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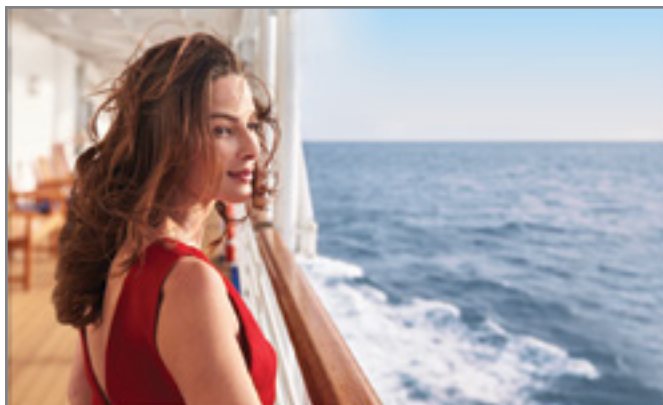
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with her daughters Nancy & Tilly Bishop

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PUBLISHER'S NOTE



May is a very busy month with Mother's Day, graduations, and planning our kids' summer activities. As crazy busy as your life gets, I am glad you picked up the EAST COBBER. As you flip through the pages, I hope you will find the info we collected helpful in updating you on what is going on in our neck of the woods, and make you feel good about living in our great lil' community! The EAST COBBER continues to be a resource for busy moms and dads by providing information that enriches our lives, like listing local day camps (see pages 20-27), Vacation Bible Schools (pages 40 & 41), and featuring clubs and support groups (see

pages 56-60). And, don't forget we need to get back out to the polls to vote in, not one, but two, runoff elections (see pages 10 and 11).

To help celebrate Mother's Day, this May edition of the EAST COBBER marks our annual "Mother of the Year" contest. Mother's Day coincides with graduation season every year, but imagine if our Mother of the Year were invited to deliver the commencement address at a university. What would happen if we viewed moms like CEOs or celebrities and invited them to address college graduates? Maybe—even for a few moments—the world, might stop disparaging the role. EAST COBBER does its part in boosting moms, by putting a special mom on our front cover and bestowing gifts (thanks, local merchants!) to the lucky woman.

Be sure to turn to page 43, to read about the community coming together to help raise money for little East Cobber, Michael Warechowski, who suffers from a heartbreaking disorder. And check out the details on an East Cobb tradition: the annual Marietta Greek Festival. The members of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church have created an annual festival that shares their food and culture with the community (see pages 18 & 19). We are lucky to have these people in East Cobb and as publisher of the EAST COBBER, I am proud to promote their good works.

Happy Mother's Day!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia".

Cynthia M. Rozzo
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On the Cover

Pictured on the front cover this month is Lorna Bulpin, EAST COBBER's Mother of the Year. She is pictured with her daughters: Nancy, 15; and Tilly Bishop, 17. They both attend Pope High School.

"I know so many fantastic moms with wonderful children that could have won. . . I was delighted to be named as EAST COBBER's Mother of the Year," says Lorna. The winning essay, written by her daughter, "reflects more on Tilly being a wonderful daughter then on me," observes Lorna.

Originally from the United Kingdom, Lorna and her family moved to East Cobb five years ago as a result of her husband's job transfer. She admits it was a "big adjustment dealing with a new school system and a new bureaucracy. . ." Now that she has settled into East Cobb, Lorna enjoys going to a Braves game, her neighborhood book club and watching movies—especially disaster movies.

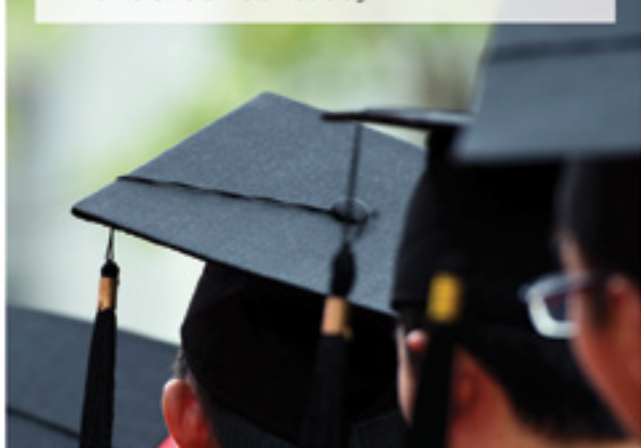
Lorna's favorite part of being a mom is "laughing with and listening to" her daughters.

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

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Lorna Bulpin: East Cobber Mother of the Year 2017



▲ Nancy Bishop, with her mom, Lorna Bulpin, and her sister, Matilda "Tilly" Bishop

Here is the winning essay written by 17-year-old Matilda Bishop, nominating her mom, Lorna Bulpin.

"I've been chronically ill with an undiagnosed illness for about 11 months now. At first, it was just me feeling unwell, but it progressed to the point where I could no longer function on my own. Sometimes seemingly simple tasks like dragging myself to the bathroom and brushing my teeth become ominous. Occasionally, I am unable to shower for days, unable to hold the strength to stand in the shower. For the first 6 months I was sick, we spent three of those in the hospital, where she would sleep on an uncomfortable pull out couch.

Through all this, my mother has been patient, understanding, and thick skinned as doctors and people have made offhand comments and mistreated us. We have travelled to far corners of the United States to receive what is supposedly the best care, only to be quickly disappointed to where my mother is in tears. Despite this, she still continues to take care of me and support me on my bad days, and

encourage me and be a "normal mother" on my good days.

She definitely deserves to be honored because of how she has managed to battle on and help me and the rest of our family despite the hardships my health has caused us.

She continues to work for Challenge Island, Ltd. where she works admin and teaches some of the classes. She also does the majority of the brunt work with caring for our home and my sister and father.

Not too long ago, when I was sick, my mother came down with appendicitis and had to be rushed to hospital. After having it removed she then caught a nasty infection and continued to battle on and care for us despite being in large amounts of pain. She then continued to care for my father when he came down with pneumonia from legionella.

Despite all these challenges, she manages to try and live a relatively normal life. I am so thankful for her and I know the rest of my family, and all those who have the pleasure of knowing her, are too." 📖

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EAST COBBER'S Mother of the Year 2017 is invited to participate in this year's EAST COBBER Parade. Lorna Bulpin also receives the following gifts donated by local businesses:

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- Keegan's Irish Pub** – \$50 Gift Certificate
- Once Again Books** – \$25 Gift Card
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STAR STUDENTS CELEBRATED AT ANNUAL BANQUET

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The STAR program was launched in 1958 by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. In 1994, the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) was invited to assume the responsibility for the oversight, administration and promotion of the state-wide program. The 92,000 members of PAGE are honored to recognize Georgia's future leaders and 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 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 2017 East Cobb high school students and teachers. STAR Students were



PAGE STAR Region Winner Lucy Wang, a senior at Walton High School, along with her STAR Teacher Alan Farnsworth.

honored at the annual State PAGE Student and Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) banquet on April 24.

KELL HIGH SCHOOL

STAR Student: Jonathan "Nate" Morris

STAR Teacher: Davanna Silva

LASSITER HIGH SCHOOL

STAR Student: Christopher Free!

STAR Teacher: Dr. Wylie Brown

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STAR Student: Lucy Wang – Region Winner

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STAR Teacher: Mark Hoskins

ROOTS REACH DEEP FOR E. SMITH HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING



Debbie Smith Abernathy, vice president of E. Smith Heating & Air Conditioning and daughter of Earl and Rachel Smith

Earl and Rachel Smith probably had no idea 55 years ago when they started E. Smith Heating & Air Conditioning what their company would look like in 2017. Entrepreneurial in spirit and community-minded at heart, the co-founders set out to establish a successful business while, at the same time, using that platform to give back to their community. Still a family-owned and operated company, E. Smith continues to install, service and maintain heating

and cooling systems for East Cobb families and businesses. Debbie Smith Abernathy, vice president and daughter of Earl and Rachel, gives much credit for all the company's accomplishments to her mother, who passed away a year ago this May, as E. Smith celebrates its 55th anniversary.

The Smiths moved to Marietta, which was then rural countryside, in 1961. The next year they began E. Smith Heating & Air Conditioning, with Rachel as the first employee while Earl completed work at Bryant Atlanta Corporation. She handled the phones and accounting during the company's infancy. She continued to work at E. Smith her entire life. According to Debbie, even as her mom battled cancer, she worked until three weeks before her death at the age of 82.

With a heart for community, Rachel felt strongly about giving back. West Cobb's Calvary Children's Home was E. Smith's first charity and one that the company continues to support today both financially and through servicing their HVAC systems. In fact, all the memorial gifts given in Rachel's honor were presented to Calvary Children's Home, which provides a safe and loving Christian environment for children needing placement apart from their families.

Another favorite charity is the Earl Smith Strand Theatre, a historic landmark located on the Marietta Square. Built as an Art Deco movie theatre in 1935, The Strand Theatre (original name) was vacated in 2002. Many local citizens and businesses joined together to raise funds to reopen the theatre. Earl led the charge in coordinating a matching challenge campaign, and the theatre was renamed the Earl Smith Strand Theatre upon its reopening in January 2009. Members of E. Smith have served in various board positions, and the company was the presenting sponsor for this year's golf tournament.

E. Smith actively supports other community associations and groups, furthering Rachel's commitment to giving back. Company employees have served in various board positions and/or have helped in fundraising. These include:

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6 RACE GOES TO RUNOFF



Jon Ossoff (D)



Karen Handel (R)

The Congressional District 6 race is heading to a June 20 runoff election between Democrat Jon Ossoff and Republican Karen Handel. The two were the top vote-getters April 18 among 18 candidates (11 Republicans, 5 Democrats, and two independents) seeking to replace Republican Tom Price. Tom Price resigned his Congressional seat to be sworn in as United States Secretary of Health and Human Services on February 10.

