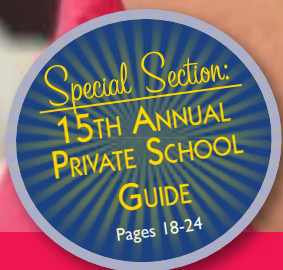
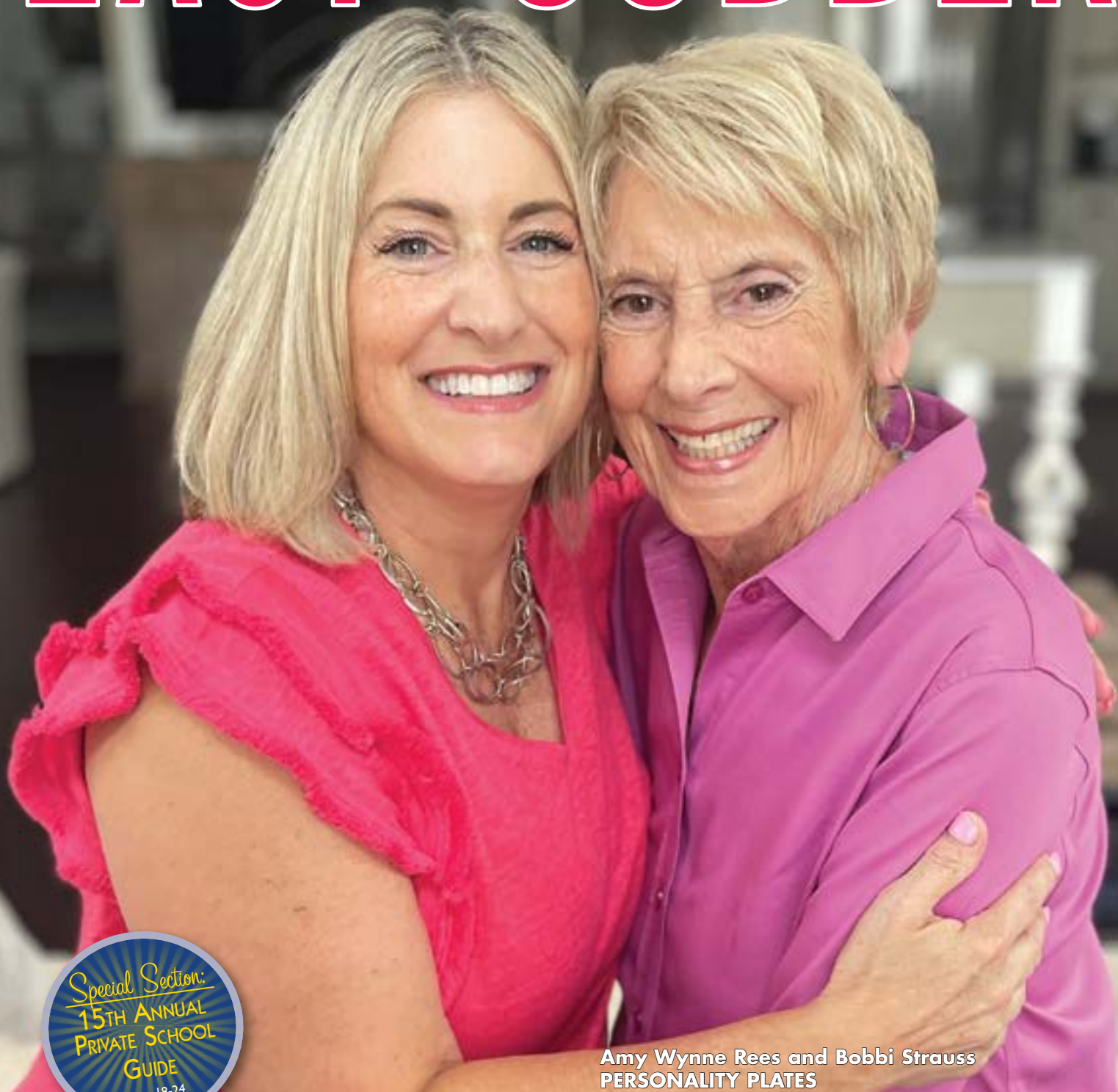


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# PUBLISHER'S NOTE



Wow, 30 years—it's a pretty long time, right? I mean, think about it. Three decades can feel like forever, whether you're talking about sticking with your better half in marriage or just living in the same old house. But here's the kicker: in the wild world of magazines, especially local ones, 30 years is like a gazillion! I mean, you've seen magazines come and go, right? But for folks who love diving into the East Cobb community scene, EAST COBBER magazine has been our rock for three decades!

This October, we ring in the 30th anniversary of EAST COBBER, and that's a big deal. After cranking out 319 monthly issues, throwing 25 community parades, sending out our trusty weekly E-newsletter to over 22,000 email buddies, launching a fancy website, and posting about a million things on our social media, I'm still laser-focused on keeping you all in the loop about our awesome neighbors, cool events, and all the local buzz in East Cobb County.

Since way back in 1993, we've been dishing out stories about East Cobb's unsung heroes, talented artists, savvy advertisers, local clubs and leaders, rocking musicians, and supermoms. Plus, you've probably noticed our special sections like the Camp Guide, Pet Guide, Preschool Guide, and more. This edition has our 15th annual Private School Guide and all the usual goodies like the Community Calendar, Pet of the Month, and Health & Wellness scoop. Our goal? Always giving you the inside track on everything East Cobb.

I hope you have as much fun reading EAST COBBER as I have putting it together month after month. Do you know what's awesome about East Cobb? It's filled with people who step up and share their talents and opinions to make this place even better. Take our annual EAST COBBER Parade & Festival, for example. It's all about neighbors coming together to celebrate our kick-butt community. And guess what? This year, I had the honor of being the parade's producer and director. Let me tell you, I got to see firsthand the amazing kindness, generosity, and teamwork that makes this parade the absolute best in all of Cobb County. Check out the photos on the next pages—they're awesome!

In a world full of big corporations and sensational headlines, your friendly comments and helpful critiques keep me going as the publisher of a down-to-earth magazine that's all about spreading the good vibes. So here's to another fantastic 30 years ahead! Cheers!

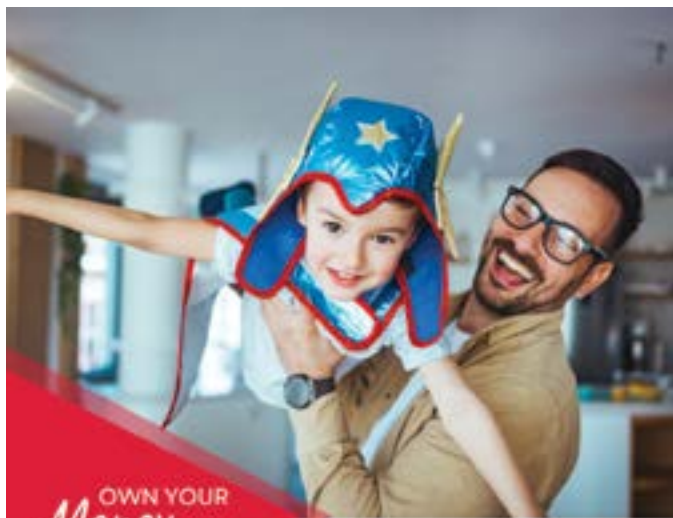
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Laren Brown, Publisher  
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## On the Cover

This October cover highlights Amy Wynne Rees and her mother, Bobbi Strauss. Rees is a local artist and entrepreneur, whose creative vision and personal connection have given birth to the Sisters In Pink Collection and is presented in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Amy's enduring admiration for the women who've been her unwavering source of support and inspiration is at the heart of this unique initiative. It pays homage to her mother, Bobbi Strauss, who in 1957 bravely faced breast cancer in a time of secrecy and societal taboo. Amy's dedication to raising awareness and support for breast cancer through art and storytelling embodies the essence of strength, hope, and collective unity. Amy lives in East Cobb with her husband, Jim and their Goldendoodle, Cleo. Amy's daughters, Brianna Boehm (24) and Michelle Boehm (21), graduated from Pope High School. Amy's blended family also includes two bonus daughters, Quinn and Peyton.





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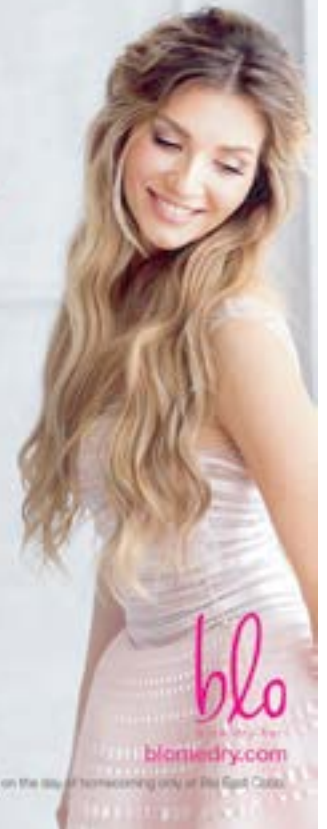
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# PERSONALITY PLATES UNVEILS THE SISTERS IN PINK COLLECTION

## A UNIQUE INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

**P**ersonality Plates by AmyWynne Designs was created by local artist and entrepreneur Amy Rees as a tribute to the women that have supported, motivated, and inspired her throughout her life. The vibrant energy of friendship, sisterhood, and shared experience is reflected in colorful designs made to celebrate our journeys and connections as women.

Rees recently partnered with It's The Journey, Inc., whose mission is to engage with Georgia's breast cancer community to increase access to care and reduce disparities in cancer outcomes, to launch her newest line, the Sisters In Pink Collection.

"Our Sisters In Pink initiative is more than a collection of plates; it's a tribute to every woman who has faced the unfathomable journey of breast cancer with courage and resilience," said Amy.

This unique edition of Personality Plates goes beyond functional art and creative expression; it stands as a commitment to both increasing awareness and facilitating funding in the relentless battle against breast cancer. AmyWynne Designs, LLC is pledging 10% of the proceeds from this collection to It's the Journey.

"My mom, Bobbi, is one of the reasons I wanted to create this line. I can't even call her a breast cancer 'survivor' because she didn't 'survive' life, she is living it to its fullest! I wanted to share her powerful story," shares Amy.

### Bobbi's Story

In 1957, Amy's mom, Roberta "Bobbi" Strauss, discovered a lump in her breast. At a time when topics like breast cancer were often shrouded in secrecy, Bobbi felt she needed to bear her burden in silence. It was believed then, that Bobbi, age 18, was the youngest person to have a mastectomy. "When she was in the hospital dealing with this devastating reality, she would wake up to photographers or students standing around her taking notes," Amy explained, "They treated her as if she were a medical phenomenon. They forgot that she was also an 18-year-old girl."

Between the societal taboos and lack of understanding in the 60s, Bobbi was left feeling alone and at times forgotten. It had been decided that her mastectomy would be kept a secret. "Part of it was the stigma;



Amy Rees of AmyWynne Designs with mother Roberta "Bobbi" Strauss share the Personality Plates "The Sisters in Pink" collection.

part of it was my own insecurities about someone finding out what had happened to my body," said Bobbi. "I didn't go shopping with, or have sleepovers with, my friends; I couldn't even sleep over at the Sorority house. I just didn't want anyone to know my secret. It left me feeling very alone."

"The Sisters in Pink collection is a symbol of our collective hope for a future where early detection, comprehensive treatments, and open conversations about breast cancer become the norm, not the exception," says Rees. "A world where everyone can get access to the care, support, and financial aid they need if diagnosed with breast cancer."

It's The Journey is a registered 501c3 non-profit that raises funds to support breast health and breast cancer programs throughout the Georgia.

