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## CITY OF KENNESAW NAMED TOP 10%

The City of Kennesaw was recently awarded the “Leading the Way Award” by ETC Institute. As a recipient, Kennesaw has ranked in the top 10 percent of all cities surveyed in the U.S. in three areas: satisfaction with the overall quality of services, satisfaction with customer service provided by employees, and satisfaction with the value residents think they receive for local taxes and fees.

ETC Institute created the award to recognize local governments for outstanding achievement in the delivery of services to residents.

“The City of Kennesaw is blessed to have committed staff and a strong leadership group in place,” says City Manager Dr. Jeff Drobney. “It takes a robust team game to operate a complex City organization and this is a team award to be shared amongst all employees and every department.”

The City of Kennesaw conducted a Community Survey in 2016 and 2022, assessing resident satisfaction with city services. The City of Kennesaw has used these results as a tool for strategic planning and benchmarking over the years.

ETC has administered the DirectionFinder Survey to nearly two million residents in all 50 states since 1999.

Pictured above with City Manager Jeff Drobney and Assistant City Manager Marty Hughes are the city’s department heads.

## FIX A LEAK WEEK - MARCH 20-26

Each year, Cobb County Water System joins EPA’s WaterSense program to promote finding and fixing leaks during Fix a Leak Week, March 20 through 26, 2023. With household leaks wasting water and money, we encourage our customers to find and fix leaks inside and outside their home all year long. Common types of leaks found in the home are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often quick and easy to fix, requiring only a few tools and hardware that can pay for itself in water savings. After finding and repairing any leaks, also look for WaterSense labeled fixtures.

To fix leaks in your home, you first need to determine if you have a leak. Look and listen for dripping faucets, showerheads, sprinklers, and other fixtures. Also check for toilets with silent leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring into the tank, wait 10 minutes, and see if color appears in the bowl before you flush. Don’t forget to check irrigation systems and outside spigots too.

To find those “sneaky leaks” that you may not be able to see or hear, check out our video at <https://tinyurl.com/sneaky leaks> to learn how to read your meter and see if you may have a leak. CCWS also offers a discounted purchase rate and \$100 rebate for the purchase and installation of a Flume Smart Home Water Monitor. More details can be found at <https://www.cobbcounty.org/water/customer-service/leaks>. For more information about Fix a Leak Week and how to find those leaks in your home, visit <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week>.



## INSIDER’S TIPS AND NOT TO MISS HAPPENINGS AT THE GEORGIA FOOD + WINE FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY GEORGIA GROWN

Spring kicks-off in the Atlanta area with the 2nd Annual, Georgia Food + Wine Festival, March 23 - 26, 2023 taking place at Jim R. Miller Park in Marietta. The festival offers several events with hidden values available for guests (including families and adults 21 and over). The good news is, if guests have been waiting to purchase tickets, there are some fantastic promo codes available for big saving discounts from many of the festival’s media partners. The bad news is that there are very limited tickets available to many of the remaining events for sale. Festival Co-Founder, Tod Miller said, “It’s going to be a fantastic festival, with so many different events at a variety of price points. Most events are for adults 21 and over, with Sunday/Funday created to be totally family friendly, with a free Kids Zone with inflatables and family activities. If anybody has been waiting to purchase tickets to the festival, we would suggest buying them now as some events will most likely be sold out and may not be available at the door for purchase. There is a limited amount of souvenir glasses for each event, and once those are accounted for - we simply cannot sell additional tickets.”

### DEALS & STEALS:

- Kids 12 & Under are FREE on Sunday/Funday presented by Atlanta News First & Peachtree TV, adult tickets are only \$25 (additional discounts available from media partners). Kids Zone is FREE with inflatables and activities, great restaurant vendors, food trucks, artisans, and cash bars. Live music, over 25 restaurants and artisans, cooking demo stage, cash bars available for adults 21 and over.

- All Saturday and Sunday tickets include \$10 in FREE Tasting Credits (including VIP Lounge tickets).

- Fired-Up, an all-inclusive ticket, Friday, March 24, 7:30 - 9:30 pm (free tasting bites and beverages in a souvenir glass).

- Over 400 varieties of wine, beer & spirits tastings with a souvenir tasting cup, Savor, Saturday, March 25, 1 - 4 pm, 30+ restaurants and artisan booths.

- A fully catered experience with a souvenir crystal wine glass, open bars, live music, the Bellissima Beverage Cart serving craft cocktails, private restrooms, early festival access, VIP Parking, VIP Swag bag, includes full access to the Savor general admission area. VIP Lounge, presented by Publix, Saturday, March 25, 12 - 4 pm.

### INSIDER’S TIPS:

- Arrive 30 minutes early for events - event pre-check (wristbands, ID check, receive glassware, etc.)

- Buy extra tokens early (avoid waiting in line later in the day). Stations will be located in multiple locations at the event to purchase more food tokens.

- Thousands of Free Parking spaces; no pets allowed.

- Sunday/Funday is family-friendly; all other events are for adults 21 and over.

- Stay Hydrated - water and soft drinks are FREE on Friday and Saturday events.

The Georgia Food + Wine Festival is a culinary and beverage celebration that showcases Georgia’s celebrity chefs and beverage experts. The festival offers a wide variety of events for all tastebuds and budgets, including “Savor”, the main event on Saturday with over 400 varieties of wine, beer and spirits tastings, cooking demonstrations on the “Georgia Celebrity Chef Stage”, and 25+ restaurants and artisans from around the south. The VIP Lounge at Savor, presented by Publix offers a fully catered experience with open bars, early access, live music, VIP Parking and more. The festival takes place in Marietta, March 23 - 26, 2023 at Jim R. Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Rd, Marietta, 30008.

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## THIS AND THAT

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**CHARLEY HODAN**

A big Happy Birthday to Charley Hodan  
who will celebrate turning 8 years old on  
March 27th! Mom, Dad, Willow, family, and  
friends are so proud of you – our smart and  
sweet girl. Love you!

