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You voted. We tallied. After one wild, crazy and challenging year, many of Cobb County’s small businesses prevailed in both keeping the doors open and in our 2021 Best of Cobb contest. Here is the full list of your first, second and third place winners, and even a few tying winners.

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PIVOT.
Before 2020 and its challenges entered, hearing that word made me think of the funny scene from “Friends,” when Ross continuously yelled the word as he and his friends tried desperately to carry a sofa through a tight, New York apartment stairwell. I had no issues with the word, and maybe even liked it due to its association with one of my favorite TV shows.

Like many things, though, 2020 pretty much ruined the word for me. How many times did we hear, “We’re learning to pivot,” or “Now is the time to pivot,” or “You have to pivot?” Pivot, pivot, pivot. I’d like to pivot away from the word, and from some of 2020, but the truth is that both are going to stay with us for many years to come.

The small businesses in our community had to learn to pivot throughout 2020, including your own favorite community magazine. Just days before we planned to host 1,500 of our friends at the 2020 Best of Cobb Celebration, we had to cancel the event. The issue still went out to our readers as planned, but the in-person event brings so much excitement to the awards, to both us as well as the winners. We tried throughout the year to reschedule the celebration but, as we all know, this two-week pandemic loomed much longer than anyone expected.

Still, we pushed forward with our Best of contest and we were thrilled that our readers came through to continue to support our winners through nominating, voting and sharing. Although plans for a 2021 Best Of Cobb celebration is still being discussed, we hope that you will enjoy reading about your winners and congratulate them in your own way. Buy dinner from their restaurants, call them for your house projects, or just simply say, “Congratulations. I’m so happy that you have made it through and are celebrated.”

Just don’t ask them how they’ve learned to pivot.  

Cobb Life Editor Katy Ruth Camp befriends Emmett, one of the dogs available for adoption at Mostly Mutts, winner of the 2021 Best Pet Adoption Agency. For more information on the agency and to look into adopting Emmett, turn to page 134.  

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Brittany Willingham
captures childhood through a lens with her photography company named after her daughters, Evie Mae Photography. Cobb Life Editor Katy Ruth Camp asked her to share some of her favorite photographs and talked with her about the adventures of trying to get that elusive great picture of a restless, unpredictable kid.
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**CL: How did you get into photography?**
**BW:** I’ve always had a love for photography. I inherited a camera from my grandfather so, when my oldest daughter was born, I began using it to photograph her. My love for photography grew from there and I knew this was something I wanted to pursue. My grandfather always said, “Do what you love and you’ll never work a day in your life.” That statement is certainly true for me as a photographer.

**CL: Why do you enjoy working with children the most?**
**BW:** As a mother, it brings me joy to provide other parents with joyful and fun photos of their children. Childhood seems to come and go in a flash. It’s so important to capture our children’s genuine laughs, chubby little fingers, the gap in their teeth from the first lost tooth, and their individual expressions and mannerisms. I tell people all the time that no one regrets having photos of their family or children. You can look back at them forever and they can be passed down for generations. Childhood is such a magical time - I love giving parents something tangible to remind them of that magic.

**CL: Kids are unpredictable, so I imagine you have some funny stories! Can you share some of those?**
**BW:** Another reason I love photographing kids is because they are so funny. Parents often bribe their little ones with some sort of candy. One local mother used M&M’s to encourage her three older children to cooperate during a newborn session. She gave one of her sons an M&M and he immediately tried to pop it in the crying newborn baby’s mouth. Another unforgettable moment happened at a local park. We were next to a beautiful little stream and the little boy was trying to put his toes in the water. His mom asked him to stop before he fell in. He turned around and sat down right in the water. He was completely soaked. Never a dull moment!
CL: For those moms and dads trying to get great photos everyday of their kids, what are some tips or tricks you can share?

BW: Kids need and want to move and interact. It’s not natural for kids to be still and offer a fake smile. Ask your child to tell a story - the expressions they’ll make are endless! Tell them a joke. Ask them to jump really high. Let them play with bubbles. Ask siblings questions that will make them laugh - who has the stinkiest feet? Who loves ice cream the most? Engaging with children and showing a genuine interest in what they love is sure to do the trick.

CL: You have three daughters of your own, do they like or get annoyed by you photographing them?

BW: They have come to love being photographed. I think they know they don’t have a choice anymore. They have gotten pretty good at ignoring the camera so I can usually get great candid shots of them. My girls love to see their photos in frames around our home.
BEYOND,
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CL: How can people follow or get in touch with you?

