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SMOKE ON THE LAKE - MAY 10 & 11!

JOIN US FOR GREAT MUSIC, DELICIOUS BARBECUE, AND COLD BEER!

Smoke on the Lake BBQ Festival is an annual tradition enjoyed each Mother's Day Weekend at Logan Farm Park in Acworth, Georgia. Thousands attend to enjoy BBQ cooked by competitive backyard cook teams.

Cook Teams are subject to public judging on Chicken Wings Friday night and Pork on Saturday. Be sure to purchase Tasters Tickets to vote for your favorites. Friday night features a live music concert under the stars.

Rotary Club of North Cobb hosts this charity fundraiser event with 90% of net proceeds benefiting local charities and 10% benefitting charities outside of the United States.

LORD OF THE WINGS FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

The LORD OF THE WINGS contest pits the BBQ teams against each other so the attendees' judge "who's got the best wings"! Hungry patrons purchase "Taster Tickets from friendly North Cobb Rotarians and then test the cook teams wings and vote for the best wings. Additional food options are provided by 1885 Grill and Williamson Brothers BBQ and food vendors.

CONCERT UNDER THE STARS FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024 AT 8:00 PM

293 BAND will perform classic and contemporary dance, pop, and rock hits from 8:00 pm - 10 pm.. Named after the Georgia State Route, 293 is a group of seasoned professional musicians who have been playing together for many years in live venues around Atlanta and the East Coast. Many of these band members began playing together while attending NCHS. They have gone on to become a widely popular entertainment band. Two beer tents will be sponsored by Elder Law and Edge Finance featuring Acworth's own Red Top Brewhouse beer (served cold).

To better enjoy the concert, we recommend reserving a table for your group. Dinner tables are arranged with the narrow end facing the bandstand on the grassy lawn. There are six chairs at each table. Tablecloths are included. Fee for Dinner Table Reservation - Seating for Six: \$100 Per Table. Purchase tables at www.smokeonthelake.org. Multiple table orders are common and staff will make every effort to group them conveniently.

PEOPLES' CHOICE PORK SATURDAY 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday features our PEOPLES' CHOICE PORK contest. Cook teams compete with their pulled pork and patrons vote with their gold tickets for their favorite pork. Patrons: purchase Taster Tickets from friendly North Cobb Rotarians. Cook teams also compete on chicken and ribs with judges from the Georgia Barbecue Association (GBA).

Acworth Elementary School Chorus will sing at 11:30 am, School of Rock West Cobb will perform from 12:00 PM - 3:00 pm, and Fusion Dance Company will take the stage from 1-1:30 PM & 3-3:30 pm. School of Rock West Cobb teaches students to play musical instruments with skill and confidence thanks to help from highly qualified instructors. Fusion Dance Company offers all forms of dance from ballet to street hip hop and everything in between.

Rotary Club of North Cobb partners with the City of Acworth and the Acworth Business Association (ABA) to ensure the success of this event. City Staff including Mayor Tommy Allegood, City Manager James Albright, and Police Chief Jesse Evans lead their staffs in the support of Smoke on the Lake, and North Cobb Rotary is grateful for their support.



MOBI MAT DEDICATED AT DALLAS LANDING

On behalf of the City of Acworth and the Special Needs Development Group, we are pleased to announce the Ribbon Cutting of the new accessible pathway into the water at Dallas Landing Park (5120 Allatoona Drive Acworth, GA 30101), the Mobi-Mat, on Friday, was officially introduced on April 12th at 4:00 p.m. Funded by the Special Needs Development Group, this new, non-slip mat replaces an aged concrete ramp. It will provide a pathway of ease for users with wheelchairs, strollers, and walkers access into the lake. Pictured above is Mayor Tommy Allegood, along with Kim Watt, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Jeff Chase, Director of Downtown Development along with members of the Special Needs Development Group.

REGIONAL JOB FAIR

The City of Kennesaw, in partnership with the City of Marietta, will host a Regional Job Fair on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the Kennesaw Recreation Center from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.

Businesses within the Greater Kennesaw and Marietta, as well as job seekers, are invited to attend this event at no cost. Businesses are required to register for free using the form at www.kennesaw-ga.gov/kennesaw-event/2024-kennesaw-marietta-regional-job-fair/.

Participating industries include administration, manufacturing, food service, education, trade, government, medical and retail.

The City of Kennesaw and the City of Marietta would like to thank our sponsors Adam's Maintenance Services Inc., Preferred Personnel Solutions and Walton Communities for your support of the event.

DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE???? MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 27, 2024

MARY LOU CAGLE, MARIETTA

This minute, 60 seconds, is an annual event that asks all Americans, wherever you are at 3:00 pm on MEMORIAL DAY, to pause and remember those who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is a period of silent contemplation, prayer, reflection, and respect. Memorial Day is NOT a day of celebration. MEMORIAL DAY is a day of Remembrance. It is a day to remember those men and women who died while on active duty for the United States of America and died defending our country. It is The National Moment of Remembrance.



Memorial Day originated after the Civil War and became a national holiday in 1971. Including the Civil War - 1,236,450 men and women lost their lives defending our country. It is important that we remember the meaning of this day. One very good way to do this is to visit a National Cemetery. There are three in our area: The National Cemetery in Marietta, The Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, and The Confederate Cemetery in Marietta. You can place flowers on the graves or an American flag and show your appreciation for those who gave the ultimate gift of their lives so that our country can thrive. A wonderful lesson for us to teach our children

It is always important to thank our military members for their service - but on this day, MEMORIAL DAY, it is our day to remember those who died in service to the United States and share in The National Moment of Remembrance at 3:00 PM on Monday, May 27, 2024.

ACWORTH'S MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The ceremony to honor those who have given their lives in service to our country will be held on Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 a.m. in Cauble Park at Patriots Point. Veterans and current servicemen will pay tribute to brave men and women who have fought and died for our nation. Engraved pavers dedicated to those who have served in our armed forces that have been purchased since the previous Veterans Day will be presented at the event.



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THIS AND THAT



CONGRATULATIONS JENNIFER DAWSON - A JOB WELL DONE!

Jennifer Dawson, a 6th grade teacher at Lost Mountain Middle School in Kennesaw, was recognized by Atlanta News First's Surprise Squad for her support for the Rally Foundation for Pediatric Cancer Research. After a former student was diagnosed with cancer, she began fundraising efforts with Rally. This was 25 years ago. Since then, she has led the school's Rally fundraising efforts to raise more than \$250,000 which has paid for five grants for cancer research so far. Jennifer is pictured here with her 2024 Rally fundraisers -- she is holding the right hand side of the sign. Jennifer Dawson is an incredible teacher and a role model to her students and all others she touches. Thank you Atlanta News First's Surprise Squad for recognizing Jennifer Dawson.



