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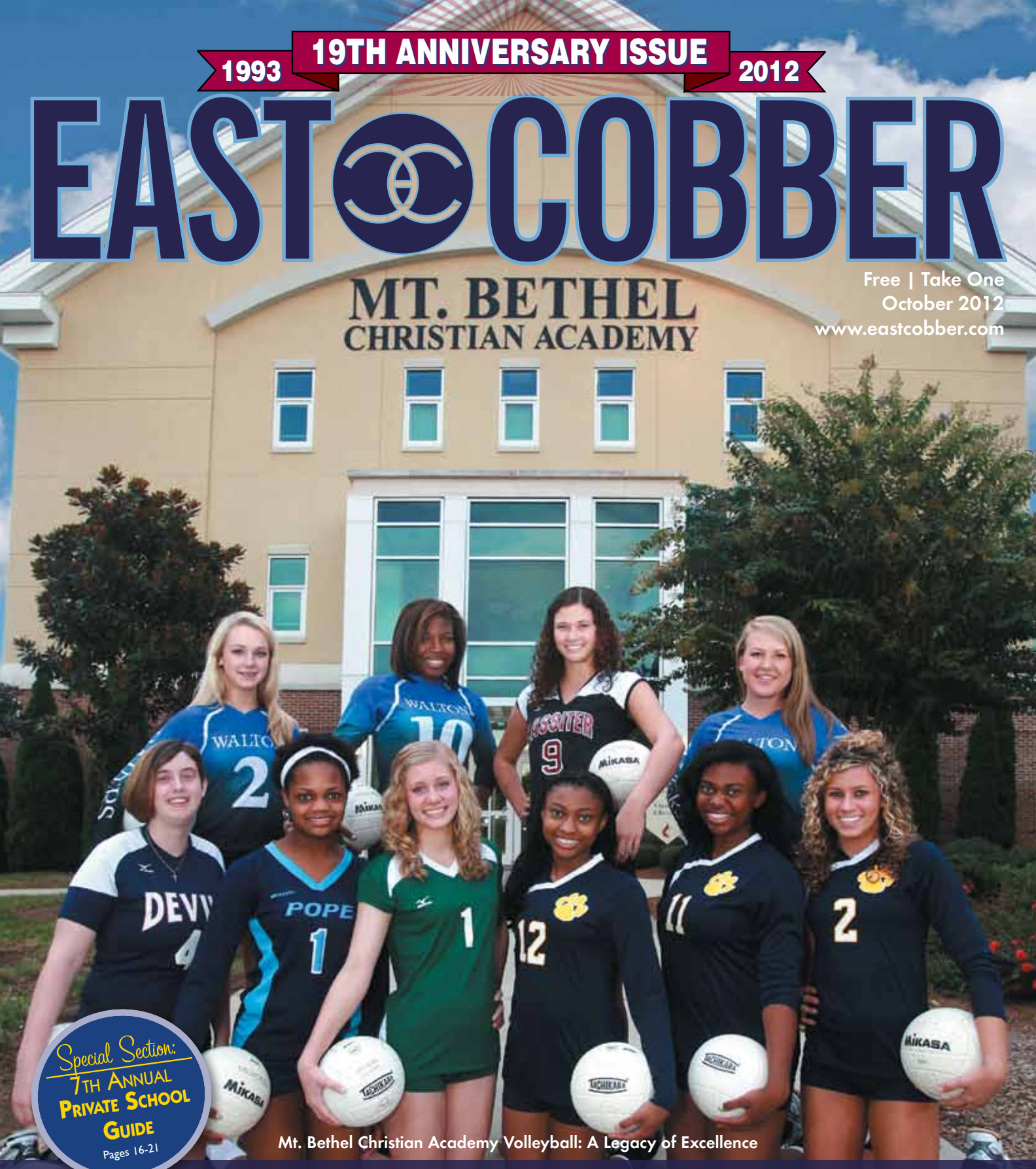

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"By publishing the EAST COBBER, we hope to build a better sense of community in the East Cobb area. Your stories and ideas are vital in achieving this goal. The articles and stories in this newsletter will share information and ideas contributed from East Cobbers just like you. Let's learn from each other. Let's find out how we can help each other. Please write to the EAST COBBER and let us know what you think, let us know how we are doing, let us know how you are doing, and what you are doing."

The above text was pulled from my first "Publisher's Note" in the October 1993 issue. While the world has changed (and me, too!) that editorial mission has not changed over the past 19 years! At the ripe young age of 31, the other half of a DINK (Double-Income, No Kids) couple, having just lived in East Cobb for just one year, I was searching for a source of information that would acquaint me with my new hometown. Dissatisfied with what I was reading, I believed I could start a paper that would focus on East Cobb exclusively. Using my skills as a marketing and publication relations professional and some publishing experience I decided to create a publication that would focus on "ordinary" people, like me, that wanted to get involved in their community and spotlight East Cobb residents that were already involved in the often overlooked network of grass roots clubs, civic groups, and PTAs that make our community so great. Well, 216 monthly issues, 12 annual community guides, 17 annual EAST COBBER Parade & Festivals, one website, one facebook account, one twitter platform, 20 web blogs, and three healthy children later, I am still devoted to promoting the good works of East Cobbers. It is this sense of purpose that has carried me through many crazy deadline days.

This 19th business anniversary also allows me to acknowledge and give thanks to those East Cobb merchants who have supported this publication by placing ads. Of course, many thanks to the multitude of readers who continue to submit stories. Your letters, e-mails and phone calls make this community paper truly a grassroots group effort.

I am honored to have shared information and inspiring stories about our wonderful East Cobb community with you, dear readers, for the past 19 years, and I look forward to many more!

Cheers!

Cynthia M. Rozzo
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On the Cover

On this month's cover are student alumni from Mt. Bethel Christian Academy (MBCA): First Row: Sarah Dickerson (Marietta), Sydney Darden (Pope), Caroline Welsh (Westminster), Lindsey Squirewell (Wheeler), Catherine Squirewell (Wheeler), Aleena Bubb (Wheeler); Second Row: Lindsay Seagraves (Walton), Leah Jackson (Walton), Paige Gorski (Lassiter), Kate Schwartz (Walton). After winning consecutive NAML titles in volleyball while at MBCA, these alumni have realized incredible success in volleyball at their respective high schools.

Since its founding in 1998, Mt. Bethel Christian Academy has grown to a thriving school of 498 extraordinary K through 8th grade students. What is the secret to this success? A commitment to excellence and a desire to help children become all God intends them to be.

In addition to focusing on fluency in core subjects, training in critical thinking and reasoning skills are also provided, as well as Spanish, Latin and Logic. Bible is taught at all grade levels where students are encouraged to explore their faith, and grow closer to Christ. Beyond its stellar academic program, the Academy provides Fine Arts, servant leadership development, community service projects, clubs, and athletic programs. The competitive athletic program provides championship programs in basketball, baseball, soccer, volleyball, cross-country, cheerleading, golf, and tennis. The 44-acre campus features state-of-the-art academic and athletic buildings featuring Mac labs, iPads, and iMacs, a suspended track, rock climbing wall, 15 acres of green space and athletic fields as well an outdoor pond and areas for outdoor experiential education.

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You can read more about Mt. Bethel Christian Academy on page 16, or better yet, come in for a tour. Mt. Bethel Christian Academy is located at 4385 Lower Roswell Road in Marietta/East Cobb. Visit their website at www.mtbethelchristian.org

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On Saturday, September 15, East Cobb residents came together under sunny skies to continue an annual hometown tradition: the 17th annual EAST COBBER Parade & Festival. Over 2,000 parade participants representing 110 different groups marched down Johnson Ferry Road to celebrate East Cobb! The parade staged at the Mt. Bethel Elementary School's parking lot, stepped off at 10am and ended at the Fountains of Olde Towne shopping center at approximately 11:45am. Crowds lined Johnson Ferry Road early to get the best view. "Kids" of all ages enjoyed the floats, decorated dogs, unicycles, four high school marching bands, and vintage cars as they marched down the parade path. East Cobb schools honored their principals and/or their "Teachers-of-the-Year." The EAST COBBER Parade has earned the nickname, "The Candy Parade," because just about every entry throws candy to the crowd. Many thanks to Cobb County Police Special Operations Unit and Cobb County Department of Transportation for ensuring the safety of parade participants and parade watchers.

The amount of financial support necessary to ensure the success of this annual special event is paramount. We are grateful for the generosity of WellStar and Fountains of Olde Towne/Equitable Management Company as corporate sponsors. The EAST COBBER Parade & Festival would not be possible without their financial support.

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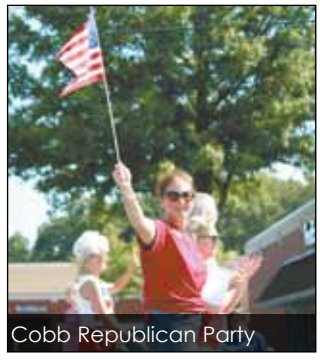
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"As our calendars fill up and our resources get stretched, we tend to neglect our own emotional and spiritual needs. East Cobb is a wonderful place to live, but it is marked by a driven and success-oriented culture. Pressing to get the best for ourselves and our families, we often allow the busyness to separate us from those very persons for whom we are striving to care," explains Dr. Jeffrey Pipe, President of Tapestry.

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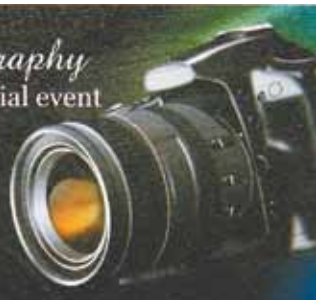

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Immediately following the EAST COBBER Parade, thousands converged at the Fountains of Olde Towne Shopping Center to enjoy carnival games, food, live entertainment, and exhibits at the EAST COBBER Festival. This hometown tradition proved to be another great opportunity for East Cobb residents to come together, share their pride and have some good old-fashioned fun. Emceed by Mike McCarthy of Big Daddy DJ Service, the Festival stage featured local musicians and young dancers. The EAST COBBER is grateful for the dedication of club members from Pope High School's Habitat for Humanity who volunteered to help stage the EAST COBBER Parade and work at the EAST COBBER Festival.

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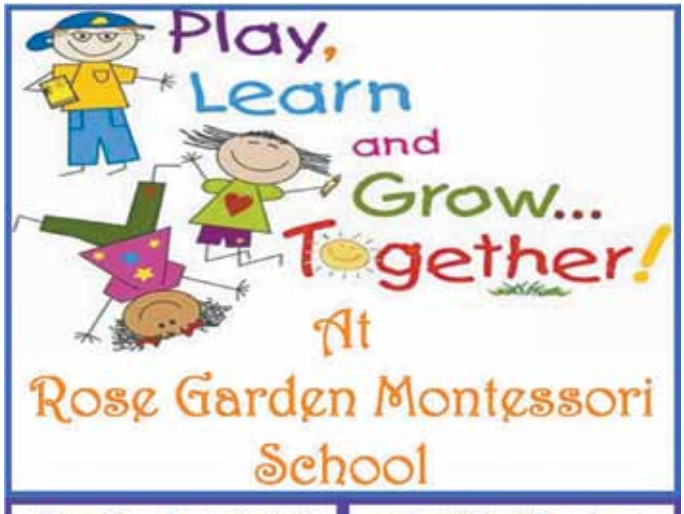

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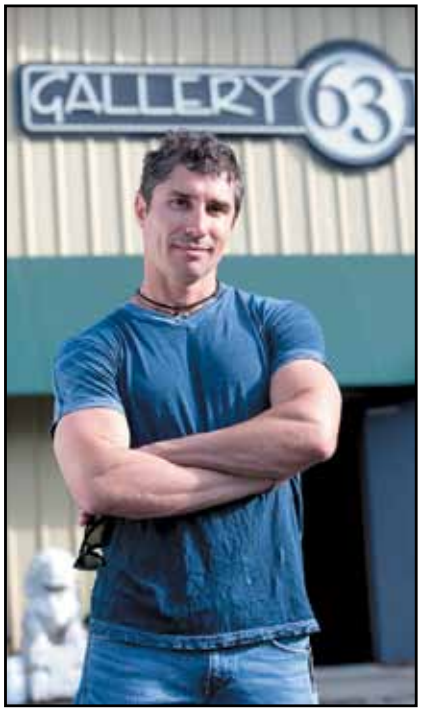

▲ Paul Brown

Many Americans are turning on their TVs every Thursday to watch East Cobb resident Paul Brown run his Gallery 63 auction business as the star in the reality series, *Auction Kings*, on The Discovery Channel. The EAST COBBER magazine caught up with this popular reality star to talk about how he came to be an Auction King.

East Cobber Paul Brown grew up never wanting to be in the antiques business. In fact, he was pretty sure he'd be the youngest member of the Rolling Stones ... until the whole "no musical talent" thing sunk in.

