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HiToms engage in new venture

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Thomasville HiToms President Greg Suire is embarking on a venture he hopes will lead to job creation in a town that desperately needs it.

Suire and the HiToms Baseball Club announced on Monday the creation of H.T. Authentic Sportswear, a company focused on the production of a custom, moisture management apparel line that will be completely

manufactured in the United States and primarily fabricated in the Thomasville/High Point area.

After seeing a drop in corporate sales last summer amidst the national recession, Suire realized that in order for his franchise to be successful, the community around him needed to get stronger financially. Suire's hopes are that others will follow, leading to an economic recovery in Thomasville.

"The HiToms are fairly recog-

nizable and if we do it in a small way maybe it will inspire others to do the same," Suire said. "There're no guarantees. This has a niche in the marketplace. This isn't about the HiToms. This about putting people to work in our community. If we can get our own people to try our product we can put people back to work."

A majority of the apparel fabrication will take place at Carolina Safety Sport in Thomasville and Talent Sport Inc. in

High Point. Customers will have more than 15 different color options, five fabric choices and six different design styles. H.T. Authentic Sportswear also is pricing their apparel at 25 percent less than other industry leading moisture management lines.

"I'm not saying this will be a job creation overnight," said Suire. "I do know that by hiring one person affects the lives of five to 10 people. There comes

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Repairs for collector line at BCH approved

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Thomasville City Council approved the Capital Project Ordinance to repair 24 inches of the Baptist Children's Home collector line that was subject to the sewage spill last August in its Monday night meeting.

The project will cost the city \$537,402 in engineering, contingency and construction improvement costs — including the installation of manholes, pavement replacement and erosion protection.

The funds will be transferred from the Capital Reserve Fund, money that the city has set aside for emergencies.

"The money that is being used to finance this project comes from a Capital Reserve Fund that we'd put back over a number of years and saved," said City Council Member Raleigh York. "I just wanted to make the point that this is money that was saved and not borrowed."

While taking money from the city's savings has prevented the council from incurring debt, it also limits spending options for further projects, York added.

Council also approved the annexation agreement between High Point and Thomasville, which defines the area in Randolph County that can be annexed by either municipality during the agreement's 20-year term. The agreement is a renewal of the one made in 1999, which expires March 1,

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Budget highlights Council retreat

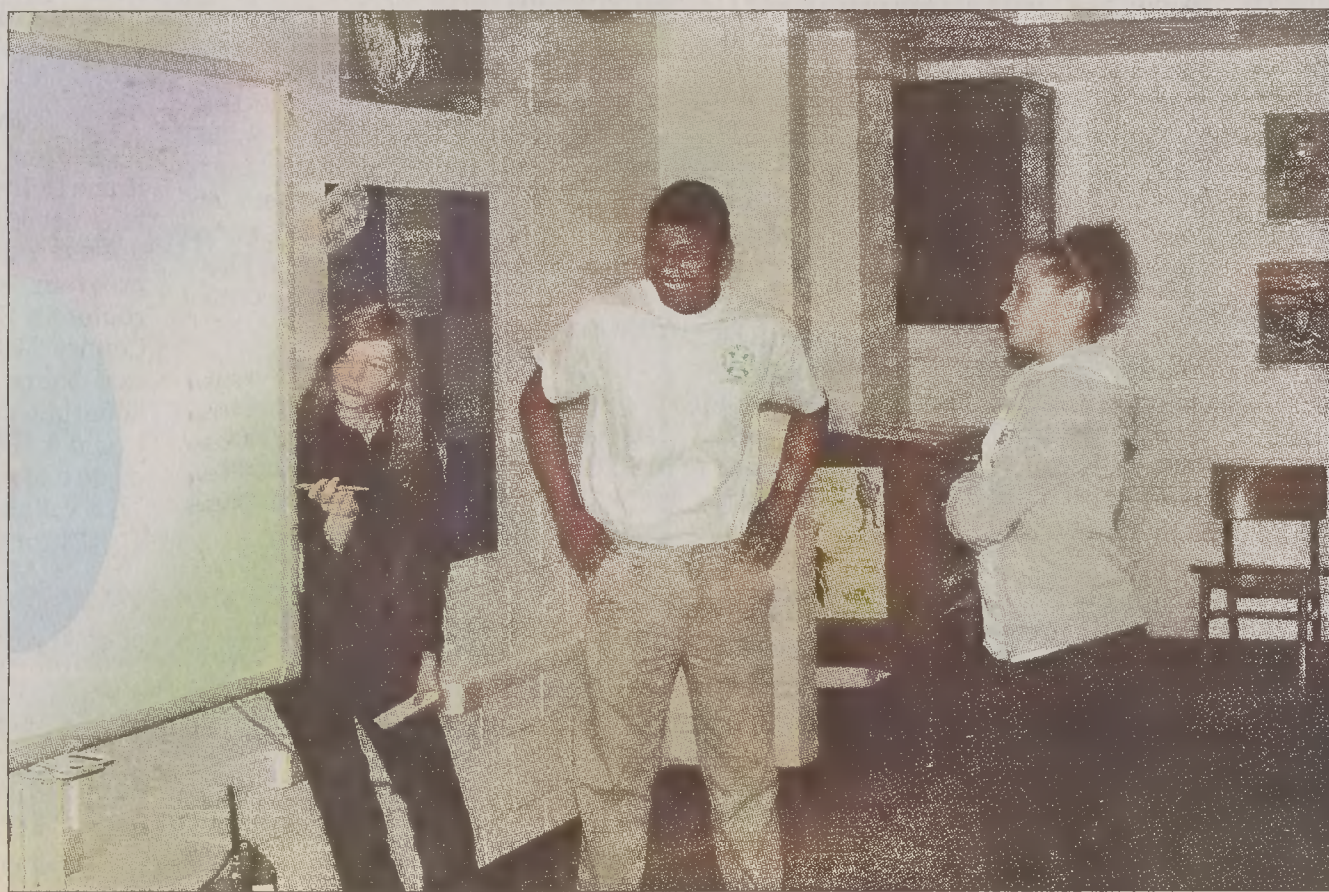
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In the midst of the second greatest recession in U.S. history, Thomasville faces budget issues just like most municipalities nationwide.

