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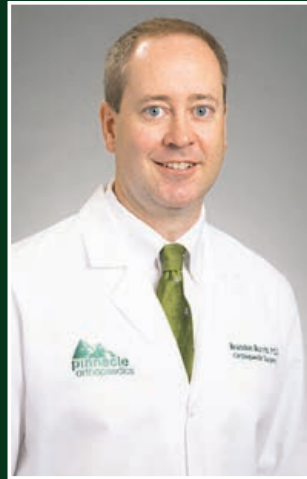
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Letter from the EDITOR

While I certainly missed personal interactions and had to adjust to the rigors of working from home, that time gave me a chance to learn more about my home, and how I would belong within its walls. I filled two of those large walls with peel-and-stick wallpaper (a project that I would not advise one to do solo, but turned out well and was so worth it). I hung artwork and pictures and grazed the blank spaces daily to try to figure out what was missing. I bought patio furniture and a grill and planted flowers and decorated shelves.

I also learned more about the neighborhood, including one of my neighbors and her home, which is featured on page 20 of this issue. She and I spoke at length about how lovely and transformative the south side of the Square has become with its carefully restored historic homes, massive trees and easy walks to the Square. Ten years ago, real estate agents might have advised their clients to look past our old, charming homes in need of some love. Today, the offers are piled high the minute one hits the market.

Whatever your home might be, I hope you were able to fill it with a little bit of love, care and reflection over the past year – and maybe even some wallpaper. 📧

Katy Ruth Camp

Leave it to a worldwide pandemic to finally make a house a home. That “house” might be a 600-foot condominium in Vinings or a sprawling estate in west Cobb but, regardless, they all became “home” when we were encouraged to stay inside for days and weeks at a time.

I was just barely granted more space in time for quarantining when, last Valentine’s Day, I sold my one-bedroom townhouse and closed on a 120-year-old, three-bedroom house just south of the Marietta Square. The adorable, renovated craftsman-style house appealed to me for many reasons, reasons I never could have known would give me many “thank goodness” moments as the outside world shut down. The large front porch, the many windows, the larger living spaces, the fenced backyard for my dogs, the friendly neighbors and the peaceful, .7-mile walk along the Mountain to River Trail to the Marietta Square all made quarantine life much more bearable.



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2021 BRINGS WITH IT A NEW ERA IN HOME TRENDS

Our homes were once a place where we rested at the end of a busy day or caught up with chores on the weekends. However, 2020 had us spending more time than ever at home and may have us re-thinking how we use our homes in 2021. Some homeowners might even end up listing their current home this year, taking advantage of the booming market and low inventory, in hopes of finding a home that will meet their new needs. Whether you're thinking of giving your home a makeover or you're in the market for a new home, here are some home trends to look for in 2021.

Grandmillennial and Cottagecore styles take focus

These new names of two defining decor trends are becoming more fluent in the interior design world. Cottagecore grew popularity through social media and during quarantine, but it's definitely a more wholesome feel. It's taking the feel of living the life in a cottage out in the country, but bringing that vibe to our homes no matter where we live.

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Cottagecore is also centered around a cozy feeling, focusing on the simpler pleasures of living: softer colors, decor that has a functional purpose, and interiors that reflect hobbies such as knitting and gardening. Think of a fairytale brought to life through accents and textiles in your home.

For the Grandmillennial style, think all the comforts of grandma's home: vintage touches, patterns, needlepoint, nostalgia and adding a touch of modern vibes of bold colors, coordinating patterns, or even the soft touch of a velvet couch. It's the perfect, modern way to display the family heirlooms.





Trending colors and designs

Neutrals, browns and beiges are definitely creeping their way back into decor. There also seems to be a turn towards the warmer undertones of white as opposed to the true, pure white. While it may seem that neutral is the front runner, the color of the year selections by all the paint companies show a wide range of softer to bolder color choices. Again, the focus is turning back to creating a space that is comfortable based on your own personal preference.

Rattan furniture and caning don't appear to be going anywhere soon either. Even the trend of adding caning to pieces of furniture people already have on hand is gaining popularity. Speaking of furniture, it's no longer expected that all furniture needs to match, as long as the pieces flow within the space.

It also appears that the love for wallpaper is not going anywhere any time soon. Peel-and-stick wallpaper is a super popular choice for people still not quite ready to make the commitment that comes with regular paste wallpaper.

Home layout trends no longer focus on open concept living spaces

Prior to the coronavirus and quarantines, the open concept living space was ideal. It allowed for multiple people in a family to function doing different tasks, yet still able to hold conversations, watch TV, or even just see one another. Now that more members of a family are working or learning from home, having enough spaces for everyone to have a quiet space and less distractions is key, especially during video conferences.

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Rooms are also finding multi-functional uses other than what they were originally designated. Dining rooms during the day function as work spaces, while at night, they transform back to a place to enjoy dinner together. Even home offices are getting a major facelift due to the shift in needs.

Having everyone in the family together for longer periods of time may also mean there need to be more spaces to get away and relax. Basements are gaining popularity, especially building them out to be something other than storage. Creating spa bathrooms where anyone can enjoy a relaxing bath or soothing shower are also trendy additions. Some homeowners are realizing they may actually need a little more space after all that their current home cannot handle.

Taking advantage of the booming market

Homeowners are reevaluating their current dwellings and deciding to move to warmer climates, closer to the areas they love, or even finding a home to better fit their needs. Despite all that happened in 2020, the real estate market is on fire, with no idea when it will actually cool. Those looking to move are finding that the inventory is really low, which is ideal for sellers, causing buyers to realize they have to act fast. Along with the hot market, interest rates are also ideal making it the perfect storm to find the home of your dreams, even during a global pandemic.

While we still have no idea how the next year will actually look like in the outside world, homeowners are focusing inside their homes. Taking a pause in the hustle and bustle of everyday life, homeowners are reinventing the functionality of their homes. All of the design trends for 2021 are centered to create a home that brings a sense of comfort and calm at a time when so much still seems uncertain. 

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The Slaughter House, built in 1845 by Dr. Martin Slaughter just south of the Marietta Square, has been lovingly restored by Marsha Perrewe Durham.

Saving Slaughter

STORY BY
KATY RUTH CAMP

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A clear vision, some tested patience and a lot of grace can go a long way when renovating a historic home. Marsha Perrewe Durham certainly found this to be true when a chance conversation with friends led her to restoring, loving on and living in a 176-year-old home in an area that is finally getting a lot of love, too.

Downtown Marietta is typically synonymous with the neighborhoods just north of the Marietta Square. Church Street, Cherokee Street, Kennesaw Avenue and all of their connecting neighborhoods have been on countless home tours, featured in magazines and revered by many. But the homes just south of the Square, many of which are just as old and just as beautiful, have often been overlooked.

Today, a drive down East or West Dixie Avenues, Frasier Street or Manget Street will show that change has certainly come.

Enter The Slaughter House on Frasier Street. Yes, Marsha's 3-bedroom, 2-bath, 1,800-square-foot house really is named The Slaughter House, as historic homes often take the names of their first owners and hers was Dr. Martin Slaughter.

"It's a great name for a doctor, right?!" Marsha said, with a laugh. "I thought when I bought it that maybe we need to try to change the name, but it just kind of stuck and we just have



Marsha shares the home with her rescue dog, Parker.



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fun with it. We live in The Slaughter House, and I'm not sure many people can say that."

According to Marsha, the home was built in 1845 by Dr. Slaughter and his family, though he wasn't able to enjoy it long as he died at the young age of 52. The home changed hands several times before it landed in hers in the summer of 2019. It had even been converted into a duplex when she took on the renovations.

Marsha, who has two grown daughters, Olivia and Reagan Durham, and works in the front office of Marietta High School, was no stranger to renovating homes. She had completed the renovations on two homes on South Avenue in Marietta when she was at a dinner party and struck up a conversation with her friends Angela and Cliff Poston, whose family owns the 50-year-old residential development company Traton Homes. The company was in the process of building nearly 50 homes off of Marietta's Frasier Street in a subdivision called Grammercy Park.

"We were talking about some of the other houses that I had renovated and I just started showing them some pictures and Cliff said, 'You know, we have this home that we acquired as part of the deal for Grammercy Park. It's a historic property, so we either have to move it because of its significance or we need to renovate it. And we're in the business of building new homes, not renovating old ones.' So the next morning, I got the keys and just knew it was a diamond in the rough – my diamond," Marsha said.