### CONGRATULATIONS



**CLAIRE SMITH**

Claire Smith, a senior at Allatoona  
High School has received a scholarship to  
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to  
play Women's Soccer. Claire has played  
soccer since she was ten years old and is also  
plays for Southern Soccer Academy. She is  
the daughter of Brandon and Dori Shipp, and  
the granddaughter of Lynda Smith and the late  
Lanie Shipp. Claire is on the right in photo.



### CONGRATULATIONS



**ANDREW BALOGH**

Andrew Balogh has received a full ride to  
UGA for Track and Cross Country Track. He  
is graduating from Etowah High School this  
spring. Andrew is the school record holder  
in three track events: the 800 meter run, the  
800 meter relay and the distance medley relay.  
Andrew has multiple state placements in  
cross country and track, multiple track county  
championships & 2 region titles, plus Cross  
Country Powerade All Metro Award for 2022  
1st Team All Region for cross country. While  
he family moved to Cherokee County a few  
years ago, Andrews early years were spent in  
the Kennesaw area. His family are all runners  
so it was natural for them to join the running  
club for children at Swift Cantrell in 2013.  
Andrew's love of running was fueled by this  
program and thus led him receive to receive  
this UGA scholarship.

While the name of the running program  
has changed (It is now Sole Kidz), the purpose  
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Richard Allen  
Chalker's ancestors  
can be traced back to  
Nathaniel Chalker,  
a veteran of the War  
of 1812 from Warren  
County, Georgia.  
Richard was born  
August 5, 1870, in  
Glascok County.



Chalker's family  
later moved to Flowery Branch, Georgia,  
and eventually settled in Marietta. Chalker  
married Mary Gunnin around the year 1890.  
By 1895 they were living in Kennesaw, as  
their infant son was buried in our cemetery  
that year. Chalker owned a number of small  
grocery stores, including a store near the  
Brumby Chair Factory in Marietta. The store  
was located at the corner of Sessions and  
Campbell Hill Streets.

Chalker and his wife had several children.  
Their daughters were Mary, Elizabeth, Maggie,  
Nellie, and Bessie. They also had at least three  
sons, Oscar, Amos, and Steve. According to  
the Marietta Journal, young Oscar Chalker  
passed away in 1906. The notice of Oscar's  
death stated Richard lived in Atlanta at the time.  
Unfortunately, Chalker could not be found in  
that year's Atlanta City Directory.

Richard Allen Chalker passed away in  
Marietta on May 18, 1927, and was laid to  
rest in the Kennesaw City Cemetery. When  
his widow Mary died in 1938, she was buried  
next to him.

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### CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Kennesaw Police department announces  
the next Citizens Police Academy. The course  
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BUNNY BREAKFAST

Join Kennesaw Parks & Recreation for the annual Bunny Breakfast at the Ben Robertson Community Center on Saturday, April 1st! Treat your family to a buffet including hot and ready pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage as well as a medley of fresh fruit and delicious breakfast sweets. Everyone’s favorite cottontail will be making his way from table to table to say hello to all the boys and girls. Be sure to bring your camera to capture all the memories. Seatings are available from 8:00 - 9:15 AM or 10:00 - 11:15 AM. Tickets are only \$8 per person and can be purchased online or at the Ben Robertson Community Center. Advance purchase is required. Tickets are non-refundable after March 24. Children ages 2 and under do not need a ticket if they will be sitting in laps. Register online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>, click on Special Events and then Easter Events.

BREAKFAST AND SMITH-GILBERT GARDEN’S EASTER EGG HUNT

This year we are excited to offer a fun opportunity to attend the Bunny Breakfast at the Ben Robertson Community Center and the Easter Egg Hunt at Smith-Gilbert Gardens! Sign up for one or both with a combo ticket. Be sure to bring your camera to capture all the memories. Children up to 9 years old - bring your baskets! Create Easter themed crafts and play garden games. Times available for the Egg Hunt are 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 PM. For additional information about the Egg Hunt and Smith-Gilbert Gardens please visit [www.smithgilbertgardens.com](http://www.smithgilbertgardens.com). If you wish to skip breakfast, then just register for the egg hunt.



WELCOME DEERCREEK GUNSHOP

On Tuesday January 31, Kennesaw Mayor Derek Easterling cut the ribbon and welcome Deercreek Gunshop to Kennesaw. Located on Main Street next to Wildmans (which has preserving history since 1971), Deercreek Gunshop is your premier and one stop shop for Blackpowder and Muzzleloading Supplies. We sell real blackpowder and have been serving Muzzleloading enthusiasts, reenactors and hunters for over 40 years. Deercreek also has a full-time Gunsmith for any of your firearms needs. We welcome you. For more information visit <https://www.deercreekgunshop.net/>

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SENIOR LUNCHEONS

The second Senior Luncheon in our Spring Series is next Wednesday, April 5, at the Ben Robertson Community Center. Our Spring Series is presented by Cobb EMC and Wellstar Health System. We will have a caterer, and some fantastic bingo prizes will be available. Register now online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>, Click on Special Events and scroll to Spring Senior Luncheon Series. Cost is \$5.00 or give us a call at 770-422-9714.

MEN’S PICKLE BALL

Kennesaw Parks & Recreation is excited to announce our “Golden Acers” men’s pickleball group! This fantastic opportunity is available to men ages 65+. Members meet on the second and fourth Monday of every month from 12 PM to 2 PM. This group will have exclusive rights to the Kennesaw Recreation Center during sessions. The cost is \$12 per participant and includes an elite t-shirt.

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### ARTS ALLIANCE NEWS

Join us as we present our A Moment in Time now through through April 15. This exhibit is free and open to the public.

The Art House is located at 4425 Cherokee Street, Acworth. OPEN Tuesday-Saturday, 12-6 P.M. Call 678-543-5777

### BETHEL SHREDS

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### LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE!

