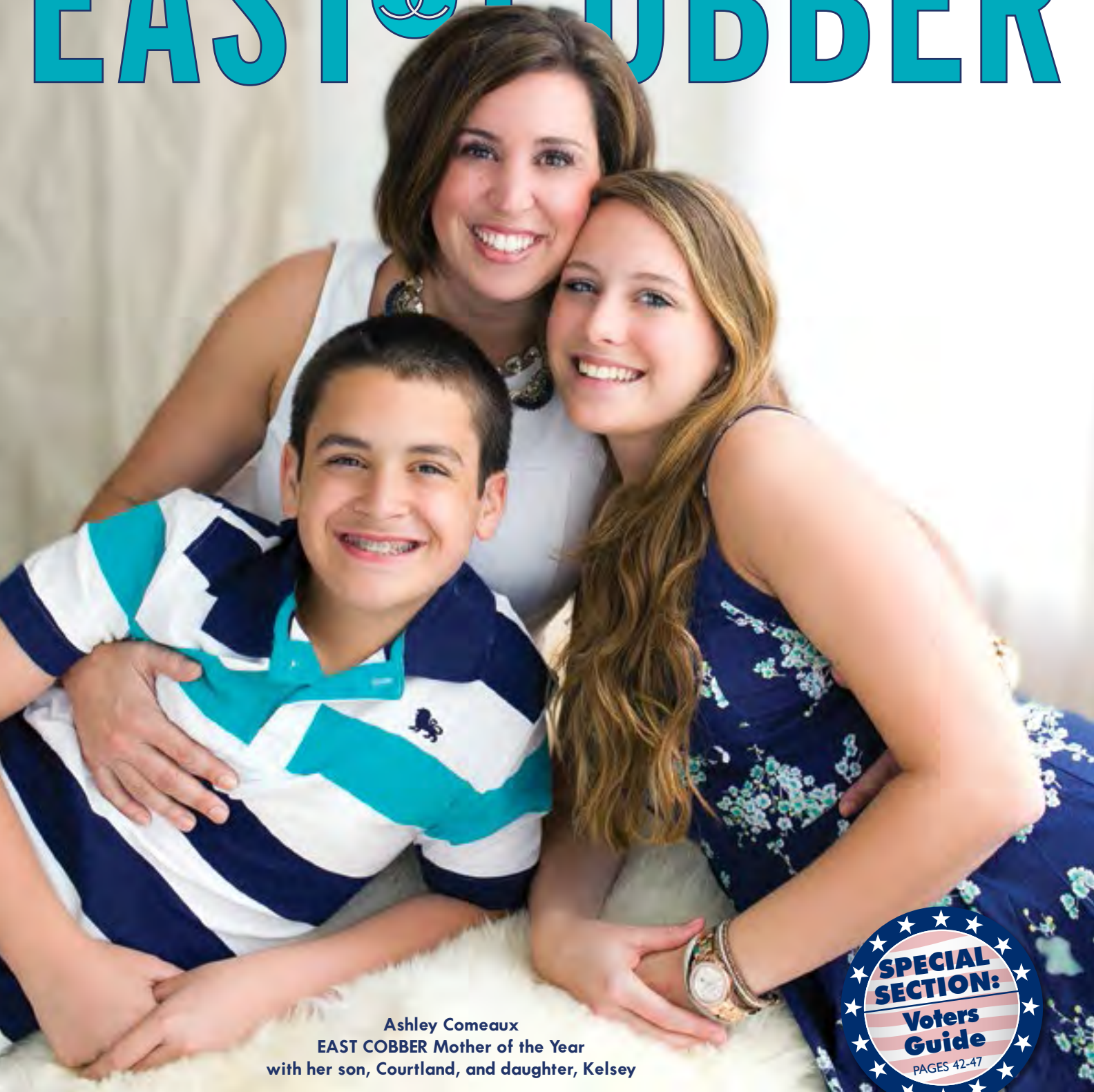


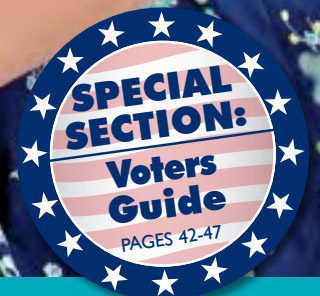
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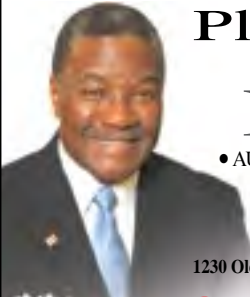
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I was lucky to have one of my biggest role models living in the same house with me, my mother. As clichéd and corny as it may sound, it's true. She was a working mom with five children striving to not only give us the material things: clothes, food, a safe place to live, private school. She also gave us enough love that each night when my brother and sisters and I went to bed, we were secure in the knowledge that we were loved. With my father's support, she managed to finish her college degree (which had been interrupted by the birth of 5 children.)

One of my earliest memories of my mother is attending her graduation seeing her dressed in the classic cap and gown holding the diploma. That mental snapshot is burned into my memory because it represents the values she stood for and instilled in me: the importance of education, independence, and hard work—to name a few.

That's why I am happy to sponsor the EAST COBBER Mother of the Year essay contest. By honoring a mother in our community, I hope to honor all of the millions and millions of mothers whose lives are compelling examples of unwavering, unyielding, uninterrupted commitment to their children and families.

This issue spotlights another May tradition: graduation. EAST COBBER features the STAR students (page 8), scholarship winners (page 10) and lists the local high school graduations (page 14). By publishing stories about these annual rituals and celebrations, I hope they inspire you to share in the joy of these proud accomplishments and appreciate the good in our community. Like Mother's Day, the EAST COBBER publishes stories every month as a way to publicly express a love and reverence for the people contributing to the quality of life in East Cobb. By spotlighting the people, places and events that are unique and special to East Cobb I hope this good news brightens your day and affirms the precious profoundness in our everyday East Cobb lives.

Happy Mother's Day!



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Mom & Me 1964



Mom & Me

On the Cover

Featured on our cover this month is Ashley Comeaux, this year's EAST COBBER Mother of the Year with her son, Courtland, age 13; and daughter, Kelsey, age 17. "I teared up when I found out my husband, Kenny, had nominated me (via email) all the way from Bahrain where he is stationed," says Ashley. "Juggling the busy schedules of my two children while my husband is deployed in the Middle East makes life a bit more challenging," shares Ashley. As a reservist, her husband, Kenny, was called up last August to serve in the U.S. Navy 5th Fleet for one year.

The Comeauxs moved from Seattle to East Cobb four years ago. Ashley loves "the schools, the sense of community in East Cobb . . . and all the activities available for kids and families" —and even for her-- in East Cobb. Ashley is not only busy managing her children's school and extra-curricular activities, she also holds down a part-time job, keeps up with Crossfit and is on a coed softball team. This supermom believes "the older my kids get the more involved I need to be."

See Page 6 for the winning "Mother of the Year" essay and Page 7 for a list of gifts for the Mother of the Year donated by local merchants.

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Ashley Comeaux: East Cobber Mother of the Year 2014



▲ Ashley Comeaux with her son, Courtland, 13; and, her daughter, Kelsey, 17.

Here is the winning essay written by Kenny Comeaux, nominating his wife, Ashley.

My wife deserves recognition as an outstanding mother for her incredibly steadfast family commitment during my deployment to the Middle East with the US Navy. She has had to be mother and father to our two teenaged kids, managing their academics and extracurricular activities while dealing with multiple issues in and around our home – and she had to do it alone. Shortly after my deployment in July of 2013, she had to manage preparing our kids for their return to school while dealing with multiple contractors in an effort to repair damages to our roof, kitchen flooring, flooding in our basement, and vehicle repairs. Her strong will and dedication to the success of our family allowed her to deal with the emotion of my absence, choreograph a parade of contractors, manage the demands of our teenagers' lives, satisfy the demands of her own employment, and still be the emotional rock that our children needed to keep life as "normal" as she could with all the distractions that would have made a lesser person sink in frustration. Her example, to our children and those who know her, ensures our teens' continued development into respectable and responsible young adults.

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The Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) Foundation was selected in 1994 by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce to coordinate the state STAR program in association with the Chamber and the Georgia Department of Education. PAGE's 84,000+ members are privileged to continue the tradition of recognizing Georgia's future leaders and honoring the professional educators who have nurtured these scholars.

Every accredited high school in Georgia is eligible to participate in the STAR program. To obtain the STAR nomination, high school seniors must have the highest score on the test date on the three-part SAT taken through the November test date of their senior year and be in the top 10 percent or top 10 students of their class based on grade point average. Each high school STAR Student is asked to name his/her STAR Teacher. High school STAR Students compete for system titles; and system STAR Students in turn compete for region honors in the 12 STAR Regions. Region winners and their STAR teachers are invited to Atlanta to compete for the state STAR scholarships and awards.

Locally, STAR Students and STAR Teachers are honored by their schools and receive special recognition in their communities from the more than 165 civic organizations and businesses that serve as local sponsors of the STAR program. The State PAGE STAR Banquet, held in Atlanta last month, recognized local STAR students from all over Georgia.

The following is a list of the East Cobb high school students and teachers honored at the annual Student and Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) banquet:

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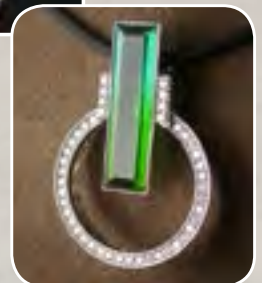
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▲ Saif Ahmed

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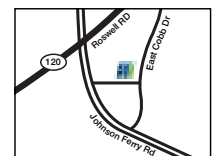
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Margie Hatfield Scholarship Recipients Announced



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On April 17, six local high school seniors were named Margie Hatfield Scholarship recipients by the East Cobb County Council (ECCC) of PTAs. The awards were presented at the ECCC PTA general membership meeting held at Sprayberry High School. The scholarship was established in 1990 to honor the dedication and years to service by Mrs. Hatfield to PTA, and in particular, the schools of East Cobb. The scholarship recognizes and awards an outstanding senior from each of the six high schools who has demonstrated a high level of commitment to service and citizenship in the genuine spirit of PTA. The winners, each of whom receive a \$1,000 scholarship to be used to further their education, were selected by a distinguished panel of impartial judges on the basis of their applications giving weights to academic achievement, citizenship, leadership, extracurricular activities and service to the community. The applications included a personal essay and recommendations from school and community.

Funded by the 35 schools of ECCC PTA and donations from community members, the scholarship program has awarded over \$140,000 to students over the past 24 years. Mrs. Hatfield was on hand for the presentation. All of the winners have GPAs of over 4.0 and participate in a variety of school and community activities including tutoring, varsity sports, marching band, service organizations, student government, honor societies and academic competitions. Congratulations to these outstanding seniors and their families.

"The Board of Directors of ECCC PTA is proud to continue its rich tradition of supporting and celebrating student success through the Margie Hatfield scholarship program. We wish all of our PTA members a relaxing and safe summer and we look forward to getting "back to work" in August in support of every child," says Irene Barton, Communications Chair for the ECCC PTA. If you are interested in supporting the Margie Hatfield Scholarship fund, please contact Irene Barton at scholarship@ecccpa.org.



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Wheeler Students Start Cricket Club

By Zach Cloud



▲ Top row (l-r): Chris Smith, Kartik Sundaram, Dev Chatterjee, DJ Aladesanmi, Sina Monfared, and Darrell Edwards;
Bottom row(l-r): Michael Clinton, Krut Patel, Luke Ragan, Shy Ingleton, and Zachary Cloud.

Ever since Shakespearean times, gentlemen across the globe have immersed themselves in the sport of cricket. A bat-and-ball sport first played by English schoolchildren in the 16th Century, the game of cricket (affectionately known as the “Gentlemen’s Game” by its players and fans) has taken root all around the world. Cricket, a truly international sport, has spread to the far corners of the Earth: the Indian Subcontinent, Australia, South Africa, the Caribbean, and most recently, East Cobb County.

This past fall, juniors Dev Chatterjee, Michael Vobejda, DJ Aladesanmi, and sophomore Kartik Sundaram joined forces to start the Wheeler Cricket Club (WCC) at Wheeler High School in Marietta/East Cobb. The newly founded club strives to promote a healthy, active lifestyle as well as paramount athletic integrity and sportsmanship within the team and around the school. The club carries this mindset (known traditionally as “the Spirit of the Game”) with them off the field as well, translating this community-driven mentality into involvement in school events and various community-service projects. Dr. James Carter, the teacher sponsor of the club, British literature teacher and cricket-enthusiast, says, “I know of no sport that builds more character than does cricket.”

The Wheeler Cricket Club is a diverse group, with players of all backgrounds and varying degrees of previous experience. The formation of the club has managed to spread the popularity of the sport to other Georgia high schools, such as Campbell High School and Alpharetta High School. Wheeler recently played both teams in friendly matches, and has been working on broadening the appeal of the sport to new audiences. The WCC has also played in invitational tournaments at Georgia Tech and in Birmingham, Alabama.

“I joined cricket club because I love playing and watching cricket. It is one of my favorite sports because the game is not partial to just those that are very athletic or those that have other advantages. It is a very sophisticated game that requires skill to play,” shares Wheeler Cricket team member, Ashruth Reddy.

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Cathedral of Turner Chapel, 492 North Marietta Parkway NE, Marietta, 30060

Lassiter High School • May 24 • 2:30pm

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PROTECT EAST COBB FROM OVERDEVELOPMENT



In the March 2014 issue of the East Cobb, Isakson Living purchased an advertorial for the proposed retirement community to be developed on the Tritt property next to East Cobb Park on Roswell Rd/Hwy 120. The majority of the article stresses the need for an opportunity for local residents to age in place, a wonderful concept that I can support. The many wonderful aspects of our community will continue to attract affluent members of the Atlanta area as the population continues to age.

