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ished with 12 carries, 199 yards and four touchdowns.

Justin Douglas led the Mustangs in receiving with eight grabs, 130 yards and one touchdown.

Kytle finished 22-for-32 with 310 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions.

The Mustang defense was in full effect as well, forcing two interceptions, one fumble while allowing just 269 yards.

Mount Vernon keyed in on the Patriot rushing attack as well, allowing 28 rushes for just 86

yards.

Norwood led the Patriots in rushing with 14 carries, 61 yards and two touchdowns.

He was also 14-for-37, 183 yards and two interceptions under center.

The Mustangs are back on the gridiron on Friday, Aug. 31, traveling to Macon, Ga. to take on the First Presbyterian Day School Vikings.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Austin Childers Field at George S. Johnson Memorial Stadium.

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mon for small schools with small budgets to travel to schools from the Power Five conferences in return for a large guaranteed payment.

Witness Saturdays games between UGA and Austin Peay and Georgia Tech and Alcorn State. Payments to the two smaller schools will be large enough to cover a substantial part of the athletics budget.

The Crier's preliminary inquiry was focused on two areas - football and finances.

All the coaches with whom we spoke on background were startled that a team as weak as Chamblee would travel hours to the south Georgia powerhouses of Lowndes, and soon, Coffee County in Douglas.

The larger schools and programs, they say, put player safety at risk.

But we also learned that it is becoming a more common practice among high schools to travel long distances in return for a negotiated fee.

South Georgia is a popular venue because it has so few schools that play in the largest classifications. Those schools often must schedule teams from Florida, Alabama and metro Atlanta to fill up their schedules.

Pending receipt of our Open Records request we have learned that Chamblee was paid well to travel to Lowndes and to Coffee. It received no payment for games with Forsyth Central and Pickens County.

Some parents question the long-distance games because of lost class time on Fridays and bone-weary bus rides arriving back at campus in the early morning hours.

Along with coaches, parents ask why games can't be scheduled closer to home, even in DeKalb County where several high schools traditionally have hapless football records.

Parents at Chamblee are understandably reluctant to be identified for fear of reprisals by coaches or administrators.

Council, from page 1

p.m. The 3 a.m. start times for construction pouring would have occurred 12-18 times over a six-month period.

Lambert said he was concerned about the beeping noise from trucks as they backed up and about lights needed at the site for the 3 a.m. pours.

School district representatives said that directional lighting is used and there is not a lot of excess light, but trucks do make a beeping noise as the vehicle backs up. The goal of the early morning concrete pours was to get the trucks off busy city roads like Roberts Drive before the morning rush hour.

Councilor Jim Riticher wanted to know what would be done to disguise a 30-foot tall concrete retaining wall built between the Dunwoody Nature Center and the school. Riticher pointed to a rendering that showed a lot of greenery between the DNC and the school.

"This rendering is what DeKalb County Schools sold the community as to what we'd be getting. What we're really getting is not a good look at all," Riticher said. "Aesthetically, it's totally unacceptable."

Mayor Denis Shortal agreed saying that prison walls look better than the current retaining wall.

Boyd said that the school system is talking with the project's architect and looking at a few options including bricking the wall or covering it with a vine.

Drake said that he'll have to look at contingency costs and will let city officials know.

"I don't want to promise anything," Drake said.

The Nature Center's Executive Director Alan Mothner is on a construction advisory committee regarding the site and said that he has asked for several modifications including stone to cover one portion of the wall with ivy running down from the top, trees to be planted where there is room between the wall and the Nature Center parking lot, and public art on some parts of the wall.

Councilor Terry Nall reminded the county officials that the current Austin school is now owned by the city and the city is leasing that building and space to the county until the new school is ready.

Nall said that he had his doubts that the new school would be ready in November and said that there would be no resistance from the city about a six-month delay in moving out.

"We'll make that time available to you," Nall said. "We need to get this right because it's Dunwoody students, families and neighborhoods that are affected."

Dunwoody Senior Baseball Fields Use in Question

The new, highly visible base-

ball fields adjacent to Peachtree Charter Middle School are getting a lot of attention and subsequent booking requests. During a presentation to council members, DSB President Jerry Weiner said the fields hosts tournaments and more in addition to the DSB program teams.

Councilor John Heneghan said that he was concerned the fields were being overused, restricting community use of the fields. Heneghan said that there may be a public calendar put in place to try to schedule the fields for other community uses.

Weiner said that the number one focus for the fields is recreation baseball, but revenue is needed from other sources to order to maintain the fields.

"Our operating agreement, as we understand it, gives us control of these fields and makes us responsible for maintaining them," Weiner said.

Councilor Lynn Deutsch said she was concerned about Dunwoody residents being charged admission to watch a tournament. Weiner said that Dunwoody residents will not have to pay an entrance fee for a tournament.

School News

Davis Academy fifth grader, Ruby Mundell is not only an elementary school student, but she is also a published author who recently released her first book, titled "Kindness Come In." After facing the loss of her father at a young age, a diagnosis of dyslexia, and social challenges in her early years, Ruby found great comfort and courage in expressing her thoughts and feelings through writing and drawing. This self-expression led to the creation of "Kindness Come In," a chapter book filled with insightful advice, tips for both adults and children facing difficult times, intricate illustrations, and Ruby's personal stories.



When asked about her favorite part of writing "Kindness Come In," Ruby said. "It helped me to calm myself when I was going through challenging times."

While the book provides advice on practicing compassion, consideration, thoughtfulness, self-expression, and forgiveness, Ruby

Davis Academy student Ruby Mundell with her newly published book, "Kindness Come In."

shares in her author's note that her goal for her readers "is that they can become a better person, feel better about themselves, and understand people better" after read-

ing her book.

In promotion of her book release, Mundell hosted a book launch party on Saturday, Aug. 18 at The Packaged Good, where Davis Academy friends and members of the greater Atlanta community came together in celebration of the release. At the party, guests had the opportunity to meet Ruby, ask her questions about her book, and buy a signed copy of "Kindness Come In".

Sponsored by Community Partner, The Davis Academy, Ruby Mundell and "Kindness Come In" will be featured

at The Marcus Jewish Community Center Book Fair on Nov. 8, at 10 a.m. For more information about Ruby Mundell and Kindness Come In, please visit: rubymundell.com.

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