STATE CHAMP

Congrats to 4th grade Jamal Emmanuel for his performance at the State Track meet last weekend in Ellenwood Georgia. He now holds the record for the Javelin in Cobb County, the District, and State for 9-10 year old Boys! Jamal attends Picketts Mill ES

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NOAH PRASER

CONGRATULATIONS

In a surprise announcement, Harrison High School senior Noah Praser learned he had earned the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) Joseph C. Gilliam Academic Achievement Award for area 9.

Cadet Praser, who serves as the unit's executive officer, is the first cadet from the North Cobb-Harrison NJROTC program to receive the elite scholarship

In addition to earning the top NJROTC scholarship, Cadet Praser earned appointments to two service academies. In the fall, he will attend the United States Naval Academy as a midshipman.



CONGRATULATIONS

To Andrew Bramlett, long time writer for the Bright Side, on his graduation from high school at Timothy Ministry, Woodstock. Andrew is excited to share that in the fall of 2024, he will be attending Kennesaw State University! I am already dual-enrolling at KSU, and I am excited to continue my studies at such an incredible school! This young man is already familiar with the KSU campus as he has been taking classes at KSU since Fall 2023, and has been volunteering with the Department of Museums, Archives, and Rare Books since 2021. His major: History. Well done Andrew!

ANDREW BRAMLETT'S LOCAL HISTORY STORIES

Opening in 1905, a cotton mill was located in Acworth along the railroad tracks east of Cowan Road. It went through many name changes over the years, and in the 1930s, it was the Acworth Mills. Due to a mysterious disappearance, it gained statewide attention in early 1936.



From 1927 to 1935, Paul Ackerley was president of the Acworth Mills. He lived in Atlanta but was considered a leader of the Acworth business community. In December, he decided to go on a fishing trip to the Gulf of Mexico with his dog. He left for Florida on December 9 and was never seen again. When he did not return for Christmas, his wife and son got nervous. Search crews searched across Tampa, Apalachicola, Ochlocknee Bay, and Cedar Key.

The Coast Guard sent airplanes and several boats for the hunt. Two bodies were found, but Ackerley's dentist determined it was not his patient. What happened to Ackerly remains unknown, though the authorities believed his sailboat likely sunk in a storm.

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GARDEN WITH WINGS TO OPEN JUNE 1

Smith-Gilbert Gardens is excited to announce a new and upcoming event, Pollinator Palooza, which will mark the start of “A Garden with Wings” Butterfly Exhibit on Saturday, June 1, 2024. This year, the exhibit will be extended for two months, from June 1 to July 31, 2024. During Pollinator Palooza, visitors will have the opportunity to get a sneak peek at the Butterfly Exhibit without purchasing an additional butterfly house ticket. The event will also feature a variety of booths including arts, crafts and community partners focused on pollinator conservation, including Birds Georgia, Georgia Bat Working Group, Foodwell Alliance, Cobb County Master Gardeners and Socially Chy.



“We are excited to announce our upcoming event, Pollinator Palooza, which marks the beginning of our highly anticipated Butterfly Exhibit,” says Dave Simpson, Executive Director of Smith-Gilbert Gardens. The Butterfly Exhibit will be open to visitors every Tuesday to Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting June 1. Visitors can experience the wonder of butterflies in

all stages of life, from egg to adult butterfly. The exhibit will also offer an opportunity to learn about the different plants that are crucial to the survival of butterflies, such as tulip poplar and passionflower vine, which are great places to spot caterpillars.

Members can enjoy the exhibit for free, while non-members will need to purchase tickets in addition to Garden Admission. Butterfly House tickets can be purchased for \$3 per person online or in person in the Gardens Gift Shop. Advanced online purchase is strongly encouraged.

“A Gardens with Wings” Butterfly Exhibit is sponsored by Cobb EMC Foundation and the Cherokee Garden Club.

For more information about Pollinator Palooza and “A Garden with Wings” Butterfly Exhibit, please visit www.smithgilbertgardens.com.

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS

The Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority and the Kennesaw Downtown Merchants Association are excited to announce the fourth annual First Friday Concert Series, presented by LOUD Security, in Downtown Kennesaw.

The Series will run from May through October, with no concert during the month of July.

From 7:00 – 9:30 p.m., the community is invited to stroll through the Downtown area, and enjoy an evening of shopping, dining and live music. The concerts will take place in Downtown Kennesaw.

Lineup: May 3: Weekend Getaway; June 7: G Clef and the Playlist

Reserve VIP seats: <https://checkout.square.site/buy/Z2EKKIS74CGLLWQBHDIN6QVG>.

For more information, visit www.kennesawdowntown.com.

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ADULT BASKETBALL

The Kennesaw Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce we will host another season of the Kennesaw Hoops Adult Basketball League! League play will be broken into several different divisions for men, women and players 35 and older.

All games will take place at the Kennesaw Recreation Center at Adams Park and will be available to teams and free agents (individuals without teams). Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>.

CITY OF KENNESAW ANNOUNCES GRAND OPENING OF AMPHITHEATER

The City of Kennesaw is excited to announce the Grand Opening Celebration for The Piedmont Bank Amphitheater on Friday, June 14, at 6:00 p.m. The first concert of the new Kennesaw Concert Series, presented by Wellstar Health System, will follow, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Grand Opening Celebration will include a Ribbon Cutting that will be held at The Piedmont Bank Amphitheater at Depot Park to commemorate the opening of the new space. The community is invited to join in on the celebration and enjoy the first performances at The Piedmont Bank Amphitheater.

“The Piedmont Bank Amphitheater at Depot Park represents a significant milestone for Downtown Kennesaw,” says Mayor Derek Easterling. “With its unveiling, our community can look forward to a vibrant venue of cultural and entertainment experiences. The Piedmont Bank Amphitheater is poised to redefine how locals and visitors alike engage with the arts, music and community gatherings. Its centralized presence symbolizes our commitment to fostering a dynamic and enriching environment, where creativity flourishes and shared experiences create community.”

The Kennesaw Concert Series will host a total of three concerts in 2024: June 14, September 14 and November 9. The concert on June 14 will open with Leah Belle Faser at 6:30 p.m. and the headliner, September in the Park, will take the stage at 8:00 p.m.