However, crammed into the last three paragraphs, the meat of the proposal leaves much to be desired. There are three major issues that misconstrue the realities of this development: traffic impact, tax dollars, and jobs. For a more comprehensive review of the traffic study, please visit www.cceastcobb.com. Our January 6, 2014 blog entry breaks down the traffic study and shows that there were several invalid basic assumptions. By using a different classification for the study than the one they should have, which more accurately reflects the traffic presumptions, they were able to estimate a traffic density of roughly half the actual valid estimate. This results in a gross miscalculation that masks the realities of what this development will do to the Roswell Rd. corridor, especially when viewed in conjunction with the new Wellstar project being developed essentially across the street. Further, the article references the "eventual widening of Hwy 120". Right now, there is no road-widening project slated before 2040.

With respect to the argument on the tax dollar projections, the claim is that we will be adding to the tax rolls without adding students to the current school population. While it is accurate that this project will collect tax revenue for schools, unlike a collection of senior residents, they assume this "age in place" development does not add any students to the local schools. Well, if aged residents



(over 62) are selling their homes to move in to the development, who is going to buy their house? Another aged resident, or a new and growing young family? The sales pitch has been that this development is for locals who want to stay here. When they sell their homes, new families will take their place and will very much add to the local school population.

Finally, the article addresses job creation which is an important and worthy goal. However this point underscores the problems with the traffic study which does not take into account the "hundreds of employees" coming and going 24 hours per day.

In conclusion, the project in the abstract is a wonderful concept. Yes, it would even be a boost for Cobb County on a different tract of land not surrounded by low density residential zoning. There are two options: scale back the project scope or find more suitable location for the existing 748 unit apartment-style project. The density is too high, the negative traffic impact will strangle an already choked Hwy 120, and the scope will dwarf the surrounding low-density subdivisions. The donation of parkland is a great way to curry favor with the local community and my daughters welcome the additional area to play, but the "soon to be donated, if I get my way with zoning" land in question is designated wetland runoff and is unbuildable anyway. The sheer size and scope of this project make it unsuitable for this location.

CONCERNED CITIZENS OF EAST COBB

The Concerned Citizens of East Cobb represent thousands of East Cobbers who want the Tritt property to be respectfully developed or fully conserved for a park. For additional information, please visit our website at www.cceastcobb.com or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cceastcobb



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Kell Students Sponsoring Twilight Dash on May 10

Chick-fil-A Leader Academy is a national high school leadership program focused on impact through action. Chick-fil-A Leader Academy launched in more than 20 high schools across the metro Atlanta area during the 2013-2014 school year. Kell High School was selected to be a part of this Chick-fil-A Leader Academy. Chick-fil-A Leader Academy involves 30 students per school in a seven month curriculum, with an opportunity for the entire student body to get involved in the Impact Project portion. Kell High School's Chick-fil-A Leader Academy students are planning a community impact project named the "Twilight Dash" to be held on Saturday, May 10. The funds raised at this special event will be used to package and send 500 care packages for troops overseas. "We want to raise awareness for the event and to help the troops who bravely serve our country at home and abroad," says Maria Lutz, a sophomore and a member of the Chick-fil-A Leader Academy at Kell High School.

The Twilight Dash is a fun run at night with glow sticks and finger lights. A glowing, flashing, blinking, shining, night time running party and fundraiser in one! The festivities kick off at Kell High School at 6:30pm, with bounce houses, face painting, music, and games. At 8:30pm, the run will begin. The cost to run is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages twelve and under, \$8 each for teams of up to five people, and free for veterans and active military personnel. Registration can be found on the Kell High School Website (www.carlton-jkellhighschool.com). Additionally, registration may be accessed scanning the QR Code below. The Twilight Dash will be a one-of-a-kind night time experience that is less about how fast you run or walk and more about much fun you have and how many troops the Kell students will help! So, come light up the course with your friends and family! Whether you are a fast runner, a weekend jogger, or a casual walker you are invited to be a part of the Twilight Dash!

Kell High School is located at 4770 Lee Waters Road in Marietta 30066. For more information, contact Ben Needle at ben.needle@cobbk12.org. 

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Mt. Bethel Odyssey of the Mind Team Needs Donations to Finance their Trip to the World Finals




▲ Mt. Bethel Odyssey of the Mind Team: Marian Flint, William Sharrow, Liam Murphy, Justin Cohen, Sofia Anderson, Justin Cohen, Rainey Sharrow.

A group of creative and hard-working fourth and fifth graders from Mt. Bethel Elementary School are on an incredible journey this year. This team of students and their coaches formed a first year Odyssey of the Mind team. Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem solving and team building opportunities. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to the competition on the local, state and world level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and about 25 countries participate.

The Mt. Bethel team competed in Division I of the performance problem "Seeing is Believing". The problem involved creating and presenting an original performance about a community that feels threatened by something in a location it has never visited. The community townspeople use a creative method to select one or more travelers to visit and explore the location. The team created an original script, props, backdrops and a moving set piece with no adult help or suggestions.

The team received first place at the regional competition and received second place at the state finals. The team will proudly go on to represent the state of Georgia at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa on May 28th.

The team is actively fundraising around East Cobb to fund their trip to the world competition. To make a contribution to "the little team that could" visit: www.gofundme.com/7zm240. 

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24th Annual Marietta Greek Festival To Be Held May 16, 17 & 18!

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Countless diets will be put on hold when the Greek American community of Marietta prepares homemade Greek food and pastries for hungry Georgians from all over the Metro-Atlanta area. This year the Greek Orthodox Community is stepping up its charitable efforts by targeting five organizations which include WellStar, Hiring Heroes, Loving Arms Cancer Research, Shepherd Spinal Center and Jacob's Ladder. Veteran Festival Chairman, Steve Tingas, shared, "Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church gives back to the local community year around. However, now through the Marietta Greek Festival we are able to contribute even more through these worthwhile charities." This year's festival again features a live Greek band from Dayton, Ohio, playing traditional Greek songs while Hellenic dance troupes perform floor shows all weekend. Patrons will be seated in the South's only authentic Greek Amphitheater. The breathtaking Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church will open its sanctuary and chapel doors for guided tours revealing the intricate iconography giving visitors a glimpse into the ancient Christian church of Byzantium. There is plenty of convenient free parking with continuous free shuttles picking up eager festival goers and delivering them

right to the entrance of the festival. When visitors are ready to depart, the same shuttles will transport them back to their vehicles. Admission is only \$4.00 and children 12 and under are free. Speaking of the kids, there will be a special play area for children where there will be games, activities and crafts to entertain them too. Niko's Taverna offers the opportunity to sample Greek wines, beers and liqueurs while indulging in mouthwatering appetizers. In the Agora, (Marketplace) there will be a multitude of vendors displaying jewelry, clothing, souvenirs, etc. with a Mediterranean flavor to satisfy those who enjoy shopping.

The Marietta Greek Festival was born in 1990 before there were church grounds, far less a church. The Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church started in a shopping center and held their first several Greek Festivals at the Cobb County Civic Center. The festival is held on the church grounds located at 3431 Trickum Road, in Marietta/East Cobb. It will open on Friday, May 16th at 3pm until 11pm and will continue on Saturday from 10 am to 11pm and finally, on Sunday from 11am. to 7pm. For more information, visit www.MariettaGreekFestival.org or call the Festival Hotline at 770-924-8080. ☎



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- Simpson Middle School, Trickum Rd. (After 5pm Friday & all day Saturday & Sunday)
- Church of Latter Day Saints, Trickum Rd. (Friday & Saturday all day except Sunday)
- Lassiter High School, Shallowford Rd. (after 4pm Friday & all day Saturday & Sunday)

DAY CAMPS

ANIMALS DESERVE BETTER, INC

3100 Roswell Rd Suite 125, Marietta 30062
678-935-8762 • animalsdeservebetter.org
June 2-August 1. 9am- 1pm. Ages 8-15. Cost: \$250/week.
Humane Education Camp has one simple goal- to teach kids how to appreciate and care for dogs. Children will interact with dogs and get hands on experience in caring for dogs, learning responsibility and appreciating the comfort and love that man's best can provide.

THE ART PLACE – MOUNTAIN VIEW SUMMER CAMPS

3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066
770-509-2700 • theartplace.us
June 2-August 1. Ages 2-18. Cost Varies depending on camp.
A facility of the Cobb County Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Department. Check website for camp offerings.

ATLANTA SWIM ACADEMY CAMP H2O

Atlanta Swim Academy
732 Johnson Ferry Rd, Marietta 30068
770-973-3120 • atlantaswimacademy.com
May 27--August 8. 9am- 5pm. Ages 4-12. Cost: \$275/week.
Enjoy our safe, organized learning environment that also offers the benefits of physical activity! Every week we'll explore different themes, from legendary pirate tales to mythical creatures through the ages, there's something to excite everyone.

BRAIN BLASTERS 4 KIDS

900 Forest Pond Drive, Marietta 30068
678-776-6459 • brainblasters4kids.com
June 16-20, June 23-27. 10am-3pm. Rising 1st-5th Grade.
Cost: \$200-\$350/week.
A program for all learners to excel and is a great way for your child to practice what they have learned through interactive games and activities in a high energy, hands on environment.

CAMP INVENTION

Sedalia Park
2230 Lower Roswell Rd, Marietta 30068
1-800-968-4332 • campinvention.org
June 16-19. 8am-4pm. Grades: Rising 1st-6th. Cost: \$ 220-235/week. Our hands-on programs help students to think like scientists. At Camp Invention, children develop questions, observe details, collect information, form explanations and apply their understanding to the world around them.

CHATTAHOOCHEE NATURE CENTER - CAMP KINGFISHER

9135 Willeo Road, Roswell 30075
770-671-9019 • chattnaturecenter.com
May 27-August 8. 9am-4pm. K-9th grade. Cost/Member: \$328/week. Cost/Non-Member: \$410/week. Check website. Increase your child's understanding of the natural world through safe and supervised environmental education programs and dynamic outdoor activities.

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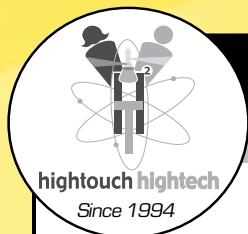
2060 Lower Roswell Rd, Marietta 30066
404-804-1238 • cheerrevolutionsallstars.com
June 9-13 and July 21-25. 9:30am-2:30pm. Ages: 10 and under.
Cost: \$200/week with a \$50 deposit. As part of our camps, perfect and tune-up the tumbling skills you currently have.

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2060 Lower Roswell Rd, Marietta 30066
404-804-1238 • cheerrevolutionsallstars.com
June 16-20, June 23-27, July 14-18, & July 28-August 1.
9:30am-3:30pm. All Ages. Cost: \$250/week with a \$50 deposit. As part of our squads and camps, perfect and tune-up the tumbling skills you currently have.

CLUB SCIENTIFIC SUMMER SCIENCE CAMPS

4385 Lower Roswell Rd, Marietta 30068
678-493-5651 • clubscientific.com
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770-565-8005 • <https://classes.cookswarehouse.com/classreg/public/series.asp>
Fun Foods - June 23 - 27, June 9 - 13, 10am-1pm. Ages 6 - 9
Cost: \$275. Grow Local, Cook Global- July 14 - 18, June 9 - 13, 10am-1pm. Ages 10+. Cost: \$375/week.
Morning, Noon and Night- July 7 - 11, June 16 - 20, 10am-1pm. Ages 10+. Cost: \$375/week.
Touring the USA - July 14 - 18, 10am-1pm. Ages 6 - 9. Cost: \$275/week. If you are looking for a new and unique activity for your child this summer, you may want to check out The Cook's Warehouse. They have cooking classes for children of all ages.

FULLERS RECREATION CENTER

3499 Robinson Road, Marietta 30067
770-509-2737 • prca.cobbcountyga.gov/fullerreccenter-summercamps.htm
June 2-August 1. No camp week of July 4. 7am-5pm.
Kids Camp (Ages 6-10) is a general recreation camp that includes sports, games, arts and crafts, and many more fun activities. Teen Camp (ages 12-15) is designed for teenagers to have a fun and exciting summer with sports, special projects, acting in leadership roles, and interacting with other county teen camps. Cost: \$100/week/resident; \$125/week/non-resident.

THE GEORGIA BALLET SUMMER DANCE CAMPS

The Georgia Ballet
1255 Field Parkway, Marietta 30066
770-528-0881 • georgiaballet.org
INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED- June 2-27. Ages 10+. 9:45am-6:15pm
MINI CAMPS - June 7-July 19. Ages 4-8. Various dates and hours. Call/visit website for pricing.
Summer is the ideal time to try a new dance form, begin a ballet class, or refine your dance training. The Georgia Ballet's Summer Dance program offers camps and classes for students of all ages and experience levels.

GEORGIA MUSICAL ARTS CENTER MUSIC/SCIENCE/WRITING CAMPS

4180 Providence Rd Suite 320, Marietta 30062
678-719-2689 • georgiamusicalartscenter.com
May 26-Aug 1. 9am-4pm. Ages 4-16. Cost: \$275-350/week. Camp sessions include piano, guitar, children's choir, wild animals, sea animals, Chinese Festivals, and Visual Arts.

GINEPRI PERFORMANCE TENNIS SUMMER CAMP

Olde Town Athletic Club
4950 Towne Pkwy, Marietta 30068
770-578-9901 • ginepriperformancetennis.com
May 27-Aug 1. 9am-2pm. Ages 5-18. Cost: \$335/week. The program provides campers age with A disciplined approach to learning and improving each child's tennis game. Campers will learn the training methods and practice habits required to become an accomplished player.