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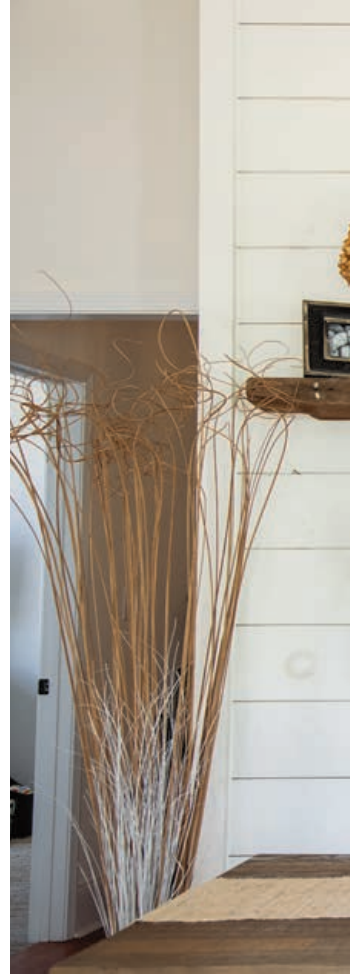
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But her diamond was one that needed a great deal of polishing. She knocked out the wall and doors in the front area that had made it a duplex, rewired the electrical work, worked with Cobb Landmarks & Historical Society to bring everything up to code and accomplished several feats before even beginning to beautify the 1845 home.

Marsha enlisted the help of two local Chrises – Chris Bailey and Chris Michaels – to serve as the general contractors for the restoration, a job she said they did beautifully but that she was also still very involved in, including her fair share of manual labor. Throughout the renovations, Marsha found many treasures, such as old support beams that needed replacing but found new uses in her home as tables and mantles, and tiny medicine bottles she thinks – hopes – were from Dr. Slaughter’s time with the home. She keeps the treasures on her kitchen island as a reminder of the home’s past, which she said also includes stories of serving as a Civil War hospital.

Today, Marsha is happy to make the cozy, historic home her own, and will often take advantage of the five-minute walk to the Marietta Square for the farmer’s market or to meet friends for a drink. She has also turned the home and its yards into entertaining spots for friends with quarterly outdoor concerts and chili cook-offs.

“I’ve flipped many homes, but it would be hard to turn the keys of this one over to someone else,” she said. “This is home.” 



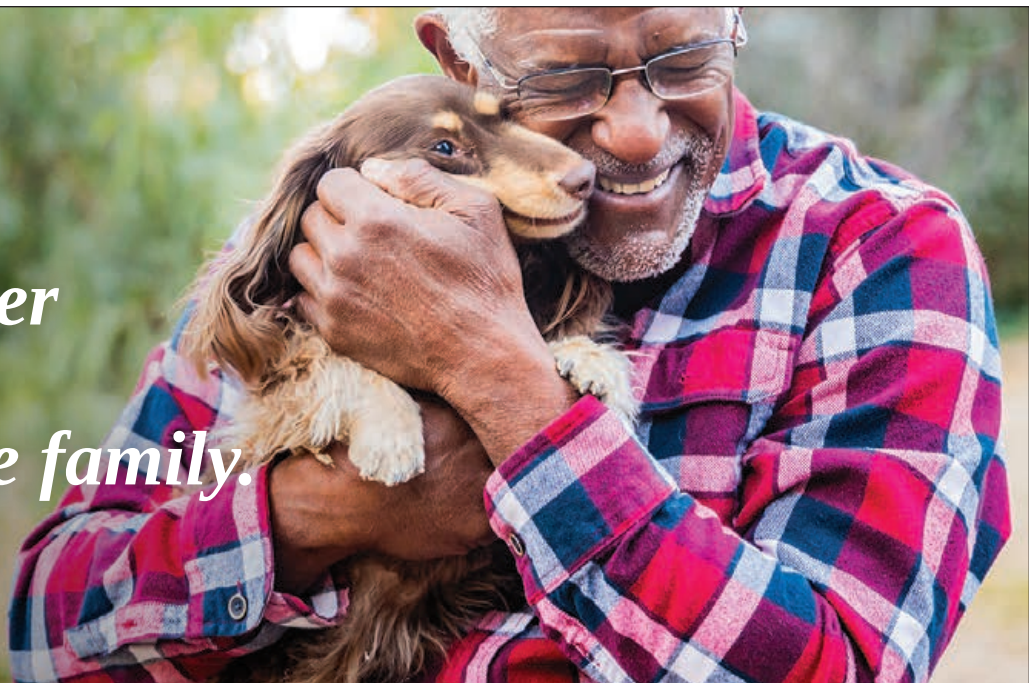
Although her daughter, Reagan Durham, now lives in Buckhead, she said she loves coming to visit her mother at her new/old home. "There's just something magical about it," she said.



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A man with a beard and a black cap is digging in a garden. He is wearing a grey t-shirt and is holding a shovel. A large clump of dark soil is being lifted by the shovel. The background is a lush green garden with trees and foliage. The entire scene is framed by a circular border with a dotted green line.

Spring

is a time of beautiful blooms and gorgeous greens. But it is also a time when those dreaded weeds make themselves known, too. Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County members Joy Chanin and JoAnne Newman answer some of the most common questions about our native weeds, how to spot them and how to rid them of our yards and gardens.



Blue Grass

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WHERE CAN YOU PURCHASE HORTICULTURAL VINEGAR?

JoAnne did a quick search – looks like you can buy online and at some “Big Box” stores. Check with your local hardware and garden supply stores as well.

TIPS ON USING HOT WATER AS A WEED KILLER:

Hot water and any contact herbicides need to be used ONLY on the plants that you want to kill. You must be careful with boiling water, as it will kill roots on plants like nearby, desirable plants.

I HAVE WHAT I BELIEVE IS PRIVET, OR CHINESE PRIVET.

The birds and bees seem to like it, with some bird nests. Isn't privet invasive? Should I remove it?

YES! Chinese privet (*Ligustrum Sienese*) is extremely invasive in our area. As Cobb Master Gardener Becky Blades put it: “Never leave privet for the birds!”



Chinese Privet

MY PRIVET WITH NESTS

(NOTE: we assumed birds nests)

is blocking where I want to grow a food garden, but I don't want to disturb pollinators. I don't have many sunny spots to work with.

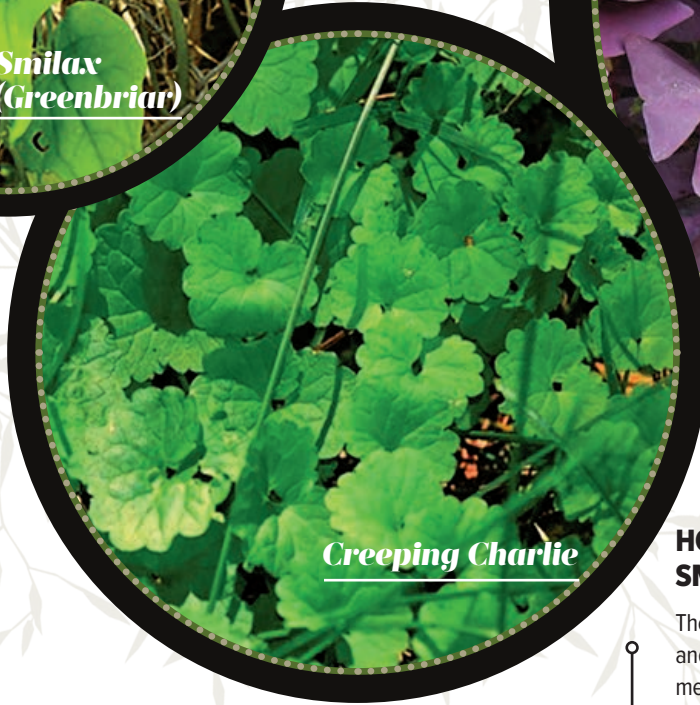
The best solution for this situation is to remove the privet when the birds have left the nest, establish your vegetable garden and surround it with native and non-invasive pollinator plants! Here is a list of great substitutes that make the birds, bees, vegetables and Mother Nature happy!

I HAVE TOO MUCH BLUE GRASS (POA ANNUA). OTHER THAN HERBICIDE, ANY IDEAS TO REMOVE?