For more information about Bobbi's story and the Sisters in Pink collection, visit: [www.personalityplates.com/collections/sisters-second-edition](http://www.personalityplates.com/collections/sisters-second-edition). 📄





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On a sunny Saturday, September 9th, the tight-knit community of East Cobb gathered once again to uphold a beloved local tradition: the 25th annual EAST COBBER Parade & Festival. With the participation of over 1,200 individuals from 80 diverse groups, the event transformed Johnson Ferry Road into a lively celebration of all things East Cobb! The parade kicked off at 10 am, originating from the Mt. Bethel Elementary School's parking lot. Early birds lined up along Johnson Ferry Road to secure the best vantage points. Attendees of all ages delighted in the procession, featuring an array of floats, performances from young to young at heart, spirited marching bands, mascots and vintage automobiles.

The event also showcased East Cobb schools, where principals and "Teachers-of-the-Year" were honored. The EAST COBBER Parade has affectionately earned the moniker "The Candy Parade" because virtually every participant distributed candy to the enthusiastic crowd. Special thanks are due to the Cobb County Police and Cobb County Sheriff's Office for ensuring the safety of both parade participants and spectators. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the presenting sponsor, CertaPro Painters, and community sponsor, Custom Disposal, for their invaluable financial support, which plays a pivotal role in ensuring the continued success of this cherished, long-standing event that has firmly established itself as a cornerstone of East Cobb. Photo credit: Ed Turlington Photography. 📷







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year's community event so memorable!

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again next year!



# THE 25TH ANNUAL EAST COBBER FESTIVAL

Immediately following the EAST COBBER Parade, thousands converged at the EAST COBBER Festival held in the Johnson Ferry Baptist Church parking lot. So many enjoyed carnival games, food, live entertainment, raffles and exhibits at the EAST COBBER Festival. This hometown tradition was another excellent opportunity for East Cobb residents to unite, share their pride, and have good old-fashioned fun. DJ services provided by: Thomas Bailey of Bailey Media. 🎵







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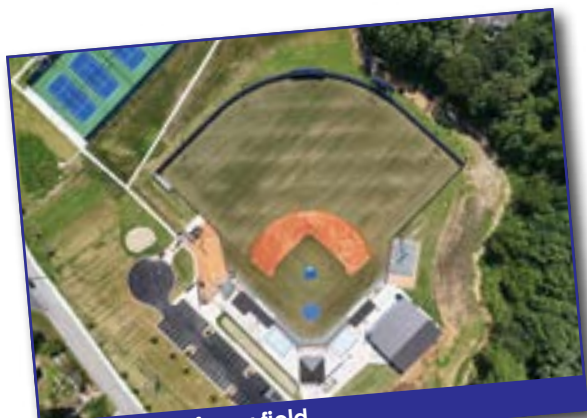
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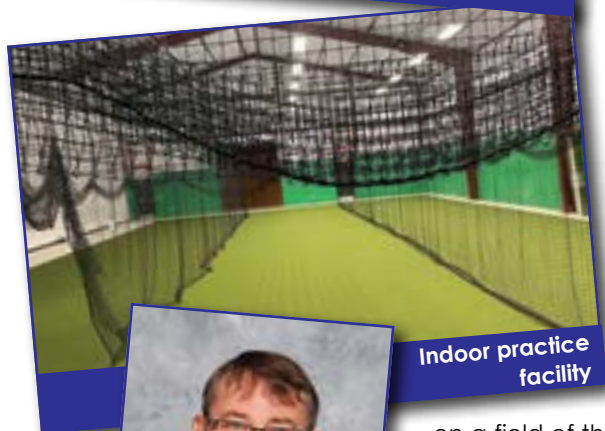
By Adam Darby



Aerial shot of new field



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Walton Baseball  
coach Shane Amos

Walton High School's baseball team hasn't had the fortune of playing a home game on their own campus in two years. Fortunately, the wait is ending on Oct. 22 with the arrival of a brand-new athletic field and facility. Raiders coaches and teammates are commemorating the big day with an opening ceremony where visitors can enjoy a home run derby, games, an auction, and activities for the whole family. Sponsored by the Walton Raider Dugout Club, A Day at the Yard opens the new field to the public with upcoming plans and events already in the works.

"Everyone is just in awe of what we have over there. It's one of the top facilities in the state of Georgia," said Head Coach Shane Amos. "I wish we could start [playing] now, but we can't start until January."

Some of the biggest developments with the new field include improved playing service along with a heating facility and a new press box. Now, players who started their high school years playing off-campus can enjoy their final years as a Raider on a real home field. Coach Amos promises a new facility that "lives up to the traditions" of what Walton baseball has always been about.

"[The team] is all excited," Coach Amos said. "They're excited about it and that's the fun of it is to see their eyes light up as we go and see what facilities that Cobb County has put in for us to play on."

As exciting as a new field and facility is for the program, Walton baseball is also set to begin their first youth camp program since the development of the new field years ago. On Nov. 7, the Walton Raider Dugout Club hosts a youth baseball clinic for elementary and middle school-aged students teaching them the basic skills necessary to play the game. Instructors include former players and MLB veterans.

"It's going to be skill and development activities. Catching ground balls, throwing, hitting...just routine baseball skills that all kids their age needs to learn," Coach Amos explained. "It should be a great day."

With the addition of the new facility, the team is already preparing for upcoming fundraiser events. Back in September, players began selling raffle tickets to those interested in trying their hand at winning major prizes. Although ticket sales end on Oct. 18, coaches and players are looking forward to holding new and exciting events

on a field of their own.

"I'm excited because I've been [coaching] for 36 years and we've had a lot of great times at the old field with a couple of state championships there. But the field was getting to where it needed to be re-done...I'm just super excited," Coach Amos admitted.

For questions about the raffle, email [a\\_crowell@bellsouth.net](mailto:a_crowell@bellsouth.net). For more information about upcoming events, the game schedule, or to make a donation, visit [www.waltonbaseball.org](http://www.waltonbaseball.org).



# HALLOWEEN HEALTHY SMILES

October is a favorite holiday month for many children as they celebrate Halloween... dressing up in costumes, trick or treating, and of course, collecting Halloween candy! But there is more to celebrate in October than just Halloween. October is also National Dental Hygiene Month - maybe not as exciting to our children as Halloween, but good dental hygiene is very important to their long-term health and happiness. To help you celebrate Halloween with healthy teeth and good oral hygiene, we at Cheek Dental would like to share our five favorite Halloween healthy smile tips:

## **Sort Your Halloween Candy**

When it comes to candy, certain types can be more damaging to teeth than others. Candies that are sticky or chewy tend to get stuck in the crevices of your teeth and cause

cavities. Also, candies that stay in your mouth longer, such as lollipops, cause your teeth to be exposed to sugar for a longer period of time which can increase the likelihood of developing tooth decay. We recommend sorting out these types of candies from your Halloween stash and only keeping candy that is quicker to eat and lower in sugars, such as chocolates or sugar-free candy.

## **Donate Extra Candy**

A great way to limit the amount of candy your child consumes is to donate some of it. There are many charities, dental offices, and organizations that take candy donations. We recommend sitting with your child to help them pick a few of their favorites and then donating the rest.

## **Make Candy a Treat**

Children tend to consume more candy

around Halloween because it is often lying around the house. Rather than leaving the candy out, we recommend storing it away and making it a treat. Candy can be used as a reward for completing chores, getting a good grade, or just having a great attitude that day.

## **Practice Good Dental Hygiene After Eating Candy**

It is important to brush twice a day and floss daily to maintain good oral health. However, when your sugar intake increases, so should the frequency of your oral hygiene routine. Remember, if it's sticky and sweet – swiftly sweep! If it's chocolate and smooth, you can delay your move. Brushing and flossing your teeth or even just rinsing your mouth after consuming candy can reduce your chances of developing cavities.

## **Consider Alternatives to Candy**

Instead of handing out candy to those who visit your home, consider purchasing healthier snacks such as crackers or pretzels or other fun non-food treats like stickers, pencils, or yo-yos.

We hope you've enjoyed these Halloween tips! The team at Cheek Dental wishes you a spook-tacular Halloween!



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*By Marie Muir*



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East Cobb residents are now enjoying patient-centered eye health care from doctors at the new Woolfson Eye Institute. The Woolfson-Marietta location at 2687 Sandy Plains Road opened in November 2022 near Sprayberry High School (at the site of the former Wells Fargo Bank).

East Cobb citizens have access to a wide array of eye care services under one roof, which now includes glaucoma-related care with the recent addition of Jenna Yoder, D.O. (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine). Dr. Yoder specializes in medical and surgical management of glaucoma and sees approximately 400 patients a month. Originally from

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. Yoder attended Wake Forest University and graduated from Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. She first brought her medical talents to Woolfson Eye Institute in Asheville, North Carolina after many years of extensive training.

Dr. Yoder's husband, Lance Yoder, was born and raised in East Cobb and is currently studying to be a mental health counselor. The Yoders are big Atlanta Braves fans and enjoy visiting local parks with their lovable six-year-old pocket pit bull, Sadie. It's easy to see why Dr. Yoder happily accepted the Woolfson-Marietta position when it became available in 2022. The Yoders are excited to raise their two daughters – River, 2, and four-month-old Riley — in an area Lance knows well.

Treating glaucoma and helping people maintain their vision is rewarding for

Dr. Yoder. "Having good vision is so important for people to be able to do the things that they love to do," says Dr. Yoder. "I'm just trying to help people preserve that vision."

She added that ophthalmologists and optometrists in the Atlanta metropolitan area work together to provide world-class eye care to all, "I feel like what we're doing is making a difference."

Although glaucoma is not a preventable eye disease, Dr. Yoder advises East Cobb residents to schedule yearly eye exams. A comprehensive eye exam includes an evaluation of your risk of disease, which can be influenced by factors such as race, age, and family history. Eye care providers who treat glaucoma can spot the disease early and help you take steps to avoid loss of vision. Once diagnosed, Woolfson Eye Institute patients are invited to participate in the process of designing an appropriate treatment plan.

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*By Sean Lan, co-founder*

**W**hen Yash Laddha and I sat together at the kitchen counter with screws scattered around. We removed each plate and disconnected each wire like mechanical surgery. We were both in 7th grade and were repairing the screen on my iPhone 5s. With a replacement kit ordered from Amazon, an old YouTube video, and many prayers, we sealed the phone and peeled off the protective cover. We completed our first repair. Our love for technology started at a young age and was the catalyst for our friendship. We spent afternoons looking at CPU benchmarks and trying to save up for new hardware. In high school we were looking forward to being able to continue our interest but were quickly disappointed when no computer club existed. However, this led to an understanding that we could create one ourselves. With the help of our computer science teacher, Mr. Groeneveld, we established Pope's first-ever computer club. From witnessing the world go

online during the pandemic, we realized that many students may have trouble gaining access to digital technology. This led to us creating Parts4Hearts, a branch of our club that would be dedicated to sourcing old computers, refurbishing them, and then donating them to students. By putting our passion for technology to help others, we are able to create a positive impact within our community and school.

To this date, we have received 100 computers, refurbished them, and donated them to students in the metro Atlanta area. In addition, we have partnered with the World Computer Exchange (WCE) and are the managers for their Atlanta branch. We accept all laptops and desktops and inspect and refurbish computers. We take data security seriously and will wipe all data on computers to an irrecoverable state. To donate, contact us at [contact@popecomputing.org](mailto:contact@popecomputing.org) or check our website at [popecomputing.org](http://popecomputing.org). 

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By Susannah MacKay

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**Donate Halloween Costumes!:** The Children's Haven will be collecting Halloween costumes now through October 20! Help make Halloween special for a deserving child right near home. All themes welcome!

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**Treat The Troops:** Make Cookies for Soldiers – The next collection day is November 7! You can make the dough this month, freeze it, and then bake them all right in time for drop off. Time to fire up the ovens now that it's not so hot!

