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THE FOURTH**





A wide variety of furniture, appliances and fixtures awaits shoppers who visit the Habitat ReStore at 1082 Hwy. 16 East in Newnan. Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity.

DO AR STORE DIVAS

By Leigh Knight, Photos by Bob Fraley

Coweta is home to a secret society of women. We are your neighbors, your teachers, your friends. You've probably noticed the cute skirts we were wearing or complimented us on our blouses. We are the keepers of many secrets. You may have noticed us whispering in the corner or nodding knowingly at one another.

We are the dollar store divas. We dig for hidden treasures in consignment and thrift stores all over the county. We are trained to get in and get out quickly with the highest quality merchandise. Unfortunately, our organization recently suffered a breach in security.

It happened at a recent tennis match in Peachtree City. My opponent bragged ad nauseam about her home, car, vacation and clothes. Suddenly my tennis shirt caught her eye, and she decided she had to have it.

"I love that shirt! Wherever did you get it?" she asked.
"Oh, I'm not sure," I said nervously.
"Darling, I simply must know," she said.
Soon her friends surrounded me, coming closer and closer.

"Yes, tell us, tell us," they chanted.

I panicked.

"Goodwill!" I blurted.

The women gasped in shock. They clearly were not ready to be privy to such information. Because of this incident, however, our Queen has granted permission for us to reveal our deepest secrets to you. After all, we don't want the Peachtree City ladies sneaking over here and taking our bargains.

Here's a quick where-to-find-us guide:

• **Consigning Closets Semi-Annual Kids' Sale, SonRise Baptist Church, 6 Shenandoah Blvd.** With 20,000 items sold during the spring sale, clearly the secret is already out on this one. You'll find maternity, children and teen clothing and shoes as well as furniture, strollers, toys, books and more. Mark your calendars for the fall sale coming Sept. 7-8. To shop online year round, visit www.consigningcloset.com

• **First United Methodist Church and Preschool Consignment Sale, 33 Greenville St., Newnan.** Look for it in late February or early March 2008; www.nfumcpreschool.org

• **Franklin Road Flea Market, Franklin Hwy./34 West, Newnan.** Enjoy the fresh air while you sample boiled peanuts at this year-round flea market with 40 dealers offering new and used merchandise including antique dolls and tools.

Customer Ann Sims enjoys shopping at the Salvation Army in Newnan.



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• **Goodwill Industries, 228 Bullsboro Dr., Newnan.** A favorite among savvy shoppers. Dropping off donations is easy and gives you an excellent reason to browse the store. Goodwill provides ample parking, excellent lighting and dressing rooms. Although the clothes are slightly more expensive than the Salvation Army's, the shoes are cheaper, and the linens are easier to inspect since they're on hangers. Be on the lookout for new items donated by Target, usually seasonal merchandise. My recent great finds include a pink button down polo shirt, a Sock Hop outfit, and an adorable chef statue for the kitchen.



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• **Habitat ReStore, 1082 Hwy. 16 East.** Are you in the middle of remodeling? Stop here first for those hard-to-find items. All proceeds benefit the Newnan-Coweta Habitat for Humanity, and donations are welcome. Some of the warehouse's items include building materials, washers, dryers, stoves, new Toto toilets, light fixtures and furniture.



• **Katelyn's Kloset, 10 East Broad St., Newnan.** The only consignment store in town that is dedicated solely to children. In addition to adorable name brand clothing, you'll find furniture, shoes, decor, books and toys. Try consigning your child's clothes and toys whenever he outgrows them for extra spending money or a store credit.

• **New Beginnings, sponsored by the Community Welcome House.** It takes a keen eye to spot this neat thrift store located off Jefferson Street (just past downtown Newnan's DQ). This store contains everything from A-Z including cute clothes for kids, books and household goods. All sales benefit the Community Welcome House. Be sure to note the hours, Thurs-Fri., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



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• **Opal Ann's Attic, 36 Salbide Ave., Newnan.** Remember the joy of rummaging through your Grandma's attic when you were a child? From antiques to clothing, you are sure to find something you have to have but never knew you needed.



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• **ReUse the Past, 98 Moreland St., Grantville.** An architectural salvage and antique store that carries a unique assortment of collectible and hard-to-find items including heart pine flooring, heart pine doors, ceiling tin, antique spoons and stained glass.

• **Salvation Army Service Center, 670 Jefferson St., Newnan.** One man's trash is another man's (or woman's) treasure. For those willing to search, you can find great buys on clothes and household goods. The donation drop-off is located in the back of the store.

• **What's In Store, 7 Jefferson St., Newnan.** Folks wandering into this cute shop located in downtown Newnan may be surprised to realize the merchandise is used. In addition to great customer service, What's In Store offers a nice selection of dolls, toys, videos, as well as beautiful artwork and furniture. I recently witnessed two sweet little ladies fighting over merchandise before it could even be unloaded.



Habitat ReStore

• **X Change, 1690 E. Hwy. 34, Newnan.** You're sure to find something for your hard-to-please teen at this locale — just don't tell her where you got it or how little you paid for it. This is also a great place to consign those designer jeans she never wears. **NCM**



Donna Summers
of What's in
Store



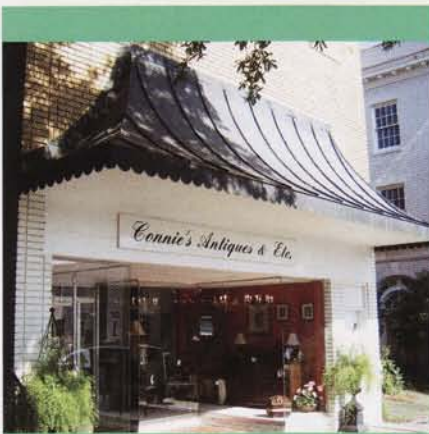
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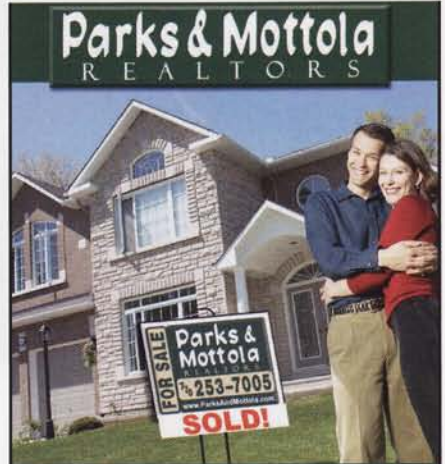


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