Applications are being accepted for the Live Your BEST Life! Marketplace & Expo. It takes place Wednesday, May 17 at Cobb Civic Center from 10am until 2pm. Northside Hospital will, once again, be providing free health screenings. If you have products or services to sell (or know someone who does) this is a great opportunity for you to be front of hundreds of people. You are welcome to make sales at this event. Last year vendors sold jewelry, skin care, home décor, chocolates and more! Request an application by sending an email to [CobbSeniors@cobbcounty.org](mailto:CobbSeniors@cobbcounty.org) with "Expo" in the subject line. \*Please do not email me directly as all Expo communication is being handled through CobbSeniors@cobbcounty.org.

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## THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK

With March's arrival, we begin to see the signs of spring and start to think about getting back outside and enjoying everything the city's greenspaces have to offer. Our wonderful city events are beginning to return to our parks, and the energy downtown is as alive as the blossoming trees!

Last month we celebrated the many reasons why Acworth is Home, and part of the reasons is because of Acworth's great quality of life and many recreational opportunities. Currently, Acworth has miles of wonderful trail options throughout our parks and downtown area, and we are looking forward to connecting and expanding our current trail system around Lake Acworth. In the next ten years, the City of Acworth is planning on adding an additional four miles to our trail systems for our residents and visitors to enjoy. Through this process, Overlook Park will also see upgrades to its amenities including parking, restroom facilities, and designated fishing areas. Further, all new trails will be wide enough to accommodate those who take advantage of our golf cart friendly city status. The ultimate goal of the Lake Acworth Master Trail Plan is to create better access for our residents and visitors to our parks, water, and amenities. Our amazing city team is working hard behind the scenes to keep our quality of life at exceptional standards, and we look forward to seeing the masterplan come to life!



This month sees the return of the Acworth Egg Hunt on Friday, March 31. We're looking forward to working again with our friends at Freedom Church who contribute so much to this event. Our partnerships within the city are what help us create extraordinary experiences through our parks and recreation department. Make plans to bring your family to see the bunny make his grand skydiving entrance at the Acworth Sports Complex before the egg hunt begins! Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m., and more information about the hunt times can be found at [www.acworthegg hunt.com](http://www.acworthegg hunt.com). Speaking of the kids, Acworth Parks, Recreation, and Community Resource Department has opened its camp registration for a summer of fun. Visit [www.campacworth.org](http://www.campacworth.org) for more details and to register.

As always, for the latest information on any of our events and projects, you can visit [www.acworth.org](http://www.acworth.org), sign up for our e-news blasts on our home page, "like" City of Acworth on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram at @cityofacworthga.

May God Bless You and Your Families, Tommy.

## ACWORTH EGG HUNT

The City of Acworth and Freedom Church would like to invite your family to experience an egg hunt like you've never seen before! The event will take place on Friday, March 31 at the Acworth Sports Complex, located at 4000 South Main St. The Easter Egg Hunts will be held on the baseball fields and we ask all participants to please park on the baseball side of the complex. We will have gates and concessions opening at 6:00 p.m., and the first hunt begins at 7:30 p.m., so make sure you arrive early.

This year the hunt will consist of 50,000 eggs and the Easter Bunny will be SKYDIVING in for the fun! The Acworth Egg Hunt is broken down into five age groups and the start times will alternate between fields. For more information on the schedule or to volunteer visit [www.acworthegg hunt.com](http://www.acworthegg hunt.com).

## LIVE AT LOGAN FARM PARK

Live at Logan Farm Park is back this year Saturday, April 22, 2023. The Acworth Arts Alliance will be partnering with the City of Acworth to bring you Live at Logan Farm Park featuring a free concert. Live at Logan Farm Park is the annual Acworth Arts Alliance and the Acworth Art House fundraiser. Event proceeds from sponsor tables support the Acworth Arts Alliance, specifically to fund a scholarship for students pursuing a degree in art as well as to fund arts initiatives in underfunded programs and among the underserved in our community. The concert is free and open to the public! For more information on this event or to purchase a table, please visit [www.acworthartsalliance.org](http://www.acworthartsalliance.org).

## DRAGON BOAT RACES

The Dragons are coming!!! On Saturday, May 6, 2023 the Acworth-Cobb Dragon Festival returns to the Dallas Landing Park in Acworth, Ga. The event's major sponsor is the Northside Cancer Foundation. This will be the sixth year for the festival which raises money to support cancer outreach programs in Cobb and surrounding counties. Families, friends and co-works come together to form dragon boat teams racing in competition against each other. It is a fun filled day on the water, with food vendors, raffles, best dressed drummer contest and a DJ. Why not form a team and join us or just come and enjoy the event!! <https://acworthdragonboatfest.com/>, [acworthcobbdbfestival@gmail.com](mailto:acworthcobbdbfestival@gmail.com), and visit us on facebook at Acworth-Cobb Dragon Boat Festival.

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## ACWORTH'S SENIOR LUNCHEON

Join us every third Wednesday of the month for lunch and bingo at the City of Acworth's Senior Luncheon. This program is FREE to all seniors but you must RSVP to attend. Reservations will be accepted the week prior to the event. The event is the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at the Acworth Community Center (4361 Cherokee Street Acworth, Ga 30101) RSVP: (770) 917-1234

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NCHS BECCA’S CLOSET CHAPTER

Cobb County schools are just finishing winter break and most families vacated the Acworth/ Kennesaw area - but not these two girls. Julia Magalhaes and Haneen Mohamad spent their winter break, gathering prom dresses for NCHS Becca’s Closet Chapter. The day I met them, they were unloading a car full of dresses, all donated and worth \$43,000. The Chapter was started last fall and these seniors believe they have collected about 1000 dresses to give away. North Cobb High School’s Becca’s Closet is open to all students in middle or high school whether you attend North Cobb or not. While you may not be going to the prom there are several other party events a young lady may be attending. Eighth grade dance, a military ball, a Quinceanera, or any where formal wear is the dress of the evening. Even if you are a chaperone to one of these events - Becca’s Closet has just the dress for you. The dresses are FREE. These two ladies just don’t collect fancy dresses, they do the morning announcements at school every day, have been seen recording JV football games and LaCrosse games (since last year and during winter break). In their spare time they are members of the Interact Club, a community service organization working with our local Rotary. They are long time friends and care about our community. Visit <https://www.beccascloset.org/chapters/north-cobb-high-school/> and answer the questions on the screen and submit. Some one from the chapter will contact you. Both Julia and Haneen are very appreciative of their two sponsors Mrs Watson and Mrs Young. They believe they would not have been able to start this chapter without them. Pictured above with a few of the dresses are Haneen Mohamad on left and Julia Magalhaes on right.