**Help a Neighbor with Lasagna Love:** Need a break from the sugar? Make a lasagna instead! You can help feed families and spread kindness through this awesome regional project.

Be sure to explore these great projects and many others on JustServe.org. Or join the JustServe Georgia Volunteers Public Group on Facebook for additional ideas. You can make a difference in someone's life. Sign up on JustServe.org today! 📱



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# PRIVATE SCHOOL GUIDE

While the public schools in East Cobb County do a good job of providing a quality education, many East Cobb parents seek out "a better fit" for their junior scholars. Finding a quality private school can be a daunting task. As a first step, take a look at our eleventh annual list of private schools. Many of these schools will be hosting Open Houses this month, and quite a few have registration deadlines in January or February. So if you are considering private education, now is the time to investigate your options.

## **ACTON ACADEMY MARIETTA**

52 Moore Avenue  
Marietta 30060  
770-421-5839  
[www.actonmarietta.org](http://www.actonmarietta.org)

**Tuition:** \$11,750

**Grades:** K-8, High School opening Fall of 24

**Students:** 25

**Lower School Architect:**  
Georgette Dobkin

**Upper School Architect:**  
Jamie Ashley

## **ALEXSANDER ACADEMY**

1260 Upper Hembree Road,  
Suite D  
Roswell 30076  
770-777-0475  
[www.alexanderacademy.org](http://www.alexanderacademy.org)

**Tuition:** \$19,500-\$32,500

**Grades:** K-12

**Students:** 19

**Executive Director:**  
Stefanie Smith

## **ATLANTA ACADEMY, THE**

2000 Holcomb Woods  
Parkway  
Roswell 30076  
678-461-6102  
[www.atlantaacademy.com](http://www.atlantaacademy.com)

**Tuition:** \$12,910-\$27,630

**Grades:** 6 weeks-8 grade

**Students:** 385

**Head of School:** Angela  
Naples

## **ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

2890 North Fulton Drive  
Atlanta 30305  
404-841-3840  
[www.aischool.org](http://www.aischool.org)

**Tuition:** \$28,569-\$32,615

**Grades:** 3K-12

**Students:** 1,325

**Head of School:** Kevin Glass

## **ATLANTA GIRLS' SCHOOL**

3254 Northside Parkway NW  
Atlanta 30327  
404-845-0900  
[www.atlantagirlsschool.org](http://www.atlantagirlsschool.org)

**Tuition:** \$31,350

**Grades:** 6-12

**Students:** 198

**Head of School:** Kimbrell Smith

## **ATLANTA JEWISH ACADEMY**

5200 Northland Drive NE  
Atlanta 30342  
404-843-9900  
[www.atljewishacademy.org](http://www.atljewishacademy.org)

**Tuition:** \$16,000-\$24,500

**Grades:** Infants-12 grade

**Students:** 485

**Head of School:**  
Rabbi Avi Levitt

## **BEN FRANKLIN ACADEMY**

1585 Clifton Road  
Atlanta 30329  
404-633-7404  
[www.benfranklinacademy.org](http://www.benfranklinacademy.org)

**Tuition:** \$28,500-\$38,250

**Grades:** 9-12

**Students:** 120

**Head of School:**  
Dr. Martha Burdette

## **BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

11320 Woodstock Road  
Roswell 30075  
678-277-9083  
[www.btcatholic.org](http://www.btcatholic.org)

**Tuition:** \$16,200-\$18,400

**Grades:** 9-12

**Students:** 970

**Principal:** Cathy Lancaster



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**Grades:** 1-12  
**Students:** 51  
Director: Kim Wigington

## CASA MONTESSORI

150 Powers Ferry Road  
Marietta 30067  
770-973-2731  
www.casamontessori.com  
**Tuition:** \$12,440-\$15,020  
**Grades:** 18mos-5 grade  
**Students:** 110  
Director: Suzanne Johnson

## CORNERSTONE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

3588 Hickory Grove Road NW  
Acworth 30101  
770-529-7077  
www.cornerstoneprep.org  
**Tuition:** Kindergarten \$4,300  
All other grades: \$200/  
semester hour  
**Grades:** K-12  
**Students:** 477  
**Head of School:**  
Marsha Robbins

## COTTAGE SCHOOL, THE

700 Grimes Bridge Road  
Roswell 30075  
770-641-8688  
www.cottageschool.org  
**Tuition:** \$24,500-\$29,500  
**Grades:** 3-12  
**Students:** 280  
**Head of School:**  
Dr. Steven Palmer

## COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

3130 Atlanta Road  
Smyrna 30080  
770-435-1596  
www.ccssmyrna.org  
**Tuition:** \$8,196-\$13,701  
**Grades:** K-8  
**Students:** 76  
**Head of School:**  
Pheneete Pugh

## CUMBERLAND ACADEMY OF GEORGIA

650-A Mt. Vernon Highway  
NE  
Atlanta 30328  
404-835-9000  
www.cumberlandacademy.org  
**Tuition:** \$26,100  
**Grades:** 4-12  
**Students:** 100  
**Head of School:**  
Debbi Scarborough

## CUMBERLAND CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

>2356 Clay Road  
Austell 30106 (lower school)  
>4961 Brownsville Road  
Powder Springs 30127 (upper school)  
678-426-1600  
www.cumberlandchristian.org  
**Tuition:** \$6,550-\$9,495  
**Grades:** K3-12  
**Students:** 483  
**Head of School:** Eddie D. Fincher

## DAVIS ACADEMY

>8105 Roberts Drive  
Atlanta 30350 (lower school)  
>7901 Roberts Drive  
Atlanta 30350 (middle school)  
770-804-9191  
www.davisacademy.org  
**Tuition:** \$17,120 - \$30,690  
**Grades:** Kindergarten prep-8  
**Students:** 500  
**Head of School:** Amy Shafron

## DOMINION CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

4607 Burnt Hickory Road NW  
Marietta 30064  
770-420-2153  
www.dominionchristian.org  
**Tuition:** \$10,200-\$11,200  
**Grades:** 6-12  
**Students:** 270  
**Head of School:** Ed Morris

## EAST COBB CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

4616 Roswell Road  
Marietta 30062  
770-565-0881  
www.eccs.org  
**Tuition:** \$9,000-\$12,000  
**Grades:** K-8  
**Students:** 120  
**Principal:** Billy Creech  
**Head of School:** Billy Creech

## EASTSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2450 Lower Roswell Road  
Marietta 30068  
770-971-2332  
www.eastsidechristianschool.com  
**Tuition:** \$11,630-\$14,500  
**Grades:** K-10  
**Students:** 3289  
**Head of School:**  
Dr. Tiffany Stark

## EATON ACADEMY

1000 Old Roswell Lakes  
Parkway  
Roswell 30076  
770-645-2673  
www.EatonAcademy.org  
**Tuition:** \$24,500-\$26,500  
**Grades:** K-12  
**Students:** 100  
**President:** Brian Uitvlugt

## EPSTEIN SCHOOL, THE

335 Colewood Way NW  
Sandy Springs 30328  
404-250-5600  
www.epsteinatlanta.org  
**Tuition:** \$9,200-\$29,200  
**Grades:** Infant-8 grade  
**Students:** 487  
**Head of School:**  
Dr. David Abusch-Magder

## FAITH LUTHERAN SCHOOL

2111 Lower Roswell Road  
Marietta 30068  
770-973-8921  
faithmarietta.org  
**Tuition:** \$6,200-\$13,510  
**Grades:** 18 mos-8 grade  
**Students:** 156  
**Principal:** Amy Kurtz

## FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

10965 Woodstock Road  
Roswell 30075  
770-993-1650 (main office)  
www.fellowshipchristianschool.org  
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# CHOOSING A PRIVATE SCHOOL

Families frequently opt for private schools for their children due to the advantages they offer, such as individualized attention, smaller class sizes, exemplary teachers, and rigorous academic standards. Nevertheless, the decision to explore independent or private education represents just the initial phase of a more extensive process.

Private schools come in all forms, each with its distinct characteristics. Enrollments range from a handful of students to several thousand. Some private schools embrace progressive educational approaches, while others adhere to more traditional structures. These schools cater to a wide array of students, each with varying abilities and interests. Some offer specialized programs, such as intensive instruction in fine and performing arts, hands-on experiential learning projects, or opportunities for international travel. Many excel in providing a challenging intellectual environment, while others are dedicated to supporting average learners or specialize in educating bright students with learning disabilities. Each school possesses unique attributes, and the goal is to align a school's offerings with your child's needs.

To initiate this process, contact the admissions office of each school to obtain published information about their educational philosophy and programs. Schedule an appointment to visit the schools if you haven't already. Additionally, get in touch with each potential school to gather details about their philosophy, curriculum, extra-curricular activities, admission procedures, and financial options and compare the information provided by each school with the criteria on your checklist.

The optimal time to apply is typically in the fall before the academic year in which your child plans to enroll. However, many schools accept applications throughout the year. Expect that most schools will require a personal interview, admissions testing, and input from your child's current school. Obtain specific information about each school's application procedures and testing schedules from the respective institutions.

Selecting the right school for your child is a critical decision. Adequate preparation and thorough research by parents will significantly contribute to the ultimate educational destination for your child. ⓘ

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404-252-8389  
[www.gallowayschool.org](http://www.gallowayschool.org)  
**Tuition:** \$19,125-\$32,725  
**Grades:** PreK-12  
**Students:** 750  
**Head of School:**  
Dr. James Calleroz White

**GARDEN SCHOOL OF MARIETTA, THE**  
4010 Canton Road  
Marietta 30066  
770-765-2036  
[www.thegardenmarietta.org](http://www.thegardenmarietta.org)  
**Tuition:** \$4,900-\$14,3350  
**Grades:** PreK-6  
**Students:** 48  
**Director:** Sara Walsh

**GRACEPOINT SCHOOL**  
570 Piedmont Road  
Marietta 30066  
678-709-6634  
[www.gracepointschool.org](http://www.gracepointschool.org)  
**Tuition:** \$26,500  
**Grades:** 1-8  
**Students:** 130  
**Head of School:**  
Dr. Ansley Daniel

**HIGH MEADOWS SCHOOL**  
1055 Willeo Road  
Roswell 30075  
770-993-2940  
[www.highmeadows.org](http://www.highmeadows.org)  
**Tuition:** \$7,646-\$23,342  
**Grades:** 3 year old-8 grade  
**Students:** 343  
**Head of School:** Lisa Baker

**HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL SCHOOL**  
805 Mount Vernon Highway NW  
Atlanta 30327  
404-255-4026  
[www.hies.org](http://www.hies.org)  
**Tuition:** \$19,000-\$233,590  
**Grades:** K3-12  
**Students:** 1,392  
**Head of School:** Paul Barton

**HOLY SPIRIT PREPARATORY SCHOOL**  
>4449 Northside Drive  
Atlanta 30327 (Upper School)  
678-904-2811  
>4820 Long Island Drive  
Atlanta 30342 (Lower School)  
404-255-0900  
>4465 Northside Drive  
Atlanta 30327 (Preschool)  
404-252-8008  
[www.holyspiritprep.org](http://www.holyspiritprep.org)  
**Tuition:** \$15,470-\$26,750  
**Grades:** 6 mos-12 grade  
**Students:** 570  
**Head of School:** Hal Plummer

**HOWARD SCHOOL, THE**  
1192 Foster Street  
Atlanta 30318  
404-377-7436  
[www.howardschool.org](http://www.howardschool.org)  
**Tuition:** \$31,000-\$39,000  
**Grades:** K-12  
**Students:** 341  
**Head of School:**  
Anna B. Moore

**JOHNSON FERRY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**  
955 Johnson Ferry Road  
Marietta 30068  
678-784-5231  
[www.jfca.org](http://www.jfca.org)  
**Tuition:** \$4,965-\$5,140  
**Grades:** K-12  
**Students:** 465  
**Head of School:**  
Nathan McCown

