

NEWSUPDATE

Glynn alumni seek restoration funds

Background: In the beginning, there was Glynn Academy, but it was not always the sprawling campus of nearly 15 buildings it is today.

It first opened in Brunswick 225 years ago this year, according to Ruby Robinson, president of the alumni association and a former Glynn County Board of Education member.

In 1840, the school moved to a two-story building that was constructed on Hillsbrough Square, near the current campus at 1001 Mansfield St.

By 1915, new structures were being built, and the schoolhouse was moved to Sterling, where it was used as a school for black children during segregation and later as a recreation building.

It stayed there for nearly 90 years, until it was moved in 2008 back to downtown Brunswick.

The move, paid for by an Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, cost \$276,600 and was part of a land swap agreement



Bobby Haven/The Brunswick News

The old Glynn Academy building sits on the campus of Glynn Academy, near Memorial Auditorium.

with the Brunswick City Commission.

Since 2010, Robinson and the alumni association have been raising money to cover a full renovation of the building the association would like to rename Alumni Hall.

The building — the only public structure in the county that predates the Civil War — has been structurally

stabilized, painted and re-roofed. It now needs interior restorations.

Original plans for the building also called for a brick plaza surrounding the building.

The entire renovation would cost about \$600,000.

What's new: The high price is not a deterrent to Robinson, who was on the board when

the building was moved back to Brunswick.

She is optimistic the money will be raised.

"I think it is attainable if we just get the word out there," Robinson said. She hopes to jump start the fundraising process again with a party Feb. 9 commemorating the school's 225th anniversary.

The party will feature a band with members from the class of 1969 and a sale of works by local artists and authors.

Robinson hopes to produce some donations through a hotdog cookout as well.

"I think it will be a really good time," Robinson said, adding that it will be a good time for alumni to catch up with old friends and share their stories about the school.

But the main attraction for the evening will be the presentation and hanging of a plaque marking the white frame schoolhouse's addition to the National Register of Historic Places, she said.

No time has been set for the party, but Robinson said one will be set soon.

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Lottery winner plans future

LILBURN: A 68-year-old metro Atlanta woman is planning on starting a farm with the \$1 million she recently won from the Georgia Lottery.

Penelope Henritze of Lilburn won the money playing the Georgia Millions game and says she has always dreamed of owning a farm.

Henritze picked up her oversized check Thursday at a Texaco station in Tucker, where she bought the winning ticket.

ATLANTA: An audit is raising questions about how quickly Georgia's child protection workers are filing reports of child abuse.

The audit released this week examines how workers at the Division of Family and Children Services used a statewide computer system during a one-year period ending June 2011.

The audit found workers entered the child abuse reports into the computer system five or more days after they were received in 31 percent of cases. That translates into roughly 19,000 of more than 60,000 cases during the one-year period. Agency policy requires the allegations be entered immediately.

The commissioner of Georgia's Department of Health and Human Services, Clyde Reese III, says there are legitimate reasons reports are entered late, but adds new controls could improve data accuracy.

OCHLOCKNEE: A 90-year-old store owner in south Georgia is back at work after she was attacked during a robbery.

Three teenage boys walked into Ethel Davis' store in Ochlocknee Wednesday afternoon, shoved her to the ground and stole an undisclosed amount of money.

Police say the suspects, ages 12, 15 and 16, were arrested on

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robbery charges. Police say the 15 and 12-year-old boys were released to guardians Wednesday. Authorities say the 16-year-old boy is being held in the Loftiss Regional Youth Detention Center.

Davis — who has owned the store for more than 60 years — was treated by medics on the scene but was not hospitalized. Police say the store has been robbed twice in 10 days.

ATLANTA: Gov. Nathan Deal has announced that he will not appoint a panel to consider the suspension of Clayton County Sheriff Victor Hill.

Hill has been indicted on 32 felony charges stemming from a prior term he served as sheriff from 2005 to 2008. He maintains that the charges are politically motivated.

Deal spokesman Brian Robinson said in a statement Thursday that the governor has concluded that the law that governs the procedures for the suspension of public officials under indictment only applies to officials indicted while they were in office.

Robinson pointed out that Vic-

tor Hill was indicted last February when he was a private citizen.

The Georgia Sheriffs' Association has said it wanted the governor to appoint a review commission to look into whether Hill should be suspended.

ATLANTA: A Republican state lawmaker has pre-filed legislation that aims to reduce unnecessary work some state agencies have complained was caused by a tough Georgia law cracking down on illegal immigration.

The 2011 law requires anyone applying for or renewing public benefits — including food stamps and professional licenses — to provide a "secure and verifiable" document proving their U.S. citizenship or legal status.

Secretary of State Brian Kemp has said the requirement has led to delays in processing professional licenses.

Rep. Dusty Hightower, a Carrollton Republican, filed legislation Thursday that says U.S. citizen applicants will not have to resubmit their documents to renew a public benefit or when they apply for a different public benefit from the same agency.

—Associated Press

Lottery picks

Winning numbers Wednesday in Georgia were Cash 3 MIDDAY, 1-0-9; Georgia FIVE MIDDAY, 2-7-9-5-8; Cash 4 MIDDAY, 1-9-1-8; Cash 3 Evening, 7-2-9; Georgia FIVE Evening, 6-8-4-7-1; Cash 4 Evening, 1-4-2-4; Fantasy 5, 03-04-18-22-39.

Winning numbers Wednesday in Florida were Play 4 MIDDAY, 0-4-8-6; Cash 3 MIDDAY, 8-2-7; Cash 3 Evening, 3-9-1; Play 4 Evening, 7-8-0-2; Fantasy 5, 10-11-12-25-32; Lotto with XTRA, 09-17-27-44-48-51; Lotto XTRA, 02; Powerball, 18-20-28-35-53, Powerball: 20.



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