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## RAILROAD RENDEZVOUS - JULY 26, 2025

All aboard for a full day of family fun at the Southern Museum's annual Railroad Rendezvous! This popular event celebrates all things rail and transportation with hands-on activities, demonstrations, and unique displays for all ages.

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- Blacksmithing Demonstration
- Ham Radio & Telegraph Demonstrations
- Interactive Model Train Layout
- Kids' Area Featuring Railroad Careers & Typewriter Station

### CLIMB ABOARD THE GENERAL

This event also offers the rare opportunity to step aboard the General locomotive, made famous during the Civil War's Great Locomotive Chase of 1862, and tour the cab of the historic steam locomotive. The "Board the General Experience" is \$5 per person, children 2 years old and younger are free, proceeds will go to the Kennesaw Museum Foundation.

All activities excluding "Board the General Experience" are included with regular Admission; \$10 for Adults, \$8 for Seniors, and \$5 for Children. Learn more: <https://southernmuseum.org/>



## KENNESAW'S BACK 2 SCHOOL JAM ON JULY 12

The City of Kennesaw's Parks & Recreation Department will host its annual Back 2 School Jam on Saturday, July 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kennesaw Recreation Center. This free event offers kids school supplies and book bags on a first-come, first-served basis. Vendors will be on-site providing giveaways and sharing information about community resources and services for families and children.

In the weeks leading up to the event, donation bins will be available in the lobbies of both the Kennesaw Recreation Center for new and unused school supplies, including black book bags, black ink pens, No. 2 pencils, glue sticks, pencil sharpeners, rulers, scissors, paper packs, spiral and composition notebooks, binders, crayons, folders, erasers, and pencil pouches or boxes. An Amazon Wish List is also available to streamline donations at <https://a.co/4bLG9Eo>.



## NCHS'S STATE CHAMPION JASMINE ROBINSON RECOGNIZED AT ALL-METRO BANQUET

Atlanta Track Club honored its 2025 All-Metro Track and Field Team, spotlighting 57 of the region's top high school athletes at a ceremony in which four competitors — who together won seven state titles and broke two state records — were named Outstanding Athletes of the Year.

Jasmine Robinson of North Cobb High School repeated as Girls' Track Athlete of the Year following a season that established her among the all-time greats in Georgia — and the nation. The junior swept the GHSA Class 6A titles in the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles, with times of 13.22 and 39.81 seconds, respectively. Her 300 hurdles mark broke the Georgia state record and made her just the third high school girl in U.S. history to go sub 40 seconds — joining a group whose members went on to win Olympic and world titles. Robinson now holds Georgia's all-time best in the 300 hurdles and ranks No. 2 in the 100 hurdles, currently sitting second nationally in both events. A three-time state champion in the 300 hurdles and a two-time All-Metro honoree, Robinson is reshaping expectations for high school track.



## TOWN CENTER COMMUNITY CELEBRATES BIKESHARE PROGRAM 10TH ANNIVERSARY

In celebration of its 10-year anniversary, the Town Center Community is enhancing its popular bikeshare program with new e-bikes and an upgraded pedal-bike fleet sponsored by Georgia Power. A system integration with Kennesaw State University (KSU) will also launch in-time for the upcoming fall semester. These updates aim to increase connectivity, improve rider experience, and support active transportation throughout the district.

In July 10 pedal-assist e-bikes will be added to the existing fleet while the original 35 pedal bikes will be upgraded with a new design. The update builds on a decade of steady growth for the program, which recently celebrated 100,000 total rides since its launch in 2015.

To further improve regional mobility, the Town Center bikeshare system will soon integrate with KSU's bikeshare program. Once connected, KSU students will be able to rent and return bikes interchangeably between KSU Marietta Campus, Town Center, and new soon-to-open stations on the Kennesaw Campus. Non-KSU users will continue to rent and return bikes at designated Town Center locations only.

"During the 10-year anniversary of our bikeshare program, we're proud to make it even easier for residents, visitors and students to move around our community," said Tracy Styf, executive director of Town Center Community. "This expansion is about increasing access, supporting sustainability and enhancing everyday connections within our district."

Currently, the Town Center bikeshare program operates 24/7 with 45 bikes across six strategically located stations. The addition of e-bikes and upgraded pedal bikes responds to growing demand for efficient, eco-friendly transportation options.

Rental Fees: Pedal Bikes: Free for the first hour; \$3 per hour thereafter E-Bikes: \$1 unlock fee; first hour free; \$2 per 30 minutes after

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### LOCAL HISTORY STORIES

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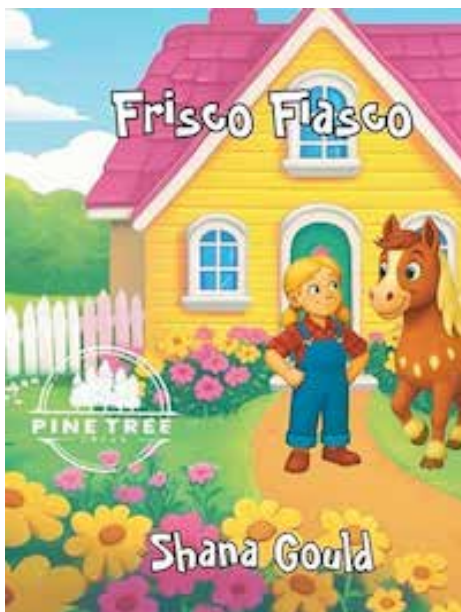
In 1901, one local resident saved a freight train and became a part of railroad lore: sixteen-year-old Nannie Jordan.

Nancy Jordan, who went by Nannie, was born in 1885 and lived along the railroad tracks north of Kennesaw Mountain. The site is today near the National Park Service's overflow parking lot.

Jordan's father worked for the railroad, so she was very familiar with the train schedule. In June of 1901, a heavy rain began to pour around the Jordan home. Looking through a window, the young Nannie Jordan saw debris clogging a culvert. As water accumulated, the tracks began to erode away.

Jordan knew that a freight train was scheduled to pass by her house soon and that the damage to the tracks would likely cause a wreck. She ran northwards to warn the train engineers, H.E. Duckett and E.O. Steele. Because of her warning, a disaster was averted. On Christmas Eve of that year, the railroad presented her with a golden pocket watch for her heroism. Nannie Jordan passed away in 1957 and was laid to rest in Marietta.

