

AROUND TOWN: 'We're not going to be able to erase our history and our past.'

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Cobb's political parties celebrated Independence Day a little differently this year. Cobb GOP Chair **Jason Shepherd** said the county government closed the Cobb Civic Center where they hold their annual Fourth of July BBQ, prompting them to come up with alternative plans.

Instead, the Cobb GOP opted to hold a Fourth of July Sign-A-Palooza, with candidates passing out yard signs and **Andy Smith**, who is vying for the seat held by retiring Commissioner **Bob Ott**, grilling several hundred hot dogs for people to enjoy in the parking lot in front of the GOP headquarters.



Andy Smith, who is running for retiring Commissioner Bob Ott's seat, grills hot dogs on the Fourth of July. Staff

Among those in attendance was former U.S. Rep. **Karen Handel**, R-Roswell, fresh from her primary win.