The Piedmont Bank Amphitheater at Depot Park features a 50 x 42 ft stage, with a back of house and lawn space to hold up to 3,000 people. The Piedmont Bank Amphitheater will host a variety of annual Kennesaw events each year, including the Kennesaw Concert Series, Salute to America and A Day with Santa. The Piedmont Bank Amphitheater is set to open in Spring 2024.

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OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES

DREAMWORKS ANIMATION: "SHREK" TO KICK-OFF KENNESAW PARKS & REC'S OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES



The City of Kennesaw's free Outdoor Movie Series will kick off on Friday, May 17, at Swift-Cantrell Park with a showing of DreamWorks Animation: "Shrek" (PG) projected onto a giant inflatable screen after sundown. Swift-Cantrell Park is located at 3140

Old 41 Highway.

Attendees are welcome to bring blankets, chairs, etc. for their own comfort. No high-backed chairs, umbrellas, tents, pop-up canopies, etc. that could block the view of the movie for others. Food vendors and family-friendly activities will be available beginning at 6 p.m.

VIP Tents are available for rental at each movie. The VIP Tent rental includes a 10'x10' tent installed by Parks & Recreation staff, a 6' table and 6 chairs. Tents will be placed towards the back of the viewing area as to not block the view of other attendees. Tent rentals are \$50. VIP tent renters can check in early beginning at 5:00 p.m. and the tents will remain up until the end of the movie. VIP tents can be purchased at <https://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/outdoormovieseries/#vip>

Activities before the movie include pay-to-play inflatables and free games in front of the screen including hula-hoop contests, tug of war, relay races and sack races where attendees can win prizes.

BACKYARD CAMPOUT RETURNS

In conjunction with the Outdoor Movie Series kicking off on May 17, the Backyard Campout presented by REI is returning to Swift-Cantrell Park on Friday, May 17! Attendees will enjoy camping under the night sky, along with backyard games, field activities, campfire demonstrations by REI and entertainment featuring stargazing and s'mores.

The registration fee for participants to bring their own tent is \$30 or participants can purchase a preset up campsite sponsored by REI for \$50. The campsites are 10'x10'. Registration fees include dinner and breakfast. A limited number of campsites are available. Advance registration is required at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Kennesaw Parks & Recreation's summer programs registration opens June 1. Kennesaw Parks & Recreation offers programs for youth, adults and seniors! Classes include Self-Defense, Pilates, Pottery and Zumba! Sign up at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>.

STAY & PLAY SATURDAY

Saturday, May 25: Rhythm of the Rails
 The Southern Museum invites you to join us for family fun activities on the fourth Saturday of each month. Bach to Rock will be on campus giving music lessons. Children will have the opportunity to try their hand at a host of different musical instruments.

The program begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m.. Free with Museum admission.

CIVIL WAR DAY

Join the Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History on Saturday, June 8 for Civil War History Day. From 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM the Museum will have a host of living historians including a Beekeeper, Leather Stamper, Soap Maker and Fife and Drum duo, to name a few. A Kennesaw Mountain Park Ranger will be giving a lecture of the battles that made up the Battle of Atlanta for the 160th anniversary of the battle. A variety of activities will be available for visitors to enjoy such as, Civil War Music by Back to Rock, Life of a Soldier, Sewing Demonstrations and an Artifact Showcase in the Reading Room.
 For more information visit www.southernmuseum.org.

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ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT

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Are your old electronics collecting dust? It's time for a clean start! Join Harmony Group Marketing and Desktop Coworking on Saturday, May 18th for our community electronics recycling event and give your outdated devices a new lease on life. We're accepting all kinds of electronic items, including computers, smartphones, monitors, laptops, and much more.

This is the perfect opportunity to declutter responsibly and ensure your electronics are recycled in an eco-friendly manner. Don't let your unused devices end up in a landfill.

Join us Saturday May 18th at Desktop Coworking, 3070 North Main Street NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Come by anytime from 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM \$25 processing fee for CRT TVs, and for flat-screen TVs up to 32"; \$40 fee for flat-screen TVs over 32".

Make a positive impact this spring by joining us in our mission to recycle and reuse. Let's work together to make our community and our planet a cleaner, greener place!



CONGRATULATIONS

We have a winner. The Braves Booth at the Big Shanty Festival sold chances to win their 50/50 Raffle. They had a very long line for this. Excited to share that Canton resident, Christine Raines - WON!! Her share was \$42,369.00. So happy for her.

MARIETTA POPS CONCERT - MAY 11

We are less than one month away from our 14th Season for our Spring Concert. Tickets are now on sale for our 14th annual concert on Saturday evening, May 11th at 7:00pm. The concert is about an hour and a half (no intermission) and is full of family-fun music. As usual we have a wide variety of pieces to present and all of them are for the incredibly low ticket price of only \$20 for adults and \$10 for children and students.

This concert has some new pieces to us and some favorites from years past, including but certainly not limited to the following: Music from Zelda (for gamers), Pink Panther, I've Got You Under My Skin, Music from the Magnificent Seven, Take Five (Dave Brubeck classic), Quadrophonia, Apollo 13, It Had to Be You, Michael Jackson's Thriller, Santana's Smooth, Try to Remember, 76 Trombones, James Bond, Phantom of the Opera, and still more!

Seating at The Strand Theatre is limited so make sure you have a spot in front of Marietta's own pops orchestra! Tickets have already begun getting snatched up, so don't delay getting your tickets online. If any tickets are left, we will have them available at the door. Get your tickets soon! Visit the link and buy your tickets now: MariettaPopsOrchestra.org

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THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK

We love the month of May in Acworth! The weather is great and the atmosphere is alive with events and celebrations throughout the community.

Last month, the Acworth Farmers Market returned to Logan Farm Park, and we're thrilled to have it back, bigger and better than ever. Our Friday morning market is full of top-quality vendors carefully selected by our market manager to bring the very best selection possible for our weekday market. Having our market on Friday allows us to have the best vendors from bigger Saturday markets in the area. We'd like to thank our market manager for her hard work, and the Acworth Downtown Development Authority for sponsoring the Acworth Farmers Market! Check it out at Logan Farm Park on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Have you marked your calendars for Acworth's Spring Town Hall? Coming up at the Acworth Community Center on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m., we'll be presenting about upcoming and ongoing city projects, and you'll be able to engage with our city's department leaders who will be onsite to discuss the roles their departments play within the city team. The City of Acworth hosts two town hall events a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. We look forward to seeing you there!

