RSVP at kennesawbusiness.org.

TUES aug 22 WAKE UP KBA. 7:45-9:00am. Hosted by Winkenhofers Pineridge Funeral Home and Cemetery. 2950 Cobb Parkway, Kennesaw, 30152. Join us at 7:45am on the 4th Tuesday of every month for coffee, breakfast, and some early morning networking at various locations around town. Interact with business owners & various team members to start your day off right!

MARIETTA NEWS

art of the cocktail

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023
6-8:30PM

exhibition
Metro Montage XXIII
MOMA's Annual Nationwide
Juried Exhibition
entertainment
Michael Price



ART OF THE COCKTAIL

The Marietta Cobb Museum of Art hosting the Art of The Cocktail on August 18, 2023. The doors open at 6:00 pm. Admission is free for members or \$10 for guest, tickets are purchased at the door. The Museum is located at 30 Atlanta St. Marietta, 30060.

Michael Price, a Georgia native, will entertain guests with his unique blend of country, folk, and soul and Red Hare Brewing Company will present the featured cocktail.

Carriage House Catering will serve hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available.

Guests will also enjoy the current exhibition, Metro Montage XXIII. Metro Montage is the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art's annual juried exhibition featuring all types of genre, medium, style, subject matter, concept, and technique in art from across the country. Metro Montage XXIII features works of fine art by contemporary artists that showcase the diversity and skill within our nation's culture. Metro Montage XXIII will be exhibited throughout the Museum's galleries on both floors.

THE MARIETTA HISTORY CENTER INVITES YOU TO POP-IN BUGS & FLOWERS

The Marietta History Center will be hosting its monthly Pop-In event on Saturday, August 19th from 10am-4pm. This is a monthly event takes place on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Pop-In's provide children and their families the opportunity to interact with the museum through themed activities and crafts. Join us in, August for crafts and activities geared towards the different bugs and flowers in Georgia. Due to the generous support of our sponsor, Cauthorn, Nohr, & Owen, we are able to offer this event for FREE to the community. Marietta History Center, 1 Depot Street, Marietta, GA 30060 Cost: FREE, due to Due to the generous support of our sponsor, Cauthorn, Nohr, & Owen.

SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENT:

- 10am to 12pm- Meet a Reptile with Georgia Reptile Society
- 11am to 1pm - Book-signing Authors, Rosalind & Maggie Bunn
- 11:15 - Storytime with "All Aboard, Georgia!" Rosalind & Maggie Bunn
- 12:15 PM & 2:30 PM - Bach 2 Rock - Free Music Class
- 1:00 PM - Bach 2 Rock - Performance
- 10am to 2pm - Cobb BookMobile

OBITUARY FOR OSCAR EDWARD "ED" HONEA

Oscar Edward, "Ed", Honea was born March 26, 1946. He lived in Marietta for much of his life, moving to Kennesaw later in retirement years. He was a graduate of Marietta High School, graduating class of 1965 Blue Devils. Ed, or Eddie as some called him in high school, was known for his fast cars and sometimes racing through the Marietta Square ducking down Lawrence Street to avoid a ticket or two. He would often be seen hanging out at The Strand and catching up on all the best movies or news. His three younger sisters always knew if ever anyone hurt or messed with them, their big brother was sure to show up and take care of business. He always had their back, even into adulthood.

Ed would eventually settle down to marry his wife, Carol. The two loved life together and enjoyed traveling with friends to Las Vegas or hitting the road to Florida to see and have fellowship with family. Ed loved Carol with all his heart and would often be found, later in life, asking his daughter to pick up anniversary or birthday cards and gifts for him to give. This year Ed and Carol reached 55 emerald years of marriage on July 6th.

Ed was a workaholic. In his early days he worked for Lockheed Martin building airplanes. He loved working on and repairing cars running Frank Rogers Service Station on weekends. He would eventually land a job at Cobb Electrical Membership Corporation, (Cobb EMC). He worked there moving up in the ranks starting as a bill collector in the field to moving on to become a lineman and finally finding his talent was within the apparatus shop. Ed was honored to work thirty-five years there, retiring a few years after helping build out the new apparatus shop.

As his children reached high school age, he enjoyed serving with the band boosters at McEachern High. Ed taught his kids to be hard working and how to honor God in the day to day. He showed his children how it was to live like Christ and share God to all they met along the journey of life. Ed never failed to tell the kids he loved them. He made sure to always share a kiss on the cheek to his baby girl after each visit. If ever she was about to rush out without the peck on the cheek, he'd call her out on it. He taught his son all the manly things a man needs to know, as well as every trick to defensive driving and how to treat a lady. His children knew if ever a need should arise, it was always safe to call Daddy for help or advice at any time of day or night.

As he retired from Cobb EMC, he would be found in the garden plowing and planting many vegetables for the eating. He worked hard outside maintaining the garden and ensuring his yard was the greenest on the block. He loved nature and listening to the birds while watching the deer and rabbits about his property. In retirement he also adopted his fur child RV. RV would soon become his confidant and best buddy. The two were inseparable.

Ed was known by many as a gentle giant, loving big and giving bigger. If you knew Ed, you would be blessed. He was a legend and one of a kind. When God made Ed, he broke the mold. Ed loved his grandchildren and was eager to spend time with them.

Ed is survived by his wife Carol of 55 years; two children, son Brian Honea, wife Kendra, and daughter Melanie Duncan husband James. Also, four grandchildren, Blaine, Katelyn, Trevor, and Joshua. Great Granddaughter Presley. Sister's Peggy Hardwick and Kathy Worthy, four nephews & several cousins."

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