Annual bluegrass can produce 2,000 seeds per plant. It is easy plant to pull if you start as soon as you see any growing. It is a winter weed, which can be seen from September/October through May. Conditions that are favorable for annual bluegrass may include compacted soil, high fertility soil, moist fertile soil, poorly drained soil or too much shade. Annual bluegrass seeds can sprout as low as ½ inch above the ground. pre- and Post emergent treatment can help in controlling it.



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Oxalis

HOW DO YOU BEST GET RID OF SMILAX (GREENBRIAR)?

The rhizomes of smilax are often found buried deep in the soil and are difficult to find and remove. The two recommended methods are digging out the rhizome or, if not possible, cutting the vine within a few inches of the ground and, while the cut is fresh and wearing gloves, paint the cut vine with a vine killer. As Becky Blades points out in her yard, it is often easiest spotted in the winter, when leaves are off the trees and the vines are seen up the trunks and among the branches (unless you literally run into it – ouch)!

I HAVE CREEPING CHARLIE ALL OVER MY YARD, ABOUT A HALF ACRE.

Is there any way to get it out besides pulling or chemical assault? I live on the Yellow River and am concerned about run off.

While hand removal is best when working around your desired plants, this weed can be treated with herbicides containing Dicamba. Just remember, we are in a warmer climate zone, so applications of any herbicide will vary. If it is taking over your lawn, it's best to build a healthy lawn and get this weed out of your grass!

Moral to the story: Read the LABEL and carefully follow the instructions with this or any other chemical.

I HAVE A REAL PROBLEM WITH OXALIS.

I even see it sold in stores, but it is almost impossible to kill when it is within other plants.

Maybe this is why we love it in pots! As one of our participants pointed out, the plant grows from rhizomes. They kind of look like pineapples or pine cones. Like all weeds, you need to be sure to dig up the entire root system to assure that they won't grow back.

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WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST FOR KILLING CLOVER OR, A.K.A., WOOD SORREL?

Wood sorrel is another name for the oxalis plant. Small plants can easily be handpicked or dug as they appear before they flower or form seed. Removal of all vegetative portions of the plant, including roots and rhizomes, is important. Rhizomes can be easily removed when soil is moist. Do not place the weeds with seeds in compost bins for reuse in the landscape. A light layer of mulch in landscape beds and around flowers and shrubs will aid in preventing further germination of oxalis seeds. The seeds require light for germination, so limiting light to the seedbed with mulch will reduce the numbers of new oxalis plants. Maintenance of healthy, dense lawns will create less space for oxalis to invade. Lawn maintenance should adhere to fertilizer and lime recommendations obtained from soil test results combined with proper mowing height and frequency requirements.

I SOMEHOW HAVE ONIONS GROWING IN MY YARD. HOW TO GET RID OF THEM?

All are members of the allium family and are similarly treated. How do you know the difference? Snip and smell. Wild garlic is particularly problematic in lawns. They become a mass of tiny bulbs that are very stable underground and either need to be completely removed, constantly trimmed back (just to annoy them) or chemically treated.

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO GET RID OF SPOTTED SPURGE?

It grows in my yard and cracks in my sidewalk constantly.

In an area that you never intend to grow desirable plants, you can use horticultural vinegar, boiled water or an herbicide. It is hard to get out the roots in concrete cracks. When it grows in your garden beds or lawn, you can try to hand pull them, but be careful to get the entire plant, root and seeds. All spurges reproduce by seed, and creeping spurge also can produce roots along the stem, creating new plants. Presence of spurge can indicate possible nematode infestation or compacted soil. When spurge is wet, the seeds will stick to things like the bottom of your shoes or animal fur. Prevent an infestation by removing the weed from your landscape before it begins to produce seed. Feed your lawn regularly and mow it at the proper height to help keep the turf full and dense to ensure that this non-competitive plant won't have room to grow.



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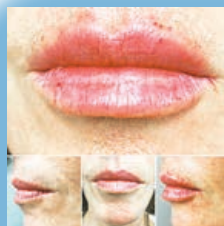
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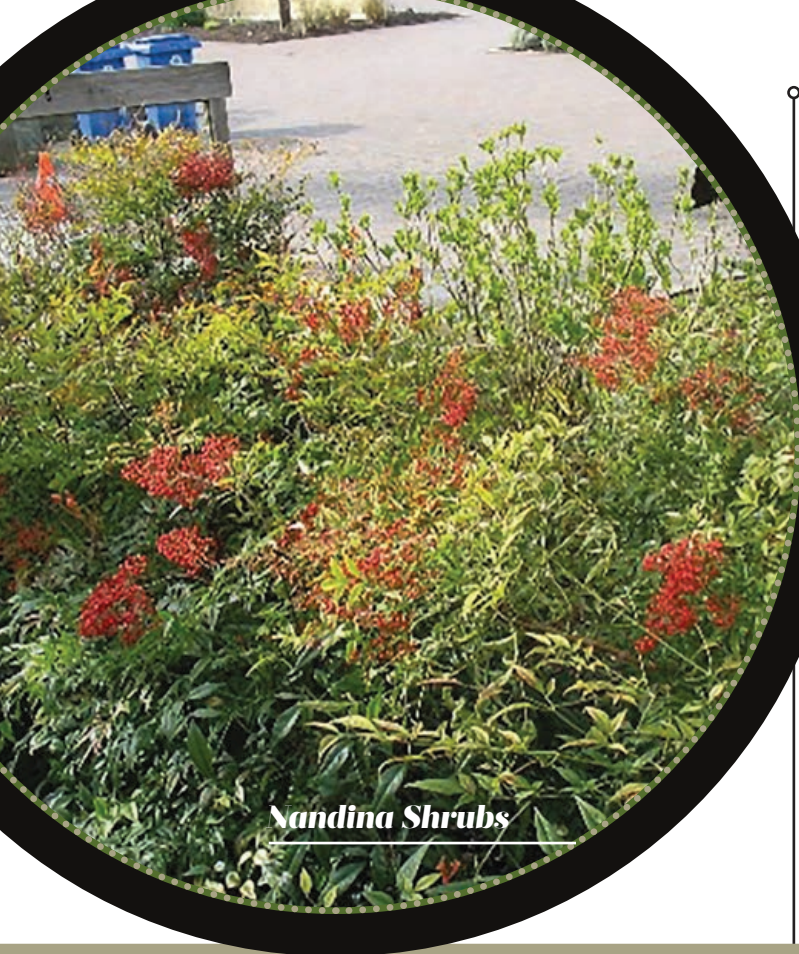
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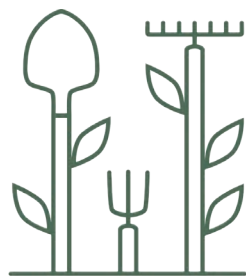
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WHAT COMES AROUND CERTAINLY GOES AROUND FOR CHRIS AND YVONNE JOHNSON. AND IN THE BEST WAYS POSSIBLE.

The husband-and-wife team behind Marietta-based design/build firm Reclaimed Karma takes a sustainable approach to their home improvement projects, often using reclaimed wood, antique furniture and other sustainable sources to create beautiful, new spaces.

“We really felt like we wanted to make sure people knew that we believe in karma, and especially good karma, so that they know that whatever we do, we’re going to make it right,” Yvonne said. “And because we do dabble in the reclaim space, it’s a way of bringing things back around full circle, to bring good karma by being sustainable and making use of things with a history.”

If the karma couple looks familiar, it’s for good reason.

“Reclaimed Reno” has aired several times on the DIY Network, with the pilot featuring the Johnsons renovating a local Marietta family’s home with reclaimed items and plenty of custom work.

The show followed the couple as they renovated the house in

just the course of two weeks, but Yvonne said she and Chris worked with the couple for another month just to make sure everything was the way the family wanted it, and in good shape, too.

“You hear these horror stories where people are on home renovation shows and then, when the crew leaves, the homeowners are left with this house that looks pretty but the construction is a nightmare. We definitely did not want that to happen. While the crew just moves on to the next project, this is our community and this is our business, so we wanted to bring good karma and make sure everyone was happy,” Yvonne said.