According to legend, railroad engineers passing by the Marietta City Cemetery after her death would blow their train's horn in memory of her heroism.



### MEET THE AUTHOR, SHANA GOULD

Shana Gould is an author, entrepreneur, and lifelong animal advocate originally from Texas and now based in rural Georgia (Acworth), where she was raised on a family farm. Her deep compassion for animals has shaped much of her life's work — from rescuing and rehabilitating neglected animals to founding a private sanctuary where they can recover and thrive. With a background in nursing and a strong entrepreneurial spirit, Shana has launched and managed several successful ventures, including boutiques, craft and party venues, and local festivals. She is also deeply involved in community outreach, regularly organizing fundraisers to support individuals and causes close to her heart. Shana is married to her high school sweetheart, Jay, and shares her life with a joyful menagerie of rescued animals who often inspire the stories she writes. Her books celebrate the warmth, humor, and spirited adventures of the animal companions who have touched her life. Readers can expect heartwarming tales filled with mischief, friendship, and the unbreakable bond between humans and animals in her upcoming works.

### FRISCO FIASCO

Curious hooves. One open door. What could possibly go wrong?

Frisco is a playful paint horse with a nose for adventure—and today, the front door to the farmer's house is wide open! One peek turns into a full-on house tour filled with silly surprises: a talking bird, a shiny mirror that “neighs” back, tiny people inside a box, and a lemon that definitely isn't an apple!

Things get messy (really messy!) before Mary, the farmer's daughter, comes to the rescue. Filled with giggles, chaos, and a whole lot of heart, Frisco Fiasco is a laugh-out-loud story about curiosity, a little bit of trouble, and finding your way back home

**Editor's Note:** This precious book is not only filled with pictures of the original horse that visited the Gould's house but has children's activities included. A Wordsearch, pages to color and a crossword puzzle. It is available from Amazon. Go to Amazon's website and type in the title.



**SHANA GOULD,  
AUTHOR**



### THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY

Carson Pope, Troop 24 hosted his Eagle project on Saturday June 28. He chose to host a blood drive in honor of his mother, who is fighting multiple myeloma, a blood cancer. It went AMAZINGLY. They collected a total of 81 pints of blood, which equates to 243 LIVES SAVED!! They collected food through Monday for a total of almost 800 pounds and it went to New Life Community Church in Acworth. There was a lot of work put into this project, and it really payed out. Carson wrote, “Thank you to all the friends and family that came out!! Thank you to everyone who signed up, shared my posts, and helped me with this project!! Thanks to y'all, I am on my way to becoming an Eagle Scout.!”

**Just a note:** Our family friend Greg from the 692 group is a weekend anchor on CBS 6 in Virginia. He did a piece on Carson AND the Blood Drive!! Visit: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=tkO7YZc02F0&d=n>

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KENNESAW CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

**WHO’S BAD – THE ULTIMATE MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE BAND ON SAT OCT 4**

We’re excited to announce the new date for the postponed Kennesaw Concert Series performance featuring Who’s Bad: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute. Join us on Saturday, October 4, for an electric night of live music in Downtown Kennesaw: At 7:00 PM – Bonafide Soul opens followed by 8:15 PM – Who’s Bad: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute

Known as the longest-running Michael Jackson tribute, Who’s Bad delivers high-energy performances with classic choreography and legendary hits. Who’s Bad is a tribute to Michael Jackson that showcases the music with an unrivaled live performance. This spectacular celebration of Michael Jackson’s expansive song catalog has excited crowds on every continent. More details and seating options available at [www.amphitheateratdepotpark.com](http://www.amphitheateratdepotpark.com). We encourage the concert goers to thank Wellstar Health System and our premier sponsors: Hester Dental, Williams Elleby Howard & Easter, and Woodstock Chiropractic for their generous support.

**TOWN HALL MEETING**

The City of Kennesaw invites residents to attend upcoming town hall meetings to discuss a proposed ordinance that would allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in residential zoning districts. These sessions will include an overview of the proposal, live polling, and opportunities for Q&A. AUD’S are tiny homes placed in your backyard, for a family member or friend to live in.

**Meeting Dates & Locations:**

July 9 | 6:30 PM – City Council Chambers, 2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave; July 23 | 6:30 PM – Ben Robertson Community Center, 2753 Watts Dr.; August 13 | 6:30 PM – Ben Robertson Community Center, 2753 Watts Dr.

Whether you own a home, rent, or are simply interested, your input is important! For questions, contact Planning and Zoning at 770-590-8268 or [zoningdept@kennesaw-ga.gov](mailto:zoningdept@kennesaw-ga.gov).

**TODDLER TUESDAYS**

KENNESAW PARKS AND RECREATION INVITES YOU TO join them every Tuesday from 9:30 – 11:30 AM for a fun and engaging experience for little ones! Toddler Tuesdays offer a wonderful opportunity for children ages 1-5 and their caregivers to enjoy open play with age-appropriate equipment in a safe and friendly environment.

Toddler Tuesdays will alternate between Open Play and Themed Tuesdays. This program is specifically designed for toddlers, so be sure to come along and enjoy quality time with your child, meet other caregivers and create lasting memories in a supportive and joyful environment.

Note: Toddler Tuesdays are available for children ages 1-5 and their caregivers only.

We look forward to seeing you and your toddler every Tuesday for a morning filled with laughter and learning! This event is held at the Recreation Center, 2737 Watts Drive, Kennesaw, 30144. For more information call



**2025 PIGS & PEACHES BBQ FESTIVAL**

This year’s Pigs and Peaches BBQ Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, August 15 and 16 at the United Bankshares Amphitheater. Moving from Adams Park to the Amphitheater creates more space and will upgrade the live music experience for the attendees.

The City of Kennesaw and Kennesaw Parks & Recreation are bringing big energy to the 2025 Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival with a weekend packed with country favorites. Grammy-nominated artist Mark Wills will headline Saturday, Aug. 16, with bold, authentic singer-songwriter HunterGirl opening the show. On Friday, Aug. 15, emerging country rocker George Phippen will open for chart-climbing performer Hayden Coffman.

**TASTING EXPERIENCE**

New this year is the Tasting Experience, where attendees can sample signature bites from local restaurants on Saturday, Aug. 16, from noon to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$21 and available at [www.pigsandpeaches.com](http://www.pigsandpeaches.com).