Ossoff received 48.1 percent of the vote, just short of the 50 percent threshold needed to win the seat, so he will face Karen Handel, the top Republican vote-getter, in the June 20 runoff.

Ossoff earned 93,911 of the 193,483 ballots cast in the three-county district, which had an overall turnout of 43.5 percent for the special election. That gave Ossoff, who needed a simple majority to win outright, slightly more than 48.5 percent of the votes cast. Handel was second in the field with 37,993 votes, or 19.6 percent of the total cast, to qualify for the runoff.

Ossoff, whose occupation is listed as an investigative filmmaker, was also a former aide to 4th District U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson. For more information about Jon Ossoff, visit election.com.

Former Georgia Secretary of State and former chair of the Fulton County commission, Karen Handel heads up Handel Strategy Group. For more information about Karen Handel, visit karenhandel.com.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6 ELECTION RESULTS

Candidate	Votes	Percent
Jon Ossoff (D)	92,673	48.12%
Karen Handel (R)	38,071	19.77%
Bob Gray (R)	20,802	10.8%
Dan Moody (R)	17,028	8.84%
Judson Hill (R)	16,870	8.76%
Kurt Wilson (R)	1,820	.95%
David Abroms (R)	1,639	.85%
Ragin Edwards (D)	504	.26%
Ron Slotin (D)	491	.25%
Bruce Levell (R)	455	.24%
Mohammad Ali Bhuiyan (R)	415	.22%
Keith Grawert (R)	415	.22%
Amy Kremer (R)	351	.18%
William Llop (R)	326	.17%
Rebecca Quigg (D)	304	.16%
Richard Keatley (D)	229	.12%
Alexander Hernandez (I)	121	.06%
Andre Pollard (I)	55	.03%
TOTAL VOTES	193,981	



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STATE SENATE RACE GOES TO RUNOFF



Dr. Kay Kirkpatrick (R)



Christine Triebisch (D)

The State Senate District 32 race is heading to a May 16 runoff election between Democrat Christine Triebisch and Republican Dr. Kay Kirkpatrick. The two were the top vote-getters April 18 among eight candidates (5 Republicans and 3 Democrats) seeking to replace Republican Judson Hill. Judson Hill resigned his State Senate seat to run for the District 6 Congressional seat.

With 100% of precincts reporting, Triebisch, a Democrat, won the most votes --14,199 votes, 24 percent of the total votes. Republican candidate Kay Kirkpatrick earned 12,369 votes/21.09 percent of the vote total.

Christine Triebisch is a mother of 2 teenagers, and trial attorney with a focus in family and juvenile law. She received her law degree from John Marshall Law School in Atlanta in 1995. For more information about Christine Triebisch, visit www.christine4ga.com.

For 30 years Dr. Kay Kirkpatrick served as an orthopedic surgeon here in metro Atlanta. She is the former president of Resurgens Orthopedics. She and her husband, Thomas, an emergency physician, have two adult children and live in the Ashebrooke subdivision. For more information about Kay Kirkpatrick, visit: kayforsenate.com.

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 32 RESULTS

Christine Triebisch (D)	24.22%	14,199 votes
Kay Kirkpatrick (R)	21.09%	12,369 votes
Royden "Roy" Daniels (R)	15.20%	8,912 votes
Gus Makris (R)	10.18%	5,969 votes
Matt Campbell (R)	9.99%	5,858 votes
Bob Wiskind (D)	8.69%	5,097 votes
Exton Howard (D)	6.93%	4,063 votes
Hamilton Beck (R)	3.70%	2,168 votes

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FIVE EAST COBB TEAMS HEADED TO ODYSSEY OF THE MIND WORLD FINALS



Mt. Bethel Elementary School Problem 5
Quinn, Ariya, Nate, Matt, Jennifer, Max, and Stefan

On May 24, teams from Mt. Bethel Elementary School, Dickerson Middle School and Walton High School will be headed to Michigan State University to compete for a 3-day competition in the 2017 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. After achieving high scores at Georgia regional competitions in February and March, these five teams placed First or Second in their problem and division at the Georgia state competition held at Columbus State University on April 1.

More than 800 teams from 20+ countries, including China, India, Mexico and Russia are expected to compete this year. Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem solving program for students ranging in age from kindergarten through college. Students work in teams of up to seven members to solve problems using "out of the box" thinking and creative skills for high scores. They compete at the Regional, State and World level against teams in their respective divisions, which are divided by grade. Primary Teams (K-2) are not eligible for the State or World competitions.


The teams will compete this year in three problem areas: Dickerson will compete in a balsa wood structure problem – their 15-gram structure held 580 pounds at the State competition. A second Dickerson team and a Walton team will travel back in time to discover the creative genius behind major works of art. The Mt. Bethel and second Walton team have created superheroes and sidekicks to battle the evil that is trying to steal creativity from the world with a cliffhanger ending.



Dickerson Middle School Problem 4
Keerti, Prarti, Aadi, Aadya, Sofia, Rebecca, and Dhanya

Modeled after interscholastic sports, an Odyssey of the Mind competition combines the excitement of an athletic event with fun-filled zany mental gymnastics. Teams prepare for many months on both their long term problem solution and "on the spot" spontaneous problems that are part of the competition as well. Scores are weighted toward creative solutions. Although teams have coaches, outside assistance is strictly forbidden. Students can take full credit for their work.

The Odyssey of the Mind program dates back to the 1970s with its founder, Dr. C. Samuel Micklus, an innovative Industrial Design professor at Rowan University in New Jersey. Micklus challenged his students to use their creativity to solve unique problems, like building a vehicle without wheels, designing a mechanical pie thrower and others, as part of his course. The program evolved into a worldwide organization that presents five problems each year with emphasis on various creative skills, such as creating structures from balsa wood, designing vehicles with non-traditional power sources or twisting the classics.

Please consider a donation to help pay for these students' transportation to and from Michigan State University and their room and board in the dorms. If interested, please visit: www.gofundme.com/waltonodyssey-world. Your generous contribution will be shared between the teams so every student can participate. Thank you for helping get these creative minds to World Finals! For more information about the The Odyssey of the Mind program, please visit: www.WaltonOdysseyWorld.com. 

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Dickerson Middle School Problem 3
Sophie, Ryan, Greyson, Umana, Aidan, Cole, and Maya



Walton High School Problem 3
Amelia, Neven, Ethan, Lily, Grace, Liza, and Sam



Walton High School Problem 5
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I love the warm weather of the approaching summertime – a time when my family enjoys the beautiful sunshine and eats cold watermelon and homemade ice cream outside on our back porch. For people with sensitive teeth, however, this activity that my family so enjoys is not a treat. Cold foods and beverages make their teeth ache. Cavities and broken teeth can make the teeth sensitive, but if a dentist has ruled those out, the sensitivity may be coming from exposed root surfaces, missing enamel, cracks, or clenching/grinding of the teeth.

Roots often become exposed when the gum tissue recedes due to aggressive brushing, periodontal disease, or from clenching or grinding the teeth. Brushing hard at the junction between the tooth and gums can wear away the thin edge of tissue or cause it to retreat away from the tooth. With periodontal disease, as the bone level around the teeth drops, so does the gum level, exposing the tooth roots. Grinding your teeth, which often occurs at night during sleep, torques the teeth side to side and

often loosens the ligaments that hold the teeth in their sockets, causing the gums to pull away from the teeth.

Enamel makes up the protective outer covering of the teeth. As enamel is worn away, whether through tooth grinding or chemical erosion, the dentin becomes exposed. The dentin layer of the tooth is porous, so when cold, hot, or acidic substances touch this layer, the nerves in the tooth are stimulated. Grinding your teeth can wear away the enamel on the chewing surfaces of the teeth and also can “bend” the tooth at the gumline causing the enamel in this area to chip away. Acid reflux and eating acidic foods or beverages are examples of sources of chemicals that can erode the enamel.

Cracks in the teeth can be caused by grinding the teeth, by a “bad bite,” or by bad habits such as chewing ice. These cracks can lead down into the dentin layer allowing fluid to travel in and out of the tooth, aggravating the cells and nerves. Grinding or clenching your teeth puts excessive

pressure on the teeth and over time, can cause a fracture in the tooth or can put such pressure on a filling that the tooth cracks. If your teeth don’t fit together properly, chewing can put heavier pressure on areas not designed to withstand such forces. Also, a bad bite or sleep disordered breathing can sometimes be the cause of nighttime grinding of the teeth.

There are many causes of tooth sensitivity. Left unchecked, sometimes the underlying cause can lead to major problems, so notify your dentist if you have any acute or chronic issues with tooth sensitivity.



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SOCIAL MEDIA SUPER POWER

By Haylie Kramer, Communications Chair, East Cobb County Council of PTAs

In an age where few children born in the last ten years will likely remember life without smartphones or tablets, it's hard for anyone to really fathom getting along in a world that wasn't online. Was programming a VCR as complicated as everyone made it out to be? I can't even remember.

As today's YouTube toddlers emerge to preschool age, they've already been immersed in a digital world, so web-based learning comes naturally when touchscreen is your norm. When they embark on their elementary school years, they don't use card catalogues, encyclopedias or microfiche, much less know what these are. In middle school, they don't have to haul around 30-pound backpacks full of textbooks. They live in a new and improved 'domain,' if you will, that we previous generations created for them. When our parents wanted something better for us and we wanted something even better than that (what could be better than the 90s?), we realized that dream, right alongside Marty McFly.

Technology has opened so many doors for parenting and learning. Grades are now posted online; to wait six weeks for an update is unheard of. Modern-day educators use email or text messaging services such as Remind as their preferred means of communication with parents. (How many teachers have you heard jokingly say, "Please don't leave me a voicemail! I wouldn't even know how to retrieve it!") Real time, direct access to the classroom means that I can text the kindergarten teacher that I'll drop the library book off after Yoga (or... Errr... I mean after Wendy Williams).

