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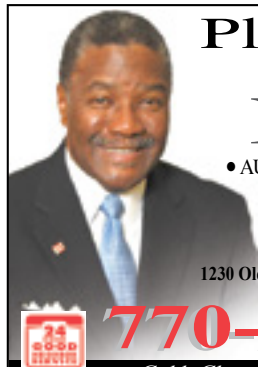
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## ON THE COVER

Featured on our cover this month is Brittney Tomczak, this year's EAST COBBER Mother of the Year with her three children: Delaney, age 8; Dauson, age 4; and, Daring, 3 months old. "I am so flattered and honored that my husband, Justin, nominated me," says Brittney. Juggling the homeschooling of her two older children and managing her newborn's feeding schedule "tries my patience, but I really enjoy watching them learn and grow."

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

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▲ Social Media Manager, Elizabeth Wentz, with her children: Harper (6) and David (3)



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▲ Brand Ambassador, Wendi Gordon, with her children: Lindsay (13) and Charlie (11)

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So here's to my team of "wonder women": I'm so proud to be a mother with them. I'm so thankful for what they do. Happy Mother's Day!

*Cynthia*

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# Brittney Tomczak: East Cobb Mother of the Year 2015



▲ The Tomczak Family: Dawson, 4; Justin, Brittney, Daring, 2 months, and Delaine, 8.

Here is the winning entry written by Justin Tomczak nominating his wife, Brittney:

"Brittney Tomczak had a busy 2014. In January, the proud mother of two walked down the aisle to receive her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education with a focus on Special Needs while her husband Justin and children Delaine (8) and Dawson (4) cheered her on.

Watching this confident woman claim her degree, few in the audience knew that Brittney had completed the bulk of her degree requirements while raising two kids on her own and working two jobs to make ends meet. Getting to this moment had not been easy.

Following graduation Brittney oversaw the family's move and complete overhaul of their new residence in East Cobb. The house was a fixer-upper at best. But that did not stop Brittney, who saw great value in the property and was willing to invest significant time and effort making the needed improvements.

This past Fall, Brittney put her degree to good use, home-schooling Delaine and Dawson, while teaching an online writing course for students around the world. She did this while braving months of morning sickness and was rewarded with a beautiful baby boy born in February – Daring Myron Tomczak (9lb 6.5 oz at Kennestone Hospital).

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

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

The following is a list of the 2015 East Cobb high school students and teachers. Walton High School Region Winners Haroon Alam and Samket Mehta, both of whom scored 2400 on their SAT, were two of the 28 Region STAR Students honored at the annual State PAGE Student and Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) banquet on April 27.



▲ Cobb County area PAGE STAR Region Winner and STAR Teachers are joined by their presenters following their awards presentation. Pictured (back row, l-r) are: PAGE Executive Director Dr. Allene Magill and PAGE STAR Region Chair Randy Meincke; and (front row, l-r): PAGE STAR Region Student Sanket Mehta, PAGE STAR Teacher Amanda Edwards and PAGE STAR Teacher Jennifer Phillips, all of George Walton High School.

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**STAR Student: Haroon Alam – Region Winner**

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## WALTON HIGH SCHOOL

**STAR Student: Sanket Mehta – Region Winner**

STAR Teacher: Amanda Edwards

## WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL

**STAR Student: Ryan Peck**

STAR Teacher: Jimmy Carter



# A PHENOMENAL WOMAN DELORES BUNCH-KEEMER

The daughter of Cleopatra Jones, unsung Civil Rights leader and community volunteer, Delores Bunch-Keemer, now Executive Director of Atlanta-based Giving A Hand, Inc., began following in her mother's footsteps at a young age. "It's simply in my blood to reach out and be active in the community," says Bunch-Keemer.

Recognizing Bunch-Keemer for her lifelong commitment to community leadership, the Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character at Kennesaw State University (KSU) named her the 2015 Phenomenal Woman of the Year at its Annual Phenomenal Women's Conference on March 20, 2015. The Institute set a precedent as it ushered in the 2000 millennial year, celebrating women through a conference experience where women join together to exchange ideas about leadership, motivation, and progress around the world. The distinction is particularly meaningful for Bunch-Keemer as a KSU graduate and Presidential Fellow for the university. While KSU gave her the tools to launch and continue in a career that strives to help others, Bunch-Keemer has come full-circle with the desire her mom instilled in her, which is to serve the community.

Bunch-Keemer's illustrious career path spans from working with President Jimmy Carter at the Carter Center in Atlanta, Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin with her Gateway initiative, and Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue on various community programs and outreach. She has also worked on community engagement initiatives with President Barack Obama.

The idea for her nonprofit, Giving A Hand, Inc., was actually born out of community service volunteering. As Bunch-Keemer was collecting resources from organizations throughout Atlanta to redistribute to those in need, she discovered that Staples threw away products that did not meet certain specifications to sell in their stores.

"Knowing about nonprofits and their needs, I sent Staples a proposal of what I could do with the products they were wasting," says Bunch-Keemer. "They initially offered me 5 pallets of office supplies and then



**Delores Bunch-Keemer**

eventually increased that to 50 pallets," says Bunch-Keemer. "I couldn't believe it."

The redistribution of Staples' products served as an impetus for the creation of Giving A Hand, Inc., a nonprofit that provides nonprofit agencies, churches, and public schools in five metro counties with resources, such as food, clothing, medical, and office supplies. Not stopping there, she has joined with collaborative partners to offer more services under the Giving A Hand umbrella. Through joint efforts with collaborative partners, the nonprofit has added: job training, housing programs, and children's programming. Through its SPARKLE initiatives, children participate in arts performance, public speaking, and athletic instruction to form an enrichment program and youth tour ensemble. Seeing is believing, and seeing the impact of bridging the need gap is a game changer, one where Bunch-Keemer is writing the rules one phenomenal reach at a time.

This Siegel Institute 2015 Phenomenal Woman of the Year, Delores Bunch-Keemer, encourages anyone interested in volunteering or finding out more about Giving A Hand to visit the organization's website: [www.givingahandinc.org](http://www.givingahandinc.org). The nonprofit's headquarters are located at 620 Interchange Drive Southwest, Atlanta, 30336.

# ECCC PTA RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING SENIORS



▲ Pictured above are the Margie Hatfield Scholarship recipients: Austin Wang, Walton High School; Heather Giles, Pope High School; Elizabeth Blackstock, Wheeler High School; Mrs. Hatfield, Claudia Casanova, Kell High School; and, Joshua Dunn, Sprayberry High School. Not pictured: Courtney Werner (Lassiter)

Six local high school seniors were named Margie Hatfield Scholarship recipients at the East Cobb County Council of PTA's (ECCC PTA) general membership meeting held on April 16th. The scholarship was established in 1989 to honor the dedication and years of service by Mrs. Hatfield to ECCC PTA. The scholarship recognizes and awards an outstanding senior from each of our council high schools who has demonstrated a commitment to service and citizenship in the most genuine spirit of PTA. The winners, each of whom receive a \$1,000 cash award to be used to further their education, were selected on the basis of their applications which included a personal essay and recommendations from school and community. Funded by the 35 local units of ECCC PTA and donations from community members, the scholarship program has

awarded over \$100,000 to students over the years. Mrs. Hatfield was on hand for the presentations, held at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church. All of the winners have GPAs of over 4.0 and participate in a variety of school and community activities. Congratulations to these outstanding seniors!

"The Board of Directors of ECCC PTA is proud to continue our rich tradition of supporting and celebrating student success through the scholarship program. We wish all of our members a relaxing and safe summer holiday and we look forward to collaborating with you again in support of our children," says Irene Barton, Communications Chair for the ECCC PTA. If you are interested in supporting the Margie Hatfield Scholarship fund, please contact Irene Barton at [scholarship@ecccpta.org](mailto:scholarship@ecccpta.org). ☺

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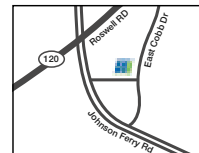
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# WHEELER MAGNET TEAM WINS POWER PITCH CHALLENGE



▲ Wheeler High School students Nathaniel Tappin, Ari Satinoff, and Mihir Bellamkonda.

Wheeler High School students Mihir Bellamkonda, Nathaniel Tappin and Ari Satinoff, won first place for their six-minute power pitch at the Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge Summit ([www.conradchallenge.org](http://www.conradchallenge.org)) held at the Kennedy Space Center April 9-11 in the category of 'Giant Leap to Mars'. The pitch needed to include the need, the science, the feasibility as well as the business case for the idea. The Wheeler team competed against nine other teams from all over the world in the final pitch including a team from India. Wheeler's team successfully navigated multiple elimination rounds starting in October 2014 and culminating at the Conrad Innovation Summit held at The Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. Mihir Bellamkonda represented the Wheeler Magnet team at the summit, as Ari Satinoff and

Nathaniel Tappin were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

Wheeler's team 'Effervesce' focused on the design of a bioreactor to produce methane gas efficiently using Mars's own carbon dioxide and bacteria specializing in converting hydrogen and carbon dioxide to methane. Methane is then used as fuel to power a turbine to produce energy, and the team successfully argued about their design being superior to solar energy as well as thorium based nuclear reactors for fueling a Mars journey.

