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During our tenth year of publication, we are catching up with former people who have been featured in Cobb Life. Join us as we go on this journey of

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

BY MICHAEL PALLERINO

FORECAST

REIGN ON THE WAY

— Since we last spoke
— with Cobb's Queen of
— Country, Angela Reign
— has remained busy.
— Here's the scoop.

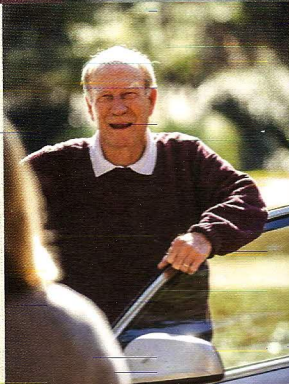
Don't look now Cobb County, but America's "up-and-coming-see-her-now-before-you-can't-get-a-ticket" country music star might just be somebody you swear you saw when, you know, you could still get a ticket.

Let's call it what it is country music fans
— **Angela Reign** is on a roll.



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Over the past year, the former high-powered management consultant turned country music songstress-on-the-rise was named "Best Female Country Artist of the Year" (2013) by the Georgia Music Awards, had 10 original songs air on mainstream radio and signed with Premier Records in January. The Los Angeles record company is distributing her latest album, "Reckless Kind," in more than 110 countries and through 750-plus online retailers, including iTunes and Amazon, among others.

Her current roll complements what has been as good a start as any aspiring musician could ask for. Her band was a finalist in Hard Rock's International "Battle of the Bands." They were recognized as one of the five best local rock bands by CBS Atlanta (the only female-led band on the list). They opened for country music star Rodney Atkins in front of 30,000 people in Reign's childhood hometown of Cincinnati. And they headlined the Coca-Cola Fan Stage at Atlanta Motor Speedway this past Labor Day.

"It has been an exciting year with so many great highlights since we last spoke," Reign says. "The radio play of my original music continues to hit the mainstream radio and the live performances have gotten bigger and bigger."

And what about that "Best Female Country Artist of the Year" award? "I'm still in awe. I'm so very thankful for the fans and industry support that made it possible. When they called my name at the Red Carpet Award Ceremony, it didn't even register that I'd won. A member of my band had to tell me to go up on stage to accept the award. There is so much amazing talent in the state of Georgia. To be recognized by the fans and by those in the industry as the best in my field is an unbelievable honor."

With so many musical miles already logged, Reign continues to set her sights on what's ahead. In May, she is releasing her latest single, a dance remix of her widely popular radio-aided single, "Cowgirls Do." She is joined on the song with Se'veon, the Georgia Music Award winner for "Best Hip Hop Artist of the Year."

The duo has done trial releases of the

song in some major clubs to great response. In addition, she is in the studio working on her next single, "Lovers In Trouble" a powerful ballad Reign admittedly is anxious to release.

These days, Reign finds her inspiration in the place where musical success begins and ends – the fans. "The music world is an incredibly tough business. It has long hours, mentally and physically demanding work, and no clear rules for success," she said. "It would be easy to be discouraged or to choose to follow an easier path. But the fans keep me going. Every day that I get feedback from fans from around the world I am inspired to continue this journey. Where will it take me? I don't yet know, but I'm excited to find out."



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