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**DAYBREAK**  
Your day in Brunswick and the Golden Isles

**The Weather**

HIGH **87**  
LOW **74**

**No time to dry out: Rain in forecast**

Don't expect to dry out too much today, when we'll see mostly cloudy skies, a 40 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms and a high in the upper 80s. **Tides and five-day forecast, 12A**

**Worth doing**

**Two chances to give blood today**

The American Red Cross reports regional blood supplies are desperately low, but you can help. Two blood drives are taking place in Brunswick today, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Star Foundation, 1907 Gloucester St., and from 1 to 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1400 Norwich St.

**Worth knowing**



**Another holdout gives in to new jail**

Mounting legal fees forced Neil Patel to sell his convenience store site to Glynn County, leaving only one holdout landowner standing in the way of expanding the county jail downtown. "It's not really a choice," Patel said of his decision **Story, 2A**

**Talk about**

**School criticism misses the point**

Some have recently questioned the Glynn County Public School System's handling of minority students, wondering if enough is being done to make sure they stay in school. That's a legitimate concern. But let's not misplace the blame. This is not a case of inaction by the school board. It's a case of inaction by the parents of these youth. **Editorial, 6A**

**To our readers**

**Page will report on party conventions**

For the next two weeks, The News will package coverage from the Democratic and Republican national conventions on 5A. Stories from the front will continue on 3A. The Today's People feature and state news that normally appear on 3A can be found on 4A.



## DECISION 2008: The Democratic National Convention

Michelle Obama speech among highlights on opening night, **5A**

# Lessons from Fay



Bobby Haven/The Brunswick News

The extraordinary high tides and strong winds from Tropical Storm Fay last week destroyed the fishing pier at Overlook Park on U.S. 17 in Brunswick. The structure will have to be replaced.

# Officials glad they were prepared

By **EMILY STRANGER**  
The Brunswick News

The tropical storm that churned across Coastal Georgia late last week might not have left behind much widespread damage, but it did serve as a big reminder for emergency officials to always be prepared.

After watching Fay move slowly up the Florida peninsula all week, area emergency management officials say they were ready when the storm finally arrived on Thursday.

Glynn County Police Chief Matt Doering, interim emergency management director, said Monday the storm reinforced the need to be ready for the worst.

He said he tracked the storm by radar on his laptop for several days before it hit the Golden Isles as part of logistical planning. At one point, forecasters were saying the storm might intensify into a low-level hurricane and turn more sharply toward

*"We expected that there would be some localized flooding, which there was, and we expected that people would be calling the (police) station for information, which they did. Everything played out exactly as we expected."*

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**Glynn County Police Chief Matt Doering**

Brunswick.

"We learned that our expectations for the storm were validated," Doering said. "Sometimes, you don't always know how bad something will be until it occurs, so it is always good to be validated because it means your planning was good."

Doering said assistant police chief Scott Trautz did most of the preparatory work. Trautz was director of the Glynn County

Emergency Management Agency before Capt. Richard Strickland, who retired at the end of July.

"(Trautz) handled all the day-to-day operations and would keep me informed and consult with me on what I needed to do so that I could focus more on the police side," Doering said.

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Glyndale Elementary School pre-K student Macayla Adams works on a computer during open center time. Glynn County now offers the program at each of its 10 elementary schools.

# Pre-K enrollment swells

All Glynn elementary schools now offer the program

By **BRANDEE A. THOMAS**  
The Brunswick News

Conner Rogers is only 4 years old, but he already has mastered the basics of school.

"When you finish working, you have to clean up and push your chair under the table," said Conner, who attends pre-kindergarten at Glyndale Elementary School.

Like Conner, hundreds of thousands of 4-year-old children have benefitted from Georgia's pre-kindergarten program, and re-

cent additions of classes in Glynn County will help more students get an early academic start.

Previously, pre-kindergarten programs were offered at only some Glynn County schools, but that changed this school year.

"We've added a pre-K program at C.B. Greer Elementary, Satilla Marsh Elementary and Glyndale Elementary School," said Dave Smith, Glynn County Board of Education member. "Rather than just have one or two pre-K sites, we prefer to have the program at

every elementary school."

With the additional sites, each of Glynn County's 10 elementary schools has at least one pre-kindergarten classroom. Some have two.

The state's pre-kindergarten program was started in 1992, with Glynn County as one of 20 test sites. The program was expanded in 1995 and made available across the state.