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HIGH TOUCH-HIGH TECH SCIENCE CAMP

at various locations, visit website for details.
770-667-9443 • sciencemadefunatl.net
June 2- Aug 1. No camp week of July 4. 9am-3pm. Grades: Rising K-5th grade. Cost \$240-260/week. The hands-on science experience made fun. All summer programs are taught by degreed professionals.

JAZZERKAMP

East Cobb Jazzercise
736 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068
770-643-8090 • eastcobbjazz.com
June 16-20 1-4 pm. For girls in grades 1st - 6th grades. Cost: \$150/week.

JOHNSON FERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068
770-973-6561 • johnsonferry.org
June 9-August 1. Ages 4-16. Call for pricing.
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KELL HIGH SCHOOL -JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL CAMP

4770 Lee Waters Road, Marietta 30066
770-653-4382 • Tracy.densmore@cobbk12.org
May 28-30. Grades: Elementary-middle. Cost: \$90/week.

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY-SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw Road, Kennesaw 30144
678-797-2187 • ksuowls.com/camps
Middle School All Skills Camp. July 11-13. 9am-4pm. Grades: 5th-8th. Cost: \$240/week.
High School All Skills Camp. July 15-17. 9am-4pm. Grades: 9th-12th. Cost: \$240/week.

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY-SUMMER FUN & SPORTS CAMPS

KSW Sports & Recreation Park, 390 Big Shanty Road, Kennesaw 30144
678-797-2917 • ksuclubsports.com/camp
For Rising 2nd - Rising 7th graders. June 2-6, June 9-13, June 16-20, June 23-27, July 14-18, July 21-25. 9am-4:30pm. Cost \$175/week. A unique opportunity for campers to participate in a variety of traditional and non-traditional sports and activities such as: kickball, pillow polo, chaos, trashball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, handball and more.

LASSITER HIGH SCHOOL -SUMMER YOUTH SOCCER CAMP

2601 Shallowford Road, Marietta 30066
217-714-4308 • Samuel.dietrich@cobbk12.org
July 21-23.. Grades: Rising 3rd-9th . 9am-12pm.
Cost: \$85-\$115/week.

MJCCA SUMMER DAY CAMPS

5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody 30338
678-812-4132 • atlantajcc.org
May 27-August 1. 9am-4pm. Ages: PreK-16. Weekly traditional, sports, specialty, teen, and preschool camps. Cost: Call for rates. Visit website for day camp options.

MT. PARAN NORTH SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

1700 Allgood Road, Marietta 30062
678-285-3248 • mpnsports.com
May 27-August 1. 8am-6pm. Ages 6-12. Sports, games, swimming, hiking, skating, and much more! Weekly sessions. Cost: \$110/week + \$50 activity fee.

MT. ZION HOOPS2HEAVEN BASKETBALL DREAMS SUMMER CAMP

1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30062
770-971-1465, ext. 250 • mtzionumc.org
Advanced Skills Camp. June 3-6. 9:30am-12:30pm. Ages: 10-14. Cost: \$75/week.
Basic Skills Camp. June 9-12. 1:30pm-4:30pm. Ages: 6-9. Cost: \$75/week.

NORTH ATLANTA FENCING CENTER SUMMER CAMP

10029 Hwy Suite 124, Woodstock 30188
770-485-3556 • northatlantafc.wordpress.com
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OUR PAL'S PLACE - CAMP O.P.P.

4508 Canton Road, Marietta 30066
678-361-7623 • camps@ourpalsplace.org
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POPE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

3001 Hembree Road, Marietta 30062
770-578-7920 • patrick.abney@cobbk12.org
June 9-12 June 23-26, July 21-24. Ages: 8-15. 9am-4pm. Cost: \$170/week

POPE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

3001 Hembree Road, Marietta 30062
678-977-3988 • courtney.harris@cobbk12.org
June 16-19, Ages: 7-14. 9am-3:30pm. Cost: \$170/week

POPE HIGH SCHOOL FENCING CAMP

3001 Hembree Road, Marietta 30062
popefencing.org/camp
July 14-17. 9am-12pm. Grades: Rising 6th-12th grade. Cost: \$200/week. Through fun and games learn basic fencing skills.

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POPE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL SKILLS CAMP

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June 9-12. 9am-12pm. Ages: 6-12. Cost: \$100/week. The camp mission is to enjoy the fun of softball and increase personal skills and ability while also teaching the importance of team work, togetherness, and ethical play.

POPE HIGH SCHOOL - GREYHOUNDS SUMMER YOUTH SOCCER CAMP

3001 Hembree Road, Marietta 30062
Richard.groeneveld@cobbk12.org • popesoccer.org
June 17-21. Ages 5-10: 9am-12pm. Ages 11-14: 6-8:30pm. Cost: \$105/week.

POSH TOT EVENTS SUMMER CAMP

The Gilbert House
38 Sloan Street Roswell, Georgia 30075
770-695-9006 • poshtotevents.com
June 2-27. 9:30am-12:30pm. Ages 3-8. Cost: \$175/week. Princess Manners & Etiquette, Adventure Week and Arts & Crafts.

PRIMROSE SCHOOL OF SPRAYBERRY EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP

2531 East Piedmont Road, Marietta 30062
770-578-4832 • primrosesprayberry.com
May 27-August 1. 6:30am-6:30pm. Ages 5-12. Call for Rates. Make new friends, learn something new and explore the world. Call/check website for details.

SAFE AMERICA FOUNDATION DRIVER EDUCATION FOR TEENS

2480 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066
770-973-7233 • safeamericadrivers.org
May 27-August 1. Ages: 15-19. 9am-3:30pm. Cost: \$399/week (use code RR75).

SAS BLACK OPS

1280 Field Parkway, Marietta 30066
678-659-9319 • sasblackops.com
June and July dates. Tuesday-Friday. 9:00am-5:00pm. Call for ages. Cost: \$195/week. Each camp will have a specific tactical focus with training from various guest speakers and Cadre members.

SCHOOL OF ROCK EAST COBB RECORDING AND SONGWRITING CAMP

2515 East Piedmont Road, Marietta 30062
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770-751-3646 • thespanishacademy.com

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736 Johnson Ferry Rd, Marietta 30068

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May 27-August 1. Times vary per camp. Ages 5-14. Cost:

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678-427-3502 • upbeatstringcamp.com
July 14- July 17. 8:30am-4pm. Grades 6th-12th. Cost: \$250/week.

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1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta 30062
770-541-1228 • waltoncheerleading.com
May 28-30. 9am-12pm (6th-8th grade). 1-4pm (K-5th grade). Cost: \$75/week.

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL – SPORTS CAMP

1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta 30062
678-463-6592 • rocky.hidalgo@cobbk12.org
June 2-5. 9am-12noon. Ages: 6-12. A variety of competitive games that emphasize the development of athletic skills and are designed to increase a child's understanding of the value of teamwork and cooperation. Cost: \$90/week.

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YMCA SPORTS CAMP

>McCleskey-East Cobb YMCA
1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta 30062
770-977-5991 • ymcapass.com/nyc.shtml
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3010 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30062
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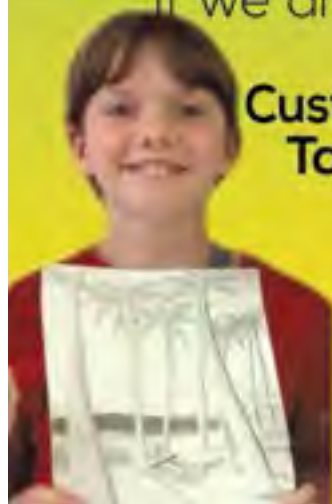
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Name, Address & Contact Info	Program Name	Age	Dates	Time	Cost
Chestnut Ridge Christian Church 2663 Johnson Ferry Road • Marietta 30062 770-971-8888 • www.eastcobbcoc.org	"Workshop of Wonders"	Rising K-5th grade	Monday-Friday July 28-August 1	6pm-8pm	Free
East Cobb Church of Christ 5240 Roswell Road • Marietta 30062 770-587-5999 • www.eastcobbcoc.org	"Wilderness Escape"	3-10 yrs	Sunday-Wednesday June 22-25	6-8:30pm	Free
East Cobb Presbyterian Church 4616 Roswell Road NE • Marietta 30062 770-973-4114 • www.ecpca.org	"GENESIS 1: Space Probe"	PreK (completed) - 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 2-June 6	9am -12:30pm	Free/i-shirt \$15
Eastminster Presbyterian Church 3125 Sewell Mill Road • Marietta 30062 770-977-2976 • www.epres.com	"Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides"	4 yrs - 4th grade (completed)	Monday-Friday June 23-27	9am-12:30pm	\$20/child
Eastside Baptist Church 2450 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 770-971-2323, ext. 5866 • www.ebcfamily.org	"Agency D3"	K-5th grade	Sunday-Thursday June 22-26	9:15am-12:30pm	Free
Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Paul 1795 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30062 770-977-7473 • www.peterandpaul.org	"Themes of Peace"	4 yrs - Rising 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 16-20	1-4pm	\$15/child \$25/family
Holy Family Church 3401 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 770-973-0038 • www.holyfamilycc.org	"Wilderness Escape"	4-10 yrs	Monday-Friday June 16-20	10am - 12pm	\$45 (1 child); \$70 (2 children); \$85 (3 or more)
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 2922 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066 770-971-4600 • www.holytrinitymarietta.org	"Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love is One of a Kind"	3 yrs- 5th grade	Monday-Saturday June 9--14	Mon-Fri: 9am-12pm Sat: 5:30pm	\$25
Johnson Ferry Baptist Church 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068 770-973-6561 • www.johnsonferry.org	"Bug Dynasty"	Kindergarten-5th grade	Monday-Friday June 16-20	Monday: 6pm Tues-Fri: 8:45am-12:15pm	Free
Lutheran Church of the Incarnation 1200 Indian Hills Parkway • Marietta 30068 770-982-1790 • www.lcilutheran.org	"SonRock Kids Camp"	4-11 yrs	Monday-Friday June 16-20	9am-12pm	\$22/child
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 4814 Paper Mill Road, Marietta 30067 770-953-3193 • www.lcmmarietta.org	"Workshop of Wonders"	Pre-K-5th grade	Monday-Friday June 23-27	1-4pm	\$20 first child; \$15/ additional child
Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068 770-971-2880 • www.mtbethel.org	"Son Treasure Island"	4 yrs (by Sept. 1) Rising 6th grade	Monday-Thursday June 9-12	12:30pm-3:30pm	\$25 members/\$30 non-member
Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church 4385 Lower Roswell Road • Marietta 30068 770-971-2880 • www.mtbethel.org	"Love2"	Family Unit	Sunday-Tuesday July 13-15	6-8:30pm	\$50/family
Mount Paran North Church of God 1700 Allgood Road • Marietta 30062 770-578-9081 • www.mtparan.com	"Weird Animals"	3 years-K (completed)	Monday-Friday June 9-13	9am-12pm	\$25/child
Mount Paran North Church of God 1700 Allgood Road • Marietta 30062 770-578-9081 • www.mtparan.com	"Spend Awhile on the Nile"	1st-5th grade	Monday-Friday June 9-13	9am-3:30pm	\$55/child

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Mt. Zion United Methodist Church 4770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30062 770-971-1465 • www.mtzionumc.org	"God Will Make a Way in the Wilderness"	3 yrs (potty trained) - rising 4th grade	Monday-Friday June 16-20	9:30am-12:30pm	\$25/child; \$75 max/family
Noonday Baptist Church 4121 Canton Road, Marietta 30066 770-926-6138 • www.noondaychurch.org	"Weird Animals"	Rising K-6th grade (completed)	Monday-Friday July 14-18	6-8:30pm	Free
Pilgrimage United Church of Christ 3755 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066 770-971-0007 • www.pilgrimageucc.org	"Guide Feet into the Way of Peace"	3 yrs-5th grade	Monday-Friday July 14-18	9am-12pm	\$30/child; \$75/family
Powers Ferry United Methodist Church 245 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta 30067 770-973-5271 • www.powerumc.com	"Journey to the Wacky World of Weird Animals"	4 yrs - 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 2-6	9:30am-12pm	Free
Roswell United Methodist Church 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Marietta 30075 770-993-6218 • www.rumc.com	"Cokesbury's Workshop of Wonders"	4 yrs-Rising 5th grade	Monday-Thursday June 16-19	9am-12:30pm	\$30/child; \$90 family cap
Sandy Plains Baptist Church 2825 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066 770-971-8525 • www.sandyplains.org	"Agency D3"	Pre-K - 8th grade	Monday-Friday June 23-27	9am-12pm	Free
St. Catherine's Episcopal Church 571 Holt Road, Marietta 30068 770-971-2839 • www.stcatherines.org	"Weird Animals"	4 yrs-Rising 4th grade	Monday-Thursday June 30-July 3	9am-12pm	\$35
Unity North Atlanta Church 4255 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066 678-325-9314 • www.unitynorth.org	"Camp NorthStar: Jungle Jam 2014"	5-11 yrs	Monday-Friday July 14-18	9am-12:30pm	\$75
Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church 4495 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066 770-993-4919 • www.wesleychapelumc.com	"Son Treasure Island"	3 yrs (potty trained)-Rising 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 23-27	9:30-12:30pm	\$20 includes t-shirt

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EVERY TUESDAY AND SATURDAY

Feeding Time at the Chattahoochee Nature Center. Join a naturalist for an in-depth look at one of their resident animals as they are being fed. 4pm. Admission: \$10/adults; \$7/seniors and students; \$6/children (ages 3-12); free/ages 2 and under. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055.