**LOVETT SCHOOL, THE**  
4075 Paces Ferry Road NW  
Atlanta 30327  
404-262-3032  
[www.lovett.org](http://www.lovett.org)  
**Tuition:** \$30,110-\$34,950  
**Grades:** K-12  
**Students:** 1,627  
**Headmaster:** Meredyth Cole

**LYNDON ACADEMY**  
485 Toonigh Road  
Holly Springs 30188  
770-926-0166  
[www.lyndonacademy.org](http://www.lyndonacademy.org)  
**Tuition:** \$12,500-\$18,000  
**Grades:** PreK-12  
**Students:** 220  
**Head of School:**  
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www.marist.com  
**Tuition:** \$22,630  
**Grades:** 7-12  
**Students:** 1,100  
**Principal:** Kevin Mullally

## MASTER'S ACADEMY ARTS & ACADEMICS (HOMESCHOOL/HYBRID)

2060 Lower Roswell Road,  
Suite 400  
Marietta 30068  
678-503-8245  
www.  
mariettamastersacademy.  
com  
**Tuition:** \$330-\$360/per month  
for academics  
**Grades:** PreK-12  
**Students:** 120  
**Director:** Bekah Hamrick

## MILL SPRINGS ACADEMY

13660 New Providence Road  
Alpharetta 30004  
770-360-1336  
www.millsprings.org  
**Tuition:** \$31,212  
**Grades:** K-12  
**Students:** 270  
**Head of School:** Debbie Orr

## MOUNT PARAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

1275 Stanley Road  
Kennesaw 30152  
470-250-0008  
www.mtparanschool.com  
**Tuition:** \$4,641-\$23,515  
**Grades:** K3-12  
**Students:** 1,255  
**Head of School (iterim):**  
Dr. David Tilley

## MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL

>471 Mt. Vernon Highway NE  
(PK2-5)  
>510 Mt. Vernon Highway NE  
(6-12)  
Atlanta 30328  
404-252-3448  
www.mountvernonschool.org  
**Tuition:** \$9,255-\$32,375  
**Grades:** PK2-12  
**Students:** 1,247  
**CEO:** Dr. J. Brett Jacobsen  
**Head of School:**  
Kristy Lundstrom

## MT. BETHEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

>4385 Lower Roswell Road  
Marietta 30068 (PreK-8)  
>2509 Post Oak Tritt Road  
Marietta 30062 (9-12)  
770-971-0245  
www.mtbethelchristian.org  
**Tuition:** \$13,230-\$19,455  
**Grades:** PreK-12  
**Students:** 698  
**Head of School:** Jim Cianca

## NORTH COBB CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

4500 Eagle Drive  
Kennesaw 30144  
770-975-0252  
www.ncchristian.org  
**Tuition:** \$7,660-\$18,960  
**Grades:** K3-12  
**Students:** 900+  
**Head of School:**  
Todd Clingman

## PACE ACADEMY

966 W. Paces Ferry Road NW  
Atlanta 30327  
404-262-1345  
www.paceacademy.org  
**Tuition:** \$31,970-\$36,800  
**Grades:** Pre-First-12  
**Students:** 1,120  
**Head of School:** Fred Assaf

## PORTER ACADEMY

200 Cox Road  
Roswell 30075  
770-594-1313  
www.porteracademy.org  
**Tuition:** \$20,476  
**Grades:** PreK-8  
**Students:** 68  
**Head of School:** Lynn  
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www.qaschool.org  
**Tuition:** \$10,430-\$12,130  
**Grades:** K-8  
**Students:** 501  
**Principal:** Jamie Arthur

## RIVERSIDE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

2001 Riverside Drive  
Gainesville 30501  
770-532-6251  
www.riversidemilitary.com  
**Tuition:** \$17,950-\$53,300  
**Grades:** 6-12  
**Students:** 290  
**President:**  
Dr. Stanley C. Preczewski, Col

## SCHENCK SCHOOL, THE

282 Mt. Paran Road NW  
Atlanta 30327  
404-252-2591  
www.schenck.org  
**Tuition:** \$42,400  
**Grades:** K-6  
**Students:** 250  
**Head of School:** Kara A. Loftin

## SHILOH HILLS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

260 Hawkins Store Road NE  
Kennesaw 30144  
770-926-7729  
www.shilohhills.com  
**Tuition:** \$6,540-\$11,760  
**Grades:** K3-12  
**Students:** 150  
**Administrator:** Dr. Vic Bledsoe

## ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

1618 Ben King Road  
Kennesaw 30144  
770-419-8601  
www.scsiena.org  
**Tuition:** \$8,988-\$10,500  
**Grades:** K-8  
**Students:** 323  
**Principal:** Kelly Wood

## ST. FRANCIS DAY SCHOOL

9375 Willeo Road  
Roswell 30075  
770-641-8257  
www.saintfrancisschools.com  
**Tuition:** \$16,500-\$26,000  
**Grades:** K-8  
**Students:** 456  
**Head of School:** Colette Staak

## ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

13440 Cogburn Road  
Milton 30004  
678-339-9989  
www.saintfrancisschools.com  
**Tuition:** \$26,000-\$27,000  
**Grades:** 9-12  
**Students:** 256  
**Principal:** Colette Staak

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

81 Lacy Street  
Marietta 30060  
770-428-3328  
www.stjosephschool.org  
**Tuition:** \$8,750-\$11,354  
**Grades:** K4-8  
**Students:** 415  
**Principal:** Ramon Villacura

## ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

7171 Glenridge Drive NE  
Atlanta 30328  
770-394-2880  
www.saintjude.net  
**Tuition:** \$10,915-\$13,265  
**Grades:** K4-8  
**Students:** 486  
**Principal:** Patty Childs

## ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

3110-A Ashford Dunwoody Rd.  
Atlanta 30319  
404-237-4260  
www.stmartinschool.org  
**Tuition:** \$12,720-\$26,780  
**Grades:** 2-year-olds-8 grade  
**Students:** 623  
**Head of School:**  
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2674 Johnson Road NE  
Atlanta 30345  
404-636-3023  
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Marietta 30060 (Lower School)  
770-874-8885  
>1650 Old Concord Road  
Marietta 30069  
770-874-8886  
[www.stonehavenschool.org](http://www.stonehavenschool.org)  
**Tuition:** \$2,800-\$13,300  
**Grades:** K-12  
**Students:** 300  
**Head of School:** Brett Edwards

## SWIFT SCHOOL, THE

300 Grimes Bridge Road  
Roswell 30075  
678-205-4988  
[www.theswiftschool.org](http://www.theswiftschool.org)  
**Tuition:** \$34,000  
**Grades:** 1-8  
**Students:** 166  
**Head of School:** Chris Pomar

## TRINITY SCHOOL

4301 Northside Parkway NW  
Atlanta 30327  
404-231-8100  
[www.trinityatl.org](http://www.trinityatl.org)  
**Tuition:** \$20,750-\$31,750  
**Grades:** 3yrs-6 grade  
**Students:** 594  
**Head of School:**  
Joseph Marshall

## WALKER SCHOOL, THE

>700 Cobb Parkway North  
Marietta 30062  
(Main Campus)  
>830 Damar Road  
Marietta 30062  
(Primary School)  
770-427-2689  
[www.thewalkerschool.org](http://www.thewalkerschool.org)  
**Tuition:** \$12,710-\$33,930  
**Grades:** Early learners-  
12 grade  
**Students:** 940  
**Head of School:**  
Carl C. Carlson

## WEBER SCHOOL, THE

6751 Roswell Road  
Atlanta 30328  
404-917-2500  
[www.weberschool.org](http://www.weberschool.org)  
**Tuition:** \$33,900  
**Grades:** 9-12  
**Students:** 587  
**Head of School:**  
Rabbi Edward Harwitz  
**Principal:** Shlaina Van Dyke

## WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS, THE

1424 West Paces Ferry Road  
NW  
Atlanta 30327  
404-355-8673  
[www.westminster.net](http://www.westminster.net)  
**Tuition:** \$231,650-\$36,289  
**Grades:** Pre-First-12  
**Students:** 1880  
**President:** Keith Evans

## WHITEFIELD ACADEMY

1 Whitefield Drive  
Smyrna 30126  
678-305-3000  
[www.whitefieldacademy.com](http://www.whitefieldacademy.com)  
**Tuition:** \$13,800-\$29,300  
**Grades:** PreK4-12  
**Students:** 965  
**Headmaster:** Dr. Kevin Bracher

## WOOD ACRES SCHOOL, THE

1772 Johnson Ferry Road  
Marietta 30062  
770-971-1880  
[woodacresschool.org](http://woodacresschool.org)  
**Tuition:** \$8,000-\$14,300  
**Grades:** 2 year old-8 grade  
**Students:** 350  
**Head of School:** Laurie Mazor

## WOODWARD ACADEMY

>1662 Rugby Avenue  
College Park 30337 (PreK-12)  
404-765-4000  
>6565 Boles Road  
Johns Creek 30097 (PreK-6)  
404-765-4490  
[www.woodward.edu](http://www.woodward.edu)  
**Tuition:** \$20,600-\$32,400  
**Grades:** PreK-12  
**Students:** 2,522  
**President:** Dr. Stuart Gulley



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# CELEBRATING EAST COBB PTA'S NATIONAL SCHOOL'S OF EXCELLENCE

*By Tammy Andress, President, East Cobb County Council of PTAs*

The East Cobb County Council of PTAs (ECCC PTA) supports 35 PTAs in our East Cobb schools. Our PTAs advocate for students and enhance their school's climate to provide amazing educational experiences for all. PTA volunteers are hard-working and dedicated. While recognition usually comes from hugs, kisses and thanks from students and staff, the ECCC PTA is thrilled to announce these ECCC PTAs achieved the prestigious "National School of Excellence" status. This remarkable achievement reflects the unwavering commitment and tireless efforts of everyone involved.

National PTA honored 368 PTAs across the US and Department of Defense schools in Europe as 2022-2024 National PTA Schools of Excellence for building strong partnerships between families and their school that are enriching the educational experience and overall well-being for all students. Of those 368 PTAs being honored, 7 are ECCC PTAs:

BELLS FERRY ES PTA  
DAVIS ES PTA  
EAST SIDE ES PTA  
MOUNTAIN VIEW ES PTA  
POPE HS PTSA  
SIMPSON MS PTSA  
SOPE CREEK ES PTA

National PTA also awards the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Award—the association's highest honor - celebrating effective family-school partnerships. We proudly announce Bells Ferry Elementary PTA as one of three schools receiving this honor!

Earning National School of Excellence status entails a year-long commitment to strengthening family-school partnerships, where PTAs collect feedback from their communities, involve families in decision-making, and implement improved plans of action which improves family engagement and enhances every child's experience. The program opens the lines of communication and critical thinking within schools to make data-driven decisions yielding long-term benefits.

This accolade is a testament to the dedication of PTA members, the support of staff, and the engagement of the entire community. It celebrates PTAs exceeding the high standards of parent-teacher collaboration, community involvement, and student support.



These PTAs worked to enhance the educational experience for children by organizing countless events, fundraisers, and initiatives enriching the school environment, improving resources, and creating lasting memories. The cooperation they foster is inspiring and further demonstrates PTAs are not just auxiliary organizations, but are an indispensable part of their school's success, proving when parents and teachers come together with a shared vision, the possibilities are endless, and the impact profound.

As we celebrate, remember that our journey doesn't end here. We must continue working together, setting higher goals, and striving for continuous improvement, ensuring our schools remain places of excellence, where students receive only the best education and support. 📌



Rebekah, and Rachel.

*Tammy is the President of the East Cobb County Council of PTA's and the Parliamentary and Membership Chair of the Lassiter PTSA. She is a longtime advocate for public education, is married to Kiffer and is the mother of three daughters, Hannah,*

# 2023 October

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

#### Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Museum Tour.

