

& Recreation raise funds on its own and then come before the county to inquire about matching funds. Parks & Recreation did that, raising \$655.

Commissioner Bob Gilreath asked about the total travel expenses, wondering where the rest of the money would come from. Wilson said the athletes would be responsible for all expenses after the money raised by Parks & Recreation and matched by the county ran out. Board of Commissioners Vice Chairwoman Gwen Flowers-Taylor said it costs a lot to stay in San Francisco, even at senior rates. She suggested the county increase its contribution to \$1,000.

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of Macon Road and County Line Road and at the intersection of South Sixth Street and County Line Road.

County Manager William Wilson Jr. said such an action would require two readings. In the meantime, the signs in the county where fast drivers' speed in the area.

over them at high speeds. This could bother those who live near the intersections, she said.

Commissioner Bob Gilreath asked Sheriff Dee Stewart if the strips would reduce

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dren, all felony charges.

Because of the nature of the crimes alleged to have been committed by the suspect, a request was submitted to the Spalding County District Attorney's Office to move the trial to Spalding

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Partnership aims to boost students' math performance

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The Math and Parent Partnership (MAPP) will offer two math courses for teachers and the parents of students at four Title I schools in Spalding County, namely Atkinson Elementary, Orrs Elementary, Cowan Road Elementary and Anne Street Elementary. A course on Numbers & Operations begins Sept. 1 and runs for eight consecutive Tuesdays, except for the week of fall break. Another course, starting on Sept. 3, covers geometry for eight Thursdays in September and October. Both courses are free, as the Griffin Spalding County School System provides funding through its Title I allocation.

14. Its registration fee has yet to be determined.

All three courses take place from 5 to 7 p.m. at the University of Georgia-Griffin campus, and have space for 85 participants each.

MAPP was initiated by the UGA-Griffin campus in collaboration with the school system. The program aims to improve student performance in math-related parts of the Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (CRCT). It also provides parents the opportunity to learn

about the math content of the CRCT and, thus, better assist their children in mastering the content. And it allows teachers to acquire new math content or cover old content more in depth.

Some parents may not get involved in their children's math problems simply because they are too intimidated by the content, said Andrea Knapp, co-director of MAPP. Instead of teachers and parents blaming each other when students

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Hippiefest Summer Tour appearing in Peachtree City

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The Hippiefest Summer Tour will come to Peachtree City on Aug. 14 and 15 as part of the city's 2009 Lexus Summer Concert Series.

On those two nights, starting at 8 p.m., a number of bands will revive the unique sounds of the late 1960s and early 1970s at the Frederick

Turtles featuring Flo & Eddie, Chuck Negron, the former singer of Three Dog Night, Mitch Ryder of the Detroit Wheels, Badfinger featuring Joey Molland, and Brewer & Shipley.

Asked about her expectations for the Hippiefest, Nancy Price, manager at the amphitheater, said she hopes "for everybody to have a good time and hear music that will never die. (The Hippiefest) fits our target audience. It's one



Trenton Swanson will officiate. Interment will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery. Friends visited the family from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Conner-Westbury Funeral Home, 1891 W. McIntosh Road, Griffin, GA 30223, is in charge of arrangements. www.conner-westburyfuneralhome.com.

Marion Jeanette Harbin

*Died Aug. 3, 2009
Griffin resident*

Marion Jeanette Harbin, 71, of Griffin, Ga., passed away on Monday, Aug. 3, 2009.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, William Alton Harbin; her parents, Harry and Annie Kuykendall; son, Richard Harbin; sisters, Mattie Land, Frances McCullough, and Betty Smith.

Those left behind to cherish her memory include her loving daughter, Annie Pauline Harbin Westbrook and her husband Frank; son, William Eddie Harbin and his wife Brenda; grandchildren, Danielle Harbin, Brian Harbin, Cody Harbin, William Harbin, Lisa Harbin, Candy Harbin, Thomas Lasiter, Dustin Westbrook and Travis Westbrook; brother, Roy Kuykendall; and many great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009, at Holly Hill Funeral Home, 431 SW Broad St., Fairburn, GA 30213.

Funeral services honoring Mrs. Harbin will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, in the chapel of the funeral home with Ashley Culberson officiating. Interment will follow the service at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, 5755 Mallory Road, College Park, Ga. Online condolences may be made at www.hollyhillfuneralhome.com.

Master Elijah Justus Miller

June 14, 2009—Aug. 2, 2009

Master Elijah Justus Miller, 8 weeks old, was rerouted back to the arms of God Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009, at Scottish Rite Children's Hospital. The funeral arrangements will be announced by Murray Brother's Funeral Home, of Atlanta, Ga.

Death Notices

Little L'Mauria K. Akins, 8 days old, of 133 Amberwood Lane, Griffin, died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009 at Henry Medical Center. Graveside funeral

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Commissioner Eddie Freeman said there are places one can stay cheaply, even in San Francisco.

Commissioner Dave Phillips and Gilreath ultimately moved to approve a grant of \$1,000 to help pay for the trip. The commissioners approved this 5-0.

Building a walking trail around Thomaston Mill Village Park was the brainchild of Flowers-Taylor, who suggested the idea at an earlier meeting. The original estimate for the project was \$22,000 but South Eastern Paving put in the bid 5-0.

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are struggling with math, the program looks at it holistically and says, "Let's help everybody," Knapp said.

Indeed, courses take place in a "fun and non-threatening learning environment," said Art Cain, co-director of MAPP. They boost the numbers and promote fellowship between teachers and parents, he said.

Results of last year's pilot program, provided by Knapp, revealed that the 2009 CRCT performance of students involved in MAPP improved significantly in the Numbers & Operations portion compared to the year before. They also showed that both parent-teacher and parent-child interaction increased.

The UGA-Griffin campus made sure courses would be available for teachers and parents this year.

"This campus wants to be relevant in the community," Cain said. "We want to assess what the community needs and come in and help."

For more information contact the UGA-Griffin campus Office of Continuing Education at 770-229-3477.

with bipartisan support as early as Thursday, but senators lined up to weigh in on her fitness for the bench anyway, with an eye toward the history books, the nation's burgeoning Hispanic electorate and perhaps the next Supreme Court battle.

"Judge Sotomayor's journey to this nomination is truly an American story... (and) a reminder to all of the continuing vitality of the American dream," said Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the Judiciary Committee chairman. His opening remarks framed Sotomayor's confirmation as a step on the nation's still-evolving "path of inclusion" that began with the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights and continued with the extension of voting rights to women and enactment of the civil and voting rights laws of the 1960s.

"She's a restrained, experienced and thoughtful judge who has shown no bias in her rulings," Leahy said.

Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, the judiciary panel's top Republican and his party's pointman on Sotomayor, called her a devotee of an approach that heeds "the seductive siren call of judicial activism" and is contrary to the "classical underpinnings" of the nation's legal system.

"Judge Sotomayor's expressed judicial philosophy rejects openly the ideal of impartial and objective judging. Instead, her philosophy embraces the impact that background, personal experi-

ence that the subject not even come up a White House when tors met Obama for Tuesday to discuss progress on the presidential priorities, including health care and change legislation.

Sotomayor, 55, is daughter of Puerto Rican parents who was raised in a South Bronx housing project and educated at elite Ivy League universities before going to law school. Her success in the legal profession and then the federal bench, Obama chose to replace retiring Justice David Souter, a liberal named by a Republican president, and she expected to alter the court's ideological course.