EVERY THURSDAY

Brown Bag Concert Series. Grab your lunch at one of the many great restaurants around Marietta Square and meet your friends and coworkers at Glover Park every Thursday in May. 12-1pm. More info: 770-794-5601 or www.mariettaga.gov.

READING Paws. This one-on-one program is designed to promote confidence and to encourage independent reading skills. Recommended for grades 1-5. Registration required. 3:30-4:30pm. East Cobb Library, 4880 Lower Roswell Road, Suite 510-B, Marietta. More info: 770-509-2730 or www.readingpaws.org.

EVERY SATURDAY

Free Arts and Crafts at Lakeshore Learning Store. It's spring! Make a Bird's Nest, Write and Wipe Schedule, Sunny Days Light Catcher, Storytelling Puppet. 11am-3pm. Ages 3 and up. Lakeshore Learning Store, 4287 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-578-3100 or www.lakeshorelearning.com.

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Good Mews Spring Flea Market. Find great bargains on a variety of items. Saturdays: 9am-5pm. Sundays: Noon-5pm. All proceeds benefit Good Mews Animal Foundation, a local non-profit organization which operates a volunteer-based no-kill shelter for homeless, abused, and abandoned cats. Donations for the flea market accepted at the storefront every Saturday (10am-2pm) and Sunday (12-3pm) until May 10, and by appointment during the week. Email: kmcnamara@goodmews.org to schedule a donation. Piedmont Commons Shopping Center, 1050 E. Piedmont Road, Marietta, 30062. More info: 770-499-2287 or www.goodmews.org.

Marietta Square Farmers Market featuring products that are grown and produced in Georgia, including produce, plants, honey, breads, and cheese. Saturday: 10am-1pm. Sunday: 12-3pm. Glover Park-Marietta Square. More info: jfulmer@churchstreetmarket.com or www.mariettafarmersmarket.net.

Trail Hikes. A docent guides you on a journey through the Chattahoochee Nature Center trails using biofacts and activities to spark your "natural" curiosity. 1pm. Admission: \$10/adults; \$6/seniors; \$5/ages 3-12. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055.

THROUGH JULY 3

ONE: Alexi Torres Exhibition. Cuban born Alexi Torres has perfected a unique technique of oil painting. Torres gets inspiration from leaves, feathers and other organic materials and his subjects appear to be knitted or woven. Free/Member; \$8/guest. Tues-Fri: 11am-5pm; Sat: 11am-4pm; Sun: 1-4pm. Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, 30 Atlanta Street, Marietta. More info: 770-528-1444 or www.mariettacobbartmuseum.org.



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MAY 2

First Friday Art Walk. Self-guided tour of the Marietta Square's eclectic art scene. Galleries, museums, cultural venues, restaurants and boutiques host artists within their businesses on the first Friday of every month, rain or shine. Look for an official Art Walk banner in the window to identify the participating venues. 5-9pm. Historic Marietta Square, 17 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. More info: www.artwalkmarietta.com.

MAY 2-3

Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society. The event is held overnight as individuals and teams camp out at an athletic track or park, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track at all times throughout the evening. Relay brings together the community aimed at furthering the American Cancer Society's efforts to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back. 7pm-7am. Jim Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta. More info: 770-429-1624 www.cobbrelay.org.

MAY 2, 4

The Atlanta Opera: *The Barber of Seville*. The wily barber Figaro aids Count Almaviva in wooing the radiant maiden, Rosina. With masterful disguises and hilarious antics, romance unfurls right under the nose of an aghast Dr. Bartolo, intent on marrying Rosina himself. Rossini's delightful comedy *The Barber of Seville* has elicited peals of laughter from opera lovers for generations! Friday: 8pm. Sunday: 3pm. \$23-\$131. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 770-916-2800, www.cobbenergycentre.com, or www.ticketmaster.com.



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MAY 3

The Drake Walk. 1m and 5k Walks through historic Roswell and family friendly festival activities, entertainment, raffle and more. The walk will benefit the Drake House which helps homeless women and their children get back on their feet. Check-in: 9:30am. Walk and Festival: 10am-2pm. \$15/individual; \$30/family; \$10/each for group of 10 or more. Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell. More info: 770-587-4712 or www.thedrakewalk.org.

Free Comic Book Day. Each year, participating comic book shops across North America and around the world give away comic books for absolutely free to anyone who comes into their stores. This year's list of free comics includes: Teen Titans Go! Archie, The Simpsons, Hellboy, Guardians of the Galaxy, Grimm Fairy Tales, Transformers, and more! 11am-7pm. 12-2pm, guest artists. Dr. No's Comics & Games Superstore, 3372 Canton Road, Suite 104, Marietta. More info: 770-422-4642 or www.freecomicbookday.com.

Helicopter Rides and Helicopter Day at the Aviation Wing of the Marietta Museum of History. 10am-3pm. Tickets: \$40/person. \$5 parking fee. Corner of Atlanta Road and South Cobb Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-794-5710 or www.mariettahistory.org.

Taste of East Cobb presented by Walton High School Marching Band. Tastes from the area's finest restaurants, arts and crafts, kids activities, live music, silent auction and more. Free admission. Tastes are \$1 to \$5. Cash only. 11am-5pm, rain or shine (under tents). Fountains of Olde Towne Shopping Center, 736 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: www.tasteofeastcobb.com.

MAY 3

White Out Run for A VOICE 5K & Festival. Proceeds from the event will go to support VOICE Today in their mission to end child sexual abuse. The race will begin and end at the head office at Shallowford Road and Lassiter Road. Following the race will be the VOICE Today Spring Festival with music, games, food and fun for the whole family! Early registration \$25 or on event day \$35 (race shirts limited). VOICE Today, 3855 Shallowford Road, Marietta. More info/to register: www.voicetoday.org/run

Community Coffee House. Hosted by East Cobb United Methodist Church, this family-friendly concert features Ron Hipp and Carol Statella's acoustic folk music. 7:30-9:30pm. \$12/person; \$25/family. East Cobb United Methodist Church, Activities Building, 2325 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: bobonstein@bellsouth.net.

MAY 5

Cobb Chamber First Monday Breakfast. Featured Speakers: Shan Cooper, VP and General Manager, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company and Joe Kirby, Editorial Page Editor, Marietta Daily Journal. Program: Cobb Executive Women Distinction Award. 7:30am. General admission: \$60. Member: \$40. Cobb Galleria Centre, Two Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 770-980-2000 or www.cobbchamber.org.

MAY 7

Rain Barrel Make & Take Workshop. Participants will create their own rain barrels from 55 gallon drums so come dressed to be outdoors and working with power tools. 2-3pm. Free. Limit 1 barrel per household. Cobb County residents only. Registration required. Cobb County Water Quality Laboratory, 662 South Cobb Drive, Marietta. More info/to register: 770-528-1482 or watershed.cobbcountyga.gov/files/rainbarrels.htm.



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MAY 8

Business to Business Expo presented by Cobb County Chamber of Commerce. More than 160 companies showcase their products and services. Open to the public. 3-7pm. Free. Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 770-980-2000 or www.cobbchamber.org.

High Meadows School Kindergarten Open House. Learn about the many benefits of a High Meadows education. 8:45 a.m. High Meadows School, 1055 Willeo Road, Roswell 30075. Register at highmeadows.org. More info: 770-993-2940.

MAY 8 & 9

XPLOSION. Pope High School Band will be performing a unique and extraordinary musical performance. 7pm. Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. Pope High School, 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta. More info: www.popeband.com.

MAY 8-10

Spring Bargainata brought to you by The Atlanta Section of the National Council of Jewish Women. Find new or gently worn men's and women's Designer Clothing, shoes, purses, accessories and housewares. Proceeds from this sale help to fund programs which benefit Atlanta's women, children and families. Preview night admission fee: \$25 in advance; \$35 at the door. May 8: preview night 7-10pm; May 9: 11am-6pm; May 10: 11am-7pm. Hilderbrand Court Shopping Center, 6125 Roswell Rd. Atlanta, 30328. More info: 404-843-9600 or www.ncjwatlanta.org.



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MAY 9

2014 5th Annual Thriving Children Gala. Benefits The Center for Children & Young Adults. This event brings Hollywood to Atlanta for a special Atlantawood on the Red Carpet! Silent auction, food, drinks, fashion, and hair show. 7pm. Tickets: \$75. The Fox Theatre Egyptian Ballroom, 600 Peachtree Street, Atlanta. More info: 770-485-1659 or www.atlthrivingchildren.org.

MAY 9

Casino Night. A Fundraiser for the North Atlanta Soccer Association (NASA). A night of fun, food and entertainment. In addition to blackjack, there will also be Texas Hold 'Em, roulette, craps and Wheel of Fortune tables, several raffles and a silent auction. All proceeds go to NASA's field improvements. 21 and older only. \$75/ticket. 7-10pm. The Pavillion of East Cobb, 736 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-926-4175.

Cobb Executive Women Luncheon. Speaker: Christian Hardigree, Founding Director & Professor of The Institute for Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality of Kennesaw State University (KSU), will speak about KSU's unique degree program. 11am-1pm. Members: \$20 online (by noon, May 7) or \$35 at door. Guests: \$30 online (by noon, May 7) or \$45 at door. The Georgian Club, 100 Galleria Parkway, 17th Floor, Atlanta. More info: 770-859-2320 or www.cobbchamber.org.

MAY 9-10, 16-17, 23-24

At First Sight. The Polk Street Players present the sparkling and hilarious romantic comedy by Anne Pie. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 8pm. Sunday: 2:30pm. Saturday May 10 and 17, dinner also served at 7pm. Tickets: \$12.50/person; \$20 for Saturday dinner shows. St. James Episcopal Church, 161 Church Street, Marietta, 30060. For reservations: 770-218-9669.



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MAY 9-11

46th Annual Mother's Day Gem and Mineral Show presented by the Georgia Mineral Society. Educational exhibits, club displays, mineral and fossil specimens. Free. Friday-Saturday: 10am-6pm. Sunday: Noon-5pm. Auction held Saturday at 1pm. Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta. More info: 770-979-8331 or www.gamineral.org.

MAY 9-11 & 15-17

Always a Bridesmaid presented by CenterStage North. In this comedic romp, four friends have sworn to keep the promise they made on the night of their Senior Prom: to be in each other's weddings . . . no matter what. More than thirty years later, these Southern friends-for-life are still making "the long walk" for each other, determined to honor that vow. Thursday-Friday: 8pm. Saturday: 2pm & 8pm. Sunday: 2pm. \$15 in advance. \$17 at the door. The Art Place-Mountain View, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info/tickets: 770-331-0079 or www.centerstagenorth.org.

MAY 10

2014 SafeTeen Georgia Driving Academy. This event allows teens 14 or older and their parents/guardians to learn the basics of safe driving through engaging interactive presentations and demonstrations taught by Safe America Foundation training staff, law enforcement, fire fighter, emergency medical personnel and judges. 9am-3pm. \$20/parent-teen pair. \$10/each additional attendee. Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta 30339. More info: 770-973-7233 or www.safeamerica.org.

Georgia Symphony Orchestra (GSO) Jazz Concert. Sam Skelton and the GSO Jazz presents an unforgettable night of music. 8pm. \$28/adults. \$10/students. Earl Smith Strand Theatre, 117 North Park Square, Marietta. More info: 770-429-7016 or www.georgiasymphony.org.

Rockin' at the River – Light the Night. Annual fundraiser for the Chattahoochee Nature Center (CNC). Enjoy great food, dance the night away, meet a few of CNC's feathered friends and take home exciting items from the live and silent auction. Main Event: 7:30pm. Patron and Sponsor Reception: 6:30pm. Tickets: \$125/General admission. \$250/Patron party & event. Sponsorships available. Spring chic attire. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info/tickets: 770-992-2055, ext. 226 or www.chattnaturecenter.org.

Tea with Beatrix Potter at Barrington Hall. This springtime tradition features beloved children's author "Beatrix Potter" portrayed by Atlanta actress, Holly Stevenson, as she brings to life characters through captivating storytelling and puppet mastery. 1-3pm. Tickets: \$10/person. Barrington Hall, 535 Barrington Drive, Roswell, 30075. More info: 770-640-3855.

MAY 10

Through the Garden Gate Tour. Explore the private gardens and projects of Master Gardeners in Cobb County. Advance tickets: \$15/person. At event: \$20/person. All tickets include map of garden locations. 10am-5pm. More info/tickets: 770-528-4070 or www.cobbmastergardeners.org.

MAY 10-11

Annual Colors Festival of Arts. The beautiful flowers of spring will combine with beauty created from sparkling glass, an array of paintings, photography, captivating jewelry, whimsical sculptures and a wide array of original arts and crafts the entire family will find enjoyable. As a convenience for festival attendees, a free shuttle will run from Roswell City Hall to the Town Square. 10am-6pm. Roswell Historic Town Square. More info: 770-640-3253 or www.visitroswellga.com.

MAY 11

Mother's Day Open House/Mothers Helping Others. Bring mom out on her special day at the historic homes of Roswell. Treat her to a tour of Barrington Hall, Bulloch Hall, and Smith Plantation during their annual open house with free admission. Food donations will be accepted at each home for the North Fulton Food Bank. 1-3pm. Archibald Smith Plantation, 935 Alpharetta Highway, Roswell. More info: 770-641-3978.

MAY 12

Cinco de Mayo. An evening of food, fun and dancing presented by Kennesaw State University College of Continuing Education. Dinner: 6-7pm. Entertainment: 7-9pm. \$10/person (Advanced Payment Required). Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw Center, 1000 Chastain Road, MD 3301, Kennesaw. More info: 770-499-3340.