North Cobb Rotary Club will host its Smoke on the Lake Barbeque Festival at Logan Farm Park on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11. This will be the fourteenth year of this annual tradition, and we're looking forward to two days of delicious barbeque and an exciting concert on Friday night. Did you know that 90% of net proceeds from this event will go to local charities and 10% will support international charities? The North Cobb Rotary Club gives back so much to the community, so come on out and enjoy some really great food and dance the weekend away.

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

May God Bless You and Your Families, Tommy

ACWORTH FARMERS MARKET

The 2024 Historic Downtown Acworth Farmer's Market will take place on Friday mornings between April 5 and October 25 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The market is located in the Logan Farm Park Expansion, located at 4405 Cherokee Street in Acworth.

Market customers will have a wide variety of garden ripe Georgia grown vegetables, eggs, cheese, bedding plants, fresh-baked bread, pies, cakes, honey, and jams to choose from each week. This year's market will be bigger and better than previous years and shoppers won't believe the selection of homegrown goodies!

The Acworth Farmer's Market is sponsored by the Acworth Downtown Development Authority.

BEGINNER BATON TWIRLING

Looking for something fun and new for your energetic kiddo? Join Majorette Beverly for a super fun introduction to baton twirling!

This exciting 6 week class will cover all of the basics of baton twirling for beginners. Using rudimental movements, students will learn twirling and dance moves with musical routines! Tuesdays 6:30pm-7:pm. Additional information and registration are available at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org.

ACTIVE ADULTS

Summer Registration is just around the corner! Registration for Acworth City Residents will be Monday, May 6, 2024 and Non-Residents Monday, May 13, 2024. Attached, you will find all the exciting Programs coming June through August. Please be sure to note the date change for June Senior Lunch. June Senior Lunch will be held a week early in observance of Juneteenth the following week. Should you have any questions, I can be reached at lmcmurry@acworth.org or by calling 770-917-1234. Please note that Day Trip departure times are subject to change. An email confirming departure time will always be sent out before the trip.

SHOOT THE 'HOCH

June Day Trip #1: Wednesday, June 5, 2024. Shoot the 'Hooch with a tubing trip in Roswell. Float the Chattahoochee River and enjoy its stunning scenery and cool, gentle currents. It is a 1.5-mile float trip that can take up to 3 hours depending on water flow. Maximum Number of People: 15 Price: \$40 Resident/ \$45 Non- Resident

IKEA SHOPPING TRIP

June Day Trip #2: Friday, June 14, 2024 Explore all that Ikea has to offer! Spend your time shopping and dining in their café! Maximum Number of People: 32 Price: \$15 Resident/ \$20 Non-Resident More Active Adult activities available online at www.acworthparksandrecreation.org, click n active adults in menu at the left.

ACWORTH SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Registration for Acworth's annual Summer Camp Sports Series begins April 1 for residents and April 8 for non-residents. Each camp focuses on fundamentals and skills of a different sport. Each camp is \$45 for City of Acworth residents and \$55 for non-residents. All participants will receive an official Acworth Sports Camp swag item. Camp schedules, locations, and age groups are still being finalized but will take place in the evenings in June. Sports will include volleyball, basketball, baseball, soccer & speed & agility.

GOT TEENS??? - DRIVING???
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ACWORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH DEDICATION

The City of Acworth and the Acworth Historic Preservation Commission dedicated a plaque to commemorate the Acworth Christian Church as a local Historic Landmark on Wednesday, April 10. Acworth Christian Church is located at 4476 Northside Drive with additional parking available at the public parking lot behind the church.

HISTORIC CHURCH IN ACWORTH RESTORED

It was a community effort, led by Mack Turner, President of Save Acworth History Foundation, Betsy Brown, VP of SAHF, Acworth Alderman, Tim Richardson, along with Ed Manning and Ben Buroughs (two members of the church). All five served on the restoration committee.

A leaking roof, crumbling foundation, broken windows were just some of the needed repairs to the building.

Funds for the \$250,000 renovation were generated by the sale of the church's parsonage that was no longer used, along with a public fundraiser, led by the SAHF. The community, including the City of Acworth, Acworth residents, parishioners and local historians, stepped forward to help restore the church in the midst of a global pandemic.

The Acworth Christian Church was designated as a Local Historic Landmark in May 2022. The Acworth Christian Church was organized in 1858 as the Mount Zion Church of Christ and met in a frame building on Mitchell Hill. That building was destroyed during the Civil War. In 1877 Nathan Smith helped to reorganize and build a new church at its current site. That building burned in 1899 and the current structure was built in 1901 and restored through the efforts of the community and the people mentioned above during 2020 and 2021.

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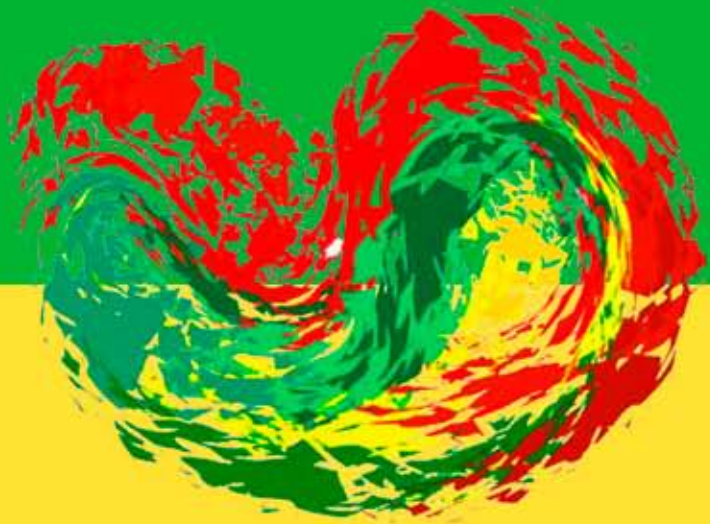
These two young ladies stole the fashion show at the Brookwood Christian Tea last week. Beautiful venue, wonderful food, great friends, so well done. Thanks to all responsible for this event.

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**SAM KANOUR
RON COCHRAN SPIRIT
SCHOLARSHIP**

Graduating from Allatoona High School, with a 4.438 GPA, Sam plans to attend the University of Georgia to study Psychology



**DEHLIA PLACIE
THE KEVIN JABBARI ATHLETIC
SCHOLARSHIP**

Graduating from Kennesaw Mountain High School's STEM Magnet Program with a grade point average of 4.567. Dehlia will attend Union University in Tennessee, pursuing a double major in Business Management and Mathematics.



