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KENNESAW CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH SALUTE TO AMERICA ON JULY 3

The City of Kennesaw will host its annual Independence Day celebration of freedom, music and fireworks on Thursday, July 3, from 6 to 10 p.m. in Downtown Kennesaw. Admission is free.

Salute to America will feature live music, food vendors and family-friendly activities. The evening will conclude with a fireworks finale at 9:30 p.m., visible along Main Street.

Live music from the United Bankshares Amphitheater at Depot Park will be headlined by Guardians of the Jukebox at 8 p.m., with Girls Night Out performing at 7 p.m. and Tripp'n kicking things off at 6 p.m.

In addition to street vendors and sponsor booths, the event will offer ticketed inflatable amusements for children. A wide variety of entrées, cold beverages and snacks will be available for purchase. Guests are welcome to bring picnic baskets or coolers; however, grills and coolers larger than 20 quarts are not permitted. Attendees are encouraged to review full park and amphitheater guidelines, including seating rules and prohibited items, at www.amphitheateratdepotpark.com.

Reserved seating is available for \$20 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.

The 2025 Salute to America is presented with support from Williams Elleby Howard & Easter, Window Nation, All Around Home Services, JoyFM and Gutter Shutter.

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.kennesawjuly3.com 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 Thursday, 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 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, available at the museum ticket counter or at www.kennesawmuseumfoundation.org. Limited tickets will be sold at the door.

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. Live music begins at 5:30 p.m. Fireworks will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. (subject to change depending on 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 "FLASHBACK"

takes the stage at 8:00 p.m. This is the 23rd year in a row that Flashback has brought their energy to the Acworth state. Flashback takes you through decades of classics; from the best of Motown, Beach, and Disco, then all the way into Current Top Hits. The audience experiences an interactive and energetic performance while dancing to song after song!

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. Online table sales close Monday, June 9, at 5:00.

After June 9 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, 2025

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.

The Georgia Grown Member Market: Visit the Georgia Grown Member Gift Market highlighting all types of market items. If you're looking for fresh, you've come to the right place. You will find a variety in this section from smoked sea salts, pecans, sauces, paintings, crafts, fruits, and vegetables.

Entertainment begins at noon with Scott Thompson and winds up at 8:00 with '90s country music! Chuck Martin & The Line-Up bring a high-energy tribute packed with honky-tonk soul, heartfelt vocals, and toe-tapping twang.

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 because traffic is expected to be heavy.

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JUNE 10, 2025!

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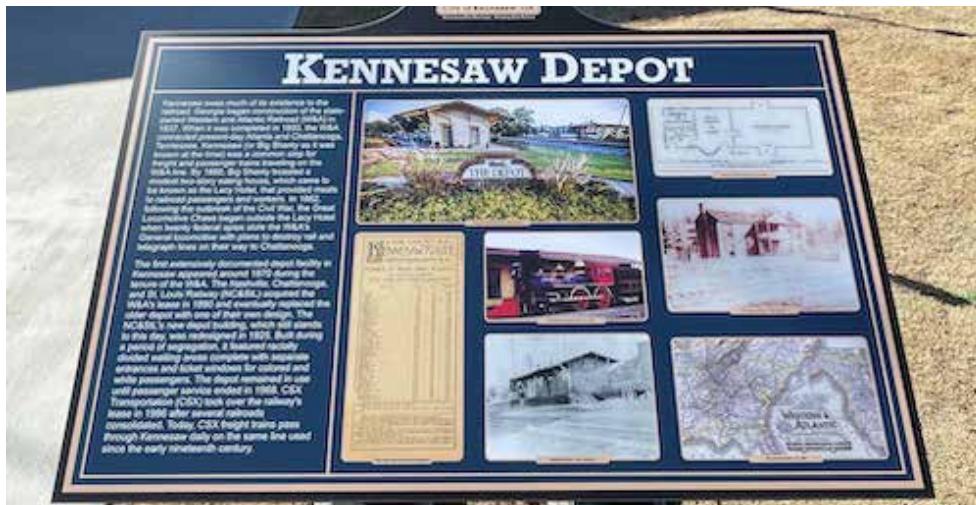
You are invited to Helping One Guy's dinner to honor Will Romines and his family on June 10, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00pm at Freedom Church. Doors open at 6:00pm. Freedom Church is located at 3611 Cobb Pkwy NW, Acworth, GA 30101. Dinner is provided at no charge to attendees, and HOG will be raising money to help Will and his family.

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 our opportunity to



step up to Help this One Guy. Visit <https://www.helpingoneguy.org/> to register for the dinner, donate and help spread the news!

Visit <https://www.helpingoneguy.org/> to view Will's full Honoree page filled with photos. Thank you in advance for your support!



KENNESAW DEPOT'S STORY BOARD

Andrew J. Bramlett

In the past three issues of the Bright Side, I have highlighted the new downtown storyboard signs that have information about Kennesaw's history. Each of these markers was developed by the City of Kennesaw's Economic Development Department to promote downtown tourism. I began in March with an article on the Kennesaw City Cemetery. This was followed by the story of the Big Shanty Spring, before turning our attention to Memorial Park. Lastly, this month we will look at the Kennesaw Depot, which has stood in the heart of the community for over 125 years.