Now celebrating its 25th year, the Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival has become a signature summer tradition for food lovers, music fans and craft beer enthusiasts. With dozens of vendors, exhibitors and barbecue teams, the event delivers two full days of live entertainment, cool drinks and big flavor.

At the heart of the festival is a Kansas City Barbeque Society-sanctioned competition, officially recognized as part of the Georgia BBQ Championship series. Additional contests include the Backyard cook-off, the Anything Butt competition and the Peach Dessert challenge. More than \$16,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded.

The 2025 Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival is presented by Williams Elleby Howard & Easter.

For more information, visit [www.pigsandpeaches.com](http://www.pigsandpeaches.com) or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at 770-422-9714.

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### FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERTS



Care excited to bring back the First Friday Concert Series, a community favorite now in its fifth year. From April through October (excluding July), Downtown Kennesaw comes alive on the first Friday of each month with live music, local brews and delicious eats from 7 to 9 p.m. Set against the charming backdrop of the Main Street Plaza, each concert offers the perfect way to unwind, connect and kick off the weekend in the heart of the city.

August 1– the First Friday Concert Series welcomes 96K to the Main Street Plaza stage. Known for their energetic performances that blend pop, rock, and soul, 96K delivers a dynamic and engaging live music experience. With a talented lineup of musicians and vocalists, the band creates an electric atmosphere perfect for a summer evening in Downtown Kennesaw. The concert runs from 7 to 9 p.m. and is free to attend. Guests can enjoy local food and drinks while soaking in the music. VIP seating is available for purchase at [kennesaw-downtown-merchants-association.square.site](http://kennesaw-downtown-merchants-association.square.site).

### ACWORTH CORNHOLE LEAGUE

We are excited to announce our first Fall Cornhole League at Logan Farm Park with registration beginning now and ending on Tuesday, August 26 at midnight. The league will take place starting Tuesday, September 2. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://cornholeatl.leaguelab.com/leagues?v=upcoming&loc=5704>.

### NEWCOMERS CLUB

The Newcomers Club of Cobb County meets at 10:00 a.m. on the third Tuesday of most months and has other activities thought the month. [www.newcomersofcobbcounty.com](http://www.newcomersofcobbcounty.com) for the location of the next meeting or activity. Those NEW to Cobb or just looking for NEW friends and activities are invited to join us.

### VINTAGE GLASS SHOW AND SALE

The 47th annual Vintage Glass Show and Sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday July 26 and 27 at the Cobb County Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Parkway, Marietta, 30060. The show features: glass displays, repairs and identification. Seminars and live demonstrations. Sponsored by the Peach State Depression Glass Club. 2-day Admission: \$8.00. The show opens at 10:00 am both days. For more information visit [www.psdgc.com](http://www.psdgc.com).

### WANT TO LEARN OR PRACTICE PUBLIC SPEAKING?

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### GOLF TOURNAMENT Knights of Columbus Council 9923

2025 Knights of Columbus Council 9923, Saint Catherine's Parish annual Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 28, 2025 at the Pine Tree Country Club, Kennesaw, GA

Registration begins at 0900hrs with a Shotgun Start at 1000hrs. The fee is \$520.00 for a 4 person team; A Single Golfer \$130.00. We have numerous Sponsorship Opportunities: Including Hole Sponsorships: Tee Box Signs \$100.00 each; (Company Provided Signs). Ask about other available Sponsorships. Please contact Chuck Guta [cgeagle6@bellsouth.net](mailto:cgeagle6@bellsouth.net) at 404 805-3218 or Tim Nord [tnord@comcast.net](mailto:tnord@comcast.net) at 678 986-4555.

Proceeds go directly to support our local Charities which include Habitat for Humanity, Homeless Veterans, Georgia Special Olympics, and several others in and around Kennesaw and Acworth,

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### CITY OF KENNESAW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR KENNESAW 101: CITIZENS’ LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The City Manager’s Office is now accepting applications for the next class of Kennesaw 101: Citizens’ Leadership Academy, a multi-week course designed to offer residents and local workers a behind-the-scenes look at how the City of Kennesaw operates.

The program will run from Sept. 11 through Nov. 17, 2025, with classes held every Thursday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. Participants will hear directly from department heads, tour City facilities and engage in interactive sessions focused on the structure, services and decision-making processes of local government.

Open to individuals 18 and older who live or work within Kennesaw city limits, the course aims to build knowledge, foster engagement and inspire leadership. The experience concludes with a graduation ceremony during the Nov. 17 Mayor and Council meeting.

Registration is free and limited to the first 15 participants. The application deadline is Friday, Aug. 1, 2025.

“We’re excited to connect residents and stakeholders more directly with the work of their local government,” said City Manager, Dr. Jeff Drobney. “This program helps build understanding and empowers participants to play an active role in shaping their community.”

Applications can be downloaded from the “Document Center” section of the City website at <https://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/download/kennesaw-101-application/>.

For more information, contact the City Manager’s Office at 770-424-8274.

### GARDENS GRAND RE-OPENING TO BE ANNOUNCED

The City of Kennesaw and Smith-Gilbert Gardens have made the difficult decision to postpone the Grand Re-Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony originally scheduled for Tuesday, July 1.

While we were truly looking forward to welcoming you back to the Gardens and celebrating this exciting milestone together, ongoing construction delays mean the Gardens aren’t yet in a place to fully showcase the improvements or provide the experience we had hoped for.

We want the re-opening to reflect the care, commitment and beauty behind these enhancements, and we believe holding the event as originally scheduled would compromise that goal. A new date is being determined, and we’ll share an update as soon as it’s confirmed.

Once open fans of the scenic 17-acre botanical retreat will see upgrades including:

- 15 unique garden areas, from vibrant flower beds to peaceful woodland trails;
- Outdoor sculpture displays and tranquil spaces perfect for summer walks;
- New paved walkways for easier access for all guests

We also understand the excitement around upcoming events. Unfortunately, Pollinator Palooza will not take place this year.

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we complete this important work. We look forward to welcoming you back soon and celebrating all the Garden has to offer—when the time is right. For more information visit: [www.smithgilbertgardens.com](http://www.smithgilbertgardens.com).



