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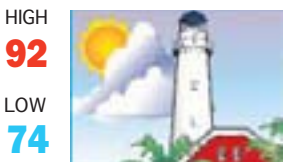
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## DAYBREAK

Your day in Brunswick and the Golden Isles

### The Weather



### It's another hot day in store for the Isles

Today will be partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and highs in the low 90s. Heat index readings will be 99 to 103. Tonight will be partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain and lows in the low 70s. **Tides and five-day forecast, 14A**

### Worth doing

#### Chamber will host summer luncheon

Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce Summer Membership Luncheon will begin at noon at the Clarion Hotel, U.S. 341, Brunswick. Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr. of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia will speak. Details: 265-0620.

### Worth knowing



Christina Wilson

#### Student has chance to learn leadership

Christina Wilson, a student at Jane Macon Middle School, was chosen for the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. this fall. **Profile, 3A**

### Talk about

#### Patience, caution key to new school year

The first few days of the new school year are likely to be hectic, as traffic around the isles will be on the rise beginning Wednesday. Just keep the safety of all in mind when on the roads. **Editorial, 6A**

### Get involved

#### Health care meeting today at college

U.S. Rep. Jack Kingston, R-1, will conduct a town hall meeting on proposed health care reform legislation in Congress from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. today at the Southeast Georgia Conference Center at College of Coastal Georgia, 3700 Altama Ave.

#### City commission has its regular meeting

The Brunswick City Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. today for its regular session on the second floor of Old City Hall, 1229 Newcastle St.

# New retail center likely

## Sam's Club, Kohl's may be among anchor stores

By NEVIN BATIWALLA  
The Brunswick News

A proposed shopping center off Golden Isles Parkway that would be home to four or five major retailers cleared a major hurdle Tuesday.

The site plan for a 44-acre project called Canal Crossing was approved unanimously by the Glynn County Mainland Planning Commission at its monthly meeting.

As proposed, the \$20 million to \$25 million

shopping center will sit where Canal Road intersects Golden Isles Parkway, opposite the Race-trac gas station.

Plans presented to the commission indicated Sam's Club, a membership discount store, and Kohl's, a moderate-price department store, would be two of the development's major anchors.

But John Callaway, developer of the project, said the two stores are just conceptual. Although talks with Kohl's and Sam's Club are under way,

nothing has been finalized, Callaway said.

"We are talking to a host of fine anchor tenants, but we have no commitments yet," Callaway said.

With more than 300,000 square feet of retail space, Canal Crossing will house several smaller shops in addition to the anchor stores.

The developer has also been talking with restaurant chains as possible tenants.

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## Ready for a new year



Bobby Haven/The Brunswick News

Glynn Middle School sixth-grade language arts teacher Gayle Egan looks on as student Ahmet Vardar signs the role in her classroom during an open house Tuesday.

# Middle schoolers get a look at newest facilities

## Open houses bring eager students for building tours

By ERIKA CAPEK  
and ANDREW SMITH  
The Brunswick News

Students and parents had their first looks inside two new Glynn County middle schools Tuesday and rated both at the top of their class.

At the new Glynn Middle School on Lanier Boulevard in Brunswick, throngs of students filled the spacious, light-filled hallways of the building that replaces a 50-year-old building on George Street.

"This is really cool," said Ahmet Vardar, 11, who is entering sixth grade, during an open house tour. "It's nice and big, and all my friends will be with me here, too."

At the New Jane Macon Middle School on McKenzie Road in Sterling, eighth-graders Kirsten Keller and Taylor Brantley were impressed with the size of the school after



Nick Nichols/The Brunswick News

At the Jane Macon Middle School open house on Tuesday, teacher Kathy Alexander shows eighth graders Kristen White and Britany McCormick one of the books they will be using in English class this year.

attending the cramped Jane Macon building on Altama Avenue for two years.

"I like the fact that it's open," Kristen said as she walked through the building during open house. "At our old school I felt really closed in, but here, there's more space in the hallways and classrooms," she said.

"It's definitely bigger and won't be as crowded," Taylor added. "When I first walked in I thought, 'I'm going to get lost.'"

The two buildings, virtually identical architecturally, will be open for classes for the first time Thursday, along with all other Glynn County public schools.

Constructed at a cost of \$24.5 million, the Glynn Middle School building also had teachers raving about their new surroundings.

"I'm just amazed by how bright everything is in the classrooms and hallways,"

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# Interstate patrols hurting from cuts

## County police are being called when state unavailable

By MARY STARR  
The Brunswick News

Budget cuts at the state level are having a trickle-down effect on law enforcement.

Glynn County police officers are increasingly having to respond to calls on Interstate 95 and other roads regularly patrolled by the Georgia State Patrol, county Police Chief Matt Doering said.

It's either that or nothing when GSP troopers are unavailable.

"It's getting worse and worse," Doering said. "We respond on a regular basis to interstate calls."

Doering, stressing that Georgia State Patrol officers work hard, said the issue is money. There isn't enough of it to pay the number of officers necessary.

But when state shortages arise, it puts a strain on his department.

More county police officers on busy I-95 mean fewer police watching Glynn County neighborhoods and commercial districts.

"We have less (personnel) to put out in neighborhoods and county roads where the state doesn't routinely patrol," Doering said. "We have to divert our resources."

It may get worse. The Georgia State Patrol, as with every other state department, has ordered mandatory furloughs for patrol officers.

Doering is concerned that it is going to add to what is already a burdensome task.

"It takes away from my ability to be more responsive to the community, residents and businesses," Doering said.

Lt. Paul Cospo, spokesperson for the Georgia State Patrol, said the initial budget for the department this year was \$118 million. That was slashed to \$100 million and then cut further, by 5 percent, to \$95 million.

"Eight-two percent of the budget goes toward salaries," Cospo said.

Those budget cuts come on the heels of a proposal in January 2008, when Gov. Sonny Perdue asked the Georgia General Assembly for an additional \$13 million for the state patrol in the fiscal 2009 budget.

At the time, the Brunswick detachment was having trouble overseeing the major roadways in Southeast Georgia. The then-commander of

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**Today:** See video of the new middle schools holding their open houses before the start of the year and see a police safety event.

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