Technology in the home, on the other hand, may not be ideal for some parents. I've come to realize though, that whoever said, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em," was actually talking about teenagers. It's not like I'm without social media myself, anyway... I've got my Pinterest, my Facebook, my Twitter, my YouTube... (Oh! That's where

they learned how to get on there!) My now six-year-old son did not sit at the computer and type "youtube.com" into Google when he was three. Nor did he download that magic horn honking app that could instantly silence his nettled giant baby self in any restaurant (ok, I admit it, I downloaded that app).

And I downloaded SnapChat (and Marco Polo, Musical.ly, Instagram, SongPop...), not only so I could monitor whatever social media app my daughter and her friends had become engulfed in, but so that I could engage in that fun alongside them. We have talked about the dangers of all social media networks and taught our children the utmost degree of internet safety. If you haven't yet, now is the time to do so because the social media craze is clearly this generation's thing. Do your research, relay the warnings, enforce the rules and consistently check with your own eyes that everything is proper, but have some fun while you're there.

Some of the funniest things happen on SnapChat, and I don't want to miss out on those moments with her, especially since the moments will disappear in 10 seconds. And that's the kicker—whether you're on a social media platform, taking them for ice cream, or drying their tears, the moments will disappear. I used to be scared of social media, so if you are as well, don't be. Download the apps, friend your children and their friends and enter their sphere of influence because that's where the fun is. We have so much to teach our children, but oh, they have so much to teach us! 📱



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GEORGIA YOUTH SYMPHONY CHORUS SCHEDULES AUDITIONS

The Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra (GYSO), the largest youth orchestra program in the Southeast, is pleased to announce the renewal of its youth chorus in response to continued program growth and feedback from music educators. GYSO's auditions for the 2017-2018 season will be held on May 22-26 at Kennesaw State University. Interested students from sixth to twelfth grade are eligible to try out.

Under the direction of GSO Chorus director Bryan Black, the youth chorus is focused on the educational and physical/musical development of young singers. In addition to providing supplemental instruction that supports ongoing activities in classrooms, the revamped youth chorus program is unique in providing students with music theory and



sight-singing training, which are crucial to advanced vocalist development. Chorus rehearsals are performed weekly from 5:30-7 pm on Tuesdays at the Marietta Performing Arts Center, 1171 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta 30064.

Youth chorus members have the opportunity to participate in distinguished performances. These include stand-alone concerts and select participation with the Georgia Symphony Orchestra Chorus and in masterworks with the Georgia Symphony Orchestra.

For the audition, students should prepare a 2-3 minute solo (folk tune, hymn or art song) and provide a copy for the staff accompanist. The audition will also include pitch memory and evaluate vocal range. For more information, visit: georgiayouthsymphony.org/auditions. 📞



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27th ANNUAL MARIETTA GREEK FESTIVAL



Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church is celebrating the 27th Annual Marietta Greek Festival. Known as "Cobb County's Most Delicious Festival!" this year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever. It is a three day celebration that has mass appeal and breaks attendance records almost every year. The extravaganza features a live Greek band 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 and giving visitors a glimpse into the ancient Christian church of Byzantium. The biggest draw though is the endless supply of the delicious homemade Greek dishes and pastries. 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 \$5 and children 12 and under are free. Speaking of the kids, there will be a special play area for children with games, activities, and crafts to entertain them. 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 festival is held on the church grounds located at 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta/East Cobb. The Marietta Greek Festival will open on Friday, May 19th at 3pm until 11pm (FREE admission from 3 to 5pm) and will continue on Saturday from 10am to 11pm and finally on Sunday from 11am to 6pm. Visit www.MariettaGreekFestival.com or call the Festival Hotline at 770-924-8080. OPA! ☺

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3001 Hembree Road, Marietta 30062
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June 12-15. 9am-12pm; 9am-3pm. Ages: 6-12. Cost: \$120-\$150. The camp mission is to relish in the fun of softball and increase personal skills and ability while also teaching the importance of teamwork, togetherness, and ethical play.

POPE HIGH SCHOOL – FENCING CAMP

Tritt Elementary School
4435 Post Oak Tritt Road, Marietta 30062
678-524-6810 • popefencing.org/camp
July 10-13. 9am-3pm. Grades: Rising 6th-12th grade. Cost: \$200. Through fun and games learn basic fencing skills.

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2821 Lassiter Road, Marietta 30062
770-641-8535 • primroseschools.com/schools/lassiter
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770-751-3646 • thespanishacademy.com
Various sessions June 12-July 21. Ages 2-8. Cost: \$195/week.

SPORTS BROADCASTING CAMP

@ Emory University, 201 Dowman Drive, Atlanta 30322
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519 Johnson Ferry Road, Building B, Marietta 30068
508-507-8736 • stremhq.com
June 5 - July 28. 9am- 4pm. Ages: 7-13. Cost: \$199/week.
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480 Terrell Mill Road, Marietta 30067
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770-427-2689 • thewalkerschool.org
June 5 - July 28. Age: 3-18. 8am-4pm. Cost: \$125-\$395/week. Opportunities abound for academic enrichment, athletics, the arts, and transformative learning experiences through the Walker Summer Programs. They offer an extensive and diverse selection of enrichment opportunities for rising Pre-K to 12th grade students!

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL – ROBOTICS CAMP

1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta 30062
waltonroboticscamp@gmail.com • waltonrobotics.org
Time: see website. Grades: 6th-9th (varies per camp). Cost: \$200-\$300/week. Walton Robotics Team is hosting three camps targeting different areas and levels of engineering, Lego NXT, VEX Advanced, and Programming.

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL- SUMMER CAMP FOR PUZZLES & LOGIC

Dickerson Middle School
855 Woodlawn Drive, Marietta 30068
Laura.speer@cobbk12.org
www.waltonmathteam.com/summer-camp
June 5th-8th. 9am-2pm. Rising 4th-8th grade. Cost: \$150 after May 1.

WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL – CAMP G.A.M.E.S. SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CAMP FOR GIRLS

375 Holt Road, Marietta 30068
770-578-3286 • wheelermagnet.com/summer_camps.html
June 26-30. 9am-3pm. Rising 4th-6th grade girls. \$250. This camp will offer students the opportunity to explore an array of science and engineering fields including forensics, chemistry, engineering, and genetics.

WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL- SCIENCE SPECTRUM – SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CAMP

375 Holt Road, Marietta 30068
770-578-3286 • stacy.regitsky@cobbk12.org
June 12-16. 9am-3pm. Rising 7th-9th grade. Cost: \$300
Designed for rising 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students who have an interest in science and engineering.

WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL - STEM EXPLORERS

375 Holt Road, Marietta 30068
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June 26-30, 9am-3pm, Rising 4th -6th grade, Cost: \$250
Designed for boys who have an interest in science and engineering.

YMCA CAMPS

>McClesky-East Cobb YMCA
1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta 30062
770-977-5991 • ymcaatlanta.org
>Northeast Cobb YMCA
3010 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30062
678-569-9622 • ymcaatlanta.org
May 30-July 28. Ages 5-12. Weekly half- and full-day pre-school, sports, specialty and teen camps. Visit website for details. YMCAs offer well-supervised, engaging activities for children ages 5 to 18. Camp counselors facilitate safe outdoor learning experiences that help children build confidence, character and lasting friendships.

YOUNG CHEF'S ACADEMY - CAMP CAN-I-COOK

230 Hammond Drive, Sandy Springs 30328
404-255-9263 • youngchefsacademy.com/sandysprings
sandyspringsga@youngchefsacademy.com
May 30-July 28. 9:15am-12:15pm & 1:15-4:15pm. Ages: 5-15.
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EVERY MONDAY

Garden Tour Mondays. Start your week on the right foot with a free tour of the historic gardens at Barrington Hall. The tour is led by staff horticulturist Janet Rigsby and begins at the main house back porch. No reservations are necessary. 9:30am. Barrington Hall, 535 Barrington Drive, Roswell 30075. Free. More info: 770-640-3855.

EVERY TUESDAY

Yoga. This class will help create body awareness, strengthen and stretch muscles and tissues, improve balance, posture and coordination. Appropriate for all levels of students. 12:15-1:15pm. \$82.50 (April 4-June 20). WellStar East Cobb Health Park, 3747 Roswell Road NE, Marietta. More info: 770-956-7827 or wellstar.org.

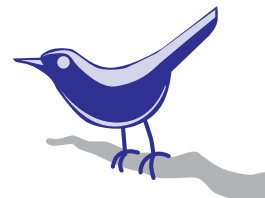
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Feeding Time at the Chattahoochee Nature Center. Join a naturalist for an in-depth look at one of their resident animals as they are being fed. 4pm. Admission: \$10/adults, \$7/seniors and students ages 13-18, \$6/ages 3-12. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 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. Glover Park, Marietta Square, 50 Park Square, Marietta. More info: 770-794-5601 or www.marietta.ga.gov.

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EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Marietta Square Farmers Market featuring products that are grown and produced in Georgia, including produce, plants, honey, breads, and cheese. Saturday: 9am-12pm; Sunday: 12-3pm. Historic Marietta Square, 65 Church Street, Marietta. More info: 770-499-9393 or www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com.

EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

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 and 3pm. Admission: \$10/adults. \$7/seniors and students ages 13-18. \$6/ages 3-12. Free/members and children under 3. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055 or www.chattnaturecenter.org.

THROUGH MAY 31

Find Your Favorite Forest Fairy House on the Trail. Back by popular demand, the fairies have been busy building all new fairy houses for the Homestead Trail and Kingfisher Pond Trail this spring. More than a dozen whimsical works line trails. Create your own Fairy House. Members Free. \$10/Adult, \$6/Child, Children 2 & under are free. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055 or chattnaturecenter.org.

