Homerville Jewelers

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and serving the Homerville community.

One of Conner's proudest accomplishments has been teaching younger generations the importance of tradition and meaningful relationships. Those values shape both her personal life and her approach to business. "We service everything," Conner says, emphasizing her commitment to walking alongside customers through every stage of life.

Remaining downtown felt natural, as the business was already established there and aligned closely with Conner's personal values. Over the years, she has remained deeply involved in the community, serving on several local boards, including the Homerville Downtown Development Authority, the Clinch Retired Educators Association, and the Clinch County Chamber of Commerce.

Homerville Main Street Manager Laura Nipper praised Conner's dedication, saying, "Lisa is quite possibly the biggest cheerleader for all things Homerville and Clinch County. We will never be able to measure all the ways she supports our local community. Her signature phrase, 'Only Love,' is also her most defining characteristic."

What Conner enjoys most about being part of Downtown Homerville is witnessing its continued growth. Like many small business owners, she has faced challenges, particularly competing with large online retailers. Her advice to anyone considering opening a business downtown is simple and sincere: treat people the way you would want to be treated.

Looking ahead, Conner hopes to expand Homerville Jewelers while continuing the traditions that have defined the business for generations. She is also preparing for a new downtown venture — a bed and breakfast named Pine Palace Properties — which she hopes will open soon.

When asked to complete the sentence, "Downtown is special because...," Conner's response captured the heart of the community: "The people, Panther Nation, Clinch County pride, the unique businesses and traditions that make us great — bees, trees, and blueberries."

For more information, visit www.homervillejewelers.com or call (912) 487-5859.

Red Cross issues advice on staying safe during extreme heat

The American Red Cross of Georgia urges everyone to take three critical actions to stay safe during dangerously high temperatures that often appear in our state during the summer:

1. Stay hydrated by drinking a cup of water every 20 minutes, even if you don't feel thirsty. Avoid sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic drinks.

2. Stay cool by spending time in air-conditioned places. If your home is too hot, go to a mall, library or cooling center.

3. Stay connected by checking on others and asking for help if you need it. Make sure pets have access to fresh water and shade.

"Knowing what to do to protect yourself and loved ones from extreme heat can save lives," said Regional Disaster Officer, Adelaide Kirk. "We're asking everyone to check on friends and neighbors, especially older adults, people with chronic conditions, outdoor workers and athletes. You could make all the difference by sending a text, making a call or knocking on their door."

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

* Remind everyone to drink water, even if they don't feel thirsty. Aim for a cup of water every hour and encourage people to avoid sugary, caffeinated or alcoholic drinks. Babies should be breast-fed or bottle-fed often. Fewer wet diapers or darker urine can be signs of dehydration.

* Encourage athletes and outdoor workers to take breaks in the shade. They should drink a cup of water – or a sports drink – every 20 minutes.

* Help those without air conditioning find a safe place to go like a mall, library or cooling center. They can also take cool showers or baths to help cool off. Remind people to wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothes in light colors.

* Never leave a child or pet alone inside a parked car, and make sure pets have access to fresh water and shade.

HEAT ILLNESS SIGNS

Anyone can become ill during extreme heat if their body can't cool down properly. It's critical to act fast as some types of heat illness can be deadly.

Heat cramps are signaled by heavy sweating and muscle pain. Take action by stopping what you're doing, resting in a cool place and drinking a cup of water – or a sports drink – every 20 minutes. If you feel sick to your stomach, pause drinking. Get medical help if cramps last more than two hours or you have heart problems.

Heat exhaustion is signaled by heavy sweating, weakness, cool and clammy skin, muscle cramps, dizziness, fainting, nausea or vomiting. Take action by stopping what you're doing, resting in a cool place and drinking a cup of water – or a sports drink – every 20 minutes. Loosen your clothes and place a cool, wet cloth on your body. Get medical help if you're vomiting, don't feel better in an hour, or if you have heart or kidney problems.

Heat stroke is a deadly condition signaled by high body temperature, rapid heartbeat, confusion, headache, dizziness, fainting, nausea, or vomiting. Call 911. Move to a cooler place, remove extra clothing and use a wet cloth or a cool bath to cool down. If possible, sip a sports drink or water.

IF THE POWER GOES OUT

When a heat wave and a power outage happen at the same time, it can be even more dangerous. Stay in air conditioning either at home or at a mall, library or cooling center.

Keep an ice-filled cooler stocked with food, water and medicine, so that they don't spoil.

More information is available by going to redcross.org, clicking on the "Get Help" tab and then "Types of Emergencies" the "How to Prepare for Emergencies" menu, and finally by scrolling down to "power outage.

Finally, download the free Red Cross First Aid app so you'll know what to do if emergency help is delayed and the free Emergency app for real-time weather alerts and heat safety information. Content is available in English and Spanish with an easy-to-find language selector. Find both apps in smartphone app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to redcross.org/apps.

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Project Overview:

The City of Homerville is seeking services for the following: Pine Forest Cemetery

- Mow and weed eat
- Rake leaves into piles beside road to be picked up.
- The work will be contracted only for the summer months starting May 1st until September 30th.
- All bids must be turned in at City Hall by the close of business at 5:00pm on July 9, 2026. No bids will be accepted after this time.

For more information, please contact Joseph Mizell at 912-520-8090.

Must be insured and licensed for approval

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The City of Homerville is seeking services for the following:
Side Walks

- Mow, weed eat, & edge all sidewalks & median (N. Church St, S. Church St, East & West Dame Ave, and East & West plant Ave.

Homerville Signs

- Mow and weed eat around the Welcome to Homerville signs on Hwy 84 (East and West ends)

Downtown

- Mow and weed eat around buildings and alleyways (between Church St and King St)
- Mow and weed eat around parking lot and buildings (between Church St and Smith St)

Macy Brance Park

- Mow and weed eat the park (between East and West Park St)
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