Big Shanty (modern Kennesaw) had a depot building before the Civil War, which was burned by General Sherman's army in 1864. Just after the war, a new depot building was built that looked more

like a shed than a proper depot. It would serve the community for about twenty-five years. When the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railroad took over the railroad line in 1890, they found the building inadequate.

In 1893, construction began on a replacement building. The old depot was moved further away from the tracks, up Cherokee Street to near where the yellow Carrie House is today. The new depot for Kennesaw opened in March 1893. Just nine years later, it would be expanded, and another expansion occurred in the 1920s.

In the 1960s, the last passenger train stopped at the Kennesaw Depot. Because the railroad had stood at the heart of the community for decades, the city purchased the building to preserve it. The building has been used for a number of purposes – event space, reenactor barracks, welcome center, and local history museum – and is now the centerpiece of Depot Park. Though few remember when the depot was used by passengers, it remains an important symbol of our town's origins and history.



BLOOD DRIVE

June 28, 2025, Cartersville

Hello Bright Side Readers. I am Carson Pope and I am currently working on my Eagle Project for Boy Scouts, and I need your help.

For my Eagle Project, I am organizing a blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross on June 28th at Atco Baptist Church, 20 Parmenter Street, Cartersville, Ga 30120. In addition to that, I am also asking for canned food donations to support the food pantry at New Life Community Church in Acworth, Georgia.

I chose this project because in March of 2024, my mother was diagnosed with stage 3 multiple myeloma, a blood cancer. She has had to have several blood and platelet transfusions that wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for blood donors. The American Red Cross needs at least 29,000 pints of blood daily, which may seem small, but isn't when looking at the impact it has on lives and families. Out of the 38% of Americans eligible to donate, only 3% of that number actually donates.

My goal for this project is to raise awareness and to collect as many donations as possible. Please sign up to donate and help me spread the word. You can sign up at this link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=carson> *BE SURE TO SELECT ATCO BAPTIST CHURCH* Thank you all so much!!

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**OUTDOOR MOVIE
NIGHT**

City of Kennesaw to Show "Moana 2" During Free Outdoor Movie Night on June 7. The movie will begin at 8:45 p.m. on a giant inflatable screen. Swift-Cantrell Park is located at 3140 Old 41 Highway.

FOR more info visit website at - <https://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/moana-movie-kennesaw-2025/>

SYMBOLS OF THE CEMETERY



The City of Kennesaw's Cemetery Preservation Commission and the Kennesaw Cemetery Preservation Foundation will host the inaugural Symbols of the Cemetery Walking Tour on Saturday, June 22, at 3 p.m. Gravestones in historic cemeteries often feature symbolic carvings that represent life, death and remembrance—though their meanings may not always be obvious to modern visitors. Attendees will learn to interpret these symbols, such as what a hand pointing upward may signify, and gain insight into the lives of those buried in the cemetery. The tour will begin in the parking lot of the Kennesaw City Cemetery. It will cover just over a half-mile and will last about 90 minutes. The path includes unpaved areas and is not confined to paved walkways. Tickets are available at <https://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/>

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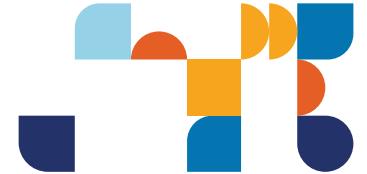


KENNESAW'S BACK 2 SCHOOL JAM ON JULY 12

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>.

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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.

June 6 – Layne Denton North Georgia singer-songwriter Layne Denton delivers a soulful mix of blues and folk, showcasing a distinctive voice and a talent for heartfelt songwriting. His performances blend smooth melodies with a rich acoustic sound. VIP seating is available for purchase at kennesaw-downtown-merchants-association.square.site.

DAYLILY SALE

The Cobb County Daylily Society will have their annual Daylily Sale and Show at the Marietta First United Methodist Church, 56 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta, GA on June 7, 2025. The Sale will be outside in the parking lot from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. or until we are sold out. We will have a huge selection of Daylilies at very reasonable prices. The Show opens to the Public at 1:00 p.m. You will have an opportunity to see many beautiful award winning Daylilies. Come and Join Us. For further information, call Diana Waldrop at 770-265-2894.



CONGRATULATIONS

Mark Allen, owner of Lazy Gun Distillery received two awards from Bubbles and Brews: Sweetest Brew Team: Lazy Guy Distillery and Best Beverage Variety: Lazy Guy Distillery. The Distillery is located on Moon Station Road, Kennesaw and serves drinks in their front yard on Thursdays 2-8, Fridays 5-9, Saturdays 2-9, and Sundays 2-6

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF LAUGHTER!

The Acworth Cultural Arts Center is bringing Acworth Unscripted to Red Top Brewhouse + Kitchen on Monday June 30. Feast on a \$9.99 Burger and \$3.97 pints while you bust at the seams with some local comedians! Tickets just \$12.00 and the laughs start at 6pm! Purchase tickets at <https://www.redtopbrewhouse.com/events/acworth-unscripted>. REDTOP IS located at 4637 S. Main Street, acworth

WANT TO LEARN OR PRACTICE PUBLIC SPEAKING?