Pre-kindergarten pupils have

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Actress Susan Lucci hitting the floor for 'Dancing with the Stars', 4B

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, Aug. 26

• **American Red Cross Blood Drives** will be held today from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Star Foundation, 1907 Gloucester St., Brunswick, and from 1 to 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1400 Norwich St., Brunswick.

• **Lower Coastal Georgia GreenDrinks** will meet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Pranzo Portside, 1430 Newcastle St., Brunswick. Bob Ingram from Eco-Built will discuss how homeowners and small businesses can save on energy bills. Details: [tdouce@uga.edu](mailto:tdouce@uga.edu).

• **Girl Scout sign-up** for McIntosh County girls will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Grove Intermediate School, 500 Green St., Darien. Girls must be accompanied by an adult. Details: 437-4056 or 280-9554.

• **Disabled American Veterans Chapter 36** will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Tara Arms Apartments, 2525 Tara Lane, Brunswick. The Tara Arms singers will perform in concert at 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. the meeting will begin. Woody Woodside, president of the Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce, will be the guest speaker. Details: 638-2425 or 399-5091.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

• **Disaster Preparedness Seminar**, sponsored by the Camden County Chamber of Commerce, the Camden County Emergency Management Agency, the American Red Cross and the University of Georgia Small Business Development Center, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Citizen's State Bank Community Center, 201 E. King St., Kingsland. Cost is \$50 per person and includes materials and lunch. Details: (912) 729-5840/

• **Hamilton Plantation Tabby Slave Cabins** will be open from 10 a.m. to noon. For 20 years, the restored cabins have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Gascoigne Bluff is adjacent to Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island. Details: [cassinagardenclub.org](http://cassinagardenclub.org).

Thursday, Aug. 28

• **The Lloyd Doblér Effect** will present a concert of their high-energy music, influenced by rock and Latin rhythms, at 12:15 p.m. at the bell tower on the campus of the College of Coastal Georgia, Brunswick.

• **"Bernard and Doris,"** a 2007 U.S. film, will be shown at 2 and 7 p.m. at the Brunswick Library, 208 Gloucester St., Brunswick. Free. Details: 267-1212.

Friday, Aug. 29

• **13th Annual Emory Dawson Luncheon**, sponsored by the Exchange Club of Brunswick, will be held at 11:45 a.m. at the Brunswick Elks Lodge, 1509 Union St., Brunswick. Honorees this year are William "Buck" Crosby and Daniel Coty. Tickets are \$25.

• **"Family Across the Sea,"** a 1991 documentary film about the Low Country's Gullah ties to Sierra Leone, will be shown at 6:30 p.m. at the Ida Hilton Library, 1105 Northway, Darien. Free. Details: 267-1212.

To submit notices to the Community Calendar, send material for consideration at least 10 days before the event to Community Calendar, The Brunswick News.

• **By mail** 3011 Altama Ave., Brunswick GA 31521

• **By fax** 280-0926

• **By e-mail** [newsroom@thebrunswicknews.com](mailto:newsroom@thebrunswicknews.com)

Events must be open to the public. Information must include a daytime telephone number News editors can use as a contact.



Natacha Pisarenko/AP

Renata Ribeiro of Brazil goes for the ball against China in a bronze medal women's beach volleyball match at the Chaoyang Park Beach Volleyball Ground at the Beijing 2008 Olympics on Aug. 21.

# Serve. Set. Attack!

Fresh on the heels of the Olympics, professional beach volleyball makes a stop this weekend in the Golden Isles. Here's a primer.

By ANDREW SMITH  
The Brunswick News

From its early days in Southern California to its prestigious status as an Olympic sport, the popularity of beach volleyball has increased steadily in the last 90 or so years.

Like many coastal regions, the Golden Isles has all the ingredients for beach volleyball. With sandy shores and sunny days, the area provides all the basics necessary for a sport that is growing worldwide.

Sun, soft sand, a regulation-size net and ball and four willing players are just about all you need to get a game going.

For local recreational players like Annette Williams, beach volleyball is the perfect blend of skill and strategy — not to mention a great workout.

"Playing four, five or six games is like going to the gym and spending an hour or two on the elliptical or the treadmill," Williams said. "You feel it in your arms from serving and hitting the ball while your legs burn from all the side to side movement and the jumping. Beach volleyball is definitely a full body workout."