In 1989, after earning a degree in literature from Georgia State University, Paul started working at Red Baron's Antiques, his dad's auction house. Immediately drawn to the academic component of the antiques business, Paul immersed himself in the catalogs of the famous New York auction houses, learning the parlance of the trade, before bringing Red Baron's auction catalogs up to their standards. After a year or two, he took over all advertising, promotional, research and catalog duties at the company, riding a wave of successes throughout the 1990s and 2000s.

But around 2005, a bored Paul grew interested in a new challenge and decided to take over Gallery 63, in Sandy Springs. Today, Gallery 63 is known for bizarre, high-end items — such as a snooker table custom-made for the Rolling Stones — and Paul has made a name for himself as the go-to guy for bidders looking for those one-of-a-kind pieces that can only be found inside his doors.

He explained how antiques have fed his passion for a good story since he finished school: "It's all just stuff. When we're gone, it's all gonna burn up. It's the stories that make this stuff great."

When asked what made people so drawn to programs like Auction Kings, Paul explained that "stuff shows" are a great way of reaching people. Spanning every demographic, these shows explore the quirky things that everyone loves. Auction Kings uses this idea and includes the excitement of an auction. "There's nothing quite like an auction. Auctions are like people – no two are alike. Strategy and egos come into play when two or more bidders hunker down and compete for the same prize. It's all very exciting," says Paul. Now the stories he's become so invested in can be shown to thousands of viewers. Since their recent season earned Auction Kings its best ratings yet, the story doesn't show signs of stopping any time soon.

So, what's next for Paul Brown and Gallery 63? As a nationally-recognized TV star, Paul is a hot commodity. In addition to hiring more staff at Gallery 63, he travels the United States to fulfill speaking engagements and home show gigs.

Paul has lived in East Cobb for twenty-three years. He is married to Linda, and has three children: Elijah, Lilly and Josephine. "I love it here, you don't have to lock your doors! I do, but I don't have to," says Paul.

You can watch Paul Brown on The Discovery Channel's reality series Auction Kings every Thursday at 9:30pm. Or you can attend their next auction at Gallery 63 on Sunday, October 14 at 11am. There is another one scheduled on Thursday, October 18. Gallery 63 is located at 4577 Roswell Road in Sandy Springs. It is usually open from 9am-4pm Monday through Friday. It's also open for auction preview the week prior to an announced auction from 9am-6pm on Monday-Saturday. For more information, call 404-252-2555 or visit their website at www.gallery63.net.

East Cobb Civitans Sponsor 21st Annual East Cobb Wine & Vine Market

This is the 21st year for the silent auction and wine tasting fundraiser of the East Cobb Civitan Club. The event will be held at the Indian Hills Country Club on Wednesday, October 24 at 6PM. For the last 9 years, the Civitans have joined with Friends for the East Cobb Park in hosting this event. Georgia's Attorney General Sam Olens is Honorary Chair of this year's event. Mr. Olen's was also involved in the original fundraising for the East Cobb Park. The proceeds of this event will be divided between the East Cobb Civitan Club and Friends for the East Cobb Park.

"To date this event has earned $117,000 for the Park and around $210,000 for local charities such as MUST Ministries, The Center for Family Resources, The Center for Children, as well as Civitan charities such as Camp Big Heart, a camp for children and adults with special needs," states Roselle Wilkinson, Chair of the Auction and Wine Tasting. This year the Civitans worked with the Georgia Ballet in sponsoring a new "dance abilities" project for special needs students. This fundraiser is their largest source of funds for their projects and charities. Mark your calendars for a fun evening with wonderful wine and auction items. Tickets are $25 each. Heavy Hors D'oeuvers are included.

The East Cobb Civitan Club meets for lunch on the 2nd Thursday of the month and for dinner on the 4th Thursday of the month at The Olde Towne Athletic Club (4950 Olde Towne Parkway, Marietta) and welcomes guests. They offer a "project member" status for people that are unable to attend the meetings, but want to be involved with the projects. The East Cobb Civitan Club welcomes members of all races, religions, genders and ages with a common desire of wanting to give back to our community while enriching lives through our service.

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By Tisa Franklin and Shannon Rivers, Co-Chairs, East Cobb County Council of PTAs' Membership Committee

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>Get Connected and Discover Great Resources. There is no better way to know what is happening in your child's school! PTAs often have websites and/or newsletters that keep you apprised of things going on in school, including ways you can volunteer and programs being offered to benefit the family unit, not just the children. Some schools have "Lunch and Learn" programs for parents while others do "Parent Education Nights". Take advantage of these opportunities! Connect with other parents and use the resources offered to learn about today's youth and the challenges they face.

>Speak up and Watch Yourself Grow. PTA is a forum where your ideas are welcomed and encouraged. Positive change in a school can be the result of a simple idea. Also, by sharing ideas and volunteering at your child's school, you will be able to put your hobbies and skills to use in a positive way for not only your child, but for the benefit of all children in the school and the community. By joining PTA you will join members in Georgia and the country that have our children's best interest at heart and together we do make a difference.

>Witness Improvement. You are a part of the solution by being involved in your child's school and as such, you will be able to witness improvement first hand. Your child's PTA offers educational, social and family programs aimed towards bettering the lives of children. By joining PTA and volunteering, you will be able to see just how the programs PTA provides have a positive impact in your child's school. PTA sponsored programs can allow children to explore other countries, experiment with healthy eating and exercise, explore science in different and unique ways and offer many other opportunities that these children may not otherwise have.

If the opportunities listed above do not appeal to you, let us tell you about additional benefits. PTA is known as a powerful voice in the community and as such, is able to partner with many local businesses. East Cobb businesses offering benefits to our members this year include Chick-Fil-A, Aspens, Papa Johns, Subway, Turnin' Hedz Barber, Young Chef's Academy, E.nopi, Chocolate Jewels, Three 13, Domino's, Huntington, Gap, Safe America, and Momo's Special Toys. The community definitely supports East Cobb County Council of PTAs and the members!

So, now that we've given you a multitude of reasons why you should be involved in PTA, please consider joining the next time you are in your child's school. PTA strengthens family, promotes healthy habits, encourages parental involvement, supports safe schools, and advocates for ALL children. When PTA gets involved, children benefit!

For more info on East Cobb County Council of PTAs and benefits offered, please visit www.ecccpta.org.

◀ *Tisa is married to Deon Franklin, Sr. They have two children: Christopher, a fourth-grader at Blackwell Elementary School and Deon, Jr., a freshman at Sprayberry High School.*

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▲ Mr. Jay and Eric

The following letter was sent to the EAST COBBER by East Cobb mom, Ivonne D.Hernández.

This school year I decided to look for a job for my 16-year-old son, Eric, diagnosed with autism to have the experience of working – not that he needs to get a salary but only to understand the concept of working and getting paid for his efforts. I started asking several places in the area such as, the library, book stores, pet stores, and retailers if they had any work opportunities for my special needs son. I told them they did not have to give Eric a salary, the only thing that I was looking for was an opportunity for Eric to become part of the community where he lives and to learn the concept of working. All those places said they have never done it with a special needs child his age and that I have to escalate it to the corporate level in some cases and in other cases the response was "we can not do it".

I regularly go to The Office Party on Johnson Ferry Road to drop off my mail, so I mentioned to the owner, Jay Doshi, owner of the gift store, about Eric and he immediately said to bring him. Eric started to work last August for a 2-hour shift, Eric was very happy clearing the shelves of the store, cleaning them and putting back things in the correct order, size, shape and/or color. Mr. Jay has been very nice and patient with him. Eric was very excited, while driving from the store to home he told me "I like my job, I like Mr. Jay!" I just wanted to share my gratitude to Mr. Jay and to life for always putting in my path wonderful people like Mr. Jay.

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A "Yes" Vote for the Charter School Amendment is a "Yes" Vote for Students

By Kevin Loechl

One in three Georgia students do not graduate from high school on time. Clearly, low high school graduation rates have a long-term detrimental effect on individual incomes, and also the state's economy.

To offer alternatives to low-performing schools, Georgia allows for the creation of public charter schools. These public schools of choice receive more flexibility in curriculum, teaching methods, and funding in exchange for higher standards of academic and fiscal accountability, including the risk of closure if they do not meet these standards.

For example, in some of our state-chartered public schools students have two math sessions a day. One focuses primarily on instruction of math functions to introduce formulas and theories. The second session develops analysis and calls for students to not only practice equations, but also use them to solve real life situations – such as going to the parking lot to measure tire circumference.

In 2008 the state created an independent state commission to authorize charter schools because many local districts were not approving even the best charter applications. However, in 2011 the Georgia Supreme Court ruled that under Georgia's constitution only local districts have the authority to create schools.

This November, Georgians have the opportunity to vote on a constitutional amendment that will help create more effective public charter schools. In passing the charter amendment, we give high quality charter schools a chance by offering an appeals process to local community stakeholders who submitted quality charter applications that were rejected by their local school boards – often because of politics and bureaucracy.

Some argue that the amendment will give state charter schools an unfair amount of funding. However, this is not the case. State charter schools will not receive any local funds, and will instead operate on just 62 percent of the funding that traditional public schools receive, while still being held to higher accountability.

Others say that we have enough charter schools, but leave out the fact that 5,000 students were on waiting lists last year to attend Georgia's charter schools.

Opponents even claim that charter schools do not perform well, comparing charter school performance to the state average. However, charter schools tend to open in districts without the best schools, providing families in failing schools another option. In districts served by both traditional public schools and state charter schools, only 67 percent of traditional public schools met the federally mandated adequate yearly progress, or AYP, in 2010-11, compared to 75 percent for the state-chartered schools.

The fact is charter schools perform well, parents demand them, and they allow for an educational environment that offers student-centered approaches that encourage research and analysis in such fields as math and science.

Voting "yes" for the charter school amendment in November is a vote to help more Georgia students get access to a great school – a school where they're more likely to graduate, attend college, and improve their economic condition, not to mention our state's economy.

More information about the charter school amendment is available at www.georgiahope2012.com.

◀ *Kevin Loechl lives in East Cobb. He serves on the board of directors at Georgia Family Council and is an attorney, husband and father of four children.*

10 Things You Should Know about the Constitutional Amendment on Charter Schools

By Karen Hallacy

The ballot initiative on the November ballot reads: "Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to allow local or state approval of public charter schools upon the request of local communities". The language is misleading. There is already both local and state authority to create charter schools. This amendment is solely to create a third authorizer, a politically appointed State Charter School Commission not accountable to taxpayers or voters. Here are some additional facts you should know:

1. The amendment has nothing to do with charter schools authorized by local boards of education, conversion charter schools or charter systems. Local Boards of Education can already authorize charter schools and will continue to be able to do so regardless of whether this amendment passes.

2. The State Board of Education can also already authorize charter schools. It serves as a place where those denied locally can appeal. This won't change regardless of whether the amendment passes.

3. This amendment will create an appointed commission which will cost a minimum of $1 million a year to operate. The Commission can authorize additional charter schools but will provide little oversight of those schools.

4. Students who attend state commission authorized charter schools will earn more funding from the state than students who attend local public schools (including traditional, locally authorized charter schools and schools in a charter system). According to the Governor's office, traditional students are funded at an average of $4,290 while state authorized charter students are funded at an average of $5,230, or $6,392 if they attend a brick and mortar school.

5. Public education has experienced over $6 billion dollars in funding cuts since 2003. According to State School Superintendent John Barge, authorizing schools through this new commission will conservatively cost the state an additional $430 million over the next five years.

6. Those funding cuts have resulted in 121 of 180 Georgia school systems shortening their school year to meet budget constraints. The cuts have also resulted in teacher and staff reductions, teacher furloughs, increased class sizes and program cuts.

7. This amendment is not needed as there are already over 110 charter schools authorized and operating in Georgia and more in the pipeline for approval.

8. According to the GA Department of Education data, charter schools do no better than traditional public schools and sometimes perform worse. In 2010-11, 73% of traditional public schools made AYP; 70% of charter schools made AYP. See Charter School Report at www.gadoe.org

9. State commission authorized schools do not require any parent involvement and they do not guarantee that parents will even be part of their governance, unlike locally authorized charter schools. Also, commission charter governing boards are not required to adhere to the ethics code or accreditation requirements that local boards of education are.

10. According to campaign disclosure reports as of today, funding for the campaign supporting passage of this constitutional amendment is coming almost exclusively (95%) from out of state donors including for-profit education management organizations who stand to benefit from the passage of this amendment. The funding opposing this amendment is coming 100% from within Georgia.