Tough Talk to Tender Hearts Workshop. A program on teaching children about sex, with accurate and realistic information on the biological process and physiological changes to their bodies. 6pm-8pm. \$10. VOICE Today, 3855 Shallowford Road, Suite 110 Marietta. More info: 678-578-4888 or chris@voicetoday.org.

MAY 12-13

Squabbles Open Auditions. CenterStage North is casting roles for 3 females and 4 males. Squabbles is a hilarious play that pits a father-in-law against a mother-in-law. 7-9pm. The Art Place, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-973-3575 or www.centerstagenorth.com.

MAY 14

Mental Health presented by the Neighborhood Safety Commission Community Awareness Committee. Panel: Mental Health Court Team. 7pm. Cobb County Government Building, 100 Cherokee Street, Commissioners Hearing Room, Building 2nd Floor, Marietta. More info: 770-565-2343 or tsteiner@mindspring.com.

MAY 15

Museum Mice Tour: Making Music with Murray and Etta. Preschoolers, ages 3-5, are led into a lifelong love of history with Mice Tours. Each month the tour focuses on a different theme, including colors, shapes, music, jobs and more! Tickets: \$15/family. Reservations are required for the tour. 10:30-11:30am. Marietta Museum of History, 1 Depot Street, Suite 200, Marietta. More info: 770-794-5710 or www.mariettahistory.org.

Women's Car Care Clinic sponsored by E.H. Sellars Good-year. Dinner Included. Free. 6:30-7:30pm. E.H. Sellars Goodyear, 2950 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info/RSVP: 770-992-7977.

MAY 16

Annual Marietta Student Film Festival. Georgia's premier student film festival spotlights funny, original short films submitted by Cobb County students, ages 11-25, all competing to win a grand prize of \$1000! All 2014 submissions focus on the theme, "This Changes Everything" ...guaranteed to be hilarious! 7-9pm. Free. Earl Smith Strand Theatre, 117 North Park Square, Marietta. More info: 770-293-0080, www.earlsmithstrand.org.

Festival of Faith 2014. An evening set aside to celebrate God's gift of music. Continuous live music from two outdoor stages. The evening will be hosted by Victory 91.5 morning show hosts, David and Leanna Stein. Food concessions. 40+ retail and informative kiosks. Bouncy houses, climbing wall, photo booth. A musical evening of fun for the entire family. Free. 6-10 pm. Faith Lutheran Church and School, 2111 Lower Roswell Road in Marietta More info: 770-973-8877.

In Praise of Music. Presented by the Michael O'Neal Singers. 8pm. \$22/adults. \$17/students & ages 60+. Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell. More info: 770-594-7974 or www.mosingers.com.

MAY 17

5th Annual Noteworthy 5k to benefit the Georgia Symphony Orchestra. Join the fun with this symphony-themed evening run. Play dress-up as you pair tuxedos with tennis shoes, sparkles with sneakers, or maybe wear jewels while you jog! 7pm. Tickets: 5K/1 Mile: \$25; Phantoms: \$25; Tot Trot (ages 5 & under): \$10. Building Four, Barrett Lakes Office Park, 1940 Lodge Road, Kennesaw. More info: www.georgiasymphony.org.

MAY 17

League of Women Voters Marietta-Cobb 60th Anniversary Celebration. A brunch and special program reenacting Susan B. Anthony's trial for voting in the 1872 presidential election. Speaker: Elisabeth MacNamara, President of the National League of Women Voters. \$16. 9:30am-12:15pm. Cosmopolitan Restaurant, 2475 Delk Road, Marietta. More info: 770-592-0625

South Cobb Arts Alliance (SCAA) Candlelite Concert Series: Geoff Achison. Bring a picnic and come early for the best seating. Food concession stand also available. No lawn chairs. 8-10pm. Gates open at 7pm. Free or \$55/table for 6. Mable House Barnes Amphitheatre, 5239 Floyd Road, Mableton. More info: 770-819-7765 or www.mablehouse.org.

Southern Championship Wrestling (SCW) LIVE! SCW is a professional wrestling company and has also become the show to see the top up-and-coming stars in the nation. 7:30pm. Tickets: VIP Seating: \$45; Ringside: \$35; General: \$18 (Advance purchase); \$20 (at the door). Cobb County Civic Center, 549 S. Marietta Parkway, Marietta, 30060. More info: 770-528-8450 or www.scwwrestling.com.

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MAY 18

Annual Spirit of America Concert presented by presented by the Mt. Bethel Chancel Choir. Bring your family and invite your neighbors to in celebrating this great "Nation Under God!" Proudly wear your red, white, and blue (Veterans are encouraged to wear uniforms), and be sure to stay for an American tradition – an ice cream and hot dog social. Free Admission. 5pm. Mt. Bethel UMC, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-971-2880.

MAY 22

Well Screen by Wellstar, an affordable health screening event. 7:30-10am. East Cobb YMCA, 1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta, 30062. More info and to register: 770-956-7827.

MAY 26

Memorial Day 5K/10K. Memorial Day is about remembering the soldiers who died while on Active Duty in the Military, with this in mind the beneficiary of the race will be The Armed Forces Foundation. Start and finish in the parking lot of LA Fitness on the corner of Sandy Plains & E. Piedmont. 6:30 am: packet pickup & race day registration. 7:30 am: races start. Registration through May 24: 5K: \$30 ; 10K: \$35. Race Day an additional \$5. LA Fitness, 2550 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Lowell Starr, 770-633-5511 or lstarr3@mindspring.com.

MAY 26

Roswell Remembers Memorial Day 2014. Event to honor veterans and their sacrifices. The largest Memorial Day Ceremony in Georgia. Food, live music, military program, including a 21 gun salute. Roswell City Hall, 38 Hill Street, Roswell. More info: www.roswellmemorialday.com.

MAY 28

East Cobb Civic Association Meeting. Featured Speaker: Chris Ragsdale, Interim Superintendent, Cobb County Schools. Mr. Ragsdale will speak on education related matters in the county and is expected to entertain questions from the audience. Open to the community. 7pm. East Cobb Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: www.eastcobb.net.

MAY 30

Glover Park Concert Series. The Glover Park Concert Series is the place to be in Marietta the last Friday evening of each month, April through September. Bring a blanket and enjoy a free concert in Historic Marietta Square at 8pm. For more information, call 770-794-5601 or visit www.MariettaGA.gov.



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MAY 31

SERV International Race for ONE Million Meals 5K. Inaugural SERV International Race for ONE Million Meals 5K. The race will start and finish at the historic Marietta Square. The race will raise funds towards the feeding program SERV 1 FEED 1, 5 cents per life saving meal. 8am. \$25-\$35. More info: race@servone.org.

JUNE 2-5

Drivers Education presented by Marietta/Cobb Driver's Education. 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of individual training behind the wheel. This program meets the requirements for Joshua's Law and qualifies for the Teen Driver's Education insurance discount. 8am-4pm. \$375. Dodgen Middle School (1725 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta) or Kell High School (4770 Lee Waters Road, Marietta). More info: 770-429-3170 or www.mariettacommunityschool.com.

JUNE 6

Home by Dark Concerts at the Chattahoochee Nature Center featuring the best performing songwriters in America accompanied by the best instrumentalists on the planet. Hear the stories behind the songs and powerful performances as honest and as authentic as they come. 8pm. Gates open at 6:30pm. Tickets: \$17/General Admission; \$50/table for 2; \$100/table for 4; \$150/table for 6.; \$200/table for 8. No seating for general admission tickets so bring your own chairs/blankets. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willet Road, Roswell. More info: www.homebydark.com/chattnaturecntr.

JUNE 6-8

The Blade Show presented by BLADE Magazine. The world's largest knife show will feature the most diverse array of knife manufacturers, custom knifemakers, collections and products as well as unique educational seminars and competitions. Friday: 2-7pm. Saturday: 9am-6pm. Sunday: 9am-2pm. \$15/1-day pass. \$35/3-day pass. Ages 12 & under free with paid adult admission. Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 877-746-9757 or www.bladeshows.com.

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Annual Magnolia Ball: Red, White & Blue benefiting the preservation of Bulloch Hall. 6:30pm. Cocktails, music and a silent auction, dinner and dancing. \$150. Black tie/White dinner jacket. Country Club of Roswell, 2500 Club Spring Drive, Roswell. More info: Pam Billingsley, 770-992-1731, ext. 2, or www.bullochhall.org.

JUNE 9

The Carpenter Open 18th Anniversary Golf Outing. Proceeds from this golf tournament will benefit the charitable initiatives of The Knights of Columbus Council 9792. 7am. Registration Fee: \$150. Indian Hills Country Club, 4001 Clubland Drive, Marietta, 30068. More info: 770-649-0745 or cssgust@att.net.



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Favorite Person: Mommy, she scratches under Coco's chin.

Best Trick: Jumping really high to catch the "mouse" dangled above her head.

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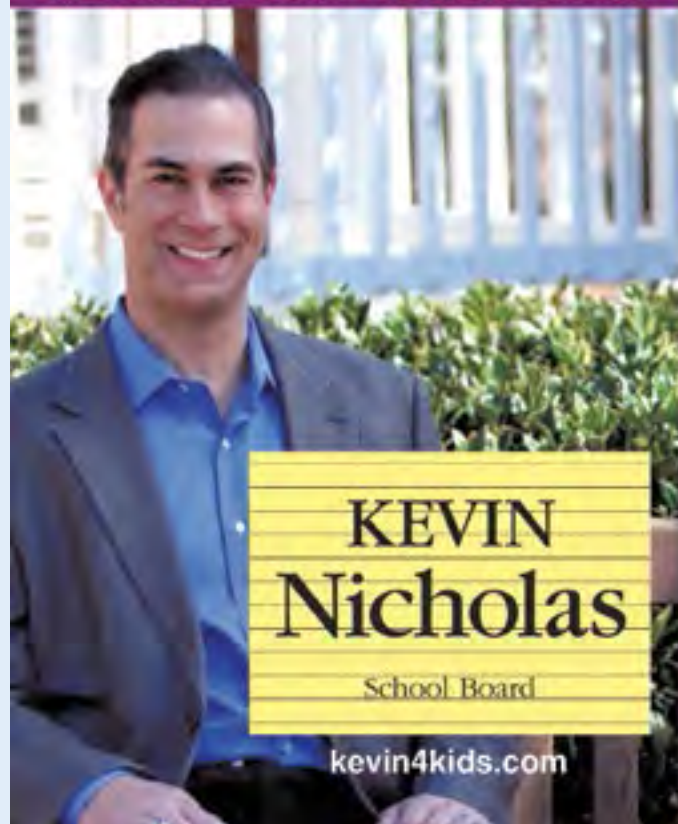
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- > Chosen by Mothers Against Drunk Driving as the Georgia Prosecutor of The Year for 2013.
- > Named the Elected Official of the Year by the Cobb County Republican Women's Club in 2014.
- > Endorsed by Lt. Governor Casey Cagle, Attorney General Sam Olens, Sheriff Neil Warren, State Senator Judson Hill, State Rep. Sharon Cooper, State Rep. John Carson, State Rep. Don Parsons, Former Solicitor General & District Attorney Pat Head, Former Solicitor General & District Attorney Ben Smith, Former District Attorney Tom Charron, Former Sheriff Bill Hutson, and Kermit Sanders Lodge of The Fraternal Order of Police.

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Candidates for Cobb County School Board – Post 4

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David Chastain

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AGE: 57

CITY, STATE BORN: Atlanta, GA

EDUCATION: University of Georgia
BBA, Real Estate – Urban Economics

OCCUPATION: Logistics Analyst

FAMILY: Wife, Lori. Three grown kids – David, Jason and Kate. Plus 2 grandkids.

ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO: William Baker Choral Foundation, Atlanta Symphony Associates.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN EAST COBB/COBB COUNTY?
48 years

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ELECTED TO A PUBLIC OFFICE? IF YES, PLEASE LIST OFFICE AND YEAR(S): No

PLEASE DESCRIBE THIS OFFICE'S DUTIES & ITS IMPACT ON EAST COBB. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THAT QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE.

The duties of the office of a Cobb School Board member are to work with the superintendent to realize shared goals for learning achievement in Cobb's classrooms. For the residents of Post 4, it means open lines of communication with their board member to address issues, recommend policy and clearly understand the operations of the school district.

I am a proven Friend to Cobb Tax Payers, an advocate for government accountability, outspoken voice for school choice, graduate of Cobb County Schools, parent of three Cobb School graduates, fiscal conservative and have served on Cobb Schools Facilities & Technology Oversight Committee.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING YOUR POLITICAL OFFICE, AND, IF ELECTED, WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?

New government requirements flowing to the Cobb district require study, budgeting and planning for enhancing and not hindering individual student achievement. My desire is to help manage the coming changes so that individual students, parents and teachers are able to proceed with real learning and develop the individual student.

WHO DO YOU ADMIRE MOST, AND WHY?

My wife, Lori. Seriously. She shares my view that "life is an adventure" and every morning when we wake up the adventure continues. We rarely have all the answers. We don't know what happens tomorrow. She is her own woman. She knows how to encourage and coach.

PLEASE LIST THREE ADJECTIVES THAT DESCRIBE YOU AS A PERSON: Authentic, deliberate, organized.



Bill Scott

wscott566@aol.com

AGE: 62

CITY, STATE BORN: Dayton, Ohio

EDUCATION: Kent State University- BA;
Georgia State University-MA; Jacksonville State University- EdS; Samford University- Doctorate- EdD

OCCUPATION: Retired Educator (former principal)

FAMILY: Divorced.

ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO: member and advisor for a national fraternity, NAESP, and Positive Discipline Assoc.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN EAST COBB/COBB COUNTY?
I have lived in East Cobb for 28 years.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ELECTED TO A PUBLIC OFFICE? IF YES, PLEASE LIST OFFICE AND YEAR(S): I have never run for a political office.

