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## KENNESAW'S JULY 3RD CELEBRATION

The City of Kennesaw will host its annual Independence Day celebration, Salute to America, on Friday, July 3, in downtown Kennesaw. Admission is free.

Salute to America will feature live music, street entertainment, food vendors, sponsor booths and family-friendly activities throughout the evening, culminating in a fireworks finale at 9:30 p.m. visible from Depot Park and along Main Street.

The celebration will begin at 5 p.m. with the National Anthem, "God Bless America" and the Presentation of the Colors.

Live music at the United Bankshares Amphitheater at Depot Park will feature performances by Tripp'n at 5:15 p.m., The Happy Hour at 6:30 p.m. and headliner Rupert's Orchestra at 8 p.m.

A wide selection of entrees, cold beverages and snacks will be available for purchase throughout the event. Guests are welcome to bring picnic baskets and coolers; however, barbecue grills are prohibited.

Reserved seating is available for \$75 per chair on the second-tier level of the turf. Seating is limited, assigned randomly and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Chair reservations can be made online at [www.kennesawjuly3.com](http://www.kennesawjuly3.com).

With the exception of reserved seating, all event seating is general admission, at no charge. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets or low-back chairs. Shade umbrellas, canopies and other view-obstructing items are prohibited in the general event area.

Kennesaw city parks are designated "Breathe Easy Zones," where tobacco products, smoking and e-cigarettes are prohibited. The event may be canceled or postponed due to inclement weather.

For more information, visit [www.kennesaw-ga.gov/communication/kennesaw-news](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/communication/kennesaw-news) or call Kennesaw Parks & Recreation at 770-422-9714.



## CELEBRATE HISTORY AND FIREWORKS AT THE MUSEUM'S SOUTHERN SPIRITS ON JULY 3

The Kennesaw Museum Foundation and the Southern Museum will host Southern Spirits on Friday, July 3, from 7 to 10 p.m., coinciding with the City of Kennesaw's Salute to America celebration. The 21-and-over event will take place both indoors and outdoors at the Southern Museum, offering guests access to museum exhibits, live music by the Mars Hill Porch Pickers and a front-row seat to Kennesaw's fireworks display.

Admission includes three adult beverages (beer or wine), food and reserved lawn seating for the fireworks. Chairs are provided, though attendees may bring their own chairs or blankets. Tickets are \$30 for museum members and \$40 for non-members. Grab your tickets now at <https://SouthernSpirits2026.eventbrite.com>.



## ACWORTH'S JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Let Freedom ring! The City of Acworth and the Acworth Business Association are proud to present one of the largest fireworks extravaganzas in Metro Atlanta. This July 4th, live music and fireworks will once again take place at Cauble Park. The Music begins at 5:30 p.m. Fireworks will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. (subject to change depending on the weather).

As tradition holds, there will be special tribute to all those men and women who have served in our Armed Forces at 7:45 p.m. Then our headliners Kids in America takes the stage at 8:00 p.m. Kids In America isn't just a band; it's a tribute to the unforgettable 1980s, a decade they've passionately dedicated themselves to recreating. From new wave to heavy metal, they play iconic music from all genres, delivering performances that are not only nostalgic but vibrantly authentic.

Admission to the event and concert is free! There will be food vendors on-site selling a variety of options beginning at noon. Tables are available to purchase for the July 4th concert.

Online table purchases may be made at [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org) Online table sales close Wednesday, June 10, at 5:00.

After June 10 go to the Parks and Recreation office to purchase a table. Tables are \$75 each for City of Acworth residents and \$95 for non-residents. Registration ends June 27. Table purchases include 6 chairs and one parking pass. This parking pass will grant access to park at Cauble Park if spots remain available. Once fireworks start you will not be permitted to leave the park til finished. Those without a parking pass or parking spot will need to park downtown and walk down to the park. No Shuttles will be running for this event, except for the handicap parking at McCall Primary School a shuttle will be provided for handicap attendees. Handicap shuttles begin at noon.



## CITY OF MARIETTA – FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2026

Grab your American flag, put on your red, white and blue, and celebrate America's independence July 4, from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. with an Independence Day parade and celebration on the Square presented by Superior Plumbing, free live concerts, arts and crafts show, food, carnival games and the City of Marietta fireworks finale. Throughout the day, more than 80,000 people are expected to celebrate on the Square with great food, fun activities, the best arts and crafts around and free entertainment.

Parade: The Marietta Independence Day parade is scheduled to include more than 110 entries with approximately 2,000 participants. Entries include marching units from the City of Marietta, civic organizations, beauty queens, scouts and local businesses. The parade begins at 10 a.m. at Roswell Street Baptist Church and travels west on Roswell Street, north on East Park Square past Glover Park and the Square, down Cherokee Street and ends at North Marietta Parkway.

Crafts, Food, & Kid's Zone Schedule: Arts and crafts show with nearly 100 unique handcrafted vendors: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Food concessions: Find all your favorite carnival foods including corn dogs, cotton candy, snow cones, and BBQ to satisfy your appetite. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Kid's Zone – huge interactive kids play area: 10 a.m.- dark. Tickets for sale at booths around the Square.

Music will ring out through out the day with concerts planned at 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 7:00 pm and the headliner at 8:00 to 9:30 DEPARTURE the Journey Tribute Band

Fireworks: The City of Marietta fireworks display is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m. If you want to watch the fireworks, make sure you get there early to grab a spot to avoid the traffic.

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Shalie Elizabeth Smith graduated from  
Kennesaw Mountain High School in May.  
Shalie graduated with a Magnet Diploma.  
Besides being in Magnet and her normal  
studies Shalie played LaCrosse for the high  
school for four years. She was named the  
Most Valuable Player all four years. During  
her career at KMHS Shalie racked up 346  
points, 281 goals, 65 assists, and 298  
controls. She finished her Senior year with  
67 goals, 39 assists, 112 draw controls, 13  
caused turnovers and 11 ground balls. During  
her senior year Shalie was named to All area  
first team, and All state second team. Shalie  
is attending Kennesaw State University in  
the fall, where she plans to major in nursing.



