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## DAYBREAK

Your weekend in Brunswick and the Golden Isles

### The Weather

#### Saturday

HIGH **83**  
LOW **66**

#### Sunday

HIGH **81**  
LOW **67**

### Clouds will cover weekend skies

Skies will be mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain Saturday and Sunday. There is a chance that thunder will accompany some of the rain. Wind from the north will range from 9 to 14 mph throughout the weekend.

**Tides and five-day forecast, 16A**

### Worth doing

### Shrimp and grits fest goes through Sunday

The big event this weekend is the Shrimp & Grits Festival on Jekyll Island. Along with the obvious, there will be music, falconry demonstrations, really wild trampoline gymnastics and cooking demonstrations. The festival continues from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the historic district.

### Artwork on display at island library

If you find yourself wandering through the St. Simons Island Pier Village Saturday, wander over to the St. Simons Island Library, in the Casino community building, to look at the artwork of local artist Brenda Williams. It is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

### Talk about

### How to teach children respect

When a group of teenagers – and even preteens – attacks a Glynn County police officer, something is seriously wrong. What has to be done so that teens recognize and accept authority? **Editorial, 6A**

### Get involved

### Schools need volunteer mentors

The Glynn County School System can always use mentors to help children with their studies and to give them encouragement. Call the system at 267-4100 to get connected to a school where you can help.

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## What's at stake in United Way campaign

Nick Nichols/The Brunswick News

Fundraising by United Way of Coastal Georgia helps support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia, where, from left, Wyatt Hoffman, 9, plays pool while Ava Harris, 7, Anna Williams, 8, and Brian Dolan, director of the clubs, watch.

## Futures depend on fund drive

By ANNA FERGUSON HALL  
The Brunswick News

Haley Myers was stuck. Living in public housing, with an infant son and another baby on the way, the young Brunswick resident had nowhere to turn for help and no one willing to extend a hand.

Frustrated by her own life and afraid of what the future would hold for her and her family, the single mother felt that she was being sucked into a black hole from which she would never escape.

"I didn't know where to go and I needed help," Myers recalled.

Then, help came knocking. The 21-year-old heard about a program, that might help her get out of the turbulent water she had been treading. A recruiter for the S.T.A.R. Foundation went to her housing complex and talked to residents about a way out of their current lifestyles.

Going to the foundation's office, Myers filled out an application for the life skills and educational program, hoping to enroll in an upcoming eight-week course. She found she was too late. The application date had passed.

"I just broke down, crying and all," Myers said.

Upon hearing Myers need to enroll in the program, S.T.A.R. Director Ellen



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Haley Myers, left, received training from S.T.A.R. Foundation, where she now works as administrative assistant with director Ellen Murphy, right.

Murphy and her fellow two instructors interviewed her for work readiness and computer classes and decided that the young woman was in need of a new run of luck.

When starting the program, Myers admits she wasn't sure what to make of the intense life-altering program. She was even less sure of what the courses would do for her.

"I was really negative," Myers said. "I knew it was going to be hard and

that scared me. But then I got started, and started to see how things were changing around me. I started to feel happier about life and myself."

Graduating from the S.T.A.R. Foundation program in June 2010, Myers went on to find a job, have her second child and build upon the life lessons and work skills she acquired from the nonprofit organization.

Today, she is an administrative assistant with the foundation and is working on obtaining a degree from College of Coastal Georgia.

"Without this foundation, I'd just be a bump on a log, wasting my life and going nowhere," Myers said. "I feel positive about life and look forward to getting up every day, going to work, living a successful life. I was lost, and now I know that my life can be something more than I ever imagined."

Stories like Myers, Murphy said, line her life like clothes in a closet. Daily, she can open that closet and pluck one from the shelf.

But this stockpile of successful tales wouldn't be possible without United Way of Coastal Georgia, the community's central fundraising hub for social service agencies.

"Without the help of United Way, we would have to make some drastic, drastic

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The Brunswick News/File

A hatchling on Jekyll Island.

# Sea turtle nesting rebounds

## Protection efforts appear to pay off

By ANNA FERGUSON HALL  
The Brunswick News

It was not just a good year for threatened loggerhead sea turtles nesting on Georgia beaches, it was a great year.