PLEASE DESCRIBE THIS OFFICE'S DUTIES & ITS IMPACT ON EAST COBB. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THAT QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE. Setting the visions for the district, making curriculum decisions, reviewing long term and short term goals, deciding policy and other duties related to creating a successful school district are just some of the responsibilities of a school board member. East Cobb and the district have great schools and all constitutes want to maintain high standard during difficult times. Decision-making authority is vested in the board of education, not in individual members. A school board only has authority when the 7 members convene and take a vote. It takes a strong commitment to work with others on the board toward common goals, and this is what I plan to do. As a former educator, I have spent my entire career working with others in a school setting. Throughout my adult life, I have worked as a custodian, teacher, assistant principal and principal. I realize how the decisions of the school board impact all areas of the school, especially learning. I know the importance of helping the next generation prepare to be competitive in a global society. I learn from others and like to share as well. I will be able to use my knowledge and expertise to guide others in making the best decisions for the schools and employees.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING YOUR POLITICAL OFFICE, AND, IF ELECTED, WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?

In this time of budget short-falls, teacher pay and class size, there are a number of issues that concern the public. I feel that one of the greatest issues is restoring the public's trust in the Cobb County school board. The ability to make decisions in a manner that involves input and ideas from the constituents is paramount. People want to know that their voices are heard. If elected, I will represent the constituents in my post without a personal or hidden agenda. I will take the time to listen and let them know that their concerns are my concerns. My sole purpose in running is to use my skills and knowledge to make things better. I care about the district and the future leaders who are currently enrolled as students. I am the candidate who can reach out to others and bring back trust and civility as we move forward.

WHO DO YOU ADMIRE MOST, AND WHY? The person I admire most is my dad. He dropped out of high school to help his family. Later, after marriage, he went to night school and obtained a high school diploma while raising a family and working two jobs. Through his example I learned the importance of hard work and goal setting. The person who started out with very little in life was able to put 5 children through college. My dad is no longer with us, but his character, strength, dedication and drive will live with me forever. I hold him in great esteem because his first love was his family and while he was short on words, he never failed to show his appreciation.

PLEASE LIST THREE ADJECTIVES THAT DESCRIBE YOU AS A PERSON:
Determined, Outspoken, Passionate.

Candidates for Cobb County Commissioner– District 3

On May 20, Cobb County residents will have the opportunity to vote for a variety of political offices. The EAST COBBER presents the three candidates running in the Republican primary election for the Cobb County Board of Commissioners-District 3. There is no Democratic candidate running.



JoAnn K. Birrell
JoAnn@JoAnnCan.com
AGE: 60
CITY, STATE BORN: Goldsboro, N.C.
EDUCATION: B.A Political Science UNC-Greensboro
OCCUPATION: District 3 Cobb County Commissioner. Part Time Consultant for Waste Integration.
FAMILY: Dave (Husband), Stepdaughter Heather (Ryan) and grandson Corbin, Stepson Tyson (Joanna) and

granddaughter Sadie. Mom still living in NC, Sister and her family live in Tybee Island, GA

ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO: Catholic Church of St Ann, Board Member of McCleskey/East Cobb YMCA, YWCA of Northwest GA Women of Academy Leaders and Heroes Circle. Chairman's Club/Cobb Chamber, Northeast Cobb Business Association, East Cobb Civic Association

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN EAST COBB/COBB COUNTY? 19 years

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ELECTED TO A PUBLIC OFFICE? IF YES, PLEASE

LIST OFFICE AND YEAR(S): Completing my first term (4) years as District 3 Cobb County Commissioner

PLEASE DESCRIBE THIS OFFICE'S DUTIES & ITS IMPACT ON EAST COBB. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THAT QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE. The tough decisions and challenges I've faced over the last 4 years have definitely prepared me to continue on and have given me invaluable experience in this position. With the growth we've experienced especially in District 3, many factors; such as zonings, land use, ordinances, taxes, economic development and so forth are facing District 3, and I am equipped to face those issues head on.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING YOUR POLITICAL OFFICE, AND, IF ELECTED, WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT? All issues are critical. However, public safety is top priority with economic development, jobs, a balanced budget while ensuring taxes remain low and preparing for the Braves to call Cobb County home are also vital to our future success. We balance our budget every year as required by law. Redevelopment of the Canton Road Corridor and District 3 is reducing blighted and vacant business (down to 7 sites from original 17 sites on redevelopment list two years ago), police are going to 10-hour shifts at 3 of the 5 precincts this year and remaining two precincts will follow next year. A compensation study is currently underway and all employees received a 3% raise last year and are up for merit increase this year (including public safety personnel). In 2011 I voted against increasing property taxes and will continue to vote my conservative values and convictions in line with my constituents.

WHO DO YOU ADMIRE MOST, AND WHY? The persons I admire most are my mom (living) and my father (deceased) because of the values, faith and principles they instilled in me and the work ethic they lived and example they showed me all my life.

PLEASE LIST THREE ADJECTIVES THAT DESCRIBE YOU AS A PERSON: Conservative, honest and committed.



Michael Opitz
mopitz@mindspring.com
AGE: 67
CITY, STATE BORN: San Antonio, Texas
EDUCATION: Auburn University, B.A. English Literature; University of West Georgia, M.A. Psychology emphasis Organization Development
OCCUPATION: Mediator and Arbitrator; I am registered with Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution,

and an approved panelist for the Cobb County Superior Court for family and divorce mediation.

FAMILY: Wife: Becky Opitz; Children: Kristin O'Donnell, Brandon Opitz, and Bradley Opitz

ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO: The Madison Forum (www.themadisonforum.com), Cobb County GOP, Cobb County Republican Women's Club, National Rifle Association (NRA), Citizens for Governmental Transparency (CGT), Wynfair Neighborhood Association

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN EAST COBB/COBB COUNTY? 31 years

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ELECTED TO A PUBLIC OFFICE?

IF YES, PLEASE LIST OFFICE AND YEAR(S): I have not held elective office.

PLEASE DESCRIBE THIS OFFICE'S DUTIES & ITS IMPACT ON EAST COBB. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THAT QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE. The District Commissioner represents 170,000 Cobb citizens as one of the five elected leaders for all of Cobb County Government. The county government manages your property taxes and the SPLOST sales tax and is responsible for Public Safety, the court system, and protection of your property values through zoning controls.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THAT QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE: I have years of successful history with AT&T and subsidiaries Bell Labs and Lucent Technologies, with leadership in technical, financial, and strategic roles in major computer systems, foreign language software, and international sales & service. I am a proven leader in project management, quality systems and business innovation.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING YOUR POLITICAL OFFICE, AND, IF ELECTED, WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT? Cobb Police and Fire Departments are in near-crisis. It is urgent that we rebuild, re-staff and re-equip our first responders to restore the standard of public safety that Cobb requires. I am proud to have endorsements from Police and Fire employee groups for my commitment to rebuild these essential services.

WHO DO YOU ADMIRE MOST, AND WHY? I admire Ronald Reagan the most because he had the vision, strength of conviction, detailed knowledge to address and solve our nation's world's most pressing problems. From his humble beginning, he rose to success as an actor, union leader, governor, and president without compromising his principles while seeking common ground to provide realistic solutions.

PLEASE LIST THREE ADJECTIVES THAT DESCRIBE YOU AS A PERSON: Listener, understanding and fair.

Candidates for Cobb County Commissioner– District 3

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Joseph Pond
joseph@pond4cobb.com
AGE: 47
CITY, STATE BORN: Streator, Illinois
EDUCATION: Trade School
OCCUPATION: Master Plumber
FAMILY: 2 children
ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO: Backyard Chickens Alliance
HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN EAST COBB/COBB COUNTY? 14 years
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ELECTED TO A PUBLIC OFFICE? IF YES, PLEASE LIST

OFFICE AND YEAR(S): No

PLEASE DESCRIBE THIS OFFICE'S DUTIES & ITS IMPACT ON EAST COBB. The primary duty of this office is to fairly represent the people of District 3 in regards to setting Cobb County policy and Code.

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THAT QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE. I have spent my adult life working for mechanical contractors in a supervisory position on commercial and industrial jobsites. This requires coordination with the other contractors, working on tight schedules under adverse conditions, and providing the leadership to get the best from his workers.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING YOUR POLITICAL OFFICE, AND, IF ELECTED, WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?

Accountability in government is possibly the biggest issue right now. From talking to the people of District 3, their confidence in our elected representatives is shaken. If elected, I will restore this confidence with regular Town Hall Meetings that enable them to voice their opinions and concerns. I will keep an open door policy towards accessibility. I will be a responsible steward of the tax dollars with an eye towards fiscal savings whenever possible.

WHO DO YOU ADMIRE MOST, AND WHY? Thomas Jefferson. He was a Renaissance man.

PLEASE LIST THREE ADJECTIVES THAT DESCRIBE YOU AS A PERSON: Simple, straightforward, honest.



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▲ Cindi Yeager

It is time for a change and fresh ideas in the Cobb County Solicitor General's office. We need a Solicitor General who is a prosecutor in the courtroom, a proven leader, a legal educator and community servant. My name is Cindi Yeager, a conservative Republican, and the best candidate to be your next Solicitor General.

I began my legal career as a Cobb County Assistant Solicitor, where I was instrumental in creating the first Cobb County Domestic Violence Court. I then specialized in DUI and vehicular homicide litigation, and worked with the Prosecuting Attorneys Council to develop a statewide DUI and Vehicular Homicide Advocacy course. I next became an Assistant District Attorney where I was the lead prosecutor in charge of effectively litigating crimes against children. I then established a successful law firm in downtown Marietta.

I am an experienced trial attorney having successfully tried over 140 jury trials during my career. I am an active educator, having published a Georgia DUI Case Reference, which I use to present legal education seminars to law enforcement, prosecutors, and attorneys across the state.

I am married to Cobb County Police Lieutenant Eric Yeager, with whom I have three beautiful children. I recognize the importance of community service and am a past Secretary, Treasurer, and President of the Cobb County Bar Association as well as Community Service chair, Partner in Education chair, and many others. I have been the recipient of the Justice Benham Statewide Community Service Award as well as two-time Cobb Bar President Award winner.

Our Solicitor General's office is in crisis. Over the last eighteen years of the present administration, jurors are being brought to the courthouse but no cases tried, cases are being continued and dismissed, and the prosecutors are losing trials at an alarming rate. It is time for new leadership, effective prosecution, alternative sentencing for youthful and first time offenders, and for the development of a mental health court for those trapped in the legal system due to mental illness.

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Candidates for Cobb County School Board – Post 6

On Tuesday, May 20, Cobb County residents have the opportunity to vote in the Georgia Primary elections for a variety of political offices. The EAST COBBER presents the Republican candidates running for Cobb County School Board-Post 6. Schools located in Post 6 are: Walton HS, Wheeler HS; Dickerson MS, Dodgen MS, East Cobb MS; Argyle ES, Brumby ES, Mount Bethel ES, Sope Creek ES, Teasley ES, and Timber Ridge ES. There are no Democratic candidates running for this post.



Kevin R Nicholas
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AGE: 47
CITY, STATE BORN: Westwood, NJ
EDUCATION: Master of Business Administration, University of Rochester. Bachelor of Science Business Administration, University of Buffalo
OCCUPATION: Senior Director, PGI (NYSE PGI)
FAMILY: Wife Denise; Children: Hunter, Paige, Madison
ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO: Founder, Past President, Executive Advisor - The

Atlanta Telecom Professionals, Mount Bethel United Methodist Church, Stephen Minister Boy Scouts of America, Chair Eagle Scout Alumni Gathering of Eagles, Wheeler High School PTSA, East Cobb Middle School PTA, Cobb County Republican Party House District 43 Chair.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN EAST COBB/COBB COUNTY?

19 years, 14 years in Post 6.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ELECTED TO A PUBLIC OFFICE? IF YES, PLEASE LIST OFFICE AND YEAR(S): No

PLEASE DESCRIBE THIS OFFICE'S DUTIES & ITS IMPACT ON EAST COBB. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THAT QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE.

The Board of Education Representative for Post 6 will control almost 1/3 of a student's educational experience given a 4 year term for a student K-12 for our kids in east Cobb and surrounding areas. It is a deep relationship with the parents, the students and the teachers, given that the decisions made impact each of them greatly. At the same time, it is almost a \$1B budget and a business with the aim of producing young citizens enabled for success through education. As a business, it needs a business focus in addition to an education focus. I bring over 25 years in managing multi-million dollar budgets, teams and business decisions. I also am the father of three at Wheeler High School and East Cobb Middle School, with 7 years prior as a single dad raising my kids as "mom and dad", and a taxpayer.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING YOUR POLITICAL OFFICE, AND, IF ELECTED, WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT? The most important issue facing a Cobb County BOE representative is transparency and inclusiveness with the students/parents and the tax payers in their post. While the budget, common core, charter schools are all huge questions and issues, without the transparency to include the constituents having a seat at the table, none of these issues can be properly solved. If elected, I will hold routine town hall meetings with constituents to solicit their feedback. I also will implement a closer communication to the County and the Commission with matters that impact our schools from zoning to economic development incentives. While hard decisions will need to be made, not everyone will be in agreement. Constructive involvement is the basis for success.

WHO DO YOU ADMIRE MOST, AND WHY? Historically, Abraham Lincoln, for his leadership and compassion. Currently, my son Hunter, who has persevered with physical special needs and is now on the Wheeler JV football team.

PLEASE LIST THREE ADJECTIVES THAT DESCRIBE YOU AS A PERSON: Understanding, responsive, decisive.