◀ *Karen Hallacy is the GA PTA Legislative Chair as well as the Walton PTSA Legislative Chair. She has lived in East Cobb for over 16 years and has three children who have all gone through public schools in Cobb. She is also active in many children's and neighborhood advocacy groups including the East Cobb Civic Association and the Cobb Neighborhood Safety Commission.*

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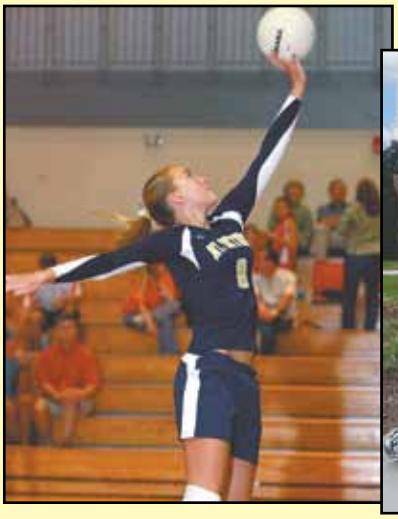
Mt. Bethel Christian Academy Volleyball: A Legacy of Excellence



Here in the south, we enjoy our sports. Whether it be Friday nights under the lights, Sanford Stadium or Turner Field, one needn't look far for a game to watch or even one to play. But here in East Cobb, an area known nationally for baseball, a different sport has been gaining attention lately - volleyball. And Mt. Bethel Christian Academy (MBCA) has figured prominently in that emerging story as a training ground for some of the area's most skilled players.

As a K - 8th grade school, all of Mt. Bethel's students are faced with high school choices to make after 8th grade. Academically, their graduates are matriculating into and excelling at some of the best public and most rigorous private and admission only magnet and interbaccalaureate programs. However, as is often the case at high school level, athletics become very competitive and experience and training ultimately is what will give an athlete an edge. Under the leadership of Roger Kaiser, Athletic Director at Mt. Bethel Christian Academy, MBCA athletes are sharpening that edge. A prime example of athletic preparedness lies with Mt. Bethel's championship volleyball program.

One need look no farther than East Cobb's own Walton High School to see examples of Mt. Bethel's volleyball talent. In 2011, the Walton Raiders volleyball team won the 5A championship, (then) the largest, and arguably, most competitive, classification in the state. Contributing to that tremendous achievement were several Mt. Bethel Christian Academy alumni. Before they became Walton Raiders, setting and spiking for one of the area's most respected varsity high school programs, Kate Schwartz (Junior), Leah Jackson (Junior) and Lindsey Seagraves (Sophomore) were dominating the courts as Mt. Bethel Christian Eagles. Also joining Walton's JV squad as a freshman this year is Mt. Bethel alum, Sarah Maddox.

At Marietta High School, MBCA alumnus, Sarah Dickerson, was captain of the 2011 team and honored with the "Most Valuable Defensive Player" award. Paige Gorski (Junior) plays the middle hitter position on the Lady Trojan's varsity volleyball team at Lassiter High School and joining her this year as a JV freshman is MBCA 2012 graduate, Morgan Tomcho. Among the ranks of Pope High School's varsity squad, you'll find another MBCA standout, junior Sydney Darden wearing the number one jersey in the outside hitter position. Another East Cobb school, Wheeler High, has also benefitted from the addition of several Mt. Bethel Christian-trained volleyball athletes. In fact, a quarter of the varsity team, are Mt. Bethel alum. Aleena Bubb (senior) and the Squirewell sisters, Catherine (Junior) and Lindsey (Sophomore) are all proud contributors to the Wheeler Wildcats volleyball program.

And lastly, two more members of the MBCA Class of 2012, Emily Jones and Caroline Welsh have joined the volleyball teams of Blessed Trinity and Westminster School, respectively. Caroline, a nationally ranked player, was one of only three freshman invited to play on the varsity team.

Of course, behind every exemplary team is an exceptional coach and the Mt. Bethel volleyball program is no exception. Since 2008, the Lady Eagles have been coached by Head Coach Brian Bergius and Assistant Coach, Melissa Sneed. Coaches Bergius and Sneed bring keen insight into the strategy of the game. Their dogged determination to see every girl live up to her true potential has contributed to the Mt. Bethel Christian Academy Eagle's three year run with undefeated seasons to win the NAML (North Atlanta Metro League) Championship Cup.

As an independent, pre-preparatory school, Mt. Bethel has a well-established reputation for providing an exceptional academic foundation for its graduates. But just as an excellent education nurtures and challenges a child's mind and spirit, providing unparalleled opportunities for children to grow physically as well sets Mt. Bethel Christian Academy apart in the East Cobb community.

For more information on Mt. Bethel Christian Academy and their academic and athletic program, contact Rhea Adkins, Director of Admission at 770-971-0245 or rhea.adkins@mtbethelchristian.org.

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 seventh 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.

Atlanta Academy, The
2000 Holcomb Woods Parkway
Roswell 30076
678-461-6102
www.atlantaacademy.com
Tuition: $6,000-$12,400
Grades: 18mos-8
Students: 245
Head of School: Angela Naples

Atlanta International School
2890 North Fulton Drive
Atlanta 30305
404-841-3840
www.aischool.org
Tuition: $19,080--$21,780
Grades: 3K-12
Students: 1,100
Headmaster: Kevin Glass

Atlanta Girls' School
3254 Northside Parkway NW
Atlanta 30327
404-845-0900
www.atlantagirlsschool.org
Tuition: $19,700
Grades: 6-12
Students: 206
Head of School: Joan King (interim)

Blessed Trinity Catholic High School
11320 Woodstock Road
Roswell 30075
678-277-9083
www.btcatholic.org
Tuition: $11,100
Grades: 9-12
Students: 970
Principal: Frank Moore

Brandon Hall School
1701 Brandon Hall Drive
Atlanta 30350
770-394-8177
www.brandonhall.org
Tuition: $26,095-$54,995
Grades: 6-12
Students: 135
Headmaster: Dr. John L. Singleton

Casa Montessori
150 Powers Ferry Road
Marietta 30067
770-973-2731
www.casamontessori.com
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Students: 160
Directors: Florence & Suzanne Johnson

Chrysalis Experiential Academy
10 Mansell Court East, Suite 500
Roswell 30076
770-649-7077
www.chrysalisexp.org
Tuition: $17,000-$20,000
Grades: 6-12
Students: 42
Director: Richard Becker

Cottage School, The
700 Grimes Bridge Road
Roswell 30075
770-641-8688
www.cottageschool.org
Tuition: $22,950-$23,950
Grades: 6-12
Students: 135
Director: Jacque Digieso

Cumberland Academy of Georgia
650 Mt. Vernon Highway NE
Atlanta 30328
404-835-9000
www.cumberlandacademy.org
Tuition: $20,900
Grades: 4-12
Students: 75
Principal: Don Sasso

Davis Academy
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www.eccs.org
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Grades: K-8
Students: 117
Principal: Teresa Staley

Eastside Christian School
2450 Lower Roswell Road
Marietta 30068
770-971-2332
www.eastsidechristianschool.com
Tuition: $5,515-$7,120
Grades: K-8
Students: 346
Head of School: Judith Cripps

Eaton Academy
1000 Old Roswell Lakes Parkway
Roswell 30076
770-645-2673
www.EatonAcademy.org
Tuition: $15,000-$20,000
Grades: K-12
Students: 80
President: Bridget Eaton-Partalis

Epstein School, The
335 Colewood Way NW
Sandy Springs 30328
404-250-5600
www.epsteinatlanta.org
Tuition: $4,995-$18,725
Grades: 18mos-8
Students: 550
Head of School: Stan Beiner

Faith Lutheran School
2111 Lower Roswell Road
Marietta 30068
770-973-8921
www.faithlcms.org
Tuition: $4,300-$8,415
Grades: Preschool-8
Students: 220
Principal: Jack D. Hibbs

Fellowship Christian School
10965 Woodstock Road
Roswell 30075
770-641-6816
www.fellowshipchristianschool.org
Tuition: $3,250-$12,980.
Grades: K4-12
Students: 780
Headmaster: Dr. Bob Burris

Greenfield Hebrew Academy
5200 Northland Drive NE
Atlanta 30342
404-843-9900
www.ghacademy.org
Tuition: $13,169-$25,974
Grades: Infants-8
Students: 364
Head of School: Rabbi Lee Buckman

Harvest Baptist School
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Acworth 30102
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www.harvestbaptistschool.org
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Grades: K3-12
Students: 72
Principal: Bill Lystlund

Heiskell School, The
3260 Northside Drive NW
Atlanta 30305
404-262-2233
www.heiskell.net
Tuition: $4,830-$13,455
Grades: Preschool-8
Students: 300
Director: Cyndie Heiskell

High Meadows School
1055 Willeo Road
Roswell 30075
770-993-2940
www.highmeadows.org
Tuition: $5,200-$16,000
Grades: Preschool-8
Students: 387
Head of School: Jay Underwood

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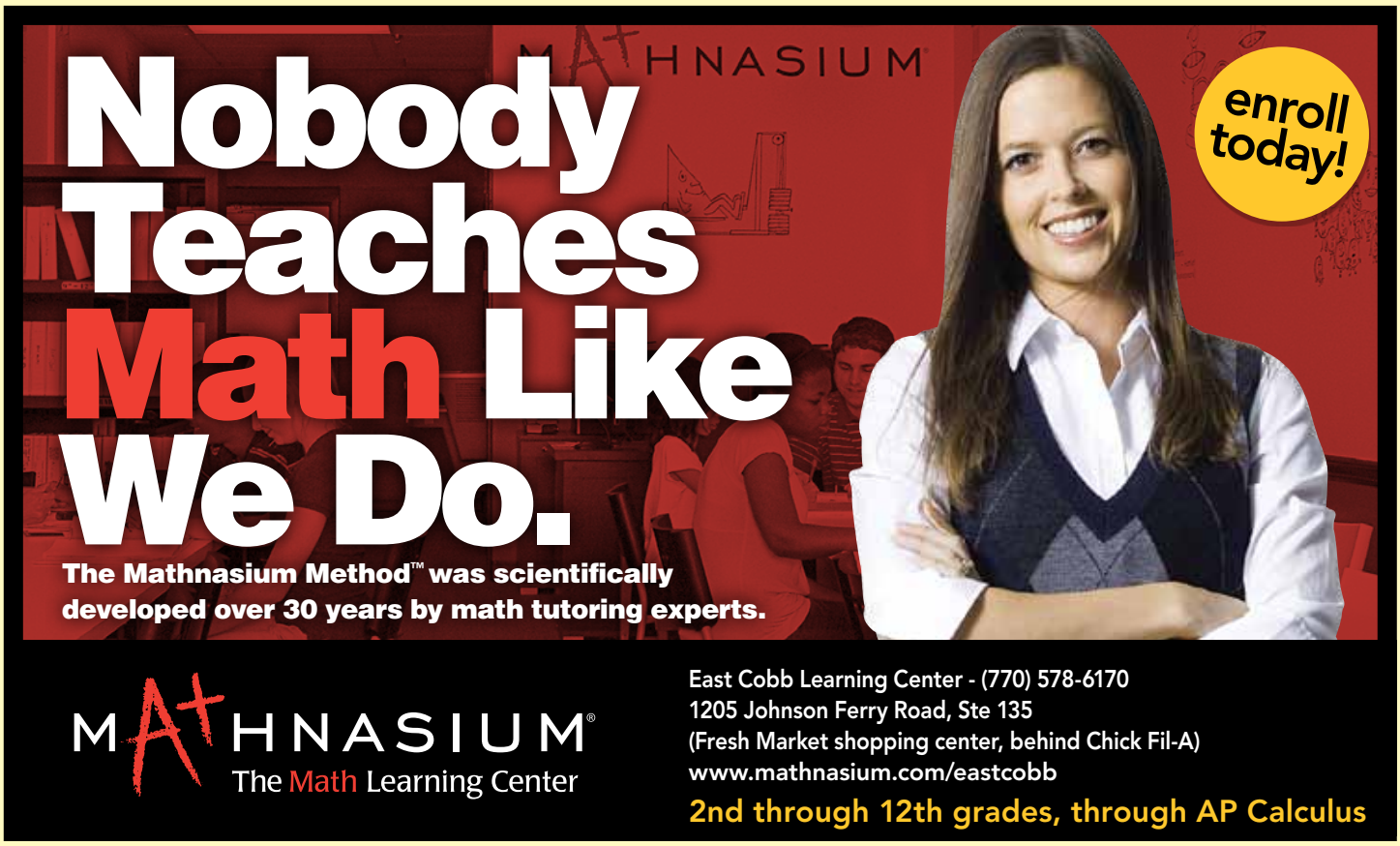
Your decision to consider an independent/private school is just the beginning. While private schools set high standards and emphasize values, they are wonderfully distinct from each other. There are day and boarding schools; coeducational, girls', and boys' schools. Enrollment varies from a few dozen to a few thousand students. Some independent schools are progressive, others more traditional in structure. Private schools also serve a varying range of students in terms of abilities and interests. Some schools offer special programs such as intensified instruction in the fine and performing arts, experiential learning projects, or travel abroad seminars. Many schools excel at rigorous intellectual preparation; others are dedicated to average learners; and some specialize in teaching bright students with learning disabilities. Since each of these schools has something unique to offer, ideally you are trying to match a student's needs with the appropriate school. Write or call the admissions office for published information about a school's philosophy and programs, and then make an appointment to visit.

If you haven't done so already, contact each potential school for information dealing with philosophy, curriculum, extracurricular offerings, admission process, and financing options. Compare each school's literature with the items on your list; this should give you a preliminary sense of which schools are a good match. Take into account what type of environment would be best for your child and consider his or her individual strengths as you examine each school's program.