Legacy Owls Toastmasters invite you to join their group at KSU Library. For the summer we meet in person or virtually on the first and third Fridays of each month from 12:30 p.m.- 1:30 p.m. The fee is \$60 for six months (\$10 a month) with a registration fee of \$20 for first time members. You will also learn Leadership Skills, have networking opportunities and receive constructive feedback. You can join virtually through our website <https://legacyowls.toastmastersclubs.org/> using Google Meet.

PARKING ON THE SQUARE

The City of Marietta is pleased to announce that it has made it easier to locate both free and paid parking lots on and around the Marietta Square.

This parking map information will benefit everyone and make parking hassle-free. Please visit mariettaga.gov, type downtown parking in the search box as you head to the Square to find the best parking spot for your visit.

SAVE THE DATE!

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Visit <https://www.helpingoneguy.org/> to view Will's full Honoree page filled with photos. Thank you in advance for your support!

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.

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1885 GRILL NAMED THE 2025 SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

On May 12, 2025, the Cobb Chamber named 1885 Grill the 2025 Small Business of the Year at its Small Business of the Year Awards Luncheon, presented by LOUD Security Systems, Inc. and S.A. White Oil Company.

For the past 5 years, 1885 Grill has beat the odds for many within the hospitality industry. It opened during the pandemic, and it not only survived, but it found a way to grow. In 2024, 1885 Grill expanded to its newest location in downtown Kennesaw. This expansion allows the business to bring its signature hospitality and dining experience to a broader audience while maintaining the quality service that is a cornerstone to its brand identity.

Owner Mike Schroeder and his team know that delivering exceptional hospitality goes beyond serving great food—it's about creating meaningful experiences and lasting connections. From investing in its employees' growth and development, to opening a new location and additional event spaces, 1885 Grill has refined its operational processes and ensured consistency across its locations, building a strong foundation for sustainable growth.

As the Chamber's 2025 Small Business of the Year, 1885 Grill will compete in the state's small business of the year competition.

Pictured above: (l to r) John Loud, Mayor of Kennesaw Derek Easterling, Mike Schroeder of 1885 Grill, Mayor of Acworth Tommy Allegood, Sharon Mason, and Chris Britton.



GEORGIA FOOD + WINE FESTIVAL RAISES OVER \$25,000 FOR SAFEPath CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

The 2025 Georgia Food + Wine Festival concluded its fourth year with a strong sense of gratitude and community impact. Organizers are proud to announce that this year's event raised over \$25,000 in support of SafePath Children's Advocacy Center in Marietta.

SafePath Children's Advocacy Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing the trauma experienced by children and families impacted by abuse. SafePath's mission to provide a child-focused, collaborative response to child abuse investigations continues to make a meaningful difference, and we are honored to support their work.

Including this year's contribution, the festival has now donated more than \$77,000 to local charities over the past four years. This milestone reflects the ongoing support and generosity of festival attendees, volunteers, and sponsors who continue to embrace the event's mission to give back.

As we look ahead, we invite you to join us for our 5-Year Anniversary Celebration, taking place March 27-29, 2026.

The festival extends its heartfelt thanks to this year's sponsors: Georgia Grown, Publix, Cobb Parks and Recreation, and the Marietta Daily Journal, whose partnership continues to play a vital role in making the event possible.

For more information about the Georgia Food + Wine Festival or SafePath Children's Advocacy Center, please visit <https://georgiafoodandwinefestival.com/>

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MISS COBB COUNTY AND MISS COBB'S TEEN COMPETE IN MISS GEORGIA SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Aaliyah Phillips, Miss Cobb County 2025, and Melony Tidmore, Miss Cobb County's Teen 2025, have arrived for the state competition to name the next Miss Georgia and Miss Georgia's Teen at the Rivercenter Performing Arts Theatre in Columbus, June 5. A 10-day schedule of publicity events, rehearsals and preliminary judging will lead to the finals on June 14. Both Peach State winners will move on to represent Georgia at the Miss America and Miss America's Teen Competitions in Orlando, FL in September.

Judging is based on 30% private interview, 20% fitness in Rebel Athletic Wear, 20% evening gown, 20% talent or herstory and 10% on-stage interview.

Pictured above:: Melony Tidmore and Aaliyah Phillips honored with community service resolutions presented at the State Capitol by Speaker of the House, Jon Burns.

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.

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.



APPOINTED TO ATTEND A U.S. MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY.

Rep. Barry Loudermilk (GA-11) has announced that six students from Georgia's 11th Congressional District have received appointments to attend a U.S. military service academy. Each year, members of Congress are tasked with nominating students from their own district to attend our nation's prestigious service academies.

"Being accepted to one of our nation's service academies is an achievement that requires discipline and determination from an early age, and I am incredibly honored to nominate these outstanding students. The annual nominations process is a responsibility my office takes very seriously, and our esteemed academy selection board chooses only the best and brightest applicants from Georgia's 11th Congressional District. Congratulations to the Class of 2029 on being selected to represent our state and district at some of the most prestigious institutions in the nation."

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CONCERT ON THE GREEN: A JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Concert on the Green: A Juneteenth Celebration will take place at Logan Farm Park on Saturday, June 21, 2025. 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 the whole community to bring blankets and folding chairs and join this celebration of freedom and respect for all cultures.