The Giant Leap to Mars category was introduced as a special category in the Conrad Challenge to recognize and celebrate NASA's Journey to Mars program intended to allow human exploration of the red planet ([www.nasa.gov/content/nasas-human-path-to-mars](http://www.nasa.gov/content/nasas-human-path-to-mars)). 🌌



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# ATLANTA SWIM ACADEMY

## LOOKING BACK AND MOVING FORWARD

As Atlanta Swim Academy celebrates its 30th anniversary, Vice President Brad Grzelka takes stock of the many changes that have happened over the years, especially in the past year at the facility. ASA made a decision in 2014 to launch its highly successful SwimFit Club, an aquatic program that teaches swimming techniques but is not as competitive in terms of meets and practices as the regular swim team.

"Our research proved beneficial," says Grzelka. "Out of our 250-plus swim team members, about 50 percent of them joined the SwimFit program that bridges the gap between lessons and a competitive team."

As a result, the ASA Swim Team has had one of its most successful years ever. Jenny Kordon, head team coach, attributes this milestone to a more focused team effort as the competitive swimmers worked together toward a winning season. Swimmers in the SwimFit program receive the same athletic training as team members, but do so in an environment that emphasizes fun and exercise rather than competition.

As ASA moves forward, the facility's goal is to provide a place for all levels of swimmers to improve and excel. The facility has just started a Baby Splash class for 3-6 month old babies to be accompanied by a parent. This class is FREE. The current class is full, but there is a waiting list for future classes.

More than 1800 participants are enrolled in swim lessons at ASA. Those enrolled in lessons can easily transition to the SwimFit program. "Because the same individuals who teach swimming lessons are also SwimFit coaches moving up into the SwimFit program is an easy transition for our swimmers," says Kordon.

New this year, ASA plans to offer SwimFit and Swim Team programs year-round for its swimmers. "A year-round program allows swimmers to better maintain their fitness levels," explains Grzelka. "Rather than the typical slow start at the beginning of each season, swimmers who are in the pool year-round continue to improve their strokes and times with no seasonal lapses."

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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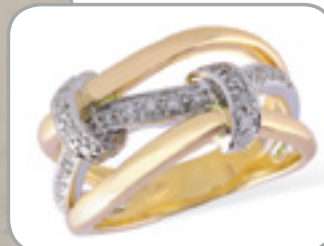
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One program up to that challenge is the North Cobb School of International Studies (NCSIS) a globally-focused magnet high school. It's open to any Cobb student meeting the competitive entrance requirements. Once admitted, the classes are focused on world history, international studies, and the high-need languages of Mandarin, Japanese and Arabic (among others). Global travel is a hallmark, with trips offered twice-annually and a summer excursion to China through the Confucius Institute.

An example of the school's rigor can also be found in the multi-year science and social studies advanced academics sequence, which culminates in a capstone course in AP Comparative Government and Politics and AP Macroeconomics. NCSIS' sciences program builds skills in biology, chemistry, and environmental sciences in order to prepare for and Advanced Scientific Research course where magnet students undertake a fully-vetted research project in an area of both personal and international significance. Students develop the project during 11th grade and present publicly early senior year.

International studies are considered “vital to our national security.” In fact, a “National Security Education Board” is overseen by the Secretary of Defense. Its mission is to address the need for experts in critical languages and regions. Additionally, the Dept. of Education awarded \$64 million to universities for international studies; the Fulbright Scholarship has a “critical language” program; and Wal-Mart sends executives for courses on international relations. Michael Eskew, CEO of United Parcel Services established a “global trade curricula” for employees. “We need to do a better job of this, especially languages like Chinese,” he states.

How important is NCSIS to the region's economic development? David Connell, President of the Cobb Chamber states “Cobb County has become a home for many international firms. Global companies are attracted to programs like the North Cobb School of International Studies, as they offer a prospective company a reason to consider locating here. It offers us a competitive advantage.”

It's not surprising that NCSIS has the number one ranked Model United Nations team in the state, one of the Top 50 in the U.S. Additionally, multiple magnet students are selected each year for highly competitive programs such as the Governor's Honors Program, Duke TIPS and the U.S. State Department's scholarship.

According to John Laughner, Spokesperson for Magnet Schools of America, “There is strong evidence that students who attend magnet schools have higher rates of academic achievement, and higher graduation rates, than those in non-magnet schools. These students are more likely to have higher levels of critical thinking skills, an ability to adopt multiple perspectives, a diminished likelihood for acceptance of stereotypes and to develop more cross-racial friendships.”

The NCSIS program consists of just 475 students in grades 9-12, giving it a true sense of “family.” Over 600 prospective students attended the most recent open house.

For more information about the North Cobb School of International Studies, contact Mr. David Stephenson, Magnet Program Coordinator by emailing: David1.Stephenson@cobbk12.org or 770-975-6685. ☎

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# 25th ANNUAL MARIETTA GREEK FESTIVAL

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Joe and Donnis Gavalas



Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its Marietta Greek Festival. Known as "Cobb County's Most Delicious Festival!" this year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever. The largest cultural event in the area was made a reality a quarter of a century ago when parish council member, Joe Gavalas and his wife, Donnis, agreed to step up and chair a festival that would share the Hellenic culture with patrons from around the Metro-Atlanta Area. Along with their three sons, Victor, Michael and Nick, they led the Greek Orthodox faithful starting out at the Cobb County Civic Center to its eventual home at 3431 Trickum Road in East Cobb. It is a three day celebration that has mass appeal and breaks attendance records almost every year. The extravaganza features a live Greek band from Dayton, Ohio, playing traditional Greek songs while Hellenic dance troupes perform floor shows all weekend. Patrons will be seated in the South's only authentic Greek Amphitheater. The breathtaking Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church will open its sanctuary and chapel doors for guided tours revealing the intricate iconography giving visitors a glimpse into the ancient Christian church

of Byzantium. The biggest draw though is the endless supply of the delicious homemade Greek dishes & pastries. There is plenty of convenient free parking with continuous free shuttles picking up eager festival goers and delivering them right to the entrance of the festival. When visitors are ready to depart, the same shuttles will transport them back to their vehicles. Admission is only \$4.00 and children 12 and under are free. Speaking of the kids, there will be a special play area for children where there will be games, activities and crafts to entertain them too. Niko's Taverna offers the opportunity to sample Greek wines, beers and liqueurs while indulging on mouth-watering appetizers. In the Agora, (Marketplace) there will be a multitude of vendors displaying jewelry, clothing, souvenirs, etc. with a Mediterranean flavor to satisfy those who enjoy shopping. The festival is held on the church grounds located at 3431 Trickum Road Marietta, GA 30066. It will open on Friday, May 15th at 3pm until 11pm (offering FREE admission from 3 to 5) and will continue on Saturday from 10am to 11pm and finally on Sunday from 11am to 6pm. Visit [www.MariettaGreekFestival.org](http://www.MariettaGreekFestival.org) or call the Festival Hotline at 770-924-8080. OPA! 🇬🇷



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## THIS IS ROCKET SCIENCE!



Anthony Toliver has just set up shop in East Cobb with his new business, Rocket Science Car & Bike. With 20 years in the field and five of those years as a business owner, Toliver brings his expertise to an array of car, truck, and motorcycle services, such as window tinting, car audio/video, and motorcycle maintenance.

According to Toliver, who is MECP certified, the decision to move his business from Hiram, GA, to the East Cobb area was primarily for two reasons: denser population and business opportunity. Tucked away in a shopping center near the corner of Johnson Ferry and Lower Roswell Roads, he can easily service not only East Cobb, but also the Sandy Springs, Roswell, and Alpharetta areas as well.

"I had reached a growth plateau at my current location, and I wanted to move my business to an area with more people," explains Toliver. "Also, research revealed that no other window tinting or car audio/video businesses were located in East Cobb."

One of the many services that Rocket Science Car & Bike offers is window tinting. For car and truck owners, Toliver touts the advantages of this service, which include: privacy, glare reduction from the sun during the day and lights at night, blockage of 99 percent of UV rays for humans and upholstery, and blockage of 50 percent of solar energy. He adds a safety advantage that is not commonly associated with window tinting. During a car crash, regular side windows shatter upon impact. If windows are tinted, the glass holds together much better.

For those car and truck owners who enjoy music and especially those who commute to work, Rocket Science Car & Bike can equip your vehicle with a surround-sound system just like home. For those drivers with children, Rocket Science offers a mobile video system for watching movies during car trips or for errands around town. Other services include car remote starters, security systems, and keyless entries.

Motorcyclists can stop by Rocket Science Car & Bike for any minor servicing or preventative work they might need. Toliver also keeps motorcycle tires, gear, helmets, and apparel at his shop for sale.

No longer do East Cobbers have to drive a long distance for vehicle window tinting and car audio/video needs or motorcycle services. Rocket Science is conveniently located at 4696 Lower Roswell Rd., Ste. 900, Marietta 30068. Hours are: Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, 10:30-7:00; Saturday, 10:00-4:00; Wednesday and Sunday, closed. The shop can be open by appointment on Wednesdays. For more information, go to [www.rocketsciencecar.com](http://www.rocketsciencecar.com) or call 770-439-7025. You can also find Rocket Science Car & Bike on Facebook.

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# MT. BETHEL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ON THEIR WAY TO ODYSSEY WORLD FINALS

A team of seven creative and hard-working Mt. Bethel Elementary fifth grade students are on their way to Lansing, Michigan, after recently placing first in their division at the state finals of the Odyssey of the Mind problem solving competition in Columbus. The team will now advance, representing the state of Georgia, to the World Finals at Michigan State University on May 20th. Over 800 teams from around the world will compete in the 36th Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. The competition emphasizes creativity and teamwork and has grown into the largest international creative problem-solving competition worldwide.