"This nesting season was even better than we had hoped," said Mark Dodd, sea turtle program coordinator with the state Department of Natural Resources Coastal Resources Division.

From early May to late August each year, female loggerhead turtles clamber to Georgia beaches to dig nests and lay eggs. On average, state sea turtle monitors had counted about 1,000 nests each year. But so far this season, they have counted nearly twice as many, Dodd said. "We are just shy of 2,000 nests," he said.

Though all loggerhead nests have been built for the season, some are still in a two-month incubation period. More loggerhead eggs are expected to hatch in mid-October, adding to the already impressive turtles counted this year, Dodd said.

"Only a few years ago, we were very concerned about the population of loggerheads," Dodd said. "Now, we seem to have turned a corner. We can't say just yet that the species has recovered, but it appears that it is on its way. That's a very exciting

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Biologist Mark Dodd kneels next to a loggerhead turtle nest on Jekyll Island recently, one of about 10 percent of this season's nests on state beaches that are still incubating.

# Vaccines available as flu season nears

The Brunswick News

With the approach of flu season Oct. 1, some Golden Isles residents have already received flu shots and the Glynn County Health Department is recommending that just about everyone else roll up their sleeves.

Many of those who have received early inoculations for a flu season that typically has only sporadic cases reported in October and November and peaks in February are older than 65 years old.

"They're usually among the

first in to get the flu shot," said Sharon Smith, spokeswoman for the Glynn Health Department.

Nationwide, an estimated 200,000 person are hospitalized annually for influenza-related illnesses and, based on one study, 36,000 die, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports. Ninety percent of deaths are among persons 65 years or older.

To reduce the risks, the CDC recommends the flu vaccine for everyone except babies younger than 6 months and persons with severe allergic reaction to eggs,

because eggs used to incubate the vaccine may transfer proteins to the vaccine.

"The flu vaccine is safe and effective and can help protect your family from illness, hospitalization or worse," said Karen Mikell, Glynn County Health Department nurse manager.

To promote use of the vaccine, the department plans to hold a drive-through clinic, at which drivers can stay in their cars and receive a shot. A date for the clinic has not been set.

Shots are now available at the health department, pharmacies

and physicians.

"We usually start to see more people come in around late September or early October," Smith said. "It's usually after we get that first cool front."

The health department has the traditional injected inoculation and nasal spray, but not a new intradermal injection that delivers a low-dose vaccine just below the skin with a needle a tenth of an inch long.

The new shot, which is for persons 18 to 64 years old, may be available at some pharmacies and doctors' offices.

### Get protected

These flu vaccines are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at the Glynn County Health Department, 2747 Fourth St., Brunswick:

- Traditional injection, for all persons 6 months old or older. Cost: \$25.
- Nasal spray, for healthy persons 2 to 49 years old who are not pregnant. Cost: \$25.
- High-dose injection, for persons 65 years old or older, to best protect this age group. Cost: \$40.



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# Hurricane hits Canada

Associated Press

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland — Hurricane Maria made landfall in eastern Newfoundland as a Category 1 storm Friday, but officials said the worst winds were offshore and there were no early reports of injuries or significant property damage.

After making landfall, Maria was quickly downgraded to a tropical storm. Chris Fogarty, a meteorologist at the Canadian Hurricane Centre, said Newfoundland avoided the worst of the hurricane.

Weather officials lifted the hurricane warning for southeastern Newfoundland.

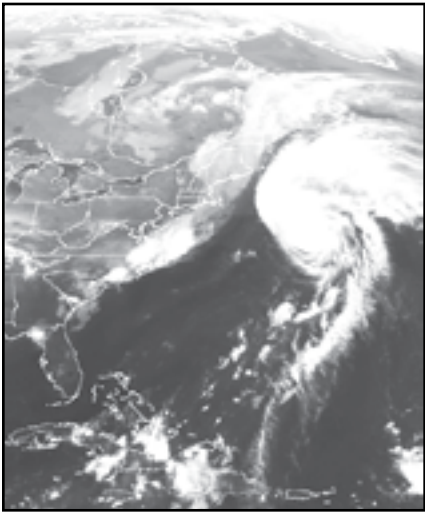
"The worst wind stayed just offshore," Fogarty said in an interview. "A major bullet was dodged by the look of it."