The best time to apply is in the fall preceding the academic year of the student's admission; however, applications are considered throughout the school year. Most schools will require a personal interview, admissions testing, and information from your child's current school. Ask the individual school for the details of its application procedures and testing dates.

In short, choosing the right school for your child is likely the most important single decision you might make in terms of setting the proper path and direction for life. A little preparation and research on the part of parents will go miles toward making the ultimate destination clear at the exit ramp.



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Students: 243
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www.lovett.org
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Woodstock 30188
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www.lyndonacademy.org
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Grades: Jr. K-6
Students: 127
Headmaster: Linda Murdock

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Grades: 7-12
Students: 1,080
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Kennesaw 30152
770-578-0182
www.mtparanschool.com
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Grades: PreK3-12
Students: 1,208
Headmaster: Dr. David Tilley

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471 Mt. Vernon Highway NE (PreK-6)
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404-252-3448
www.mvpschool.com
Tuition: $7,035-$16,925
Grades: PreSchool-12
Students: 806
Head of School: Dr. J. Brett Jacobsen

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy
4385 Lower Roswell Road
Marietta 30068
770-971-0245
www.mtbethelchristian.org
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Grades: PreK-8
Students: 493
Head of School: Jim R. Callis

North Cobb Christian School
4500 Lakeview Drive
Kennesaw 30144
770-975-0252
www.ncchristian.org
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Students: 850
Head of School: Todd Clingman

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www.paceacademy.org
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Grades: K-12
Students: 1,070
Head of School: Frederick Assaf

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Roswell 30075
770-594-1313
www.porteracademy.org
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Grades: PreK-8
Students: 65
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Primrose School of Sprayberry
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Grades: Infant-Kindergarten
Students: 150
Principal: Christine Stadler

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Students: 504
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Shiloh Hills Christian School
260 Hawkins Store Road
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770-926-7729
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Grades: K3-12
Students: 271
Principal: John D. Ward

Shreiner Academy
1340 Terrell Mill Road
Marietta 30067
770-953-1340
www.shreiner.com
Tuition: N/A
Grades: 2K-8
Students: 200
Head of School: Sarah Walker

Sophia Academy
2880 Dresden Drive
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404-303-8722
www.sophiaacademy.org
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Grades: K-9
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Students: 725
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81 Lacy Street
Marietta 30060
770-428-3328
www.stjosephschool.org
Tuition: $5,878-$7,641
Grades: K-8
Students: 490
Principal: Patricia Allen

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Atlanta 30328
770-394-2880
www.saintjude.net
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Grades: K-8
Students: 523
Principal: Zia Davis

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Atlanta 30319
404-237-4260
www.stmartinschool.org
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Grades: PreK3-8
Students: 610
Headmaster: Dr. James E. Hamner

Swift School, The
300 Grimes Bridge Road
Roswell 30075
678-205-4988
www.theswiftschool.org
Tuition: $21,495-$21,895
Grades: 1-8
Students: 215
Head of School: Richard J. Wendlek

Trinity School
4301 Northside Parkway
Atlanta 30327
404-231-8118
www.trinityatl.org
Tuition: $13,950-$19,750
Grades: 3yrs-6
Students: 634
Principal: Stephen G. Kennedy

Walker School, The
700 Cobb Parkway North
Marietta 30062
678-581-6921
www.thewalkerschool.org
Tuition: $10,420-$18-630
Grades: PreK-12
Students: 1,016
Head of School: Jack Hall

Weber School, The
6751 Roswell Road
Atlanta 30328
404-917-2500
www.weberschool.org
Tuition: $22,695
Grades: 9-12
Students: 225
Head of School: Sim Pearl

Westminster Schools, The
1424 West Paces Ferry Road NW
Atlanta 30327
404-355-8673
www.westminster.net
Tuition: $19,205-$22,270
Grades: Pre1st-12
Students: 1,846
Principal: William Clarkson IV

Whitefield Academy
1 Whitefield Drive
Mableton 30126
678-305-3000
www.whitefieldacademy.com
Tuition: $9,730-$19,410
Grades: PreK4-12
Students: 650
Headmaster: Dr. John H. Lindsell

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1772 Johnson Ferry Road
Marietta 30062
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Women of Hope Help Single Moms

▲ **Front row (l-r): Laurel Kovach, Penny Warren. second row (l-r): Lamuriel Adams, Jean Hawkins, Patsy Bryan, Wanda Callahan, Angie Davis, Jacki Payne, Fran Sutton. Back Row: Carla Brown**

At a local coffee shop, in October 2007, East Cobber Patsy Bryan had an idea to help those in need and she initially shared it with Penny Warren and Carla Brown. From Patsy's "idea" seven more women joined in the mission to reach out and help single mothers experiencing a financial emergency. This group of friends call themselves "10 Women of Hope" and for the past 5 years have volunteered their time and talent to raising funds and awareness in support of struggling moms who need a hand up to get their life back on track.

Choosing to be different in approach, help is given through partnerships with community businesses in order to provide services, rather than blank checks. In addition, small financial resources can also be provided if the crises warrants it. Applications for assistance are funneled through organization members, who rely on school social workers to offer validation in the referral process. Awards distributed range from paying heat and electric bills, car repairs, children's program or uniform fees, a month's rent, medical bills etc – expenses that can make or break a mom's ability to stay afloat. Women of Hope member, Penny Warren, a Harrison High School's Social Worker, knows firsthand some of the hardships that impact single moms and their children. "Having reliable transportation means the difference in being able to go to work or not go to work . . . Students often tell me that they cannot participate in school activities because mom's car is broken down, " states Patsy.

Joining Patsy, Penny and Carla in the "10" are Jean Hawkins, Laurel Kovach, Angie Davis, Lamuriel Adams, Wanda Callahan, Fran Sutton and Jackie Payne. Each of these ladies round out and support the group through their various areas of expertise. Their common ground is a simple passion to help others.

From small beginnings of fundraising, 10 Women of Hope decided that they needed signature events to continue their efforts in raising awareness and dollars and launched 2 annual events. Now in their 5th year, The "10" host an annual spring-time inspirational brunch , as well as, the upcoming annual fall event , "Girl's Night Out", a fun evening that brings girlfriends together for shopping, eating and socialization. Both events have grown to become successful, community gatherings that bring women together in the spirit of making a difference through dollars raised for their moms.

Making this year's "Girls' Night Out" on October 18th, from 5-8pm, at The Brickyard in Marietta, especially exciting is the creation of a "Hope" themed painting, painted by guests "one stroke at a time". Under the direction of Brenda Bryant , owner of Paint The Town, the art will be featured on the organization's next issue in their notecard collection. Included in the evening, selected vendors will be selling unique gift items with hors d'oeuvres, open bar and lots of girlfriend time to ensure the evening is a great time for all.

Tickets are available by mailing your $25 donation to: 10 Women of Hope, P.O. Box 235, Marietta, GA 30061, or to contact for more information: womenofhope@ymail.com.

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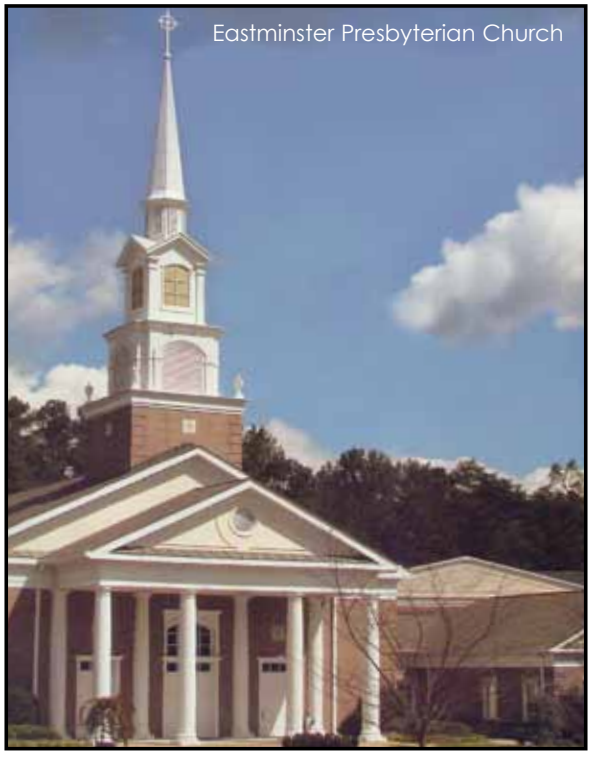

On Sunday, September 30, Eastminster Presbyterian Church celebrated their 40th Anniversary. The church began as a mission outreach of Cherokee Presbytery, called MINTEC (Ministry to East Cobb) and its charter members first met for worship on October 1,1972. The Hunt family donated land to the ministry, and the original white frame structure [house] and trailers expanded into a house of worship at the intersection of Johnson Ferry and Woodlawn. A number of these members are still at Eastminster today with their children and grandchildren. In 1993, the original property was sold, and Eastminster moved to its current location on the corner of Sewell Mill and Old Canton Roads. Since then it has grown through its worship, children's and handbell choirs, outreach programs and numerous activities, and often recognized by the community for their famous BBQ at their Annual Fall Festival. A separate Christian Life Center was built as an addition to the church in 2008 to accommodate additional classrooms for children and seniors, a gymnasium, and space for contemporary worship and youth activities. A beautiful columbarium and playground were soon added afterwards behind the church. In 2011, Eastminster Christian Preschool expanded to 75 students. Eastminster members feel that their church is special due to its members' eagerness to volunteer on many levels, from teaching, fellowship activities, and mission work. The contemporary worship service, called "The Road" is run by member volunteers. Eastminster offers Christian growth and fellowship - there is truly something for all ages! As the pastor, Dr. Tim McConnell, explains, "Ours is a place to breathe in a fast-paced world, a place to rest in worship, and to say noble, profound, and beautiful things about God and to begin to build a life of faith in Jesus. . . Won't you come join us in worship some Sunday, and see if you find that the Lord is truly in this place!"

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EVERY MONDAY – FRIDAY IN OCTOBER

Red Cross Blood Donations. Monday, Tuesday, Friday. 7am-7pm. Wednesday and Thursday. 12-7pm. Saturday and Sunday. 7am-3pm. 2145 Roswell Road, Marietta Ste. 250. More info: 770-578-1977 or www.redcrossblood.org.

EVERY TUESDAY AND SATURDAY

Feeding Time at the Chattahoochee Nature Center. Join a naturalist for an in-depth look at one of their resident animals as they are being fed. 4pm. Admission: $8/adults. $6/seniors.$5/ages 3-12.Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Walks in the Garden at Barrington Hall. Enjoy a guided walk while learning about the historic gardens featuring many century old shrubs and heirloom plants. A short presentation will start the walk at 9:30a.m. Topics include heirloom roses, growing herbs, wildflowers and pruning shrubs and trees. Sign up is not required but is encouraged. Free. 9:30-11am. Barrington Hall, 535 Barrington Drive, Roswell. More info: 770-640-3855 or www.barringtonhall-roswell.com.

EVERY THURSDAY

Guided Tour of the Strand. Get a behind-the-scenes peek at the Earl Smith Strand Theatre. Learn about the history of the theatre dating back to the 1930s, recent renovation efforts and fun facts about the theatre business. 11am. $5. Earl Smith Strand Theatre, 117 North Park Square, Marietta. More info: 770-293-0080 or www.earlsmithstrand.org.

EVERY SATURDAY

Free Arts and Crafts at Lakeshore Learning Store. 11am-3pm. Ages 3 and up. Make a Friendship Day Trophy, Garden Collage, Crawly Caterpillar or Fun-to-Make Bookmark. Lakeshore Learning Store, 4287 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-578-3100 or www.lakeshorelearning.com.

EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Marietta Square Farmers Market featuring products that are grown and produced in Georgia, including produce, plants, honey, breads, and cheese. Saturday: 10am-1pm. Sunday: 12-3pm. Glover Park-Marietta Square. More info: 770-499-9393 or www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net.

Trail Hikes. A docent guides you on a journey through the Chattahoochee Nature Center trails using biofacts and activities to spark you "natural" curiosity. 1pm. Admission: $8/adults. $6/seniors.$5/ages 3-12.Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055.

FIRST SUNDAY

Family Day at the Marietta/Cobb Art Museum. Free admission and fun activities for the whole family. 1-4pm, except when museum is closed. Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, 30 Atlanta Street, Marietta. More info: 770-528-1444 or www.mariettacobbartmuseum.org.