Since 1978, the Odyssey program has helped to teach kindergarten through 12th-grade students to think creatively. Teams perform eight-minute long term problem skits that highlight their "out-of-the-box" thinking of ways to answer questions. Using a limited budget, students have less than six months to brainstorm, set design, write a script and construct everything they need for their skits to present to judges, who award points based on the creative problem-solving process.

A choice of five long term projects is offered that include the creation of a vehicle, a technical problem, the classics, structural engineering and dramatics.

The Mt. Bethel Elementary team competed in the Division I dramatics problem category. This year the dramatics problem required teams to create and present a theatrical performance depicting a director character that produces and presents a silent movie featuring a



Odyssey of the Mind State Champs pictured above are: Top Row: (l-r:) Jack Ghioto, William Sharrow, and Justin Cohen. Bottom Row (l-r:) Coach Nancy Anderson, Rainey Sharrow, Savanna Pollack, Hannah Boss, and Sofia Anderson.

humorous villain character that commits three silly acts of "villainy". Like classic silent films, the team used music played on a team-created instrument and creatively displayed subtitles to convey the story to the audience and judges.

According to organizers, many former Odyssey participants go on to college and eventually use their abilities to tackle professional problems. Proficiency in engineering, architecture, marketing, teamwork and public speaking are all fostered through the program.

The Mt. Bethel Elementary team is actively fundraising in the East Cobb community to help the team cover the thousands of dollars of travel expenses required for World Finals trip. Please visit the team's fundraising website at: [www.gofund.me/qcc3nvvgg](http://www.gofund.me/qcc3nvvgg) to make a much appreciated contribution to their fundraising efforts. 🙏

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## THE ART PLACE – MOUNTAIN VIEW SUMMER CAMPS

3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066  
770-509-2700 • [theartplace.us](http://theartplace.us)

June 1 -July 31. Ages 2-adults. Cost Varies depending on camp. A facility of the Cobb County Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Department. Check website for camp offerings.

## ATLANTA SWIM ACADEMY CAMP H2O

Atlanta Swim Academy  
732 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068  
770-973-3120 • [atlantaswimacademy.com](http://atlantaswimacademy.com)

May 26-July 31. 8:30-5pm. Ages 4-12. Cost: \$299. Enjoy our safe, organized learning environment that also offers the benefits of physical activity! Every week we'll explore different themes, from legendary pirate tales to mythical creatures through the ages, there's something to excite everyone.

## CAMP INVENTION

Sedalia Park  
2230 Lower Roswell Rd, Marietta 30068  
1-800-968-4332 • [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org)

June 15-18. 8am-4pm. Grades: Ages 6-11. Cost: \$ 220. Camp Invention inspires girls and boys to think BIG and imagine how they can change the world for the better one day! This one-of-a-kind weeklong experience connects science, technology, engineering and math through fun hands-on activities. The program allows students to learn about creative problem solving (and so much more!) in teams grouped by age.

## CHATTAHOOCHEE NATURE CENTER-CAMP KINGFISHER

9135 Willeo Road, Roswell 30075  
770-671-9019 • [chattnaturecenter.com](http://chattnaturecenter.com)

May 26- August 7. 9am-4pm. K-9th grade. Session prices depend on your camper's session and age group. Check website. In addition to traditional outdoor activities, Camp Kingfisher sessions are packed-full of FUN, hands-on learning experiences. Our 6 science session themes determine the content of live animal encounters, science exploration activities, and educational hikes.

## CHEER REVOLUTION ALLSTARS-REV UP CAMPS & CLINICS

2060 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30066  
404-804-1238 • [cheerrevolutionsallstars.com](http://cheerrevolutionsallstars.com)

May26-July 31. Ages: 5+. Cost: Varies, see website. Cheer Revolution's Rev-Up Summer Camps and clinics are a full-day, full-week, experience that will help aspiring and accomplished athletes develop their cheerleading skills in all areas, including stunting and tumbling. Each session will have a different theme for the week and all recreational and sport building activities will incorporate this theme.

## CIRCUS CAMP

Various locations around Atlanta  
404-370-0001 • [www.circuscamp.org](http://www.circuscamp.org)

Various sessions from June 1-July 31. 9am-3:30pm. Ages 5+. Cost: Price depends on type of camp. Circus Camp is a day-camp experience introducing your children to circus skills, performing arts, exercise, and visual arts. Children at any level of physical development and skill are welcome!

## CLUB SCIENTIFIC SUMMER SCIENCE CAMPS

Various locations around Atlanta  
678-493-5651 • [www.clubscientificatlanta.com](http://www.clubscientificatlanta.com)

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## CUMBERLAND ACADEMY

650-A Mt. Vernon Highway NE, Atlanta, GA 30328  
404-835-9000 • [cumberlandacademy.org](http://cumberlandacademy.org)

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## DEER RUN RETREAT

3845 Perkins Road, Thompson's Station, TN 37179  
615-794-2918 • [deerrunretreat.org](http://deerrunretreat.org)  
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Cost: \$289 Camp Fee including \$75 non-refundable deposit, Overnight camps cost varies. Check website.  
Adventure Day Camp activities include Outdoor Education & Survival Skills including compass orienteering, tomahawk throwing, survival hut building, fire starting and knot tying, Paintball, Archery Range & Tournament, Lake Activities, Kickball, Whiffle Ball, BB Guns, Climbing Tower, Worship and Small Group Bible Study.

## EASTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOL OF BALLET CAMPS

2450 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta 30068  
770-973-5404 • [ebcfamily.org](http://ebcfamily.org)  
June 22-26 (ages 4-5), July 13-17 (ages 6-8) and July 20-24 (ages 4-5), 9am-12pm and 9am-3pm. Ages: 4-5 and 6-8. Cost: \$135-\$195. Eastside School of Ballet provides dancers an opportunity to dance from a uniquely Christian perspective, giving them a positive experience to explore their God-given talents.

## EAST COBB INDOOR SPORTS CAMP

1666 Roswell Road, Building 300 Marietta, GA 30062  
678-403-2632 • [ecindoorsports.com](http://ecindoorsports.com)  
May 25-July 31. 8:30am-5:30pm. Ages: 8-12. Cost: \$75/day and \$250/week. Activities throughout the day. Kick Ball, Dodge Ball, Soccer, Batting Cage time, Open Play  
Bring a lunch and snack for each camper.

## FULLERS RECREATION CENTER

3499 Robinson Road, Marietta 30067  
770-509-2737 • <http://www.cobbcounty.org>  
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950 Forrest Street, Roswell 30075  
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## GEORGIA MUSICAL ARTS CENTER MUSIC/SCIENCE/WRITING CAMPS

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678-719-2689 • [georgiamusicalartscenter.com](http://georgiamusicalartscenter.com)  
June 7-July 30. 9am-4pm. Ages 5+. Cost: \$275-\$350. The best comprehensive educational facility at East Cobb, Marietta, Georgia, offers small-group summer camps and private lessons for students from age 5 and up including adults. Summer classes include Music, Fine Arts and Robotics Programming.

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4950 Towne Pkwy, Marietta 30068  
770-578-9901 • [ginepriperformancetennis.com](http://ginepriperformancetennis.com)  
May 26-July 31. 9am-2pm. Ages 5-18. Cost: \$335. The program provides campers with a disciplined approach to learning and improving each child's tennis game. Campers will learn the training methods and practice habits required to become an accomplished player.

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2653 Shallowford Road, Marietta 30066  
770-591-3151 • [prca.cobbcountyga.gov](http://prca.cobbcountyga.gov)  
May 26-July 30. Monday-Thursday. Critter Camp (4-5 years): 8:30-9am. Cost: \$40/week. Mini Camp (Ages 6-8): 9:15-10:30am. Cost \$75/week. Full Camp (Ages 9-17): 8:30-11am. Cost: \$150/week.

## HIGH TOUCH-HIGH TECH SCIENCE CAMP

Various, visit website for details.  
770-667-9443 • [sciencemadefunatl.net](http://sciencemadefunatl.net)  
June 1-July 31. 9am-3pm. Grades: Rising K-5th grade. Cost \$250-\$260. The hands-on science experience made fun. All summer programs are taught by Degreed Professionals.

## HYDE AND SEEK NATURE WEEK

Hyde Farm, 675 Hyde Road, Marietta, 30068  
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June 22-26, ages 3rd-5th. July 6-10, ages 6th-8th. 8:45am-1pm. Cost \$65. The week long camps are aimed at children entering 3rd—8th grades that enjoy being outside. Camps will focus on nature and the great outdoors, so most camp hours will be spent outside. Campers will learn about nature through hands on activities such as hiking/walking nature trails, heritage/history walks, playing nature & conservation games, identifying wildlife, a long hike along the creek, animal demos, and more.

## JOHNSON FERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30068  
770-973-6561 • [johnsonferry.org](http://johnsonferry.org)  
June 1-July 31. Ages 4-16. Call for pricing.  
Children's Camp, Cheer Camp, Basketball Camp, Flag Football Camp and WinShape. Call/visit website for details.

## JOE CORLEY KARATE – BE AWESOME KARATE CAMP

3154 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30062  
678-236-8100 • [atlextremewarrior.com](http://atlextremewarrior.com)  
May 26-July 31. 9am-4pm. Ages: 6-13. Cost: \$170-\$249.

## KELL HIGH SCHOOL – JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL CAMP

4770 Lee Waters Road, Marietta 30066  
770-653-4382 • [Jessica.Kasprowicz@cobbk12.org](mailto:Jessica.Kasprowicz@cobbk12.org)  
June 1-July 31. Times vary depending on age group. Grades: Elementary-middle. Cost: \$125-\$150. Players will gain the basic knowledge about the sport while they have fun!