PRO WAKEBOARD AT DALLAS LANDING.

Get ready for an adrenaline-fueled weekend at the Pro Wakeboard Tour event in Acworth! On June 20 & 21, 2025, the world's top wakeboarders & wakesurfers will gather to showcase their skills and push the limits of the sport. The competition will take place at Dallas Landing Park on the pristine waters of Lake Allatoona, providing the perfect backdrop for jaw-dropping tricks and awe-inspiring stunts. Witness gravity-defying flips, spins, and grabs that will leave you on the edge of your seat.

But it's not just about the action on the water. The Pro Wakeboard Tour event in Acworth Ga, is a full-blown festival of fun. With a packed schedule of events and activities, there's something for everyone at the Pro Wakeboard Tour event in Acworth, Ga. Whether you're a die-hard wakeboarding fan or simply looking for a weekend of entertainment, this is an event you won't want to miss.

So mark your calendars for June 20 & 21, 2025, and get ready for an unforgettable weekend of wakeboarding action, music, and fun! For more information on the Pro Wakeboard Tour, please visit their website here.

HORIZON KICKBALL LEAGUE:

The Horizon Kickball League is a program for youth and adults ages 5 years and older with cognitive and physical challenges. Games are non-competitive and teams are set up according to abilities rather than age. Each player on the roster gets on base before the opposing team gets to kick. Games will be held indoors at the Acworth Community Center. No games will be held the week of the 4th of July. Cost: \$15.00.

Ages: Tuesday Night: Youth League ages 5 - 12 years old; Thursday Night: Teen and Adult League: 13+ . Youth League Games are Tuesdays: June 10 – July 15 Time: Games are 45 minutes and are on a rotating time schedule beginning at 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm, Thursday Night Games: Teen and Adult League: June 12 – July 17 Games are 45 minutes and are on a rotating time schedule beginning at 6:00 pm, 6:45 pm, and 7:30 pm

CITY OF ACWORTH'S SENIOR LUNCHEON:

Senior luncheons are held at Acworth Community Center. The June luncheon is Wednesday June 18. Register online at 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, 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, June 18, 2025.



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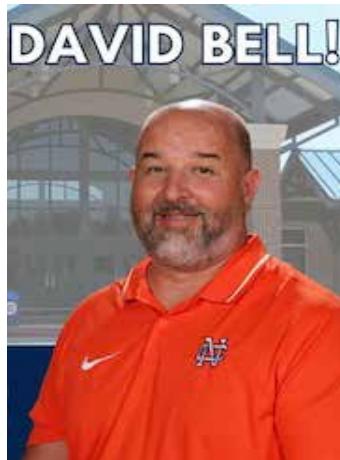
Atlanta Track Club named the 2025 All-Metro Track & Field Team today which includes 25 state champions and five athletes or teams who set new Georgia state records during the season. Representing 25 schools from nine counties, this year's honorees reflect the deepest talent pool in the region's storied high school track and field history. Three athletes earned spots in two events: Maurice Gleaton (100m and 200m), Jared Moore (shot put and discus) and Jasmine Robinson (100m hurdles and 300m hurdles). Jasmine attends NCHS Robinson, a junior at North Cobb High School, is rewriting the national record books in the hurdles. Her blistering 39.81 in the 300m hurdles shattered the Georgia state record and currently stands as the fastest time in the nation. She also captured the 6A state title in the 100m hurdles in 13.22, another mark that ranks her among the country's high school elite.

CONGRATULATIONS DAVID BELL
BY CASSIDY LUMPKIN, NORTH COBB CHANT

David Bell, former NC assistant principal, will replace Moody at NC in the 2025-26 school year. Bell was appointed after 20 years working at Awtrey Middle School and NC — announced via CTLS on May 15 at 7:50 PM. Bell promises to focus on student and faculty safety, maintain proper resources and lesson maintenance and support extracurriculars.

Moody's new position as Assistant Superintendent begins July 1, 2025. Through this position, Moody will oversee eight high schools and support their principals. Assistant Superintendents work to establish a connection spanning county administration and the district's schools. Moody especially looks forward to aiding CCSD's principals — possibly due to his excellent, seven-year experience as NC's principal

As Moody rises to support CCSD in his new leadership role, NC eagerly awaits the 2025-26 school year, featuring Bell's familiar presence.



KENNESAW'S JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

The Kennesaw Police Department and its Citizen's Advisory Board announces the FIFTH annual "One Community: A Juneteenth Celebration of Unity" on Saturday, June 14 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Swift-Cantrell Park.

The greater Kennesaw community is invited to join in family-friendly activities like bouncy houses, police and fire truck displays, entertainment, and a historical Juneteenth presentation. The community "Unity Walk" state at 11 a.m. and more than 30 vendors, including food trucks, will participate at the event.

"We are so excited about this opportunity to connect with those we serve," says Kennesaw Chief of Police William Westenberger. "One of our department goals is to build stronger relations with the diverse community we serve. We recognize that the "Peel Principle" — the police are the community and the community are the police — emphasizes the vision for us all to be one. The Juneteenth celebration provides a platform of unity for us to come together, get to know one another and forge relationships that build a strong, safe community."