MAY 4-5

XPLOSION. Pope High School Band's unique and extraordinary musical performance featuring a jazz band, dance, color guard, and drums. Concert: 7pm. Tickets: \$15/seating. \$10/general admission. \$5/students (with ID). Pope High School, 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta. More info: 770-578-7900 or www.popeband.com.

MAY 5

Relay for Life of Cobb County presented by The American Cancer Society. This fundraising event includes a survivor and caregiver reception for registered survivors and a wellness fair with free information, services, samples and giveaways. 6pm. Jim Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta. More info: www.RelayForLife.org/CobbGA.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 5-6

Sope Creek Garden Club Plant Sale. Native plants and shrubs from members' gardens: Ferns, ground covers, hydrangeas, irises, day lilies, elephant ears, flowering perennials, and many more. Decorative garden items, containers, plant stands, and bird houses. 8am-2pm. Eastside Baptist Church, 2450 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: frogsncats.com/html/sopecreek-gc/scgc.htm

MAY 5-13

Motherhood Out Loud presented by CenterStage North. When entrusting the subject of motherhood to such a dazzling collection of celebrated American writers, what results is a joyous, moving, hilarious, and altogether thrilling theatrical event. Utterly unpredictable, Motherhood Out Loud shatters traditional notions about parenthood, unveils its inherent comedy and celebrates the deeply personal truths that span and unite generations. Thursday-Friday: 8pm. Saturday: 2pm & 8pm. Sunday: 2pm. Tickets: \$15. CentreStage North at The Art Place-Mountain View, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info/tickets: 770-331-0079 or www.centerstagenorth.com.

MAY 6

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. Dr. No's Comics & Games Superstore, 3372 Canton Road, Suite 104, Marietta/East Cobb and Great Escape Comics & Games, 1050 East Piedmont Road, Suite 106, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 770-422-4642 and 770-973-2253 or freecomicbookday.com.

Orchestral Dances presented by the Georgia Philharmonic. Listen and watch as amazing dance music is brought to life on stage. Respighi's *Ancient Airs and Dances*, Weber's *Invitation to the Dance*, and Rachmaninoff's *Symphonic Dances* will leave you spellbound. 7pm. \$30/Prime, \$25/Adult, \$15/Senior, \$10/Student. Lassiter Concert Hall, 2601 Shallowford Road, Marietta/East Cobb 30066. More info: Roger Christian, 770-514-2515 or georgiaphilharmonic.org.

Taste of East Cobb. Enjoy samplings from local restaurants, live entertainment and kids' activities. Fundraiser for the Walton High School band. 11am-5pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church South Parking Lot, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, East Cobb. More info: tasteofeastcobb.com.



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MAY 6-7

May-retta Daze Arts & Crafts Festival. 40th annual arts and crafts festival. Featuring local artists exhibiting all handmade work, including: pottery, paintings, woodwork, metal, glass, fabric, soap, candles, and more. Saturday 10am-5pm & Sunday 11am-5pm. Glover Park in the Marietta Square, 50 N Park Square, Marietta. More info: mariettaga.gov.

MAY 6-7, 13-14, 19-21

Good Mews Spring Flea Market. Find great bargains on a variety of items. Saturdays and last Friday: 10am-5pm. Sundays: 12-5pm. 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 behind the building every Saturday (10am-2pm) and Sunday (12-3pm) until May 7. Sandy Plains Village Shopping Center, 4651 Woodstock Road, Roswell. More info: 770-499-2287 or www.goodmews.org.

MAY 7

Atlanta Wind Symphony presents "Marching to Our Own Beat." Marches from all over the world, many from the USA! 3-4:30pm. Free. Roswell Cultural Arts Center, 950 Forrest Street, Roswell 30075. More info: atlantawindsymphony.org.

MAY 10

Museum Mice Tour: Murray & Etha Count Collections. 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: \$5/ family (one adult and up to three children), additional adults and children are \$5 each. Reservations are required for the tour. 10:30am. Marietta Museum of History, 1 Depot Street, Suite 200, Marietta. More info: 770-794-5710 or www.mariettahistory.org.

MAY 12

With a Song in my Heart presented by the Michael O'Neal Singers (MOS). The MOS and musicians feature selections from America from the Golden Age of Popular Song, the late 1920s to the early 1960s. 8pm. Advance tickets \$22/ adults. \$17/students & seniors. Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell. More info: 770-594-7974 or www.mosingers.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 12-14

49th Annual Mother's Day Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show presented by the Georgia Mineral Society. Educational exhibits, club displays, mineral and fossil specimens. Friday-Saturday: 10am-6pm. Sunday: 12-5pm. Auction held Saturday at 1pm. Free. Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway SE, Marietta. More info: www.gaminal.org.

The Atlanta Ballet presents Camino Real. A rousing fusion of dance, theater and live music that creates one unforgettable experience. Friday: 8pm. Saturday: 2pm & 8pm. Sunday: 2pm. Tickets start at \$20. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 770-916-2800, www.cobbenergycentre.com, or www.ticketmaster.com.

MAY 13

Miles for Mikey 2017. Katie and Mike Warechowski discovered that their only son had a fatal degenerative condition called Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD). This non-timed 5k and Fun Run will help raise much-needed funds for Michael's staggering medical bills. 9am-12pm. Mount Paran Christian School, 1275 Stanley Road NW, Kennesaw 30152. More info: Kate or Mike Warechowski, 770-321-1347.

Through the Garden Gate Tour. Explore the private gardens and projects of Master Gardeners throughout Cobb County. This is a self-guided tour, but docents will be at each garden to answer questions. The garden tour map is available to download online. 10am-5pm. Tickets: \$20 online or \$25 on the day of the event. More info/tickets: 770-528-4070 or www.cobbmastergardeners.com.

Symphony on the Square at East Cobb Park. "An American Rhapsody" will feature music associated with the early beginnings of our country but will move beyond those early American sounds into swing music, Broadway themes, some Sousa marches, music from John Williams and his latest Star Wars soundtrack, some Gershwin and a few contemporary titles. A true variety of musical styles themes, all selected to celebrate the unique music of America. 7pm, Free lawn seating. East Cobb Park, 3322 Roswell Road. symphonyonthesquare.org.

FURever Fest hosted by Cobb County Animal Control. A fun, free, family event, featuring vendors with animal related businesses, services, and organizations providing education, information and products to enhance the experience of adopting a pet. A K-9 officer and the handler will demonstrate the skills these dogs provide as a member of the police force. Food and raffles will round out the event. 10am-4pm. Cobb County Animal Control, 1060 Al Bishop Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-590-5614 or www.cobbanimalcontrol.org.

MAY 13

Rockin' at the River. Annual fundraiser for the Chattahoochee Nature Center (CNC) with food, music, drinks, dancing, and a live and silent auction. 6:30-11pm. Tickets: \$125/General admission. \$250/Patrons. Spring chic attire. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info/tickets: 770-992-2055 x238 or www.chattnaturecenter.org.

Trail Work Day. Join the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club, to help maintain the 20 plus miles of trails in the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. 8:30am-1pm. Meet in the new parking lot on Old Highway 41. Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, Kennesaw. More info: www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.

MAY 17

Cobb Neighborhood Safety Commission Panel Discussion, presented by the Community Awareness Committee. 7pm. Cobb County Government Building, 100 Cherokee Street, Commissioners Hearing Room, Meeting Room 2nd Floor, Marietta. More info: Trish Steiner, 770-757-3419 or NSC@cobbcounty.org.

MAY 18 – JUNE 4

La Gringa. Carmen Rivera's *La Gringa* tells a story of family, identity, and belonging as young Maria visits her relatives in Puerto Rico in an effort to get to know her roots. 7:30pm. \$10 - \$30. Marietta's New Theatre in the Square, 11 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. More info: 770-426-4800 or theatreinthesquare.net.

MAY 19-20

43rd League of Women Voters of GA State Convention hosted by The League of Women Voters of Marietta-Cobb. Meet & Greet Pre-Convention Dinner: May 19th-Trackside Grill at 6:30pm 2840 S. Main Street, Kennesaw 30144. LWVGA State Convention Day: May 20th- First Lutheran Church of Kennesaw at 8:30am (located on KSU's campus), 3481 Campus Loop Road, Kennesaw. More info: 404-522-4598 or visit lwvga.org.

MAY 19-21

27th Annual Marietta Greek Festival. Cobb County's most delicious festival, featuring a live Greek band, Hellenic dance troupes, guided tours of the Church, and an endless supply of delicious homemade Greek dishes and pastries. \$5 Admission. Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: MariettaGreekFestival.com or 770-924-8080.

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MAY 21

Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra (GYSO) Season Finale. This final concert of the Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra season features original compositions by the percussion ensemble and the winners of the composition and concerto competitions. 3pm & 7:30pm. \$8/ticket. Free/5 and under. Bailey Performance Center. Kennesaw State University, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw. More info: 770-429-2390 or www.georgiasymphony.org.

Cobb Wind Symphony Young Person's Concert presented by the Cobb Wind Symphony Adult Community Band. Children's activities precede the concert and include face painting, instrument "petting zoo," Scout badge activities, and more. Children are welcome to come in costume. Children's activities: 2-3pm. Concert: 3pm. Admission is free, but donations accepted. Lassiter Concert Hall, 2601 Shallowford Road, Marietta. More info: 678-305-7148 or www.cobbwindsymphony.org.

MAY 26

Glover Park Concert Series: The Neons (Party Dance Band). The Glover Park Concert Series is held in Marietta the last Friday evening of the month, April through September. Bring a blanket and enjoy a free concert in Historic Marietta Square at 8pm. More info: 770-794-5601 or visit www.marietta.gov/concerts.