BW: My business Facebook page is Evie Mae Photography and my Instagram is @eviemaephotography. Clients and potential clients are welcome to email me at brittany@eviemaephotography.com, and my website is eviemaephotography.com.

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IN THE 1930S AND 40S, VIRGINIA HILL WAS THE TOP MOLL IN THE UNDERWORLD. BUT FOR HER FELLOW MARIETTIANS, SHE WAS KNOWN MORE FOR HER WILD ATTIRE AND EVEN WILDER ANTICS.

VIRGINIA HILL was known as the “Mistress of the Mob” or “Queen of the Mob” in the 30s and 40s, or some more formally record her in the history books as a “top courier for the mob.” She was sharp, no-nonsense, beautiful and charming, so the mob leaders knew the feds were much less likely to investigate her than the typical mobster. In the 30s, she was the top moll in the underworld.

Hill was perhaps most famous for being the girlfriend of mobster Bugsy Siegel, who was a gang leader in New York’s Hell’s Kitchen. Siegel was murdered in her Los Angeles home while she was in Paris and a movie was made about him and Hill in the 90s called “Bugsy.” Annette Benning played the role of Hill.
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Bugsy Siegel
She moved to Marietta with her family when she was eight years old. When she was 14, she dropped out of school and married her first husband, apparently in an effort to escape her abusive father who ultimately divorced her mother. She and her new husband moved to Chicago, which is where she began to make her mob connections.

Late Marietta Daily Journal Editor Bill Kinney befriended her and wrote stories about her extensively (once he felt it was safe to do so). He was a teenager when he first met her, but began sharing tales about her in the MDJ in the 1970s after the NBC Tuesday Night movie, “The Virginia Hill Story,” aired. Her mother and brothers lived in Marietta, and she doted on them with love and gifts, so she would visit them and Marietta frequently in the late 1930s and early 1940s. According to Kinney’s writings, she was known to residents as the “sloe-eyed beauty who tossed her long auburn hair around the Marietta Square, clad in halter tops.”
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and short shorts. She clanked two enormous gold bracelets as she walked and liked to hike Kennesaw Mountain barefoot.”

When Hill would come back for her visits, draped in diamonds and mink coats, she would never tell anyone how she got her money or how she won the title of “Hollywood’s most lavish spender,” spending nearly $70,000 (or a little over a million dollars in today’s money) at Hollywood nightclubs. She was known to give the Marietta teenagers a $20 bill to get a case of Coca-Cola for one of her many parties, even though it only cost 80 cents, and let them keep the change. That’s about the equivalent of $300 in today’s money. She was also known to drive Kinney and his friends to Atlanta for parties at hotel bars along the way on the weekends, something he said in his articles brought about some of his most favorite and devilish memories.

Kinney wrote that no single person improved
Marietta’s scenery and economy in the late 30s and early 40s than Virginia Hill, tossing cash throughout the town like it was candy.

“This ol’ scribbler will never forget the first time I laid eyes on Virginia Hill. Harold Benson, a group of other young fellows and I were girl-watching in front of the now-closed Hodges Drug Store in Marietta’s North Park Square, where Shop Til You Drop is now. That was back in 1940. A black Cadillac convertible tooted up across the street. Out stepped a buxom, barefooted, auburn-haired beauty, clad only in a halter and shorts. All us young fellows eyed Virginia intently as she slinked along the rails implanted at the edges of the park. Tied up to these rails were a number of horse-drawn wagons from which farmers sold fresh vegetables. She made a purchase at Florence’s, a leading department store at the time, and headed back to her convertible. Suddenly, one of the horses reared up, brayed loudly and pawed at the cobblestone pavement.

‘Good Lord, she is even driving the horses mad,’ said Benson, who was quite a connoisseur of young ladies in those days.”

He goes on to say she was the most gossiped-about girl in town, and once rented an apartment in a large house across from the First Presbyterian Church in Marietta, the white house where Little & Smith’s Inc. Insurance Bond’s office is now. Beth Abbott (later Mrs. B.C. Yates) lived across the hall and shared a phone until Hill could get her own installed, and Abbott recalled that Hill would curse and yell into the phone at all hours of the night, all long distance calls, and was obsessed with the mail arriving. One day, she and Abbott were sitting in their Brumby rockers on the front porch when the mail arrived. Hill tore open a shoebox and inside were several hundred dollar bills wrapped in newspapers. “I was beginning to think Joe forgot about me,” she said, referring to Joe Epstein, the bigtime Chicago racketeer who supplied Hill with money for some untold reason her whole life.
She later bought her mother a big house at the corner of Church Street and Frances Drive in Marietta, which was once the home of Dr. Ralph Fowler. When he found out that it was Hill who wanted to buy the home, he kept raising the price, hoping to discourage her.