Williams, a St. Simons Island resident, began playing beach volleyball in 2000 through the urging of several close friends who played.

Now, Williams plays at least two times a week locally and has even participated in numerous amateur tournaments. She can't seem to get enough of the game she's grown to love.

"I saw how much fun my friends were having when they played so I figured I'd give it a shot," Williams said. "When I first started, everyone I've played with was really encouraging and now I try to do the same for other players who are just starting out."



Michael Hall/The Brunswick News

Annette Williams, left, and Heather Vogler, right, play volleyball at the Coast Guard Station on St. Simons Island, where a professional women's tour will stop Saturday.

**THE GAME:** The first sand volleyball courts emerged on the West Coast in the 1920s, and as popularity grew over the years the game spread to other parts of the U.S.

The late 1980s and early '90s saw a rapid increase in national and worldwide participation and several professional tours sprang up, with big-time commerial sponsors. A major attraction of the fast-paced game is that it is both spectator and player friendly. The rules aren't especially complex like football, and play is much quicker and more intense than baseball.

There is a fair amount of technique and skill involved and serious players log long hours in the sand, though the court isn't a bad place to spend your time. Beach

volleyball is engaging and requires a wide variety of skills such as serving, passing, setting, hitting, digging.

**THE RULES:** Almost everyone is familiar with competitive indoor volleyball played in gymnasiums, most commonly on the high school and college level. The basic concept is the same — get the ball over the net in three touches or less, while making it difficult for the other team to return a shot. But there are some differences between the two styles.

The most obvious is the number of players. In standard volleyball, six players are on the court for each team while beach volleyball requires two-on-two competition. That means players cover more court and are more active, hitting the ball at least once and at most twice per volley. The doubles format also shortens the games, which are played to 15 points with the victor winning by two points. Sets are best two-out-of-three.

The standard size for a beach court is 8-by-8 meters. The net height for men's play is 7-feet by 11 5/8-inches, while the women's net is lower at 7 feet-4 1/8-inches.

Various rules on specific ball contact exist to ensure fair play. Tournaments have officials on the court to monitor ball contact and make boundary calls, similar to tennis.

**THE ACTION:** On Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Coast Guard Beach on St. Simons Island will host the Extreme Volleyball Professional Island Tour.

Eight of the top 10 professional women in the U.S. will be playing an exhibition tournament in which they'll battle for cash prizes. Admission is free and everyone is encouraged to come out and watch top flight volleyball players as they compete and mingle with the crowd.



## MOTHER & CHILD

### Two island stores cater to moms and kids

By LINDSEY ADKISON  
The Brunswick News

Two for one is among my favorite concepts. And we're seeing it more around here.

Case in point: Two great stores (right next to each other, in fact) that cater to both moms and kids.

**Me and My Shadow**, 1700 Frederica Road, Suite 104 on St. Simons Island, is a brand new store that held its grand opening Aug. 18. It has great clothing items for both moms and kids that — get this — match. No kidding. They even have matching pieces for the family dog!

A great late-summer piece is a linen dress in three different styles and colors, including red, white, black or pink. They were \$299 but now are priced at \$159.

An adult ribbon dress comes in six fun patterns and is priced at \$115, down from \$299.

For the kids, child and infant dresses to match come in six different patterns as well. Originally \$150, they've been marked from \$45 to \$89.

Sizes range from 2 to 3X. The store is

**STOREFRONTS**  
Shopping discoveries

open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays.

Next comes **Fit for Two**, 1700 Frederica Road, Suite 105 on St. Simons Island. It is stocked with a variety of different items, including trendy maternity clothes, as well as jewelry, gift items and apparel for kids.

The shop has a range of mommy-to-be clothes, in everything from super casual to formal wear. Best of all, every bit of the maternity wear is discounted 50 to 70 percent off.

One outfit features a red top with cap sleeves that looks great when paired with a black-and-creme polka dot skirt. The shirt is \$81 and the skirt costs \$86. For the little one, there are adorable pieces. A paisley sundress is pink, white and green with pockets on the front. It sells for \$50.

The boutique also specializes in gift items. Jewelry prices range from \$5 and \$100, so there is something for everyone.

The store is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays.



Lindsey Adkison/The Brunswick News photos  
Fit for Two on St. Simons Island features trendy maternity clothes, left, and fashion jewelry, above, as well as apparel for kids and gift items.