MAY 27

Veteran's Memorial 5K presented by American Legion Post 29. All proceeds support the charities of the American Legion to benefit Georgia military members, veterans and their families. Start times: 5K – 7:30am; 1K walk/run – 8:30am; Tot Trot (ages 5 and under) – 8:45am. 5K/1K: \$30. Phantom Runner: \$25. All events are rain or shine and will start and finish at the Marietta Square. 1 Cherokee Street, Marietta. Early packet pickup, 12-8pm, 5/25/17 at American Legion Post 29, 921 Gresham Road, Marietta. More info: AmericanLegion5k.org.

MAY 29

Memorial Day 5K/10K. Start and finish in the parking lot of LA Fitness on the corner of Sandy Plains & E. Piedmont. 6:30am: packet pickup & race day registration. 7:30am: races start. Registration 5K: \$30; 10K: \$35. Race Day an additional \$5. Free to all active and retired military. LA Fitness, 2550 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: www.fivestartp.com/memorial-day.html.

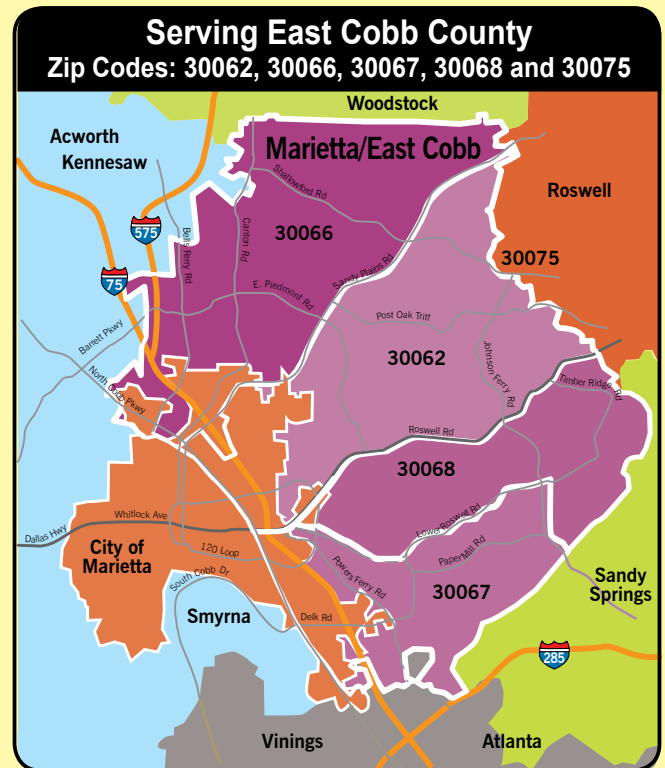
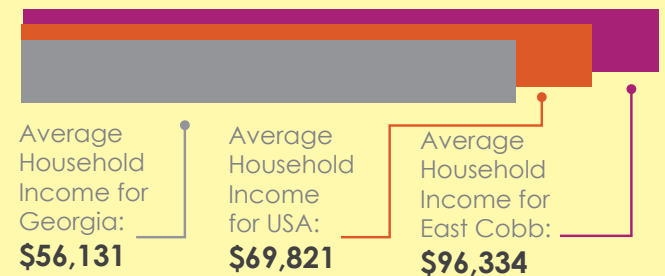
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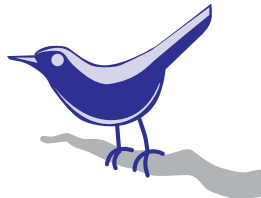
JUNE 2-4

The Blade Show presented by BLADE Magazine. The world's largest knife show will feature the most diverse array of knife manufacturers, custom knife makers, collections and products as well as unique educational seminars and competitions. Friday: 2-7pm. Saturday: 9am-6pm. Sunday: 9am-2pm. Advance tickets \$18/1-day pass. \$40/3-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.

JUNE 3

88th Annual Atlanta Radio Club Hamfest, one of the longest running gatherings of radio amateurs for buying, selling, demonstrating, exhibiting, and swapping of equipment, with new and used equipment as well as parts. 8am-3pm. \$8/adults. Free/ages 17 and under and Scouts in uniform. Jim Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta. More info: www.atlantahamfest.org.

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18th Annual Flying Colors Butterfly Festival. Live butterfly releases and butterfly encounter. The festival will also include plants available for sale in addition to arts and crafts, face painting, and vendors. Food trucks and cold treats available. Saturday: 10am-3pm. Sunday: 12-5pm. \$12/General Public. \$8/CNC Members. Free/Ages 2 and under. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055x238 or www.chattnaturecenter.org.

JUNE 5-8

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. \$385. Offered in multiple locations including Chattahoochee Tech-Mtn View Campus (2680 Gordy Parkway, Marietta), Hightower Trail Middle School (3905 Post Oak Tritt Road, Marietta), Kell High School (4770 Lee Waters Road, Marietta). More info: 770-429-3170 or www.mariettacommunityschool.com.

JUNE 10

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Come on out and support your shelter. Consider the Cobb County animal shelter first when thinking of a new pet. For those interested in adopting, there are special adoption rates available during the event, and each family that adopts will receive a pet goodie bag. And, as a special incentive, if you adopt during the event, you will be entered in a drawing for a special gift. You can also help make a difference for less fortunate dogs and cats in Cobb by bringing a dog or cat food donation (unopened and unexpired) that will help a local pet food pantry provide temporary food assistance to those in need in our county.

The FURever Fest is held in the spring and in the fall as part of CCAC's continuing efforts through public awareness and to work closely with the community to find more fur-ever homes for the homeless and abandoned animals that come into the shelter. The shelter is located at 1060 Al Bishop Drive, Marietta, just a half-mile from Jim R. Miller Park. For more information about Cobb County Animal Control or this event, please visit www.cobbanimalcontrol.org. You can also follow the events on www.facebook.com/CobbAC and www.twitter.com/CobbAC. 

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Church, Address & Contact Info	Program Name	Age	Dates	Time	Cost
Catholic Church of St. Ann 4905 Roswell Road • Marietta 30062 770-552-6400 ext. 6039 • www.st-ann.org	"Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose"	K-5th grade	Monday-Friday June 12-16	9:30am-12:30pm	\$25/child
Chestnut Ridge Christian Church 2663 Johnson Ferry Road • Marietta 30062 770-971-8888 www.chestnutridgechristianchurch.com/vbs	"Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose"	Rising K-5th grade	Monday-Thursday June 26-29	6:30pm-8:30pm	Free
Covenant Presbyterian Church 2881 Canton Road • Marietta 30066 770-422-5130 • www.covepres.com	"Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose"	3 yrs (potty trained) - 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 12-16	9am-12pm	\$10 donation
East Cobb Church of Christ 5240 Roswell Road • Marietta 30062 770-587-5999 • www.eastcobbcoc.org	"Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose"	All Ages	Sunday-Wednesday June 18-21	6-8pm	Free
Eastminster Presbyterian Church 3125 Sewell Mill Road • Marietta 30062 770-777-2976 • www.epres.org	"Rome: Paul and the Underground Church"	4 yrs - 4th grade (completed)	Monday-Friday June 19-23	9am-12:30pm	\$20/child
Eastside Baptist Church 2450 Lower Roswell Road • Marietta 30068 770-971-2323 • www.ebcfamily.org	"Gadgets and Gizmos"	PreK-5th grade (completed)	Monday-Thursday June 12-15	9am-12:30pm	Free
Holy Family Catholic Church 3401 Lower Roswell Road • Marietta 30068 770-973-0038 • www.holyfamilycc.org	"Rome: Paul and the Underground Church"	4-10 yrs	Monday-Friday June 26-30	10am - 12pm	\$50 (1 child); \$75 (2 children); \$90 (3 or more)
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 2922 Sandy Plains Road • Marietta 30066 770-971-4600 • www.holytrinitymarietta.org	"Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose"	3 yrs- 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 12-16	9am-12pm	Free
Johnson Ferry Baptist Church 955 Johnson Ferry Road • Marietta 30068 770-794-2990 • www.johnsonferry.org	"Big Top Circus"	K-5th grade (completed)	Monday-Friday June 19-23	8:45am-12:15pm	Free
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 4814 Paper Mill Road • Marietta 30067 770-953-3193 • www.lcmmarietta.org	"Hero Central: Discover your Strength in God"	3yrs-5th grade	Monday-Friday July 10-14	9am-12pm	\$20 first child \$15 additional \$50/family
Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church 4385 Lower Roswell Road • Marietta 30068 770-971-2880 • www.mtbethel.org	"Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose."	4 yrs (by Sept. 1) Rising 4th grade	Monday-Thursday June 5-8	12:30pm-3:30pm	\$20/child if parent volunteers \$30 before May 15 \$55 after May 15
Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church North Campus 2509 Post Oak Tritt • Marietta 30062 770-971-2880 • www.mtbethel.org	"Camp 56"	Rising 5th-6th grade	Monday-Thursday June 5-8	11:30am-4:30pm	\$40/child if parent volunteers \$60 before May 15 \$65 after May 15
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30062 770-971-1465 • www.mtzionumc.org	"Under Construction"	3 yrs (potty trained) - Rising 5th grade	Monday-Thursday June 19-22	9:30am-12:30pm	\$25/child; \$75 max/family
Noonday Baptist Church 4121 Canton Road • Marietta 30066 770-926-6138 • www.noondaychurch.org	"Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose"	K-6th grade	Monday-Thursday June 5-8	6-8:30pm	Free

