

# Fay still raining on N. Ga.

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ATLANTA — Waves of driving rain soaked Georgia as the remnants of Tropical Storm Fay rumbled through the state Tuesday, snarling traffic, swelling rivers and bringing a much needed drenching to the drought-stricken region.

The storm brought stiff winds and a blinding deluge that bloated creeks and rivers, prompting forecasters to post a flood and tornado watch for most of Georgia throughout much of the day. The National Weather Service said heavy rains and winds knocked down trees, washed out dirt roads and damaged homes.

NWS forecaster Mike Griesinger said the worst damage appeared to be in the Commerce area in Jackson County, where dozens of mobile homes were damaged

or destroyed. He said the damage there and in Hall County may have come from tornadoes, but that had not been confirmed.

Officials in Hall County said a windstorm damaged the roof of Lyman Hall Elementary School late Tuesday afternoon. Hall County Fire Marshal Scott Cagle said high winds damaged three mobile homes and a barn in the eastern part of the county about 6:45 p.m., shortly after a tornado warning was issued for the area.

The driving rains were also a timely soaking for the parched northern part of the state, which has been locked in an historic drought since March 2006. And it seems to have quenched the drought in the southern part of the state, where dry conditions have lingered for months.

In south Georgia, the heavy rains dumped more than two feet of rain over parts of the re-

gion, sending emergency officials scrambling to prepare for flooding. Thomas County, one of the hardest hit spots, was drenched by 27 inches of rain that flooded 11 homes.

"We've virtually lost everything," said Kevin White, who headed for high ground with his wife, six cats and two dogs when their home was knee-deep in water. "Everything we have is still inside."

Lingering drought in the area may have worsened the impact of the flooding, forecasters say. The dry conditions hardened the top layers of soil and sapped vegetation that would normally soak up rain like a sponge.

"It's like concrete," said Mark Svoboda, a climatologist with the National Drought Mitigation Center. "You've got less vegetation and more areas exposed to runoff."

# SAT: Glynn in Ga. top 25

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score of 1,466 points but lower than the national average of 1,511 points.

Glynn County's average SAT score fell three points from the average 2007 score of 1,495 on the combined three SAT sections — verbal, mathematics and writing.

"I'm very pleased with our results," Bull said.

He expects even better in the future.

"In two or three years, we're

going to shoot to be in the top 10 in the state," he said.

"Several years ago we were in the middle of the pack, but now we're in the top 25 percentile."

In 2007, Brunswick High School students outperformed Glynn Academy students by 10 points on the SAT. In 2008, Glynn Academy students scored nearly 100 points higher than their Brunswick High counterparts.

Glynn Academy had an average score of 1,525; Brunswick High's average was 1,439 points.

"Obviously we are very excited

about all of the scores," said Mike Hulsey, chair of Glynn County Board of Education.

"It proves that we're doing a lot of great things at the high school level.

"The results are also exciting because we encourage all of our students to take the SAT.

"Some school systems pick and choose which students take the test, so seeing our scores is really encouraging and gives us another level of confidence that we are headed in the right direction with our high schools."

# Turtles: 'They'll bounce back'

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ly results are just that: preliminary findings. The exact extent of damage to nesting loggerheads won't be known until hatching season is complete, in late October.

"We have to wait and see," she said.

Ouellette said she wasn't too concerned about how Fay impacted nesting season so long as additional storms don't trample over Jekyll beaches before hatching season is complete.

"Sea turtles have been dealing with Mother Nature for 200 million plus years," she said. "They're built to withstand the weather."

Area biologists agree with the sea turtle center's early findings, estimating that the storm damage was less than feared along both the Georgia and Florida coasts, said Mark Dodd, senior wildlife biologist for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

During the past 20 years, an average of 5 to 7 percent of nests are lost annually due to high tides

and destructive weather. At most, 20 percent of nests are lost at a time, he said.

"Even with that high a percentage, the loggerhead population can bounce back," Dodd said.

"Long-lived species like the loggerhead turtle have a reproductive strategy that accounts for periodic catastrophic loss of nests. Individuals may lose their entire reproductive output several times during their lives and still produce enough hatchlings to replace themselves."

# United Way: Campaign starts

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everyone was excited to get the campaign off and running.

"We're feeling good about this year," said Kay Oplinger, director of marketing and fund development for United Way of Coastal Georgia. "We are very optimistic."

For the 2008 Live United campaign, United Way is aiming to raise \$1.55 million, an increase of \$50,000 from the previous year. Nearly 10 percent of the goal has been raised, thanks to the PaceSetters, a group of businesses that work to raise a large percentage of their donations prior to the official campaign launch, Oplinger said.

Despite the positive jump-start, the annual fundraising initiative has admittedly gotten off to a uncertain start, as good news has mixed with bad, said campaign chair Missy Lane. In the months leading to the campaign launch, the economy began to stagger and has yet to recover.

"When we said we want to increase our fundraising amount by \$50,000, people said it would be really tough," Lane said addressing the group of attendees. "But it wasn't a hard decision. The community needs us to step up. Now, there is a great need, a more immediate need for us to move forward."

Linking organizations with resources and funding, United Way is the backbone of support for

## Who is helped

Donations to the 2008 Live United fundraising campaign of United Way of Coastal Georgia help support these 20 agencies:

- Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Georgia
- Boy Scouts Okeefeenokee Area Council
- Girls Scouts of Historic Georgia
- First Steps
- Ferst Foundation
- Latin American Resource Center
- Young Women's Christian Association
- American Red Cross SE Georgia Chapter
- America's Second Harvest
- STAR Foundation
- The Salvation Army
- Alzheimer's of Glynn/Brunswick
- Coastal Medical Access Project
- Glynn County Crisis Center/Amity House
- Golden Isle's Children's Center
- Healthy Families
- Hospice of the Golden Isles
- Medical Transportation
- SHARE
- Special Olympics

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many nonprofit agencies. Without the campaign and its foundation, Amity House would most likely falter, as would be the case with many area agencies, Hogan said.

"I don't know what we would do without United Way," Hogan said. "The community would not be the same."

## Lottery picks

For winning numbers in Georgia and Florida lottery drawings Tuesday, go to [www.thebrunswicknews.com](http://www.thebrunswicknews.com) and click "lotteries."

Winning numbers Monday in Georgia were: Cash 3 Midday, 3-2-1; Cash 4 Midday, 7-6-0-4; Cash 3 Evening, 9-1-4; Cash 4 Evening, 3-5-4-6; Fantasy 5, 8-19-28-30-35.

Winning numbers Monday in Florida were: Cash 3 Afternoon, 5-4-3; Evening, 3-1-7; Play 4 Afternoon drawing, 0-5-3-1; Evening drawing, 3-6-8-5; Fantasy 5 Evening drawing, 32-28-21-27-15.

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