Join for two special tours of the Visitor Center Museum where Rangers take you on a journey through the entirety of the Civil War (with heavy focus on the Western Theater and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain). Discuss the causes, biggest battles, blunders and how the war still affects us today over 150 years later. 2pm. \$5/parking (includes everyone in vehicle). Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, Kennesaw. More info: 770-427-4686 or [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo).

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

**Avenue Active at Avenue East Cobb.** Each class will provide a full-body workout that combines strength + mindfulness. Be sure to sign up for the loyalty program at check-in, earn stamps on your loyalty card to receive exclusive items. Juice and energy bite samples at check-in. After class, present your "Wine Down" Voucher for a complimentary glass of wine and 10% off the bottle. Bring your own mat. Weather permitting. 6-7pm. Free. Avenue East Cobb, Front parking lot near Tin Lizzy's, 4475 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: [avenueeastcobb.com/events/avenue-active-2](http://avenueeastcobb.com/events/avenue-active-2).

### EVERY FRIDAY

**Electric Avenue at Avenue East Cobb.** Groove into the weekend with tunes from local artists. Grab a bite and drink to enjoy during the show. Bring your own tailgate chairs for seating. Coolers and outside beverages are not permitted. Weather permitting. Check website for band schedule. 6-8pm. Free. Avenue East Cobb, Front Parking lot across from Tin Lizzy's, 4475 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: [avenueeastcobb.com/events/electric-avenue](http://avenueeastcobb.com/events/electric-avenue).

### EVERY SATURDAY

**Marietta Square Artisan Market.** An open-air showcase of locally-created fine art and premium hand-crafted goods, including paintings, drawings, and photography of fine artists settled alongside skilled craftspeople who feature an eclectic roster of distinctive goods including fire pits, cutting boards, terraria, pens, and fine jewelry. 9am-2pm. Rain or shine. Located in the parking lot beside the Marietta Square Market, 68 North Marietta Parkway NW, Marietta. More info: [www.facebook.com/MariettaSquareArtisanMarket](http://www.facebook.com/MariettaSquareArtisanMarket).

**Marietta Square Farmers Market** features products that are grown and produced in Georgia, including produce, plants, honey, breads, cheese and other items. Saturday: 9am-12pm. Rain or shine. Glover Park-Marietta Square, Marietta. More info: 770-499-9393 or [mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net](http://mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net).

**Sandy Springs Farmers Market** has unique vendors each week set up shop providing an open-air opportunity to purchase fresh produce and artisan foods. 8:30am-12:30pm. Rain or shine. City Springs, 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs. More info: [citysprings.com/farmersmarket](http://citysprings.com/farmersmarket).

### OCTOBER 6-8

**Cinderella** presented by the Georgia Ballet. Cinderella's good deeds awaken a magical transformation thanks to a little help from her Fairy Godmother. The story is family friendly, and children are encouraged to dress up! Cinderella reminds us all that dreams can really come true! Friday: 8pm; Saturday: 2pm & 8pm; Sunday: 3pm & 7pm. \$25-43. Jennie T. Anderson Theatre, Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta. More info/tickets: [www.georgiaballet.org](http://www.georgiaballet.org).

### OCTOBER 6-8 & 12-14

**The Outsider** presented by CenterStage North. Ned Newley doesn't even want to be governor. He's terrified of public speaking; his poll numbers are impressively bad. To his ever-supportive Chief of Staff, Ned seems destined to fail. But political consultant Arthur Vance sees things differently: Ned might be the worst candidate to ever run for office unless that is what the public wants. Thursday-Saturday: 8pm; Sunday: 2pm. \$15-\$27. The Art Place - Mountain View, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info/tickets: 770-528-2320 or [centerstagenorth.org](http://centerstagenorth.org).

### OCTOBER 7

**5th Annual Wings & Whitewalls Car Show.** Aerodynamics and thrust from vintage aircraft meet the classic styling and horsepower of the area's best-looking rides. With live music, vendors, and food. Admission fees support the mission of the Aviation History & Technology Center as it honors the legacy of aviation and the military in our community. 10am-3pm. \$5/spectator; or passenger; \$20/Car registration; Free/Military. Aviation History & Technology Center, 555 Perrin Road, Marietta. More info: [ahtc360.org/wings-and-whitewalls](http://ahtc360.org/wings-and-whitewalls).



## OCTOBER 7

**12th Annual Oktoberfest** presented by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Festival includes German food, music, and heritage, children's games and entertainment, and a craft vendor fair. 10am-6pm. \$7/adult, \$3/children or to support MUST Ministry Food Pantry admission is 7 cans of nonperishable food for each adult admission and 3 cans for children ages 2-12. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2922 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 770-971-4600 or htelcm.org.

**Taste of Acworth.** Over 150 booths: food, children's activities, 2 entertainment stages and sponsor booths. 11am-6pm. Free Admission; Food tastes: \$1-\$5. Historic Downtown Acworth, 4835 N Main Street, Acworth. More info: [acworthtourism.org/event/taste-of-acworth/](http://acworthtourism.org/event/taste-of-acworth/).

## OCTOBER 8

**Good Mews Microchip and Vaccination Clinic.** Appointments are required. Discounted vaccines for both cats and dogs and Microchips for \$25. See website for list of services and pricing. 10am-4pm. Good Mews Animal Foundation, 3805 Robinson Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: [www.goodmews.org/microchip-vaccination-clinic](http://www.goodmews.org/microchip-vaccination-clinic).

**Good Mews Outdoor Market.** Books, puzzled, board games, new and gently used pet goods. 100% of sales benefits Good Mews Animal Foundation. Bring an item off the wish list for shopping credit in the market. 10am-3pm. Free Admission. Good Mews Animal Foundation, 3805 Robinson Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info/wish list: [www.goodmews.org/outdoormarket](http://www.goodmews.org/outdoormarket).



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## OCTOBER 8 & NOVEMBER 5

**Caffeine & Octane Car Show.** Do you have a car enthusiast? Spend the morning at one of the largest monthly car shows. 9am-Noon. Free. Town Center Mall, 400 Ernest W Barrett Parkway, Kennesaw. More info: [caffeineandoctane.com/about-caffeine-and-octane](http://caffeineandoctane.com/about-caffeine-and-octane).

## OCTOBER 9 & 19

**Town Hall with Cobb Commission Chair, Lisa Cupid.** Residents will learn more about her top priorities, followed by networking with staff from county agencies. 6:30-8pm. Free. Oct 9: Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway, SE, Marietta; Oct 19: Kennesaw State University, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw. More info: [www.cobbcounty.org/board/events/12879/all-cobb-town-hall-meeting-cobb-county-commission-chairwoman-lisa-cupid](http://www.cobbcounty.org/board/events/12879/all-cobb-town-hall-meeting-cobb-county-commission-chairwoman-lisa-cupid).

## OCTOBER 11

**Chair Yoga for Senior Wellness.** Join a local certified Yoga instructor as she leads the class through Yoga poses, breathing exercises, and mind-calming techniques. All poses can be performed from a sitting position. Perfect for senior citizens or people with physical disabilities. All adults ages 18+ are welcome. 11am. Free. East Cobb Public Library, 4880 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: [www.cobbcounty.org/library/events/10421/chair-yoga-senior-wellness](http://www.cobbcounty.org/library/events/10421/chair-yoga-senior-wellness).

## OCTOBER 13-14

**21st Annual "Fall Into Crafts"** Marketplace sponsored by St. Andrew United Methodist Women. Crafts, homemade items, food, and more! Proceeds benefit the missions of the St. Andrew United Methodist Women. Free. Friday: 11am-6pm; Saturday: 10am-4pm. St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 3455 Canton Road, Marietta. More info: [www.saumcmarietta.org/craft-fair](http://www.saumcmarietta.org/craft-fair).

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 13-15

**Cobb Library Fall Book Sale.** Materials for sale include books for all ages in both hardcover and paperback, DVDs, Books on CD and audiocassette, and magazines. Prices range from 10 cents to \$4. All profits from this sale go directly to buying more items for Cobb County Public Library's branches and its bookmobile. Friday-Saturday: 9am-5pm; Sunday: 1-5pm. Free admission. Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway SE, Marietta. More info: [cobbcat.org/booksale](http://cobbcat.org/booksale).

## OCTOBER 13-15 & 20-22

**Two Trains Running.** Set in the late 1960s in the Hill District of Pittsburgh, The play revolves around Memphis Lee, the owner of a struggling restaurant that is threatened with demolition by the city as part of an urban redevelopment plan and Memphis's fight to receive fair compensation for his property while grappling with the changing neighborhood and his own dreams. The play explores the lives of Memphis's employees and regular customers as they search for work, love, and justice and their experiences with racial inequality, economic hardships, and the impact of societal shifts on the African American community. Check website for times. \$20-\$35. More info/tickets: [www.mariettatheatresquare.com/tickets](http://www.mariettatheatresquare.com/tickets).

## OCTOBER 13-15, 19-22, & 27-29

**Perfect Arrangement.** It's 1950, and new colors are being added to the Red Scare. Two U.S. State Department employees, Bob and Norma, have been tasked with identifying sexual deviants within their ranks. There's just one problem: Both Bob and Norma are gay and have married each other's partners as a carefully constructed cover. Inspired by the true story of the earliest stirrings of the American gay rights movement, classic sitcom-style laughs give way to provocative drama as two "All American" couples are forced to stare down the closet door. Thursday-Saturday: 8pm; Sunday: 3pm. \$23-\$31/adult; \$19-\$26/Student & Senior (65+). Act3 Productions, 6285-R Roswell Road, Sandy Springs. More info: [act3prod.org](http://act3prod.org).

## OCTOBER 14

**73rd Annual Roswell Youth Day Celebration.** Parade begins at 10am at Roswell Area Park, see website for parade route. The festival is held 11am-2pm at Roswell City Hall. Festival will have Food Trucks, an Art Block, Touch-a-truck and Fall Farm Days. Free. Roswell City Hall, 38 Hill Street, Roswell. More info: [www.roswellgov.com/government/departments/recreation-parks-historic-cultural-affairs/news-events/youth-day-celebration](http://www.roswellgov.com/government/departments/recreation-parks-historic-cultural-affairs/news-events/youth-day-celebration).



## OCTOBER 14-15

**Chalktoberfest** presented by Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art. Featuring over 80 professional chalk artists from around the world will bring the streets to life! The Craft Beer Festival, in conjunction, will include more than 120 different craft beers and 25 varieties of wine. Saturday: 10am-5pm; Sunday: 11am-5pm. Craft Beer Festival only on Saturday Noon-5pm. Admission: Free; Craft Beer Tasting: \$45/advance; \$50/day of event. Historic Marietta Square, 30 Atlanta Street, Marietta. More info: [chalktoberfest.com](http://chalktoberfest.com).

## OCTOBER 15

**3rd Annual Family Festival & Expo** presented by Aloha to Aging. Featuring children's activities, a photo booth, diverse vendors, door prizes, giveaways, hands on experiences including family yoga, fitness and a pickleball clinics, Kid Zone, Cobb Fire Engine, DJ, dancing competitions and food trucks. 2-6pm. Free Admission. Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2881 Canton Road, Marietta. More info: [alohatoaging.org/fallfestival](http://alohatoaging.org/fallfestival).

## OCTOBER 15 & 29

**Music in the Park** presented by Wellstar Health System. A fun afternoon in the park with live music. 4-6pm. Free. East Cobb Park, 3322 Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: [www.eastcobbpark.org](http://www.eastcobbpark.org).

## OCTOBER 19

**Alive in Roswell.** This family-friendly event will be held concurrently on Historic Canton Street and the Roswell Antique and Interiors Lot. Free regular trolley service connects the free parking at Roswell City Hall and Woodstock Park. The festival features music, food trucks, hundreds of interactive vendors, and enjoys participation from the many boutiques, small businesses and restaurants surrounding the venues. 5-9pm. Free. Canton Street, Roswell 30075; Parking: Roswell City Hall, 37 Hill Street, Roswell Free Parking locate in several places in downtown Roswell. See Website for locations. More info: [aliveinroswell.com](http://aliveinroswell.com).