### MEET DR. KARA HESTER JOHNSON

As a third-generation dentist, Dr. Kara Johnson has always felt a strong calling to the profession. Inspired by both her father and grandfather, she brings a legacy of compassionate care into every patient interaction. Dr. Johnson earned her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University, following her undergraduate studies at the University of Georgia (Go Dawgs!). She went on to complete a General Practice Residency in Athens, GA, where she expanded her skills in comprehensive and restorative care.

Dr. Johnson is committed to staying at the forefront of dentistry. She has completed over 300 hours in implant training through the AAID MaxiCourse and is an active member of the American Dental Association, Georgia Dental Association, and the American Academy of Implant Dentistry.

Outside the office, Dr. Johnson loves traveling, game nights with friends, and cheering on her favorite college football team. You might also find her exploring new coffee shops, baking and decorating cookies, or walking her two goldendoodles, Finley and Gus, with her husband Mike, a local physical therapist.

With a genuine love for people and a meticulous approach to care, Dr. Johnson looks forward to building lasting relationships with patients and helping them achieve confident, healthy smiles.

Kara graduated from Allatoona High School as valedictorian in 2016. Kara is excited to be back in the area. Her grandfather, Dr. Robert Hester, started the practice in 1967 and her father, Dr. Bruce Hester, joined the practice in 1992.

### WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN HEALTH RESEARCH

Researchers in the Department of Exercise Science and Sport Management at Kennesaw State University are continuing to enroll men 20 years and older, and women 40 years and older, into a National Institutes of Health/National Institute on Aging (NIH/NIA) grant-funded research study (NIH application ID 1R15AG081856-01A1) examining the relationships among daily step counts, body weight/composition, and cardiometabolic risk factors like cholesterol and insulin sensitivity. Participants must be healthy, and not currently engaged in structured exercise (regular walkers are welcome!). Participants will receive a pedometer (\$25 value), and free body composition/bone mineral density testing, and will be eligible to receive up to \$40 in gift cards in return for participating. If you have questions or would like more information, please, call (470-578-6488) or email [rburesh@kennesaw.edu](mailto:rburesh@kennesaw.edu)

### KENNESAW’S FARMERS MARKET

The Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority sponsors the Kennesaw Farmers Market in downtown Kennesaw. The market operates Mondays from 3:30 to 7 p.m. at the corner of Main Street and Moon Station Road, running Now through Aug. 26. Each week, the market will feature farmers, makers and local food trucks (based on availability). More than 20 vendors are expected to participate, offering vegetables, fruits, baked goods and specialty items.



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- No diagnosed dementia or Alzheimer's disease
- Body mass index between 20-35 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Two visits to the KSU Exercise Physiology Lab and four weeks of carrying a pedometer are required
- Participants who complete the study will receive free body composition/bone density testing, and measurement of plasma lipids and cardiometabolic risk factors, two \$20 gift cards, and a pedometer valued at \$25.

For more information, please call or e-mail:

**Dr. Bob Buresh, email - [rburesh@kennesaw.edu](mailto:rburesh@kennesaw.edu)**

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**SOLE KIDZ SPRING SEASON**

Sole KIDZ proudly wrapped up its 2025 Spring running season with a strong showing at the Kennesaw Summer Fun Run 5K. This season saw more than 125 young runners take part, supported by over 45 dedicated volunteer coaches, along with numerous parents and family members cheering them on every step of the way.

The season's final practice, held the Thursday before the race, featured a lighthearted 1-mile jog followed by a celebratory meal for the KIDZ and their families. Longtime sponsor 1885 Grill Acworth generously donated the food for the event, helping to make the evening a memorable send-off for another successful season.

With community spirit, fitness, and fun at the heart of the program, Sole KIDZ continues to inspire the next generation of runners and role models alike. Stay tune for new name.

Pictured above Summer Fun Run was the last race as Sole Kidz, next race will be as STRIDE KIDZ.

**WELCOME TO THE STRIDE KIDZ RUNNING CLUB!  
SOLE KIDZ IS NOW STRIDE KIDZ**

Dear Parentz and Coachez,

We're thrilled to share some exciting news: Sole KIDZ Running Club is now officially becoming Stride KIDZ Running Club!

**WHY THE CHANGE?**

While we love the name Sole KIDZ, and it has served us well, another similarly named and trademarked group has requested this change. After much searching, we believe Stride KIDZ reflects the energy, growth, and momentum of our young athletes.

The word "Stride" captures everything we stand for:

• Forward movement • Personal growth • Confidence and strength • Every runner's unique journey This new name celebrates how our KIDZ aren't just running — they're striding toward something greater: discipline, health, friendship, and fun.

**WHAT'S STAYING THE SAME?**

•The same awesome coaches •The same program •The same Shoe logo & colors •The same encouraging environment •The same commitment to helping every child grow on and off the course. This is a fresh name only — not a change in our heart or mission.

**WHAT'S NEW?**


•A new Name and updated team shirts will be rolling out soon •We'll be updating our social pages and signage to reflect the change over the next few weeks

We are so grateful for your continued support as our club grows. The kids are the heartbeat of this program, and your encouragement fuels everything we do.

Here's to bigger strides and brighter finish lines — Welcome to the Stride KIDZ Running Club!

**REGISTER NOW FOR STRIDE RUNNING CLUB**

Visit <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog> Select Youth. Scroll down to Youth Athletics and select Stride KIDZ Running Program to register for the next session. The session begins Aug 8 and ends Oct 25. All details are online. Register now til its full.



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presented by **Becky Griffin**, national and state GSEPC Coordinator


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For more details about how to participate, visit <https://gsepc.org> or [www.cobbmastergardeners.com](http://www.cobbmastergardeners.com).





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### COBB CHAMBER'S STATE OF NORTHWEST COBB

The next Northwest Cobb Area Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 30 7:30 am til 9:00 am., Mayor Tommy Allegood (City of Acworth) and Mayor Derek Easterling (City of Kennesaw) will sit down with Jim Croft, CROFT & Associates, for a conversation focused on growth, innovation, and collaboration.