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July 6-18. Times vary depending on age. Grades: K-12th. Cost \$50-\$250.

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## KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY – SUMMER FUN & SPORTS CAMPS

KSU Sports & Recreation Park, 390 Big Shanty Road,  
Kennesaw 30144

678-797-2917 • [ksuclubsports.com](http://ksuclubsports.com)

June 1-July 24. Various Sessions. For rising 2nd-7th graders.  
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217-714-4308 • [lassitersoccer.org/camps](http://lassitersoccer.org/camps)

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3605 Sandy Plains Road, Suite 140, Marietta, GA, 30062

678.996.7777 • [mymoohan.org](http://mymoohan.org)

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Advanced Skills – Ages 10-14 – Jul. 6-9, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Basic/Advanced – Ages 6-14, Jul. 13-16, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

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## NINJA QUEST FITNESS

1465 Canton Road #200, Marietta 30066

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3001 Hembree Road, Marietta 30062

678-977-3988 • [www.popebasketball.com](http://www.popebasketball.com)

June 15-18. Ages: 7-14. 9am-3:30pm. Cost: \$170

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[popefencing.org/camp](http://popefencing.org/camp)

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## PRIMROSE SCHOOL OF SPRAYBERRY EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP

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## REID SHAOLIN MARTIAL ARTS

2727 Canton Road, #500, Marietta 30066  
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## RIVERSIDE MILITARY ACADEMY

2001 Riverside Drive, Gainesville, GA 30501  
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## SAS BLACK OPS

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1235 Kennestone Circle, Suite A, Marietta 30066  
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June 1-July 17. Ages 8-13. 9am-5pm. Cost: \$145-\$225. At camp, kids will learn the basic fundamentals of baseball of fielding, pitching, catching, outfield play and hitting.

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4255 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta 30066  
(678) 819-9100 • [unitynorth.org](http://unitynorth.org)  
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678-427-3502 • [upbeatstringcamp.com](http://upbeatstringcamp.com)  
July 13-16. 8:30am-4pm. Grades 6th-12th. Cost: \$255



### WALTON HIGH SCHOOL – GIRLS CHEERLEADING CAMP

1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta 30062  
770-541-1228 • [waltoncheerleading.com](http://waltoncheerleading.com)  
May 27-29. K-5th grade: 1pm-4pm; 6-8 grade: 9-12pm.  
Cost: \$80.

### WALTON HIGH SCHOOL – FOOTBALL CAMP

1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta 30062  
678-463-6592 • [rocky.hidalgo@cobbk12.org](mailto:rocky.hidalgo@cobbk12.org)  
July 20-24. 10am-2pm. Grades K-5th. Cost: \$135. Instruction on the basics of football, teamwork and cooperation through competitive individual and group drills.

### WALTON HIGH SCHOOL – ROBOTICS CAMP

1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta 30062  
[waltonroboticscamp@gmail.com](mailto:waltonroboticscamp@gmail.com) • [waltonrobotics.org](http://waltonrobotics.org)  
June 1-4. Varies, see website. Grades: 6th-9th (varies per camp). Cost: \$200-\$300. Walton Robotics Team is hosting three camps targeting different areas and levels of engineering, Lego NXT, VEX Advanced, and Programming.

### WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL – CAMP GAMES

375 Holt Road, Marietta 30068  
770-578-3286 • [wheelermagnet.com/summer\\_camps.html](http://wheelermagnet.com/summer_camps.html)  
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## EVERY TUESDAY AND SATURDAY

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

## EVERY THURSDAY

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



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**Marietta Square Farmers Market** featuring products that are grown and produced in Georgia, including produce, plants, honey, breads, and cheese. 9am-12pm. Historic Marietta Square, 65 Church Street, Marietta. More info: 770-499-9393 or [www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net](http://www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.net).

**Free Arts and Crafts at Lakeshore Learning Store.** Thank-A-Teacher Tote Bag, Garden Blooms Photo Frame, Fly Away! Hot Air Balloon, Memorial Day Flag, Hello, Sunshine! Mobile. 11am-3pm. Ages 3 and up. Lakeshore Learning Store, 4287 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: 770-578-3100 or [www.lakeshorelearning.com](http://www.lakeshorelearning.com).

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**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: \$10/adults; \$7/seniors; \$6/ages 3-12. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055.

## THROUGH MAY 31

**Vanishing Acts: Trees Under Threat.** Traveling exhibit on loan from The Moreton Arboretum. The exhibit seeks to increase public awareness of the precarious future of the world's endangered trees and show how trees enrich our life. Donation suggested. Open during park hours. McFarlane Nature Park, 280 Farm Road, Marietta. More info: 770-955-1303 or [guzy@mindspring.com](mailto:guzy@mindspring.com).





## THROUGH JUNE 28

**Carl Holzman & Sally Sharp: Mid-Century Revival Exhibition.** Free/Member; \$8/guest. Tues-Fri: 11am-5pm; Sat: 11am-4pm; Sun: 1-4pm. Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, 30 Atlanta Street, Marietta. More info: 770-528-1444 or [www.mariettacobbartmuseum.org](http://www.mariettacobbartmuseum.org).

**Jere Allen: Ebb and Flow Exhibition.** Free/Member; \$8/guest. Tues-Fri: 11am-5pm; Sat: 11am-4pm; Sun: 1-4pm. Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, 30 Atlanta Street, Marietta. More info: 770-528-1444 or [www.mariettacobbartmuseum.org](http://www.mariettacobbartmuseum.org).

## MAY 7-9

**XPLOSION.** Three evenings of fabulous food and fantastic fun and music! The Pope Band will perform their show Xplosion on May 7, 8 and 9. Food trucks will be on hand beginning at 5 pm in the Pope parking lot to serve dinner and tasty treats before the show. Concert: 7pm. Tickets: \$10; \$15 VIP tickets; \$5/students. Pope High School Theatre, 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta. More info: [www.popeband.com](http://www.popeband.com).

## MAY 8-10

**47th Annual Mother's Day Gem and Mineral Show** presented by the Georgia Mineral Society. Educational exhibits, club displays, mineral and fossil specimens. Free. Friday-Saturday: 10am-6pm. Sunday: Noon-5pm. Auction held Saturday at 1pm. North Atlanta Trade Center, 1700 Jeurgens Court Norcross, GA. More info: 770-448-0876 or [www.gamineral.org](http://www.gamineral.org).

## MAY 8-10 & 14-16

**Neil Simon's Rumors** presented by CenterStage North. At the 10th anniversary party of Charlie Brock, the Deputy Mayor of New York, and his wife, Myra the Deputy Mayor has just shot himself. As the confusions and miscommunications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity. Thursday-Friday: 8pm. Saturday: 2pm & 8pm. Sunday: 2pm. \$15 in advance. \$17 at the door. The Art Place-Mountain View, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. More info/tickets: 770-331-0079 or [www.centerstagenorth.org](http://www.centerstagenorth.org).

## MAY 9


**Au-some Annual Yard Sale.** The Arylessence Foundation will be holding this charity event to raise money for autism. This huge yard sale includes items such as furniture, clothing and accessories, books, baby items, toys, electronics, appliances, tools, sporting equipment and more! 9am-4pm. Arylessence Inc., 1091 Lake Drive, Marietta. More info: 770-924-3775 x. 231.

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

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

**Through the Garden Gate Tour.** Explore the private gardens and projects of Master Gardeners throughout Cobb County. Tickets: \$15/person. All tickets include map of garden locations. 10am-5pm. More info/tickets: 770-528-4070 or [www.cobbmastergardeners.org](http://www.cobbmastergardeners.org).

**Trail Work Day.** Join the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club, a group of volunteers invite participants to join them for a Trail Work Day to help maintain the 20 plus miles of trails in the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. 8:30am-1pm. Meet in the new parking lot on Old Highway 41. Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, Kennesaw. More info: [www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.com](http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.com).



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

## MAY 9-10 & MAY 15-17

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

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## MAY 11

**Walton Football Golf Classic.** The Walton Football Touchdown Club is holding its annual golf tournament to benefit the Walton Raiders football team. Registration starts at 11am scramble style with shotgun start at noon. Single Player \$125/person. Indian Hills Country Club, 4001 Clubland Drive, Marietta. More info: Paty Holdmeyer, 770-595-3655, [holdmeyer@comcast.net](mailto:holdmeyer@comcast.net) or [www.raidersfb.org](http://www.raidersfb.org).

## MAY 13

**Museum Mice Tour: Murray & Etta Count Collections.** Preschoolers, ages 3-5, are led into a lifelong love of history with Mice Tours. Each month the tour focuses on a different theme, including colors, shapes, music, jobs and more! Tickets: \$5/ family (one adult and up to three children), additional adults and children are \$5 each. Reservations are required for the tour. 10:30-11:30am. Marietta Museum of History, 1 Depot Street, Suite 200, Marietta. More info: 770-794-5710 or [www.mariettahistory.org](http://www.mariettahistory.org).

## MAY 14

**Business Expo and Summer JAM** presented by Cobb County Chamber. More than 150 Cobb County companies showcase their products and services. Open to the public. 3-7pm. Free. Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta. More info: contact Mary Beth Moore, 770-859-2359 or [mmoore@cobbchamber.org](mailto:mmoore@cobbchamber.org).

## MAY 15

**An American Experience & Other Pop Favorites** presented by Symphony on the Square, a musically and artistically diverse community of musicians. 7pm. Tickets: \$15. Earl Smith Strand Theatre, 117 North Park Square, Marietta. More info: 770-874-8525 or [www.symphonyonthesquare.org](http://www.symphonyonthesquare.org).