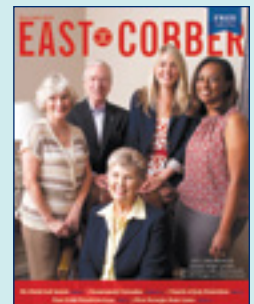
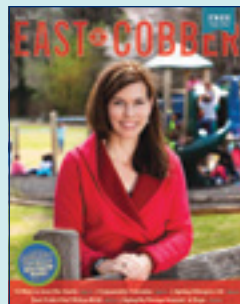
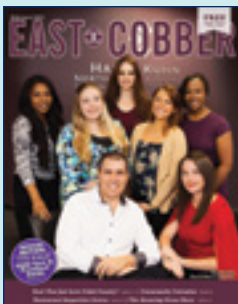
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Piedmont Church 570 Piedmont Road • Marietta 30066 770-422-2566 • www.piedmontchurch.tv	"Galactic Surveyors"	K-5th Grade (completed)	Monday-Friday June 5-9	9am-12pm	Free
Pilgrimage United Church of Christ 3755 Sandy Plains Road • Marietta 30066 770-971-0007 • www.pilgrimageucc.org	"The Bread of Life"	3 yrs-5th grade	Monday-Friday June 12-16	9am-12pm	By May 15: \$25/child; \$50/family After May 15: \$30/child; \$75/family
Powers Ferry United Methodist Church 245 Powers Ferry Road • Marietta 30062 770-973-5271 • www.powersferryumc.com	"Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose"	4 yrs-8th grade	Monday-Friday June 19-23	9:30am- 12:30pm	Free
Roswell United Methodist Church 814 Mimosa Boulevard • Marietta 30075 770-993-6218 • www.rumc.com	"Hero Central: Discover your Strength in God"	4 yrs-Rising 5th grade	Monday-Thursday June 5-8	9am-12:30pm	\$30/child
Sandy Plains Baptist Church 2825 Sandy Plains Road • Marietta 30066 770-971-8525 • www.sandyplains.org	"Operation Arctic"	4 yrs - 6th grade	Monday-Thursday July 10-14	9am-12pm	\$10/child
St. Andrew's Catholic Church 675 Riverside Road • Roswell 30075 770-641-9720 • www.standrewcatholic.org	"Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose"	3 yrs +	Monday-Friday June 5-9	9am-12pm	\$45/child; \$100/family max
St. Catherine's Episcopal Church 571 Holt Road • Marietta 30068 770-971-2839 • www.stcatherines.org	"Hero Central: Discover your Strength in God"	4 yrs-Rising 5th grade	Monday-Thursday June 12-15	9am-12pm	\$35/child
Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church 4495 Sandy Plains Road • Marietta 30066 770-993-4919 • www.wesleychapelumc.com	"Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose"	3yrs - 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 19-23	9:30-12:30pm	\$15 before June 1 \$20 after June 1

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COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THIRD ANNUAL MILES FOR MIKEY

By Carolyn Polakowski

Michael Warechowski IV is the only son of East Cobb residents Katie and Mike Warechowski, owners of Fitness Together East Cobb. Michael was born in 2010 a perfectly healthy, smart little boy who reached all his milestones. But when he didn't progress to walking, a series of tests revealed a heartbreaking disorder. On his mother Katie's 31st birthday, they received the devastating news that their son had an incurable and fatal diagnosis - Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD). Within 6 months he had lost all his physical abilities, endured two brain surgeries and multiple stays in the ICU. He is utterly dependent on others for every aspect of his care.

The symptoms of MLD, a degenerative disease, include muscle wasting and weakness, developmental delays, progressive loss of vision and blindness, convulsions, impaired swallowing and paralysis. Sadly, most children with this genetic disorder live just 5-10 years. Mikey is 7 and the Warechowskis pray he will be the exception and be with them much longer. Since the diagnosis, their lives have drastically changed, but their love and adoration for Mikey has multiplied exponentially. The costs to care for a child with MLD are staggering. Mikey



does not qualify for Medicaid and much of the medical supplies he needs is not covered by insurance. The cost of providing Mikey with care, sustenance and physical comfort is nearly \$30,000 annually.

Friends, family and local businesses are rallying together to support this young East Cobb family. The Third Annual "Miles

for Mikey," a 5K and Fun Run to raise funds for Mikey's care, is Saturday, May 13, at Mount Paran Christian School, 1275 Stanley Road in Kennesaw. Race Day registration begins at 9:00 a.m., the 5K start at 10am and the 1-Mile Family Fun Run begins at 10:15am. Registration is \$20 (\$25 on race day), students \$15 and children under 4 are free. All ages and strollers are welcome. Last year's race raised over \$15,000 for Mikey's care. To register, go to www.active.com/kennesaw-ga/running/distance-running-races/miles-for-mikey-2017.

"It is humbling, amazing and surreal how people, many we don't even know, want to help us," reflects Katie. "We wouldn't be able to provide our son with all he needs, all he deserves to live comfortably, safely and with dignity without this outpouring of support from our community. We really cannot find enough words to express our appreciation for so many that love Mikey too." 🙏



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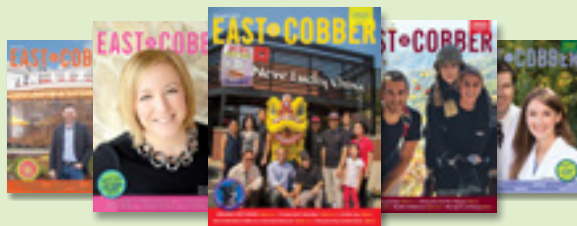
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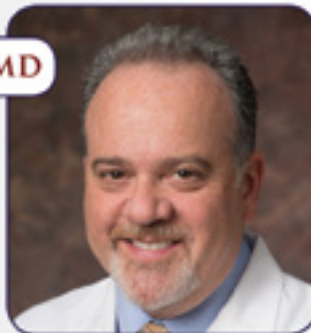
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Senior VA Benefits Strategy

Tuesday, May 2 | 11:00am-1:00pm

Free/Registration required

Do you know what veteran benefits you may be eligible for? The Aid and Attendance benefit is one of the VA's best-kept secrets from our retired service men and women. During this informative session you will be educated on the hidden secrets of benefits that the VA will not tell you about. Veterans over the age of 65, who are in need of care, can be eligible for as much as \$2,120 per month and surviving spouses can qualify for \$1,149 per month. This benefit amount could be helpful to you and your spouse in balancing the cost of care during your senior years. Complimentary lunch will be provided by Benton House of Woodstock.

Beauty & Skin Care

Wednesday, May 3 | 10:00am-11:30am.

Free/Registration required

Laura Reeves with Walgreens will provide an educational seminar on the latest fundamentals of the skin. You will learn to identify your own skin type and be a step closer to finding your ideal personal skin care regimen.

Chick-fil-A Seminar

Friday, May 5 | 10:00am-11:30am

Free/Registration required

Come to our seminar and meet Zach Thomas. He will share the lessons and principles that he has learned on his journey from chicken farming to farming leaders at Chick-fil-A.

Communication Strategies for the Hard of Hearing

Tuesday, May 9 | 10:00am-11:30am

Free/Registration required

Join Diana Centofanti from CapTel for an interactive presentation. The presentation will cover the importance of hearing, communications strategies, and resources for the hard of hearing.

Hearing Screening

Friday, May 12 | 9:00am-12:00pm

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Singing in the Rain at Symphony Hall

Saturday, June 10; Deadline: May 12 | 4:30pm- 11:00pm
(Check-in 4:00p.m.)

Come see *Singing in the Rain* on the big screen with Atlanta Symphony Orchestra playing the soundtrack of the timeless movie musical. This is an experience not to be missed. Dinner before the show at Gordon Biersch. Price includes motor coach, tickets, dinner and driver's tip. No refunds will be given unless the trip is cancelled. Activity Level 1.

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Chicken Soup for the Soul

Tuesday, May 16 | 12:00pm-2:00pm

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Take Barbara Hillary, for example. A nurse for 55 years who dreamed of travel, at age 75 Hillary became the first African American woman to set foot on the North Pole. In 2011, at age 79, she set another first when she stepped onto the South Pole. Former president George H.W. Bush celebrated his 90th birthday by skydiving. Actress Betty White, now 95 years old, became the oldest person to host Saturday Night Live in 2010, coincidentally during May—the same month recognized as Older Americans Month (OAM).


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tributions. Led by the Administration for Community Living (ACL), the annual observance offers a special opportunity to learn about, support, and recognize our nation's older citizens. This year's theme, "Age Out Loud," emphasizes the ways older adults are living their lives with boldness, confidence, and passion while serving as an inspiration to people of all ages.

EAST COBBER is seeking stories on how older adults in our community are redefining aging—through work or family interests, by taking charge of their health and staying independent for as long as possible, and through their community and advocacy efforts. This is an opportunity to learn how we can best support and learn from our community's older members. Stories can be submitted via email to Cynthia@eastcobb.com. Please put, "Aging Out Loud" on the subject line. 







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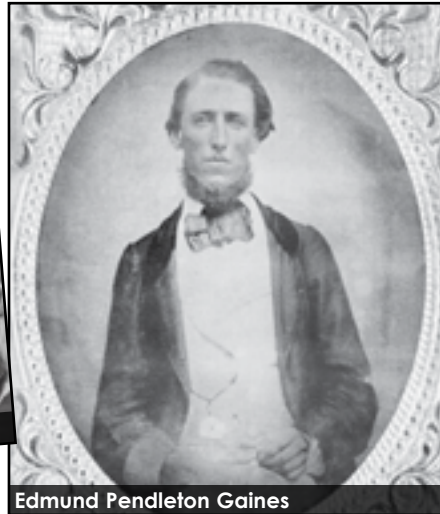
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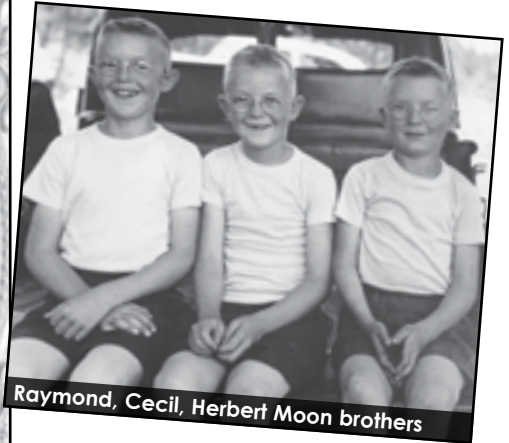
Vintage Photographs and Stories of East Cobb!



