

Board of Education to meet Tuesday

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Prior to the start of the Griffin-Spalding County School System Board of Education meeting Tuesday, a farewell reception will be held for Sue Wei, an English interpreter for the Lanzhou Municipal Foreign Affairs Office in Lanzhou, China. Wei has been visiting and studying the school system for the past five months.

During the meeting, the board will also recognize Wei as well as the 2009 STAR students Jamie Jordan and Ivey Chestnut, and STAR teachers Richard Beaton and Dee Joiner.

Other recognitions will be made to the Taylor Street Middle School Math Team for its participation in the 2009 Regional Middle School Math Contest. Spalding High School students Thomas Adams, Taylor Helms and Alison Youmans for their participation in the

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Orrs parents now better equipped to help with math

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A group of Orrs Elementary School parents are now more equipped to help their children with their math homework after completing a 16-week Math and Parent Partnership Program sponsored by the University of Georgia (UGA) Office of Continuing Education and the Griffin-Spalding County School System.

Parents and children gathered at Orrs Elementary Thursday evening to celebrate the achievement. According to Art Caine, director of UGA's continuing education program, the Math and Parent Partnership Program consisted of an eight-week session on numbers and an eight-week session on fractions, decimals and percentages.

"We started the program two years ago, but this is the first year we've really expanded it," Caine said. "We give math instruction to parents so they can better help their children at home. We are hoping it will build better relations between parents and children, and parents and the school."

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University of Georgia-Griffin Director of Continuing Education Art Caine, instructor Debbie Hudson and Orrs Elementary School Principal Dexter Martin pass out a certificate to Orrs Elementary third-grader Chris Garner during Thursday night's Math and Parent Partnership Program graduation ceremony.

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Obituaries

Mr. Jimmy P. McKinney
*Jan. 18, 1932—
 March 27, 2009*
Griffin resident

Mr. Jimmy P. McKinney, age 77, of Griffin, passed away Friday, March 27, 2009, at Sacred Journey Hospice in McDonough.

Mr. McKinney was born Jan. 18, 1932, in West Virginia, the son of the late Raymond McKinney and the late Cora Stump McKinney. He was a member of Union Baptist Church. Mr. McKinney was an avid hunter. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Billy McKinney and Tommy McKinney, and sisters, Janice McKinney, Margie King and Vina Gay Stanley.

Survivors include his wife, Anne A. McKinney, daughters

and Jeff Hinesley, grandchildren, Auston Hinesley and Holly Hinesley, brother, Jack Piner, sister and brother-in-law, Tammy and Randy Richardson, step-mother, Patsy Piner, step-brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Tracy Chitwood, and special nephews, Matthew and Anthony Chitwood.

Funeral services for Mrs. Eva Marie Reynolds will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, March 30, 2009, in the Warren Haisten Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow in Westwood Gardens. Friends may visit the family from noon to the service hour at the funeral home. To pay condolences, please do so at www.haistenmc-culloughfuneralhome.com.

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Rickman and Stevie Rickman; daughters, Teresa Waters and Darlene Buhlinger; step-daughters, Corelice Putman, Denise Adams, Rubena Majors and Ivy Dials; grandchildren, Dewayne Bowman, Tyler Taylor, Jason Rickman, Karen Buhlinger and Dakota Lawrence; and sister, Reba Moore.

Funeral services for Mr. Audrey Hawkins Rickman will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, March 30, 2009, in the Warren Haisten Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow in Westwood Gardens. Friends may visit the family from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the funeral home. To pay condolences to the family online, please do so at www.haistenmc-culloughfuneralhome.com.

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everree Inn Road, is in charge

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Georgia Music Educators Association District and All-State Band; winners in the Griffin RESA 2009 Regional Literacy Days Festival; winners in the Griffin RESA Regional Science Fair; Griffin High School student Jacob Rice for his participation in SkillsUSA; and Laura Jordan of Cowan Road Middle School as an emerging leader with the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

The Wei reception will be held at 5 p.m. in the Griffin Auditorium green room and the school board meeting will be at 6 p.m. at 216 S. Sixth St.

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Math: Parents in class

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For Melissa Hill, the parent of an Orrs Elementary fourth-grader, the math training was quite beneficial.

"Everything has changed since I was in school," Hill said, "He (her son, Jacob) has been showing me new ways of doing math. It's good. We've been sort of tag teaming together." During the pizza, cake

and drink celebration, parents and children were awarded certificates because many of the children attended separate math sessions while their parents were in class.

"One of the things the instructor tried to do is show that math is fun," Caine said. "She used lots of math games and they really enjoyed it."

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April Joy Bama is celebrating her 2nd birthday today.
 Her Family member are: mother Rachael Bama, father Frederick Bama, grandparents, Bama's Porter's, and Thomas