**Rock, Roll and Remember: A Tribute to American Bandstand** presented by the Michael O'Neal Singers (MOS). The MOS Chorus, dancers, and rock and roll musicians pay tribute to the early years of the American Bandstand era, including hits from names such as Bill Haley and the Comets, the Everly Brothers, Neil Sedaka, the Four Seasons, and Elvis! 8pm. \$22/adults. \$17/ students & ages 60+. Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell. More info: 770-594-7974 or [www.mosingers.com](http://www.mosingers.com).



## MAY 15

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

## MAY 15-17

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## MAY 16

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

**School of Rock Presents Led Zeppelin.** School of Rock East Cobb is pleased to present: Led Zeppelin and 90's Rock with very special guests: Rookies, Rock 101, and School of Rock's Adult Band "Double or Nothing". This show is for all ages, so bring the entire family to see some of Marietta's most talented rockers perform some of the greatest rock songs of all time! Doors open 4pm. Performance: 5pm. Tickets: \$15 at the door. Non-performing School of Rock Students: \$5. Kids under 8 free. Earl Smith Strand Theatre, 117 North Park Square, Marietta. More info: 770-579-0400 or [www.eastcobb.schoolofrock.com](http://www.eastcobb.schoolofrock.com).

## MAY 20

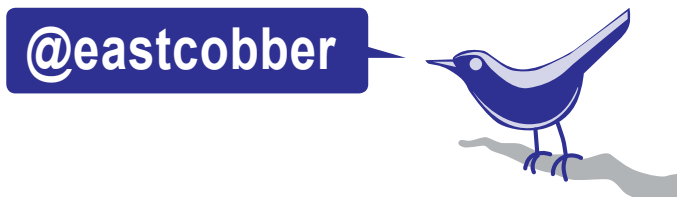
**Mental Health Panel Discussion** presented by the Neighborhood Safety Commission Community Awareness Committee. 7pm. Cobb County Government Building, 100 Cherokee Street, Commissioners Hearing Room, Building 2nd Floor, Marietta. More info: 770-528-3800 or [NSC@cobbcounty.org](mailto:NSC@cobbcounty.org).

## MAY 23

**Veteran's Memorial 5k** presented by American Legion Post 29. All proceeds support the charities of the American Legion to benefit Georgia Veterans and their families. Start times: 5K - 7:30am; 1K walk/run - 8:30am; Tot Trot (ages 5 and under) - 8:45am. 5K/1K: \$30. Phantom Runner: \$25. Start and finish Marietta Square Marietta. Packet pickup 12-8pm, 5/21/15 at American Legion Post 28, 921 Gresham Road, Marietta. More info: Gary Jenkins, 678-214-5294 or [gary@georgiarunner.com](mailto:gary@georgiarunner.com)

## MAY 25

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



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MAY 25

**Roswell Remembers Memorial Day 2015.** Event to honor veterans and their sacrifices. The largest Memorial Day Ceremony in Georgia. 10am. Food, live music, military program, including a 21 gun salute. Roswell City Hall, 38 Hill St., Roswell. More info: [www.roswellmemorialday.com](http://www.roswellmemorialday.com).

## MAY 29

**Glover Park Concert Series.** The Glover Park Concert Series is the place to be in Marietta the last Friday evening of each month, April through September. Bring a blanket and enjoy a free concert in Historic Marietta Square at 8pm. For more information, call 770-794-5609 or visit [www.MariettaGA.gov](http://www.MariettaGA.gov).

## MAY 31

**Arborist Walk-N-Talk at McFarlane Nature Park.** Be introduced to some of the 100+ Piedmont-native trees at McFarlane Nature Park on a Walk N Talk with Cobb County arborist David Griffin. Learn which of the naturally occurring native trees may be right for your landscape. While there, visit the display gardens of native plants established by the Cobb County Master Gardeners and visit the Vanishing Trees outdoor exhibit. Free. 2-3:30pm. McFarlane Nature Park, 280 Farm Road, Marietta. More info: Karen Guzy, 770-955-1303 or [guzy@mindspring.com](mailto:guzy@mindspring.com).

**MORE  
ONLINE**  
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## JUNE 1-4

**Drivers Education** presented by Marietta/Cobb Driver's Education. 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of individual training behind the wheel. This program meets the requirements for Joshua's Law and qualifies for the Teen Driver's Education insurance discount. 8am-4pm. \$385. Dodgen Middle School (1725 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta) or Kell High School (4770 Lee Waters Road, Marietta). More info: 770-429-3170 or [www.mariettacommunityschool.com](http://www.mariettacommunityschool.com).

## JUNE 5

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

## JUNE 5-7

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



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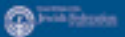


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### JUNE 6-7

**Annual Flying Colors Butterfly Festival**. Dance with butterflies to live music. Create arts and crafts, face painting, and entomology exhibits. Buy butterfly host plants and ask garden experts how you can attract butterflies to your garden. Wear your butterfly wings and march in the parade. Bring your camera! Saturday: 10am-3pm. Sunday: 12-5pm. General Public: \$12. CNC Members: \$8. Ages 2 and under: free. Chattahoochee Nature Center, 9135 Willeo Road, Roswell. More info: 770-992-2055, ext. 226, or [www.chattnaturecenter.org](http://www.chattnaturecenter.org).

### JUNE 8

**The Carpenter Open 19th Anniversary Golf Outing**. Proceeds from this golf tournament will benefit the charitable initiatives of The Knights of Columbus Council 9792. 7am. Registration Fee: \$150. Indian Hills Country Club, 4001 Clubland Drive, Marietta, 30068. More info: 770-649-0745 or [cssgust@att.net](mailto:cssgust@att.net).

*Get Your  
Event Listed!*

We'll need: event name, date, description, ticket prices, times/hours, site address, phone number, email, and web address. The deadline for the Community Calendar is the 15th of the month prior to the next issue. Email your info to: [calendar@eastcobber.com](mailto:calendar@eastcobber.com). Be sure to include any related photos and/or posters.



# East Cobber Parade & Festival: Sept. 12



**New  
Festival  
Site!**

**NEW PARADE ROUTE:** The 1 mile EAST COBBER parade will still begin at 10am in the Mount Bethel Elementary School parking lot, travel south on Johnson Ferry Road, and turn left onto Woodlawn Road and end at Dickerson Middle School, 855 Woodlawn Road.

**NEW FESTIVAL SITE:** The EAST COBBER Festival will now be in the west (Woodlawn Road side) parking lot of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church immediately following the EAST COBBER parade. From 11am—3pm, the free Festival will feature arts and crafts, local businesses, food concessions, carnival games, and an entertainment stage.

**MORE INFO:** 770-640-7070 or [eastcobber.com/parade](http://eastcobber.com/parade).

## Pet of the Month: Pepe

*Submitted by Christian Chandler*



**Animal/Breed:** Frog

**Age & Gender:** Male, 2 years old

**Favorite Food:** Chicken Tendies

**Favorite Person:** His best friend Wojak

**Best Trick:** Scaring mommy

**Turn Ons:** Buying treats with good buy points

**Turn Offs:** Cleaning his cage

**Favorite Toy:** Sonic the Hedgehog

**Last Seen:** Kissing his little sister

**What makes your pet so special:** He means the world to my autistic son

## Should Your Pet Be Our Pet of the Month?

Fill out the information on your pet and send it to:  
EAST COBBER, P.O. Box 680445, Marietta, GA 30068

Please include a picture with your entry. Or email description and a jpg to: [petomonth@eastcobber.com](mailto:petomonth@eastcobber.com)

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Favorite Toy: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Seen: \_\_\_\_\_

What makes your pet so special: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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A photograph showing an elderly man with white hair and a light blue shirt holding a white cat. The man is looking down at the cat with a gentle expression. The cat is lying on an orange towel. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a chain-link fence.

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The logo for Montrose Animal Hospital & Pet Hotel. It features a green tree inside a blue circular frame. Below the tree, the word "MONTROSE" is written in a large, blue, serif font. Underneath that, "ANIMAL HOSPITAL & PET HOTEL" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.




# FUREVER FEST TO BE HELD MAY 16

Cobb County Animal Control (CCAC) will be hosting its semi-annual FURever Fest under the big tents on Saturday, May 16 from 10am to 4pm at the animal shelter. This fun, free, family event will feature vendors with animal related businesses, services, and organizations that provide education and information on responsible pet ownership and well as having products for sale that can be used for your pets to enhance the experience of adopting a pet and being a pet parent. A K-9 officer and the handler will demonstrate the skills these dogs provide as a member of the police force. A DJ and hot dog vendor will round out the event.

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

The FURever Fest is held in the spring and in the fall as part of CCAC's continuing efforts through public awareness and to work closely with the community to find more forever homes for the homeless and abandoned animals that come into the shelter. Save the date for our next exciting event which will be the fourth annual ART Barks and Purr on June 20, 2015.

The shelter is located at 1060 Al Bishop Drive, Marietta, just a half-mile from Jim R. Miller Park. For more information about Cobb County Animal Control or this event, please visit [www.cobbanimalcontrol.org](http://www.cobbanimalcontrol.org). You can also follow the events on [www.facebook.com/CobbAC](https://www.facebook.com/CobbAC) and [www.twitter.com/CobbAC](https://www.twitter.com/CobbAC). 



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## Father of the Year 2015

All EAST COBBER readers are encouraged to nominate a father who either lives or works in East Cobb County to be this year's EAST COBBER Father Of The Year. In 200 words or less explain why this man should receive this honor. The EAST COBBER Father of the Year is invited to participate as a VIP in the annual EAST COBBER Parade and receives gifts from local merchants.



