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— David Simpson

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Some fires on cooking

40 percent of the 53 reported this year fires started with firefighters report. Springs Fire Rescue is in Fire Prevention month by urging to take care with the uses of fires: cooking and electric, as well as disarming products. Cooking, firefighters to stay in the kitchen are frying, grilling or something. If you have turn off the stove. Eating, keep all it can burn, such as adding or furniture, free feet from heatment, such as portable. Electrical devices, cracked or damaged extension cords for use only. You smoke, smoke and use a deep, sturdy

— Mary MacDonald

Food drive feed hungry

County's annual food drive to benefit its Community Food bins Monday. It runs Dec. 3. Drive organizers to exceed last year's over 6,000 pounds of which helped to provide 100 meals.

could lead to a networking group among store owners.

Officer Terry Joyner, Alpharetta Public Safety Director Gary George, a detective, and Jennifer Howard from the department's Community Relations Unit will attend the meeting, along with representatives from the Assets Protection Division of the Alpharetta Target store. People interested in attending should call 678-297-6309, Ext. 3.

— Doug Nurse

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Scout leader charged with molesting 16

A Lawrenceville Cub Scout leader was indicted Wednesday on charges that he molested 16 children.

Harry Brett Taylor, who also was a member of the Gwinnett Library Board until his arrest in July, faces 24 counts related to molestation and photographing of young children. The alleged incidents date back to 1995. Some of the victims were relatives whom he is accused of molesting over a period of several years, according to the indictments. Other victims were boys he met as a den leader for a Lawrenceville Cub Scouts group.

Police said none of the encounters occurred during Cub Scout events.

Taylor, 44, is being held without bond at the Gwinnett jail. His attorney, Walt Britt, declined to comment on the indictment Thursday.

— Andria Simmons

High school student faces gun charge

Drive in McDonough on Tuesday with their two children, ages 2 and 2 sitting in the backseat. The victim reported to police that while the vehicle was parked, Edwards threatened to kill her and that he physically assaulted her several times which included punching, biting, and then stabbing her in the leg with a metal fork. Edwards then got into the driver's seat, drove off and then pushed the victim out of the passenger door onto the roadway.

Two witnesses in a vehicle stopped to help the victim. Edwards drove about 600 feet down the road and dropped the children off in a parking lot, and they were picked up by the witnesses.

Locust Grove police arrested Edwards later that night. He remains in the Henry County Jail with his bond set at \$50,000.

— John Hollis

Cherokee bond plan to boost greenspace

Voters in Cherokee County will be asked in the Nov. 4 general election to foot the bill for a \$90 million greenspace and parks bond. If they approve the bond issue, the taxes on a \$200,000 home will increase by \$50 a year, county officials are predicting. Of the \$90 million, \$10.5 million is expected to be used to buy greenspace and to conduct a connectivity study.

The majority — \$72.5 million — is earmarked for park land acquisition and new park development/expansion. The rest of the money — about \$7 million — will go for existing park renovations and equipment.

— Nancy Badertscher

NASCAR driver visits Henry ninth-graders

Veteran NASCAR driver Jeff Burton will address students at Luella High School in Locust