This Juneteenth event is an outcome of the partnership between Kennesaw Police Department and its Citizens Advisory Board, which is made up of community and faith leaders. The event is free to the public. Food truck vendors will sell food and drink.

KENNESAW PUBLIC SAFETY POKER RUN

Welcome to the Kennesaw Public Safety Poker Run on Lake Allatoona! Get ready for a day filled with fun, sun, and poker near or on the beautiful waters of Lake Allatoona. Join us for an event that will have you cruising on or around the lake, collecting cards, and trying your luck at winning some fantastic prizes. Whether you're a seasoned poker player or just looking for a good time, this event is perfect for everyone. So grab your friends, hop on a boat/Motorcycle or Waverunner, and come join us for a day you won't forget! Proceeds from this event will benefit the Kennesaw Police and 911 Operators.

Boaters, Bikers and Wave Runners are welcome. Meet at Allatoona Dam, Cartersville on Saturday June 21 at 10 am stay til 10:00 pm.

Boater Registration - \$125 Biker Registration - \$35: Includes the following: One Passport Card (Poker Player Card), Swag Bag, Discounted TicFor more information and ticket link email: generalcontact@kennesawpublicsafety.org or visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1787011718522855/>

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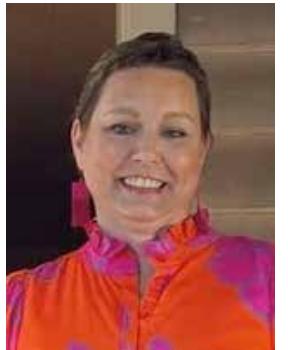
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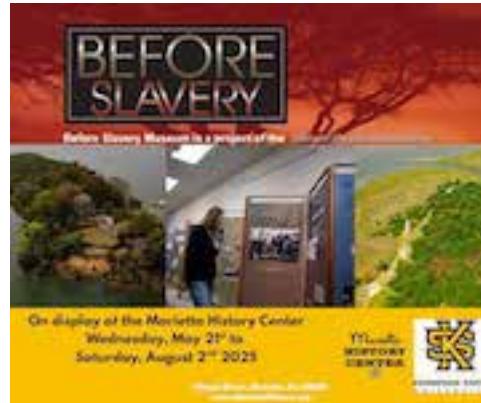
Congratulations to City of Marietta employee Amy Reed, Director of the Marietta History Center, on receiving the 2025 Corley Lifetime Achievement Award from Cobb Landmarks & Historical Society!

She is honored for her lifelong dedication to preserving and sharing the rich history of Marietta, Cobb County, and Georgia. We are proud to celebrate her outstanding contributions to our community's heritage and legacy.

Learn more about the Marietta History Center: <https://brnw.ch/21wT00Q>. Learn more about Cobb Landmarks & Historical Society: <https://brnw.ch/21wT00R>



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.

COBB KALEIDOSCOPE



Come and Explore the Marietta History Center (MHC) the 3rd Saturday of the Month with family fun activities and crafts. Activities are held from 10am to 4pm in the galleries. Please follow our events on Facebook for the most up to date information. On June 21st we celebrate Cobb Kaleidoscope; Our Colorful Community We are able to host all Pop-Ins in 2025, for FREE, due to the generous support of our Sponsor, Cauthorn, Owen, & Sanders. Thank You!

For more information visit <https://www.mariettahistory.org/>

GLOVER PARK CONCERTS PLAYS CALIFORNIA COUNTRY ROCK ~ MAY 30

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:

- June 27 Smokey Jones and the 3 Dollar Pistols - Classic & Outlaw Country Party Band
- 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

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. Table reservations can be made online at www.marietta.gov/concerts. 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 and all personal tables must be set up in the street after 6:00 p.m., not in the park.

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.marietta.gov/1462/Downtown-Parking>

More information online at 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.

DEADLINE FOR JULY 2025 ISSUE IS FRIDAY, JUNE 27. PUBLISHED JULY 9 2025



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2025 KENNESAW GRAND PRIX 5K SERIES

The 2025 Kennesaw Grand Prix 5K series is set to return, offering four races on a fast USATF-certified course through downtown Kennesaw and Swift-Cantrell Park. Recognized as North Georgia's premier race series, the event provides an opportunity for competitive runners seeking a Peachtree Road Race qualifying time while also catering to beginners, walkers and families with a festival-like atmosphere.

The series is part of the Fit City Kennesaw initiative, which promotes active lifestyles and community wellness. Each race begins at Kennesaw First Baptist Church on Main Street with ample parking, restrooms and space for warmups. The race-day schedule includes a one-mile fun run at 7:30 a.m., the 5K at 8 a.m. and a Tot Trot at 8:55 a.m., followed by an awards ceremony at 9:15 a.m. Races are electronically timed by Orion Racing powered by Start2Finish, with awards presented to the overall male and female winners, male and female masters winners and the top three finishers in 12 age groups.

The 2025 race schedule includes the Summer Sun Run 5K on June 7, Harvest Hustle 5K on Sept. 27 and the Nightmare on Main 5K on Oct. 25. Registration is available online at raceroster.com. The entry fee is \$35 per race and includes a race T-shirt. Early bird pricing is available at \$30 per race or \$105 for the full series. Participants who register for all four races before April 26 will receive a custom Kennesaw Grand Prix-branded gift.