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Do you have old photographs or vintage postcards of East Cobb County? Are you knowledgeable about your local history? Would you like to help preserve your community's fascinating history?

WANTED... folks to share and pass on memories and knowledge related to East Cobb, its people, places, things and surrounding area. If you live, have lived or have ties to the East Cobb County area, your stories and/or photographs from yesteryear are wanted.

Cynthia Rozzo, founder and publisher of the EAST COBBER, is currently compiling a photographic history of East Cobb and is looking for your help! She is assembling historic images of East Cobb County and the stories that go with them to include in an upcoming book.

Here's a wishlist of photos wanted:


- > East Cobb farm life and farming operations
- > old church photos
- > club photos
- > school photographs
- > East Cobb residents with their cars of yesteryear
- > local residents wearing fashions of the day
- > East Cobb buildings under construction

- > "old" east Cobb families, such as, Keheley, Dickerson, Lassiter, Blackwell, Powers, etc.
- > political leaders, old political signs from East Cobb

The importance of family collections cannot be overemphasized. Vintage photographs become increasingly fragile and by scanning and reproducing them in a book, they become available for all to see.

"It's going to be a history of our community and we'd like the family histories in there as well," Rozzo said.

To share your photographs and stories, please contact Cynthia Rozzo at 770-640-7070 or you can email your photos as separate jpg attachments to: cynthia@eastcobber.com. "EAST COBBER staff members are available to come by and pick up photos at your home, we'll scan them in the office and safely return your vintage photos," says Rozzo, "We will also be videotaping oral histories. So, if you'd like to share your story, call the EAST COBBER office to schedule an appointment."

Photographs, stories, and pieces of the past — they are all wanted. If you'd like to help keep local history alive by volunteering your talents to this effort, feel free to contact Cynthia@eastcobber.com. 

HOMEWATCH CAREGIVERS OPENS OFFICE TO SERVE SENIORS IN EAST COBB



Chris and his wife Maria with their children, Turner and Claire

East Cobb residents Chris and Maria MacInnis recently opened Homewatch CareGivers to provide high-quality, in-home care to those in our community who need these services.

Homewatch CareGivers of North Atlanta provides home care services for families who are caring for

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Chris MacInnis has worked in home health and hospice for more than 20 years and started the Homewatch CareGivers franchise with his wife because he saw firsthand how their caregivers can provide peace of mind to families who are caring for loved ones of all ages. Maria MacInnis has a background in customer service as a dental hygienist and has been busy raising a family in the area.

Both Chris and Maria recognize that although there are assisted living centers, there are not enough home-based services to care for the aging population in the north Atlanta area.

"Families are stressed about how to care for loved ones, and we want to share some of that burden in a way that respects the dignity of our client and allows them to recover or age in their own homes," says Chris.

Homewatch is actively hiring compassionate and experienced caregivers to join their team.

For more information about their services, visit homewatchcaregivers.com/metro-atlanta/north-atlanta or contact them at 770-999-0214 or cmacinnis@hwcg.com. Their offices are located at 4865 Olde Towne Parkway, Suite 150 in Marietta.



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CLUB CALENDAR

AARP Chapter 2830. First Thursday of the month. 1:30pm. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Joan Farentino, 770-579-5191.

American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Cobb County. 2nd Tuesday of the month. 7pm. East Cobb Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: cobbcounty-ga.aauw.net.

American Needlepoint Guild. 2nd Tuesday of the month. 6:45pm. Tiny Stitches, 2520 East Piedmont Road, Marietta. More info: 770-394-0065.

Anne Hathaway Garden Club. 3rd Wednesday of the month (except July and August). Marietta Educational Garden Center, 505 Kennesaw Avenue NW, Marietta. More info: Nancy Martin, 770-428-7056.

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.** 2nd Tuesday of the 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.

• **Big Chicken Chorus.** Every Monday evening. 7:00pm. Marietta High School, Chorus Room, 1171 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. Male a cappella harmony chorus. More info: Frank, 770-587-1264, fehrach@aol.com, or www.bigchickenchorus.org.

• **Bridge Club.** Four free lessons; \$7 thereafter. Wednesday 10am, and Thursdays 7:30pm. Singles are welcome. 1809 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-973-7717.

• **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. Marietta Fire Museum, 112 Haynes Street, Marietta. More info: www.cobbdemocrats.org.

• **Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society.** 2nd Tuesday of the month. 7:30 pm at their Clubhouse, 516 West Atlanta Street, Marietta 30060. More info: www.cobbcountymineral.org.

• **Cobb County Genealogical Society.** 4th 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.** 4th 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.** 2nd Thursday of the month. 11:30am. Luncheon reservations required. First United Methodist Church of Marietta, 56 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. More info: www.cmrea.org

• **Cobb Photographic Society.** Photographers of all skill levels are welcome. First and 3rd Monday of the month. 7-9pm. American Business Center, Bldg. 700, Suite 702, 1395 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta. More info: www.cobbphotosociety.com or info@cobbphotosociety.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 Guerine, 678-354-3590.

• **Dog Hikers of Georgia.** Every Sunday. 10am. Various locations. Non-dog owners welcome. More info: Dr. Dan Batchelor, 770-624-7660.

• **East Cobb Bass Club.** Visitors, boaters and non-boaters are welcome. First Tuesday of the 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. 3rd Tuesday of the month. 11:30am-1pm. Indian Hills Country Club, 4100 Clubland Drive, Marietta. More info: Susan Hampton, 404-218-6216, susan.hampton@lionbank.com, or www.eastcobbba.com.

• **East Cobb Civic Association.** Last Wednesday of the month. 7pm. East Cobb Government Service Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: www.eastcobb.net.

• **East Cobb Civitans.** 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at noon for lunch at The Olde Town Athletic Club, 4950 Olde Towne Parkway, Marietta. More info: 770-578-9901 x201.

• **East Cobb Democratic Association.** 4th Tuesday of the month. 6pm - Social. 7pm - Program. Whole Foods, 1311 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Tom Barksdale, 770-715-1218 or tbarksdl@aol.com.

• **East Cobb Jewish Networking Group.** Every Wednesday. 7:30 am. Sugar Benders Bakery, 255 Village Parkway, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: Vic Anapolle 404-432-0626 or vicanapolle@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.** 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. 7pm. Powers Ferry UMC, 245 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Don Garrow, 770-955-6914.

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

• **East Cobb Rotary Club.** Every Wednesday. 7am. Indian Hills Country Club, 4001 Clubland Drive, Marietta. More info: eastcobbrotary.com.

• **East Cobb Woodcarvers Club.** Every Thursday. 9-11am. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-420-3820.

• **Georgia Nature Photographers Assoc.** 3rd 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 Perennial Plant Association.** 3rd 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.** 3rd Thursday of the month. Social hour: 6pm. Meeting: 7pm. American Legion Post, 921 Gresham Road, Marietta. More info: Al Heflin, 404-317-5201.

• **Georgia Tea Party.** Thursdays. 7pm. 900 Roswell Street, Marietta. More info: Jerry Kotyuk 404-374-0580 or jerryk623@att.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 First Thursday or Saturday of the month. 10:30-11:30am and 7-8pm. Blue Pearl Georgia Veterinary Specialists, 455 Abernathy Road NE, Atlanta. Check dates: 770-740-8211 or www.happytailspets.org.

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

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

Marietta Lions Club. 2nd Thursday of the month. 7pm. First United Methodist Church, 56 Whitlock Ave SW, Marietta 30064. More info: mariettalions@aol.com or www.mariettalionsclub.org.

Marietta PFLAG. 4th Sunday each month. 1-3pm. Newcomers are welcome. Pilgrimage United Church of Christ, 3755 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: www.pflagatl.org.

Marietta Rotary Club. Every Wednesday. 12 noon. 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.

Martha Stewart Bulloch Society of Children of the American Revolution 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: Tammra 770-696-4806 or www.msbnsr.com.

Moms in Prayer for East Side Elementary parents. Fridays 11am. More info: Rachel Bloom 770-973-4705 or familybloom@gmail.com.

National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NAARFE). 2nd Wednesday of the month. 11:30am. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More Info: 770-971-1719.

Newcomers Club of Cobb County. 3rd Tuesday of the month. 10am. Sept-May Various social activities throughout the month for those new to Cobb County or just looking for new friends. John Knox Presbyterian Church, 505 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: newcomersofcobbcounty@yahoo.com.

North Metro Mothers of Multiples Club. 3rd Monday of the month. 7pm. Chicago's, 4401 Shallowford Road, Roswell (corner of Johnson Ferry & Shallowford). More info: www.northmetromultiples.org.

Northeast Cobb Business Association. Luncheon meeting 3rd Wednesday of the month. 11:30am-1pm. \$15. Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Road, Marietta. More info: 770-423-1330.

Northwest Atlanta Mothers of Multiples A parent's club for families with or expecting twins, triplets, or quadruplets. Second Tuesday of each month. Date and time may change; check our website. More info: www.nowamom.org or 678-404-0034.

Peach State Depression Glass Collectors' Club. 2nd Tuesday of the month except December. Guests welcome. 6:30pm 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 sharing a 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. September-May. 2-4 pm. Senior Wellness Center, 1150 Powder Springs Road, Marietta. More info: Lynne Johnson, 770-591-3474.