**THE SECRET TO A HAPPY  
LIFE IS TO FIND AS MUCH  
MAGIC IN AS MANY MOMENTS  
AS YOU CAN.**

**KENNESAW'S  
FARMERS MARKET IS OPEN**

The market showcases fresh food, handcrafted goods, and the local farmers and makers  
behind them.

The market is open on Thursdays from 3:00 – 7:00 PM, from now through August 27,  
2026, at Depot Park. The market is located in the parking lot on the Sardis Street side of the  
park, with additional booths extending into the adjacent trail area. Limited on-site parking  
will remain available near the Community House.

Shoppers can expect locally sourced fruits and vegetables, baked goods, pantry staples,  
and handcrafted items from area farmers, makers, and artisans.

The 2026 season marks a new partnership with the Cobb County Farm Bureau, strengthening  
support for local agriculture and providing resources for participating farmers and vendors.

Local farmers and makers interested in participating are encouraged to contact the Cobb  
County Farm Bureau directly at 770-943-3531 for vendor information and availability. Space  
is limited, and opportunities may vary throughout the season.

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One of the  
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military victories  
of the American  
Revolution in  
Georgia is not a  
household name,  
but it is worth  
examining. Georgia  
was known as a  
Loyalist stronghold,

though there were men across the young  
colony in favor of American Independence.  
After the fall of Savannah in December 1778  
and Augusta in February 1779, it seemed that  
Georgia was falling under British control, but  
an active group of Patriot forces worked to  
contain the damage.

Colonel John Boyd was moving with a  
force of 800 Loyalists towards Augusta to  
reinforce the city. They stopped in modern  
Wilkes County alongside Kettle Creek to rest,  
only to find a hostile force of 350 men nearby  
led by Colonel Andrew Pickens of South  
Carolina. Also present with the army was Lt.  
Col. Elijah Clarke and his young son John.  
Early in the morning on Valentine's Day, 1779,  
Pickens attacked. While the American force  
was much smaller, they were able to overrun  
the British due to the element of surprise. After  
a fierce four-hour battle, the British retreated  
and stopped their move towards Augusta.  
Colonel Boyd himself was killed in the battle.

While the loss of Savannah and Augusta  
had made it seem as if Georgia was firmly  
in British control, the American victory at  
the Battle of Kettle Creek showed that the  
situation was much more complex. Though it  
was a small victory militarily, it was significant  
in the minds of many Georgians. Fighting  
would take place in the Georgia and Carolina  
backcountry for the rest of the war, which  
became one of the bloodiest regions of the  
American Revolution.

Kettle Creek helped to make Elijah  
Clarke a hero, and he became one of Georgia's  
most prominent officers of the American  
Revolution. After the war, he briefly tried to  
start his own country, though he was ultimately  
unsuccessful. His son, John Clarke, served as  
the Governor of Georgia from 1819 to 1823,  
and is buried at Marietta National Cemetery.  
The battlefield at Kettle Creek is now preserved  
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**JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION SATURDAY**

Join the Kennesaw community One Community, a special Juneteenth celebration, on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 11 AM to 2 PM at Swift-Cantrell Park. Hosted by the Kennesaw Police Department and the Kennesaw Police Citizens Advisory Board, this family-friendly event brings residents and local officers together for a day of connection, celebration, and community spirit.

Attendees can enjoy free food, music, games, and bouncy houses for kids, making it a fun and welcoming afternoon for all ages. The event is designed to create opportunities for residents to meet their local officers, build positive relationships, and spend time together in a relaxed, community-centered environment.

One Community celebrates the history and significance of Juneteenth while highlighting the strong partnership between law enforcement and the community they proudly serve. Come out to celebrate unity, culture, and community in Kennesaw. This is a free event open to everyone.

**FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS**

The Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority and the Kennesaw Downtown Merchants Association are bringing back the First Friday Concert Series for 2026, a community favorite now in its sixth year. From April through October, excluding July, Downtown Kennesaw comes alive on the first Friday of each month with live music, local brews and food from 7 to 9 p.m. Set against the backdrop of the Main Street Plaza, each concert offers a way to unwind, connect and kick off the weekend in the heart of the city.

**Mark your calendars for August 7 – G Clef & The Playlist**

G Clef & The Playlist performs an energetic mix of Motown, pop, rock, R&B and hip-hop favorites. Featuring a group of seasoned musicians, the band is known for strong vocals, tight instrumentation and a versatile setlist that keeps audiences engaged from start to finish. If you wanna dance, they are gon' make you dance!

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO WIN EVERY ARGUMENT. STAY TRUE TO YOURSELF.**

**CEMETERY WALKING TOUR**

Join the Kennesaw Cemetery Preservation Foundation and the City of Kennesaw's Cemetery Preservation Commission for the Symbols of the Cemetery Walking Tour on June 21 at 6 PM.

Gravestones throughout historic cemeteries are filled with symbols of life and death, but modern visitors may not be familiar with how to interpret these details. A dove for peace is obvious, but what does a hand pointing up mean? During this tour, attendees will learn about gravestone symbolism and what it tells us about the lives of various cemetery residents.

The tour begins in the parking lot of the Kennesaw City Cemetery. This walking tour is a little over a half-mile long and does not stay on the paved paths inside the cemetery. The tour will last about an hour and a half.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.kennesaw-ga.gov](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov).



**THE GARDEN WITH WINGS**

It's back, and more magical than ever for its 10th year! The Garden With Wings Butterfly Exhibit will be open through August 15, Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 AM - 3 PM.

This exhibit offers an immersive experience showcasing native butterflies and their full life cycles. Visitors will explore host and nectar plants essential to butterfly survival, including milkweed and passionflower vine.

The cost is \$3 per person (plus admission). Admission is required to the Gardens to access the Butterfly House.

Garden with Wings is presented by the Cobb EMC Foundation.

**SUPPORT THE BUTTERFLY EXHIBIT!**

Each butterfly in our Garden with Wings exhibit costs between \$10 and \$12. Every donation helps offset exhibit costs and supports future improvements.