"Unperturbed, Virginia reached into her pocketbook, took out a roll of greenbacks that would choke a cow, and started counting out $11,500 in cash," Kinney wrote.

Ward Watkins and his wife, also named Virginia, lived next door and this Virginia answered the phone and door for weeks as simply Mrs. Watkins, saying she feared she might get "rubbed out" for saying her name was Virginia. One day, the doorbell rang and it was the famous actor John Carroll, asking if Virginia was there, for which she was finally agreeable to answer, "yes." She recalled how handsome he was, and how he and the other Virginia spent the day riding around Marietta in her convertible.

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her signature halters, shorts and bare feet, ride her horse up Church Street, through the Square, down Cherokee Street and back, causing many of the men in town to get to work on the Square much earlier than usual. She would also roller skate those streets often, adding only leather knee covers to protect her legs.

After Bugsy Siegel was murdered, she was subpoenaed and showed up for questioning in a $5,000 mink cape, broad-brimmed hat and silk gloves. Some described her as the “star witness.” She evaded questions from the committee about her organized crime associations. She gave vague answers and artfully lied about the origins of the tens of thousands in cash she had Epstein hold for her in a safe deposit box. The money was from her winnings betting on the horses, she explained. Hill also claimed the “fellas” she knew, including Siegel, simply sent her gifts and money along the way.

Kinney said out-of-town editors were ringing the MDJ at all hours after Siegel's death, to see if she had arrived in Marietta yet.

There were also rumors – perhaps started by Kinney himself – that he could be claimed as one of her many paramours. In one of his columns, he coined her “America’s highest paid playgirl,” to which she told Kinney that he should have added “And also the best.”

When she fled to Austria with her new husband, Hans Hauser, a German newspaper had reported that the “Gangster Moll” had arrived and wrote negatively of her. When the reporter went to her house to interview her afterwards, she hit him over the head with a tennis racket. She eventually committed suicide via pills, writing that she was just tired of living anymore in an apparent suicide note, though some believe she was force-fed pills by the mob to keep her quiet once and for all. Who knows how many stories were buried with Virginia Hill - and Bill Kinney, too.
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BEST OF THE BEST

By KATY RUTH CAMP

In a time when many small businesses in our community were struggling to keep their doors open - or unsure of even if, when or how they could open them - we all did our best to show our support. One of those ways was by voting in our annual Best of Cobb contest, which brought in hundreds of thousands of votes.

Every year, we highlight some of the winners who were especially popular in the contest, and this year is no exception. Here are your 2021 Best of Cobb top 10 vote-getters in individual categories, many from the same organization, in order of rank.

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Best Private School (1,890 votes)
Best Pre-School (1,872 votes)
Best Performing Arts Program (1,552 votes)

For the third year in a row, Mount Paran Christian School has taken the top three spots in votes for our Best of Cobb contest. The school and its staff certainly know how to spread the word and cast the votes, even in a trying year for education.

Mount Paran Christian School is a preschool age three through twelfth grade private Christian, non-denominational, college prep school committed to excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts. The school is located on 68 acres in northwest Cobb County in the shadow of Kennesaw Mountain and includes a historic cabin and lake, extensive athletics facilities, Dozier Hall (the high school), Sewell Cottage (the preschool), multiple playgrounds, Mulkey Building (which houses administration, the lower school, the middle school, two gyms, two media centers and a dining hall) and the Murray Arts Center (a state-of-the-art performing arts facility). Founded in 1976, MPCS is fully accredited (SAIS/AdvancED) and, according to its mission statement, unites with home and church to prepare servant-leaders to honor God, love others and walk in Truth.

In 1976, with a staff of only two, the Mount Paran Christian School Learning Center was established. The program began with a preschool-kindergarten program at Mount Paran Central Church of God in Atlanta. A combined first and second grade class and an after-school program were added the following year. That same year saw the development and adoption of the name Mount Paran Christian School (MPCS) and the establishment of the first official MPCS school board. Third and fourth grade programs were added in 1978, followed by one grade addition each year through 1982.

During the 1984-1985 school year, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools found the MPCS elementary program to be in full compliance with all Association standards, awarding the elementary and middle schools their full accreditation. Mount Paran Church of God’s acquisition of a 65-acre site on Allgood Road in Marietta in 1985 provided fulfillment of the vision for a total high school program. Existing facilities on the acquired property were renovated and enhanced. The high school program (grades nine through 11) began in 1986 with 94 students. The following year, grade 12 was added, and MPCS received its full accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for kindergarten through grade 12.