## OCTOBER 19-21

**Wirligig** presented by Pope High School Theater. After teenager Brent Bishop gets drunk at a party, causes a car accident, and kills a young woman, the far-reaching consequences of his actions overwhelm him. Desperate to find some way to undo the suffering he's caused; Brent accepts the challenge from the victim's mother: build four whirligigs in the corners of the country as memorials to her daughter. As Brent takes his journey, four individuals that he never meets find their lives transformed by the whirligigs he builds. But will the teen be able to forgive himself for an unforgivable mistake and move forward with his life? 7pm. \$12/adult; \$6/student. Pope High School Theater, 3001 Hembree Road NE, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: [popetheater.org](http://popetheater.org) or [popetheater@gmail.com](mailto:popetheater@gmail.com).



## OCTOBER 21

**38th Annual Southern Invitational Music Festival** hosted by the Sprayberry High School Band of Gold. High School marching bands from across the Southeast will be performing and competing. Concessions available. Check online for schedule. \$10/adults; \$5/students with ID; Free/children under 6. Sprayberry High School, Jim Frazier Stadium, 2525 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: [www.sprayberryband.com/invitational](http://www.sprayberryband.com/invitational).

**Pop-In for Family Fun at the Marietta Museum of History.** Crafts and activities will be provided to create a fun learning environment that explores different topics of history with a local focus. Theme: Halloween. 10am-4pm. Free. Marietta Museum of History, 1 Depot Street, Marietta. More info: 770-794-5710 or [www.mariettahistory.org](http://www.mariettahistory.org).

**Wizards Academy at The Art Place.** A magical day of crafts, spellcasting and photo opportunities. 11am-1pm or 2:30-4:30pm. \$45. The Art Place, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info/registration: [www.artplacemarietta.org](http://www.artplacemarietta.org).

## OCTOBER 22

**Walton Raider Dugout Club Day at the Yard.** Fundraiser for the Varsity and JV baseball teams. Homerun Derby, silent auction (trip to Italy) and more. Free admission. 1-5pm. Walton Baseball field, 1499 Pine Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: [waltonbaseball.org](http://waltonbaseball.org).

## OCTOBER 24-29 & NOVEMBER 1-5

**Wait Until Dark** presented by the Georgia Theater Company. Set all your senses to high alert for the adventure of this classic psychological thriller. Greenwich Village, mid-century. Susy Hendrix, recently blinded in an accident, is terrorized by con artists in her own apartment. Her husband is away and it seems the world is out to get her. As the terror builds, Susy discovers that her blindness just might be the key to her escape, but she and her tormentors must wait until dark to play out the chilling conclusion. Tuesday-Friday: 7:30pm; Saturday: 2:30pm & 7:30pm; Sunday: 2:30pm. \$15-\$52. Jennie T. Anderson Theater, 548 South Marietta Parkway, SE, Marietta. More info/tickets: [get.org](http://get.org).

## OCTOBER 26-29

**Anime Weekend Atlanta.** The Southeast's largest Anime Convention, a 4-day celebration of Japanese culture, anime (animation) and manga (comics), with a dash of general pop-culture. See website for times of events. Single Day Tickets: \$45-\$65; multi-day: \$95-\$100; Free/Under age 10. Cobb Galleria, 2450 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info/tickets: [awa-con.com](http://awa-con.com).

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## OCTOBER 27-29

**Monsterama.** An Atlanta retro horror and sci-fi convention, with focus on the fantastic in cinema, art, comics, literature, and media. Performances, demonstrations, gaming, exhibits and much more. Tickets: \$50/3-day pass; \$35/Saturday only; \$30/Sunday only. Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Peachtree Corners. More info: [monsteramacon.com](http://monsteramacon.com).

## NOVEMBER 4

**CATSino Royale Gala & Auction** hosted by Good Mews. Enjoy a night of entertainment, casino table games, dinner, drinks, silent action and more. Benefitting Good Mews, a no-kill, cage-free cat shelter. 7-10pm. \$75/person; sales end October 22. Olde Towne Athletic Club, 4950 Olde Towne Parkway, Marietta/East Cobb. More info/tickets [www.goodmews.org/auction](http://www.goodmews.org/auction).


**Junie B. Jones The Musical** presented by Georgia Theater Company. Junie B. Jones is an imperfect kid in an imperfect world, but she's doing the very best she can. While she's in first grade, Junie B. will make new friends who are just as quirky as she is, face the problem of glasses, and learn to get along with her teacher, Mr. Scary. And sometimes, marching to the beat of your own drum means you get to lead the band! Junie B. Jones the Musical celebrates every child's unique qualities and teaches everyone how to turn lemons into lemonade. 11am. \$8. Jennie T. Anderson Theater, 548 South Marietta Parkway, SE, Marietta. More info/tickets: [get.org](http://get.org).

**Taste of Kennesaw.** More than 30 local restaurants, live music on 2 stages, kid's activities, and more. 11am-6pm. Free admission; Food tastes: \$1-\$4. Downtown Kennesaw, 2829 Cherokee Street, Kennesaw. More info: [www.kennesaw.com/taste-of-kennesaw](http://www.kennesaw.com/taste-of-kennesaw).

## NOVEMBER 4-5

**The Elegant Elf Marketplace** presented by Sandy Springs Society. A high-end gift market showcasing over 80 local and regional vendors. All proceeds benefit non-profit organizations. Saturday: 9am-5pm; Sunday: 10am-5pm. \$8 entrance fee. City Springs Performing Arts & Conference Center, 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs. More info: [sandyspringsociety.org](http://sandyspringsociety.org).

## NOVEMBER 4, 7, 10 & 12

**Rigoletto** presented by The Atlanta Opera. A lecherous playboy. A vengeful father. A tragic love affair. Rigoletto is a master of the tongue, a wily wordsmith with a malicious edge. But as he finds himself cursed by an affronted courtier; Rigoletto will discover the true consequences of his words will have an indelible impact on that which he holds most dear. Tuesday: 6pm; Friday & Saturday: 6:30pm; Sunday: 1:30pm. \$48-\$163. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center, 2800 Cobb Galleria Pkwy, Atlanta. More info/tickets: [www.cobbenergycentre.com/events](http://www.cobbenergycentre.com/events). 



*Below is a list of some local events and haunted happenings for little goblins, ghouls, and witches to enjoy this Halloween season.*

### **SIX FLAGS FRIGHT FEST**

**Select days Through October 29**

A spooky time of year as zombies and ghouls take over the park. Fright Fest offers a wide variety of places to get your scare on including several haunted houses and scare zones located throughout the park. The stuff of nightmares lurks around every corner as the dark of night washes over the park. The ghouls are set free for their daily hunting rituals. Nights and hours vary. \$15-\$60 plus admission. Six Flags Over Georgia, 275 Riverside Parkway, Austell. More info: [sixflags.com](http://sixflags.com).

### **FOLKLORE HAUNTED HOUSE**

**Select days Through November 4**

Everyone loves a haunted house, come explore multiple houses and a midway of mayhem. Check website for hours and operating days. \$28-\$53. Folklore Haunted House, 5389 North Main Street, Acworth. More info: [folklorehauntedhouse.com](http://folklorehauntedhouse.com).

### **ACWORTH GHOST TOURS**

**Fridays and Saturdays**

Acworth's history and ghost stories are shared by a tour guide. Size of tour groups limited purchase tickets in advance. Private tours available for groups of 10 or more during the week. 7:15pm. \$18. Walking tour is 1.2 miles meet city hall plaza behind Henry's Louisiana Grill, 4415 Senator Russell Avenue, Acworth. Tickets: [AcworthGhostTours.com](http://AcworthGhostTours.com). More info: 770-653-0756.

### **FALL-O-WEEN**

**October 7**

Candy trail, costume contests, scavenger hunt, crafts, field games and music. The evening will conclude with a showing of Hotel Transylvania (PG) after sundown. Concessions and unique merchandise from local crafters available for purchase. 3-7pm. Free. Swift-Cantrell Park, 3140 Old US Highway 41, Kennesaw. More info: [kennesawparksandrec.com](http://kennesawparksandrec.com).

### **PUMPKIN PATCH - ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UMC)**

**October 12-31**

Purchase pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn and more! Saturday: 10am-8pm; Sunday & Monday: noon-8pm. Community unload pumpkins October 11: 4:30pm. St. Andrew UMC, 3455 Canton Road, Marietta. More info: [www.saumcmarietta.org/pumpkin-patch](http://www.saumcmarietta.org/pumpkin-patch).

### **HALLOWEEN ESCAPE ROOM: ESCAPE FROM THE WITCH'S COTTAGE**

**October 14-31**

Can you escape from the witch's cottage before it's too late? Teams of ages 12+ and/or families can come try their skill at West Cobb's Halloween-themed escape room. Monday-Wednesday: 10am-8pm; Thursday-Friday: 10am-6pm; Saturday: 10am-5pm; Sunday 1-5pm. Free. West Cobb Regional Library, 1750 Dennis Kemp Lane, Kennesaw. More info: [www.cobbcounty.org/library/events/15482](http://www.cobbcounty.org/library/events/15482).

### **HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN HOUSE**

**October 20**

The entire East Roswell Recreation Center is transformed to into an indoor Halloween festival! We offer face painting, magic shows, arts and crafts, inflatables, games, and safe trick or treating. Family friendly costumes are encouraged! 4:30-7pm. Free. East Roswell Recreation Center, 9000 Fouts Road. More info: [www.roswell365.com/event/halloween-fun-house](http://www.roswell365.com/event/halloween-fun-house).

### **ACWORTH HALLOWEEN JAMBOOREE**

**October 21**

Games, rides, food, music, and lots of fun! Costume contests for the kids. 3-7pm. Logan Farm Park, 4405 Cherokee Street, Acworth. More info: [acworth.org/event/halloween-jambooree/](http://acworth.org/event/halloween-jambooree/).



## HARVESTFEST

**October 21**

Annual arts and crafts festival held each October. In addition to a wide variety of arts and crafts items, the festival includes Scarecrows on the Square and Halloween Happenings for children. HarvestFest Market: 9am-5pm. Touch-A-Truck 10am- 2pm. Pie Eating Contest: 11:30am-12:30pm. Halloween Happenings Kids Festival: 1pm - 5pm. Costume Contest: 2-3pm. Glover Park, historic Marietta Square. More info: [mariettaga.gov/1258/Harvest-Fest](http://mariettaga.gov/1258/Harvest-Fest).

## HOCUS POCUS MOVIE AT THE STRAND

**October 22**

A teenage boy named Max and his little sister move to Salem, where he struggles to fit in before awakening a trio of diabolical witches (Sarah Jessica Parker, Bette Midler and Kathy Najimy) that were executed in the 17th century. Movie rated: PG. 3pm. Tickets: \$12. Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre, 117 North Park Square Marietta. More info/tickets: [earlsmithstrand.org](http://earlsmithstrand.org).

## POPE DRAMA CLUB HAUNTED THEATER: WHAT LURKS BEYOND THE CAMPFIRE

**October 26-28**

People have gathered around campfires for centuries to share food and stories. Campfires are a place of community and comfort, but sometimes those stories come to life and wander the woods beyond. Leave the safety of the fire – at your own risk. You never know who you'll find. 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, & 8pm. (You are buying a ticket for a given hour, but you will be assigned your entrance time when you check into the Ticket Table in the hallway outside the cafeteria.) \$6. Pope High School Theater, 3001 Hembree Road NE, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: [popetheater.org](http://popetheater.org) or [popetheater@gmail.com](mailto:popetheater@gmail.com).

## ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

**October 27**

Not just a movie, The Rocky Horror Picture Show is a cult tradition that has been passed down through generations. As always, patrons are invited to enjoy the movie in costume. A live organ pre-show on the Mighty Allen Theatre Organ will begin thirty minutes prior to showtime. Prop bags with everything you need to play along are available for pre-purchase. Prop bags include party hats, rubber gloves, noisemakers, toilet paper, playing cards, and newspaper. Movie Rating: R. Individuals under the age of 17 will not be admitted without a parent or guardian. To protect this historic theatre, certain prop items are prohibited: included but are not limited to rice, confetti, glitter, and water guns. Midnight. Tickets: \$15; Prop bags: \$7 (limited number). Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre, 117 North Park Square Marietta. More info/tickets: [earlsmithstrand.org](http://earlsmithstrand.org).

## TRUNK OR TREAT - UNITY NORTH ATLANTA

**October 27**

Wear your costume for trunk or treating. There will also be Inflatables, a train ride and haunted woods. Free. 6-8pm. Unity North Atlanta, 4255 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: [unitynorth.org](http://unitynorth.org).

## HALLOWEEN HIKES

**October 27-29**

Experience the mystery of a short half-mile guided night hike through the lighted woodland trails where you'll meet friendly costumed forest creatures who will delight you with their dramatic antics. World music, crafts, campfire, and other festival fun. Tickets: \$25; free/children 2 and under. Hikes start at 6pm. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055 or [chattnaturecenter.org](http://chattnaturecenter.org).

## BOO BASH – AVENUE EAST COBB

**October 28**

Bring your little goblins & ghosts for a fang-tastic Halloween celebration! Mega Awesome Costume Party, trick or treating, live music, roaming entertainment, pop-up experiences + more. Event is weather permitting, but trick or treating is rain or shine. See website for schedule of events. 11am-2pm. Avenue East Cobb, The Plaza, 4475, Roswell Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: [avenueeastcobb.com/events/](http://avenueeastcobb.com/events/).

## FRANKENSTEIN

**October 28**

Presented by the Atlanta Opera. A fantastical collision of sight and sound awaits in this imaginative presentation of vintage cinema. A big-screen showing of the 1931 film of Mary Shelley's classic novel "Frankenstein" starring Boris Karloff is given a lush and vibrant score composed by Michael Shapiro and performed by a quintet of singers and The Atlanta Opera orchestra for an entertaining evening at the theater. Come in costume and enjoy the fun as Frankenstein's monster comes alive in a whole new way this Halloween! 8pm. \$25-\$95. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info/tickets: [www.cobbenergycentre.com](http://www.cobbenergycentre.com).


## TOUCHSTONES TO THE PAST: CITY CEMETERY WALKING TOURS

**October 28 & November 4**

The Marietta City Cemetery has a host of tales to tell and guided walking tours are offered during the Fall. The tours provide a chance to learn more about Marietta's constant residents and will focus on previously unseen images of the cemetery and veterans' stories. Tours are conducted over gravel and uneven pathways, so please plan accordingly. Rain or Shine. Proceeds from the tours benefit the Marietta Museum of History. Walking Tours: \$15; members/Free (call or email [cmccay@mariettaga.gov](mailto:cmccay@mariettaga.gov) to reserve your space). 10:30am-Noon. Marietta City Cemetery, 420 West Atlanta Street, Marietta. More info/tickets: [mariettahistory.org](http://mariettahistory.org).

## THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

**October 29**

The Strand Theater's silent film series features the classic tale of *Phantom of the Opera*. The film is accompanied by live music from organist Ron Carter. Costume Contest at 2:50pm before the movie, come as your favorite Phantom character. Tickets: \$15. 3pm. Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre, 117 North Park Square Marietta. More info/tickets: [earlsmithstrand.org](http://earlsmithstrand.org). 

# MISTLETOE MARKET

## SUPPORTS LOCAL COMMUNITY

The Junior League of Cobb-Marietta ("JLCM" or "The League") will host its 29th annual Mistletoe Market, a premier two-night philanthropic shopping event to help raise funds for the JLCM, from November 9 through November 11 at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta. The JLCM is a nonprofit organization which serves women and children in Cobb County by advancing social activism-focused projects that benefit the local community. More than 60 local vendors will participate in this year's charity holiday event.

"The League is excited to welcome back our many returning merchants and to be able to continue to grow the number of merchants year after year in support of our local community," said Cristin Kennedy, JLCM's 2023-24 VP of Fund Development. "This event is not only our League's largest and most impactful fundraiser, but it's a wonderful time to highlight local artists and small businesses. It most definitely is a win-win event."

JLCM's Mistletoe Market, which has been a holiday tradition in Cobb County, metro Atlanta, and across the Southeast for almost 30 years now will feature locally created, premium goods, and shoppers will have access to personalized gifts, holiday décor, jewelry and much more.

Tickets for the event's special Premier Night and Market Days, which will be sold separately, are available at [jlcmm.org](http://jlcmm.org). Premier Night tickets are \$25, and Market Days tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Dates and hours of operation listed below:

- **Premiere Night:** Thursday, November 9, 6-9pm
- **Mistletoe Market Days:**  
Friday, November 10, 9am-6pm  
Saturday, November 11, 9am-4pm

Premiere Night access allows guests to be the first to shop our merchants. The first 100 guests will receive an exclusive shopping bag and all can enjoy light bites, beverages, and entertainment.

"Mistletoe Market is not just a reason to have fun while shopping for you or your loved ones," said Tammy Thorpe, 2023-24 JLCM President. "It's an event that truly makes a difference in our community. The public's support of the market allows JLCM to meet the needs of our most vulnerable citizens."



Proceeds from the 2022 Mistletoe Market helped JLCM supply kits containing household essentials and file organizers to teens in foster care who graduated in Spring of 2023, which positively impacted 15 deserving students. The League also provided period products to Cobb County women and girls in public schools and local community partners, as more than one in four women struggle to purchase period products due to lack of income according to the Alliance for Period Supplies.

The Junior League of Cobb-Marietta will continue to accept merchant applications for this year's market. Interested artisans and businesses can email [MistletoeMarket@jlcmm.org](mailto:MistletoeMarket@jlcmm.org) for more information. 📧

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**About Junior League of Cobb-Marietta** Founded in 1933, the Junior League of Cobb-Marietta is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of our members and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. To learn more about the organization, make a donation or if you are interested in joining the League, visit [jlcmm.org](http://jlcmm.org).



# SIP & STROLL AT CHALKTOBERFEST 2023



The Marietta Cobb Museum of Art is pleased to announce the return of our Chalk Art and Craft Beer Festival, Chalktoberfest, on October 14-15, 2023 in the Marietta Square.

Chalktoberfest is a weekend for the whole family to enjoy. Professional chalk artists from across the USA, Brazil, France, Italy, Mexico, and Japan take their talents to the streets of Marietta Square. Enjoy your afternoon watching the working chalk artists create their masterpieces, listening to local bands performing in Glover Park, and supporting local arts, craft, and food vendors in the beautiful Marietta Square. The Chalktoberfest Craft Beer Festival will be held on Saturday, October 14th and a Community Chalk Competition on Sunday, October 15th. The Chalk Festival is free to attend!

The Craft Beer Festival is held on Saturday October 14, 2023 from 12:00pm - 5:00pm on West Park Square. Enjoy unlimited samples of over 120 different kinds of brew from dozens of local companies and 25 varieties of wine from Total Wine. You also get a souvenir cup! Walk around with your brew and experience the chalk art popping off the ground as artists complete their 3D and 2D pieces.

Buy your Craft Beer Festival tickets online early to save money! It is best to purchase your tickets ahead of time to avoid longer wait times and higher ticket prices. 2022 was a sell-out, so get your tickets soon! Visit [www.chalktoberfest.com](http://www.chalktoberfest.com) to purchase your tickets now.

All proceeds support the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art and their mission of "building community through art." Check [www.chalktoberfest.com](http://www.chalktoberfest.com) regularly for updates! 📱



3D turtle exhibit, Chalktoberfest, 2022

## PETS OF THE MONTH: MURPHY & ROSIE

*Submitted by Denise*



**Animal/Breed:** Australian Labradoodles

**Age/Gender:** Murphy (3) Male; Rosie (6) Female

**Favorite food:** Chicken Parmigiana and Mozzarella cheese

**Favorite person:** Definitely Mama

**Best trick:** High fives and sit pretty

**Turn ons:** Treats, walks, people, and rides in the golf cart

**Turn offs:** Vacuum cleaners and leaf blowers

**Favorite toy:** Stuffed Green frog (Froggy)

**Last seen:** On the golf cart acting like they run the world

**What makes my pets are so special:** They are so special because they make the whole family laugh and smile.

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Animal/Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Age & Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Food: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Trick: \_\_\_\_\_

Turn Ons: \_\_\_\_\_

Turn Offs: \_\_\_\_\_

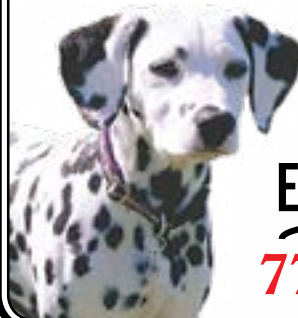
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## SPARKLE SUCCESS STORY

by Ginger Markert-Brusa

Say hello to 80-year-old Lou Lou Gasset! Lou Lou began Sparkle Wellness in March 2020 at 72 years old and 172 pounds. She reached her goal weight in January 2021 at 78 years old. She lost 37 pounds.

### Tell us about yourself, Lou Lou:

I own my own home and live independently with my beloved cocker spaniel, Carl, a rescue from Mostly Mutts. I taught elementary school in DeKalb County for 33 years and retired 25 years ago.

I joined Sparkle a New You not long after it was started and lost 20 pounds. After a year, I decided the long drive was too much, and I had learned enough to manage my weight loss on my own. So, I quit. Over the next few years, I added on 32 pounds. When the program would proceed on Zoom due to Covid, I could not sign up fast enough and that is when I started turning my health around.

Since achieving my goal weight in 2021, I have been on maintenance. I have learned not to be so concerned about the little fluctuations in weight and will be maintaining for the rest of my healthy life.

Through Sparkle, I have learned so much about predominantly eating and drinking healthy protein, vegetables, fruit, and water, and controlling portions. I have become an avid label reader and adapted many favorite recipes by substituting healthier ingredients. I have eliminated gluten, dairy, sugar, seed oils, carbonated beverages, processed foods, and alcohol. I do still have occasional indulgences. I just plan for them and track them.

### My How To's

- 1) Tracking daily food and beverage consumption and exercise with My Fitness Pal and weekly weight reporting
- 2) Consistent strength training, tennis and walking
- 3) Doing pantry and fridge sweeps regularly to eliminate any unhealthy choices
- 4) Staying connected with support groups
- 5) Getting into a bedtime routine of 7-8 hours nightly

### My Exercise Routine

- 1) Strength training with Sparkle Fitness three days a week
- 2) Doubles tennis three days a week



Lou Lou Gasset before and after losing 37 pounds.

- 3) Walking 7,500 or more steps a day
- 4) Planning a day or two of rest each week
- 5) Physical therapy exercises three days a week\*

\*I modify many of the exercises we do in fitness classes. For example, I do sidesteps/marching instead of jumping jacks, hold on for balance as needed, lower weights as needed, and substitute crunches or bridges for sit-ups.

### My Three Top Tips

- 1) Decide you are WORTH IT
- 2) Turn your "one day" into DAY ONE
- 3) Giant steps are not necessary or sustainable; BABY STEPS done consistently will get you to and help you maintain your goals

My chronological age may be 80, but my physical/mental age is nowhere near that! I am keeping the "old lady out!" I am much stronger, healthier, and happier than I was a little over three years ago when I committed to this lifetime journey of healthy living.