Scott Sweeney
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CITY, STATE BORN: Oak Park, IL
EDUCATION: UCLA - BA Economics
Enrolled in Georgia Real Estate pre-licensure course
OCCUPATION: Consultant / Business Development / Capital Markets
FAMILY: Married with 2 children in Cobb County School District schools
ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO: Sope Creek Elementary School PTA, Dickerson Elementary School PTA, Vice Chair - Georgia Education Council, Mount Bethel United

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HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN EAST COBB/COBB COUNTY? 18 years

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ELECTED TO A PUBLIC OFFICE? IF YES, PLEASE LIST OFFICE AND YEAR(S): Yes - Cobb County School Board of Education - Post 6; 3 years, 4 months

PLEASE DESCRIBE THIS OFFICE'S DUTIES & ITS IMPACT ON EAST COBB. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THAT QUALIFY YOU FOR THIS OFFICE.

I currently serve as your Cobb County Board of Education - Post 6 member and have done so for more than 3 years. Former Chair & Vice Chair of the Board of Education. Served as the Cobb County Board of Education budget liaison for two years. As board chair, led the Cobb County supported Ed-SPLOST IV process. Hosted many Q&A sessions at town hall meetings, homeowner associations, school council, and PTA/PTSA meetings, and school open house events. Service as a member on the Walton Governance Council. Worked with Walton HS and Sedalia Park ES during the review process of their conversion charter school renewals. 30+ years in financial/budget analysis, sales, operations, and real estate development. Business owner and provider of business consulting services. Advised and arranged more than \$700 million in capital for assets approaching \$3 billion. Partner or Senior Manager with nationally recognized restaurant chains. Negotiated and executed numerous contracts with many Fortune 500 companies. Board or committee member with national and state non-profit organizations. Past President River Plantation Homeowners Association.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING YOUR POLITICAL OFFICE, AND, IF ELECTED, WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?

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WHO DO YOU ADMIRE MOST, AND WHY? My wife Sandy. She's the mother of our two boys, she gets more things done than seems humanly possible, and she gives back to the community in so many ways. I'm incredibly appreciative of her continuing support.

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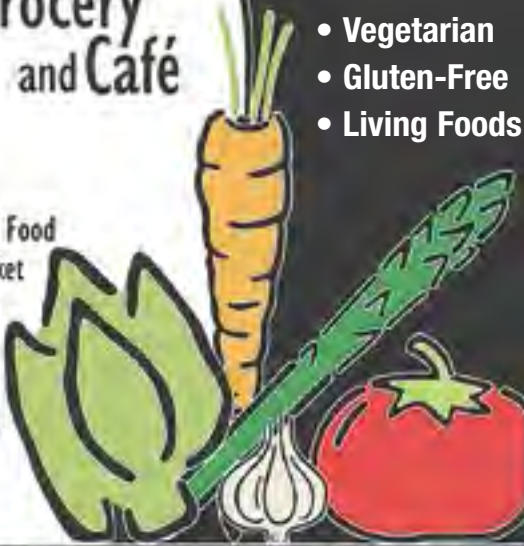
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The East Cobb New Horizons Band offers adults age 50 or older with musical instrument experience the opportunity to join an actively performing concert band. Mr. George Broom directs the band. It began in 2005 with some 18 people and has grown to a dynamic group now featuring some 70 musicians.


The band is a member of the New Horizons International Music Association. This international association currently has 170 member groups throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and Ireland. It all started in 1991, when the first New Horizons Band was founded by Roy Ernst in Rochester, N.Y. Today, Ernst's idea of involving seniors in music has grown to an international organization — the New Horizons International Music Association, which, now boasts almost 200 bands, orchestras, choruses and other ensembles worldwide.

In addition to the East Cobb New Horizons concert band, an active affiliate group known as the Memory Lane Jazz Ensemble performs for dances and concerts to the delight of many. This ensemble offers a unique mixture of great big band classics as well as more modern jazz and rock tunes. Mr. Carl Merwin directs the jazz ensemble.

The band's website www.ecnhb.com shows a complete schedule of upcoming events, lists the members, the band's repertoire and also has a sign-up area for "Friends of the Band" to receive emails about upcoming concerts.

The band rehearses weekly on Mondays at 11am in Marietta at Roswell Street Baptist Church, 774 Roswell Street, Marietta. Director Broom invites interested folks to feel free to come and sit in on rehearsals and give it a try for a month. Any guest will see that the band members work hard, produce great music and, in the process, have a lot of fun!

Director Broom says that a lot of people say, "But I have not played my instrument for several years!" He wants anyone who is interested to know that many of the members have been in the same situation, putting an instrument aside in some cases for decades. Although the band does require musical experience, when first starting back, everyone in the band understands the challenge of rebuilding physical stamina and technique.

Publicity chairman, Frank McLeod, says that he was one of those who had not played in a long time in an organized band. Someone saw publicity about the East Cobb New Horizons Band and emailed it to McLeod. As a result, he joined in late 2010 and encourages anyone who has musical experience to consider this great experience. He says, "It is personally rewarding and fun to make music for people and see their faces light up as the music touches them deeply and, in a lot of cases, brings back fond memories." The band members create great friendships and, together, experience the sheer fun of making music and giving to the community. 

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CLUB CALENDAR

AARP Chapter 2830. First Thursday of each month. 1:30pm. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Mary Johnson, 770-926-7881 or doule37uga@comcast.net.

American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Cobb County. Second Tuesday of the month. 7pm. Mansour Center, 995 Roswell Street, Marietta. Does not meet in July & August. More info: Karen Peters, kpeters@aol.com.

American Needlepoint Guild. Second Tuesday of the month. 6:45pm. Tiny Stitches, 2520 East Piedmont Road, Marietta. More info: 770-394-0065.

Anne Hathaway Garden Club. Third Wednesday of the month (except July and August). Marietta Educational Garden Center, 505 Kennesaw Avenue NW, Marietta. More info: Charlene Robinson, 770-971-7786.

Atlanta Illini Club. Professional and social networking for University of Illinois alumni, families and friends in the Atlanta area. Game watches at the Rose & Crown, 1931 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: www.atlantailini.com or club@atlantailini.com.



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- **Atlanta Metropolitan Council Navy League.** Second Tuesday of each month. 7pm. Navy Recruiting District HQ, 2400 Lake Park Drive, Suite 410, Smyrna. Membership open to all civilian and retired military with an interest in supporting our men and women of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines and associated youth programs. More info: 678-234-2310 or campbellfc@comcast.net.
- **Atlanta World War II Roundtable.** Third Thursday (Sept-June) of the month. 11:30am. Petite Auberge Restaurant, North Druid Hills Road @ LaVista Road, Atlanta. More info: 770-928-4579 or jkovach2000@yahoo.com.

- **"Aware & Conscious Birds"**
- **Book Club.** Mondays. 7-8:30pm. Bikram Yoga Marietta, 80 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: awareconsciousbirds@gmail.com or www.consciousness.meetup.com/203.

- **Big Chicken Chorus.** Every Monday evening. 7:00pm. John Knox Presbyterian Church, 505 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. Male a cappella harmony chorus. More info: Frank, 770-587-1264, fehrach@aol.com, or www.bigchickenchorus.org.

- **Bridge Club.** Four free lessons: \$5 thereafter. Thursdays 7:30pm and Sundays 2pm. Singles are welcome. 1809 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-973-7717.

- **Business Breakfast Networking of East Cobb.** Professional Referral Networking. Second Tuesday each month. 8:15-9:30am. C'est Moi/Café Paris, 1100 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Ellen Kelly, 404-713-2830 or lnkelly@sbcglobal.net.

- **Business Network International (BNI).** The World's largest referral organization. Multiple chapters in the area, please refer to the website: bnisoutheast.com for listings. More Info: Anita York, 678-888-0200

- **Cobb County Democratic Committee.** Monthly breakfast 2nd Saturday each month. 9am. 3 Amigos Mexican Bar & Grill, 1000 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. More info: 770-420-7133 or www.cobbdemocrats.org.

- **Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society.** Second Tuesday of the month. 7:30pm. East Cobb Government Service Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Becky Patellis, 770-973-7483 or Kay Yoest, 770-952-3244.

- **Cobb County Genealogical Society.** Fourth Tuesday of the month. 7pm. First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, 189 Church Street, Marietta. More info: www.cobbgagensoc.org or ccgs@cobbgagensoc.org.

- **Cobb County Republican Women.** Fourth Friday of the month. 11:30am. Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta. More info: 770-785-2522 or www.ccrwc.org.

- **Cobb Marietta Retired Educators Association.** Second Thursday of every month. 11:30am. Luncheon reservations required. Freeman-Poole Senior Center, 4025 South Hurt Rd., Smyrna. Contact: Carolyn Wilson, clw770@bellsouth.net or 770-427-6840.

- **Cobb Photographic Society.** Photographers of all skill and ability levels are welcome. First and 3rd Monday of each month. 7-9pm. American Business Center, Bldg. 700, Suite 702, 1395 South Marietta Pkwy, Marietta. More info: www.cobbbphotosociety.com or info@cobbbphotosociety.com.

- **Cobb Regional Republican Women.** Third Tuesday, every month. 7pm. Cobb GOP Office, 799 Roswell Street, Marietta. More info: Neva Lent lentneva@aol.com.

- **Colored Pencil Society of America.** Atlanta District Chapter 107. First Monday of the month. 7pm. North DeKalb Cultural Center, 5339 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Room 2 (second floor in the back), Dunwoody. More info: Nancy Guerin, 678-354-3590.

- **Danc'n Singles.** A square dance club. First and 3rd Saturday of the month. 8-10:30am. FOP Lodge, 2350 Austell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-943-6979.

- **Dinner-and-a-Book Club.** More info: RuthE or Batya at Thou Shalt Read, 770-993-5432 or sales@andthoushaltnotread.com.
- **Dog Hikers of Georgia.** Every Sunday. 10am. Various locations. Non-dog owners welcome. More info: Dr. Dan Batchelor, 770-992-2362.

- **Dudes 'n Darlins Square Dance Club.** Dances on 2nd and 4th Friday each month. 8-10pm. Mountain View Community Center, 3400 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Margaret, 770-751-7210, dusesndarlins@comcast.net, or www.dusesndarlins.com.

- **East Cobb Bass Club.** Visitors, boaters and non-boaters are welcome. First Tuesday of each month. 7pm. Free admission. Attendees pay for dinner. The Rib Ranch, 2063 Canton Road, Marietta. More info: 770-364-3036 or noeyf1@bellsouth.net.

- **East Cobb Business Association.** Luncheon and featured speaker. Third Tuesday each month. 11:30am-1pm. Hollycrest Hall, 2235 Sewell Mill Road, Marietta. More info: Susan Hampton, 404-218-6216, susan.hampton@lionbank.com, or www.eastcobbbba.com.

- **East Cobb Civic Association.** Last Wednesday of the month. 7pm. East Cobb Government Service Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Jill Flamm, 770-552-8206 or www.eastcobb.net.

- **East Cobb Civitans.** Second and 4th Thursday of the month at noon for lunch at The Olde Town Athletic Club (behind Tuesday Morning & Sports-O-Rama), 4950 Olde Towne Parkway, Marietta. More info: 770-578-9901.

- **East Cobb Community Friends for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.** Third Tuesday of the month. 7pm. Meetings are in members' homes and vary each month. We work to benefit CHOA with fund raisers and service projects. More info: Suzanne Strickland, 770-992-2882, or Patricia Laffaldano, patricia.laffaldano@gmail.com.

- **East Cobb Democratic Alliance.** Third Thursday of the month. 6pm - Social. 7pm - Program. Rib Ranch, 2063 Canton Road, Marietta. More info: Tom Barksdale, 770-715-1218 or tbarksdl@aol.com.

- **East Cobb Kiwanis Club.** Every Wednesday evening. 7pm. Paradise South of the Border, 3605 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Johnny Johnson, 770-977-2026 or edwardjohnsjewelers@yahoo.com.

- **East Cobb Lions Club.** Second and 4th Tuesday of the month. 7pm. East Side Baptist Church, 2450 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Don Garrow, 770-955-6914.

- **East Cobb New Horizons Band.** Monday mornings, 11:00am. If you are 50 or older, play a musical instrument and have been looking for a great place to make music, come join us! Great people and good music! To learn more go to our website, ecnbb.com or email webmaster@ecnbb.com.

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East Cobb Rotary Club. Every Wednesday. 7am. Indian Hills Country Club, 4001 Clubland Drive, Marietta. More info: Bob Schwale, 770-640-6954.

East Cobb Woodcarvers Club. Every Thursday. 9-11am. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-645-0817.

Georgia Perennial Plant Association. Third Tuesday of the month. 7:30pm. Atlanta History Center, McElreath Hall, 130 West Paces Ferry Road NW, Atlanta. More info: www.georgiaperennial.org.

Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance. Third Thursday of the month. Social hour: 6pm. Meeting: 7pm. American Legion Post, 921 Gresham Road, Marietta. More info: Dave Hamrick 770-315-3942.

Georgia Nature Photographers Association. Third Thursday of the month. 7pm. Nature photographers of all skill levels are welcome to our monthly meetings. The Mansour Center, 995 Roswell Street, Marietta. More info: www.gnpa.org or info@gnpa.org

Georgia Tea Party. Every Thursday. 7pm. 900 Roswell Street, Marietta. More info: Jerry Kotyuk 404-374-0580 or jdk4@clear.net.

Golden "K" Kiwanis Club. Every Thursday. 10am. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Joe Vanhorn Jr., 770-424-6654.