**TARYN CLAASSENS
THE RON SUMPTER TRAILBLAZER
SCHOLARSHIP**

Graduating from Harrison High School, Taryn is considering several universities right now. She plans to major in Psychology with an emphasis on Neuroscience, along with a double major in Music Therapy.



**AICHA SECK
THE SUE GUNDERMAN SERVANT
LEADER SCHOLARSHIP**

Graduating from Kennesaw Mountain High School, Aicha has narrowed her college list to include Kennesaw State University, Syracuse University, and the University of Miami. She plans to pursue a degree in Biology.



**BROOKE FRENCH
MARLON LONGACRE HEART OF A
CHAMPION SCHOLARSHIP**

Graduating from Allatoona High School, Brooke is the GHSAA State Champion for GIRLS AT 110 lb. Brooke will attend Life University in the Fall to pursue a future in the field of Psychology, and continue wrestling.



**MORGAN MORELL
THE OLIVIA SMATHERS
PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP**

Graduating from Allatoona High School with a 4.1 GPA. Morgan will attend Samford University to pursue a BFA degree in Musical Theatre.



**DERRICK VINCENT
WALLY ZIMMERMAN VOCATIONAL,
ENGINEERING, AND COMPUTER
SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

Graduating from Kennesaw Mountain High School's Magnet Program with a grade point average of 4.661. Derrick has narrowed his college choices down to Georgia Tech or the University of Pennsylvania. He plans to study Computer Science.



**MAAN PATEL
THE KENNESAW MAYORAL
SCHOLARSHIP**

Maan graduates from Kennesaw Mountain High School's Magnet Program with a 4.633 GPA. Maan will attend the Georgia Institute of Technology in pursuit of a degree in Computer Engineering.



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CASSIDY WOODHAM
THE DR. FRANK BOONE COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Cassidy graduates from Kennesaw Mountain High School's Magnet Program with a GPA of 4.733. Cassidy will attend Johns Hopkins University where she will pursue a degree in Engineering and participate in the track team.



GENEVIEVE AN
THE TERRY CHANDLER TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

Genevieve graduates from Kennesaw Mountain High School with a GPA of 4.485. She is in the process of selecting her undergraduate university where she plans to major in Neuroscience on a pre-Med pathway



MIA DIOR KIRKWOOD
THE CAROL THOMPSON JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP

Mia graduates from North Cobb High School's Magnet Program. She is a copy editor and opinions editor for North Cobb's newspaper, The Chant. Mia will attend Mercer University in the Fall, pursuing a double major in Marketing and Journalism.



AMSHASREE SHASTRULA
THE RENE DOLLAR FUTURE BUSINESS LEADER SCHOLARSHIP

Amshasree graduates from North Cobb High School's Magnet Program for International Studies with a grade point average of 4.538. Amshasree will attend the University of Georgia in the Fall to pursue a degree in Business Management.



MAYADIA RASMUSSEN
THE DAVID GRANT ROTC SCHOLARSHIP

Mayadia is graduating from North Cobb High School with a 4.08 grade point average. She is the NJROTC Commanding Officer of 140 cadets. Mayadia will attend Chattahoochee Technical College in the Fall and plans to transfer to Kennesaw State University to earn a business degree specializing in business management.



ALEXANDER CORTES
THE JRM CHARACTER SCHOLARSHIP

Alexander is graduating from Kennesaw Mountain High School with a 4.3 grade point average. He serves as student body vice-president, and is a member of National Honor Society, DECA, HOPE, and the community service chair of the Pickle Ball Club. Alexander will attend Kennesaw State University and plans to pursue Nursing.



LUCAS FOLINO
THE DEBBIE UNDERKOFER CULINARY ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Lucas graduates from North Cobb High School with a 4.37 grade point average. Lucas plans to study Food Science in college. He is currently deciding between three colleges.



CAMPBELL SMITH
THE MICHAEL EVERHART COMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP

Campbell graduates from Mt. Paran Christian School with a GPA of 4.1, Campbell will attend Georgia College and State University where she is committed to run Cross Country while pursuing a degree in Psychology.

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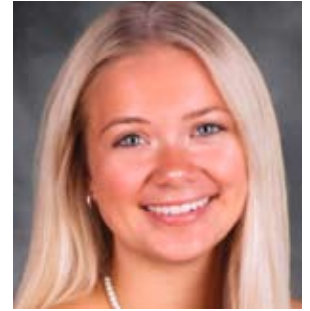
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BIANCA ORFILA-MOLINET
THE RJ PATEL INTERNATIONAL MAGNET STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
Bianca graduates from North Cobb High School's International Studies Magnet Program with a 4.519 grade point average. Bianca will attend the University of Georgia to pursue a degree in Political Science.



MADELINE REECE KROMER
THE MARK BARRE VISUAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP
Reece is graduating from Allatoona High School. She is a member of National Technical Honor Society, Game Day Team, and Captain of the Varsity Sidelines and Cheer Team. Reece plans to attend Mississippi State University to pursue a degree in Meteorology.



EMMA BARTLETT
THE PAUL CHASTAIN CITIZEN SCHOLARSHIP
Graduating from North Cobb Christian with a GPA of 4.5, Emma will attend Belmont University to pursue a degree in Nursing



OBINNA ECHE
THE SUE PICARDI MATH AND SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOLARSHIP
Obinna is graduating from Kennesaw Mountain High School's Magnet Program with a GPA of 4.452. Obinna will attend the Georgia Institute of Technology to study Biology with aspirations of becoming a physician,



CONGRATULATIONS NCHS STUDENTS

The following NCHS students have signed to attend the following colleges.
Front Row l-r: Haley Wilson, Equestrian – Berry College, Brenda Jimnah, Lacrosse – Oglethorpe University. Nikol Antova, Volleyball – University of Montevallo, Mana Fawcett, Tennis – University of West Georgia, Savannah Bywaters, Lacrosse – Piedmont College
Back row l-r: Tyler Goldfine, Tennis – Midway University, Jackson Ball, Lacrosse – LaGrange College, Alejandro Melendez, Soccer – Oglethorpe University, James Roe, Football – University of Toledo

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On Monday, April 8th, Piedmont Church Love Does program installed their 35th sensory room. This is an amazing feat as each room costs about \$2500.00 Marlon Longacre, Piedmont's Community Pastor and the moving force behind the Love Does Program wants to thank all the volunteers who came and helped this morning at Awtry Middle School install our 35th sensory room. Awtry Principal Dr. Jeff Crawford, his staff, and kids were so excited today watching the room come together.