OCTOBER 3

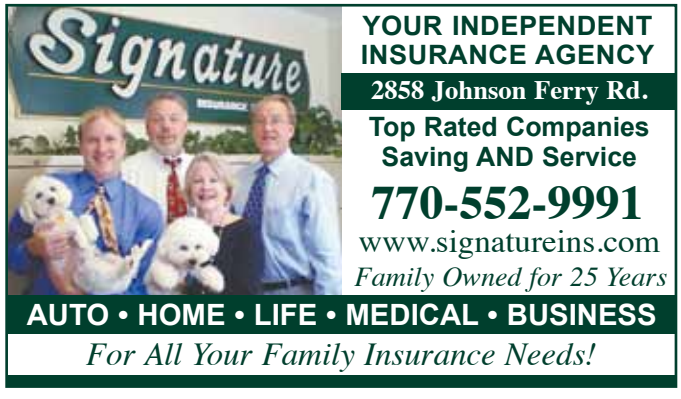
Barrington Hall Lecture Series: Margaret Mitchell and Dr. Benjamin Mays. Lecturer Bill Browning will talk about the professional relationship between Margaret Mitchell and Dr. Mays of Morehouse College. Barrington Hall, 535 Barrington Drive, Roswell. More info: 770-640-3855.

OCTOBER 5-6

East Hampton Subdivision Multifamily Garage Sale. All proceeds will be donated to breast cancer. 9am-4pm. East Hampton subdivision, off Roswell Road/Highway 120, next to The Avenue of East Cobb.

OCTOBER 6

Candlelite Concert Series: Men in Blues. This Blues show features a slightly different twist on the genre that everyone will be able to enjoy. They've been doing shows for 10 years now. The show and parking are free for all and will happen rain or shine. 8-10pm at the Mable House Barnesamphitheatre, 5239 Floyd Road Southwest, Mableton. For more info, call 770-819-3285.



OCTOBER 6

5th Annual Athletes Helping Athletes 5K Run/Walk &1 mile Noon Day Nature Trail Walk benefiting the Southeastern Greyhound Club and its adoption program. Registration/packet pick up starts at 6:30am. Race starts at 8:30am. Admission: $30 to register on race day, $25 pre-registration. Register at active.com or greyhoundadoption.org or by mail-in form. Pope and Land Office (Barrett Summit Office Park), 1990 Vaughn Road, Kennesaw. More info: 770-222-2235 or 5k@greyhoundadoption.org.

Oktoberfest. German food, polka dancing, a bingo tournament and more! Admission: $2/adults or four canned food items. Children 12 and under free. Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2922 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066. More info: 770-971-4600.

Ryder 5K & Festival. Registration due by 5pm Friday, October 5. Race is Saturday. 8am. Admission: $20 includes "Carve Out Cancer" pumpkin race shirt and race bag. Online registration at www.active.com. Post race festival will have prizes and giveaways, DJ, inflatable, face painting, pumpkin decorating, cake walk and refreshments. Dodgen Middle School, 1725 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta. More info: 770-578-2726 or Co-president@dodgenptsa.org.

OCTOBER 11-13

22nd Annual Mistletoe Market presented by the Junior League of Cobb-Marietta. Merchants from the Atlanta area and beyond will offer the latest in apparel, jewelry, children's clothing, gifts, home and garden accents, gourmet food, specialty items, and holiday apparel and accessories. Proceeds help fund community projects. Wednesday, Premiere Night, $20 admission. 6-9pm. Thursday and Friday: 10am- 7pm. Saturday: 9am-4pm. Admission: $4. Ages 10 and under free. Bring a new, unwrapped package of diapers and get $1 off $4 general admission ticket. Cobb Civic Center, 528 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta. More info: www.jlcm.org.

OCTOBER 12

Greyhound Nation Celebration. This adult only event has now been made into a casual affair in the form of a block party to be held at Keegan's Public House. The event is to honor the Pope High School's 25th anniversary. Admission: $35/adult, pre-bought tickets only. Deadline for ticket purchase, October 8. Keegan's Public House, 4401 Shallowford Road #136, Roswell. More info: www.popehighschoolfoundation.com

Cobb Executive Women Luncheon. Speaker: Jen Carfagno, On-Camera Meteorologist for The Weather Channel. Program: Success Story. 11am. Admission: $20 online and $35 at door for members. Guests $30 online and $45 at door. Must register by noon October 10. The Georgian Club 100 Galleria Parkway Suite 1700, Atlanta. More info: 770-980-2000 or www.cobbchamber.org.

OCTOBER 12-13

Cobb Classic Rodeo. 8-10pm. $15/adults. $12/children. Free/under 5. Jim R. Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta. More info: 770-684-7277.

11th Annual Fall Into Crafts Marketplace sponsored by the St. Andrew United Methodist Women. Featuring 46 exhibitors, the show includes jewelry, painting, soap, hand-knitted items, wooden toys, silent auction and food. All proceeds will be donated to missions. Friday: 11am-7pm. Saturday: 10am-4pm. St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Keheley Building, 3455 Canton Road, Marietta. More info: 770-926-3488.

OCTOBER 12-14

Cobb Library Book Sale will include soft-cover and hard-back books, magazines, text books, DVD and VHS movies and children's books. Prices range from 10 cents to $5. Proceeds will enable the library staff to purchase new materials, including books and DVDs. Book sale volunteers needed as well. 9am-5pm Friday and Saturday. 1pm- 5pm Sunday. Jim R. Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta. More info: 770-528-2320 or www.cobbcat.org.

OCTOBER 12-14, 18-21

Driving Miss Daisy, presented by the Mountain View Art Alliance and CenterStage North. On October 25 and 26, The Art Place will host coffee and dessert shows for $12 beginning at 8 pm . Saturday, October 27 show is a dinner theatre with appetizers and wine beginning at 6:30 pm and is $25. Proceeds from the last weekend's show will benefit the Mountain View Art Alliance. All other shows: $15. Tickets available online: theartplace.us and www.centerstagenorth.org. Friday, October 12: 8 pm; Saturday, October 13: 8 pm; Sunday, October 14: 2 pm; Thursday, October 18: 8 pm; Friday, October 19: 8 pm; Saturday, October 20: 8 pm; and Sunday, October 21: 2 pm. The Art Place, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: The Art Place, 770-509-2700 or CenterStage North, 770-331-0079.

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OCTOBER 13

Birthday Card Making Class. Trying to find the unique gift for someone with a birthday still to come? This two-hour course at Mountain View Regional Library teaches you how to make a birthday card your loved one is sure to love. Bring your own scissors, personal paper cutter and double sided tape. A $2 supply fee is suggested. Must register beforehand at cobbcat.org. Mountain View Regional Library, 3320 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Debby Boyce at 770-509-2725.

Fall Farm Days at Smith Plantation. Artisan exhibits and demonstrations pertaining to life on a 19th Century Farm, including living history exhibits and activities such as blacksmithing, spinning, weaving and open hearth cooking. Children's activities include period games, farm animal petting zoo, wagon rides, crafts, farm chores, and gold and gem panning. $5. 11am-3pm. 935 Alpharetta Street, Roswell. More info: 770-641-3978 or www.archibaldsmithplantation.org.

Georgia Symphony Orchestra at Zion Baptist Church. The group returns with a star-studded lineup. Two Atlanta-based composers will debut their work. 4pm. Tickets available online. Zion Baptist Church, 165 Lemon Street, Marietta. More Info: www.georgiasymphony.org.

Fall Festival. International and local food, cake walks, games, crafts and more will make sure everyone has something to do. 11am to 4pm. Holy Family Catholic Church, 3401 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-973-0038 or www.holyfamilycc.org.

OCTOBER 13

Rocky Mount Fall Festival. Food, music, games and activities (including moon bounce and obstacle course) for all ages. Merchandise vendors also on site. Children ages 4 and under can purchase a $15 activities bracelet for unlimited activities. Children 3 and under free. Activities range $3-$5. 10am-4pm. Rocky Mount Elementary School, 2400 Rocky Mountain Road, Marietta. More info: www.rockymountfoundation.org.

Carwash Fundraiser. Proceeds from every full service will go to Young Life of East Cobb to send kids to summer camp in 2013. 8:30am-7pm. Platinum Auto Spa, 1075 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. Rain date set for October 20. More info: Chad Chandler at 770-579-8232.

OCTOBER 15

NASA (North Atlanta Soccer Association) Golf & Tennis Tournament. Golf: Four man scramble format, shotgun start at 10am. Check in starts at 8:30am. $125/player. Tennis: Doubles team. 11am. Check-in at 10:15am. $75/player. Pine Tree Golf & Country Club, 3400 McCollum Parkway NW, Kennesaw. More info: Garry Biccum, 404-513-8361 or www.nasa-ga.org.

OCTOBER 15, 29

Pet Adoption. Angels Among Us Pet Rescue will host pet adoptions near the fountain at The Avenue East Cobb. 11am-3pm. Stop by their table to decorate a pet bowl. The Avenue East Cobb, 4475 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 404-895-3999 or www.angelsrescue.org.

OCTOBER 16

Emory at Etz Chaim. The bi-annual event invites accomplished faculty members from Emory University to speak. Dr. Abdullahi Ahmed An-Naim, Candler Professor of Law and Director of the Center for International and Comparative Law at Emory University will speak on: "The U.S. and the Muslim World: Mutual Misconceptions, Serious Consequences". 7:30pm. Open to all. 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta. More info: 770-973-0137 or Ravpincus@aol.com.

OCTOBER 17

Barrington Hall's Wednesday Lecture Series. Thomas King will be the topic presented by Dr. Keith Bohannon, associate professor at West Georgia University. Thomas King is the son of Roswell's founder Barrington King. Reservations recommended due to limited space. 7pm. Barrington Hall, 535 Barrington Drive, Roswell. More info: 770-640-3855.

OCTOBER 18

5th Annual Girls' Night Out. Girls just want to have fun. Shop, chat and more, all while helping a good cause. 5-8pm at $25. The Brickyard, Marietta Station, 129 Church Street, Marietta. More info: womenofhope@ymail.com.

OCTOBER 19

Bingo Night Fundraiser. Play two games of Bingo with sloppy joes and drinks included for $12. Prize donations are accepted, and the event is open to people of all ages. Additional game cards can be purchased for $1. The event is a fundraiser for the East Cobb Senior Center and will be held from 6-10pm. 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Eldo Ediger 770-345-2278.

OCTOBER 19-20

Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church 4th Annual Arts and Crafts Show. Artists, Craftspeople and Musicians from Emerson Unitarian Universalist Congregation and other exhibitors share their talents and help raise funds for the Church. Friday: 6-9pm, Saturday: 10am–4pm. 2799 Holly Springs Road, Marietta 30062. More info: 770-578-1533 or www.emersonuu.org.

Mt. Zion Preschool 7th Annual Market Place and Pumpkin Patch. Sweet treats and great shopping all under one roof with handmade creations by talented preschool moms. Raffle with great prizes. Pumpkin patch on Saturday. 9am- 2pm. Mt. Zion Preschool, 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-971-1478.

OCTOBER 20

Russian and Gypsy Folk Music Concert. Come experience a diverse and unique music experience! The Atlanta Balalaika Society hosts the night of song and dance. 7:30pm. Admission: $18/adult, $17/child (12 and under). Roswell Cultural Arts Center, 950 Forest Street, Roswell. More info: 404-325-2449.

Evening with History. *Marietta Daily Journal* editor Joe Kirby discusses the history of the Marietta Lockheed Plant, from his new book *The Lockheed Plant*. Reservations requested. 7-9pm. Free/members. $7/non-members. Marietta Museum of History, 1 Depot Street, Suite #200, Marietta. More info: 770-794-5710 or Mariettahistory.org

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 20

4th Annual Paw-casso Art Show presented by Animals Deserve Better to raise funds and increase public awareness on the need for service/assistance dogs, spay/neuter programs, and the need for humane and disaster education in our community. An auction and Pets FURever Poster Competition will take place from 11am-3pm, featuring artwork donated by public, private and home schooled students residing in Cobb County. 10am-3pm, Broadway Diner 1333 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-402-0297 or www.animalsdeservebetter.com.

29th Annual Southern Invitational Music Festival hosted by the Sprayberry Band of Gold. Bands from across the Southeast will be performing and competing. $10/adult. $5/student. Free/ages 6 & under. Cash only. 10am-10pm. Sprayberry High School, Jim Frazier Stadium, 2525 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Don Hamrick,770-928-2359; Mike King, 770-639-6759; or www.southerninvitational.com.

MORE ONLINE! For late-breaking events this month, visit www.eastcobber.com

OCTOBER 21

Boxerstock 2012, an all-day music festival benefiting Atlanta Boxer Rescue. Vendors, concession stand, canine demonstrations, silent auction and activities for the whole family. $8/adult $5 for children12 and under $5. Volunteers will also provide microchipping for $25/dog. Be sure to bring proof of ownership and immunization records to get microchipped. 12–6pm. Jim Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta. More info: www.boxerstock.org.

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OCTOBER 21

Cobb County Master Gardeners Lunch and Learn: "Gardening for Butterflies" presented by Debra Stockton. Learn about some traditional methods as well as some unconventional techniques that will also attract some other garden lovelies! Bring your lunch. 12-1pm. Water Quality Lab, 662 South Cobb Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-528-4070 or www.cobbmastergardeners.org.

YMCA Youth Track Or Treat. This track meet is unique because runners will be competing in their costumes. Divisions are in place for age groups and distance. A Skirt Sprint will also be happening to honor women. There will be prizes and activities tables for supporters. Registration is $15. Phantom runners can register as well! All proceeds go to charities working against domestic violence in Cobb County. 1:45pm. Marietta High School, Track & Field Complex, 1171 Whitlock Avenue SW, Marietta 30064 More info: www.youthtrackortreat.com.