Many Newfoundlanders hunkered down at home in the Atlantic Canadian province. Schools were closed. Fogarty said the latest forecast calls for 2 inches of rain in some areas — less than originally expected.

Fogarty said the highest winds on land reached 64 mph on the southern tip of the Avalon peninsula where Maria made landfall. The highest wind speeds were recorded offshore where they peaked at 77 mph.

The storm comes a year after Hurricane Igor tore through eastern Newfoundland as a Category 1 storm. One man died as Igor washed out roads, swept away bridges and caused nearly \$200 million in damage to almost 200 communities.

Fogarty said Maria isn't much of a threat as far as flooding is concerned because it is moving so quickly. The province's Fire and Emergency Services issued a statement saying residents should prepare for damaged buildings and power outages. The storm wasn't expected to have much impact on Newfoundland's offshore oil platforms and ships. Fogarty said Maria's rapid forward speed would prevent her from churning up the waves beyond 20 feet on the Grand Banks. Coastal Labrador is expected to see strong winds and large waves on Saturday as two weather systems collide.



**Weather Underground/AP**  
This NOAA satellite image taken at 1:45 a.m. Friday shows Hurricane Maria about 640 miles southwest of Cape Race, Newfoundland. The storm reached Category 1 strength with maximum sustained winds up to 80 mph.

# Futures: Goal is \$1.155 million

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changes that would seriously alter what we do and how we help people," Murphy said.

Those changes, she added, would likely include cutting staff to only part-time, ending the intensive after-program support the foundation offers and educating fewer students.

"I don't even like to think what we would have to do without that extra boost," Murphy said.

Like a blood vein pumping life through the body of the community, United Way has become a lifeline for many nonprofit organizations in Glynn and McIntosh counties. With 28 programs under its umbrella, the fundraising organization works every year to help agencies fund extended services to clients, whether by helping to provide scholarships for training courses such as at the S.T.A.R. Foundation or by allowing the Special Olympics to accept additional athletes.

"There are so many people in need and so many organizations working to help them. What we do, we connect the dots," said Missy Neu, director of United Way of Coastal Georgia. "Honestly, we do it effectively and efficiently. It's a great feeling to know that we are here for the community, to help strengthen it and build it up."

As director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia, Brian Dolan sees the impact of United Way on his agency daily. Every day, more than 1,300 preteens and teens go through the organization's doors, looking for after-school care, activities and fellowship. Keeping those children and adolescents in a safe, supportive environment is the club's main goal, and it takes effort from organizations outside his own to ensure that objective is met.

"We need supplies, staff, technology, all sorts of details, in order for us to function properly and do justice to our mission," Dolan said. "We have been partners with United Way for a long time, and they have constantly been there to help us give these children the tools they need in order to fulfill the ideals of a healthy, successful life."

"Especially in an economic climate like we are all feeling now,

## How to help

United Way of Coastal Georgia recently launched its fundraising campaign to raise \$1,155,000 for agencies it helps fund. Several events are planned to help raise money for the campaign:

- Sunday: Film and Food for a Cause. All money made from movie ticket, food, drink and any other sales during the day at Georgia Theater Co. cinemas goes to charities, including United Way of Coastal Georgia. The event locally is at Island Cinemas and Glynn Place Stadium Cinemas.
- Oct. 10-16: McGladrey

Tix 4 Kids. Ticket buyers for the McGladrey Classic PGA tournament can elect to have 50 percent of their ticket price go to one of more than a dozen charities, including United Way of Coastal Georgia. The tournament is at the Seaside Course at Sea Island Golf Club.

• Oct. 21: Jekyll Island United Way Golf Classic. The tournament at Pines Lake Golf Course is sponsored by the Jekyll Island Authority, with proceeds donated to United Way of Coastal Georgia.

Donations can be made online at [www.uwcga.org](http://www.uwcga.org).

we need United Way more than ever. They are, and always have been, there for us and we could not do the good we do without them."

Observing its 55th year in the community, United Way has become a staple fundraiser and awareness-raiser for the Golden Isles. Its mission to support agencies under three key branches — education, income and health — has provided aid and better lives for countless individuals. Its annual giving campaigns have raised millions of dollars for continuing that support, Neu said.