Love Does went on and installed Sensory room #36 at Davis Elementary School, Sensory Room #37 at Hickory Hills ES and Sensory Room # 38. Number 39 will be installed at Mountain View ES soon.

These rooms are available for our special needs students who need a place to calm down, and chill out, away from the noise of their classroom. Pictured above with Marlon Longacre are church volunteers who helped with the installation at Awtry Middle School.

M2R TRAILFEST RETURNS MAY 11TH AN IMMERSIVE CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS ALONG MARIETTA'S MOUNTAIN TO RIVER TRAIL

Immerse yourself in art and fun at this year's M2R TrailFest on Saturday, May 11. This annual public arts festival on the Mountain to River Trail will feature the debut of numerous art installations, as well as performances that can only be enjoyed during the festival. Art performances, live music and visual installations can be enjoyed along the trail, which stretches from Lewis Park near WellStar Kennestone Hospital, trackside along the Marietta Square, ending at the pedestrian bridge near Brown Park.



Sculptures in Atherton Square debut during the festival, along with additions to the existing mural program and free art drops. The popular M2R Fence Art Gallery featuring photography and original artwork will stretch nearly a mile alongside the trail and will be on display for sixty days before embarking on a yearlong, countywide tour.

This year's festival will also include the second annual Fur Folly Pet Parade. Pets and their owners are encouraged to dress in costume and celebrate in their own artful way. The folly will travel along the M2R trail from Lewis Park Dog Park to Atherton Square in historic downtown Marietta (approximately one mile) in advance of the Opening Ceremonies at noon. Staging begins at 9:30am with a parade start at 10am. Opening Ceremonies will be held at 12pm in Atherton Square (behind Cool Beans and the Marietta Welcome Center), the center point of TrailFest. Dancers and aerialists will perform through 6pm at Atherton Square, while musicians will perform at Alley Stage, located at 11 Anderson Street. Festival goers can choose their path North or South along the trail, passing sculpture installations and vibrant murals along the way. Brightly colored lucite bridge installations, a tradition since 2020, will once again return to the pedestrian bridges over the North and South 120 Loops.

The 2024 M2R TrailFest is presented by SA White Oil. Funds raised are used to produce M2R TrailFest and support the Marietta Art Council, For more information on the festival, visit m2rtrailfest.com. TrailFest is free to attend and open to people of all ages

TOWN HALL EVENT - HUMAN TRAFFICKING BY DEVAN SEABAUGH, HOUSE DISTRICT 34

State Representative Devan Seabaugh, House District 34 is hosting a community town hall event so we can all learn about the impact the dangerous issue human trafficking is having on children and families right here in our community.

Speakers will include Chris Keegan, Assistant Attorney General, Human Trafficking Section Assistant with the Georgia Human Trafficking and Prosecution Taskforce. Chris will be sharing the Red Flags of trafficking, who traffickers target and where and how success of prosecutions to take criminals off the streets and out of our community. Crystal Burdette, Program Director for Rescuing Hope, a local non-profit that is part of First Lady, Marty Kemp's Grace Commission, will be speaking about what we can do as a community when we think someone is being trafficked. Rescuing Hope specializes in educating potential victims and trafficked advocates and survivors. And will host a table with important take-a-way information.

"Human Trafficking is a problem right here in our west-cobb community and this will be a great opportunity to all come together, educate ourselves on what to look for and hopefully save a life. I really look forward to hearing from our speakers. I made a commitment when I campaigned for office to work to make our community a safe place to raise a family and I appreciate these professionals taking time to speak to us on this unfortunate topic that has permeated into our community. I appreciate North Metro Church for hosting us for this informative" Rep. Devan Seabaugh (R-Marietta)

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THE TRUTH EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SEX TRAFFICKING

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 State Representative **Devan Seabaugh**, District 34
Rep. Devan Seabaugh



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CITY OF KENNESAW TO HOLD SPECIAL ELECTION

Due to the fact that a Kennesaw City Council member has stepped down from his position, the City is holding one more council election to fill the spot. In addition to Benjamin Day at this writing, the following candidates have stepped up to run: Jason Acree, Anthony Gutierrez, Beatrice Torralba Shakal, Sara Torres. We encourage Kennesaw voters to meet these candidates and learn more about them.

KENNESAW'S SUMMER PROGRAMS

Kennesaw Parks & Recreation's Summer Program registration is currently open! You can now enroll in a fitness class or summer camp. This year, Kennesaw Parks & Recreation offers summer camps for Teens, which include sports camps and cooking camps. Visit www.kennesawparksandrec.org to learn more about how you can have an unforgettable summer.

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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Kennesaw's Public Works is hosting a City-wide electronics recycling event with Simple Electronics Recycling. Residents can drop off electronics at Public Works on Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM or until the truck is full. Public Works is located at the Dale Burrell Government Complex, 3080 Moon Station Road.

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LET US SHARE ART WITH YOU!

We're featuring our "GEORGIA ON MY MIND" Exhibit from now until JULY 27. A June 1 artist reception will be held from 4-7 pm at the Art House.

This event is free and open to the public. All works are available for sale...they can go home with you that night if you wish!

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MARIETTA NEWS



FOURTH OF JULY PARADE REGISTRATION

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Parade applicants should apply online. The deadline to apply is May 31st at 5 pm.

More info: Call Marietta Parks and Recreation, 770-794-5601 or visit <http://www.mariettaga.gov/194/Fourth-of-July-Celebration>

*The City of Marietta reserves the ability to cancel any events at any time due to an Executive Order issued by Governor Brian Kemp due to COVID-19 or any other outside factors.

MCMA EXHIBIT THE MAGIC OF MODERN ART APRIL 6-JUNE 16

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COME LISTEN TO THE MUSIC

The Marietta History Center is delighted to announce its upcoming monthly Pop-In for Family Fun event, scheduled for Saturday, May 18th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. As a recurring highlight on the Center's calendar, Pop-In events occur on the 3rd Saturday of every month, offering families a unique opportunity to engage with the museum through themed activities and crafts. The Marietta History Center is located at 1 Depot Street, Marietta, GA 30060

Pop-In for Family Fun is made possible through the generous sponsorship of Cauthorn, Owen, and Sanders. Thanks to their support, this program is FREE for all to enjoy, ensuring that families in our community can participate in cultural experiences without any cost barriers.

MCMA'S ART OF THE COCKTAIL

Marietta Cobb Art Museum invites you to join them Friday, May 10th from 6-8:30pm for their Art of the Cocktail fundraising event!

The specialty cocktail will be created and presented by Red Hare Brewing and the entertainment will be provided by Rob Tharpe. More information at mariettacobbartmuseum.org.