HIGH TEA AND SILENT AUCTION

Brookwood Christian School for their high tea and silent auction in April. Join us for this community favorite event on April 27th, 2023 from 12:30-2:00 pm. The high tea and silent auction is held on campus in our beautiful event space. This event costs \$30 a ticket and can be purchased by texting “Tea” to 404-491-7724. If you are planning to attend, make sure to get your tickets in advance. Tickets are limited to 50 attendees.

MAUI JIM SHOW

Eye Contact, located at 2720 Mars Hill Rd., Acworth is hosting their first annual Maui Jim Trunk Show on Friday March 24 from 6pm until 8:pm. Summer is just around the corner and treat yourself to a new pair of sunglasses. Spirits and Desserts will be served. Great prices on the Newest Maui Jim Sunglasses. Call 770-529-1925 for more information. See Eye Contact’s business article on page 11.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES

Winkenhofer Pineridge Funeral Home and Cemetery invite the public to attend Easter Sun Rise Services on Sunday, April 9 at 7:00 am. Dress warmly, bring a blanket and a chair. The service will be held by Pastor J Perry Fowler of Kennesaw First Baptist Church. Winkenhofer’s is located at 2950 North Cobb Parkway, Kennesaw.

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**THREE DAY AUCTION -FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.**

The festival's official charity partner, SafePath Children's Advocacy Center will hold a Silent Auction featuring a variety of items and services, from luxury and beauty, to travel and one-of-a-kind entertainment and dining opportunities. Be sure to stop by this event and see what tickles your fancy. Then go online to bid and hopefully buy. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE AUCTION GO TO SAFE PATH.

**Thursday, March 23 – 5:30-8:00pm,** Best of Cobb ~ Join Cobb Life Magazine (coblifemagazine.com) and the Marietta Daily Journal (mdjonline.com) for the can't-miss social event of the year, the 2023 Cobb Life Magazine Best Of Cobb Celebration. During this ticketed event, our 2023 Best Of winners will be celebrated! Copies of Cobb Life's 2023 Best Of issue will be given out. Attendees can pick up free food and gifts from the winner's booths. The event will also include a beer and wine bar and live music by a 2023 winner. Only those in attendance will be the first to know who our over 380,000 votes awarded the coveted title "Best Of!" Be sure to buy your tickets today! Dress is business casual. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the event. New this year, upgrades available for our VIP Sponsorship Oasis which includes a full bar and exclusive musical performances.

**Friday, March 25 – 7:30-9:30pm Fired Up** ~An evening celebrating everything grilled, smoked, barbecued and more. A wide variety of beef, pork, chicken, seafood and vegetarian dishes will be available to taste from some of Georgia and the South's most renowned Pitmasters and chefs. Enjoy live music, wine, beer and spirits tastings in a souvenir glass. This is an all-inclusive event, with food and drink included with admission ticket, including two whole hogs from Rodney Scott's Whole Hog BBQ.

**Saturday, March 26, 1 – 4 pm, "Savor, Georgia Food + Wine Festival"**

A fun afternoon of culinary and beverage tastings, with live music, celebrity chef demonstrations, interactive stations from several world-renowned beverage experts. Tickets include a souvenir glass for unlimited beverage tastings from hundreds of wines, beer and spirits exhibitors, and each guest will receive \$10 in Tasting Tokens. Additional tokens will be available for purchase throughout the festival. Savor will also feature over 20+ restaurants from around Georgia and the South with a variety of culinary options, along with artisans from all over the region. Guests will enjoy not one, but TWO demo stages: the Georgia Grown Demo Stage and the Celebrity Chef Stage featuring Chef Henry Chandler, Jernard Wells, and Publix Aprons Cooking School. \*Stage tastings limited to the first 50 people in attendance for each stage session. Celebrity author cookbook signings will be available following cooking demonstrations. Cobb Travel & Tourism's "Bubbles & Brews Alley" will feature Cobb County's most popular breweries and distilleries. The Superior Plumbing Music Stages will showcase Scott Thompson & Brother Mojo and Les & Wes Duo.

**FREE parking, 21 & older only event, no pets allowed.**

**Sunday, March 27, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm, "Sunday/Funday" (Family-friendly event)**

An affordable (\$25 admission ticket, with children 12 and under free) fantastic festival finale with live music and a variety of delectable restaurants, food trucks, artisans and a variety of beverages for purchase. A family friendly event with something for everybody in the family, including a free Kids Zone, with free inflatables and kids activities, and the Atlanta Braves and Falcons will be on hand too! There will be a variety of beverages available for purchase for 21 and older - including beer, wine and cocktails. The Sunday/Funday Lounge will feature specialty drink stations for purchase: Mimosas, Sparkling Wines and Bloody Mary Bar. The "Georgia Celebrity Chef Stage" will feature cooking demonstrations from Georgia's best loved chefs including Matthew & Tia Raiford, Ryan Whyte- Buck, and Chef Z of Redtop Brewhouse. Don't miss Georgia's Best Whiskey Cocktail Challenge, featuring Knob Creek & Basil Hayden, with some of the area's best mixologists competing for the title, \$2,000 in cash prizes, and a write up in Cobb Life Magazine. The Superior Plumbing live music stage features J. Scott Thompson. Each ticket includes \$10 in Tasting Tokens.

**Children 12 & under are FREE, free parking, no pets allowed.**

Event tickets are available at Georgia Food + Wine Festival Tickets. The most up to date festival information is available on the Georgia Food + Wine Festival website and the festival's social media channels: Facebook and Instagram.

