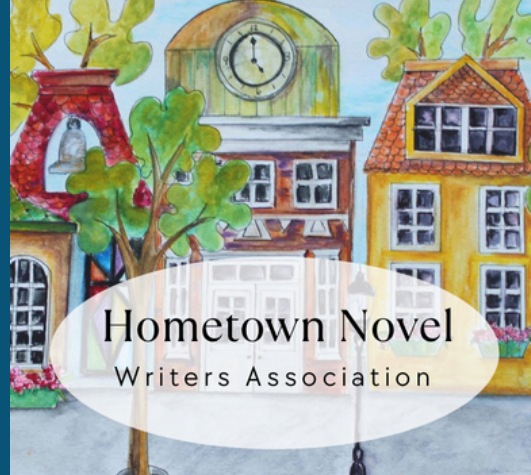


Hometown Novel Writers Association Newsletter

October 2023



HNWA receives \$1,000 grant from Coweta-Fayette EMC's Operation Round Up



Operation Round Up
Coweta-Fayette EMC Trust

At the end of September, we got some exciting news from the Coweta-Fayette EMC Trust Board, and their Operation Round Up program is awarding us a \$1,000 grant that we will use to help fund writing contests that are open to aspiring authors ages 16 and over. Prizes will be scholarships totaling \$1,000, and they will be used by the recipients toward education and/or honing their writing craft. Prizes will include \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place, and \$200 for third place. (See page 2 for info on the writing contest, which closes this month.)

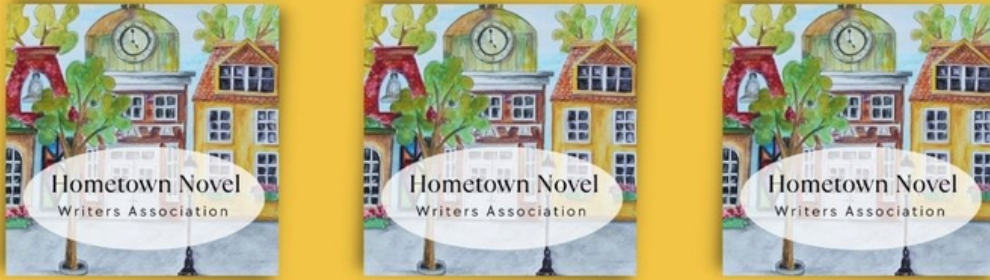
Thank you, Operation Round Up!

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2024 HOMETOWN NOVEL WRITERS WRITING CONTEST



The Hometown Novel Writers Association of Newnan, Georgia

FIRST CHAPTER CONTEST

The Hometown Novel Writers Association's 2024 First Chapter Contest is open to any unpublished or published writer in Coweta and its 7 surrounding counties. Recognition includes 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cash prizes.

GUIDELINES

Opens: August 1st, 2023

Closes: Midnight EST on October 31st, 2023

Winners Announced: January 18th, 2024

Entry Fee: None

Length: 3,000 word limit

Format: Double-spaced, 1-inch margins in TIMES NEW ROMAN size 12 font with a cover sheet that includes name, address, phone number and e-mail address*

Eligibility: Published or unpublished writers ages 16 and up in Coweta and its surrounding** counties

SUBMISSIONS

Electronic Submissions: HNWwritingcontest@gmail.com

Paper submissions: P.O. Box 2236, Newnan, Georgia 30264

AWARDS

1st Place: \$500; manuscript entry critique, 1 year patronage to HNW, framed certificate

2nd Place: \$300; 1 year patronage to HNW and framed certificate

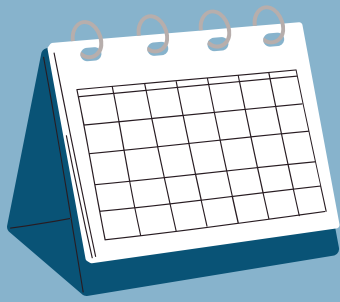
3rd Place: \$200; framed certificate

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*No hate speech or erotica accepted

**Fulton, Fayette, Spalding, Meriwether, Troup, Heard and Carroll Counties.



October 2023 Calendar of Events

Monthly Virtual Critique Group (on Zoom) hosted by Donna Black and Sharon Marchisello. Second Monday each month, 6:30-8 p.m. Manuscript submissions are due the first of each month. Sign up on Facebook @HNWA Writers Group or email hometownnovel@hotmail.com.

Our In-person Writers Group resumed last month. The Writers Helping Writers group meets at Corner Arts Gallery in Newnan, and the fee is \$20 for the 2023-2024 year of weekly meetings for HNWA Patrons (annual patron fee is \$25 additional). Facilitator is Mike Brown. Feel free to contact Mike with questions or comments. If you'd like to host an in-person writers group, let us know by contacting mike@hometownnovel.com.

HNWA Author Panel, October 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Coweta FORCE, 36 Salbide Ave., Newnan), Scott Ludwig (moderator). Come hear four special authors discussing their books and "The Road to Recovery." This promises to be a great evening, and books will be available!



Kevin Raines



Pat Elsberry



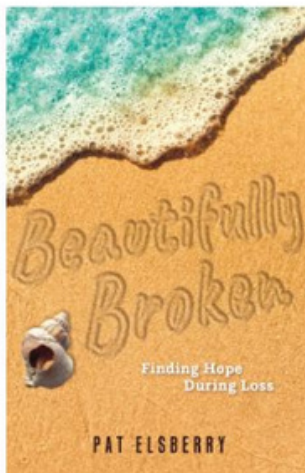
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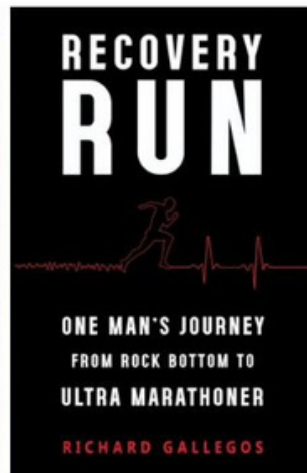
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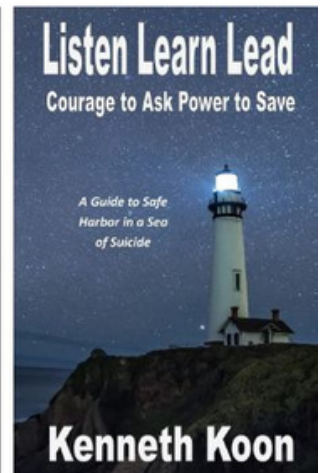
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Local Author Expo in PTC to be held October 7

PEACHTREE CITY LIBRARY PRESENTS:

Local Author Expo

Panel Discussions:

- Hip Pocket Anthology
- The Road to Publication: Best Practices (& How to Not Get Ripped Off!)

Family Friendly Activities:

- Writing Prompts
- Writing Tips & Resources
- Build A Character Station
- Author Passport Scavenger Hunt
- Raffle Drawings
- Food, Fun, Games, and More

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 7, 2023
11AM-5PM**

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