OCTOBER 24

East Cobb Wine and Vine Market/21stAnnual Silent Auction and Wine Tasting sponsored by the East Cobb Civitan Club and the Friends for the East Cobb Park. Proceeds will help support the East Cobb Park and Camp Big Heart as well as scholarships and other community projects for the aged, homeless, handicapped and needy. Auction and wine tasting starts promptly at 6pm and includes hors d'oeuvres. Sponsorships available. 5:30-11pm. $20. Must be at least 21 years old to attend. Indian HillsCountry Club, 4001 Clubland Drive, Marietta. More info: 678-548-9635.

OCTOBER 25

Hoops2Heaven Basketball registration for the 2012-2013 Fall/Winter season. Open to ages 4 through 18. Season runs from November through February. Registration fee and form due to Mt. Zion UMC, Attn: Youth Sports Ministry before October 31. Mt. Zion UMC, 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-971-1465, ext. 250 or www.mtzionumc.org/ysm

OCTOBER 25-26

East Hampton Gift Show. Preview party Thursday, shopping on Friday. Earliest and easiest way to get your holiday shopping taken care of. All proceeds from the event will go to charity. Thursday: 5-9pm. Friday: 9am-4pm. More info: Janice Hill at Jachill1414@aol.com.

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OCTOBER 26-27

2012 Family Fall Festival. Craft and vendor show with burgers, dogs and hot wings. Kids activities include apple bobbing, moonwalk and more. Live music and raffles. 8am-4pm. Chattahoochee Baptist Church, 375 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068. More info: 770-977-2058 or www.chattahoocheebaptistchurch.org.

OCTOBER 26-29

Terrell Mill Open/Senior Singles Classic Tennis Tournament. MW (Open, 35, 45, 55, 65, 75, 85)s. Entry fee: $25/event. Online registration deadline: October 23, 11:59pm. Terrell Mill Tennis Center, 480 Terrell Mill Road SE, Marietta. More info: 770-644-2771 or www.USTA.com.

OCTOBER 27

BarktoberFest. A fundraiser for Angels Among Us Pet Rescue. Halloween costume dress-up, band, prizes and food. Sweetwater Brewery, 195 Offey Drive, Atlanta. More info: 404-895-3999 or www.angelsrescue.org.

OCTOBER 27-28

Kennesaw Kennel Club AKC Dog Show, obedience trial and rally trial. Admission is free. Parking is $5. Jim Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta. More info: www.marietta.com/kennesaw-kennel-club-akc-dog-show.

Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra and Chorus Concert Weekend. Saturday: 3pm, Sinfonia, chamber music, chorus. Sunday: 4pm (Philharmonia and Jazz) & 7:30pm (Symphony, percussion ensemble, Camerata). $5. Dr. Bobbie Bailey Performance Center, Kennesaw State University, 1000 Chastain Road NW, Kennesaw. More info: 770-429-7016 or www.georgiasymphony.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 28

Night Music presented by the Atlanta Wind Symphony. 3-5pm. Free. Alpharetta First United Methodist Church, 69 N. Main Street, Alpharetta. More info: www.atlantawindsymphony.org.

Cosmic Costume Bowling. Buffet, soft drinks, and cash bar. All proceeds go to Corrigan Care to benefit the goal of opening a day care center catering special needs children and their families. Contests for best costume/team name, raffle & more! $12/ person or $45/team of 4. 5-7pm. Roswell Brunswick Zone, 785 Old Roswell Road, Roswell. More info: www.corrigancare.org.

NOVEMBER 2

Martinis & Music. The fourth and final installment of this year's event will celebrate important members of the Marietta community. Exhibitions, sponsors and volunteers will be the focus. A live band will provide entertainment. There will also be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. 5:30-8:30pm. Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, 30 Atlanta St, Marietta. More info: 770-528-1444.

NOVEMBER 3

Sacred Tapestry Fall Festival. Antique car show, crafts, children's activities, food and more. 9am-4pm. Sacred Tapestry United Methodist Church, 3000 N. Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta/East Cobb. More info: 770-605-5083 or www.sacredtapestry.com.

20th Annual Ribbons & Holly Handcrafted Market with a great selection of vendors, unique gifts and objects of art, silent Children's choir. 9am-5pm. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-971-2880.

NOVEMBER 8

Drugs Don't Work: How to Save 7.5 Percent on Workers' Comp Seminar presented by Cobb Chamber of Commerce. Free. 8-10am. Registration required by noon, November 5. Cobb Chamber of Commerce, 240 Interstate North Parkway, Atlanta. More info: 770-980-2000 or www.cobbchamber.org.

Pope High School Marching Band presents OPPOSITES! This fun show is filled with great effects and a lot of visual presentations of things that are opposites. Admission: $5 donation/person with $20 max/family. 7pm. Pope High School Football Field, 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta 30062. More info: macmill@bellsouth.net or www.popeband.com.

NOVEMBER 9-10

26th Annual Mt. Zion Craft Show sponsored by the Mt. Zion United Methodist Women, featuring 52 artists and crafters, door prize, silent auction, pictures with Santa, bake sale, and more. All proceeds benefit local and church mission projects and charities. Friday: 9am-5pm. Saturday: 9am-4pm. Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-971-1465 or www.mtzionumw.org.

NOVEMBER 11

Artisans at the Etz. Artists and vendors will be showcasing their talents and merchandise. Raffle will benefit "Operation Homefront" for military families. Free. 11am-5pm. Congregation Etz Chaim, 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta. More info: www.artisansattheetz.com

Bone Marrow Drive. Registering for the database is as easy as a swab in the mouth. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 60 is eligible, and the process only takes a few minutes. The records will be forwarded to the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation. 11am-5pm. Congregation Etz Chaim, 1190 Indian Hills Parkway Marietta. More info: 770-973-0137 or Bfsilverman@comcast.net.

GET YOUR EVENT LISTED!

We need: event name, date, description, ticket prices, time/hours, site, address, phone number and Web address. The deadline for the Community Calendar is the 15th of the month prior to the next issue. Mail info to: EAST COBBER, P.O. Box 680455, Marietta, GA 30068 or e-mail calendar@eastcobber.com

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On Saturday, November 10, Drs. Azita and Michael Mansouri, owners of Marietta Family Dental Care, will sponsor their second annual "Dentistry From The Heart" event. The "Dentistry from the Heart" event provides free dental care to people who cannot get care otherwise. The doctors anticipate a very busy day and will open their doors at 6am. "In the past lines began forming as early as 8am the day before….Due to the shortage of such volunteer events and the growing number of Americans who lack dental insurance, we're anticipating hundreds prepared to camp overnight for ordinarily costly, yet necessary dental treatment," says Dr. Michael Mansouri. Volunteer hygienists, 18 dentists and over 70 dental professionals will join Drs. Azita and Michael Mansouri. Treatments will include free oral exams, x-rays, cleanings, fillings and extractions. Adults age 18+ will be seen based on a first come, first serve basis. The dentists committed to the project as a meaningful way to give back to their community.

Marietta Family Dental Care is located at 4720 Lower Roswell Road in Marietta/East Cobb. For more information visit www.NaturalSmile.biz and click on "Giving Back" or www.dentistryfromtheheart.org.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

The EAST COBBER has collected a few local magical events and haunted happenings for you to enjoy this Halloween season.

PUMPKIN PATCH - MT. ZION UMC

September 30 – October 31

Buy a pumpkin here, plus stickers, candy and a great photo spot. Through October 15: Sundays-Fridays: 12-7:30 pm. Saturdays: 9:30 am-7:30 pm. October 15-30: Mondays-Saturdays: 9:30 am-7:30 pm. Sundays: 12-7:30 pm. October 31- 9:30 am-5 pm Party in the Patch on Saturday, October 20, 10 am-2 pm. 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-971-1465. Ask for Deborah. All money goes to youth ministry.

PUMPKIN PATCH- POWERS FERRY UMC

October 8-31

Buy pumpkins for decorating, pies and Jack-O-Lanterns. Pumpkin patch Mon.-Sat. 10 am-8 pm. Sundays 1-8 pm. BBQ on October 20, 11 am-3 pm. Also on October 20, fall festival 11 am-1 pm. Yard sale all day on Oct. 20 9 am-3 pm. October 31: Trunk or Treat in parking lot from 5-6 pm. Powers Ferry UMC, 245 Powers Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-973-5271.

PUMPKIN PATCH- ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 5-31

Hosts their pumpkin patch for the 27th year. Pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn and more for purchase. Monday-Saturday 9:30 am-8 pm. Sundays noon-8 pm. On October 12-13 Fall Into Crafts Craft Show Friday 11 am-7 pm. Saturday 10 am-4 pm. Saturday, October 20 is the chili cook off and Trunk or Treat 4-6 pm. All proceeds from the patch support the Youth Ministry and Missions of St. Andrew United Methodist Church. St. Andrews UMC 3455 Canton Hwy, Marietta More info: 770-926-3488 or www.thepumpkinchurch.org.

ROSWELL GHOST TOURS

All October

Owned and operated by East Cobbers, the Roswell Ghost Tour is a community staple of Halloween excitement. Unlike some tours and haunted houses, these Ghost Tours tell stories of real hauntings without costumes to enhance imagination. Tours are available nightly in October. Demand is high. Private group tours offered as well. $15/adults, $10/children 12 and under. Walking tour is 2 ½ hours. To reserve: roswellghosttour.com/reservations. 770-649-9922 for more info. 610 Atlanta St, Roswell.

PARANOIA HAUNTED HOUSE

October 4-7, 11-14, 18-21, 25-31

A haunted house packed with murdering maniacs, ghostly ghouls, and unexpected horror around every turn. Thursdays and Sundays: 7:30-11pm. Fridays and Saturdays: 7:30pm-midnight. October 26-31: 7:30pm-midnight. $22/ticket, $27 combo or $40/pass. 608 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell. More info: www.paranoiahauntedhouse.com.

SCARY-ETTA

Fridays and Saturdays starting October 5 through November 3 Step aboard the trolley for a spirited 90-minute fully narrated ride through Marietta. The ghost tours are all 90 minutes of thrills and chills based on history and documented accounts of ghostly encounters. There is a walk of about 2 blocks. From October 5-20, tours start at 8 and 10 p.m. October 26 and 27 tours start at 7, 9 and 11 pm. November 2 and 3 tours begin at 8 pm. $27.00 (plus tax)/Adults. $24.00 (plus tax)/Seniors. $14.00 (plus tax)/Children (12 and under). Limited space. Advance reservations required. More info: The Historic Marietta Trolley Co., 770-425-1006 or www.ghostsofmarietta.com.

CREEPY CRITTERS AND UNCANNY PLANTS

October 13

See live bats, snakes and owls. Trade costumes with others. 11 am-3 pm, all ages. Included with general admission. Free for Nature Center members. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055 or www.chattnaturecenter.org.

THE HAUNTED MUSEUM-A NIGHT AT THE ASYLUM

October 19-20

Walk through a night of real nightmares. To observe Halloween this year, part of the museum has been converted into a haunted house. Admission is $5 for all, ages 13 and up recommended. There will be a strobe light in use. Friday: 6-10pm. Saturday: 5-10pm. The Southern Museum, 2829 Cherokee Street, Kennesaw. More info: 770-427-2117.

HALLOWEEN HIKES

October 19, 20, 26 & 27

Get ready to take a walk on the wild side and meet some wonderful costumed woodland creatures at night! 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. Join us for an evening full of music and fun activities with wholesome refreshments available for purchase. Kids are encouraged to wear their costumes and have their photo made with our roaming characters. Enjoy hot chocolate or sip apple cider and relax by the campfire. Live animal presentations will accent the experience of nature at night. Tickets are $8 for all ages, children two and under are free. Hikes start at 7 pm and end at 10. The trails are not suitable for strollers and children must be accompanied by adults at all times. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055 or www.chattnaturecenter.org.

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36TH ANNUAL HARVEST SQUARE ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL/HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS/ SCARECROWS ON THE SQUARE

October 20

This year's festival will combine all three events into a day of family fun. Local and area artists and craftspeople will showcase their painting, pottery, woodwork, metal, jewelry, glass, fabric and floral designs. Games, activities and prizes for everyone. Scarecrow contest, children's costume contest, and pet costume contest. 9 am-6 pm. Farmers market from 9 am-noon. Marietta Square. More info: 770-794-5601 or www.mariettaga.gov.

SPOOKTACULAR

October 26

Come in your best Halloween costume and dance the night away with a DJ. Carnival, games and crafts. Best costume wins a prize. 6-8pm. $5/members, $8/non-members. McCleskey-East Cobb YMCA, 1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-5991.