The couple said they have their fair share of the wild stories one might expect to come from

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Chris and Yvonne Johnson, the husband-and-wife team behind Reclaimed Karma, pose in front of the massive door inside Two Birds Taphouse on the Marietta Square. They created the 8x10-foot, 400-pound door out of tarnished steel, plywood boards and reclaimed wood from the restaurant's interior walls.



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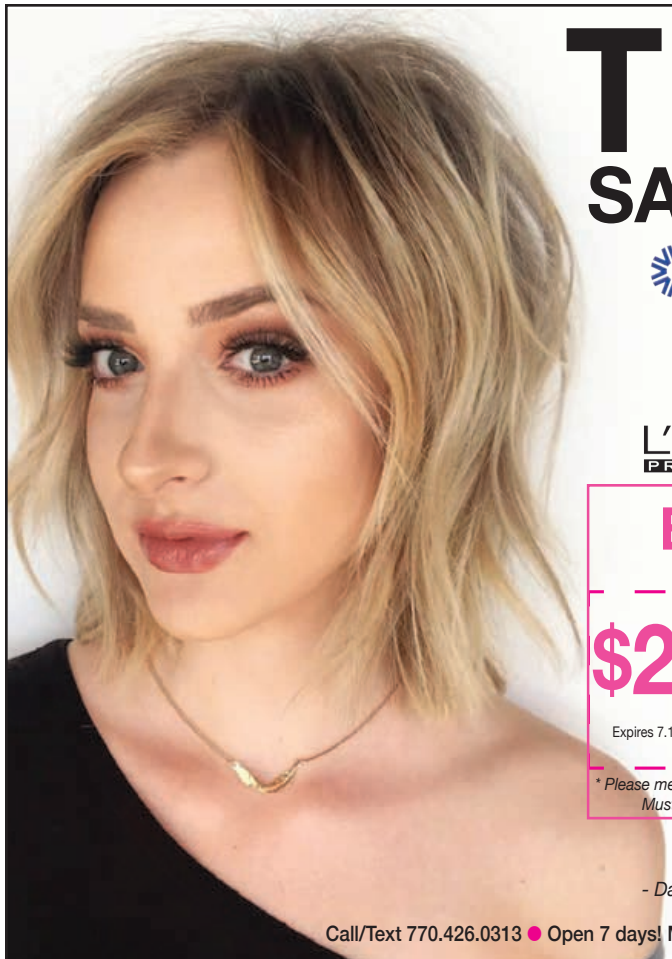
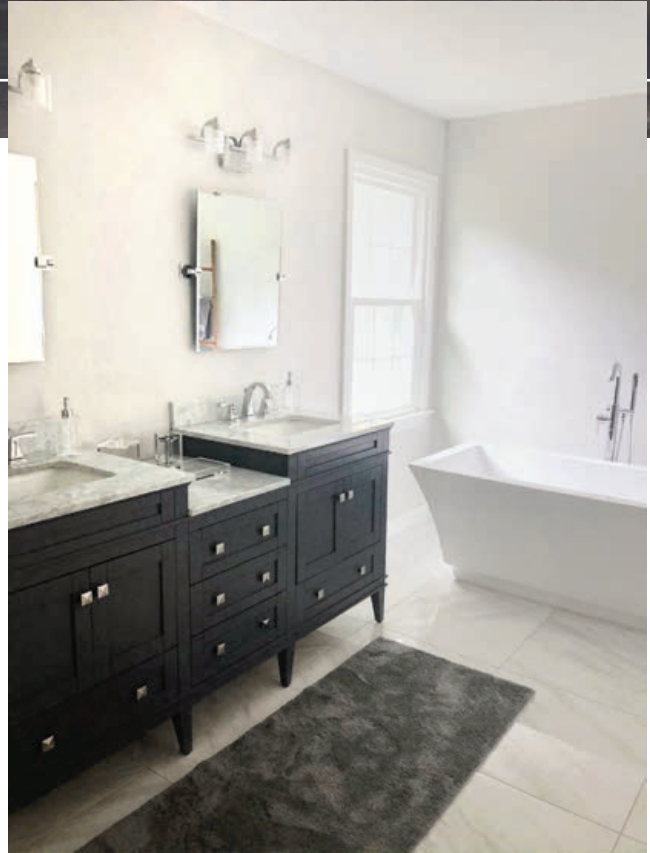
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knocking on random people's doors for their "trash" or lumber.

"We would go to these lumberyards or drive by places in the middle of nowhere and see a bunch of pallets or something and Chris would say, 'You knock,'" Yvonne said, with a laugh. "And this guy would come out with no teeth. And he's looking at us like, 'What is going on?' And we're looking at him like, 'Oh, this is strange.' But they're such great people, when you get to know them."

"We've had a lot of experiences like that," Chris added. "It teaches you a lot about people, both of the stereotype we had and one he probably had about me, too. But when you get down to it, get past that, they'll start talking to you and offer you a beer and just want to talk to you about what they've got going on."

Chris himself might be familiar to those who have been in Marietta for a while. He graduated from Marietta High School in 1998 and played fullback for the football



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team, for which he received the coveted “Be Somebody” award from his coaches.

Yvonne and Chris moved their family to Marietta eight years ago, in a home that Chris said he could only dream of owning after growing up in a small apartment off of Powder Springs Road.

“It’s in the Dunleith neighborhood, and I remember walking through that community to go see friends who lived there, that I played football with at school. I remember, growing up in a two bedroom apartment, just thinking, ‘One day, I’m going to live in a neighborhood like this,’” Chris said.

Chris said the home was for sale for a while, but offers kept falling through because the investors were doing a terrible flip to the house. He would stand outside the house, pray for it to be theirs and manifest seeing his family in the home.

“My son was getting ready for high school and I knew I wanted him to go to Marietta like me. ‘Be Somebody!’” Chris said.

But Yvonne wasn’t so keen on the idea at the time.

“We were living in Smyrna and he practically had to drag me, but it was the best thing that could have ever happened to us,” she said.

And it did. His manifestations were realized when they found themselves the new owners in the Dunleith

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neighborhood he once visited. But the home still needed a lot of help. The couple hired a contractor from the neighborhood who said he could renovate their entire kitchen for \$4,800, with Chris' help. Chris was working in sales at the time and Yvonne in marketing, but Chris was handy with his side business of building furniture and creating custom pieces for friends.

"We were idiots for hiring him," Chris said. "He's riding to the house with someone else, showing up with brand new tools that he's pulling out of new bags, arriving at 10, leaving at 2, it just ended up being a complete mess."

"The house was tore up from the floor up," Yvonne added. Soon, they found themselves with the contractor and their \$4,800 gone, and much work to be done.

So Chris decided to learn from some of his construction friends, as well as "YouTube University," to finish the project himself. Thus, Reclaimed Karma began.

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Today, the couple said they have to pick and choose the projects they accept because their business has boomed. The pandemic actually helped them in some ways, as people began finally tackling the renovation projects they'd been putting off for so long. They've redone kitchens, bathrooms, work spaces, and even created the 8x10-foot, 400-pound door inside Two Birds Taphouse on the Marietta Square from reclaimed materials. Yvonne said she is more of the CFO of the company, while Chris does a lot of the design, labor and "big picture" work.

The couple is also recording online tutorials for Home Depot and has many other viewer-based projects in the works - signs that they are also enjoying good karma.

"That \$4,800 is the best money we ever could have spent and lost," Yvonne said. "It changed our lives forever and, if we saw him walking on the street, we'd tell him 'thank you' because we never would have found our callings without that experience." 📺



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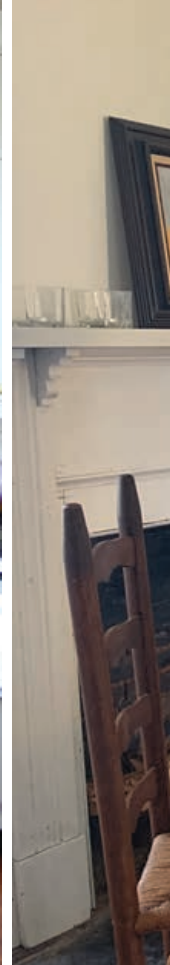


LOCATED IN THE MIDWAY COMMUNITY of Milledgeville, The Rockwell House was built in 1838 by attorney Samuel Rockwell. Perched upon 12 acres of land, including a small pond, the 7,000-square-foot house changed hands several times in its nearly 200 years. Then came the trio of Ross Sheppard, Will Walker and Jacob Hawkins, who purchased the home in 2019 and took on the massive task of restoring it and bringing it new life.