At the Thomasville City Council Retreat, held Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ball Park Road Community Center, Finance Director Tony Jarrett told the gathered council that as of Jan. 31, 2010, total general fund revenues were down by \$982,866, and water and sewer revenues were down \$1.7 million.

"We all realize these are very difficult economic times throughout our region and throughout our country," said City Manager Kelly Craver. "We certainly do face challenges, as other cities are."

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HEALTHY DECISIONS

Thomasville Middle School students Julia Stroud, Paul Taylor, Megan Kinley give a presentation on whether it should be illegal for parents to smoke around children Monday afternoon at the TMS Media Center. The presentation was part of a program by the North Carolina Association of Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, a national organization that promotes health and wellness. With the help of IMPACT grants, TMS health teacher Janet Daniels had students use technology to conduct health research on several different topics, including whether or not parents should serve alcohol to their children while at home. Seven students went to Winston-Salem on Nov. 13 and did their presentations. On Monday, parents got to see the project in person. Other students participating in the program included Zachary Pettit, Pavon Amin, Christina Hensley and Petra Lopez.

Grice files for re-election

BY ELIOT DUKE
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LEXINGTON — Feeling he's leading his department in the right direction, Sheriff David Grice filed for re-election Monday morning at the Davidson County Board of Elections.

Grice, Davidson County's incumbent sheriff, will run as a republican against former sheriff Gerald Hege, Terry Price and Edgar Shuler in the May primary. Grice, a lifelong resident of Davidson County became sheriff in June, 2004, and believes his resume, experience and ability to work with surrounding law enforcement agencies makes him a viable candidate to continue leading the Davidson County

Sheriff's Office in the future.

"I think I am a good candidate," Grice said. "I took time to go back to school, and was actually involved in law enforcement while others were just starting their careers. I want the department to remain successful, viable and current."

Since becoming sheriff, Grice said he has made strides towards rebuilding public trust of the DCSO and its deputies. Grice took over as sheriff after Hege, his predecessor, resigned amidst a scandal involving money missing from the vice and narcotics unit of DCSO. Hege eventually pleaded guilty to two felony counts of obstruction of justice for attempting to cover up the situation and was placed on pro-

bation.

Grice's low-key style is polar opposite of Hege, who was known for antics such as painting cells pink and starring in a reality TV program.

"I pledge that I have not and will not use the office of Davidson County Sheriff to promote myself, sell merchandise, create reality TV shows or participate in any other money-making schemes," said Grice in a press release. "Most candidates fill their press releases with promises of what they hope to accomplish. [I've] earned a second term based on accomplishments, not campaign promises."

Grice pointed out that there

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Davidson County Sheriff David Grice filed for re-election Monday morning at the county Board of Elections office in Lexington.

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