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Vouchers

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Hand in Hand's model for the Correll Commons includes all of these, and BHA would like to award the charity with 60 vouchers, enough to cover all of the units in the village. Douglas said she's already pitched the project to HUD and requested to award 60 vouchers to Hand in Hand, but it's a waiting game as to whether the department will agree.

She's confident the feds will accede to the BHA request, but this is really the first time the BHA has ever attempted to provide vouchers for 100% of a housing project's units. "This is new to Brunswick, to be requesting 100% Section 8 housing," she said. It has been quite a process, Stembler said. In May 2022, the BHA — under different leadership at the time — promised Hand in Hand 60 vouchers. Since then, getting the vouchers has been impossible.

Stembler said the BHA never actually provided anything in the way of a binding commitment on paper or otherwise. Getting answers from the BHA has been equally hard, she said. Douglas has been communicative, but, as Douglas told The News, the only thing she can do is wait until HUD decides whether to award the Section 8 vouchers. "We haven't had a phone call from anybody in authority," Stembler said. Once complete, she said

the village will offer an array of services aimed at getting the homeless up on their feet. Coastal Community Health Services plans to offer medical facilities, the STAR Foundation will help with computer and early job training, and staff will help those who simply don't know how to live independently. "How to keep yourself clean, how to keep your

house clean, basic cooking, nutrition, cleaning," she said. Each unit comes equipped with a bed, bathroom and a small kitchen that includes an oven, stovetop and crockpot. The staff will also show tenants how to use them to cook safely and teach them the dangers of eating spoiled or raw food. Located near the corner of Altama and Community

roads, the village is within walking distance of entry-level job providers in the areas of food service, retail and hospitality. "Everybody will come in at a different level of ability. We'll meet these people where they are and help them gain some dignity and self-reliance and become participating citizens in our society," Stembler said.

CIS

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schools this past year. CIS served 596 students at nine Glynn County schools and 43 students in McIntosh County during the most recent academic year. All 45 seniors served by CIS last year graduated on time in May. This was the fifth time in six years that CIS-served students achieved a 100% graduation rate.

Of the CIS students who graduated in 2023, 19 are enrolled in college or technical school, 10 entered an apprenticeship or certification program, 20 entered the workforce and five enlisted in the military. CIS also annually awards the David T. Smith Jr. Scholarship to deserving students who plan to attend college after graduation. Scholarship recipients this year were Shaniya Hall from Brunswick High and Eddren Jackson from Glynn Academy.

The work comes with many challenges. The COVID-19 pandemic effects linger, and educators and others working with students continue addressing the impact of learning loss, behavioral challenges and more. "While it seemed like things were back to normal, many students continued to struggle with behaviors that manifested from the isolation, lack of social contact, remote learning and loss of stability experienced during the height of the pandemic," Love said. "Even now, more than three years after the pandemic began, behaviors associated with mental health continue to manifest at all-time high levels.

"Thus it is critically important that we continue to work hand-in-hand on a daily basis with the teachers, counselors and other professionals who serve these students. We must ensure that they receive the support needed to overcome complex trauma issues that affect their ability to learn and function in society."

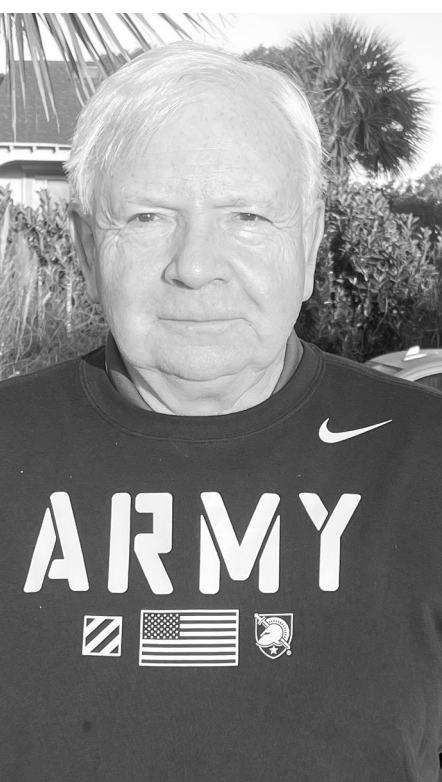
Many local partners support CIS's work and help it achieve its mission in schools, Love said. "After school programs at the Boys and Girls Club's Teen Center in Brunswick offer homework help and fun activities that our CIS students utilize," she said. "Donations from organizations like the Kiwanis Club and Silver Bluff Brewing Co. help us with needed school supplies and life necessities.