As a thank-you, donors who give \$10 or more will receive a commemorative waterproof vinyl sticker celebrating the 10th anniversary of A Garden with Wings.

Those who contribute \$20 or more will receive a limited-edition enamel pin featuring the 10th anniversary logo.

**INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY**

Celebrate International Yoga Day with free Vinyasa Flow classes from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. and 6 to 6:45 p.m. Saturday, June 20, and from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. Sunday, June 21, at Depot Park.

The 45-minute classes are open to all skill levels for ages 8 and older. Participants should bring a yoga mat, towel and water bottle. Registration is required at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/kennesaw-ga/catalog>.

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### NORTH COBB ROTARY

North Cobb Rotary meets at Copelands New Orleans every Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m., feel free to stop by in the coming weeks for great food, great fellowship. The meeting is held at Copeland's Restaurant 1142 Ernest W Barrett Pkwy NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Visit their website to learn more about this dynamic group. <https://northcobbrotary.org>.

### 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.

### LIBRARY MINI GOLF EVENT

Two days, two libraries, and one great cause! Visit North Cobb Regional Library on Friday, June 12, and Sewell Mill Library on Saturday, June 13, from 11 AM to 4 PM for the 3rd Annual Library Mini Golf event. We have participated in this and it is a very creative event.

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### PRIMARY RUNOFF JUNE 16

Several races from last week's primaries are going into runoff elections June 16. In these cases, the leading candidates did not get more than 50 percent of the vote.

Based on initial election results, primary runoffs include the top Republican candidates for senator, Georgia governor, lieutenant governor, and secretary of state. The Democratic runoff includes candidates for lieutenant governor, secretary of state, and commissioner of insurance.

The primary runoff is scheduled for June 16, with early voting from Monday, June 8 to Friday, June 12. The voter registration deadline for the runoff has already passed.

Those who voted in either party's primary are restricted to that party's runoff. You may not switch parties for the runoff. But if you are registered and did not vote in the primary election, you can still vote in the runoff. Similarly, if you pulled a nonpartisan ballot in the primary, you are eligible to participate in either party's primary runoff.

A complete list of the primary and election result is available at <https://sos.ga.gov/elections-division-georgia-secretary-states-office>

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Southern Museum is in need of volunteers for our Railroad Rendezvous event on Saturday July 25, 2026. You must be over 18 years of age to volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Moirin Cody, Tour and Volunteer Coordinator. EMAIL Moirin at [mcody@kennesaw-ga.gov](mailto:mcody@kennesaw-ga.gov).

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The Yoga sessions will be held at 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM on the following Saturdays: June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27, July 11, and July 18.

Aviation Park, 2659 Barrett Lakes Blvd, Kennesaw, GA 30144, USA

For more information and to register visit [towncentercid.com](http://towncentercid.com), select events.

### THE CRAZY BOOK LADY INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORE

The Crazy Book Lady buys, sells, and trades books and media. They offer a large selection of old and new books. They have been committed to servicing the Acworth, Cartersville, Kennesaw, and Marietta area since 2017.

In addition this bookstore hosts several book clubs, book signings, and RPG Groups.

The store is located at 5058 Allatoona Gateway, Acworth, GA. Look for them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CrazyBookLadyGA/>

### FREE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE AT NORTH COBB LIBRARY

Breakfast and lunch meals will be served to children free of charge weekdays in June and July inside three Cobb County public libraries.

Nutritious meals will be provided by Happy Helpings, Georgia's Summer Food Service Program, through the local partnership of Cobb County Public Library (CCPL) and Georgia Educational Resources Inc. (GERI). Happy Helpings is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.

The meals will be offered June 1 through July 24 three days per week on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. No meals will be served Friday, June 19 on the Juneteenth holiday and Friday, July 3, a Cobb County holiday for Independence Day.

The Happy Helpings 2026 schedule in our area is:

- North Cobb Regional Library, 3535 Old 41 Highway, Kennesaw 30144

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays

Breakfast: 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; lunch: 12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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## ACWORTH NEWS

### WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES



### TAP TOWN IS OPEN

Mayor Allegood, Alderman Prather, Alderman Carmichael, Alderman Houston, the Acworth Business Association, and the City team were thrilled to host a ribbon cutting on Friday, May 8, in celebration of the grand opening of Tap Town Acworth in Downtown Acworth's Parkside District. Congratulations to Jay and Adam and thank you for investing in the city! TapTown is a community gathering place for craft beers and chef-crafted American comfort food. You can find it right across from Logan Farm Park at 4443 Cherokee Street. Learn more about this new business and their menu visit: <https://www.tap.town/>



### EPIC LIGHTING RIBBON CUTTING

On Friday, May 29, Mayor Allegood along with Alderman Houston, Alderman Carmichael, Alderwoman Haase, the Acworth Business Association, and members of the City team hosted a ribbon cutting in celebration of Epic Custom Lighting's new location. Epic Custom Lighting is located at 204 Northridge Dr, Suite 204, Acworth, Ga 30101. For more information about this company visit <https://epiccustomlighting.com/>. Their website is amazing.

### MOTHER-SON CAMP OUT

The Acworth Parks, Recreation, and Community Resource Department is excited to host our annual Mother-Son Camp Out at Proctor Landing! Its the perfect opportunity for moms and sons to spend quality time together out in nature. Mother-Son Camp Out takes place at Proctor Landing Park, located at 5260 Proctor Landing Rd Acworth, GA 30101. Check in begins at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12. All participants must depart Proctor Landing Park by 10:00 am on Sunday, September 13. This even is for Moms and their sons 13 and under.

In the event of rain, activities will still be held throughout the day, and camping will be optional that evening. In the event of lightning and thunder, Mother-Son Camp Out will be relocated to the Acworth Community Center. Weather updates will be communicated leading up to the program.

The fee is \$50 a pair for residents and \$60 a pair for non residents. You will find a checklist of the items you should bring with you to the camp out on our website [www.acworthparksandrec.org](http://www.acworthparksandrec.org). Tent and air mattress rentals are also available at a limited quantity.

### ACWORTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a great volunteer opportunity that will get you outside? The Acworth Community Garden is the perfect place! Join a workday and assist with anything from planting and harvesting to weeding and watering. It's a great way to get involved with the community for a great cause. The Acworth Community Garden is a partnership between the City and volunteers with a vision to eliminate food insecurity for senior adults of Acworth while engaging the community in gardening activities.

The community garden is located at 4757 School Street, Acworth, GA 30101 A list of Volunteer work days is available on the city calendar online at <https://acworth-ga.gov/acworth-city-events/>

**AN ACWORTH HISTORY THOUGHT...**

**by Mack Turner, Save Acworth History Foundation**

As we know we are all making History everyday, History doesn't stop..It occurred to me how will the current Acworth City Government be remembered years down the road most of them serving for the last 25 years or so, The Tommy Thomas W Allegood, Tim Richardson, Butch Price, James Albright, Lawrence Houston, Gene Pugliese era, that has brought my Hometown Acworth to heights I never thought I would see..And the staff that works under these great folks is also unbelievable, always friendly and helpful.. The Restoration of the old Historic Buildings Downtown front and back that frankly some of them on the backstreet looked horrendous and now look outstanding with new decks and sun spaces..



With all the new social media sites popping up around Town, I sometimes see some negative and harsh comments about the City Team and I want to set the record straight..For well over a decade me being President of

the Save Acworth History Foundation for most of those years and having an office at City Hall, I got to know all this Great Team on a personal basis and became friends with all of them and more importantly got to see what was in their Hearts..Their Dedication to the City of Acworth and the betterment of it is unmatched and unbelievable..To make a long story short, I HAD A FRONT ROW SEAT TO GREATNESS..

Let me just list a few of the things over the last 25 years or so that has turned our little town into a Destination under their QUALITY OF LIFE program..As I said the complete overhaul and rejuvenation of the old historic buildings downtown that a lot of us grew up with, adding miles of sidewalks and greenspace, the development of Logan Farm Park, the beautiful Acworth Community Center, the widening of hwy. 92 from Cherokee St. to Highway 41, businesses growth almost tripling, the overhead bridge, the Deoot Park History Center which I was glad to play a part in and is now the centerpiece of Downtown, housing values more than doubling, the development of hwy. 41 bringing all the big box stores and fine restaurants, and I could go on and on but I think you get the message..

So I hope you get the message from someone who knows and loves all these great Leaders their place in Acworth History deserves to be put on a Mount Rushmore of Acworth..

**THREADS OF FREEDOM PARADE**

**Sunday, June 14**

**@ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Historic Downtown District Acworth, GA, United States

In honor of America's 250th birthday, the City of Acworth is excited to announce the Threads of Freedom Parade to be held on Sunday, June 14th, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. The parade will run along Historic Main Street with a start at the First Baptist Church before finishing at the Holbrook. Residents, families, businesses, and organizations are invited to register to participate in the parade. Registered parties can use any street-legal vehicle they choose (PTV, truck/trailer, car, etc.). If you want to join the parade with your vehicle or group please register online at <https://acworth-ga.gov/event/threads-of-freedom-parade/>



**JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION**

Concert on the Green – A Juneteenth Celebration will take place at Logan Farm Park on Saturday, June 20, 2026. The event opens at 5:00 p.m. with live music by Bogey and the Viceroy taking place from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. The City of Acworth invites everyone to bring blankets and folding



**ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

At the May luncheon, the Acworth Business Association presented scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 each to the following students. Allatoona High School Winner: Mackenzie Adams; Harrison High School Winner: Emma Praser; Kennesaw Mountain High School Winner: Cameron Jenkins; North Cobb High School Winner: Savannah Rader (Not pictured); Private School Winner: (North Cobb Christian): Adam Kovacic; Trade School Winner: Daisy Munoz; College Student Winner: Jamira Dorvilier . Pictured above (in no particular order are these students along with ABA President Alisha Todisco on left and Todd Lollis, Education Chair, on right.

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### HELPING ONE GUY TO HONOR JON SMALLING

On Monday, June 22, 2026, please join Helping One Guy as we honor Jon Smalling and his family from 6:00-8:00PM at NorthStar Church. The dinner is provided at no charge to attendees, and Helping One Guy will be raising money to help Jon and his family.

Jon Smalling's story is rooted in faith, family, and perseverance. As he faces his battle with a rare cancer, Helping One Guy honors his dedication as a husband, father, and provider for his family. Jon Smalling was born in January 1985 to Karen and Richard. Smalling.

Dedicated to servant-leadership from a young age, Jon earned his Eagle Scout rank with BSA Troop 422 in 1998. Building on that foundation, he later poured back into the organization, previously serving as an Assistant Cubmaster and an Assistant Scoutmaster. His passion for helping others also shaped the beginning of his career when he worked as a youth pastor for area United Methodist Churches.

To register for dinner (it's free) and to make a donation to support Jon Smalling visit [helpingoneguy.org](http://helpingoneguy.org).

Helping One Guy exists to help and support one man at a time, and his family, who is going through a life changing crisis. HOG provides that one man with a financial gift, rallies the community around him, and shows him that he is not walking alone. This is your opportunity to step up to Help this One Guy.



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### ART IN THE VINES

The Acworth Arts Alliance invite you to join them for an evening of art, wine, live music, good food and the community at Qualusi Vineyards. Hosted in partnership between Qualusi Vineyards and the Acworth Arts Alliance, this public event features an art market with work from local ArtHouse member artists set among the vines.

Qualusi Vineyards will be open for wine tastings and glasses to enjoy while taking in the sunset views. Food will be available from Jakes BBQ food truck. Indoor & outdoor seating will be available and guests are welcome to bring a blanket or lawn chair to relax and enjoy the evening.

Qualusi Vineyards is located at 440 Blossom Trail, Acworth, 30101.