▲ Stephen Davenport,  
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Mail your essay along with photo to:  
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Grading scale: A=100-90, B=89-80, C=79-70, U=69 or less. A grade of New is for new restaurants or in case of a change of ownership.

RESTAURANT	INSPECTION DATE	GRADE
<b>American Deli</b> 2100 Roswell Road, Suite 2194 Marietta 30062	1/13/15	83B
<b>American Wings</b> 2555 Delk Road, Suite A-8 Marietta 30067	2/27/15	87B
<b>Aurelio's PIZZA</b> 1255 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 22 Marietta 30068	3/12/15	91A
<b>Biscuits and More</b> 3162 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 140 Marietta 30062	2/20/15	96A
<b>Brazilian Bakery</b> 1260 Powers Ferry Road, Suite A Marietta 30067	3/6/15	94A
<b>Buddha Delight</b> 2731 Sandy Plains Road, Suite A Marietta 30066	3/6/15	92A
<b>Chicago's</b> 4401 Shallowford Road, Suite 106 Roswell 30075	1/16/15	97A
<b>Fatinha's Brazilian Baking</b> 1951 Canton Road, Suite 340 Marietta 30066	1/21/15	99A
<b>House Of Ming</b> 3101 Roswell Road Suite F-2 Marietta 30062	1/7/15	99A
<b>Jet's Pizza</b> 4401 Shallowford Road, Suite 102 Roswell 30075	1/15/15	89B
<b>Johnny's New York Style Pizza</b> 4882 Lower Roswell Road, Suite 155 Marietta 30068	3/27/15	100A
<b>Kouzina Christos</b> 1453 Terrell Mill Road, Suite 125 Marietta 30067	11/20/14	87B
<b>Longhorn Steakhouse of East Cobb</b> 4721 Lower Roswell Road Marietta 30068	4/17/15	99A
<b>Mediterranean Grill</b> 1255 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 15 Marietta 30068	4/16/15	91A
<b>Mexican Bar and Grill</b> 1050 East Piedmont Road, Suite, 136-140 Marietta 30062	3/5/15	100A
<b>Moe's Southwest Grill</b> 4401 Shallowford Road, Suite 100 Roswell 30075	1/16/15	96A
<b>Red Sky Tapas</b> 1255 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 16 Marietta 30068	4/16/15	96A
<b>Righteous Que</b> 1050 East Piedmont Road, Suite 146 Marietta 30062	4/17/15	91A
<b>Willy's Mexicana Grill</b> 4250 Roswell Road Suite 102 Marietta 30062	2/12/15	92A



# TOP 10 WAYS EAST COBBER CAN PROMOTE YOUR RESTAURANT

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*East Cobbers are busy and your restaurant needs to keep reminding them you are here. Restaurant promotions, whether daily, weekly, or monthly are great ways to remind the locals what makes your restaurant special. Promotions can range for a nightly happy hour to an annual customer appreciation day, with drink and dinner specials. East Cobb residents want to know what fun stuff and dining deals are going on in their backyard and EAST COBBER is their place to find out what is going on! Here's 10 ways EAST COBBER can help you promote your restaurant's specials and special activities.*

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- 3 Does your restaurant feature local bands playing in the bar** to a live jazz or piano player in the dining room? Email the details (and photo of the band/singer) [info@eastcobber.com](mailto:info@eastcobber.com) and we'll promote
- 4 If your restaurant offers an Open Mike Night**, enquiring East Cobbers want to know and EAST COBBER can announce it on our social media channels ([eastcobber.com](http://eastcobber.com) blog, facebook page and on twitter). Just email [info@eastcobber.com](mailto:info@eastcobber.com) OR better yet, put us on your email list and we'll be sure to read it and share your special events.
- 5 Does your restaurant offer Two-For-One Specials?** Tell EAST COBBER all about when you'll be offering your two-for-one menu specials. It's easy, just email [info@eastcobber.com](mailto:info@eastcobber.com)
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Name, Address & Contact Info	Program Name	Age	Dates	Time	Cost
<b>Chestnut Ridge Christian Church</b> 2663 Johnson Ferry Road • Marietta 30062 770-971-8888 www.chestnutridgechristianchurch.com	"G-Force"	Rising K-5th grade	Monday-Friday July 20-24	6pm-8pm	Free
<b>Covenant Presbyterian Church</b> 2881 Canton Roadn • Marietta 30066 770-422-5130 • www.covpres.com	"Everest"	3yrs (potty trained) - 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 8-12	9am-12pm	\$10 donation
<b>East Cobb Church of Christ</b> 5240 Roswell Road • Marietta 30062 770-587-5999 • www.eastcobbcoc.org	"Thailand Trek"	All Ages	Sunday-Wednesday June 14-17	6-8pm	Free
<b>East Cobb Presbyterian Church</b> 4616 Roswell Road NE • Marietta 30062 770-973-4114 • www.ecpca.org	"Summer Seaquest"	4yrs - 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 1-June 5	9am -12:30pm	Free/i-shirt \$15 \$30/family
<b>Eastminster Presbyterian Church</b> 3125 Sewell Mill Road • Marietta 30062 770-977-2976 • www.epres.com	"Hometown Nazareth"	4 yrs - 4th grade (completed)	Monday-Friday June 22-26	9am-12:30pm	\$20/child
<b>Eastside Baptist Church</b> 2450 Lower Roswell Road • Marietta 30068 770-971-2323, ext. 5866 • www.ebcfamily.org	"Journey"	K-5th grade	Monday-Thursday June 29-July 2	9-11:45pm	Free
<b>Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Paul</b> 1795 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30062 770-977-7473 • www.peterandpaul.org	"God Creates Family!"	4 yrs - Rising 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 15-19	1-4pm	\$15/child \$30/family
<b>Holy Family Church</b> 3401 Lower Roswell Road • Marietta 30068 770-973-0038 • www.holyfamilycc.org	"Hometown Nazareth"	4-10 yrs	Monday-Friday June 15-19	10am - 12pm	\$45 (1 child); \$70 (2 children); \$85 (3 or more)
<b>Holy Trinity Lutheran Church</b> 2922 Sandy Plains Road • Marietta 30066 770-971-4600 • www.holytrinitymarietta.org	"Everest"	3 yrs- 5th grade	Monday-Saturday June 8-13	Mon-Fri: 9am-12pm Sat: 5:30pm	\$25
<b>Johnson Ferry Baptist Church</b> 955 Johnson Ferry Road • Marietta 30068 770-973-6561 • www.johnsonferry.org	"Cosmic Quest"	Kindergarten- 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 22-26	Monday: 6:30pm Tues-Fri: 8:45am- 12:15pm	Free
<b>Lutheran Church of the Resurrection</b> 4814 Paper Mill Road • Marietta 30067 770-953-3193 • www.lcrmarietta.org	"Taking Root: Outreach Focused"	3yrs-5th grade	Monday-Friday July 13-17	9am-12pm	\$20 first child; \$15/ additional child; \$50/ family
<b>Mountain View United Methodist Church</b> 2300 Jamerson Road, Marietta 30066 770-928-0050 • www.mvumc.com	"Family VBS"	2 yrs and up	Monday-Thursday July 13-16	5:30-8:30pm dinner included	Free
<b>Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church</b> 4385 Lower Roswell Road • Marietta 30068 770-971-2880 • www.mtbethel.org	"Everest"	4 yrs (by Sept. 1) Rising 4th grade	Monday-Thursday June 8-11	12:30pm-3:30pm	\$25 members/\$30 non-member
<b>Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church</b> North Campus 2509 Post Oak Tritt • Marietta 30062 770-971-2880 • www.mtbethel.org	"Camp 56"	Rising 5th-6th grade	Monday-Thursday June 8-11	11:30am-4:30pm	\$40/child \$60/child after June 1
<b>Mt. Zion United Methodist Church</b> 1770 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta 30062 770-971-1465 • www.mtzionumc.org	"You've Got Talent"	3 yrs (potty trained) - rising 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 22-25	9:30am-12:30pm	\$25/child; \$75 max/family



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<b>Noonday Baptist Church</b> 4121 Canton Road • Marietta 30066 770-926-6138 • <a href="http://www.noondaychurch.org">www.noondaychurch.org</a>	"Everest"	Rising K-6th grade (completed)	Monday-Friday July 13-17	6-8:30pm	Free
<b>Pilgrimage United Church of Christ</b> 3755 Sandy Plains Road • Marietta 30066 770-971-0007 • <a href="http://www.pilgrimageucc.org">www.pilgrimageucc.org</a>	"Seeds of Faith"	3 yrs-5th grade	Monday-Friday July 8-12	9am-12pm	\$30/child; \$75/family
<b>Powers Ferry United Methodist Church</b> 245 Powers Ferry Road • Marietta 30067 770-973-5271 • <a href="http://www.powerumc.com">www.powerumc.com</a>	"Everest"	4 yrs - 8th grade	Monday-Friday June 22-26	9:30am-12:30pm	Free
<b>Roswell United Methodist Church</b> 814 Mimosa Boulevard • Marietta 30075 770-993-6218 • <a href="http://www.rumc.com">www.rumc.com</a>	"G-Force"	4 yrs-Rising 5th grade	Monday-Thursday June 8-11	9am-12:30pm	\$30/child; \$90 family cap
<b>Sandy Plains Baptist Church</b> 2825 Sandy Plains Road • Marietta 30066 770-971-8525 • <a href="http://www.sandyplains.org">www.sandyplains.org</a>	"Journey off the Map"	Pre-K - 6th grade	Monday-Friday June 8-12	9am-12pm	Free
<b>St. Catherine's Episcopal Church</b> 571 Holt Road • Marietta 30068 770-971-2839 • <a href="http://www.stcatherines.org">www.stcatherines.org</a>	"Everest"	4 yrs-Rising 4th grade	Tuesday-Friday June 16-19	9am-12pm	\$35
<b>Unity North Atlanta Church</b> 4255 Sandy Plains Road • Marietta 30066 678-325-9314 • <a href="http://www.unitynorth.org">www.unitynorth.org</a>	"Camp NorthStar"	3-10 yrs	Monday-Friday July 20-24	9am-12:30pm	\$75
<b>Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church</b> 4495 Sandy Plains Road • Marietta 30066 770-993-4919 • <a href="http://www.wesleychapelumc.com">www.wesleychapelumc.com</a>	"Everest"	4 yrs-Rising 5th grade	Monday-Friday June 22-26	9:30-12:30pm	\$25/child

with 100 volunteers. Today, the organization has active volunteers, from ages 14-99 years, who more than 30 departments and have given more than 47,800 hours of service to Northside in the past year.

year's luncheon, themed "Volunteers are the key to success," honored volunteers and other very special people who have been recognized by the Auxiliary for their eagerness to continue their service.