The growth of foundation support has enabled us to expand into many new schools over the past few years. "For instance, the Sape Foundation funds the entire CIS program site at McIntosh County Academy. And governmental entities like the Glynn and McIntosh school systems utilize federal funds to support our efforts. These are just a couple of examples. I wish I could name them all because we certainly are thankful to everyone that believes in Communities In Schools and helps us to achieve

our mission." CIS of Glynn's Annual Campaign is coming to a close after the holidays, but there is still time for end-of-year giving to the kids of CIS. Those wishing to make a donation can do so at www.cisofglynn.org, mailing a check to Communities In Schools of Glynn (P.O. Box 2318, Brunswick, GA 31521) or by simply sending a Venmo to @CIS-GLYNN38. CIS will also host a fundraiser, the second annual Tripletail Classic and Band Party, on April 27, 2024, at Morningstar Marina.

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Ethics

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"It took a process server two months to serve the sheriff," Gardner said. "He was trying to keep all quiet. Now we go through the process."

Gardner said he would be willing to drop the lawsuit if the sheriff admits what he said and did, and agrees to pay Gardner's legal fees, which he said are around \$40,000.

"It all ties into this election stuff," he said. "I hope we go to court to get this settled. He can make this go away."

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Isles Weather

5-day forecast

TODAY
High: 64° Low: 54° M. Cloudy

SATURDAY Showers H: 68° L: 59°
SUNDAY Showers H: 67° L: 47°
MONDAY Showers H: 61° L: 40°
TUESDAY Sunny H: 55° L: 37°

region

	Today	Saturday
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	56 39 s.....	54 47 cl
Gainesville	70 58 mc..	69 61 sh
Jacksonville	67 59 sh...	70 62 sh
Jekyll Island	65 55 mc..	68 58 sh
Jesup	64 49 s.....	67 57 sh
Kingsland	65 54 mc..	69 59 sh
La Grange	57 40 s.....	56 48 cl
Macon	59 42 s.....	58 50 mc
Milledgeville	59 40 s.....	60 49 mc
Moultrie	63 49 s.....	65 55 sh
Nahunta	64 49 pc...	67 57 sh
Newnan	56 39 s.....	55 47 cl
Rome	59 37 s.....	57 46 cl
St. Mary's	65 57 sh...	70 59 sh
St. Simons	65 56 mc..	68 59 sh
Savannah	61 48 pc...	66 58 sh

skywatch

SUN	Today	Tomorrow
Rises	7:16 a.m.	7:17 a.m.
Sets	5:24 p.m.	5:25 p.m.

moon

Rises	10:03 a.m.	10:49 a.m.
Sets	8:16 p.m.	9:27 p.m.

moon phases

First	Full	Last	New
12/19	12/26	1/3	1/11

almanac

Temperature

Yesterday's High 59°
Yesterday's Low 55°
Normal High 65°
Normal Low 48°
Record High 79° in 2001
Record Low 22° in 1960

Precipitation

Yesterday 0.00"
Month-to-date 0.00"
Normal month-to-date 1.23"
Year-to-date 46.26"
Normal year-to-date 43.89"
Record high for month 6.52" in 1983
Record low for month 0.26" in 1974

	Flood Stage	Yesterday's Stage	24-hr Change
Altamaha River			
Charlotte	13.0	4.48	+1.83
Baxley	74.5	67.33	+1.93
Doctortown	12.0	6.41	+1.06
Satilla River			
Waycross	16.0	9.81	+1.03
Atkinson	13.0	6.19	+0.38

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tides

Brunswick's East River

Today	High	Low	High
3:55 am	10:06 am	4:40 pm	10:31 pm
Saturday	High	Low	High
4:47 am	11:00 am	5:30 pm	11:29 pm
Sunday	High	Low	High
5:42 am	11:55 am	6:24 pm	None
Monday	High	Low	High
12:28 am	6:42 am	12:52 pm	7:20 pm
Tuesday	High	Low	High
1:30 am	7:45 am	1:52 pm	8:18 pm

For these locations, add or subtract these minutes to the times above

St. Simons Pier	-34 min.
Jekyll Pier	-34 min.
Bwk Landing Marina	0 min.
Hidden Harbor Yacht Club	-4 min.
Golden Isles Marina	-9 min.
Mac's Bait Shop	+21 min.
St. Simon's Marina	-9 min.
Hampton River, Jones Creek	-34 min.
Two Way Fish Camp	+1 hr. 1 min.
Altamaha Park	+3 hrs. 1 min.
Cloister Dock	-19 min.
Turtle River (Crispen Island)	+11 min.
Christmas Creek	-34 min.
Hickory Bluff Marina	+31 min.
Dover Bluff	+11 min.
Downtown Darien	+16 min.

marine forecast

Today: Water temperature, 62. NE wind 16 to 19 kt, with gusts as high as 26 kt. A slight chance of showers. Seas 3 to 4 ft.