STRANDEMONIUM: A HALLOWEEN ROCK & ROLL REVIEW

October 26-28, 31

Strandemonium is a Broadway-like production with "enough eye candy to fill the biggest trick-or-treat bag." The show starts at 8 pm on Friday and Saturday and has a Sunday matinee at 3 pm. Tickets are $20 for adults, and a military discount is available for $15. On Halloween night, Strandemonium begins at 7 pm and will be followed by the Alfred Hitchcock classic Vertigo at 9 pm. Movie tickets are $8 for adults and $7 for children and seniors. Earl Smith Strand Theatre, 117 North Park Square, Marietta. More info: 770-293-0080 or www.earlsmithstrand.org.

HAUNTED THEATER: THE CURSE OF THE PHAROAHS

October 28, 29 & 30

Haunted Egyptian house. Starts at 7 pm, ends at 10. Admission is $5. Celebrate Halloween in a less contemporary manner but still just as frightening. Canned goods and non-perishable items will be accepted at the door as part of Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat and MUST Ministries. Pope High School, 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta. More info: Kimberley Walters, 770-865-8187 or www.popetheater.org.

FALL FESTIVAL OF FUN

October 31

Sponsored by Cobb County Recreation Department, Cobb Safe Kids and Cobb County 4-H. Enjoy carnival games, crafts, trick or treating, costume contest, the Mad Hatter contest, hayrides and all sorts of ghoulish fun. Be sure to bring a bag for candy. 4-7 pm. Cobb Safety Village, 1220 Al Bishop Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-852-3270.

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Animals Deserve Better To Host Fourth Annual Paw-Casso Fundraiser

By Asif Lakhani

▲ **Animals Desrve Better Director Kimberley Brenowitz and her rescued dog, Simon**

Since 2004, Animals Deserve Better (ADB) has taken 3,000 animals out of no-kill shelters and put them in homes as pets and disability service dogs. East Cobber Kimberly Brenowitz, who has been rescuing animals for 17 years, founded the non-profit organization. Initially an animal rescue service, ADB's focus has recently shifted to provide disability dog training services. Animals Deserves Better now helps people with autism, diabetes, epilepsy, deafness, post-traumatic stress and more, by pairing them with a trained, rescued puppy.

"We match dogs and owners based on their needs, and get the two to begin living together almost immediately. The new dog owner must sign an agreement to participate in a series of lessons that teach obedience and trains the full range of the dog's skills. By allowing the puppy and owner to grow together, the speed of the learning curve increases exponentially," says Brenowitz.. "We hardly have even broken the surface of what dogs can show us and teach us and what we can ask them to do," she says.

While Animals Deserve Better relies on an all-volunteer staff , Brenowitz still needs to work a separate job just to make sure Animals Deserve Better remains funded and functioning. On October 20, Animals Deserve Better is hosting its fourth annual Paw-Casso event at the Broadway Diner, 1333 Johnson Ferry Road. Childrens' artwork will be available for sale, and all proceeds will go toward training a service dog for a special needs client. For more information, visit www.animalsdeservebetter.com.

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Pet's Name:_____

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Age & Gender:_____

Favorite Food:_____

Favorite Person: _____

Best Trick: _____

Turn Ons:_____

Turn Offs:_____

Favorite Toy:_____

Last Seen:_____

What makes your pet so special:_____

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Submitted by Lori Bissel

Animal/Breed: Cockapoo
Age/Gender: 5 month/male
Favorite Food: Liver Treats
Favorite Person: Everybody!
Best Trick: Rings bell to go outside to go potty
Turn Ons: Toys, people, dogs
Turn Offs: Crate time
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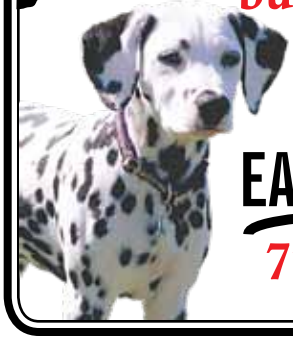

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By Asif Lakhani

▲ **Chris Graham**

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Graham has been selling the mix to bars and making appearances at festivals for a year, but it only became available to public via retail within the last month. Watering holes in East Cobb and the Czar Bar in Buckhead include it on their menus, and it's sold throughout Alabama and in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, as well. "If you can get them to taste it, it'll sell itself," Graham said. He hopes to take it nationwide and incorporate different flavors next. While it's great for drinking year round, the real apple taste makes it perfect for fall, tailgates and nights by the fireplace.

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▲ **Y Business Networking members, Elizabeth Yandle and Debbie Switts socialize after a meeting**

If you thought your local YMCAs were just places to get exercise, you'd be missing out on a whole lot of action. Sure, Ys have group exercise classes, cardio and strength equipment and wellness coaches, but Ys have a long history of social responsibility and supporting their communities too.

One such program here in East Cobb is the Y Business Network (YBN), which meets every other Friday morning at the 3010 Johnson Ferry Road location. This group, which started three years ago with four members has now grown to 19.

YBN members are local small-business owners or business representatives, and by meeting regularly, they forge relationships and learn the details of each others' businesses. Let's face it: people like to do business with folks they know, like and trust, so not only have YBN members been conducting business with each other, they've also been happy to refer their friends, associates and clients to fellow members.

Michelle Hutchinson, YBN's 2012 president, says, "If you're not using referral networking to grow your clientele, you're missing out on a huge opportunity." Registered Financial Consultant Karen Vining agrees. Ms. Vining is the founder of the group and loves the camaraderie among the YBN members, many of whom have become her clients and then referred others to her. Karen says, "I grew up with the Y. My mom worked at our local Y in Pennsylvania. It's such an inviting place."

Ann Pastorello, YBN vice president and a travel agent, echoes that. She first heard about the YBN after seeing a club posting in the East Cobber and says, "After visiting the group, I liked the people and it felt a little more laid back compared to some other networking organizations. The cost to join as a non-Y member seemed quite reasonable when compared to some other groups."

She adds, "Networking has been a great way for me to not only get my name out there, but to also learn from others, which can sometimes be difficult when you work by yourself."

The YBN will be holding an open house on Friday, Oct. 19, 7:30-8:45am. A light buffet breakfast will be provided. Registration is free, but space is limited, so if you would like to attend, please contact Michelle Hutchinson at michelle.hutchinson@wordhelper.com, 770-518-0010 or Ann Pastorello at apastorello@cruiseplanners.com, 770-971-4776.

You can get more information about the group online at ybusinessnetwork.webs.com.

▲ **Y Business Networking members, Tim Piendel and Dr. Mike Moribaldi listen to a business presentation**

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Zonings and Variances for October

The following is a list of zonings to be reviewed by the Planning Commission on Tuesday, October 2 at 9am. The Board of Commissioners will vote on these zonings Tuesday, October 16 at 9am. These listings are provided by the East Cobb Civic Association. For comments and final actions by these organizations, please visit www.eastcobb.net.

Petition Z-42. Brooks Chadwick Capital, LLC, represented by John H. Moore 770-429-1499, requests a rezoning from R-20/ PSC to RA-5 for a subdivision. Property is located on the east side of Woodlawn Drive, south of Lower Roswell Road (570 and 590 Woodlawn Drive). Size of tract is: 6.59 acres. Current zoning: R-20 & PSC.

The following is a list of variances to be reviewed by the Board of Zoning Appeals and Variances Wednesday, October 10 at 1pm.

Petition V-77. Randy Verma, 770-645-0195, representing himself, requests to waive the rear setback from the required 30 feet to 12 feet for existing house footprint and proposed addition. Property is located at the southwest corner of Stonebrook Place and Stonebrook Court (2671 Stonebrook Court). Size of tract is .359 acres. Current zoning: R-15. Existing house and proposed addition.

Petition V-78. RJM Landscaping Services, Inc., 404-234-0083, represented by Garvis L. Sams, Jr., 770-422-7016, requests to: 1) Waive the front setback from the required 40 feet to 30 for existing building footprint; 2) waive the side setback from the required 10 feet to 5 feet on the eastern side for existing building footprint; 3) waive the minimum number of required parking spaces from 5 to zero to allow proposed gravel parking; and 4) waive the minimum lot area from the required 20,000 square feet to 10,861 square feet. Property is located on the north side of Hazelwood Drive, between Scott Drive and Hamby Road (1765 Hazelwood Drive). Size of tract is 0.259 acres. Current zoning: GC. Reason: Business.

Petition V-79. Randall Riemersma, 404-307-3201, representing themselves request to waive the maximum allowable impervious surface percentage from the required 35% to 43%. Property is located on the north side of Tuscany Park Drive, west of Old Canton Road (3019 Tuscany Park Drive). Size of tract is .469 acres. Current zoning: R-20. Reason: Existing Structures

Petition V-80. Gail Riesenberg, 404-931-5805, representing herself requests to allow a second electrical meter on a single-family residential lot. Property is located on the north side of Columns Drive, east of Atlanta Country Club Drive (4571 Columns Drive). Size of tract is 10.6 acres. Current zoning: R-30. Reason: Power to workshop and garage.

This information was provided by the East Cobb Civic Association, Inc. The East Cobb Civic Association will meet at 7 PM, Wednesday, October 24th at the East Cobb Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Rd., Marietta. All are welcome. More info: Jill Flamm, 770-552-8206.

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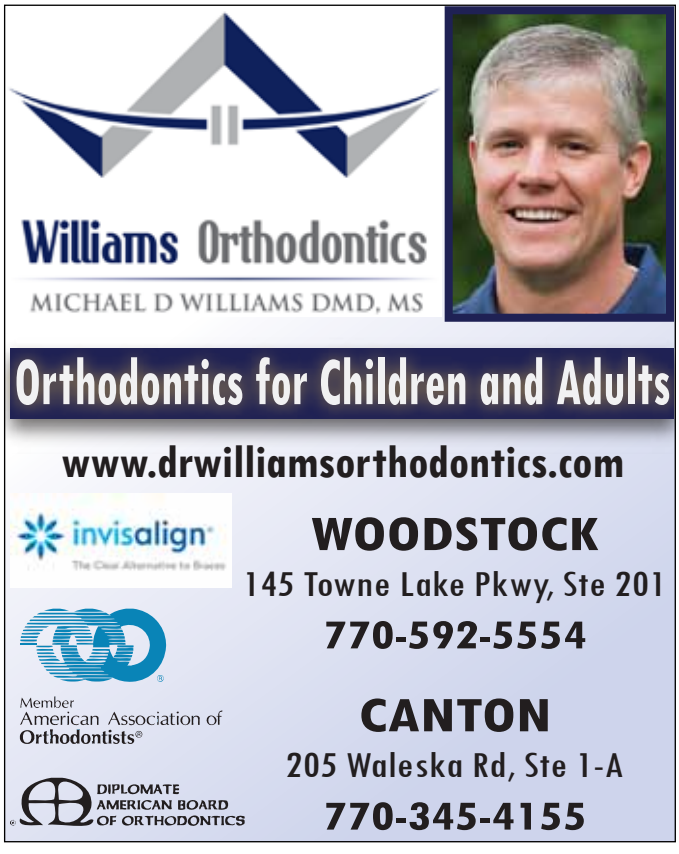

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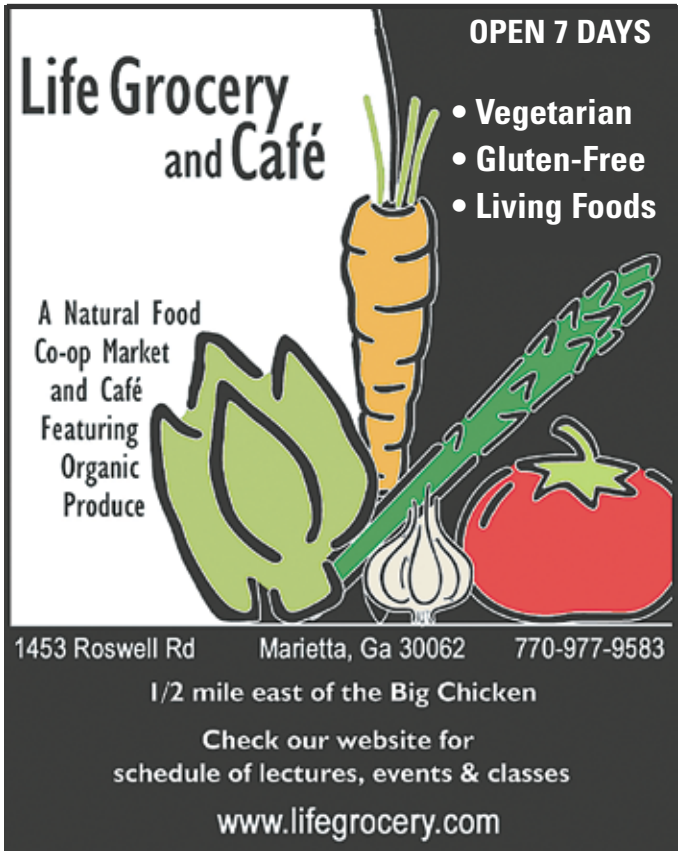

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"It's a holistic balance," Cynthia says. "You need to be mentally engaged. The goal is to create efficacy in the movement of muscle control. By creating strength and flexibility starting everything from a strong center, you create long muscle tone and enhance great posture and skeletal alignment."