With the rapid expansion of the middle and high school instructional areas, establishment of a well-planned, highly structured athletic program soon followed, and athletic facilities were constructed. In 1986, MPCS became a member of the Georgia High School Athletic Association (GHSA). With an experienced athletic director and a staff of quality coaches, participation in interscholastic varsity and junior varsity sports became an important aggregate of the MPCS program.

In 1994, additional classrooms were required in the elementary school to facilitate growth. Fine Arts courses were also added, and the arts program began to develop. Computer labs were installed and the school introduced a technology program to students.

MPCS purchased its current property in 2002, and in 2003 moved from the Mount Paran North location in Marietta to the beautiful 68 acres in Kennesaw where the school campus is now located.
In December 2007, MPCS purchased the magnificent performing arts center adjacent to the school property. With its 577-seat main theater, a black box theater, dance studios, exquisite grand lobby, state-of-the-art recording studios, band and choral rehearsal spaces, practice rooms, classrooms, the building was named the Murray Arts Center at Mount Paran Christian School in honor of the Stuart and Eulene Murray Family Foundation, who made a generous donation toward the purchase of the building for the school and whose family owned the property upon which the school was built.

The athletic facilities of MPCS continued to expand over the next few years as well with batting cages, baseball/softball complex, fitness center, weight room, rubber track, and turf field were a few of the additions. The 2015 football season kicked off in the brand new Catherine Steele Sewell Stadium.

In February of 2021, officials broke ground on the new Murray Innovation Center. The new building is slated to open to students in the spring semester of 2022.

For more information on Evie Mae Photography and Willingham, and to peruse some of her favorite photos, flip back to page 10.

For his own individual efforts, Johnny Sinclair won Best Real Estate Agent in a tight and competitive race for the title.

Ansley Atlanta’s expansion accelerated the Atlanta-based real estate company’s presence in the Cobb, Paulding and Cherokee county markets, enabling the company to better serve its client base outside the perimeter. “Our vision as a company has always been to serve the metro Atlanta area in its entirety, and with the addition of our new neighborhood office in Marietta, we are excited to further expand our reach outside the perimeter,” said Bonneau Ansley, Ansley Atlanta’s founder and CEO in a press release at the time.

Established in 2015, Ansley Atlanta Real Estate was recently recognized as one of the most inspiring companies of 2018 by Inc magazine and listed as No. 1,446 on the Inc 5000 list of America’s fastest-growing private companies. The company’s expansion into Marietta has provided additional service to the area’s growing population and real estate market.

Who doesn’t love a great photo of a cute kid? Local photographer Brittany Willingham has found her niche in capturing childhood through a lens with her photography company named after her daughters, Evie Mae Photography. Although Willingham can photograph just about anything – and does – her experience as a mother lends her an extra special talent for photographing children and babies in their natural habitats – no awkward poses or stiff, unnatural photos. Willingham said she enjoys capturing children as they are, in her photos: messy, wild and true to themselves.

For more information on Evie Mae Photography and Willingham, and to peruse some of her favorite photos, flip back to page 10.

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SECTION: Real Estate & Finance
CATEGORIES: Best Real Estate Agent,
Johnny Sinclair (1,728 votes)
Best Real Estate Company (1,446 votes)
Best Real Estate Team, Crowe & Turner
(1,325 votes)

In June of 2019, Ansley Atlanta Real Estate announced the opening of its new office on the Marietta Square, occupying the space just at the corner of Church and Polk Streets.

Many familiar faces in the Marietta real estate scene left their respective offices to join the new team and the office has been growing ever since. No longer the new kids on the block, the realtors and teams of Ansley Atlanta Real Estate Marietta have made their marks on the Marietta real estate industry (and, with historic low interest rates, it was a good year for it).
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The Marietta office also came out on top in several categories in the 2020 Best of Cobb contest, so it’s clear they have quite the following.

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SECTION: Services
CATEGORY: Nonprofit (1,428 votes)

Founded in 1971 by the Rev. Wayne Williams, MUST Ministries’ initial programs included a grocery bus ministries for the elderly, a youth tutoring program and outreach ministries to “alienated” young people. Since it’s inception, MUST has fulfilled Wayne’s vision of connecting people who have a desire to help with those who need help the most. Today, MUST encompasses more than 17,000 volunteers who are continually helping MUST Ministries achieve its goal of being Georgia’s most respected servant-leader.

MUST addresses the basic needs of individuals, families and children with facilities in the Cobb and Cherokee counties and programs in numerous other counties. According to its website, MUST brings people of many faiths together to respond to God’s challenge to minister to others with compassion and love, without judgment of the beliefs, background or circumstances of those who serve or are being served.