To REGISTER and for more information visit kennesawgrandprix.com.

The 2025 Kennesaw Grand Prix 5K series is presented by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta with support from Big Peach Running, Cobb Sports Alliance, Williams Elleby Howard & Easter, Life University, Resurgens Orthopaedics and Renasant Bank

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS UPCOMING EVENTS

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THUR JUNE 5 ABA LUNCHEON - 11:30-1:00 ACWORTH COMMUNITY CENTER
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THUR JUNE 26 WOMEN'S LUNCHEON WITH KBA - 11:30-1:00 HOLBROOK, 4491 S. Mains Street Guest Speaker: WENDY KINNEY "Referral Groups vs. Networking. Please RSVP at www.acworthbusiness.org. Member is \$20.00.

KENNESAW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

TUES. JUNE 10 LUNCHEON 11:00 am @GOVERNOR'S GUN CLUB. 1005 Cobb Place Blvd.Kennesaw, 30144. Join the KBA for our monthly luncheon. Guest Panel: KSU Athletics Coach Jerry Mack; Mike Kershaw, General Manager; Peter Chung, Director of Player Personnel Sponsor: Dayco Systems | Caterer: Copeland's RSVP www.kennesawbusiness.org. Please note: If you choose not to register in advance, you will pay an additional \$10 at the door.

TUE JUNE 17- KBA ALIVE AFTER FIVE - Hosted by HORNED OWL BREWING 2765 S. Main St. Kennesaw. 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.

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SMITH-GILBERT GARDENS REOPENING

The City of Kennesaw is excited to announce that Smith-Gilbert Gardens will officially reopen to the public on Monday, July 1 at 12 PM. After months of anticipation, visitors will once again be able to stroll the peaceful garden paths, take in the vibrant summer blooms, and reconnect with the natural beauty that makes this beloved destination so special.

In the weeks leading up to the reopening, be sure to follow along as we share behind-the-scenes updates, sneak peeks, and helpful tips to make the most of your visit. From colorful garden highlights to fun facts about the collection, there's a lot to look forward to as we prepare to open the gates once again.

EXPERIENCE RAILROAD RENDEZVOUS AT THE SOUTHERN MUSEUM ON JULY 26

The popular Railroad Rendezvous event returns to the Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History on Saturday, July 26. The day-long celebration of railroads and transportation features blacksmithing demonstrations, ham radio and telegraph displays, and an interactive model train exhibit. A special children's area will highlight historic railroad jobs, including an interactive typewriter display.

Guests can also take part in the "Board the General Experience," stepping aboard the historic General locomotive from the Civil War's Great Locomotive Chase of 1862. This tour costs \$5 per person; children 2 and under are free. Proceeds support the Kennesaw Museum Foundation. All other activities are included with regular museum admission: \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for children.



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**ETOWAH SENIOR RAISES MONEY FOR
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On March 30th, Hayden Raffield organized and launched the first-ever 5K Fun Run on behalf of Habitat for Humanity North Central Georgia, held at Etowah River Park in Canton. Even with a late start and rainy weather, we had an incredible turnout of over 100 runners, raising more than \$2,500 to support Habitat’s mission across Cherokee, Forsyth, Dawson, and North Fulton counties.

What makes this moment especially meaningful is that it was entirely student-led. As the founder of Eagle’s Service Connection, Etowah’s largest student-run service club, Hayden wanted to move beyond traditional volunteering and create something lasting. The success of this event marks the start of a new tradition—one where young people take charge of real-world challenges and deliver impact that matters.

Hayden has recently graduated from Etowah High School (Cherokee County) and plans to attend the University of Georgia this fall of 2025 with the intention of majoring in political science. This fundraiser will continue with Habitat for Humanity under their Women Build initiative as they plan to incorporate the Fun Run and continue it.

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HOME BUILT BY HABITAT CLUB STUDENTS

The Cobb County High School Coalition, and their partner Assurant officially dedicated future homeowner David’s beautiful new home in Austell. This is the 28th Habitat home built by the Habitat Club students from Campbell, Harrison, Hillgrove, Pope, and Walton High School. Assurant, a longtime partner dating back years as well, joined the coalition to build our first house of 2025.

For David, who is a single father, homeownership means creating a legacy of love, safety, and opportunity for his family. He’s a dedicated father who works very hard to achieve stability and a safe space for his boys. David works with the US Postal Service and spends his free time outdoors with his two sons, exploring parks and playing sports. He is grateful to the sponsors, donors, and volunteers for making this dream possible.

“The longevity of our Cobb High School Coalition is an amazing accomplishment,” says Kyle Huhtanen, CEO, Habitat for Humanity of NW Metro Atlanta. “We also are grateful for Assurant, our long-time partner who continues to support our mission every year.”

ABOUT ASSURANT

Assurant, Inc. is a leading global provider of housing and lifestyle solutions that support, protect, and connect major consumer purchases. The company relocated its headquarters to Cobb County from New York City at the end of 2022. The Fortune 500 company also has numerous other locations, including offices throughout the United States and in 21 countries.