Mayor Allegood and Mayor Easterling will share timely updates on Acworth's strategic growth and development plans, the expansion of Kennesaw's downtown offerings — including the new United Bankshares Amphitheater — and how both cities are enhancing quality of life through family-focused initiatives. They'll also discuss efforts to foster regional cooperation, drive economic development, and address the challenges and opportunities facing their communities today. Register on line by July 21 at <https://web.cobbchamber.org/events/Northwest-Cobb-Area-Council-12649/details>



MISS GEORGIA, AUDREY KITTILA,



MISS GEORGIA TEEN,  
REAGAN MOORE

### MISS GEORGIA PAGEANT RESULTS

Miss Northwest Georgia's Teen, Reagan Moore, 15, a junior at Hillgrove Hill School, and Miss Atlanta, Audrey Kittila, 22, a graduate student at the University of Georgia, emerged as the new Miss Georgia's Teen and Miss Georgia at the conclusion of the Miss Georgia and Miss Georgia's Teen Scholarship Competitions held at the Bill Heard Theatre of the RiverCenter of the Performing Arts in Columbus, June 14. They will move on to represent Georgia in the Miss America and Miss America's Teen Competitions in September in Orlando, FL. There were 53 contestants in the Miss division and 40 candidates in the Teen category representing areas across the state of Georgia.

Moore received a total of \$9,600 in scholarships which included preliminary and overall awards in evening gown and preliminary talent recognition. A tap dancer, she is the daughter of Reginald and Carla Moore of Powder Springs.

Kittila, who won a total of \$27,500 in scholarships, gained the title this year after placing 3rd runner-up last year as Miss Cobb County. The talented violinist is the daughter of Chris and Brenda Kittila.

Melony Tidmore, Miss Cobb County's Teen, placed first runner-up. Also from Powder Springs, she is the 16-year-old daughter of Lori Tidmore. She gained \$3,800 in scholarships with overall wins in both talent and fitness along with preliminary talent. Aaliyah Phillips, 23, Miss Cobb County, finished 3rd runner-up and was named overall fitness winner. The recipient of \$2,500 in scholarships, she is the daughter of Leon and Shivaun Phillips.



MISS COBB COUNTY  
AALIYAH PHILLIPS AND  
MISS COBB'S TEEN  
MELONY TIDMORE POSE  
WITH THEIR AWARDS

### MISS COBB PAGEANT - AUG 2, 2025

Applications are being accepted for the next Miss Cobb and Miss Cobb County's Teen Scholarship Competition at the Jennie T. Anderson Theater in Marietta, Aug. 2. The age for contestants is 13 to 18 years for the Teen and 18 to 27 years for the Miss based on age in June 2026. The deadline to enter is July 8. For full information, contact 770-545-1351 or email [misscobbcounty@yahoo.com](mailto:misscobbcounty@yahoo.com).

Judging is the same at the local, state and national contest. The new Miss Cobb and Miss Cobb's Teen will be active serving our community leading to the state pageant in Columbus in June 2026. The Miss Cobb Scholarship Program is the top scholarship provider in the Miss Georgia system. The Miss America program at the national, state and local levels is one of the largest private scholarship foundations for women in the world.

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### ACWORTH BIG RIG BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

The City of Acworth is excited to bring you a new touch-a-truck style event that will combine local businesses and the “Big Rigs” you see on the roads every day! This back-to-school bash will take place at Logan Farm Park on Saturday, July 26. We will have a “silent hour” from 9am – 10am with limited lights, sirens and sounds for our sensitive populations. From 10am – 2pm be ready for all the lights, sirens, horns and more! Food trucks will be present.



### ACWORTH RECOGNIZES AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

Alderman Tim Richardson met with members of the Kennehoochee Amateur Radio Club on Saturday, June 28th, at Dallas Landing Park to present a proclamation from the City of Acworth declaring June 23–29 as Amateur Radio Week. The club gathered for their annual Field Day event, a nationwide exercise that highlights the importance of emergency communications preparedness by making two-way shortwave radio contacts with other amateur radio operators across the country.

Amateur, or “ham,” radio operators provide vital communication support during natural disasters and emergencies. They work closely with agencies such as the National Weather Service, FEMA, and the Military Auxiliary Radio System to ensure critical communication remains possible when conventional systems fail.

### CALL FOR ARTISTS-

Submissions open to artists who are “Students- Instructors & Member Artists” of the Art House.

(Submissions accepted until Tuesday, July 15)

The theme is: Landscapes, Seascapes, Cityscapes and/or Still Life’s.

Two and Three Dimensional Works in any medium will be considered for this exhibit. Please submit up to three 2-dimensional pieces or up to six 3-dimensional pieces. Maximum size (inclusive of frame, if framed) to be considered is 16x20. All works submitted must be available for sale.

Delivery of works: Tuesday & Wednesday, August 5 & 6 , Noon-6pm. Pick-up of works at the end of the exhibit: Tuesday & Wednesday, September 8 & 9, Noon-6pm. Reception: Saturday, August 9, 4-7pm.

MORE information at [www.acworthartsalliance.org](http://www.acworthartsalliance.org).



### CITY OF ACWORTH'S SENIOR LUNCHEON:

Senior luncheons are held at Acworth Community Center. The June luncheon is Wednesday July 16. Register online at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

Join us every third Wednesday of the month for the City of Acworth’s Senior Luncheon. Come join us for lunch and Bingo. This program is free to City Residents 55 and up, but you must register to attend. Registration closes 1 week before the luncheon.

Visit [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org), navigate to the menu on left, click on register or reserve now. Select Senior from Age Group and then click on Senior Luncheon under Active Adult Programs. Presently taking reservations for Wednesday, July 16, 2025.







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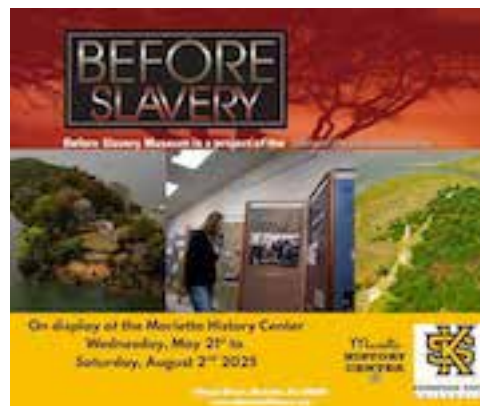


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## MARIETTA NEWS

### MARIETTA HISTORY CENTER EXPLORES DEEP ROOTS OF AFRICAN HERITAGE



The Marietta History Center proudly announces the opening of a powerful new temporary traveling exhibit entitled, Before Slavery. This exhibit offers a compelling exploration into the lives, culture, and legacy of the African people from Bunce Island and the enduring heritage of the Gullah community.