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But there are no burgundy velvet curtains, stiff antiques or hoop skirts in this house. Sheppard and his fellow investors were careful to modernize the historic property in an inviting way, while preserving its architectural and design elements.

“One of the things that we wanted to do with the house from a design standpoint was intentionally veer away from what so many people expect to see when they come to an old South house and purposely not celebrate or try to recreate that sort of setting or feeling,” Sheppard said.

“We want to honor the things about this home and the time period in which it was built that are honorable, like the craftsmanship, the artistry and the architecture, while not celebrating things about the time that it shouldn’t be celebrated,” Walker added.

The house has a storied history, once belonging to Georgia Governor Herschel Johnson, who was the governor during the 1850s and ran as vice president to Stephen Douglas against Abraham Lincoln. He was also the leader of Georgia’s anti-secession movement.

The home’s longest owners were the Ennis family, who called The Rockwell House their home from 1915 to the 1960s. In 1971, the home was sold to Cecil and Joanne Ogden, and they began to undertake their



own restoration project on the home – one that nearly burned it to the ground.

“Workers were stripping paint with a blow torch, which sounds crazy but it is a way that you can strip oil-based paint. But the people doing it didn’t know what they were doing and they set the central stairway on fire. You can still see some of the damage in places but thankfully it didn’t damage the structure of the home,” Sheppard said.

Growing up in Milledgeville, Sheppard said he was familiar with the house and watched it slowly deteriorate from the time he was a child living in Milledgeville to later an adult driving by it. So when it came on the market in 2019, Sheppard jumped at the chance to look at it.

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"From the outside, it wasn't quite to the level of Grey Gardens-esque, but it was close," Sheppard said.

But once he stepped inside, he said he saw something special in the house and that the important elements of the house itself were not nearly in as bad of shape and the exterior hinted they might be.

While restoring a 7,000-square-foot mansion from the 1830s might seem like a daunting task – and it certainly was – Sheppard was no stranger to historic real estate. He is a real estate broker with Ansley Real Estate in Atlanta and has his masters from the University of Georgia in historic preservation, so taking on the restoration and preservation of the Rockwell House was something he had seemingly been preparing for his whole life.

Thus entered Walker, who works in marketin and Hawkins, who is the executive director of the Stanley M. Herzog Charitable Foundation. Together, the three of them took on the massive task creating the next phase of The Rockwell House's life.



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"We've all grown up in small town rural communities in Georgia," Walker said. "Over the past 30 years, we've seen a disinvestment in these kinds of communities. We've seen a lot of attention go towards places like Atlanta or smaller metro areas in Georgia. And we've seen how places like this home have just been lost to history. They become dilapidated. They've had to be torn down. And so many of these places have architectural features like this home has that are priceless. They don't exist in other places."

Once all of the systems were brought up to code and the house was in good shape, they rented it to a few students studying at Milledgeville's Georgia College & State University. But the coronavirus pandemic forced them to look into other options, and the closure of the town's only historic bed and breakfast gave them a new opportunity to use the house as a rental for tourists and guests to the college.

Today, the 14-room house has four guest suites available for rent and can accommodate up to 12 overnight guests. The home can be rented by the room or the entire house can be rented for groups or families. The house and property are also available for rent for events, such as weddings and bridal showers. Although the house has seen an extensive kitchen renovation, the house stands as it was originally built, with 14-foot ceilings and 20x20-foot rooms throughout. The living room area features a self-playing piano and the front parlour has been left empty of furniture to accommodate parties and events.



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Marietta's Dana Poor knows all things home – she's the owner of Marietta-based Box-tree Designs, Inc., specializing in residential and commercial remodeling and design. She began her career in New York City in the field of Color Forecasting, spending the majority of her time traveling overseas and consulting large companies worldwide on the trends for home textiles and interiors.

As a full time working mother of two daughters and wife to Hicks Poor, a local custom home builder, Dana is always trying to find ways to save time, energy and money. Cooking for others has always been her lifelong passion so, in 2021, she decided to start her own Instagram page, @feedingpeopleismyfavorite.

"I started it because I do love cooking and, with everyone stuck at home for the most part, it became a necessity to keep it interesting and not spend a fortune," she said. "I loved the idea of building a community around it, too, because I know a lot of folks do not like cooking

at all. I try to keep it super low key and very simple."

Dana believes a good meal does not come with a hefty price tag, nor a thousand ingredients.

"You can absolutely feed your family without breaking the bank or losing your sanity and I am very passionate about showing people how," she said. "@feedingpeopleismyfavorite is something I have been wanting to do for years, but COVID-19 pushed me right into it. I had the time and I was mostly home, so I just went for it. It has far exceeded my expectations already. I have been overwhelmed by the impact it has had on both my life and the lives of others just in the last few months. People share with me heartfelt stories of struggles and joyous stories of their successes. I am having an absolute blast putting all of this together."

Although filming herself is something she's had to get used to, her family has adjusted, and even participated.

"My family has just gotten used to the fact that when mom is cooking dinner at night, there is a camera filming it," she said. "I do it all in real time and sometimes they join in. This is truly what I am feeding my people, everyday. I am just letting everyone who wants to see it a chance to watch my life in the kitchen."



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2 anchovies or one squeeze of
anchovy paste (you can leave this out
if you don't like anchovies or sub a
splash of worcestershire sauce)

1T rice vinegar
1 raw egg yolk
Salt and pepper
Blend until creamy. Set aside.

Chop one large bunch of kale as fine
as you can into strips, removing any
tough ribs. Put kale in a big bowl with
a pinch of salt and tiny bit of olive oil
and massage the kale with your hands
for 2 minutes. This really breaks down
the kale and makes this salad easy to
eat.

Meanwhile, toast 1/4 cup of bread-
crumbs in 1T EVOO, a pinch of salt and
1/2t garlic powder in a pan until
browned. I prefer panko breadcrumbs.
Let cool.

Combine kale and enough dressing to
coat and put it in the fridge for 10
minutes.

Right before serving, toss the dressed
greens with the breadcrumbs. Top with
more grated pecorino and Enjoy!



Lemon Roast Chicken with Garlicky Potatoes

Take one whole chicken with insides removed and pat dry. Set on roasting pan. Drizzle it with EVOO, salt, thyme and zest of 2 lemons.

Inside the cavity of the chicken, put a whole head of garlic halved and one lemon sliced in half.

Cut potatoes into wedges and put them in the roasting pan around the chicken. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and garlic powder. Drizzle them with EVOO.

Bake at 425 until internal temperature of the chicken is 165 degrees. Take chicken out and cover with foil, and let rest for 10 minutes before slicing .

If you want to make a pan sauce, take drippings and combine with a little butter and lemon juice and a clove of the roasted garlic from the chicken, and puree all of them in a small food processor.

Don't forget to save your bones for broth!

Penne alla Vodka

Serves 4-6

This is a dish that everyone just loves!

Get a big pot of water boiling for 1lb of penne pasta. Cook penne in salted water according to package directions.

In a large, wide sauté pan, melt 4 T butter and sauté 3 shallots minced and three garlic cloves minced until translucent. Add in 1/2 cup of vodka. Scrape pan to get up any shallot bits and cook on medium for a minute. Then add in one big can (28oz) of crushed tomatoes, one fresh tomato diced, 2T fresh basil, a pinch of salt and 1t sugar. Warm through. Add in 1/2 cup of heavy cream and reduce to a low simmer for 5 minutes. Add in 1T crushed red pepper flakes (if your family doesn't like heat, leave this out). Let simmer another 2 minutes.

Add cooked pasta to sauce and let it simmer in the sauce for several minutes. Top with grated pecorino romano.

I serve mine with baby spinach sautéed in evoo and garlic and a little salt on the side.



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Potato Leek Soup

If you have never worked with leeks before, they are sandy/dirty so you need to wash them really well. Cut off the ends with the roots and the dark green parts to where you are just left with the white and light green parts. I like to cut them lengthwise into quarters. Next, fill up a big bowl of water and throw the leeks in, separating the leaves, and agitate them so all the dirt falls to the bottom. Repeat if necessary.

Next, peel 3 pounds of red or Yukon gold potatoes and chop into cubes. Put 4 cups of water in a bowl and put the potatoes in. Let it sit. The potatoes will make the water starchy and we will use it to thicken the soup.