CONGRATULATIONS TRENT TURK

"It's a true privilege to have Governor Brian Kemp appoint me to the GA Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board. I look forward to working with my fellow board members to enhance our profession's standards and ensure the welfare of Georgia's residents and businesses." Trent is well known in Marietta. Graduated from SPSU in 1986. Trent (on left) is pictured with GA Governor Kemp.

GLOVER PARK CONCERT SERIES

The Downtown Marietta Development Authority and the City of Marietta are proud to announce the 2024 Glover Park Concert Series. These free concerts take place monthly in Glover Park on the Marietta Square from April through September.

The concert lineup: April 26-Guardians of the Jukebox - Tribute to the 80's; May 31-Ladies of Soul - Soul, Funk & Motown; June 28-Her Majesty's Request - British Invasion; July 26-G Clef and The Playlist - Variety Party Band; August 23*- Troubadour Project - 70's Rock Revival ; September 27-The Bourbon Brothers - Rat Pack Tribute

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. 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 anytime on Friday. No plastic ground covering, ropes, tape, stakes, etc. used to section off areas are permitted inside the park as they will be removed and all personal tables must be set up in the street after 6:00 p.m., not in the park.

All concerts begin at 8:00 on the last Friday of each month, April - September. *Exception, August date is the 4th Friday. Glover Park on the Historic Marietta Square

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Kennesaw State's largest days of service has brought over 2,100 volunteers together since 2014. We are proud to help numerous organizations by connecting them with our students, staff, faculty, alumni and community members through volunteerism.

Congratulations to Renasant Bank, Kennesaw branch for participating in this community event. They volunteered at Emmy's Academy in Marietta, helping clean up their outside playground space. Their team is pictured above.

The KSU Days of Service is designed as an opportunity to say thanks to our local community which has supported the university in many important ways throughout its history. Volunteers participate in a variety of projects that meet the specific needs of community organizations throughout Cobb County and Metro Atlanta.

In April 2024, KSU celebrated the 10th anniversary of its annual Day of Service. Typically, this is a one-day event that engages 500+ students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members in hands-on community service projects at 20+ nonprofit and community organizations in Cobb County and surrounding areas.

FIT CITY 5K - MAY 11 REGISTER NOW

This race is part of the Fit City Kennesaw initiative which encourages residents to become more active and engage in wellness-related activities. Registration is online at www.kennesawgrandprix.com. The entry fee of \$35 includes a race t-shirt.

The Kennesaw Grand Prix makes a great race experience simple and easy. The race begins at the Kennesaw First Baptist Church on Main Street in Downtown Kennesaw. With plentiful parking, restrooms, room to spread out and warm-up, the registration and start area helps to get racers ready for a PR race. The race program 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 9:15 a.m.

T-shirts and Packet pickup is the Thursday, May 9 at Big Peach Running Company, Kennesaw, GA

The race is electronically timed by Orion Racing powered by Start2Finish and awards are presented to the overall Male and Female winners, Male and Female Masters Winners, and the top three finishers in 12 age groups. Visit www.kennesawgrandprix.com for complete details.

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KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

THURS MAY 9, ABA ALIVE AFTER 5:30 AT 1885 Grill. Members FREE, Guests \$5.00. RSVP at Acworthbusiness.org.

THURS MAY 23 WOMEN'S NETWORKING EVENT, 11:30 at Doro's across from Kenworth Park at TRG Vino Market, PLEASE RSVP in a timely fashion, even if you are using your pre-paid luncheon package RSVP acworthbusiness.org. Fee \$20.00.

THUR. JUNE 6 ABA LUNCHEON 11:30- Acworth Community Center, Guest speaker Farrell Middleton. The Bell Curve of Life is a unique teaching/coaching/mentoring program created by Farrell Middleton that focuses on circumstances that people find themselves in on a routine basis, both personally and professionally.

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Dust off your boots for an evening of fun, live music by Scott "Scooter" Brown from the War Hippies, delicious food, cocktails, and a silent auction. On behalf of the Special Operators Transition Foundation (SOTF), we are incredibly excited to invite you to our Atlanta is Grateful 2024 benefit concert supporting our Military's Special Operations Leaders, who are looking to make Georgia their home after they're finished serving our country.

The concert will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2024, 7:00 – 9:30 pm at the Governors Gun Club, 1005 Cobb Pl Blvd NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144

Please RSVP, find sponsorship opportunities to showcase your business, and exclusive VIP tickets at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/CDz/>.

Guests for this event include local business leaders and great patriots who plan to help our Nation's Special Operators leaders transition from the Military into their next home community and successful careers. Welcome special guest and SOTF supporter George Piro, the FBI's lead interrogator for Saddam Hussein.

The SOTF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides the most tailored veteran transition program to top-tier Special Operations Force leaders to strengthen America's best businesses with elite veteran talent.

If you have any questions or want more information about sponsorship opportunities, please get in touch with Angie Arias at angie@sotf.org or (706) 332-9124.

The Special Operators Transition Foundation (www.SOTF.org) helps military special operators transition into high level civilian positions. Accompanying a workshop for fellows transitioning who want to live in the Atlanta area, a fundraising concert has been booked at the Governor's Gun Club on June 6, 2024.

POST 304 HOSTING GOLF TOURNAMENT

This event is being held Monday May 13 at the Dogwood Golf Course in Austell GA. 30106. Registration is at 8:00 am, Shotgun start at 9:00 am. Credit cards accepted; Make Checks Payable to Ron Asby American Legion Post 304 – 501c-19. Please contact Jim Blake jlbo12045@bellsouth.net – 770 314-7940 or Chuck Guta cgeagle6@bellsouth.net 404 805-3218. Proceeds go to our local Veterans Organizations and their families.

REP. DEVAN SEABAUGH'S SQUATTER REFORM ACT SIGNED INTO LAW

ATLANTA – On April 24, 2024, State Representative Devan Seabaugh (R-Marietta) and other legislators joined Governor Brian Kemp as he signed House Bill 1017, also known as the Squatter Reform Act, into law.



"With the Squatter Reform Act now signed into law, we reaffirm our stance against unwanted intruders in our state, making it clear that their actions are criminal and will face consequences," said Rep. Seabaugh. "I commend my legislative colleagues for their diligent efforts in pushing forward this vital measure, which will empower Georgia's property owners to address intrusive squatters in an effective manner."

"Squatters have been stealing the American dream of homeownership, and this bill puts a stop to that in Georgia," said Rep. Matt Reeves (R-Duluth), the bill's co-sponsor.