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# EAST COBB BARBERSHOP HONORS HISTORY AND OLD SCHOOL HAIRCUTS

## COMMUNITY SURPRISES JERRI HEACOCK WITH 20-YEAR WORK-ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*By Marie Muir*

**J**erri Heacock always shows up on time for work at East Cobb Barbershop in Merchants Festival Shopping Center. But on Saturday, Sept. 16, for the first time in 20 years, she was greeted at the door by a line of regulars holding roses. Jerri had an inkling that her “work wife” Dee Reitz, owner of East Cobb Barbershop, was planning a 20-year work-anniversary surprise. And yet, she was still shocked by the community’s love poured out over her in the form of cupcakes, cards, flowers and gifts.

Dee, originally from New Mexico, worked at Dobbins Air Reserve Base for two years before buying the barbershop from Raymond Zylstra in 2000. The original storefront, established by Ray in 1986, was torn down to build a parking deck and moved exactly 156 footsteps away within the same shopping center in 2006. Today, red church pews line one side of East Cobb Barbershop and every wall of the 600-square-foot space is adorned by vintage American military and barber memorabilia.

Like their customers, every piece of decor in East Cobb Barbershop has a story to tell. Jerri and Dee have witnessed hundreds of hairstyles over their decade-long careers, but they still specialize in classic cuts such as flat tops, fades, business man’s cuts and tapers.

Lisa Owens and Matt Crawford complete the East Cobb Barbershop team. Matt was drawn to East Cobb Barbershop because it reminded him of the oldest



Sim Mee, East Cobb Barbershop regular, receives a taper haircut from Jerri Heacock.

barbershop in Georgia - Little Gem Barber Shop in Carrollton, which was founded by his family in 1895.

East Cobb Barbershop is open for appointments and walk-ins from 9:30am to 5pm Tuesday-Friday and Saturdays from 8am to 1pm. From newborns to 96-year-old veterans, the team humbly serves all. 🇺🇸

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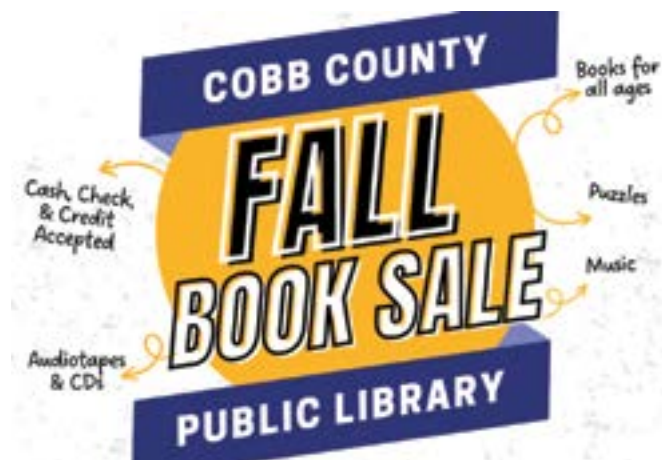
# EAST COBB AUTHOR NOVEL DEBUT




Imagine doing Past Life Regression (PLR) for the first time and emerging with a crazy book idea! Vera Bell is the author of the time-travel romantic suspense trilogy *Always & Forever*, set in sixteenth-century Ireland and present-day United States. Book One, *Through the Veneer of Time*, is her debut novel, and that was exactly how she came to write it. But while her PLR session was a vivid, impassioned encounter, bursting with colors, sounds, smells, textures, and a bizarrely visceral knowledge, it was incomplete. Yet, despite trying to go back, she never could. So she wrote the continuation in her head until it became so extensive and detailed, she had to put it on paper.

Besides being a writer, Vera Bell lives in East Cobb and is a wife to her high-school sweetheart, a mother to two teenagers and one fur baby, a former commercial artist and boutique owner, and a member of the Historical Novel Society, Women's Fiction Writers Association, and Romance Writers of America. Her favorite place to write is on her porch, overlooking a pond lined with river birches and magnolias. The topics she never tires of are Ireland, past lives, and love that transcends time and space. Visit her at [VeraBellAuthor.com](http://VeraBellAuthor.com). 

# THE COBB LIBRARY **FALL** **BOOK SALE**



Save the date and get ready to fill your shelves! The Cobb Library Fall Book Sale will be the weekend of October 13-15 at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta.

Materials for sale include books for all ages in hardcover and paperback, DVDs, Books on CD and audiocassette, and magazines. Prices range from 10 cents to \$4. All profits from this sale go directly to buying more items for Cobb County Public Library's 15 branches and bookmobile. For more information, go to [cobbcat.org/booksale](http://cobbcat.org/booksale). 

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# FALL FESTIVAL AND PARKINSON'S DISEASE FITNESS PROGRAM

**A**ttend the 3rd annual "Fall In For All" Family Festival presented by Aloha to Aging on Sunday, October 15. The free event will take place at Covenant Presbyterian Church at 2881 Canton Road in Marietta from 2 to 6 p.m. Enjoy 50-plus area businesses including food trucks and crafters. Dance to live music by DJ "Ricky D" or snap a photo with the Cobb Safety Village fire truck. Take a pickleball clinic, yoga class with GruvynYoga or jiu jitsu demo. Checkout the Kid Zone with face painting, halloween crafts and petting miniature goats. Talk to senior resource, health and legal experts.

"Our goal is to provide multi-generational events for the entire community to enjoy," says Dawn Reed, Certified Senior Advisor, President and Founder of Aloha to Aging. "East Cobb's central location allows us to serve local and neighboring communities."

**A**loha to Aging, Inc. and Empower Recreational Therapy, LLC are partnering to offer a new 12-week fitness and mobility program designed for people with Parkinson's disease. Thanks to a community grant funded by the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, this 12-week class will be free of charge. Led by a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, the program offers participants improvement in mobility, posture, balance, handwriting, speech volume, and a reduction in daily functional challenges. The classes are a source of fun social camaraderie and offer hope.

For more information and to register for the class, please email [info@alohatoaging.org](mailto:info@alohatoaging.org)

Delay the Disease classes will begin in November on Wednesdays at Aloha to Aging within Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2881 Canton Road, Marietta. 📍



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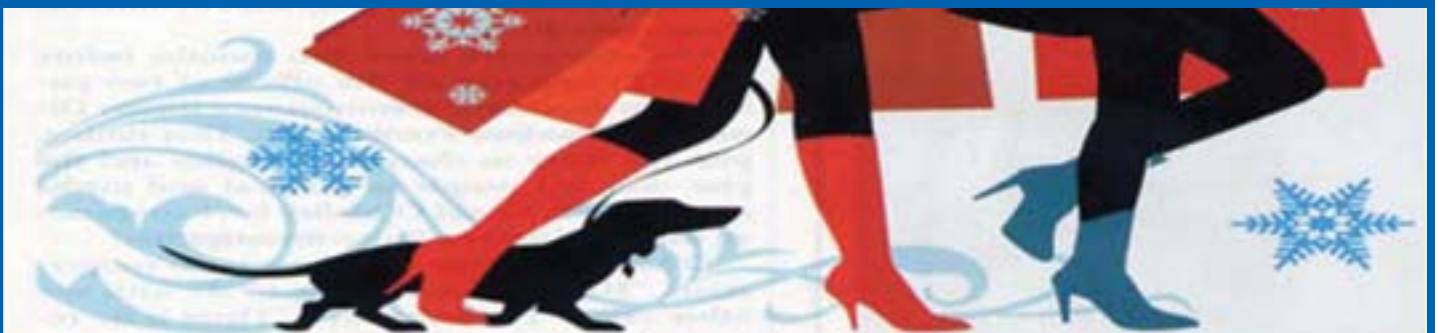


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Long-time resident of East Cobb, Jim Smith, is excited to announce the return of Car Wash USA to a new location in the East Cobb Crossing shopping center (near Dick's Sporting Goods and Party City). Last year, Jim sold his long-standing hand car wash on the corner of Old Canton Road and Roswell Road, after 17 years in business. After reading

"I am passionate about workers who feel the same a great job, and it shows,"

In 2015, Car Wash USA moved to East Cobb while not realizing there were no drive-in hand car washes. The hand-dry cleaning without stress hand mitts used to wash reducing the risk of dirt on mitts and scratching the top.

As an East Cobb resident, Jim is in a local shopping center at that location. It was worth it at a great value on customers for 17 years.

Car Wash USA also offers buffing, waxing and detailing shampoo, carpets and mats, etc. When detailing the air systems to get to even it.

The new location offers convenience of customers to be from refinements, with air-conditioned viewing area.

Jim is happy to be out of old customers. "The people they respect the value of a service, they will become a customer."

The car wash is open 7 days a week. You can find during operating hours on their Facebook page, Facebook.

### McCOBB LLC: OFFICES JUST FOR YOU



"Our goal is to help our clients as they successfully run their businesses," says Ann Chambers, Executive Sales Manager of McCOBB LLC, which is located in East Cobb at 2345 Roswell Road. A wide range of firms call McCOBB their home, including attorneys, CPAs, chiropractors, medical service providers, insurance firms, and many others.

McCOBB LLC is located in the 2345 Roswell Road building, a second floor building. The building is owned by Chambers as the agent and list it as the Property Manager and Estate Broker. All businesses have access to the kitchen and conference rooms, as well as other administrative services. The offices are at the corner of Roswell and Joseph MBE Road, and are accessible.

McCOBB LLC offers the flexibility offered to businesses that can work from home, short-term, and even for a day. "Our offices are ready to go at all times," she says, "and we can have you operational within 24 hours."

When you are looking for a new location, you can't be sure you can initially visit any office. Once there, they can easily expand to meet office or home needs, built to their specifications, without any cost.

McCOBB LLC offers a full service solution, with no long-term contracts. Additional services, such as rent and even moving services, are billed based on actual usage.

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For more information, contact Ann Chambers at 770-640-7070, ann@mcobbllc.com, or visit our website at www.mcobbllc.com.

### E. SMITH AIRS OUT HVAC QUESTIONS



**E. Smith**  
Vice President, E. Smith Heating and Air Conditioning

Our homes are comfortable primarily because of two basic reasons – that's heating and air. But many homeowners don't know how to properly maintain their HVAC systems. Could our comfort levels be more than just a feeling? E. Smith Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., addresses these questions. Recently, E. Smith Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., addressed these questions. Recently, E. Smith Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., addressed these questions.

Depending on the particular scenario, E. Smith Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., can improve your heating and cooling comfort by adding either a zoning system or a mini-split unit to your current HVAC system.

"Even with a properly sized and efficient air conditioner and furnace, hot and cold spots can occur," she explains. "A consistent temperature depends on getting the right amount of airflow to each room. You can spend your days opening and closing individual registers, but it really, who is going to do that?"

She goes on to say that a zoning system helps solve the hot and cold spots by adjusting the air that goes to each room. A thermostat in the room automatically opens and closes a damper in the ductwork. Different rooms can be set to different temperatures.

A mini-split unit can help with comfort levels if you add a living space, such as a basement office. Alternatively, air conditioning units are not as efficient as a mini-split unit. A mini-split unit consists of a separate outdoor unit and an indoor blower unit that mounts on a wall to distribute the heated or cooled air.

For those who want to incorporate Wi-Fi technology, a Wi-Fi thermostat can do the job. Mobile apps allow you to access the system from anywhere. You can adjust the settings, get alerts, monitor the temperature, switch from heat to cool or turn the system on or off. A zoning system can also be accessed through Wi-Fi technology.

E. Smith Heating and Air Conditioning gives a warning about installing a Wi-Fi thermostat. "All homeowners should think twice if they have a Wi-Fi thermostat. Companies often give you a free Wi-Fi thermostat. Almost all companies usually don't employ HVAC technicians, and some air conditioning systems require specific manufacturer thermostats. The last thing you want is for your cooling to stop, only to find out your free Wi-Fi thermostat is not compatible with your cooling system."

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