### THE CENTER FOR FAMILY RESOURCES 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The Center for Family Resources (CFR) has released its 2025 Annual Report, Where Stability Begins & Futures Grow, highlighting how access to housing, food, education, and support services helps families move beyond crisis and toward long-term success.

In 2025, The CFR served 9,937 Cobb County residents through housing assistance, food support, financial education, case management, and homelessness prevention programs. Highlights include distributing 89,412 pounds of food, assisting 385 individuals through Housing Services, and serving 2,764 people through the Choice Pantry. The annual Thanks for Giving food drive collected \$133,000 worth of food for more than 1,100 Cobb County families and will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2026.

"This past year was a powerful reminder of what's possible when a community comes together with purpose and hope," said CEO Melanie Kagan. "Because of that collective commitment, we experienced our largest year of growth in unrestricted fundraising, allowing us to respond more nimbly and invest in solutions that create lasting stability."

The CFR's approach combines immediate assistance with education and skill-building. Through financial literacy classes, life skills training, housing support, and food assistance, families gain practical tools to achieve self-sufficiency. Today, 70% of families who receive services from The CFR remain self-sufficient and no longer need support.

A key initiative is the Housing Stability Program, a partnership with Cobb County Magistrate Court that helps families facing first-time eviction proceedings remain housed before a temporary setback becomes a long-term crisis. Current funding for the program expires this year, and The CFR is seeking community partners to help sustain its impact.

To view the full 2025 Annual Report, visit [TheCFR.org/about/financials](http://TheCFR.org/about/financials) or to learn more about supporting The CFR, visit [TheCFR.org/Ways-to-Give](http://TheCFR.org/Ways-to-Give).



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**TOWN CENTER CID AND PARTNERS CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF THE SOUTH BARRETT RELIEVER WITH APRIL 23 RIBBON CUTTING**

Transformational infrastructure project delivers east-west connectivity, improves mobility and supports economic growth in Cobb County

The Town Center Community Improvement District (CID) together with federal, state and local partners, celebrated the completion of the South Barrett Reliever with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, April 23, at 10 a.m. The event took place on the newly constructed bridge – the largest part of the project – spanning Interstate 75 and the Northwest Corridor Express Lanes.

The South Barrett Reliever represents a transformative investment in Cobb County’s infrastructure, addressing long-standing challenges caused by limited east-west connectivity across I-75. For decades, these constraints increased congestion and restricted access in one of the county’s most active commercial and employment hubs.

“This project is significant not only for its impact within Town Center, but also for the role it plays in strengthening regional connectivity,” said Tracy Styf, executive director of the Town Center CID. “It reflects years of collaboration and a shared commitment to building a more accessible, resilient and connected community. These partnerships were instrumental in delivering a project that will drive lasting connectivity and economic growth.”

Designed as a long-term, multimodal solution, the South Barrett Reliever creates a critical alternative to Barrett Parkway, a fully built-out corridor where traditional widening is not feasible. The project establishes a new east-west connection from Cobb Parkway/US 41 to Barrett Parkway, bypassing the heavily trafficked Barrett Parkway/I-75 interchange by extending the roadway eastward over I-75 and linking back to Barrett Parkway via Roberts Court.

Far beyond traffic relief and safety improvements, the South Barrett Reliever will also increase economic vitality by improving access to enhance business performance, strengthening redevelopment readiness along key corridors and reinforcing Town Center’s role as a regional employment hub.

Project partners include the Atlanta Regional Commission, State Road & Tollways Authority, Georgia Department of Transportation, Cobb County and Cobb County Department of Transportation, Arcadis and C.W. Matthews Contracting Co.

**A New Framework for Mobility**

The South Barrett Reliever serves as a groundbreaking element of a broader mobility vision for the district. The project forms the foundation of The Loop, a 7-mile complete street boulevard experience that will define the heart of Town Center. It delivers the southern east-west arc, connecting Barrett Lakes Boulevard to George Busbee Parkway. It is the first step in transforming individual corridor improvements into a cohesive mobility system.

With a total investment exceeding \$62 million, the South Barrett Reliever incorporates:

- A signature bridge spanning I-75 and the Northwest Corridor Express Lanes
- Modern multi-lane roundabouts to improve traffic flow and safety
- A four-lane divided roadway with landscaped medians
- Sidewalks, bike lanes and shared-use paths
- Pedestrian crossings and enhanced lighting
- Streetscape and landscaping improvements

The completion of South Barrett Reliever marks a major milestone in advancing mobility, safety and economic opportunity in Cobb County and sets the stage for future enhancements that will continue to shape the Town Center community. For more information, visit [www.towncentercid.com](http://www.towncentercid.com).

**AVIATION PARK**

Located at 2659 Barrett Lakes Blvd, Kennesaw, GA 30144. This aviation-themed park is adjacent to the Cobb County International Airport runway. It lies midpoint along the Noonday Creek Trail and offers amenities such as a 60-space parking lot, water fountain for people and pets, open green space, STEM playground, airplane-shaped climbing structure, pavilion, and a restroom facility designed to replicate the nearby airport control tower. The perfect place to take your children.



The vision behind the park was to engage visitors in a beautiful open environment and provide much-needed amenities along the Noonday Creek Trail. The space near the end of the runway at the Cobb airport, a dedicated CID partner, led our team to the perfect park theme. We turned the high-profile but underutilized green space into an opportunity to educate the community on the history of aviation in Cobb County.

Attractions & Amenities: Noonday Creek Trail access, Bikeshare Station, STEM playground, Restrooms, Hands-on K-5 Learning, Picnic Pavilion by Reservation

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### ASK FOR ADVICE.

BY MARLON LONGACRE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT PIEDMONT CHURCH

**Proverbs 24:6** "The more advice you get, the more likely you are to win."

**Proverbs 20:18** "Get good advice and you will succeed."

The third principle that the bible teaches on how to make successful decisions is to ASK FOR ADVICE. This is the principle of consultation.

Talk to somebody who has already taken the risk. It is wise to learn from experience, but it is wiser to learn from the experience of others. Life is too short to learn everything by trial and error. I do not have all the time to make all the mistakes myself. It is wise to learn from experience; it is wiser to learn from the experience of others. Get all the advice you can, and you will succeed.