Happy Tails Pet Therapy. Orientation for prospective members 1st Thursday or Saturday of the month. 10:30-11:30am and 7-8pm. Mt. Bethel Christian Academy, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Building F, Room F001, Marietta. Check dates: 770-740-8211 or www.happytailspets.org.

IMPS Bridge Club An offshoot of the former Newcomers Club of East Cobb, looking for new members. Various formats, dates and times available. For more information contact Roni Fink @ 404-310-3448 or phinque999@AOL.com.

International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP)-Cobb County Chapter. Professional Development and Networking. Fourth Monday of the month. 6:30pm. Meeting & Dinner. HYATT House/Atlanta Galleria, 3595 Cumberland Boulevard, SE, Atlanta. More info: 770-541-2960 or www.iaap-cobbcounty.org.

Jewish War Veterans, Bicentennial Post 976. Third Sunday of the month. 11am. Marriott Hotel, Perimeter Center. More info: Fran Jacobson, 770-436-7456.

Libertarian Party of Cobb County. First Thursday of the month. 7:30pm. More info: www.cobbtp.org or call 770-795-1331

Marietta Kiwanis Club. Every Thursday. 12noon. Hilton Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta. More info: Pat Huey, pathuey@comcast.net or www.marietakiwanis.org.

Marietta Lions Club. Second Thursday of the month. 7pm. Hilton Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta. More info: 770-565-8230.

Marietta PFLAG. Fourth Sunday each month. 1-3pm. Newcomers are welcome. Pilgrimage United Church of Christ, 3755 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: marietapflag@gmail.com.

Marietta Rotary Club. Every Wednesday. 12noon. Marietta Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta. More info: Adele Grubbs, 770-424-8212 or www.mariettarotary.org.

Marietta VFW Post 2681. Dinner with VFW Ladies Auxiliary. First Thursday of the month with separate meetings following dinner. 6:15pm. 140 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: www.vfwpost2681.org

Marine Corps League. First Saturday of the month. Meeting at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at 12 p.m. Delkwood Grill, 2769 Delk Road, Marietta. More info: Dave Hambrick, 770-315-3942.

Martha Stewart Bulloch Children of the American Revolution Society meets one Sunday per month from September through May, 2-4pm. Osage Terrace Room and Pavilion at Bulloch Hall 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell. More info: Paula, 770-594-1819.

Moms in Prayer (formerly Moms in touch) for parents of Dickerson Middle School. Every Thursday at 1pm. Meeting location available upon request. More info: Movita Stallworth, 770-321-1783 or mo6633@comcast.net.

Moms in Prayer (formerly Moms in touch) for parents of children at East Cobb Middle School. Every Tuesday at 11am. Meeting location: Eastside Baptist Church (in the prayer room). More info: Esther Thenot, 678-372-2336 or Philippe@thenot.net

Moms in Prayer for East Side Elementary parents. Every Thursday at 10am. More info: Rachel Bloom, 770-973-4705 or familybloom@gmail.com.

National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE). Second Wednesday of each month. 11:30am. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-973-2834.

Newcomers Club of Cobb County. Third Tuesday each month. 10am. Various social activities throughout the month for those new to Cobb County or just looking for new friends and activities. John Knox Presbyterian Church, 505 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-234-5068 or newcomersofcobbcounty@yahoo.com.

North Metro Mothers of Multiples Club. Third Monday of the month. 7pm. Chicago's, 4401 Shallowford Road, Roswell (corner of Johnson Ferry & Shallowford). More info: www.northmetromultiples.org.

North Metro Women's Connection. Second Wednesday of each month. 11am-1pm. Hollycrest Hall, 2235 Sewell Mill Road, Marietta. More info: 770-335-6013.

Northeast Cobb Business Association. Luncheon meeting 3rd Wednesday of each month. 11:30am-1pm. \$15. Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Road, Marietta. More info: 770-460-6222.

Northwest Atlanta Mothers of Multiples (formerly Cobb Parents of Multiples), a parent's club for families with or expecting twins, triplets, quads,

etc. Second Monday of each month (except December). 7pm. North Metro Church, 2305 Barrett Parkway, Marietta. More info: 678-235-8468 or www.nowamom.org.

Order Sons of Italy in America Marietta Lodge #2607. General membership meeting 2nd Monday each month. Pot Luck Dinner (except June, July, August-dessert and fruit). 7-9pm. East Cobb Government Service Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-928-9314 or degriillmouse@comcast.net.

Peach State Depression Glass Collectors' Club. Second Tuesday of month except December. Guests welcome. 6:30 Social: 7pm meeting. Marietta Museum of History, 1 Depot Street, Marietta. More info: psdgc.com

Polk Street Speakers Toastmasters. First and 3rd Tuesday of the month. 6-7:30pm. St. James Episcopal Church, 161 Church Street, Marietta. More info: www.polkstreetspeakers.org.

Retired Old Men Eating Out (R.O.M.E.O.) Every Tuesday, 8-10am. Meet for friendship, conversation and to share their variety of antique cars, street rods and muscle cars. Marietta Diner, 306 Cobb Parkway South, Marietta.

Shakespeare Reading Group. First and 3rd Thursday of the month. 2-4 pm. 32 N. Fairground Street, Marietta. More info: Lynne Johnson, 770-591-3474.

Song of Atlanta Show Chorus. Women's four-part harmony chorus. Every Tuesday. 7:30pm. St. John United Methodist Church, 550 Mount Paran Road NW, Atlanta. Visitors welcome. More info: www.songofatlanta.com or 770-509-0322.

Sope Creek Garden Club. First Wednesday of the month (Sept-June). 10am. Locations vary. More info: Karin Guzy, 770-955-1303 or guzy@mindspring.com.

Strive for Balance. For people who suffer from anxiety. Express your feelings, share your stories and experiences, gain more knowledge about anxiety and learn great coping strategies. November 6, 2013: 6-7:15pm; December 12, 2013: 4:30- 5:15pm. East Cobb Public Library, 4880 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Galina Bannova, 770-633-1023 or galinabannova@gmail.com.

The Foxtrotter's Dance Club. The 4th Friday of every month (no dance in May, Nov. & Dec. are the 3rd Friday). 7:30-10:30pm. If you enjoy ballroom dancing, come and dance to 'Live Music'. Everyone is welcome. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-587-1160.

Y Business Network. Every other Friday. 7:30-8:45am. Local business networking and referrals. Northeast Cobb Y, 3010 Johnson Ferry Rd., Marietta. Guests always welcome. More info: ybusinessnetwork.webs.com, Michelle Hutchinson, 770-518-0010.

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Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse Support Group.

First and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 7pm. Room 334, Johnson Ferry Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. Men and women welcome. More info: 678-578-4888 or info@voicetoday.org.

Al-Anon. For family and friends of alcoholics. Thursdays. 7:30-8:30pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Room 345, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-587-0483.

Al-Anon Family Group. 7pm. Teens 13 and older welcome. Temple Kol Emeth, 1415 Old Canton Road, Marietta. More info: Paulette L., 678-551-2433.

Alzheimer's/Caregiver Support Group Meeting.

First Monday of each month at 10:30am. Open to family members who are assisting an aging loved one both inside and outside of the home. Free respite care is provided for your loved one while we meet. Aloha to Aging/Mt. Bethel Community Center, 4608 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info or to RSVP: 678-439-1177.

Anxiety Anonymous for people who suffer from anxiety, meets the 3rd Thursday of the month. 6:30-7:30pm. Cobb County Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-633-1023 or galinabannova@gmail.com

• **Babywearing Group.** Koalamommas, North Atlanta's resource for help, support, and information about baby carriers of all kinds. • Meets monthly. Meeting dates/time vary. More info: Jennifer Worrell, 770-516-4192 or jenniferworrell@bellsouth.net.

• **Bereavement Support.** First and 3rd Wednesday of the month. 5pm. Counseling Room in Parish Office, St. Ann's Catholic Church, 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-552-6400, ext. 6020.

• **Cancer Support Group.** Second and 4th Monday of the month. 7-8:30pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-794-2978.

• **Career Transition.** Third Monday of the month (March-October). Second Monday of the Month (November-February) 6:30pm: • Personal resume reviewing, interviewing, networking, and career assessment help. • First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church Street, Marietta. More info: Lee Pence, 770-428-9350, or Bob Sabin 770-795-9084, or visit www.fpcmarietta.org

• **Caregiver and Share Support Group for Alzheimer's.** First Monday of the month. 6-7pm. Arbor Terrace, 886 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-4420.

• **Codependents Anonymous.** Mondays & Thursdays. 7:30-8:45pm. Unity North Church, 4225 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 404-213-4482.

• **Depression/Bipolar Support Group.** First and 3rd Thursday of the month. 7-8:30pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Room 339, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-794-2978.

• **Divorced/Separated Support Group.** First and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 7:30pm. St. Ann's Catholic Church, Mary's Chapel, 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-552-6400, ext. 6018.

• **Divorce Support Group** by Visions Anew for women who are contemplating or going through the divorce process. First Thursday & 3rd Wednesday of the month. 7-9pm. • East Cobb Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: www.visionsanew.org.

• **Diabetes Support Group** offered by WellStar Health System. Second Tuesday of the month. 6:30-8pm. McLaren Mill Office Park, 531 Rose Lane Street, Suite 100, Marietta. No registration required. More info: 770-793-7818.

• **Domestic Violence Support Groups.** Sessions in English and Spanish. Wednesdays. 6:45-8:15pm. Childcare available for children 6 weeks to 12 years. Children over 12 may attend and learn childcare skills. More info: 770-427-3390.

• **East Cobb Satellite of CHADD (Children & Adults w/Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) Parental Support Group.** 2nd Tuesday of the month. 6:30-8:00 pm. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church (Room B109) on Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Cappie Suttle, 404-368-9394, east-cobb@chadd.net, or www.chadd.net/300.

• **Emotions Anonymous,** a fellowship of people who come together to work toward recovery from emotional difficulties and discover a new way of life. Tuesdays & Fridays. 7pm. Roswell United Methodist Church, 614 Mimosa Boulevard, Counseling Building, Roswell. More info: 770-330-1991.

• **Families Anonymous (FA)** for families who have loved ones struggling with addiction. Every Tuesday. 7:30-9pm. Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Youth Center, 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-971-1465.

• **Families of Children Under Stress (FOCUS).** To listen, inform and educate, and offer programs for the families and the child with special needs. Last Thursday of the month during school year. 10am. Chick-Fil-A, 1201 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info/to confirm meeting date: Angie, 770-234-9111, angie@focus-ga.org, or www.focus-ga.org.

• **Fractured Families for Parents Estranged from their Children.** First and 3rd Monday. 7:30pm. • La Madeleine, 4101 Roswell Road #812, Marietta. More info: Sandy 404-446-6093 or Judy 404-643-3531.

• **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group.** Second Tuesday each month. 7:15pm. Special guest speaker. Transfiguration Church, Room 102, 1815 Blackwell Road, Marietta. More info: Jeannie, 770-919-9275.

• **Grief Support Group** for those who have had a family member, friend or other loved one pass away. First Thursday of each month. 7-9pm. Unity North Atlanta Church, 4255 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: kathzkel@yahoo.com.

• **JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent and Significant Others).** For Jewish members of 12 Step groups. 7-8pm, first and third Tuesdays of every month except on Jewish holidays. Congregation Etz Chaim, 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, in the library. More info: 770-928-2523 or teshuva@aol.com.

• **Let's Play.** Play Group for Moms, Dads and caregivers of children under 18 months. Second and 4th Friday per month. 9:30am. Etz Chaim, 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta. More info: Perla Iszak, pmi1972@yahoo.com.

• **Loneliness Bereavement Support Group.** Every Wednesday except holidays. 11am. Heritage Hospice, 3315 Hilltop Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-423-5959.

• **Marietta Moms.** For all kinds of moms - new to the area, looking for new friends, or just needing support. Daily events for babies, toddlers and older kids. More info: 770-956-0318 or 678-357-3661 or www.mariettamoms.com

• **Mothers Circle Group.** Are you a mother raising Jewish children but you are not Jewish? Free education and support through a 16-week course. Groups are held in Marietta, Intown and North Fulton. More info: Suzette Cohen, suzette@themotherscircle.org or www.themotherscircle.org.

• **Mothers of PreSchoolers(MOPS).** Wednesdays. 6:15-7:15pm. A place where moms can come to build friendships and receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. Childcare provided. Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-971-1465 or mtzionmops@gmail.com.

• **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).** Family Support Group for families who have loved ones struggling with mental illness. • Second and fourth Tuesday of each month. 7-8:30pm. Hillside United Methodist Church, Second Floor, 4474 Towne Lake Parkway, Woodstock. More info: 770-928-2762.

• **Overeaters Anonymous.** A support group for those who suffer from the need to compulsively overeat. Monday-Wednesday-Friday. 10am. St. Ann's Catholic Church, 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Betsy: 404-226-4931.

• **Parents of Prodigals.** For parents of struggling teens and young adults. Second and 4th Thursday. 7-8:30pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Fair Brocard, 770-612-1197 or www.prodigalchildministries.org.

• **Parkinson's Disease Support Group.** For persons with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers. Second Sunday each month. 4pm. Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Bldg. A, Roswell. More info: Robin Cleveland, 678-819-3915.

• **Veteran's Information Referral Office (VIRO).** Free help and information for all veterans with VA Disability, VA Healthcare, Employment and Counseling. Second and 4th Wednesday each month. First and 4th Saturday each month, 11am-2pm. American Legion, Post 29, 921 Gresham Avenue, Marietta. More info: 770-427-5900.

• **Widowed Helping Others (WHO).** Dinner Social. First and 3rd Wednesday of the month. 6pm. St. Ann's Catholic Church, Nolan Hall, 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Ann's Pastoral Care, 770-552-6400, ext. 6018.



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