Moore, of East Cobb, was one of the many volunteers of service to the hospital. Moore volunteered to patients and families and cars. East Cobb was recognized at the event.

gain this year, we hope to provide compassionate care to patients, families and friends for special projects. Lisa Angel, Auxiliary President, said, "I am humbled by the dedication of our volunteers. It is a privilege to serve alongside such conscientious group."

Angel presented Northside with a check for \$9,000, raised from all of the Auxiliary's fundraisers in 2012-2013 including sales in the Gift Shop, commissions on baby photo sales and several sales to employees. The money was used

The Auxiliary hosted 105 "volunteers" in various areas of the hospital.

Volunteers delivered 3,559 flower arrangements and 2,728 pieces of mail to patients, and reported 5,752 patients.

Unity Health Education Center's 12 puppet shows to

happy) volunteers made visits to patients and their families at Surgery units.

55 items, including blankets and scarves, for the Nursery and patient

unteers visited with the breast and other cancer patients. 423 follow-up calls to cancer patients.

Auxiliary has always been a component to hospital care. Quattrocchi, president, said, "There are no limits to our volunteers' mission. Our patients, visitors and staff each and every day greatly appreciate all that they do."

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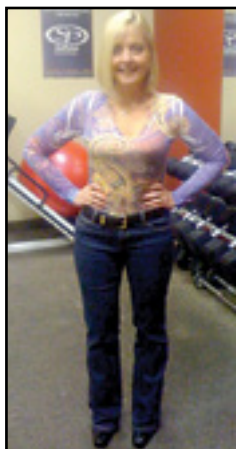
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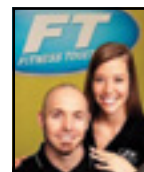
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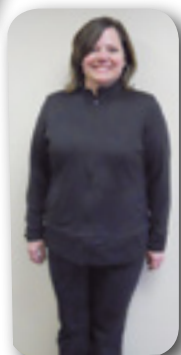


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"This fitness center is for "kids" of all ages! Kids love to climb, walk on the curbs instead of the sidewalk or jump on stuff they aren't suppose to. At Ninja Quest Fitness kids of all ages can learn the Parkour sport of how to swing, jump, climb and vault in a safe/organized but fun environment from our Certified Professional Instructors," shares Cristine. In addition to summer camps, Ninja Quest Fitness will also have classes available for beginner students to advanced traceurs ages 9 through adult. "Our staff has a wide range of experience—from gymnastics, parkour, military, even pros from the American Ninja Warrior TV show – and is eager to share their love of parkour," enthuses Cristine.

If you are looking for a new way to lose weight, build strength, balance and agility or just interested in a new sport, readers are invited to visit Ninja Quest Fitness. Their facility is located at 1465 Canton Road in Marietta/East Cobb. To schedule a tour call 770-765-0965. For more information visit their Facebook page: "Ninja Quest Fitness" as well as their website, [www.ninjaquestfitness.com](http://www.ninjaquestfitness.com).

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Mental Health America (MHA) kicks off its annual observance of May is Mental Health Month and marks the one-year anniversary of the launch of MHA's online screening tools. In just one year, almost 350,000 screens have been taken for depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)—an average of almost 1,000 screens per day. In the coming month, MHA will launch three additional screens for alcohol and substance use, youth (ages 11-17), and parents who are concerned about their children's mental health.


For over 65 years, MHA and our affiliates across the country have led the observance of May is Mental Health Month to raise awareness about mental health and mental illness. Addressing mental health before Stage 4—this year's theme for the month—calls attention to the importance addressing mental health symptoms early, identifying potential underlying diseases, and planning an appropriate course of action on a path towards overall health.

"When we think about cancer, heart disease, or diabetes, we don't wait years to treat them," says Paul Gionfriddo, president and CEO of MHA. "We start before Stage 4—we begin with prevention. So why don't we do the same for individuals who are dealing with potentially serious mental illness? Like other diseases, mental health conditions should be treated long before they reach the most critical points in the disease process—before Stage 4."

Research shows that not recognizing symptoms of mental health conditions causes people to wait an average of ten years to seek treatment, during which time symptoms often worsen. Intervening effectively during early stages of mental illness can save lives and change the trajectories of people living with mental illnesses. MHA launched last May its online screening tools at [www.mhascreening.org](http://www.mhascreening.org) and the results are staggering:

- Almost 350,000 individuals have taken screens for depression, anxiety, bipolar and PTSD
- 75 percent of the screeners are women
- 71 percent are between the ages of 18-34
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For more information on May is Mental Health Month, visit MHA's website at [www.mentalhealthamerica.net/may](http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/may).

Mental Health America (MHA) is the nation's leading community-based non-profit dedicated to helping all Americans achieve wellness by living mentally healthier lives. MHA is driven by their commitment to promote mental health as a critical part of overall wellness, including prevention services for all, early identification and intervention for those at risk, integrated care and treatment for those who need it, with recovery as the goal. 

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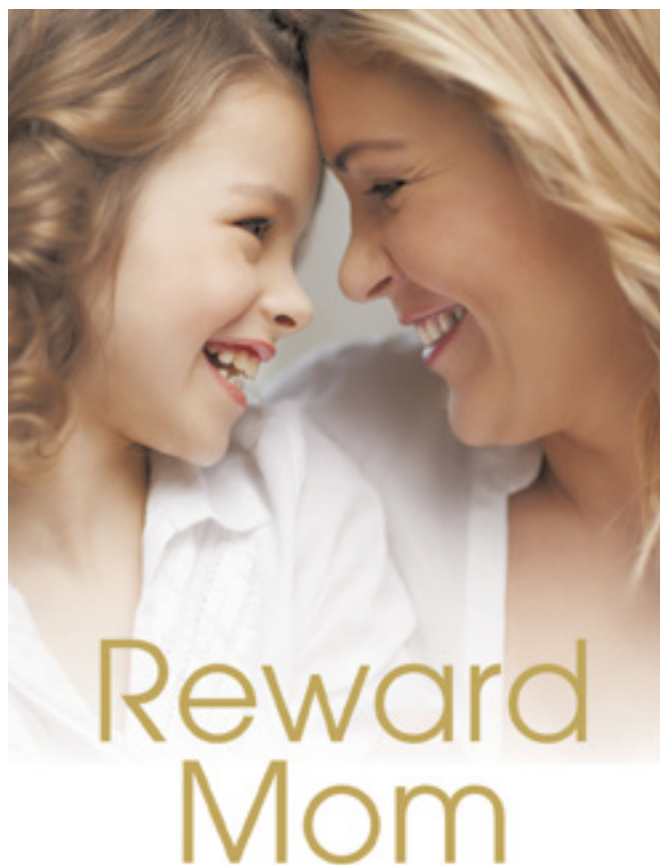
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The AARP Smart Driver™ Course is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members and is payable the day of class to Instructor (cash or check). For more information or to RSVP, contact Kim McGarr, 770-579-9224, ext 25 or kim.mcgar@mtbethel.org. Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church is located at 4385 Lower Roswell Road in East Cobb/Marietta. 📍



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Aloha to Aging is a non-profit created to address the social needs of seniors 55 and older with mild to moderate impairments, assist their family members with their changing role as a family caregiver and create volunteer opportunities for the community. Aloha to Aging was founded by East Cobber Dawn Reed, a Certified Senior Advisor and owner of Aloha to Senior Solutions Consulting, who has been in the healthy aging industry for 25+ years. With encouragement and support from the community volunteers and families, Aloha to Aging was founded in August 2009. Their office is located at 4608 Lower Roswell Road in Marietta/East Cobb and is open Monday through Thursday from 9:30am until 4pm.

For more information/RSVP call 770-722-7641 or email [info@alohatoaging.org](mailto:info@alohatoaging.org). Listed below are some activities offered:

**Tailor-Made Yoga for PD--Mat or Chair:** Mondays | 2:30 – 3:30pm. Cost: Two free trial classes, then \$50 for a 10-class package. Participants should bring a mat if they prefer floor exercise but no equipment necessary for Chair Yoga.