Located off the coast of Sierra Leone, Bunce Island was one of the largest British slave trading operations on the West African coast. Before Slavery delves into the lives of the people who passed through this tragic site—not solely as enslaved individuals, but as members of vibrant cultures with complex traditions, histories, and identities. The exhibit also highlights the Gullah people, descendants of these West Africans, whose unique culture has been preserved for generations in the coastal regions of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

Visitors will gain a deeper understanding of the rich African traditions that survived the Middle Passage and continue to influence Southern culture today. Before Slavery is an exhibit from the Vibrant Health Association. For more information visit <https://beforeslavery.com>. The exhibit will run through Saturday, August 2nd, 2025, and is included with general admission to the Marietta History Center. Educational programming will be offered during the exhibition's run.

### A SOUTHERN EXPERIENCE AT THE GONE WITH THE WIND MUSEUM



The Gone With the Wind Museum is excited to announce its next community engagement day, a special screening of "Gone With the Wind" taking place at The Strand Theater on Sunday, July 13th at 2PM followed by a Reception at the Gone With The Wind Museum.

Starting the afternoon at 12:30 pm- Meet and Greet in The Strand Lobby. At 2pm- Screening begins. Film tickets are \$15.44 and may be purchased at <https://earlsmithstrand.org>

After the movie at 6pm you are invited to the reception Reception at GWTW Museum. There is no charge for attending the receptions however, please RSVP at <https://store.gwtwmarietta.com/Events-c148165257>.

The movie will be shown at The Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theater 117 N. Park Square, Marietta GA 30064 The Reception will be held at the Gone With the Wind Museum at Brumby Hall and Gardens 472 Powder Springs Street, Marietta, GA 30064

### CELEBRATING BASEBALL'S ALL-STAR GAME



The Marietta Cobb Museum of Art celebrates Major League Baseball's 2025 All-Star Game in Atlanta with a summer exhibition of works by Hall of Fame and Upper Deck artist Mike Schacht (1936-2001). Based in New York and Atlanta, Schacht created stylized romantic images of baseball's heroes, legends, and classic moments. The exhibition will run now through August 31, 2025.

#### MLB All-Star Week Reception,

MLB All-Star Week Reception, "Swings, Sweets, and Stories": Saturday, July 12 from 12:30 to 2:30 PM Free for MCMA members and \$8-10 for guests—admission paid upon entry.

Join us for a special presentation at this event. Everyone Has a Baseball Story: A Decade of "Fan Magazine" and "Mudville Diaries" from 1:30-2:00 PM. Presented by Linda Peek Schacht, Mike Schacht's widow and executor.

MLB All-Star Week is July 11-15, 2025. The Marietta Cobb Museum of Art is located 20 minutes from Truist Stadium at 30 Atlanta Street SE in Marietta Square.

### GLOVER PARK CONCERT PLAYS THE STRANGER FEATURING MIKE SANTORO - A BILLY JOEL TRIBUTE BAND

The Downtown Marietta Development Authority and the City of Marietta are proud to announce the 2025 Glover Park Concert Series, presented by Wellstar Health System. These free concerts take place monthly in Glover Park on the Marietta Square from April through September.

#### THE CONCERT LINEUP:

July 25 The Stranger featuring Mike Santoro - A Billy Joel Tribute Band  
August 22\*Soul Cartel - Funk & Soul (\*the Fourth Friday of the month)  
September 26 Davis and the Love - Variety Pop Hits

. Attendees can bring a picnic or dine in one of the many fine restaurants located on the square.

All concerts begin at 8:00 on the last Friday of each month, April – September. \*Exception, August date is the 4th Friday. The concerts are held at Glover Park on the Historic Marietta Square 50 N. Park Square, Marietta GA 30060. Free street parking, City Hall parking deck, 205 Lawrence St and the Care Here of Marietta parking lot, 268 Lawrence St. <https://www.mariettaga.gov/1462/Downtown-Parking>

More information online at [www.facebook.com/GloverParkConcertSeries](http://www.facebook.com/GloverParkConcertSeries). Produced by the Downtown Marietta Development Authority and supported by the City of Marietta and Marietta Parks, Recreation and Facilities. A litter free event: Keep Marietta Beautiful.



**AFFORDING PRIVATE SCHOOL,  
BY KIM WIGINGTON, FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF BROOKWOOD  
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Any student who has an IEP or a 504 plan in a public school is eligible for the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship, also known as the sb10 scholarship. For more information, go to [gaoe.org/parent-family-resources/georgia-special-needs-scholarship](https://gaoe.org/parent-family-resources/georgia-special-needs-scholarship)

Any student who attends one of the identified low performing public schools, is eligible for the GA Promise Scholarship. For a list of the low performing public schools and a list of the eligible private schools, go to [mygeorgiapromise.org](http://mygeorgiapromise.org).

Any student who has attended any public school in Georgia is eligible for the Georgia Tax Credit Scholarship. Tax payers in Georgia can donate to a Student Scholarship Organization and designate a private school and get a dollar for dollar state tax credit. There are several SSO's. Brookwood Christian uses [Apogee123.org](http://Apogee123.org). For more information, go to [gadoe.org/parent-family-resources/student-scholarship-organizations](http://gadoe.org/parent-family-resources/student-scholarship-organizations).

These scholarships are not designed to pay the entire tuition, but they can offer much needed assistance.



## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT RECOGNIZED FOR VOLUNTEERING

Saint Joseph Catholic Church parishioners John & Patty Moran were the Host Family for International Exchange student Victor Gonzales Duran from Spain.

Victor was awarded First Place in the 2024-2025 International Exchange Volunteering Award Program while living with the Moran's in Marietta and attending Marietta High School.

Giving back to your community through volunteerism is a core pillar of U.S. culture.

Students in the 2024-25 Volunteering Award category were nominated for going above and beyond, committing time and energy to a cause that was close to their (or their host family's) heart.

“Victor was a volunteer for the Saint Joseph Catholic Church Saint Vincent de Paul Society & the Knights of Columbus Council 4599 Thanksgiving and Christmas Program which provided over 10 TONS of food & over 1000 Christmas gifts to families & children in need in our community.

He was an invaluable asset to packing food boxes, carrying them to family's cars, and translating as needed. He also helped in the same way with the Children's Christmas Party for families in need in our community.