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## CHRISTMAS AT PIEDMONT DONATES \$35,700 TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

Piedmont Church handed out \$35,700 to local schools through scholarships and donations from proceeds of their annual Christmas at Piedmont event presented by Superior Plumbing & C&S Paving.

Principals from local schools, Piedmont Church members and sponsors attended a luncheon on Tuesday, January 31, to give back to the Cobb community. "Schools are the backbone of our neighborhoods, the success of our community depends on the success of our schools," said Ike Reighard, Senior Pastor of Piedmont Church.

More than 40 Cobb County schools received donations of \$300 or more in addition to Piedmont Church awarding scholarships to Kell and Sprayberry High Schools. Other recipients were KSU Foundation for Care Services receiving \$15,000 to provide meal plans for homeless KSU college students. Additional monies were donated to the Special Needs Development Group to implement programming.

Christmas at Piedmont was held at Piedmont Church on December 9 and 10, 2022. The two-day event featured more than 50 arts and crafts vendors as well as a FREE kid's zone including a petting zoo and a 40-foot snow tube slide provided by C&S Paving. All the kids' activities were free and more than 40 schools and local dance troops were invited to perform as part of the entertainment. All the proceeds from the event were funneled back into the community and awarded to recipients at this special presentation at Piedmont Church. Pictured above is Marlon Longacre (center) with Marietta City School principals and choral directors!

## LOCAL SOLDIER SURPRISED BY ENORMOUS CARE PACKAGE

United States Army 1st Lt. Jacob Drobney, the son of Jeff and Lisa Drobney, was surprised with an giant care package he recently received from home. 1st Lt. Drobney grew up in Kennesaw and attended Pitner Elementary, Palmer Middle School and graduated from North Cobb High School in 2016. He attended the University of North Georgia, on a 4 year Army ROTC scholarship and graduated and commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 2020. Drobney is assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, the famous "Big Red One", at Fort Riley, Kansas.



Longtime family friends Lt. Col Liston Edge (U.S. Army retired) and his wife Leslie Edge knew about Jacob's deployment and have stayed in contact with his parents. They also know too well the challenges and hardships of a long deployment on both the soldier and their families. During his 28 year career in the Army Lt. Colonel Edge was deployed on multiple occasions, including Operation Desert Storm and during the war in Iraq. Fast forward to January 2023 and Lt. Colonel Edge and Leslie wanted to pass forward the love and support they received during Liston's deployments. Knowing that such a large endeavor would take a community effort the Edge's put out the word across their network of friends. One of the people the Edge's contacted was a teacher at Pitner, Drobney's former elementary school. This was all it took for his former school and teachers to rally. Over the next few weeks students, faculty and staff from Pitner and other local schools wrote letters and collected snacks and baked goods to send to Lt. Drobney and his soldiers. With letters wrote and goodies boxed up the care package was sent and the group awaited word that it was received.

In mid-February 1st Lt. Drobney texted his father "I received an absolutely massive care package tonight put together by the Edge's. It has hundreds of letters from multiple schools including Pitner and letters from students and my former teachers as well as more snacks than my company knows what to do with. Please share a Thank You from me and the troop." One poignant note Drobney received read "We hope you and your troops enjoy a little love from our/your school. Thanks for being brave and courageous and for protecting us and our country." Another read "Dear Jacob, We thought we'd send you a little love from home. . . . Our current Pitner Patriots were excited to know that you are now serving in the Army and are true Patriot for our country."

The love and support shown for Lt. Drobney and his soldiers by the Edge's, their friends, the Pitner family and the students and parents that wrote notes of encouragement and sent boxes of snacks and baked goods is what makes Kennesaw such a special place to live and raise a family.

## NOONDAY SHANTY 5K & 10K.

The Town Center Community is still accepting runners for their second annual Noonday Shanty 5K & 10K.

Managed by Orion Racing, the Noonday Shanty 5K & 10K offers two race lengths and is the first USA Track and Field-certified race to take place on the Noonday Creek Trail. The event also features an updated 10K course for 2023, which was rerouted based on runner feedback, and offers a great way to enjoy the outdoors while supporting future greenspace and trail projects in the Town Center area.

"We are excited to bring this event back to the community and create an opportunity for people to experience Town Center in a different way," said Jennifer Hogan, Director, Community. "Town Center is more than retail and commercial properties. It is also trails, parks, public art, and community."

Participants will experience scenic views, wetlands, bird habitats, and public art along the Noonday Creek Trail as well as other Town Center attractions. The Race will start & finish at Town Center at Cobb Mall and the proceeds support future greenspace & trail projects in Town Center area

Participants of all skill levels are welcome to join. Registration for participants and volunteers can be found at Noonday Shanty 5K & 10K.



**47TH ANNUAL SUPERIOR PLUMBING KENNESAW/BIG SHANTY FESTIVAL**

The Kennesaw Business Association in cooperation with the City of Kennesaw along with the Title Sponsor: Superior Plumbing and Presenting Sponsors: LGE Community Credit Union and Georgia Grown will host the 47th Annual Superior Plumbing Kennesaw/Big Shanty Festival on Saturday April 9 and Sunday April 10 in downtown Kennesaw.

The Superior Plumbing Kennesaw/Big Shanty Festival features over 250 Arts & Crafts booths, 25 food booths, two entertainment stage, kids activities, as well as live acoustic music in the Food Court throughout the weekend. Something for the entire family!

The festival is providing FREE SHUTTLES to and from the downtown area. Two 14 passenger busses will be running shuttles from Swift-Cantrell Park to festival grounds during event hours – both Saturday & Sunday. Parking: Available at Adams Park & Swift-Cantrell. Admission is free to the festival.

The Festival is sponsored by the Kennesaw Business Association in cooperation with the City of Kennesaw. Superior Plumbing is the title sponsor and LGE Community Credit Union and Georgia Grown are the presenting sponsors. For more information call 770-423-1330 or email [missy@jrmmanagement.com](mailto:missy@jrmmanagement.com). See you there! Pictured above: The crowds enjoying a beautiful day at last year's festival.

**EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE.**

A parade will kick-off the festival at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday April 22nd. Crowds line the streets of downtown Kennesaw to cheer on the more than 2,000 kids that participate. These kids represent every sports association and school in the area. Local businesses, the winners of various beauty pageants, and Allatoona, Kell, Kennesaw Mountain, Harrison and North Cobb High School marching bands also add to the festivities. Festival management is now taking applications for the parade? Email [missy@jrmmanagement.com](mailto:missy@jrmmanagement.com). Schools, churches, scouts, friends and neighbors are all welcome to march.

**CONGRATULATIONS GREAT GIG**



Congratulations to the Great Gig dancers and choreographers of Sweet in the Morning on receiving the Adjudicators' Award at the KSU Dance Festival. You represented Great Gig Dance Co wonderfully! Dancers: Abby Gray, Sarah Manigat, Ashlyn Parker, Serena Parker and Campbell Smith. Choreographer: Tammy Everhart, not pictured Victoria Everhart

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### NCHS WARRIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS SIGN

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### CONGRATULATIONS BROOKE FRENCH

Congratulations to Allatoona junior, Brooke French for placing second in the GHSA State Wrestling Tournament. She has now placed two years in a row in the State. She has had an outstanding tournament and season. Brooke wrestles in the 115 lb weight class. Her record this season is 21-1 and career record is 57-7. This is her third season wrestling for Allatoona. Pictured above l-r Coach Jacob Longacre, Brooke French, Coaches Sam Morrely, Kyle Norred.



### KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC

On January 14th 2023 Kennesaw Mountain High School NJROTC drill team went to Jacksonville Florida to participate in a drill meet at Mandarin High School. The drill team has been working very hard on every routine since August especially the exhibition teams. We participated in the academic test, personal inspection, physical fitness and drill. In the physical fitness portion of the drill meet we pushed ourselves to our limits and one cadet, in particular, ended up placing 5th for overall sit-ups. Our color guard did exceptionally well tying for 1st overall. Even though we missed qualifying for regionals by a few points we are still so proud of all the cadets for trying their hardest and giving it their all in every portion of the drill meet. This just means we are going to push ourselves even harder next year.

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**SOLE KIDZ REGISTRATION**  
This program is a fun, flexible running program designed to get kids in the community active! The mission of Kennesaw Sole KIDZ is to promote a healthy, active lifestyle to the Kennesaw youth through a running based program. Meeting location is the at the picnic pavilions at Swift-Cantrell Park.

Registration includes all sessions, 2 - 5K registrations from the Kennesaw Grand Prix Series (May 13 & June 10) and a T-shirt.. Parent Meeting: Tuesday, March 14 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM at the Ben Robertson Community Center (2753 Watts Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30144)

Run Nights at Swift-Cantrell Park: March 21 - June 8 Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 PM Required - Sole KIDZ Shirts and running shoes with socks and bring a water bottle.

Register online at <https://secure.recl.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>, click on Youth-Sports and and scroll down to Sole KIDZ running program.

**MEET ROWENA WIDNER AND HER TEAM**

The director of Sole KIDZ is Rowena Widner. along with her husband Eric Widner and her friend Lisa Ricca.

Rowena was involved in fitness and dance through out her teens years and in her twenties she practiced martial arts. In 2014 Rowena joined a local fitness bootcamp where she met her future husband, Eric Widner. Wanting to continue with physical fitness Row learned about the Swift Cantrell's running program for children and the Kennesaw Grand Prix races. Rowena and Eric began running with both groups and soon were coaching the children in the running program.

In 2019 Rowena became directly involved as the leader of the Swift Cantrell Running Program and began working directly with the city, parents and runners to coordinate each season. She was responsible for the administration of the program and the Tuesday and Thursday workouts during the season.

In 2022 the original running program director left the City of Kennesaw. Realizing the need to continue a program for the kids Rowena spoke with the city to continue providing a running program under the name of Sole Kidz Running Club. The Club was officially formed for its inaugural season in the fall of 2022. P.S. Rowena had the blessing of the previous running club director.



**KENNESAW GRAND PRIX 5K RACE SCHEDULE**

The City of Kennesaw announces the schedule for the 2023 Kennesaw Grand Prix 5K series. The series is run on a mostly flat and fast asphalt course, professionally timed and USAT&F Certified, through Downtown Kennesaw and Swift-Cantrell Park. The course is perfect for competitive runners seeking a qualifying time for the Peachtree Road Race.

The four 5K runs are part of the Fit City Kennesaw initiative which encourages residents to become more active and engage in wellness-related activities. Registration can be done online at [www.kennesawgrandprix.com](http://www.kennesawgrandprix.com) The entry fee of \$35 includes a race t-shirt. Early bird registration is now open for \$30 per race or \$105 for the series!

This year's races are as follows: May 13: Fit City 5K; June 10: Summer Sun Run 5K; September 9: Harvest Hustle 5K; October 28: Nightmare on Main 5K

The Kennesaw Grand Prix makes a great race experience simple and easy. Each race begins at the Kennesaw First Baptist Church on Main Street in Downtown Kennesaw. With plentiful parking, restrooms, room to spread out and warm-up, the registration and start area helps to get racers ready for a PR race. Each race includes a one mile fun run at 7:30 a.m.; the 5K at 8 a.m.; and a Tot Trot at 8:55 a.m. Awards are presented at the after party on Main Street at 9:15 a.m.

Kennesaw Parks & Recreation will host a kick-off party for the series on Thursday, April 20, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center, located at 2737 Watts Drive. Attendees will have the opportunity to register for the series as a whole or individual races and meet with vendors and sponsors.