The year 2020 was an especially challenging one for the nonprofit, as MUST CEO Dr. Ike Reighard said the nonprofit had nearly triple the number of people who needed help than in 2019, while having to rely on far fewer volunteers due to the pandemic. Still, the nonprofit came out strong as the community rallied behind its mission and provided more help – and funding – than ever before.

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MOSTLY MUTTS ANIMAL RESCUE
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SECTION: Pets
CATEGORY: Pet adoption agency (1,418 votes)

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For more information on Mostly Mutts, turn to page 134.

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3RD PLACE: great gig DANCE co.

### Art Gallery

**Winner** ★ THE LOFT, MARIETTA

2ND PLACE: dk Gallery

3RD PLACE: The Art House- Acworth Arts Alliance

### Artist (Performing)

**Winner** ★ BARRY LANCASTER

2ND PLACE: Travis Cottle

3RD PLACE: Camilla Sanders

### Artist (Visual)

**Winner** ★ SUSAN EASTON BURNS THE LOFT, MARIETTA

2ND PLACE: Holly Irwin - dk Gallery

3RD PLACE: Frank Buckner - The Loft, Marietta

### Bartender / Mixologist / Sommelier

**Winner** ★ LOGAN WIGGINS GOVERNORS GUN CLUB

2ND PLACE: Yvonne Coxwell - Marietta Country Club

3RD PLACE: Jen Anderson - Two Birds Taphouse

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2ND PLACE The Hunt House
3RD PLACE Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre

Event Venue

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2ND PLACE Governors Gun Club
3RD PLACE Glover Park Brewery

Craft Beer Selection

WINNER ★ GLOVER PARK BREWERY
2ND PLACE Two Birds Taphouse
3RD PLACE Red Top Brewhouse
## Family Amusement

**Winner**
- North Georgia State Fair

**2nd Place**
- Atlanta Braves

**3rd Place**
- Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre

## Festival

**Winner**
- North Georgia State Fair

**2nd Place**
- Chalktober Fest

**3rd Place**
- Taste of Marietta

## Golf Course

**Winner**
- Marietta Country Club

**2nd Place**
- City Club Marietta

**3rd Place**
- Brookstone Golf and Country Club

## Historic Site

**Winner**
- Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

**2nd Place**
- Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre

**3rd Place**
- Marietta Museum of History
Happy Hour

**WINNER**

TWO BIRDS TAPHOUSE

**2ND PLACE**

Glover Park Brewery

**3RD PLACE**

Governors Gun Club

Karaoke

**WINNER**

LUMIERE LOUNGE - EARL AND RACHEL SMITH STRAND THEATRE

**2ND PLACE**

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**3RD PLACE**

Woo Sports Bar & Grill

Live Theatre

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Jennie T. Anderson Theatre

**3RD PLACE**

Marietta Theatre Company

Overall Bar

**WINNER**

TWO BIRDS TAPHOUSE

**2ND PLACE**

Governors Gun Club

**3RD PLACE**

Glover Park Brewery
Local Band/Musician

**WINNER** ★ BROTHER WHITLOCK

- **2ND PLACE** Georgia Player’s Guild
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- **2ND PLACE** Benjamin Manely
- **3RD PLACE** Absolutely Alex

Local Brewery Distillery

**WINNER** ★ GLOVER PARK BREWERY

- **2ND PLACE** Dry County Brewing Company
- **3RD PLACE** Red Top Brewhouse

Trivia Host

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- **2ND PLACE** DJ Dano - Center Street Tavern
- **3RD PLACE** Lance Vanderlip - Glover Park Brewery
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2ND PLACE Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History
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**WINNER**
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**2ND PLACE**
Olde Towne Tavern & Grille

**3RD PLACE**
Taco Mac - Dallas Highway

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**3RD PLACE**
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WINNER ★ SEED KITCHEN & BAR
2ND PLACE Governors Gun Club
3RD PLACE Fish Thyme Restaurant & Bar

Sink Kitchen & Bar

2ND PLACE
3RD PLACE
### Chicken Wings

**Winner** | **Otter’s Chicken**
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**2nd Place** | Governors Gun Club
**3rd Place** | The Wing Cafe & Tap House

### Fine Dining

**Winner** | **Canoe**
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**2nd Place** | Governors Gun Club
**3rd Place** | Mac’s Chop House

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**Winner** | **Tom+Chee Food Truck**
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**2nd Place** | Cousins Maine Lobster
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### Dermatology Group