The goal of United Way's 2011-2012 giving campaign is \$1,155,000, in honor of its anniversary, Neu said. That large of a funding goal, she admits, may be tricky in such tight economic times. But given the response United Way received last year, when the organization went over its goal by about \$50,000, with the campaign bringing in \$1.5 million, she has faith it will make it.

"We're optimistic," Neu said. "Our goal has increased, and needs have increased. That also means the results of these organizations is seen so much more."

Ansley Scoville has seen the needs of individuals in the Golden Isles and knows what happens when the community comes together to ensure better lives for residents and families. As a resident and advertising and promotions director of Georgia Theatre

Co., Scoville is active in helping the movie theater company work with United Way to meet its annual goal.

Just as it has each year since 2004, the company will host the Film and Food for a Cause event Sunday, at which film-goers can pay one price for a movie ticket, popcorn and drink. All funds raised that day go to charities chosen by theater employees. In the Golden Isles, one of the recipients is United Way.

"Every nickel, dime and dollar spent by customers at Georgia Theatre (Co.) goes straight to our causes, 100 percent," Scoville said. "I am so proud to work for a company that invests so much back into its own community."

Last year, the Film and Food event raised more than \$90,000. While no goal is set for any year, Scoville said she feels confident the participating 15 theaters in 10 markets will be able to earn a healthy donation for United Way and its other supported nonprofit organizations.

"Anything we can do to boost our community, we try to do," Scoville said. "Movies are such a communal experience, and what better way to help give back?"

When the United Way announces its fundraising campaign each year, Siobhan Foley, human resources director for Georgia Power, meets with employees and encourages them to give back whatever they can to the nonprofit organization. Be it \$5 from

each paycheck or a large one-time donation, every bit helps, Foley tells her staff.

Each year, Foley is met by employees eager to help, eager to see the United Way campaign succeed. More often than not, most of her team has been personally affected by United Way's work by knowing a family member, friend or neighbor who has turned to one of the 28 organizations for help.

"After our meeting every year, I also have people come up and express to me their appreciation for United Way," Foley said. "Some have used one of these organizations themselves or know of loved ones who have. This is an organization that affects everyone in our community, either directly or indirectly. It shows we are all in this together."

As one of United Way's top five corporate donors, Georgia Power managers count themselves fortunate to have a staff and support structure large enough to be so involved with the organization. Surprisingly, Foley said, the majority of that support doesn't come from upper management. Some 90 percent of the giving is about from employees, she said.

"This is a very employee-driven initiative," Foley said.

It also is a highly community-driven campaign, Neu said, as is evidenced by the number of times the word "community" comes up when talking to any United Way employee or funded organization.

At its root, United Way is about the community, Neu said.

"It's about bettering the community in every way," she said. That means offering more educational opportunities to break the cycle of generational poverty. That means offering more employment opportunities for individuals down on their luck. That means helping children and teenagers find their inner confidence and start their young lives on a path to success."

"United Way shows people, there is hope," Neu said. "You hope for change, you address the issues at the core, and you help people see the light ahead. You show them there can be a different life ahead for them. And it takes the whole community to do that."

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# Nest: Past 50 years difficult

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thing to be able to say."

Since 2004, conservationists have kept a close eye on the number of loggerheads nesting on state beaches. At that time, the species hit a drastic low, with fewer than 400 nests counted on Georgia's nearly 100 miles of beaches.

A number of factors led to the turtle's decline during the course of about 50 years. Commercial fishing and shrimping were major threats to the species, with turtles often caught in shrimp nests and fishing lines or slashed by boat propellers. Loss of habitat also

played into the decline, as construction took over many nesting areas and pollution littered the turtles' ocean home.

"The decline in turtle counts was basically all human activity," Dodd said.

In recent years, though, regulations have been placed on commercial fishing to help protect turtles, such as mandating turtle excluder devices to allow turtles to escape from shrimp nets. New lighting rules have been adopted for beaches, to prevent hatchlings from being drawn inland instead of following moonlight to the sea.

Increased public awareness and education have been useful in rallying attention to efforts to protect loggerhead turtles, Dodd said.

"There have been a number of actions taken in recent years to really repair the loss of this species," Dodd said. "We still have work to do, but we have come a long way."

While loggerheads are the primary concern for nest monitoring, other types of turtles' nests are included in the count. Nest of three green turtles, 11 leatherbacks and 17 unknown types of turtles were also located on state beaches.

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