Melt 4T butter in a large stockpot. Cut one large onion into thin slices and chop the leeks into 1-inch pieces. Sauté until tender. Add one diced shallot and 4 cloves of garlic, leaves from 3 sprigs of fresh thyme and a bunch of finely chopped chives. Sauté for 2 minutes.

Add in potatoes and starchy water and 4t of vegetable "better than bullion" stock concentrate. Cook until potatoes are fork tender



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Add 1 cup of cream and lower to simmer. Use an immersion blender to blend to the desired consistency or regular blender, but just let it cool a little if using a blender. Salt and pepper to taste. Enjoy! This will keep several days in the fridge too. It's so delicious.

I think a BLT would be the perfect addition to make this a lovely dinner.

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In a bowl, combine 2T baking powder with 2T of lemon pepper seasoning. Press each wing into the mixture and then place on the rack.

Bake at 450 for 45 minutes. Wings should be super crispy. Toss wings in 4 T of melted butter. Serve immediately. 🍴



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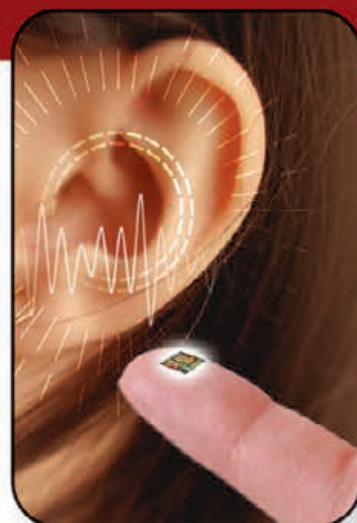
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ALBUMS

★ VAN WEEZER

Weezer
May 7

In February 2019, Weezer frontman Rivers Cuomo began working on new songs with a hard rock influence, in contrast to the pop rock and electropop sound that had been featured on the band's previous albums. He observed that when the band would perform "Beverly Hills" live in concert, he would perform a guitar solo that was not present on the recorded version of the song. "We noticed that the crowd just goes crazy when I do that. So it feels like maybe the audience is ready for some shredding again." The album is inspired by 1970s and 1980s hard rock and heavy metal bands such as Kiss, Black Sabbath, Metallica and Van Halen (the last of whom inspired the album's title.)

★ THE MARFA TAPES

Miranda Lambert, Jack Ingram
and Jon Randall
May 7

Country star Miranda Lambert has teamed up with Jack Ingram and Jon Randall to record songs for the trio's new album, "The Marfa Tapes." The tracks were written and recorded over a five-day period last fall in Marfa, Texas, the desolate town Lambert, Ingram and Randall call a "songwriting haven," where they laid down stripped-down verses outdoors with just a pair of microphones and an acoustic guitar as background noises of a crackling fire and sounds of the desert can

THE MARFA TAPES



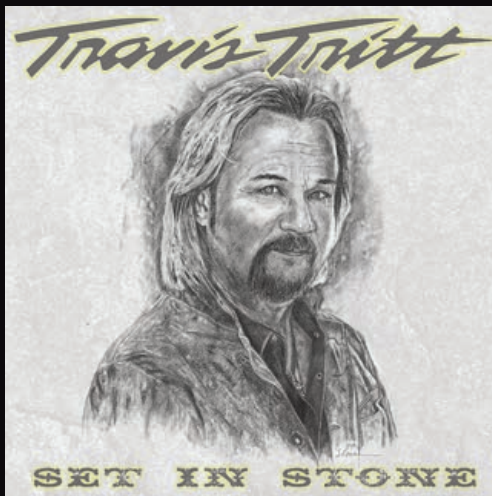
JACK INGRAM MIRANDA LAMBERT JON RANDALL

be heard. "I'll never forget pulling into Marfa that first night at 4 a.m. The stars were like nothing I'd ever seen before, just this endless blanket hanging so low you could reach up and touch them. I immediately understood why this place was so special," Lambert said in a statement.

★ SET IN STONE

Travis Tritt
May 7

Country favorite Travis Tritt is plotting a comeback. The project will mark the '90s hit maker's first full-length album of studio originals in more than a decade. A Georgia native with a rumbling, soulful baritone, Tritt scored his first number one single in 1990 ("Help Me Hold On"), and went on to post a string of memorable hits like "Here's a Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)" and "It's a Great Day to Be Alive" through the early 2000s. But his last charting single as a solo artist came in 2007, and his previous album "The Storm" arrived that same year. "Set in Stone" will feature 11 new tracks — eight of which Tritt co-wrote with notable artists such as Brent Cobb, Ashley Monroe and more.



STREAMING & MORE

★ JUPITER'S LEGACY

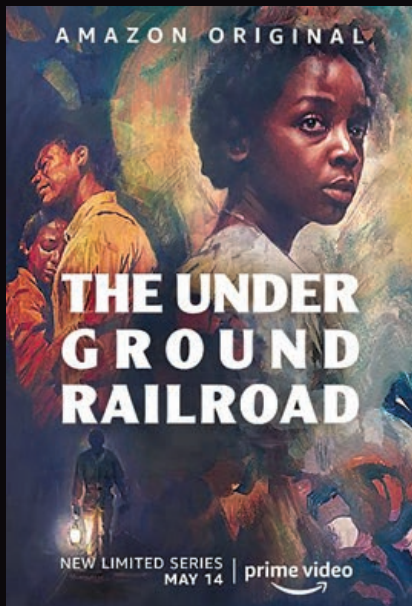
May 7
Netflix

Josh Duhamel, Ben Daniels and Leslie Bibb head the cast for a story that revolves around the present-day offspring of the world's first superheroes, who received their powers in the 1930s. The super-powered children of these superheroes struggle to live up to the legendary feats of their parents. This eight-episode adaptation of the comic book series by Mark Millar and Frank Quitely comes from showrunner and "The Walking Dead" writer Sang Kyu Kim. More Netflix projects based on the work of Millar are expected to follow in the coming years.

★ THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

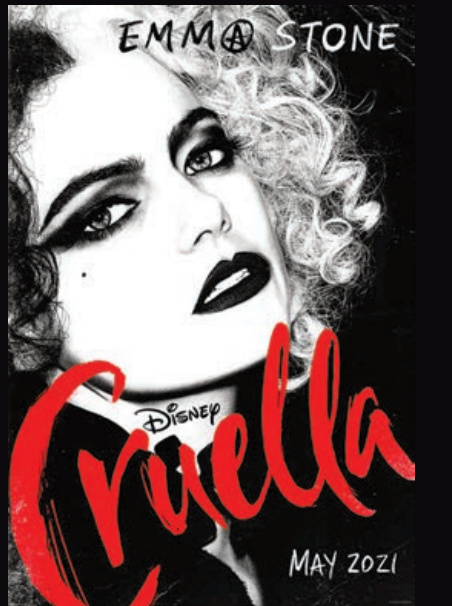
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Prime Video

Amazon's 10-episode adaptation of Colson Whitehead's Pulitzer-winning novel of the same name comes from Barry Jenkins



("Moonlight"), who directs every episode. Like the book, the series depicts an alternate history of America's 19th century South, where an escape route for slaves features a literal — rather than metaphorical — subterranean railroad. South African actress Thuso Mbedu, a newcomer to American audiences, plays the lead role of Cora, while Chase W. Dillon, Joel Edgerton, Aaron Pierre, Lily Rabe, and The Good Place's William Jackson Harper also star.

★ **CRUELLA**



May 28
Disney+

Disney's latest live-action remake of one of its animated classics stars Emma Stone as 101 Dalmatians villain Cruella de Vil — a character previously portrayed by Glenn Close in two previous live-action remakes — in an origin story set in 1970s London. Viewers can expect a slightly less comedic and more adult take, given the film's rare-for-Disney PG-13 rating. Craig Gillespie ("I, Tonya") directs a cast that also features Emma Thompson, Paul Walter Hauser and Kirby Howell-Baptiste.

★ **SUNSHINE GIRL:**



BOOKS

AN UNEXPECTED LIFE

By Julianna Margulies
May 4

As a bubbly child, Julianna was bestowed with the family nickname "Sunshine Girl." Shuttled back and forth between her divorced parents, often on different continents, she quickly learned how to be of value to her eccentric mother and her absent father. Raised in fairly unconventional ways in various homes in Paris, England, New York, and New Hampshire, Julianna found that her role among the surrounding turmoil and uncertainty was to comfort those around her, seeking organization among the disorder, making her way in the world as a young adult and eventually an award-winning actress.