Success tip: Learn to ask questions. You can learn from anybody if you just know the right questions to ask. I am constantly amazed at the things I learn by asking questions. **Proverbs 20:5** "Counsel in the heart of man is like a deep well but a man of understanding will draw it out." You can learn from anybody if you learn to draw it out. Learn to ask questions.

**Proverbs 18:15** "The intelligent man is always open to new ideas. In fact, he looks for them!"

That is a mark of intelligence. Talk to somebody who has already taken the risk. Our hang up is we do not want to ask questions because we do not want to appear ignorant. I do not want to ask what I need to know because I do not want to appear dumb. But it is better to appear dumb than to make mistakes and then everybody knows you are dumb. It is much better to ask and find out than to make mistakes on your own and wish you would never have done it.

If there is anything that I learned while attending Morehead State and that is if you do not know then ask and when you ask, then ask someone who does know.

My teammates on staff and I benefit from having Ike Reighard as our Senior Pastor. He has been a pastor for over 50 years. We wear him out asking questions. Being vulnerable and admitting you need help builds bridges and relationships not walls.

Pray for guidance, get the facts, ask for advice.

### LOVE DOES NEWS

I cannot thank you enough for your support of Love Does for April and May. This is the last week to donate for pre-planning in July. As of right now we are at a record thirteen schools where we will be providing lunches for teachers. We are looking at showing God's love to over 1300+ teachers. Big time undertaking.

I know this is way advance, but I got an email yesterday from the North Georgia State Fair. On Tuesday September 26th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. they are going to have the first ever Senior Friendly Hours presented by Piedmont Church. They asked if Piedmont Church could provide 25-30 volunteers in our matching Love Does shirts to assist the patrons. What an opportunity to show God's love in a huge way.

Volunteers are needed to help with the 2026 Summer Extreme at Piedmont beginning July 6 to July 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Just sign up by going to the link below. <https://vbspro.events/p/summerextrem2026>



### PRODA TECHNOLOGY NAMED 2026 SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

On May 11, 2026 Small Business of the Year named Proda Technology Small Business of the Year, at its Small Business of the Year Awards Luncheon, presented by 1885 Grill and S.A. White Oil Company.

Proda Technology is a nationally recognized, cybersecurity-focused managed IT firm — serving organizations across the United States. They've grown from a small founding team to more than 35 professionals. From 2023 to 2025, Proda experienced revenue growth by 50 percent. Their charitable giving has nearly doubled over that same period.

Their growth has been driven by three core principles: Investing in exceptional people; continuously improving operations; and staying relentlessly focused on protecting the businesses and communities they serve.

As the Chamber's 2026 Small Business of the Year, Proda Technology will compete in the state's small business of the year competition.

Congratulations to Kennesaw's Gaston Street Eats Co. on being named one of the top 25 small businesses of the year. Pictured above l-r Sharon Mason, President and CEO of the Chamber; Marissa Maldonado, the Co-Founder and CEO of Proda Technology and Melissa Cantrell, Chairwoman of the Chamber.

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## MARIETTA NEWS



### JUNE POP-IN AT THE MARIETTA HISTORY

In honor of Juneteenth, the Marietta History Center invites families to a special Pop-In for Family Fun on Saturday, June 20th, celebrating Cobb Kaleidoscope of Cultures. Admission is free. Museum is open from 10:00-4:00. Sponsored by Cauthorn, Sanders & Schmidt

Held on the 3rd Saturday of every month, Pop-Ins offer an exciting opportunity for children and their families to engage with the museum through themed activities and crafts.

This event highlights freedom, heritage, and community through cultural crafts and stories that reflect the diverse experiences that shape Marietta and

Cobb County. The Museum is located at 1 Depot Street, Marietta, 30060

### CHURCH STREET PARK Friday Night Live Music the Park

From June through October, we're bringing local singer-songwriters and jazz combos to Church Street Park for an evening of live music under the open sky, one Friday a month (6-8pm). No tickets. No cover. Just good music and good company. Bring a blanket, bring a chair, bring an entire picnic dinner! Planned for July 10: Reed Waddle.

#### Movies Under the Stars at Church Street Park

Every 2nd Saturday of the month from May to October.

Join us at sunset at Church Street Park as we keep the momentum going with our free outdoor monthly movies on the park green. Bring your chairs, blankets and favorite people for a fun night out, plus FREE popcorn! June 13: Back to the Future

These are both recurring series. Be sure to follow us on Instagram @churchstmarietta so you never miss a concert or showing.

### MARIETTA SOCCER FEST '26

The City of Marietta is bringing the energy of the global game to the community with Marietta SoccerFest '26, a celebration of soccer in the city that is home to the game. This multi-day event will take place June 12-14, 2026, and will include officially licensed FIFA World Cup 26™ public viewing events.



The weekend kicks off on Friday, June 12 with an evening Watch Party on the Square for the USA FIFA World Cup 26™ match viewing in downtown Marietta. Watch Party on the Square will resume with a full day on Saturday, June 13, featuring additional tournament match viewings and family-friendly soccer activities. Attendees can enjoy the matches on large screens with plenty of space to bring a chair, gather with friends, and visit many of the Square's businesses for dining and shopping.

The weekend concludes on Sunday, June 14, with Marietta SoccerFest '26: Kids' Gateway to the Goal at the Franklin Gateway Sports Complex. This youth-focused event will feature interactive soccer activities, food trucks, and special soccer-related programming for kids of all ages.