**WINNER** ★ **SKIN CANCER SPECIALISTS, P.C. & AESTHETIC CENTER**

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### Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist

**WINNER** ★ **DR. MICHAEL VICK, MD**  
**WINNER** WELLSTAR MEDICAL GROUP ENT

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### Family Physician

**WINNER** ★ **DR. CAROLYN SMALLWOOD, DO**  
**WINNER** WELLSTAR MEDICAL GROUP INTERNAL AND FAMILY MEDICINE

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### Hearing Center

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Turley and her team seek out those dogs, pets and sometimes even rabbits who are usually not the cute little puppies and kittens most people want to bring home. No, their mostly mutt friends are usually sick, elderly
Mostly Mutts Executive Director gets some snuggle time in with her dog, Jag, a special needs dog she rescued through the shelter. Turley said the organization has approximately 160 dogs and cats that are currently available for adoption.

or injured, making them less likely to be adopted and therefore moments away from being put to sleep.

“Because the shy dogs are sitting in the back of the corner, somebody else is probably not going to walk through and and adopt those dogs,” Turley said. “But we know that they’re shy because they’re at animal control, and they’re scared. Once they’re brought in and shown love and attention, they come out of that more adoptable.”

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“Normally, these dogs have been somebody’s pet before and that person had to go into a retirement home and can’t take it or just don’t want it anymore, for whatever reason,” said Turley, who has three special needs dogs of her own. “Most of them live an average of 15 years, which really isn’t that long, and then to give up on them in their later years is just so sad. You see these old dogs at the shelters who are scared to death because they’ve never been in that loud of an environment before. Dogs just want love and affection, I’d say even more so when they’re older. They’re no different than humans.”

Turley said the coronavirus pandemic actually increased their adoptions in 2020, as people were home more often and either wanted a companion or felt they had the time to train and adapt to a new pet. The adoption rate was up 20% last year, even with the shelter being closed for nine weeks during quarantine. Mostly Mutts found 827 pets homes, and have found 127 pets homes in January and February of 2021 alone. Turley said they also have many more foster families giving their time and homes for the animals that are ready to be adopted.

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Turley said the organization began in 2004 from a resident’s home and property, and she was a volunteer for Mostly Mutts until she took over in 2012. The organization now has over 400 volunteers, which Turley said is absolutely vital to keeping the shelter running.

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- court related community service hours
- a program where prisoners who are in housing and about to be released are given dogs to foster, and are taught how to train them. Turley said this gives the prisoners an opportunity to bond and to learn a new skill that they can then take into the workforce when they are released, and allows the dogs to be trained and feel loved.

Turley added that there is no shortage of crazy stories that comes with running an animal shelter.

“Someone pulled up in the parking lot one morning with rabbits in the back seat and just said, ‘I gotta get rid of all these rabbits.’ So we took them. We’ve had birds. We had a hoarding case where I think we took nine birds from the home. We have had lizards, we’ve done Guinea pigs sometimes. We even had a pony. We were actually at animal control and there was a horse that was pregnant. So we put
the word out and somebody knew somebody that 
would take it, so we were able to get it adopted before 
we ever actually had to bring it here,” she said, with a 
laugh.

“Every phone call changes your day,” she added. 
“I could get a phone call right now and they ask if we 
can pick it up. And you truly never know what ‘it’ is 
but, if we can help, we will.”

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MOSTLY MUTTS TAKES PRIDE IN ADOPTING AND SAVING THE DOGS THAT MIGHT NOT APPEAR TO BE THE PICK OF THE LITTER, HERE ARE TWO OF THOSE DOGS AND THEIR STORIES.

Meet Jolie

Jolie is a dog that was rescued in January of this year. She was found outdoors, living near a dumpster and was picked up by animal control. Mostly Mutts was called and made the “freedom ride” to pick her up. She was suffering from demodex mange and had secondary infections and sores all over her little body. She required around-the-clock care and a list of medications needed to help restore the health of this lovely dog.

Happily, she recovered and was adopted by a previous Mostly Mutts adopter on February 7. She now lives with a wonderful family in the north Georgia Mountains with her two canine sisters.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF OUR LOYAL AND TALENTED VOLUNTEER, CATHY PAOLUCCI
Meet Honey

Honey is a dog that Mostly Mutts rescued from a bad situation, where she was the victim of neglect and abandonment.