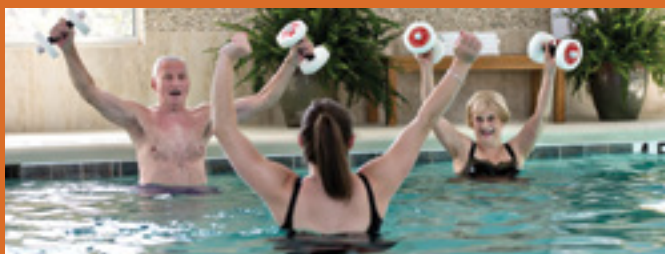
**Tai Chi - Standing:** Tuesdays | 2 pm. and Tai Chi - Seated: Thursdays, offered weekly at 2pm. Cost: \$35 monthly fee or \$10 per class. Please.

**Alzheimer's/Caregiver Support Group:** Mondays | 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, but must call in advance for care.

**Parkinson's Disease/Care Partner Support Group:** Tuesdays | 10:30am. You and your caregiver are welcome as we learn how to cope and live with the diagnosis.

**Navigating the Senior Years - Lunch 'n Learn:** Tuesday, May 12 at 12:30 p.m. It's not uncommon for people to invest more time into planning for a cruise than planning for their senior years. Learn what steps you can take to plan for the years ahead and avoid rough seas. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by May 11.

**Healthy Brain Game Day for Active Seniors:** May 14 | 12:00pm. Cost is \$10. If you are 55+, learn ways to revitalize your brain while having fun! There will be a healthy lunch served and multiple brain building games and prizes. RSVP for the program by Friday, May 8.



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# CLUB CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society.** Second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm at their Clubhouse, 516 West. Atlanta St., Marietta, GA 30060. More info: www.cobbmineral.org.

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

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

- **Cobb Marietta Retired Educators Association.** Second Thursday of every month. 11:30am. Luncheon reservations required. First United Methodist Church of Marietta, 56 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta. More info: Judy Munson, jmteach@bellsouth.net.

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

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

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

- **Dinner-and-a-Book Club.** More info: RuthE or Batya at Thou Shalt Read, 770-993-5432 or sales@andthoushaltnotread.com.

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

- **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. Indian Hills Country Club, 4100 Clubland Drive, Marietta. More info: Susan Hampton, 404-218-6216, susan.hampton@lionbank.com, or www.eastcobba.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 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. Cherokee Cattle Company, 2710 Canton Road, Marietta. More info: Don Garrow, 770-955-6914.

- **East Cobb Jewish Networking.** Every Wednesday. 8-9:15am. Capozzi's, 4283 Roswell Road, Marietta. More info: Rob Kornheiser, rkorn@icminsurance.com or 678-336-7345.

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

- **East Cobb Open Networking.** Professional Referral Networking. Every Friday. 7:30-9am. Capozzi's NY Deli, 4285 Roswell Road, Marietta. \$3 cover. More info: Tim Langley, 770-289-9711 or drtim02@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Greater Atlanta Marine Detachment #647.** First Saturday of the month, 11am. Delkwood Grill, 2769 Delk Road, Marietta. More info: www.mclleague.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Marietta PFLAG.** 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

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

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

**Moms in Prayer** (formerly Moms in touch) for parents of Dickerson Middle School. Every Thursday at 1pm. Meeting location available upon request. More info: Movita Stallworth, 770-321-1783 or mo633@comcast.net.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Northwest Atlanta Mothers of Multiples** A parent's club for families with or expecting twins, triplets, or quadruplets. Second Tuesday of each month, 7pm. First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, 189 Church Street, Marietta. Date and time may change check our website. More info: www.nowamom.org or 678-404-0034.

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**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 degrassimouse@comcast.net.

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

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

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

**Shakespeare Reading Group.** First and 3rd Thursday of the month, 2-4 pm. Senior Wellness Center, 1150 Powder Springs Road, Marietta. More info: Lynne Johnson, 770-591-3474.

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

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

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

**TONIC (Tuesdays Open Networking In Capozzi's).** Every Tuesday Morning 7:30am. 4283 Roswell Road NE Marietta. \$3 Cover. More info: Frank Kellert frankkellert@hotmail.com 678-560-1717

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



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▲ Symphony on the Square Orchestra

Symphony on the Square just celebrated its fifth anniversary and is preparing to celebrate their first five years in style at the historic Earl Smith Strand Theatre in the heart of downtown Marietta. The concert will feature a mixture of Americana selections associated with the early American sounds from "Ashokan Farewell" from the Ken Burns PBS Civil War series, which is now celebrating its 25th anniversary, to Aaron Copland's "Hoe-Down" from Rodeo, and mixed into that group will be the music from the movie, "The Patriot," a medley of four American folk songs and other pieces that have that unique Americana feel to them. Since they are often referred to as Marietta's Pops Orchestra, they also



have some fun pops pieces including a medley from the James Bond movies, tunes from the Harry Potter movie series, music from "The Gladiator" movie, "Band of Brothers," and even a great opening piece featuring the music from "Phantom of the Opera." The concert is very family-friendly and is on Friday evening, May 15 at 7pm. Tickets are

\$15 and are available at the Strand box office. Earl Smith Strand Theatre is located at 117 North Park Square, Marietta. For tickets and/or more information, call 770-293-0080 or visit them online at [www.earlsmithstrand.org](http://www.earlsmithstrand.org). You can learn more about Symphony on the Square orchestra by visiting [www.symphonyonthesquare.org](http://www.symphonyonthesquare.org). Or better yet, come to their concert! 🎵

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Hawks banner in Garrison Elementary school hallway

## ATLANTA HAWKS VISIT GARRISON MILL

On March 25 and 26, Thomas Williams and Dedric Willoughby from the Atlanta Hawks Basketball Development Department came to Garrison Mill Elementary School to work with students in gym class as PE teachers, Mr. John Bobo and Mrs. Sue Bass, wrapped up their basketball unit. When students learned that Dedric Willoughby is a retired pro NBA player who played with the Chicago Bulls, they were excited to hear about his experience playing basketball in the NBA. Williams and Willoughby took the students through several basketball drills which included shooting and ball handling. Garrison Mill is one of only five "official Hawks elementary schools" in metro Atlanta. As an official Hawks elementary school, the Hawks provide Garrison Mill with simple and effective programs for the students while introducing them and their families to the Atlanta Hawks. Garrison Mill Elementary School is located at 4111 Wesley Chapel Road in Marietta/East Cobb. 🏀



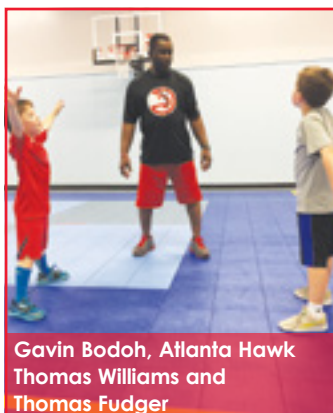
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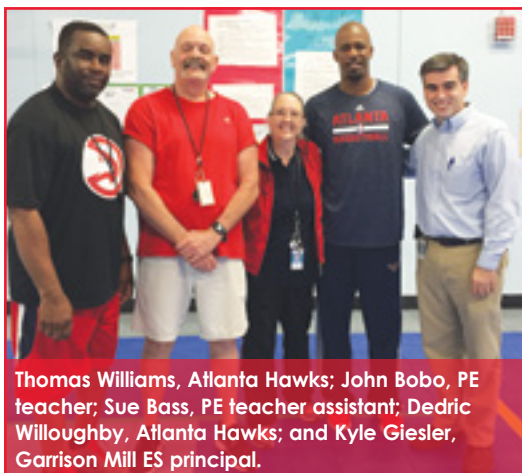
PE teacher John Bobo with Charlie Gordon



Gavin Bodoh, Atlanta Hawk  
Thomas Williams and  
Thomas Fudger



Facing the instructors are students Sarah Garber  
and Olivia Zolar as PE teacher Sue Bass looks on.



Thomas Williams, Atlanta Hawks; John Bobo, PE  
teacher; Sue Bass, PE teacher assistant; Dedric  
Willoughby, Atlanta Hawks; and Kyle Giesler,  
Garrison Mill ES principal.



Dedric Willoughby with student  
Eva Marie Howell

# SUPPORT GROUPS

## A.A./Al-Anon/Al-Anon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

● **Caregiver Support Group.** First Monday of the month. 6-7pm. Arbor Terrace, 886 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: 770-977-4420 or ACaudell@arborcompany.com.

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

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

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

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

● **Divorce Support Group.** Every Wednesday. 6:30pm. Mt. Bethel Church (Church Room B106), 4385 Lower Roswell Rd. Marietta. More info/to register: Judith Reichenbach, Licensed Counselor, 770-597-9882.

● **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](http://www.chadd.net/300).

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

● **Family and Friends of People Living with Mental Illness.** 4th Tuesday, 7pm Meets at Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, 1200 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta. More info: 770 778-6025.

● **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](mailto:angie@focus-ga.org), or [www.focus-ga.org](http://www.focus-ga.org).

● **Fractured Families for Parents Estranged from their Children.** First and 3rd Monday. 7:30pm. Whole Foods, 1311 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta. More info: Sandy 404-446-6093 or Judy 404-643-3531.

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

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

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

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

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

● **Marietta Moms.** For all kinds of moms - new to the area, looking for new friends, or just needing support. Daily events for babies, toddlers and older kids. More info: 770-956-0318 or 678-357-3661 or [www.mariettamoms.com](http://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](mailto:suzette@themotherscircle.org) or [www.themotherscircle.org](http://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 [mzionmops@gmail.com](mailto:mzionmops@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](http://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.

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

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

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



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