★ SECOND PLACE

By Rachel Cusk
May 4

A woman invites a famous artist to use her guesthouse in the remote coastal landscape where she lives with her family. Powerfully

drawn to his paintings, she believes his vision might penetrate the mystery at the center of her life. But as a long, dry summer sets in, his presence itself becomes an enigma — and disrupts the calm of her secluded household. "Second Place" is a study of fate and privilege, the intricacies of human relationships, and the moral questions that animate our lives. It reminds us of art's capacity to uplift, and to destroy.

★ GREAT CIRCLE

By Maggie Shipstead
May 25

After being rescued as infants from a sinking ocean liner in 1914, Marian and Jamie Graves are raised by their dissolute uncle in Missoula, Montana. There — after encountering a pair of barnstorming pilots passing through town in beat-up biplanes — Marian commences her lifelong love affair with flight. At fourteen she drops out of school and finds an unexpected and dangerous patron in a wealthy bootlegger



who provides a plane and subsidizes her lessons, an arrangement that will haunt her for the rest of her life, even as it allows her to fulfill her destiny: circumnavigating the globe by flying over the North and South Poles.



Ben and Linda Brackner pose in their new restaurant, The Green Room of Mableton. The space will also offer alcohol, live music and art. By Hunter Riggall

PHOTO BY THE GREEN ROOM

The Green Room of Mableton opens with eclectic mix of food, drink and entertainment

BY HUNTER RIGGALL

Visitors to The Green Room of Mableton, a massive, 4,800-square foot space in a nondescript strip mall, may wonder what they're walking into. It's part-pizza joint, part-concert venue, part-café, part-art gallery and part-bar.

That all-in-one style is intentional. The Green Room is technically classified as a restaurant, and its owners plan to keep it that way by making sure more than 50% of sales are from food. But they also have ambitious plans to offer a range of events, food and drink to a diverse group of customers.

Linda Brackner co-owns the restaurant with her husband, Ben. Ben has worked in a number of pizza restaurants and took his experience and love of cooking pizza to the restaurant. His pride and joy is a 4,000-pound Italian-made, wood-fired pizza oven, which is visible from the dining areas, is the focal point of the restaurant, the signature product.

For now, they have a bar offering craft beer and wine, with plans to get a liquor license in the future. There are also plans to sell house-made ice cream and organic soda. They may end up hosting a tea party or offer performance art and other theatrical acts.

"It's steps, you know," Linda said. "You want to grow into it, so that you're not overwhelming yourself. And it gives kind of a freshness to what you're doing."

The name is a reference to the green room, a term for a backstage area where artists hang out before and after performing.

The Green Room's green room is nicknamed "The Grizz Room," in honor of a now-deceased friend and musician whose nickname was "Grizz."

Going forward, the Brackners plan to have free shows in the early evening for families, followed by ticketed shows after 9 p.m.

Formerly occupied by a music store, the space was empty for years. When they picked

it out, the only other business in the strip mall was a Dollar General.

"We picked the worst plaza in the area, to make the biggest impact and the biggest difference," Linda said.

For now, The Green Room's capacity is 169 people with socially distanced tables. They hope to increase that when the pandemic ends.

"We want to show people that you can have fun, you can make changes in the world and be a positive role, through food, through music through community," Linda said. "That's what we're trying to accomplish here."

Cobb resident and real-life Rosie the Riveter honored with Congressional Gold Medal

BY HUNTER RIGGALL

A local trailblazer and real-life Rosie the Riveter was honored at the Aviation History and Technology Center in late March.

Cobb County resident Earline Gaither, 95,



Earline Gaither poses in front of a World War II-era Jeep at the Aviation History and Technology Center in Marietta. PHOTO BY HUNTER RIGGALL

worked at the Willow Run plant near Detroit during World War II, helping to manufacture B-24 Liberator heavy bombers.

Gaither oiled the bombers' guns, installed flying instruction pockets and installed curtains on the windows. With the passage of the Rosie the Riveter Congressional Gold Medal Act last December, she became a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal for her work.

Jean Ousley represented the Atlanta chapter of the American Rosie the Riveter Foundation at the ceremony. Congress recognized Rosie the Riveter Day on March 21. The holiday isn't yet permanent, but Gaither was happy to get out of the house amid the pandemic.

"I'm glad to get out this morning, I don't care if it's cold," she said, accepting the award.

Gaither and her husband Ralph moved to Michigan from rural Mississippi, where they grew up, shortly after the war began. Ralph Gaither was denied from service during the war three times due to a heart condition, but also worked in the Willow Run factory to build bombers. After the war, the couple moved to Kansas, before settling in Georgia. He died last year, at the age of 100.

Gaither spoke about working nine-hour shifts to put out a new plane every hour. By the end of the war, the plant had produced 6,972 bombers.

"We didn't play around. So that's why I don't remember too much about it. Ninety-five years will do a little bit to you," she joked.

Gaither's brother-in-law was killed on the island of Guam in the Pacific Theater.

"We had to bear the burdens of people dying in the war," she said. "You know, everybody we knew had somebody."

Larry Robert, a former Navy chaplain who works for hospice VITAS Healthcare, spoke at the ceremony.

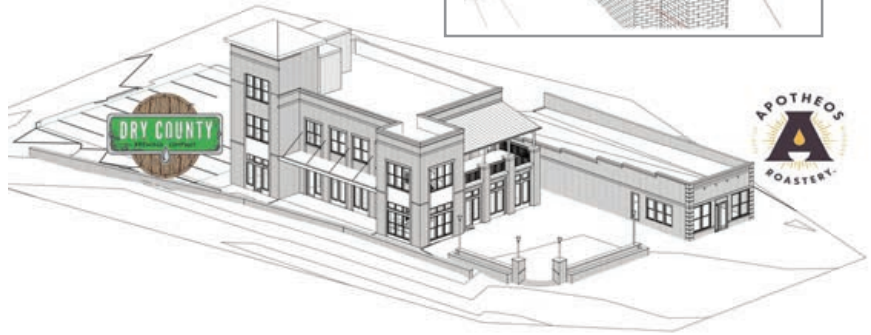
"We want the Greatest Generation to know that we are here for them, and we support them," Robert said. "And we want to thank them and let them know how appreciative we are for them, for helping us to be where we are today."

In her speech and in an interview with the Marietta Daily Journal, Gaither recounted stories from the war period, such as seeing Charles Lindbergh at the factory.

"You can't visualize what it was like ... we had to do without a lot, just a different life. I tell both of (my children) that I've lived in two different worlds," Gaither said, referring to the time before the war and after.

Renderings shows possible plans for the upcoming Apotheos Coffeehouse and Dry County Brewing Company taproom.

RENDERINGS PROVIDED BY DRY COUNTY AND APOTHEOS



Gaither and her husband used to drive across the border into Canada to eat a steak. They lived in a time of rations and shortages. On weekends, they'd go to the movies, mainly to see newsreels about the war. They ran a side hustle to earn extra money — driving cars down from Michigan to sell in Mississippi, before taking the bus back.

Gaither posed for pictures beside a World War II jeep, courtesy of the Marietta Museum of History. At the same time, by pure coincidence, four T-38 Talon supersonic jet trainers flew overhead. Squinting in the late morning sun, leaning against the Jeep, Gaither looked up and watched them circle.

"Fitting," an attendee said.

Taproom and coffeehouse get OK from Kennesaw council

BY SHANNON BALLEW

The northwest corner of Kennesaw's North Main Street and J.O. Stephenson Avenue intersection is closer to becoming a taproom, coffeehouse and plaza.

The Kennesaw City Council recently approved conceptual designs for a new Dry County Brewing taproom, a coffeehouse for Apotheos Roastery next door and the Common Grounds Plaza connecting the two.

The second location for Dry County, the new taproom will be a two-story building with rooftop access, said Trey Sinclair, founder and president of the brewery.

"It should kind of be an extension of our existing brand," he said. "We will have 30-plus taps. Obviously, at Dry County, we do beer, spirits and ciders, so we'll have all of that there. Kennesaw is an open container

district downtown, so you'll be able to order beer at the brewery, take it and walk around the city, which will be really cool, and visit a bunch of the other restaurants that are downtown."