Song of Atlanta Show Chorus. Women's four-part harmony chorus. Every Tuesday. 7:30pm. Northbrook UMC, 11225 Crabapple Road, Roswell. Visitors welcome. More info: www.songofatlanta.com or 770-696-6502.

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

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

Toastmasters International. Rising Phoenix Club. Every Saturday at 9:45-11am. A great way to improve your speaking and leadership skills. Guests always welcome. East Cobb Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Rd, Marietta. More info: www.risingphoenix.toastmastersclubs.org.

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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There are many fun destinations your family can experience on a getaway, and so many East Cobbers have discovered the beautiful communities along the beaches of South Walton County from Rosemary Beach to Seaside to Grayton Beach, to Destin/Miramar Beach. During my family's recent trip to the beaches of South Walton, we enjoyed our stay at the magnificent Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. Sprawling across 2,400 acres, this resort has it all, both beach side and the Choctawhatchee Bay side with 1,300 accommodations nestled among 30 communities, ranging from condos and villas to townhomes and hotel options.


We checked out of everyday life and into a 2-bedroom condominium at the Sandestin Luau which may be the most luxurious condo towers located beachside in the Sandestin Beach Resort. The Luau at Sandestin consists of two beachside towers with a Polynesian theme. Our 2-bedroom, two bath condo overlooked the 4,000 square-foot (!) swimming pool and hot tub. We enjoyed the spacious king size bed, complete with a comfy mattress in the master bedroom, and there was plenty of space for my teenagers to have their space in an adjoining living room with pullout couch and another room with 2 full beds. Of course, there were TVs galore and WiFi service as well. Plus, there was a washer, dryer, and a full kitchen, which makes it ideal for family vacations.

While the condo was beautifully appointed, I spent hours on the balcony gazing at the boats zooming along the gulf and the wraparound balcony also afforded a view of the beautiful tranquil Choctawhatchee Bay. We also enjoyed the sunset observation deck on the roof of our building. Since Sandestin has 24 hour gated security, our family felt safe in our temporary beach neighborhood. Sandestin resort has condos to fit any size family from townhomes, villas, penthouses and condos surrounded by beautiful lakes, bike trails, and landscaped green spaces. The beach was just a short walk away, as well as access to tennis, golf, putting course, canoes, kayaks, bicycles and boogie boards.

Sandestin offers something for everyone in your family. Featuring four world-class golf courses (along with a family-friendly course for junior golfers to enjoy), fifteen tennis courts, bike trails, marinas, fitness centers, restaurants, shops, and fun activities for both children and adults, Sandestin isn't just famous for its beaches. Take a dip in one of the 19 pools, or better yet, hop aboard the trolley (or reserve complimentary bicycles) and head to the bayside marina for watersports. Sandestin also created the Village of Baytowne Wharf, a wonderful, quaint waterfront pedestrian-friendly "downtown" filled with eateries, shops, and several fun play opportunities-- located on the bayside section of Sandestin. My kids had a blast in the Baytowne Adventure Zone. Everyone in your family can enjoy climbing the tower and zooming 300 feet across the lagoon and back via a zipline before testing skills on the massive ropes course. Baytowne Wharf is the perfect location for everyone to eat, shop and play, as well as being an ideal location for some nightlife fun. . . all without having to drive or leave the resort.

The resort offers free bikes, fishing poles, kayaks, beach chair and umbrella use, tennis court use and tram rides. A tram ride is only a phone call away. Wherever you are, there are courtesy phones and when you call to order a tram it arrives within 10 minutes to take you anywhere within the resort.

While this place is its own little world—with shopping, charter fishing, spas, salons, tennis, water sports, golf, and special events to keep young, old and in-between happy, Sandestin can serve as an awesome base for nearby destinations if you do feel like getting off the resort to visit the nearby attractions, from the outlet mall to exploring.

If you're interested, the resort offers a full spectrum of themed vacation travel plans, from family getaways to sports-specific adventures to couple's retreats. One thing's for certain if you go – plan on having an absolute blast that your family will never forget! You can learn more about Sandestin Beach and Tennis Resort at www.sandestin.com. 

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Every Monday, 8pm. Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2881 Canton Road, Marietta. More info: 770-973-5347 or jpm105@comcast.net.

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.

Alzheimer's/Caregiver Support Group Meeting.

First Monday of each month, 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: 770-722-7641.

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

A.W.A.K.E. Program stands for "Alert, Well, And Keeping Energetic." A support group for adults who have sleep apnea, their family members and friends, and anyone interested in learning more about sleep apnea. First Thursday of the month, 5:30-7pm. WellStar East Cobb Health Park, 3747 Roswell Road NE, Marietta. More info: 770-644-1755.

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, jenniferworrell@bellsouth.net or www.bwiofatlant.org.

Bereavement Support. Every 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.

Breastfeeding Mommy & Me Group. A lactation consultant is available to facilitate supportive discussions over a variety of topics. Mondays 9:30-11am. WellStar East Cobb Health Park, Marietta, Room 3747 Roswell Road NE, Marietta. More info: 770-793-8088.

Cancer Support Group. 2nd 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. 3rd Monday of the month, 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 Support Group. First Monday of the month, 6-7pm. Arbor Terrace, 886 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-4420 or ACaudell@arborcompany.com.

• **Caregiver Support Group.** 2nd Thursday of the month, 12-1pm. Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, 1795 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-7473 or eharres@peterandpaul.org

• **Child Sexual Abuse East Cobb** support group for male and female victims of child sexual abuse & exploitation provided by VOICE Today. First and 3rd Monday of every month, 7pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Room 356, Marietta. More info: 678-578-4888 or info@voicetoday.org.

• **Compassionate Friends.** First Tuesday of the month, 7pm. Assists bereaved families following the death of a child of any age and from any cause. First Baptist Church, 148 Church Street NE, Marietta. More info: Ria 770-973-4921 or www.tcfmarietta.org.

• **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.

• **Diabetes Support Group.** A Diabetes Services Social Worker and/or Diabetes Educator facilitates each session. Participants are encouraged to discuss their concerns and share their successes regarding the self-management of their diabetes. Meets 4th Monday of each month except December, 6-7pm. WellStar Health Park, 3747 Roswell Road NE, Marietta. More info: 770-793-7828.

• **Divorce Care.** 13-week course beginning the 3rd Wednesday of August, 6:30-8pm. Open to all ages. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 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 of the month, 7-8:30pm. East Cobb Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: www.visionsanew.org.

• **Divorce Support Groups Adults and M/HS Students.** All or welcome. Every Wednesday through May 10, 6:20-8pm. Mt. Bethel UMC, Room B111, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. Closed CCSD Winter and Spring breaks. Free with free childcare. For more information, registering, or counseling: call Judith Reichenbach, Licensed Counselor at 770-597-9882 or email jmr.lpc@gmail.com.

• **Diabetes Support Group.** 4th Monday of the month, 6-7pm except December. East Cobb Health Park, 3747 Roswell Road NE, Marietta. No registration required. More info: 770-793-7828.

• **Domestic Violence Support Groups.** Sessions in English and Spanish. Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45pm. • Childcare available for children 6 weeks-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, 6:30-8pm. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church (Room B109) 4385 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.

• **Fractured Families for Parents Estranged from their Children.** 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, 6:30pm. Call for location. More info: Sandy, 404-446-6093.

• **Georgia Parkinson's Association.** Parkinson's Support Group Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month, 1pm. Northside Hospital Cherokee Education Building, 130-B Oakside Court, Canton. More info: James Trussell, 706-413-3264 or james@gaparkinsons.org

• **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group.** 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:15pm. Special guest speaker. Transfiguration Church, Room 102, 1815 Blackwell Road, Marietta. More info: Jeannie, 770-919-9275.

• **Grief Support Group.** Every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm from mid-Fall to mid-Spring. An educational grief support group facilitated by two nationally recognized grief experts, a licensed clinical psychologist and an ordained pastor. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: www.mtbethel.org/support.

• **Grief Support Group.** 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm. Unity North, 4255 Sandy Plains Road. More info: Kathy Kelcourse, kathzkel@yahoo.com.

• **Grief Share.** 13-week program beginning the 3rd Monday of August from 7-9pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-794-2978.



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• **JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent and Significant Others).** For Jewish members of 12 Step groups. 7-8pm. First and 3rd Tuesdays of the month except on Jewish holidays. Congregation Etz Chaim, in the library, 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta. More info: 770-928-2523 or teshuva@aol.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. 770-956-0318 or 678-357-3661.

• **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.

• **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. 2nd 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. 2nd Sunday each month, 4pm. Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Building A, Roswell. More info: Robin Cleveland, 678-819-3915.

• **Spousal Support Group.** 3rd Thursday of the month, 12-1pm. Arbor Terrace, 886 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-4420 or ACaudell@arborcompany.com.

• **Veteran's Information Referral Office (VIRO).** Free help and information for all veterans with VA Disability, VA Healthcare, Employment and Counseling. 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. First and 4th Saturday of the 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: St. Ann's Pastoral Care, 770-552-6400 ext. 6018.

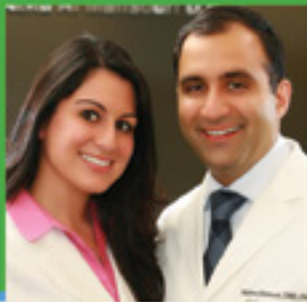
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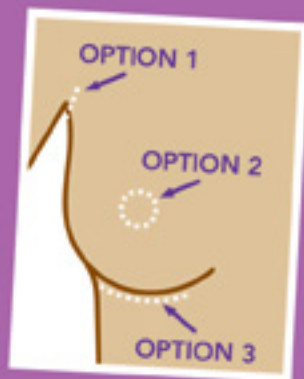
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