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City Schools Board meeting.

"We've got 23 of our finest student athletes going out to these two schools to mentor children," Captain said. "I think this says a lot about our school system that so many people are willing to help these children."

The mission of the program, Captain said, is to assist in the development of personal and social skills by providing academic support and encouragement to younger students. Mentors are asked to provide positive guidance and be role models by increasing accountability and developing relationships with their mentees.

"We think it really means a lot that these students have someone else to be accountable to other than home," said Captain. "We hope to turn some of these young men to the good."

Out of the 23 students athletes, 14 work with at-risk students from TMS with the other nine mentoring children from LDE. Captain said he asked the principals from both schools to find young men who had potential but needed some guidance. Mentors spend a little more than an hour with their mentees twice a month, dedicating 35 minutes towards academics and the rest of the time interacting with the

students.

"I told our guys to develop a friendship and a relationship with the kids," Captain said. "We're trying to get home a simple message and that's to stay out of trouble. You can't learn if you're constantly in trouble with the teacher. We think it's important for them to see guys who are not only successful in athletics but to see a different side of them as well. Our guys are role models in every sense of the word."

Between the 23 mentors, they have a cumulative grade point average of 3.16 and are all planning on attending college. Mentors also fulfill a community service requirement for college applications. Athletes from every sport except soccer are participating in the program.

"We were honored to be invited to take part in this program," said TMS counselor Stephanie Newkirk. "This gives our kids a chance to relate to other kids closer to their own age."

Mentor Steven Stanley addressed the school board with his mentee, TMS' Lee Ivey, saying the experience has been a positive one and that he enjoys being in a position to help someone.

"He works real hard," Stevens said of Ivey. "This program has taught me the benefits of being a positive role model in someone's life."

Also at the meeting:
• TCS approved a capital outlay budget amendment

for a recently acquired quality school construction bond totaling \$1.2 million. Some of the projects to be addressed with the funds include a new chiller at TMS, roofs for the THS social studies building and cafeteria, a media heat system at LDE and technology infrastructure. TCS has 14 years to pay the money back, but TCS Superintendent Keith Tobin felt it was better to use the money now rather than wait as the projects will only get more expensive over time.

• TCS recognized Rose Slack from TMS, Carole Cloniger from THS, Thomasville Primary School's Roy Richmond and Community In Schools Director Kim Sanders as its VITAL award winners for the month.

• A new code of ethics policy for school board members was tabled for 30 days.

All entries in the section are based on information provided in police reports from the Thomasville Police Department.

Jan. 4

• Stephanie Jade Sides (WF, 24) arrested on charge of driving with a suspended license at 211 Old Lexington Ave.

• Michael Antwaan Cobb (BM, 23) arrested on charge of robbery with a firearm at 7 W. Guilford St.

• Chasity Aileen Bradshaw (WF, 17) arrested on charge of unauthorized use of motor vehicle at 7 W. Guilford St.

• Ashley Yvonne Pendry (WF, 36) cited for displaying revoked registration at 1299 Unity St.

• Kevin James Van-denzen (WM, 33) cited for displaying revoked registration at 315 Randolph St.

• Candido Walter Sanchez (WM, 25) arrested on charge of resisting a police officer at National

Highway.

• Jacob Thomas Patton (WM, 19) cited for open container at 705 National Highway.

• Wash Tub victim of breaking and entering at 513 National Highway.

Jan. 5

• Rodney Wayne Lapradd (WM, 39) arrested on charge of concealment of merchandise at 1020 Horseshoe Neck Road.

• Tiffany Leann Lapradd (WF, 21) arrested on charge of concealment of merchandise at 202 Elijah Beck Road in Lexington.

• William Todd Miller (WM, 21) arrested on charge of concealment of merchandise at 202 Elijah Beck Road in Lexington.

• Tonya Lee Finney (WF, 40) arrested on charge of concealment of merchandise at 2228 Cid Road in Lexington.

• Justin Chalres Dalton (WM, 21) arrested on charge of larceny shop-

lifting at 1585 Liberty Drive.

• Ryan Brown (WM, 230) arrested on charge of assault on a female at Hogan Court.

• Nathan Anthony Lang (WM, 29) cited for exceeding safe speed at 1585 Liberty Drive.

• Jenny Edminson (WF, 19) cited for exceeding safe speed at 1122 Randolph St.

• Hafidh Hassan Abdalla Yousif (WM, 31) cited for displaying revoked registration at 1042 Randolph St.

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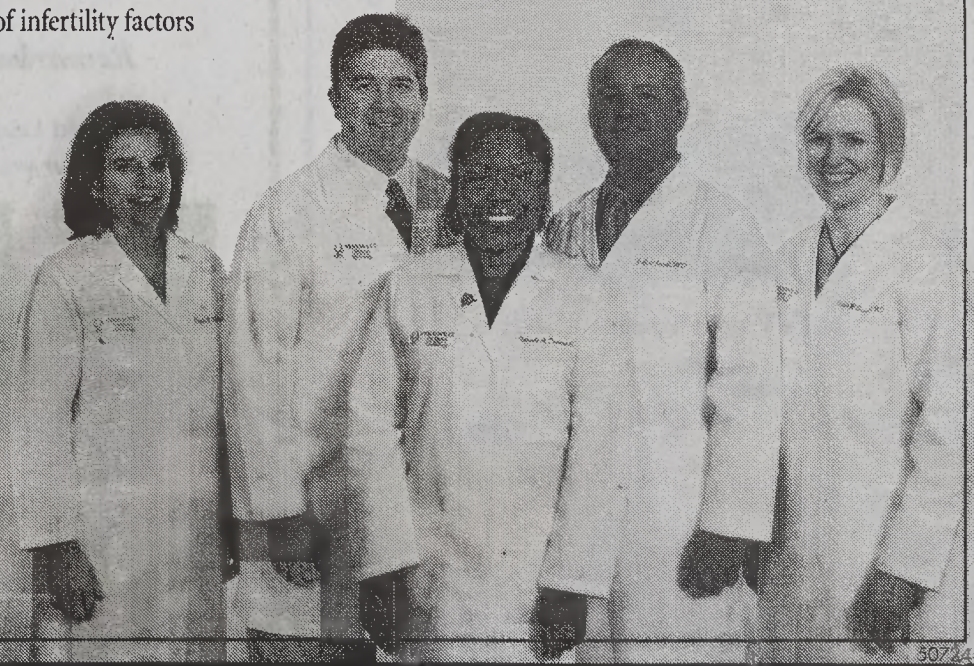
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