#### SCHEDULE:

- Friday, June 12, 2026 - Marietta SoccerFest '26: Watch Party on the Square, 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM on the Historic Marietta Square, 50 N Park Square
- Saturday, June 13, 2026 - Marietta SoccerFest '26: Watch Party on the Square, 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM on the Historic Marietta Square, 50 N Park Square
- Sunday, June 14, 2026 - Marietta SoccerFest '26: Kids' Gateway to the Goal, 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Franklin Gateway Sports Complex, 1034 Franklin Gateway SE

### JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ON THE SQUARE.

Celebrate Juneteenth on the Square with a weekend dedicated to culture, community, and connection. Organized by the Cobb County Branch NAACP in partnership with the City of Marietta, the celebration begins Friday evening with a Wear All White Party under the stars. On Saturday, enjoy a vibrant cultural festival featuring a full day of live entertainment and more than 150 vendors offering food, music, art, and community resources. The weekend concludes on Father's Day with a heartfelt Salute to Heroes, honoring those who have made a lasting impact on our community. This event takes place June 19-21. For more information visit: <https://cobbnaacp.org>.

### GLOVER PARK CONCERTS

The Downtown Marietta Development Authority and the City of Marietta are proud to announce the 2026 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 for June 26: Guardians of the Jukebox: Soundtrack of the 80's. (They are awesome) The concert begins at 8:00 p.m. The concert is free to attend.

A limited number of stage-adjacent tables can be reserved for a fee on the first working day of each month beginning at 8:00 a.m. Attendees can bring a picnic or dine in one of the many fine restaurants located on the square. Blankets and lawn chairs may be set up in the park anytime on Friday. No plastic ground covering, ropes, tape, stakes, etc. used to section off areas are permitted inside the park as they will be removed. All personal tables must be set up in the street after 6:00 p.m., not in the park.

The concert series is part of America's 250th Celebration in Marietta. Stop by their information table to learn about the many events and programs happening across the city in celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary.

All concerts begin at 8:00 on the last Friday of each month, April – September, at Glover Park on the Historic Marietta Square Free street parking, City Hall parking deck, 205 Lawrence St and the Care Here of Marietta parking lot, 268 Lawrence St. <https://www.marietta.gov/1462/Downtown-Parking>

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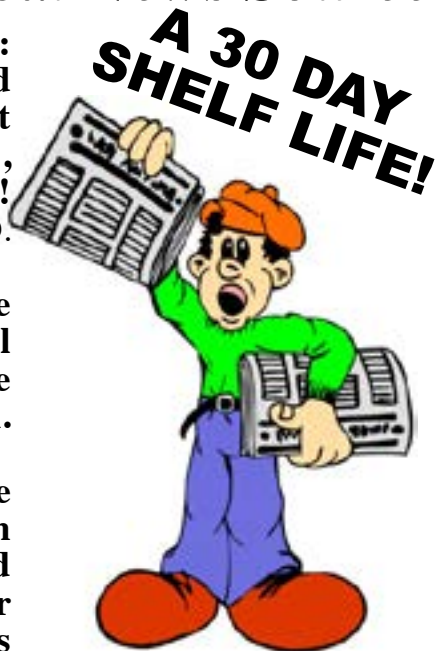
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## CONGRATULATIONS ZOE OYE!

BY JIMI RICHARDS

On May 11, 2026, NCHS Warrior Track and Field Zoe Oye won the State Championship in the high jump, placed 2nd in the Triple Jump, and 3rd in the long jump at the GHSA State Championships yesterday. Zoe was also the highest points scorer in the State Championship. Go Warriors!!

## COBB CELEBRATES 250 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

Celebrate a historic milestone with Cobb County at Cobb Celebrates 250 Years of Independence on Friday, June 26, from 5 - 10 p.m. at Jim R. Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Road SW, Marietta. Admission is free.

Wear your red, white, and blue, bring your family, friends, lawn chairs, blankets and patriotic spirit for a patriotic evening filled with live entertainment, family-friendly activities, local food trucks and community fun. Guests will enjoy free entertainment throughout the evening, with food and merchandise available for purchase from onsite vendors.

The celebration highlight will be a spectacular star spangled drone show at dusk, lighting up the night sky in honor of 250 years of American independence.

Parking: Free parking is available in the event center general parking lot, with overflow parking in the North lot on Al Bishop Drive.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: VISIT <https://www.cobbcounty.gov/parks/special-events/cobb-celebrates-250>.



## NORTH COBB ROTARY PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Oscar McAdoo of Harrison HS football. Oscar will use his Jeff Bass Scholarship at Kentucky Wesleyan this fall. This award is for team centered leadership! L-R Pres. Jose, Eric Krause, Dave Schwickerath, Oscar and Jeff Bass

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## NAVY SHOWCASED 'STRIKE GROUP' MIXED-REALITY EXPERIENCE AT SKILLSUSA CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA

On Tuesday, June 2 – Thursday, June 4, at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta, the U.S. Navy showcases its 'Strike Group' multi-scenario, mobile mixed-reality experience, which is designed to demonstrate the breadth and depth of Navy STEM careers. The 'Strike Group' provides a fully immersive, hands-on look into the technology and teamwork that are central to every role in the Navy.

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## DR ROBERT (BOB) GILBERT PASSED ON APRIL 25

Dr Robert (Bob) Gilbert, a highly accomplished dentist/periodontist and a passionate steward of the natural world, passed away peacefully on April 25, 2026, at the age of 89 after a long battle with Parkinson's.

Robert came from a dental family in Dayton, Ohio. His father and brother, Barry, were dentists also. They all attended Denison University and the Ohio State University College of Dentistry. After Dental graduation Robert moved south where he spent two years as an Air Force dentist in Savannah, Ga. That was followed by specialty training in periodontics at the University of Alabama. While there he

also joined one of the marches led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma, Al., in 1965. Throughout his career Robert was active in organized dentistry holding various leadership roles including that of Editor of the Journal of the Georgia Dental Association. Countless dental patients appreciated his exceptional combination of clinical excellence with engaging personal kindness.

A true Renaissance man, Robert lived a life defined by curiosity, creativity and a deep appreciation for beauty in all its forms. Beyond his distinguished career in dentistry, he was an avid lover of art and music, an enthusiastic traveler who explored more than 40 countries with his many friends and a dedicated naturalist. He was especially known for his expertise in birdwatching and his talent as a bonsai teacher, generously sharing his knowledge with many others.