When Animal Control reached out, staff raced to the rescue, encountering a listless, disheveled, matted maze of overgrown fur that concealed a tiny, fragile, elderly dog, hanging on to life. Mostly Mutts nursed her back to health and eventually found her a forever home.
COMPANY’S COMIN’
Leslie Jordan
April 2
Emmy-Award winning actor and unlikely viral sensation Leslie Jordan has announced his debut album “Company’s Comin’.” Inspired by his weekly “Sunday Mornin’ Hymn Singin’” live stream, the album finds Jordan performing southern gospel hymns with a slew of special guests including Tanya Tucker, TJ Osborne (Brothers Osborne), Travis Howard and Katie Pruitt, with more surprise guests to be announced. The news in late February coincided with the release of the album’s first single, “Angel Band” featuring Grammy-award winning singer-songwriter Brandi Carlile, and the launch of his Apple Music Country show “Hunker Down Radio with Leslie Jordan.”

IN ANOTHER WORLD
Cheap Trick
April 9
Cheap Trick is set to release their 20th album, “In Another World.” “Produced by longtime associate Julian Raymond, ‘In Another World’ sees Cheap Trick doing what they do better than anyone – crafting indelible rock ‘n’ roll with oversized hooks, mischievous lyrics and seemingly inexorable energy,” a statement said. Cheap Trick has performed live more than 3,700 times and has sold over 20 million albums. The statement noted that the coronavirus lockdown had forced Cheap Trick off the “endless highway” for the longest period of their career and that they intend to return “as soon as they can.”

Surrounded by Time
Tom Jones
April 23
Tom Jones has announced his first new studio album in over five years, “Surrounded By Time,” recorded during lockdown. The album includes songs written by Bob Dylan (“One More Cup of Coffee”) and Cat Stevens (“Popstar”), as well as a cover of the Academy Award-winning song, “The Windmills of Your Mind.” The singing legend turned 80 last June. In notes on his Facebook page about the album, Jones wrote, “Last year, during lockdown and after 5 years of enormous personal changes, I finally found the need to express myself again through my music. So I got into the studio with some great friends and musicians and created a new album!”

THE MOODYS
Fox
April 1
This family comedy starring Denis Leary and Elizabeth Perkins follows Sean Sr. and Ann Moody (Leary and Perkins) along with their three adult children, Dan (Francois Arnaud), Bridget (Chelsea Frei) and Sean Jr. (Jay Baruchel) – all under the same roof. Sean Sr. is contemplating retirement – road trips across the country in an RV with Ann – while Sean Jr. takes over the family business. In reality, however, Ann has no intention of leaving her new psychology practice, and Sean Jr. continues to brew up schemes to get rich quick. Bridget, who is in the midst of a divorce, returns home, and Dan leaves Brooklyn for Chicago to live with his girlfriend, only to realize the relationship is moving too quickly.

ALBUMS STREAMING & MORE
**Home Economics**

ABC  
April 7

Starring and executive produced by Topher Grace, “Home Economics” takes a look at the heartwarming, uncomfortable and sometimes frustrating relationship between three adult siblings: one in the 1%, one middle-class and one barely holding on. The comedy is inspired by the life of writer and executive producer Michael Colton. The series stars Topher Grace as Tom, Caitlin McGee as Sarah, Jimmy Tatro as Connor, Karla Souza as Marina, and Sasheer Zamata as Denise. Also starring are Shiloh Bearman as Gretchen, Jordyn Curet as Shamiah, Chloe Jo Rountree as Camila and JeCobi Swain as Kelvin.

**Tom Clancy’s Without Remorse**

Amazon Prime Video  
April 30

The film based on the 1993 novel tells the origin story of John Kelly (aka John Clark), a U.S. Navy SEAL, who uncovers an international conspiracy while seeking justice for the murder of his pregnant wife by Russian soldiers. When Kelly joins forces with fellow SEAL Karen Greer and shadowy CIA officer Robert Ritter, the mission unwittingly exposes a covert plot that threatens to engulf the U.S. and Russia in an all-out war. The thriller stars Michael B. Jordan, Jamie Bell, Jodie Turner-Smith, Luke Mitchell, Jack Kesy, Brett Gelman, Colman Domingo and Guy Pearce.

**When the Stars Go Dark**

By Paula McLain  
April 13

Anna Hart is a seasoned missing persons detective in San Francisco with far too much knowledge of the darkest side of human nature. When tragedy strikes her personal life, Anna, desperate and numb, flees to the Northern California village of Mendocino to grieve. She lived there as a child with her beloved foster parents, and now she believes it might be the only place left for her. Yet the day she arrives, she learns a local teenage girl has gone missing. The crime feels frighteningly reminiscent of the most crucial time in Anna’s childhood, when the unsolved murder of a young girl changed the community forever. As past and present collide, Anna realizes that she has been led to this moment.

