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irt Committee Chair- Melissa Whatley said war's design best porhe league's mission.

more aware of the coms of what we do ... edy children and famroughout the county entials including den, eyeglasses, clothing, care or help with renty bills, the more they t the fundraising," she said. "The more draising efforts are ed, the more assisthe Service League is offer. We are extremely ative of the support ceived this year."

To encourage the purchase of the T-shirts, the league gained the support of Cherokee County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Petruzielo. School administrators are allowed to offer a casual day once a week in September so employees can wear the T-shirts.

Area businesses also are encouraged to allow employees who purchase the T-shirts to wear them on a similar dress-down day once a week.

More than 900 T-shirts already have been sold, Mrs. Whatley said Thursday.

The league has sweetened the deal with a list of local businesses that will offer discounts or other special perks to anyone wearing the T-shirts in September.

Participating businesses include Betsy's on Main Street in Woodstock, Cherokee Closeouts in Canton, Hardee's in Towne Lake, Jim Bob's Chicken Fingers in Towne Lake, Key's Jewelry in Canton, Longhorn Steakhouse in Canton, Moe's in Canton, Roly Poly Sandwich Shop in Towne Lake, Shane's Rib Shack in Canton, Stevi B's Pizza in Canton, The Dance Pointe in Canton, Traditions in Free Home, Vine and Branches in Hickory Flat and Zaxby's in Holly Springs.

The T-shirts can be ordered by contacting a league member or through the Web site at [www.riverfest.org](http://www.riverfest.org).

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s tested in a few build-campus, such as the Performing Arts Cen- sion Academic Center, Education Center Freeman Library and Learning Center. In newer, faster wireless s installed in the s six residence halls. October, the system xpanded to the Hasty Life Center and the

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der to access the sys- dents, faculty and into the network with ame and a password. wood said the college o spend \$1.2 million e next three years on hnological enhance- o the campus, which raw more students to

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Web in effective instruction," he said. "We are making that commitment."

Isherwood added the changing pace of learning in a college environment is modifying how Reinhardt reaches out to prospective students.

Having a campus that has a wireless network available, he said, can do just that.

"We are rapidly moving towards a world where instantaneous communication is the norm," he said. "It's becoming more a part of student life."

Doster said the wireless network would give students better network access as well as allowing everyone on campus to be more mobile.

Being able to access the Web with her laptop is a perk sophomore Jessica Johnson enjoys.

Ms. Johnson said she likes being able to take her laptop into the library and log onto the Internet while studying.

Now that many, if not all, laptops are being constructed with wireless capabilities, Ms. Johnson said Reinhardt's plan is in step with technological advances.

"It's allowed me to use my laptop around school and go anywhere and get the Internet," she said.

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# eeating

ple of others seemed to wear out their welcome making repeat appearances at the microphone.

Members offered motion

# Licenses

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far this year, the county office has issued 1,059 licenses, up from 950 issued at this time last year.

Woodstock's business license office saw 41 new businesses in August, up from 24 in July but down from 56 issued in August of last year. The city has issued 254 licenses so far this year, down from 326 issued at this time last year.

Canton licensed 14 new businesses in August, down from 16 in July and up slightly from 13 in August of last year. So far this year, the city has issued 108 licenses, down from 131 issued at this time last year.

Holly Springs issued 13 new business licenses last month, up from three in July and from none in August of last year.

Kim Ashley of Tripp-N-Out Creations, a new business in Holly Springs, said she expects business growth to continue in the city.

"We moved here two years ago, and it has been growing ever since," said Ms. Ashley, whose business crafts items included Paci Pouches, which are pockets for pacifiers that attach to the side of a crib.

The city has issued 77 new business licenses this year compared to 33 through August of last year.

Ball Ground issued four



**Above:** Kim Ashley of Holly Springs attaches one of her Paci Pouches to the outside of a crib. Ms. Ashley makes the pouches for pacifiers from home for her business, Tripp'n Out Creations, one of the 188 new businesses licensed in Cherokee County last month. Business growth was up for the month and is increasing at a faster rate than last year. **Left:** Ashley sews one of her Paci Pouches.

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new licenses last month, up from two in July and three issued in August of last year. The city has issued 29 new

licenses this year, up from eight at this time last year. Waleska has not issued any new licenses this year,

and had issued one at this time last year. Nelson has issued no business licenses so far this year or last year.

# Game

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smaller class sizes and beefed up pre-kindergarten programs to address the state's education woes. Cox is a Republican.

"I think everyone was a little surprised when the news came that the superintendent was going to appear on the show given everything that's happened this summer in Georgia," Teilhet said in a phone interview Thursday.

The state announced earlier this summer that 50,000 Georgia eighth-graders — nearly 40 percent — failed state-mandated math exams in the spring. And between 70-80 percent of sixth- and seventh-graders failed the social studies test, which led Cox to throw out the scores, claiming the exam questions didn't match what students had been taught.

On top of that, scores on the SAT college-entrance exam dropped for a second straight year in Georgia,

pushing the state to 47th compared to other states and Washington, D.C.

The state is facing steep budget cuts this year as state revenues lag. Gov. Sonny Perdue has asked for most state departments and agencies to plan for up to 10 percent cuts to fill an expected \$1 billion hole. He also is expected to cut 2 percent, or about \$171 million, from state funding for Georgia's schools.

Georgia Republicans said Cox's critics are making a stir over nothing.

"I think it's fun," said Senate Education Committee Chairman Dan Weber, an attorney from Dunwoody in suburban Atlanta. "My hope is every fifth-grader in state of Georgia watches it and sees that being smart is cool and learning can be fun."

The episode was filmed earlier this month, but so far Cox has been silent about how she performed. She is scheduled to appear with model Kathy Ireland.

The popular game show pits adults against kids on questions about math, science, English and geography.

Cobb EMC plans to build in partnership with nine other EMCs. Brown asked for a better solution.

# Obituaries

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## OBITUARIES Placed by Family

### Lorene McGee

Mrs. Lorene McGee, age 93, of Holbrook Campground passed away Thursday, September 4, 2008. She was a member of Beaver Run Baptist Church and preceded in death by her husband, Jim McGee.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Frank and Peggy McGee of Free Home, Joe and Patricia McGee of Alpharetta and Don and Dianne McGee of Alpharetta; sister, Kathleen Heard of Cumming; sister-in-laws, Floy Vaughn of Mableton and Ruth Gravit of Atlanta; 11 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives also survive.

Funeral Services will be held

### Bonnie Morrell

Bonnie Morrell, age 49, of Woodstock, Ga. passed away Tuesday September 2, 2008 at North Fulton Regional Hospital. Bonnie was a loving and caring wife, mother, sister and daughter who always put God first in her life. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by husband, Al Morrell of Woodstock; sons, Curtis, Daniel and Brett Morrell, all of Woodstock; parents, Curtis and Kim Clower of Fayetteville; sisters, Donna Antley and husband Mark of Sharpsburg and Kim Mathews of Peachtree City; several nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held Saturday September 6, 2008 at 2:00 pm at Woodstock First Baptist Church. Rev. Danny Singleton and Rev. Glenn Clower will officiate. The family will receive friends from 11:00 am until the hour of service at Woodstock First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Cherokee Memorial Park in Canton. A Memorial Fund in the name of Bonnie Morrell has been set up with Wachovia Bank. Those who wish may make donations at any local branch or you may mail your donations to The Bonnie Morrell Memorial Fund at Wachovia Bank, 6145 Hick-

"They treated this like a pep rally to