Victor also assisted in an additional program served by our church at The Extension. He served food to men who have experienced homelessness because of alcohol and substance abuse issues. The residents and other volunteers were so grateful for his help in this very valuable community program.” – Patty, Host Mom

*Pictured above is Victor Duran with his host family, the Morans. **Congratulations to Victor & the Morans for a job well done!!***

# 2025 MLB ALL-STAR GAME

Truist Park, home of the Braves, will host the 2025 MLB All-Star Game on Tuesday, July 15. The All-Star Game events will be spread around Truist Park, the Battery Atlanta, and the Galleria Centre. Lane closures and detours will impact roads around the Battery complex and the Galleria. More details are available [here](#), and you can always check out the Cobb Commute app for the latest on road conditions in the area.

The Capital One All-Star Village will be open at the Cobb Galleria Centre, July 12-15. Enjoy live entertainment, interactive games, savor delicious ballpark fare and soak up the unbeatable All-Star Week atmosphere. The village includes batting cages, demos with current and former players, photo ops, a Gaming Zone with the latest baseball video games and more! More information and tickets are available <https://www.mlb.com/braves/fans/all-star-game#village>

# KENNESAW MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL PARK JULY EVENTS

Museum Tours, Monday/Wednesday/Friday @ 2:00 pm

All programs begin at 11:00 am unless otherwise noted

- July 12 - The Fighting McCooks This program will start from the Illinois Monument parking area (tour stop 5 on brochure)

- July 13 - Henry Rifle Program

- July 19 - Infantry Demonstrations

- July 20 - Artillery Demonstrations

- July 26 - Animals of Kennesaw Mountain. This program will be held at the pavilion behind the Visitor Center
- July 27 - Museum Tour

- July 27 - Museum Tour

Thank you all., We'll see you at the mountain! \*All programs will be held at the Visitor Center unless otherwise note \*\*All guided hikes/outdoor programs may be cancelled or moved due to weather \*\*\*To check the status of programs/or for any other questions, please call 770-427-4686.

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## METRO ATLANTA AMBULANCE EARNS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION FOR EXCELLENCE



Metro Atlanta Ambulance Service (MAAS), headquartered in Cobb County and one of Georgia's largest and most respected emergency medical providers, has once again earned national accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS), reaffirming its commitment to excellence in patient care and operational performance.

MAAS was the first ambulance service in the Metro Atlanta area to be accredited by CAAS. It has maintained perfect scores through every reaccreditation since their first accreditation in 2007, a rare accomplishment in the EMS industry.

"This recognition validates the tireless work of our entire team," said Pete Quinones, President and CEO of Metro Atlanta Ambulance Service. "Our mission has always been to provide excellence in patient care and customer service while delivering the highest quality emergency care to the communities we serve, and this honor reflects that dedication."

The CAAS accreditation process is known as one of the most rigorous in the country. It includes a comprehensive review of everything from clinical protocols and safety practices to staff education, vehicle maintenance, and administrative oversight. A team of national EMS experts conducts an extensive on-site evaluation, ensuring compliance with CAAS's gold-standard requirements, standards that often exceed local and state regulations.

"Every aspect of service is carefully reviewed," said Sarah McEntee, Executive Director of CAAS. "Metro Atlanta Ambulance's review revealed zero deficiencies, which is an exceptional achievement. Their operation sets a high bar for EMS providers nationwide."

In addition to its field operations, MAAS operates a nationally accredited EMS Academy in partnership with Kennesaw State University's WellStar School of Nursing where future EMT's and Paramedics are professionally trained. With more than 800 full and part-time employees and a fleet of over 200 vehicles, MAAS provides 9-1-1 emergency response in Bartow, Cobb and Paulding counties and patient transport, mobile integrated healthcare, disaster response, and event medical coverage to more than 1.6 million Georgians across the greater-Atlanta area.

Founded in 2001 with corporate headquarters in Marietta, Georgia, Metro Atlanta Ambulance has become a model for public-private EMS partnerships in the Southeast.

"Accreditation is not just a certificate, it's a promise to our communities that we meet the highest standards of care, every day," said Quinones.

For more information about Metro Atlanta Ambulance or to learn about Metro Atlanta Ambulance's offer of free community CPR Training visit [www.maas911.com](http://www.maas911.com).

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## NORTH GEORGIA STATE FAIR AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS AND DONATES OVER \$465,000

The North Georgia State Fair celebrated its second annual Scholarship Awards Dinner with an inspiring evening honoring student achievement and community impact. A total of \$465,000 in donations were announced, benefiting students across Cobb County and numerous local nonprofit organizations.

The North Georgia State Fair Scholarship Program recognized 10 exceptional high school seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to community service:

Elizabeth Aluko, Kennesaw Mountain High School; Sury Muro Delgado, Campbell High School; Rebekah Ives, Sprayberry High School; Amelia McCarthy, North Cobb High School; John Riley McLaughlin, Harrison High School; Hannah Owens, Kennesaw Mountain High School; Trinity Seals, Marietta High School; Colby Shoch, Mount Paran Christian School; Ava Stein, Harrison High School; Elizabeth Somerlot, Sprayberry High School

The North Georgia State Fair also awarded \$135,000 in donations to 9 nonprofit organizations: 10 Women of Hope; Circles Cobb Inc.; Center for Family Resources; Dave Krache Foundation; HEAL Atlanta; Marietta Mentoring for Leadership; Simple Needs GA; Smyrna Education Foundation; Waymark. A \$30,000 matching grant was also pledged to the Cobb Schools Foundation

Finally, \$250,000 was donated to Cobb County Government, allocated for the expansion of the maintenance building at Jim R. Miller Park.

The North Georgia State Fair is proud to invest in the future of Cobb County by supporting education and vital community resources. Organizers extend their heartfelt thanks to the students, families, community partners, and sponsors who make these contributions possible.

Pictured above NGSF Board members present the check to AikWah Leow, Cobb County representative.