**Kate in Waiting**

By Becky Albertalli  
April 20

Contrary to popular belief, best friends Kate Garfield and Andy Walker are not codependent. Carpooling to and from theater rehearsals? Environmentally sound and efficient. Consulting each other on every single life decision? Basic good judgment. Pining for the same guys from afar? Shared crushes are more fun anyway. But when Matt Olsson shows up at their school, everything goes off script. Matt is talented and sweet, and Kate likes him. She really likes him. The only problem? So does Andy. Turns out, communal crushes aren’t so fun when real feelings are involved.

**A Gambling Man**

By David Baldacci  
April 20

The 1950s are on the horizon, and Aloysius Archer, a straight-talking World War II veteran fresh out of prison, is in dire need of a fresh start. So Archer hops on a bus and begins the long journey out west to California. Along the way, Archer stops in Reno, where a stroke of fortune delivers him a wad of cash and an eye-popping blood-red 1939 Delahaye convertible — plus a companion for the final leg of the journey: an aspiring actress who is planning to try her luck in Hollywood. But when the two arrive in Bay Town, California, Archer quickly discovers that the hordes of people who flocked there seeking fame and fortune landed in a false paradise that instead caters to their worst addictions and fears.

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**1911 Biscuits and Burgers in Smyrna celebrates opening**

BY SHANNON BALLEW

A new homestyle comfort food restaurant officially opened its doors at a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony in March.

1911 Biscuits and Burgers is owned Brian Kennington and Terry Kirby, who also run Red Sky Tapas and Bar in Marietta. Kennington said the restaurant serves “good, Southern, handcrafted comfort food,” with menu items made from scratch. Favorites include homemade buttermilk biscuits and chili dogs.

Kirby, a Smyrna resident, said that the idea for a new location had been in the works for a few years. The restaurant has partnered with the Smyrna Public Safety Foundation and American Legion Post 160, and presented $1,600 checks to each of them at the ribbon cutting.

“We’ll be doing fundraisers and helping raise attention and support throughout the year,” Kirby said. “If we can get enough, one day we’ll be able to do that the same way Firehouse Subs does.

The restaurant’s name is a nod to military and first responders, derived from the Colt 1911, the standard issue sidearm for the United States Armed Forces from 1911-1985, and “911” for police, fire and emergency medical teams, according to the owners. The outdoor design is made to be reminiscent of an old country store.

1911 Biscuits and Burgers is open for breakfast and lunch, 5:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit 1911biscuits.com.

KSU opens expanded food pantry

BY CHART RIGGALL

With the snip of four gold-plated (and disinfected) sets of scissors, Kennesaw State University unveiled a new food pantry for its most vulnerable students in late February. Partnering with Kroger, which donated $50,000 for the effort, the university’s Campus Awareness, Resource and Empowerment (CARE) program moved its food distribution program out of an old
storage room and into a space with aisles of staples, affectionately called a “mini Kroger.”

While the food pantry is open to all students, CARE focuses on students who have been or are homeless, in foster care, or lacking reliable access to food. The new food pantry operates like a grocery store, in which students will be able to get a certain amount of food (determined based on need) free of charge.

CARE’s director, Marcy Stidum, said CARE distributes around 11,000 pounds of food each year to over 500 students, though she believes numbers have been higher during the pandemic.

‘He was a hero’: Historian hopes to bring Black Union soldier’s remains to Marietta National Cemetery

BY CHART RIGGALL

On a July day in 1864, no doubt in either sweltering heat or a summer downpour, a Black man fighting under the banner of the Union Army died on the banks of the Chattahoochee River, not far from where the I-75 bridge stands today. Felled by a Confederate bullet, his body lay in that spot for nearly a hundred years.

And on a July day in 2021, that soldier may finally come to his rightful and final resting place, among the thousands of other American soldiers buried at Marietta National Cemetery.

That, at least, is the hope of Brad Quinlin, the cemetery’s volunteer historian for over three decades. For years, Quinlin has been at work on a project documenting the contributions of Black men and women to the Union war effort, including the over 250 Black soldiers buried at the cemetery, many of them in graves without names.

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In March, a handful of lawmakers and government shakers proposed plans to create the city of Lost Mountain in West Cobb. The idea, they said, was to preserve the semi-rural nature of west Cobb and keep the history of the Lost Mountain area from being, well, lost.

Although development has encroached the area – which includes Harrison, Hillgrove and Allatoona high schools – there are still efforts to preserve its history, as this photo of the old Lost Mountain Store proves. The historic landmark still operates today, only as a branch of United Community Bank.
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