ABOUT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF NORTHWEST METRO ATLANTA

In 1985, Chrys and John Street met Millard Fuller, who challenged them to start an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity in Cobb County. They distributed brochures to local churches and gathered 12 people to form a Board of Directors. On April 1, 1986, Cobb County Habitat for Humanity was officially incorporated as an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. In 2008, the organization expanded to include Douglas and Paulding counties and the name changed to Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Metro Atlanta. Since 1986, nearly 600 homes have been built, rehabilitated, or repaired as part of our pursuit to provide decent, affordable housing in Cobb, Douglas, and Paulding counties. To learn more about the local affiliate, visit habitatnwma.org.

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CHATTAHOOCHEE TECH NATIONALLY RANKED AS TOP 10 MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL

Chattahoochee Technical College has been nationally recognized for its dedication to serving military veterans, earning the designation as a top ten Military Friendly® School for 2025–2026.

“The team here at Chattahoochee Tech does a fantastic job,” said Michael Payne, the college’s Director of Veteran Services. “All of our departments and community partners are dedicated to providing the very best services to help our military members, veterans and their families, and help them become successful.”

In the 2025 spring semester, more than 450 students enrolled at Chattahoochee Tech identified as veterans or active-duty military. These students benefit from the college’s Superior Plumbing Veterans Education and Career Transition Resource (VECTR) Center, located at the college’s Marietta Campus. One of only two such centers in Georgia, the VECTR Center offers a supportive space to help military-affiliated students transition into the civilian workforce and higher education. It also assists veterans in translating their military experience into skills for high-demand careers.

The Military Friendly® School designation is part of a national awards program that sets the standard for how higher education institutions support military-connected students. To view the full list of 2025-2026 Military Friendly® Schools, visit: <https://www.militaryfriendly.com/2025-2026-mfs/>

ABOUT DYSLEXIA

BY MELLIE FINKEL, BROOKWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

If you are familiar with dyslexia, a learning disorder that affects a person’s reading speed and accuracy, then you may have heard that boys are more likely to have dyslexia than girls. While it is true that boys are diagnosed with dyslexia more frequently than girls, research suggests that this long held belief may not be true. Further research is needed for a definitive answer on if boys are more likely to have dyslexia than girls, but researchers at the University of Florida believe that both genders are equally likely to have dyslexia. As to why boys are more likely to be diagnosed than girls, this quote from the University’s Literacy Center sums it up, “Girls more often than boys tend to struggle quietly and, therefore, their difficulties may go unnoticed.” There are a few theories as to why girls often struggle quietly while their dyslexic male peers receive help, but there does not seem to be any one specific cause or simple solution. The most important thing to take away from this article is that dyslexia does not just affect boys. Regardless of a student’s gender, parents and teachers should familiarize themselves with the signs of dyslexia:

- Trouble sounding out words •Mispronouncing words •Slow and/or inaccurate reading
- Trouble identifying the sounds of letters •Trouble with or inability to spell words •Confusing similar words •Issues with remembering words

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Be part of the tradition—applications are now open for vendors and competition BBQ teams for the 25th Annual Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival, returning Friday, August 15, from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, August 16, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the United Bankshares Amphitheater in Downtown Kennesaw.

What began as a backyard cook-off at the Depot has grown into one of the Southeast’s most anticipated festivals, drawing an estimated 60,000 attendees each year. Pigs & Peaches continues to celebrate the spirit of good food, great music and strong community with two days of live entertainment, family fun and serious barbecue.

Competitive BBQ teams are invited to register for one of our sanctioned contests. The Professional BBQ Contest, a KCBS-sanctioned Georgia State Championship event, features \$10,000 in cash prizes across categories for chicken, pork ribs, pork and beef brisket. Amateur grillers can join the Backyard BBQ Contest, competing in chicken, pork ribs and pork for more than \$1,500 in cash prizes. Registered teams are also eligible for the Ancillary Contests, including the Anything Butt and Peach Dessert competitions.

Vendors with unique crafts, retail goods, food and beverage offerings are encouraged to apply. All booth spaces are 10-by-10 feet, located outdoors on asphalt. Vendors must provide their own tent, tables and chairs, and are required to operate both days of the event. Applications are reviewed and confirmed by event organizers. All fees are due by Friday, June 20, 2025, and are nonrefundable after that date.

For competition entry forms, contest rules, vendor guidelines and applications, visit the Pigs & Peaches website at www.pigsandpeaches.com.

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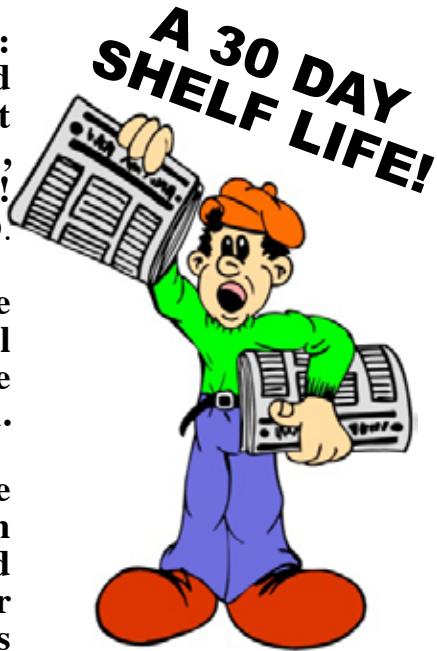
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VISIT KENNESAW MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD

Museum Tours, Monday/Wednesday/Friday @ 2:00 pm All programs begin at 11:00 am unless otherwise noted. Thank you all, please see below for more information. We'll see you at the mountain!