In 1970, Robert and his longtime partner, Richard Smith, purchased and began restoring the historic Hiram Butler House, originally built in 1880. The two of them transformed the surrounding 11 acres into a remarkable landscape of specimen plants and cascading waterfalls. This extraordinary property later became the renowned Smith Gilbert Gardens in Kennesaw, Georgia, a lasting testament to their shared vision and devotion.

Following Richard Smith's passing, Robert relocated to Franklin NC where he and his partner, Ray Knight, built a beautiful home on 35 forested acres and continued their lifelong passions for travel and for cultivating plants and peaceful spaces. A trout stream, gardens and greenhouse kept them busy for many years. As Robert's health began to fail, Ray's skill as the consummate companion and, ultimately, caregiver eased Robert's difficult final years.

Robert is survived by his longtime partner, Ray Knight; nephews Dr Eric Gilbert and Steven Gilbert; his goddaughter, Cindy Giornolli; and Ray Knight's nephew Clay and wife Julie Knight and their son, Leon.

Details of a Memorial Service are pending. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Smith-Gilbert Gardens, ensuring that Robert's legacy of beauty, education and stewardship continues to inspire future generations

## GROWING TOGETHER: THE NEW ERA OF BUSINESS

by ALICIA TODISCO, PRESIDENT OF ABA



Running a business in our community is an incredible journey, but the map is changing. Today, we are seeing a beautiful mix of different generations working side by side. Each brings its own unique strengths to the table.

Older generations of business owners are famous for their "workhorse" mentality. They taught us that success takes grit, long hours, and absolute dedication. On the flip side, newer business owners are shifting the focus toward work-life balance and personal harmony. They remind us that our businesses should support our lives, not consume them.

The real magic happens when we think differently but grow together. By blending the unstoppable work ethic of the past with modern ideas about balance, we create stronger, healthier companies. It is not about which generation is right—it is about learning from each other so our whole community thrives.

None of this growth happens by accident; we all have to be intentional. Your Acworth Business Association board works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our network strong. A huge shoutout goes to James Albright for his outstanding dedication. James has been working incredibly hard to bring us top-tier, inspiring speakers for our monthly luncheons, giving us the exact tools we need to navigate these changing times.

No matter what generation of business you belong to, you have a place here. Come join us at our next event, share your story, and let's build the future together.

### ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

**THUR JUNE 11 ACWORTH ALIVE AFTER 5** Join the ABA for after hours food, fun and networking at 5:30-7:30 PM. JUNE'S AA5 will be held at HENRY'S located on Main Street. This event is free for ABA Members, \$5 for Guests For more information and to RSVP visit [www.acworthbusiness.org](http://www.acworthbusiness.org).

**TUE JUNE 23 11:30 WOMEN'S LUNCHEON.** 11-30-1:00. Will be held at North Star Church. Catered by Gaston's Street Eats. Please RSVP at [acworthbusiness.org](http://acworthbusiness.org). Member luncheon is \$20.00. GUEST speaker: K.C. Sullivan, Curating Confidence

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### KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

**TUES JUNE 9 KBA LUNCHEON** - 11:00-1:00 GOVERNOR'S GUN CLUB, 1005 Cobb Place Blvd. Join the KBA for networking and an informative lunch with guest speaker Dr. Cathy Sarvis. She helps professionals, entrepreneurs and mompreneurs rewrite their stories, reframe their mindset, and reclaim their health, purpose, and power. Catered by Gaston Street Eats. For more information and to RSVP visit [www.kennesawbusiness.org](http://www.kennesawbusiness.org).

**TUES JUNE 16 ALIVE AFTER FIVE** 5:30-7:30 Great food and a lot of fun at Copelands on Barrett Parkway. For more information and to RSVP visit [www.kennesawbusiness.org](http://www.kennesawbusiness.org).



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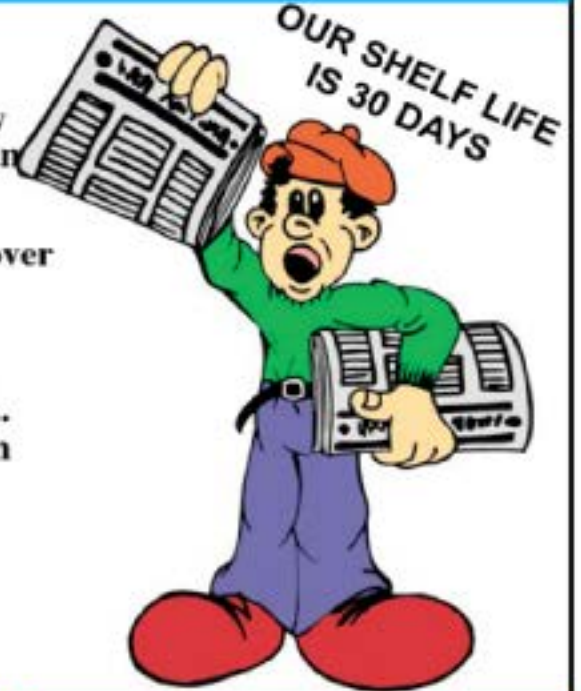
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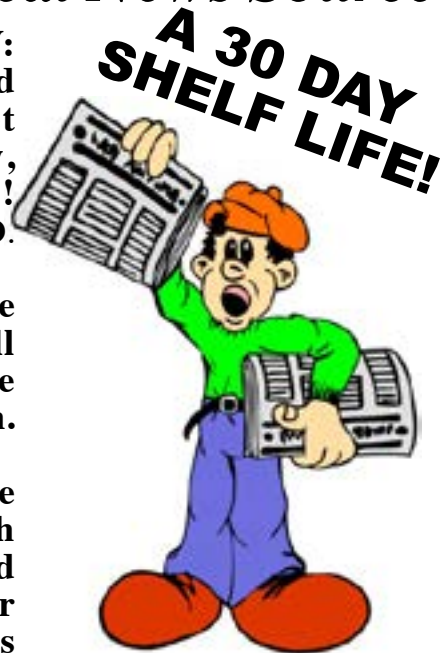
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