This year's series is presented by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Croy Engineering, in association with the Cobb Sports Alliance. More details are available at [www.kennesawgrandprix.com](http://www.kennesawgrandprix.com)

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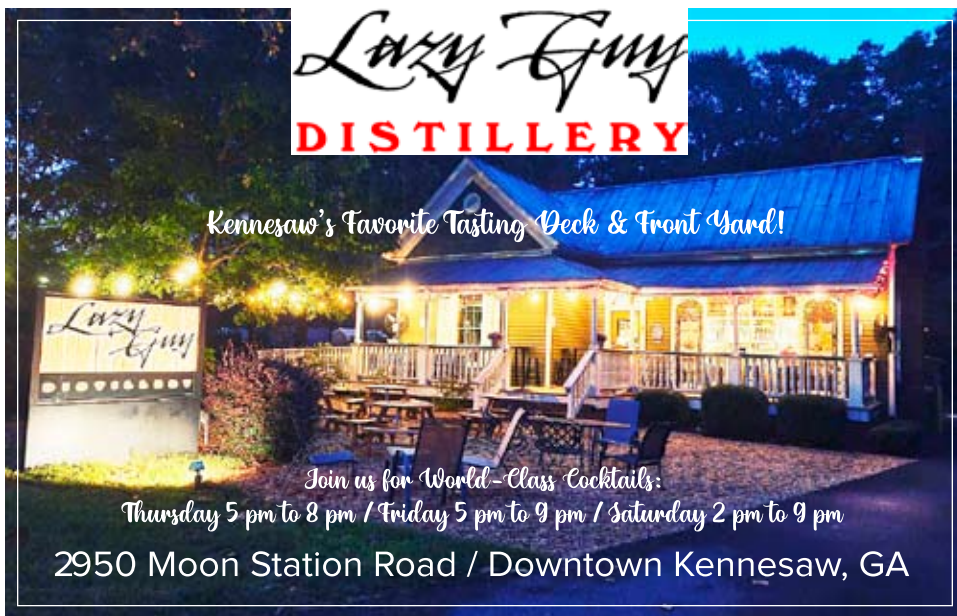
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## KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

### KEVIAN JABBARI, PRESIDENT



The Kennesaw Business Association is always accepting memberships throughout the year. The basic KBA membership is \$100.00 and provides over 50 different opportunities to network your business. Monthly luncheons are held the second Tuesday of the month, A late afternoon event is held the third Tuesday of the month at various locations, and an early morning event is held the fourth Tuesday of the month at various locations. We have several packages that are explained at [kennesawbusiness.org](http://kennesawbusiness.org) under Membership. If you have questions about membership? Please contact Austin Porter, Membership Chair ~ [aporter@freedomchurch.tv](mailto:aporter@freedomchurch.tv) OR JRM Management Services ~ 770-423-1330.


We cordially invite you to our March luncheon which will be held on Tuesday, March 14 at the Recreation Center at Adams Park. The event begins at 11:00 am, for a bit of networking and ends at 1:00 pm. Carrabbas Italian Grill is catering and our Guest speaker is Robersons Tutterow..

Roger Tutterow serves as Chief Economic Adviser for Henssler Financial. He is also a Professor of Economics at Kennesaw State University and serves as Director of the Econometric Center, an applied research center housed in Kennesaw's Coles College of Business. In 2018, The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved the appointment of Dr. Tutterow as the Henssler Financial Endowed Chair at Kennesaw State University.

In addition to his work in academia, Dr. Tutterow has served as a consultant on financial economics and statistical modeling for corporate clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to closely held businesses. He has provided expert testimony on economic, financial, and statistical matters in state and federal court, before the Georgia General Assembly, and before the Georgia Public Service Commission. Visit [Kennesawbusiness.org](http://Kennesawbusiness.org) for more information about our events and membership.

## KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

### BY DANA DORRIS, 2010 AND 2022 PRESIDENT



***Spring to it!*** With almost 3 months behind us, there is no better time to determine what's working for your business – and what's not. While no business should wait to see how they are measuring up to their annual business goals, Springtime is the perfect opportunity to assess your progress or hit the restart button.

A few items you should consider for your Spring checkpoint:

- It is all in the numbers – A data driven approach allows businesses to make strategic decisions based on data analysis and interpretation. This approach enables the ability to examine and organize data to make sure it is aligned with your goals, objectives, and initiatives.
- Renew and refresh your model – A planned quarterly business review will provide you with a snapshot of your business data and should lead to revision and refinement of your annual business plan. Taking a step back to analyze your first quarter progress allows you the opportunity to meet with your team to collaborate on what changes you need to make to improve your results over the next 90-day period.
- Evaluate and reset your goals – Do you have SMART goals? Because you will likely need to adjust your goals based on your past performance (and that's okay!), you will need to make it a point to review your goals. The to make SMART goals is to make sure each go is specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time bound. Put them in writing, make an action plan to support each goal and stick with your plan. Don't forget to take the time to celebrate your successes!

Spring is a time for new growth. The flowers and trees exhibit new growth and make our community beautiful. Taking the time to review your business plan, make necessary changes and collaborate with your team for cohesiveness will be a great start in making your business bloom this Spring.

## ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

### KELLY NAGEL, PRESIDENT



There is a wonderful Irish Proverb that says, "May the best day of your past be the worst day of your future."

I love this idea that life can only get better and for the most part, I believe that to be true. The more we learn, grow and mature, the better life is, even when things are hard. I remember a time in my life when I truly thought I knew a great deal, maybe even everything (didn't we all think that in our teens and early twenties?). Part of that was because I was in a season of learning a great deal and experiencing more and more every day. The irony of believing we knew it all and yet learning new things every day. As we get older and have more experiences, the one thing we know for sure is that there is a whole lot of things we do not know. So much so that we don't know what we don't know.

In life, we often don't know what we don't know and the only way to figure out what we don't know is to put yourself in places and around people who have different life experiences than you do. When Rich and I first started Nagel's Bagels we knew how to bake bagels. What we didn't know was how to actually register this as a business, pay taxes, get the proper certifications and insurance. We didn't know half the things we needed to know to open and run a successful business legally and properly. We had to ask questions, ask for help and most importantly, surround ourselves with people who would know and were willing to help.

We found that at in places like the Acworth Business Association. A place that is full of successful men and women who are willing and eager to help others succeed.