All programs will be held at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted. 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.

June 7 @ 11 am - Cheatham Hill Veteran Talk

The story of Kennesaw Mountain did not end after the battle in 1864 but was continued by the veterans who fought on the battlefield. The ranger will discuss how Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park was established through efforts of Union veterans who fought at Cheatham Hill. Parking is at the end of Cheatham Hill Drive (tour stop 5 on brochure).

June 8 @ 11 am - Pigeon Hill Hike

On June 27th, 1864, Federal forces advanced against the Confederate trenches north of Burnt Hickory Road. Experience the fight for Kennesaw Mountain as it happened and hear accounts from the soldiers who fought there. There will be some hiking involved up the hill so make sure to have good footwear and plenty of water. Parking is at the Burnt Hickory Parking Lot (tour stop 4 on brochure).

JUNE 14 @ 11 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM AND 3 PM - ARTILLERY DEMONSTRATIONS

Artillery was a vital component to the operations of both armies during the Atlanta Campaign and played a key role in several engagements during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Our living historians will hold camp and shoot the cannon at the above- listed times. These demonstrations will be held at the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain.

June 15 @ 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm - Infantry Demonstrations

The Civil War was the first modern war in history, fought using tactics and techniques still relevant to the battlefield today. Come out and experience our living historians as they encamp and offer rifle firing demonstrations at the above- listed times. These demonstrations will be held at the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain.

June 21 @ 11 am - Assault Trail Hike

On June 27th, 1864, nearly 9,000 Union soldiers made a historic charge into what they believed would be death or capture. Follow in the footsteps of these brave men as this ranger - guided tour explores the heaviest area of fighting during the battle. *The hike will begin at the Activity Area 3 parking lot and end at the Illinois Monument.

June 22 @ 11 am - The Battle of Kolb's Farm Talk

On June 22, 1864, Union and Confederate forces engaged across a 600 acre farm owned by the Kolb Family. This battle preceded the all-out assault on the Kennesaw Line just five days later. Join long-time volunteer Andy Cole as he takes you through this short but bloody prequel to the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

This program will take place in the yard of the Kolb Farm House (tour stop 7 on the brochure) The farm house is located at the intersection of Powder Springs Rd. and Cheatham Hill Rd.

June 28 - 29 - 161st Battle Anniversary!

This year marks the 161st anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. To commemorate this event, the park will be hosting a variety of activities and programs during the last weekend in June. This will include living history demonstrations, history walks and talks, children's games, and more! A separate schedule and flyer with event details will be posted to our website and sent with this event listing.

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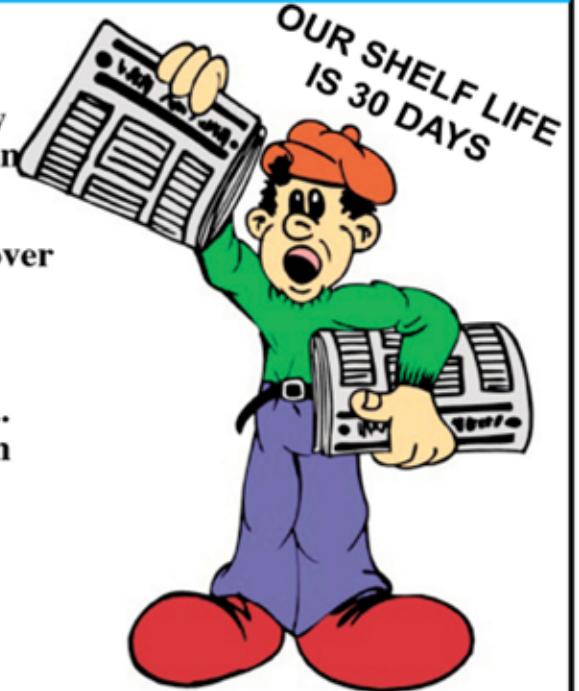
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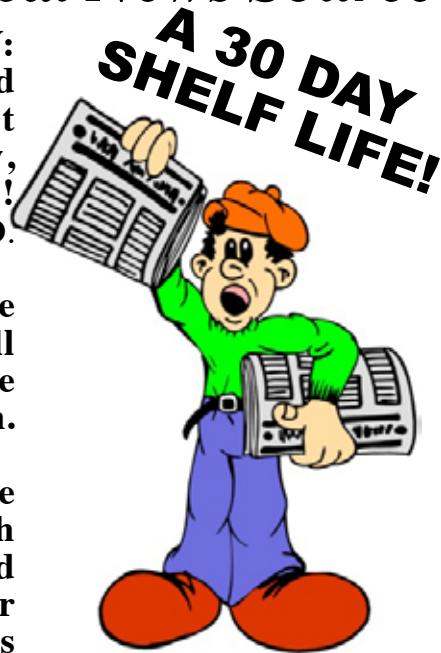
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