Pilates was developed in the 1920s and quickly became popular in the dance community. The discipline is designed to strengthen the core and improve coordination and balance, using a variety of exercises on a mat and on apparatuses. A professional ballet dancer for 24 years, including as principal of the Minnesota Dance Theatre and soloist at The Berliner Opera Ballet in Germany, Cynthia practiced Pilates throughout her career. But you don't have to be a high-level athlete to benefit from the programs that Pilates For Life offers. Cynthia's current clientele spans from ages 14 to 85, and includes Pilates patrons as well as those just trying to diminish chronic pain.

"It can also be approached therapeutically," Cynthia says. "Someone with lower-back pain, shoulder pain, or a knee injury, for example, can benefit from Pilates. As you work through the system, it exposes weakness and imbalance and then will help you recreate the balance to your optimum wellbeing."

Cynthia focuses on one-on-one attention instead of working out a number of people at once, which allows her to tailor programs to individuals. Whether it's a single one-hour session or a full program, her goal is to enhance wellbeing.

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Cobb & Douglas Public Health's BreastTest and More program offers health screenings to eligible women ages 40 to 64. Mammography screening is the single most effective method of early detection of breast cancer, and an annual mammogram is recommended for women over 40. It is important to detect breast cancer as early as possible when it can be most successfully treated. To learn more about services in your area, call Cobb Public Health at 770-514-2314.

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The journey to end breast cancer starts with a single step. Take that step at one of the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walks. Just a few hours of your time will help bring a lifetime of change for people facing breast cancer and their families. Every Making Strides event is a powerful and inspiring opportunity to unite as a community to honor breast cancer survivors, raise awareness about what we can do to stay well from breast cancer, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society fight the disease with breast cancer research, information and services, and access to mammograms for women who need them. The next local event, **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Marietta 5K Walk & Run** will take place Saturday, October 27, 2012 at 8am at Glover Park. For more information: www.makingstrides.org/marietta.

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Breast Cancer Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Kennestone Hospital Women's Center Azalea/Camelia Room from 6-7pm. It consists of support and speakers such as Medical Oncology. KH-Outpatient Rehab-Breast Cancer, 100 Lacy Street Building 200, Marietta, GA 30060. For more information: 770-956-STAR.

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Blood Pressure Screening
October 2, 4, 16 | 10am – 12 pm

***Roswell History Haunts and Legends* Book Signing**
Friday, October 5 | 1pm – 2:30pm
Free. Registration required.
Ghosts and spirits are part of October and history. Come hear Dianna Avena discuss what spirits lurk behind the walls of Roswell's antebellum mansions and what secrets the ruins of the old mills hold. Not only is Dianna the author of *Roswell History, Haunts and Legends* she operates the Roswell Ghost Tour. Dianna and her husband, Joe, joined the TAPS group from the SYFY Channel's "Ghost Hunters" as they searched the Georgia Aquarium for spirits in the episode entitled "Titanic Terror" and also visited Rhodes Hall. Learn about ghosts with southern hospitality. *Roswell History, Haunts and Legends* will be available for purchase and signing.

Table Tennis Tournament
Friday, October 12 | 9am – 4pm
Cost: $3 Cobb Residents, $4 Non-residents; Registration required.
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Fall Planting and Winterizing Your Lawn
Monday, October 15 | 10:30am – 12pm
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Wednesday, October 17: Nuremburg | 10 – 11:30am
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Monday, October 29: Sleepy Hollow | 1pm – 4pm
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Wednesday, November 7 | 9am – 3:30pm
Check-in time 8:30 am
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American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Cobb County. Second Tuesday of the month. 7pm. Mansour Center, 995 Roswell Street, Marietta. Does not meet in July & August. More info: Bonnie Williams, 770-971-6130.

American Needlepoint Guild. Second Tuesday of the month. 6:45pm. Cobb Public Library, Mountain View Branch, 3320 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-394-0065.

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

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

Atlanta Metropolitan Council Navy League. Second Tuesday of each month. 7pm. Navy Recruiting District HQ, 2400 Lake Park Drive, Suite 410, Smyrna. Membership open to all civilian and retired military with an interest in supporting our men and women of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines and associated youth programs. More info: 678-234-2310 or campbellfc@comcast.net.

Atlanta World War II Roundtable. Third Thursday (Sept-June) of the month. 11:30am. Petite Auberge Restaurant, North Druid Hills Road @ LaVista Road, Atlanta. More info: 770-928-4579 or jkovach2000@yahoo.com.

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

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Business Network International (BNI). Tuesdays. 7:30-9am. BNI is an international networking organization with chapters throughout the Atlanta area. My Friend's Place, 1205 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Karley Barber, 770-977-2383 or karley@comcast.net.

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Cobb County Democratic Committee. Monthly breakfast 2nd Saturday each month. 9am. Piccadilly Cafeteria, 536 Cobb Parkway SE, Marietta. More info: 770-420-7133 or www.eastcobbdems.com.

Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society. Second Tuesday of the month. 7:30pm. East Cobb Government Service Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Mary Ingram, 770-427-1108, or Leo or Edna Morris, 770-445-9274.

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

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

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

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

Cobb Regional Republican Women. Third Tuesday, every month. 7pm. Cobb GOP Office, 799 Roswell Street, Marietta. More info: Neva Lent 443-324-5522.

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

Dad 2 Dad. A stay-at-home dads group. Every Tuesday and Thursday. 10:30am. Various locations. More info: Richard Collins, 770-579-5445.

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

Dog Hikers of Georgia. Every Sunday. 10am. Various Locations. Non-dog owners welcome. More info: Dr. Dan Batchelor, 770-992-2362.

Dudes 'n Darlins Square Dance Club. Dances on 2nd and 4th Friday each month. 8-10:30pm. Mountain View Community Center, 3400 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Margaret, 770-751-7210, dudesndarlins@comcast.net, or www.dudesndarlins.com.

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

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

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

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

East Cobb Community Friends for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Third Tuesday of the month. 7:30pm. Meetings are in members' homes and vary each month. We work to benefit CHOA with fund raisers and service projects. More info: Suzanne Strickland, 770-992-2882, or Diane Ellwanger, 770-579-9510.

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

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

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

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East Cobb PowerCore Team. A business referral network. Every Thursday. 7-8:30am. IHOP, 3130 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Amy Caplan, 404-572-1278.

East Cobb Rotary Club. Every Wednesday. 7am. Indian Hills Country Club, 4001 Clubland Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-789-0623 or dschwall625@hotmail.com.

East Cobb VIPs. A community group for seniors. Fourth Monday of the month (except in May). 6pm. East Cobb United Methodist Church, 2325 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-971-3643 or office@eastcobbumc.org.

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

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

Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance. Third Thursday of the month. Social hour: 6pm. Meeting: 7pm. American Legion Post, 921 Gresham Road, Marietta. More info: Bill Kalish, 770-298-9966.

Golden "K" Kiwanis Club. Every Thursday. 10am. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Bill Vermeer, 770-971-6579.

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

International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP)-Cobb County Chapter. Fourth Monday of the month. 6:15pm. Meeting & dinner. Windy Hill - Marriott Hotel, Marietta. More info: Oleta Herron, 770-661-2876.

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

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

Marietta Kiwanis Club. Every Thursday. 12noon. Marietta Conference Center, 500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta. More info: Bill Sidner, 770-579-4094.

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

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

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

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

MOMS Club of Marietta North. First Wednesday of the month. 10am. Mountain View Library, 3320 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: Marion Hegedes, 678-494-8887.

Moms in Prayer. Dickerson Middle School. Every Tuesday at 1pm pm. Meeting location available upon request. More info: Movita Stallworth, 770-321-1783 or mo633@comcast.net.

Moms in Prayer (formerly Moms in Touch) for parents of children at East Side Elementary. Thursdays, 10am. More info: Rachel Bloom, 770-973-4705 or familybloon@gmail.com

Mothers and More, East Cobb Chapter #270. Second Tuesday each month. 7:30-9:30pm. St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, 571 Holt Road, Marietta. Check website as schedule may vary: www.mmeastcobb.homestead.com.

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

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

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

North Metro Women's Connection. Second Wednesday of each month. 11am-1pm. Part of Stonecroft Ministries reaching out to the unchurched women in the area. Indian Hills Country Club, 4001 Clubland Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-335-6013.

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

Northwest Atlanta Mothers of Multiples (formerly Cobb Parents of Multiples), a parent's club for families with or expecting twins, triplets, quads, etc. Second Monday of each month (except December). 7pm. North Metro Church, 2305 Barrett Parkway, Marietta. More info: 678-404-0034 or www.nowamom.org.

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

Parents Without Partners. Meeting times vary. More info: Angela Dixon, 404-422-0768 or pwpchapter698.org.

Peach State Depression Glass Collectors Club. Second Tuesday of the month. 7pm. East Marietta Library, 2051 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-368-9790.

Polk Street Speakers Toastmasters. First and 3rd Tuesday of the month. 7:30-9:00pm. St. James Episcopal Church, 161 Church Street, Marietta. More info: www.polkstreetspeakers.org.

SACS (Singles and Couples Social Events). Weekly dancing for singles and couples. No membership fees, just friends making new friends. More info: Nancy Kuhn, Angel-GA@comcast.net

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

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

The Foxtrotter's Dance Club. The 4th Friday of every month (except Nov & Dec-which is the 3rd Friday). 7:30-10:30pm. If you enjoy ballroom dancing, come and dance to 'Live Music'. Everyone is welcome. East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-587-1160.

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

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

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Alzheimer's & Caregivers Support Group. Second Thursday of the month. 7pm. Sunrise Assisted Living, 1551 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Christa McLain, 770-509-2914.

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

Autism Spectrum Support Group of Cobb County. Supporting parents with information and resources as well as social connections. Third Thursday of each month during school year. 9:30-11:30am. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, 4385 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: www.asgcobb.com

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

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

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

Career Transition. Third Monday of the month (March-October). Second Monday of the month (November-February) 6:30pm: Personal resume reviewing, interviewing, networking, and career assessment help. 7pm: Presentation. The Warehouse, 1st Presbyterian Church, 68 N. Marietta Parkway, Marietta 30060. More info: Bill Lins, 404-558-1579, or Bob Sabin, 770-795-9084, or visit www.fpccareersintransition.wordpress.com

Caregiver and Share Support Group for Alzheimer's. First Wednesday of the month. 4:30-5:30pm. Arbor Terrace, 886 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-4420.

Codependents Anonymous. Mondays & Thursdays. 7:30-8:45pm. Unity North Church, 4225 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-578-6368.

Compassionate Friends for grieving parents, grandparents, and siblings. First Tuesday of the month. 7 pm. First Baptist Church, 148 Church Street, Marietta. More info: Kathy Kelcourse, 770-579-3512 or 404-539-4287. Email: kathzkel@yahoo.com or tcfmarietta.kathy@hotmail.com; www.tcfmarietta.org.

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

Destiny Designers. For women who would like to be more assertive, confident, and persistent. Second Tuesday of each month. 7-8:30pm. East Cobb Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Galina, 770-633-1023.

Divorce Care. 13-week session, August and January. Wednesdays. 6:30-8pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Kitty, 770-794-2978.

Divorce Care for Kids. 13-week session, August and January. Wednesdays. 6:30-8pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Kitty, 770-794-2978.

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

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

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

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

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

Emotions Anonymous, a fellowship of people who come together to work toward recovery from emotional difficulties and discover a new way of life. Tuesdays & Fridays. 7pm. Roswell United Methodist Church, 614 Mimosa Boulevard, Counseling Building, Roswell. More info: 70-330-1991.

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

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

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group. Second and 4th Tuesday. 7:15pm. Special guest speaker. Transfiguration Church, Room 102, 1815 Blackwell Road, Marietta. More info: Jeannie, 770-919-9275.

Grief Share.13-week session, August and January. Mondays. 7-9pm. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Kitty, 770-794-2978.

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

Grief Recovery Program. Mondays, June 4-August 20. The Grief Recovery Method Outreach Program will guide those who wish to resolve their loss issues and move beyond their grief to a richer quality of life. Aloha to Aging/Mt. Bethel Community Center, 4608 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. More information or to RSVP 678-439-1177.

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

Loneliness Bereavement Support Group. Every Tuesday.12 noon. Pilgrimage United Church of Christ, 3755 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info: 770-423-5959.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parkinson's Disease Support Group: First Tuesday of each month at 10:30am. Have you or a loved one been recently diagnosed with Parkinson's? You are not alone. You and your caregiver are welcome as we learn how to cope and live with the diagnosis. Helpful tips and resources provide comfort and encouragement. More info: 678-439-1177.

Widowed Helping Others (WHO) . First and 3rd Wednesday of the month. St. Ann's Catholic Church, La Salette Hall, 4905 Roswell road, Marietta. More info: Ann's Pastoral Care, 770-552-6400, ext. 6018.

Widow-to-Widow Grief Support Group. Every Monday. 7-8pm. Free and open to public. McCleskey-East Cobb YMCA, 1055 East Piedmont Road, Marietta. More info: Stacey Dougherty, s.dougherty@bellsouth.net."

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