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LOVE DOES IS GETTING READY FOR THE SCHOOL KIDS

by Marlon Longacre., Associate Pastor, Piedmont CHURCH  
“God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.’ Hebrews 6:10  
I love that verse. God will not forget what Piedmont has done as we continue to help His people. For the past 20 years  
I want to say thank you for your financial support of Love Does. This summer we gave \$1500.00 to KSU Cares. This summer they have 45 students staying in the dorms. \$11.5k went to frontline charities such as MUST Ministries, Tommy Nobis Center, Davis Direction Foundation, Helping One Guy, KSU Cares, and Rise Up For Christ.  
My office is full of sensory Equipment for room #47 to be installed at McClure Middle School Sensory room #47 will be installed at McClure Middle School beginning at 9 a.m. on July 22nd. Once that room is done then the items for sensory room #48 at Addison Elementary will be on the way. .  
July’s Love Does is all about fully loaded backpacks and snacks for kids in need at our local schools. At Piedmont we can get fully loaded backpacks for less than \$10.00. We cannot beat that price. As of right now we have had requests for 300 of them at four schools. The snacks requested so far are Goldfish, granola bars, fruit snacks, and Pirates booty popcorn. Christina and I need help with those items.  
August Love Does is all about Undies. Snacks and undies over the next two months for Love Does. All financial donations for Love Does will go to purchase fully loaded bookbags and to buy additional snacks and undies.

TEACHER’S LUNCHES

Piedmont has made it a tradition to show God’s love in such a way by providing lunch to teachers from locals during preplanning. This tradition has grown to ten local schools. Here is the schedule for right now.  
On July 23, beginning at 11 a.m., we will be at Sawyer Road Elementary.  
On July 30th, beginning at 9 a.m., we will be at Addison Elementary School.  
On July 30th beginning at 11:30 a.m., we will be at Mountain View Elementary.  
On July 31st, beginning at 11 a.m., we will be at Kell High School.  
On August 1st, beginning at 9 a.m., we will be at Blackwell Elementary School.  
On August 1st, beginning at 12:30 p.m., we will be at Bells Ferry Elementary.  
On August 13th, beginning at 10:30 a.m., we will be at JJ Daniel Middle School.  
We are still waiting to hear from Chalker Elementary, McCleskey Middle School and Sprayberry High School.  
Please look at these dates. All these opportunities to show God’s love do not happen without your support of Love Does. Because of your financial support for Love Does, today we ordered over 400 fully loaded backpacks to help children in need from 5 local elementary schools. I just got an email that said those backpacks have shipped out and are on their way to Piedmont.  
If you are reading this article and wish to donate visit <https://piedmontchurch.tv/give/> Love is a choice. Love is something we do. Love Does!

ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



BY PRESIDENT KIM WIGINTON

July is full of opportunities to connect with other businesses and your community. Be sure to RSVP for all events..  
The Women’s Network Lunch will be at Governor’s Town Club on July 17 at 11:30.  
The Morning Jolt offers early morning caffination and one minute introductions at The Cowan on July 22 at 8:00.  
There will not be a first Thursday luncheon in July, but August 7, we will kick off the new school year with our annual Pigskin Preview where you can meet the local high school football coaches.  
The ABA offers something for all businesses. See how you can plug in by visiting our website [www.AcworthBusiness.org](http://www.AcworthBusiness.org) and registering under the EVENTS tab.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS UPCOMING EVENTS

ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

**THUR JULY 17 WOMEN’S LUNCHEON WITH KBA** - 11:30-1:00 GOVERNORS TOWN CLUB, 4545 Champions Walk Dr., Acworth, Guest Speaker: Angela Rolnick, “Google Review Value” Please RSVP at [www.acworthbusiness.org](http://www.acworthbusiness.org). Member is \$20.00.  
**THUR AUGUST 7 ABA LUNCHEON** - 11:30-1:00 ACWORTH COMMUNITY CENTER August is our Pigskin Preview where you can meet the local high school football coaches Please visit [acworthbusiness.org](http://acworthbusiness.org) for more information and to RSVP.  
**THU AUGUST 14 ACWORTH ALIVE AFTER 5** Join the ABA for after hours food, fun and networking. This event is free for ABA Members, \$5 for Guests RSVP at [www.acworthbusiness.org](http://www.acworthbusiness.org) and learn more about the August event - location and sponsors..

KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

**TUE JULY 15 - KBA ALIVE AFTER FIVE** - Hosted by 22One Realty and Kennesaw Driving School 2695 Summers St. Kennesaw. Enjoy the acoustic sounds from Scott Thompson and the awesome food from Gaston Street Eats. Join the KBA for after hours of food, fun and networking. This event is free of KBA members, \$5 for guests. 5:30-7:30. Register at [kennesawbusiness.org](http://kennesawbusiness.org).  
**TUES AUGUST 12 KBA LUNCHEON** - 11:00-1:00 GOVERNOR’S GUN CLUB, 1005 Cobb Place Blvd, Kennesaw Guest Speaker: Mike Plant, President and CEO Braves Development Company. Sponsor 22One Realty & Credit Union of GA. Caterer: Governor’s Gun Club. RSVP [www.kennesawbusiness.org](http://www.kennesawbusiness.org). Please note: If you choose not to register in advance, you will pay an additional \$10 at the door.  
**TUE AUG 19 - KBA ALIVE AFTER FIVE** sponsored by Piedmont Injury Law at Pisano’s Italian Kitchen, downtown Kennesaw: 5:30-7:30 pm. This event is free of KBA members, \$5 for guests. 5:30-7:30. Register at [kennesawbusiness.org](http://kennesawbusiness.org).

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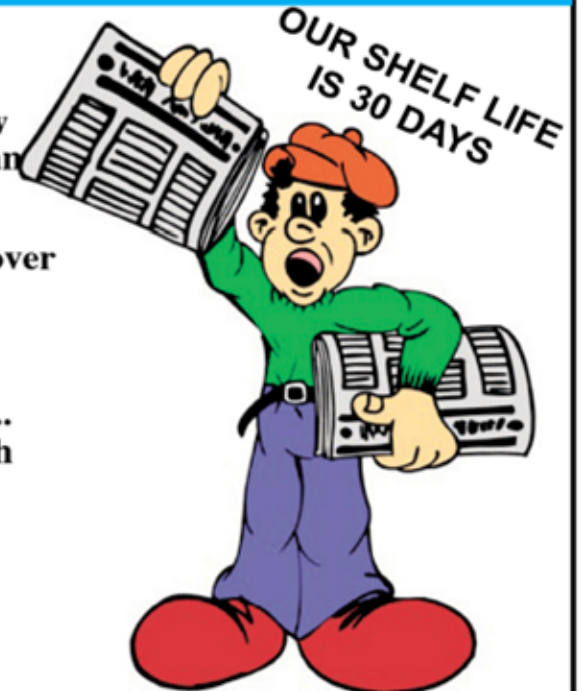
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