Are you someone who doesn't know what you don't know? Or maybe you are someone who knows a whole lot and you are ready to share that knowledge and experience with others. Either way, come join us at ABA. We are committed to mentorship, sharing knowledge, helping others and facilitating connections. The connection you make may be the exact right one for you. Visit [Acworthbusiness.org](http://Acworthbusiness.org) for more information about our events and membership.

## MARIETTA NEWS



### MARCH SCAVENGER HUNT - TREE PLANTING

Give back to your community and get some good exercise by coming out and joining us for our March Scavenger Hunt - Tree Planting. We will be planting trees around Marietta and will meet at City of Marietta Maintenance Building (near Lewis Park) in Marietta. The address is: 434 Sessions Street, Marietta, Georgia 30060. The date is Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 9:00am.

The City of Marietta Maintenance Building (near Lewis Park) and the link to Lewis Park is <http://www.mariettaga.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Lewis-Park-22>

Please join us as we plant trees to reforest our community. Grab a friend or a family member and donate your Saturday morning to help Marietta Tree Keepers put more trees in the ground. Please dress for outdoor weather. Tools and gloves included. Donuts, hot chocolate and hot coffee provided. In case of bad weather please call 770-424-4664 for weather updates and rain date. Large groups please contact us with your number of volunteers

### 4TH OF JULY APPLICATIONS

The Marietta Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce the application for the 2023 Let Freedom Ring July 4th Parade, on Tuesday, July 4th, is now open. School bands, military units, civic organizations, beauty queens, local Boys and Girl Scout clubs, area businesses and others can sign up online to be a part of this year's parade.

Parade applicants should apply online at [www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov), type July Fourth in the search box. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 26th at 5 pm.

### GEORGIA SYMPHONY'S CELEBRITY LUNCHEON TO FEATURE ANDREW YOUNG

Andrew Young, Jr., former ambassador to the United Nations, former congressman, past mayor of Atlanta and civil rights icon, will be the keynote speaker at the Georgia Symphony Orchestra's annual Celebrity Luncheon fundraiser. The event will take place on Saturday, March 18, 2023, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Marietta Country Club and is open to the public.

Ambassador Young will be joined by a diverse and entertaining group of talented local artists, authors, musicians and business leaders. Proceeds from the event will benefit the GSO's musical performance, youth education and outreach programs.

The event also will provide a fantastic opportunity for guests to indulge themselves from among an array of silent and live auction goodies, such as rare trinkets and tidbits, stunning fine art and everyday splurges.

Founded in Marietta in 1951, the GSO has become one of Georgia's finest community-supported, multifaceted performing arts organizations through imaginative programming, visionary leadership and critically acclaimed performances.

Proceeds from the event will allow the GSO to continue delivering classical, jazz and pops concerts of high-quality choral and instrumental music and inspiring and educating young musicians through the Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra—one of the 10 largest such programs in the country.

Ticket prices start at \$50 and must be purchased in advance online at [georgiaasymphony.org/all-events](http://georgiaasymphony.org/all-events).

### MARIETTA SHAMROCK SHUFFLE

The Marietta Police Athletic League (PAL) invites you, your family, friends or your company to create a team and register today for the Lucky 7th Annual Marietta Shamrock Shuffle 5K Walk/Run! This Peachtree Road Race Qualifier will take place Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 8:00am (welcome & warm-up at 7:30am) at the Marietta Square, 75 East Park Square, Marietta, GA.

Registration fee is \$40. Onsite registration will be available starting at 7:00am on race day and at Packet Pick-up on Friday, March 17th from 3-7pm at the Hugh L. Grogan Jr. Community Center, 510 Lawrence Street, Marietta. Proceeds will support Marietta PAL's youth academic, sports and recreation programs. To register, donate or sponsor please visit: [www.MariettaShamrockShuffle.com](http://www.MariettaShamrockShuffle.com)

### 10TH ANNUAL SCOUT SHABBAT

The community is invited to join Congregation Ner Tamid for our 10th Annual Scout Shabbat on Friday, March 10 at 7:30 pm.

Scouts will perform a flag ceremony and recite the scout oaths and laws. Rabbi Prass will lead a Shabbat evening prayer service. Attendees will have the opportunity to see a Torah scroll handwritten by a Hebrew scribe, and guest speakers will deliver words in honor of scouting.

A Scout-themed "Oneg" reception (literally, the "sweetness" of Shabbat) will follow with treats and fellowship for all. Scout Shabbat welcomes scouts of all faiths.

The Congregation will provide BSA and Girl Scout Shabbat patches for the first 25 scouts/uniformed adults to register at [scoutshabbat@mynertamid.org](mailto:scoutshabbat@mynertamid.org). Scouts should arrive 30 minutes early for check in, patch distribution and setup of Flag Ceremonies.

Register and reserve your patch at [scoutshabbat@mynertamid.org](mailto:scoutshabbat@mynertamid.org). For more information contact Matt Berenson at [amberenson@gmail.com](mailto:amberenson@gmail.com).

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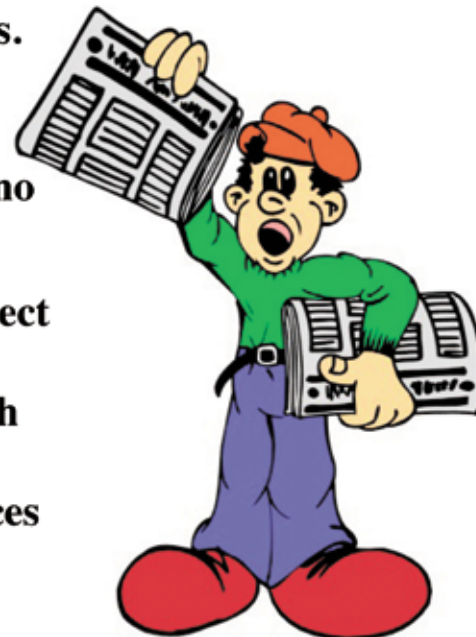
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