There will also be a restaurant inside the new space. It won't be a Dry County-owned restaurant, but patrons will be able to order and eat from the taproom.

The roastery will renovate an existing building there, the site of the former Whistle Stop Cafe. They will restore the old door and windows looking into the plaza, according to a business plan given to city officials.

Apotheos Coffeehouse will have a breakfast and lunch menu developed in part by The Nest, a sister Kennesaw business. They plan to serve coffee cocktails to be paired with desserts from Gabriel's in Marietta.

The coffeehouse is expected to open near the end of this year or in January 2022.

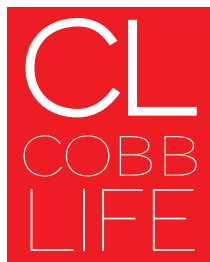
MUST Ministries offering healthcare services to uninsured, impoverished

BY CHART RIGGALL

MUST Ministries has expanded its slate of social services to include a full-service primary care clinic in Cobb and Cherokee counties, and wants to spread the word: there's plenty of care to go around.

The Marietta-based non-profit kicked off the program last June, in the hopes of expanding healthcare access to uninsured and impoverished residents. Currently, the service operates out of MUST's Mercy Care clinic at 1407 Cobb Parkway in Marietta on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with a

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mobile clinic operating one day per month in Canton.

Cheryl Haire, MUST's senior director of Strategic Partnerships and Community Outreach, says the clinic came out of "a distinct need in this community for quality health care." To that end, the services aren't limited to blood pressure checks or handing out aspirin.

As Haire explained, the clinic provides primary care, women's health services, prescription management, counseling for substance abuse and depression, and a host of other services. And if patients need help with something the clinic doesn't provide, MUST will refer them to a specialist through Wellstar Health System's Graduate Medical Education program.

Access also isn't limited to those in the direst of straits.

"There's a public misunderstanding that Mercy Care is just a homeless clinic," Haire said in a news release, "but it's open to the entire community."

Any local resident who lives on an income at or below the federal poverty

line — \$26,500 for a family of four — or is uninsured can receive care from the clinic, at a significant discount. The clinic operates on a sliding scale which determines what the patient will pay.

For example, Haire said, any member of a family of four whose total income is \$25,750 would only be charged a \$35 co-pay for their visit.

"They may or may not charge you for other services," Haire added, "But it would be very, very, very reduced. You would get a giant discount."

Thus far, the program has successfully served 394 unique patients for a total of 542 visits. But Mercy Care says it has room to grow to serve even more patients. MUST has included flyers for the clinic in the meal kits it distributes, and is reaching out to its homeless constituents as well.

"It's important for people to know that we are a quality medical care clinic," Haire said, "that really has a heart to serve, and wants to see our community be healthy. Anybody is welcome."



Nurse practitioner Pam Spearman examines Jenelle Charlton-Broomes in the Mercy Care Clinic at MUST Ministries.

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Cobb virtual school next year includes high school hybrid and supplemental classes

BY SHANNON BALLEW

Cobb County School District's virtual options next year will include full-time remote learning for all grades, plus hybrid and supplemental options for high schoolers.

Students who don't choose the virtual option can still attend their neighborhood school in person. Both options will be five days a week, Monday to Friday.

Jennifer Lawson, the district's chief academic officer, presented options for virtual instruction for the 2021-22 school year Thursday to school board members: a full-time remote option for elementary school-aged students, full-time remote for sixth through 12th grade, and blended and supplemental programs for high schoolers.

The elementary school option will enroll students in their home school to learn remotely. Students will participate in live instruction and learn independently.



In this file photo, kindergarten teacher Amy Eubanks shows her virtual classroom setup at Murdock Elementary School.

Though students will be enrolled at a specific school, they will be in a geographic "cluster" and may learn from a teacher at another school, district staff said.

Middle and high school-aged students will be able to enroll in the Cobb Online Learning Academy, according to the district. As in

the elementary option, they will have live instruction and independent work.

Students will be enrolled in the academy, rather than their home school, and may be able to take classes from teachers based at various schools in the district.

High school students will be able to take a



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combination of in-person and virtual classes through Cobb Horizon High School, the district's alternative school. Teachers there will be full-time and based at the school.

The last virtual option is a supplemental program called Cobb Virtual Academy. Its students would stay enrolled in their local school and would work independently. These classes will be led by part-time, adjunct educators.

Superintendent Chris Ragsdale has said the district's goal for next school year is to generally have teachers either giving in-person or virtual instruction, but not both at the same time. Some teachers may have a schedule that consists of some in-person and some virtual classes.

Marietta 10-year-old publishes book on climate change

BY SHANNON BALLEW

A 10-year-old in Marietta has self-published a book that he hopes will help support efforts



Siresh Subash, 10, was joined by his family for his book signing event: his father, Subash Arumugam, mother Devi Thulasiraman and his 4-year-old sister, Nivisha Subash, and his principal, Tricia Patterson.

against climate change.

Sirish Subash, who is in fourth grade at the Marietta Center for Advanced Academics, released his first book, "Carbon Block Puzzle," in March at Amazon and Barnes and Noble. His school held a book signing for him to celebrate.

The book explains the basic science of climate change through the mobile game Block Puzzle, a Tetris-like puzzle solver involving fitting shapes together.

The book also describes the effects of climate change and encourages people to prevent it, the author said.

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Subash said he was first inspired to write the book after watching the documentary “Before the Flood” featuring Leonardo DiCaprio. He worked on the book for about two years.

“Climate change is an issue that has huge impacts on the future of Earth,” he said. “If we don’t take action to prevent it now, we might not have a chance to save humanity from it.”

Subash’s father, Subash Arumugam, said his son had a specific vision for his book early on and saw it through to completion, including designing the book cover. His mother, Devi Thulasiraman, said he made sure the writing for the book was in his own words.

“I’m really proud to see this,” Arumugam said.

The Marietta Center for Advanced Academics was the first customer for the book, after the author’s parents. Principal Tricia Patterson said she bought 14 copies – two for the school and one for each of the libraries in Marietta City Schools.

“It doesn’t surprise me in the least because he’s brighter than any student I’ve ever worked with,” she said. “It’s so neat for him...He’ll be successful at all he does, but he’s so humble, that’s the best part. His personality is just amazing.”

The young author said he already has “ideas on the drawing board” for a second book, which will be a fictional novel set in a future world where climate change has not been stopped.

“Carbon Block Puzzle” is \$15.99 for a print copy and \$3.99 on Kindle.



Chicken Salad Chick, the nation’s only Southern-inspired, fast-casual chicken salad restaurant concept, recently announced the relocation of its headquarters from Auburn, Alabama, to Cobb County.

Chicken Salad Chick announces headquarters relocation to Cobb County

BY DAMON POIRIER

The company’s new office will be located in Vinings at the Overlook II building — across the street from its Vinings restaurant — housing the leadership team of approximately 40 current and new employees. Chicken Salad Chick expects 17 Auburn-based corporate employees to transition to the new headquarters through May 2021. The remaining 20 positions will be filled by local talent.

Chicken Salad Chick was founded by Stacy Brown and her late husband Kevin Brown in 2008.

Despite industry challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chicken Salad Chick’s growth trajectory is highlighted by the opening of 37 new stores in 2020, with 26 of them since June. This comes on the heels of 44 new restaurants opened in 2019 and sets the stage for an estimated 40 more openings slated for 2021. The brand will continue its expansion to four more states within the next two years and projects a portfolio of 500 locations by the end of 2025.

Chicken Salad Chick hired nearly a dozen corporate positions locally in Atlanta throughout 2020 that will manage and support the rapid growth of the brand throughout the Southeast and Midwest. Chicken Salad Chick promoted three Atlanta-based executives to its C-suite, including Jim Thompson as chief operating officer, Terry McKee as chief development officer and Tom Carr as chief marketing officer. Most recently, Atlantans Marianna Magee, Jon Musser, Mary Lou Atkins and Kim Bolinger were named director of marketing, director of supply chain, vice president of human resources and director of operations for the Atlanta market, respectively.

Georgia is home to 32 Chicken Salad Chick locations, the largest number in any state across the brand’s footprint of 17 states.

Existing locations in Cobb County include Kennesaw, Marietta and Vinings.

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