House Bill 1017 establishes the offense of unlawful squatting, defining it as entering and residing on the land or premises of the owner without consent. Offenders will receive a citation requiring them to provide authorization of consent within three days. Failure to do so will result in arrest for criminal trespass. If documentation is provided,

a hearing will be heard in Magistrate Court within seven days to determine if the documents have merit. False swearing and the submission of improper or fraudulent documentation will lead to felony arrest, removal and the squatter will be subject to additional fines to cover damages, back rent based on the property's fair market value and up to a year in jail. This bill became effective upon the governor's signature.

Representative Devan Seabaugh represents the citizens of District 34, which includes portions of Cobb County.

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Chattahoochee Tech student Quinton Vollm was awarded the Jim Cunningham Veterans Scholarship. He is shown here with, l-r, Chattahoochee Tech President Dr. Ron Newcomb, Jan Cunningham and Jay Cunningham, the owner and president of Superior Plumbing Services, Inc. who also serves on the TCSG State Board. Vollm is a student in the college's Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology program.

CHATTAHOOCHEE TECH FOUNDATION PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS VALUED AT \$86,000

The Chattahoochee Tech Foundation awarded student scholarships with a total value of \$86,000 at an awards reception held Friday, April 19, at the college's North Metro Campus.

"We greatly appreciate the generosity of our scholarship donors in helping to make college education an affordable reality for our students," said Jennifer Nelson, the Chattahoochee Tech Vice President of Advancement and Executive Director for the Chattahoochee Tech Foundation. "These scholarships make a real difference in the lives of our students."

"When faced with increasing expenses or a sudden economic hardship, students are often forced to decide between continuing to invest in their education or devoting those funds to family needs or the general cost of living," said Nelson. "These scholarships will help students reach the goal of graduation and enter community workforce."

Students receiving scholarships represent a wide variety of programs at the college, with scholarships ranging in value from \$500 to \$2,500. The college's Board of Trustees evaluated the applicants and then the top applicants were matched with the appropriate scholarship. In addition to meeting specific criteria for certain scholarships, these students also must meet specified GPA requirements, demonstrate financial need, and be enrolled in a certain number of credit hours.



Chattahoochee Tech students Taleah Piehl and Jin Choi were awarded scholarships provided by Atlanta Gas Light. They are shown here, l-r, with Board of Trustees members John Garner and Kenny Horton. Atlanta Gas Light also served as an event sponsor. Piehl is a student in the college's Physical Therapist Assistant program, and Choi is a student in the Interiors program.

MARIETTA'S TOMBSTONE CLEANING WORKSHOP

The Marietta History Center is thrilled to announce the continuation of its highly successful tombstone cleaning workshops. Following the tremendous response from the community in previous sessions, the Marietta History Center is excited to extend this invaluable opportunity to preserve and honor the rich history of Marietta's past.

This season's tombstone cleaning workshop is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 18th starting at 10am. This workshop offers participants a hands-on experience in the careful restoration and cleaning of historical tombstones. Led by MHC Collections Manager, Christa McCay, M. H. P., attendees will learn proper techniques for cleaning and maintaining these significant monuments, ensuring their longevity for future generations to appreciate.

Registration for the tombstone cleaning workshops is now open, with limited slots available on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested participants are encouraged to visit the Marietta History Center's website at www.MariettaHistory.org for more information and ticket link.

The event will be held, Saturday, May 18th from 10am to noon, weather permitting, at the Marietta City Cemetery, 420 West Atlanta St. Marietta, GA 30064

The cost is \$25 for not-yet members, \$15 for members (Members please call or email cmccay@mariettaga.gov to receive ticket purchase link.)The workshop is limited 10 people for the Workshop. For more information, call 770-794-5710 or visit www.MariettaHistory.org.

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Aylo Health, the medical group known for their mission to redefine healthcare, launched their newest location in Kennesaw earlier this month. Aylo Health Primary Care at Kennesaw opened their doors to the community for an open house and ribbon cutting on April 11th. Kennesaw Mayor, Derek Easterling, performed the ribbon cutting and announced to the crowd that Aylo Health "is not your everyday practice."

The new Aylo Health Primary Care at Kennesaw is located at 2985 Mack Dobbs Road Northwest and offers extended hours, weekend appointments, in-house labs and more to best serve their patients' needs.

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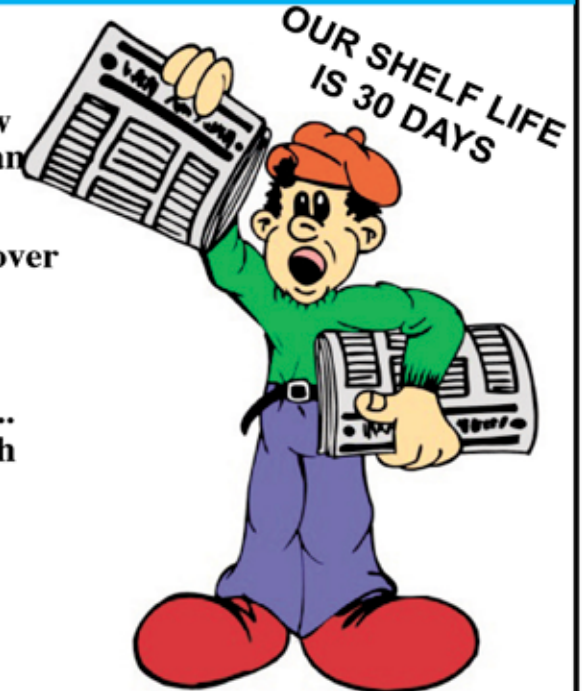
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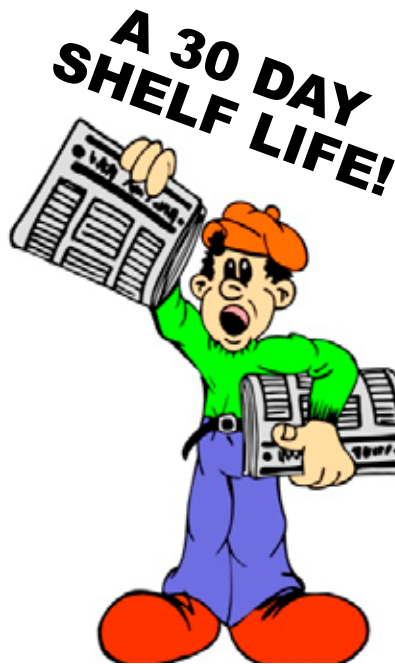
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