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Dr. Karl Milliren and his staff stand with Saturday, a neglected puppy that was found wandering in a city neighborhood. Saturday looks healthy today compared to how he came to the veterinary hospital.

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## City audit findings positive

BY ERIN WILTGEN  
Staff Writer

Despite weathering a series of tough economic years, Thomasville's financial picture has emerged relatively stable.

Thomasville City Council heard an audit report from Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, Monday for the year ending June 30, 2010. The audit itself spans a year-long process, complete with two on-site visits.

"We ask a lot of questions and collect a lot of data," said Paula Hodges of Martin Starnes. "We kind of come in and stir things up a little bit. Our audit went really well."

Not only did the firm not find any non-compliance with federal and state awards or problems

with the Chair City's internal control system, Hodges said Thomasville's financial picture looked good.

Hodges first looked at the fund balance, which serves as a measure for financial resources. To see the health of the general fund, the audit company looks at the percentage of money available to the city - in other words, not restricted by state law, grants or council decrees.

Legally, municipalities must have 8 percent of the fund balance on hand if necessary. That 8 percent amounts to about the amount needed for a month in case of an emergency. Thomasville currently has 17.4 percent of the general fund

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## A BRIGHTER SATURDAY

*Rescued puppy recovering by leaps and bounds*

BY ERIN WILTGEN  
Staff Writer

With tail wagging and nose investigating every nook, cranny and human hand in sight, Saturday the puppy barely resembled the shivering, skeletal animal of two months earlier.

Quite different from the little refugee Kathy Young brought to Thomasville Veterinary Hospital on Aug. 28 after discovering him abandoned in an area neighborhood, Saturday has gained almost 11 pounds as well as an abundance of energy. His fur, which back then had been patchy and oozing from a skin rash, now lays soft and scratchy in a normal coat.

"His skin looks great," said Dr. Karl Milliren, veterinarian and founder of the hospital who has worked with the puppy since his

rescue. "He looks like a dog." Young discovered Saturday — named for the day he was found — wandering through a Thomasville neighborhood. She immediately

**'His weight looks good, his skin looks so much better. He's looking normal again.'**

— Dr. Karl Milliren  
Thomasville Veterinary Hospital

noticed his skin rash and poking ribs, and moved in pity, the Humane Society of Davidson County volunteer whisked Saturday to the vet after no one in the

neighboring houses claimed him. The vet diagnosed him with hook worms and demodectic mange, a non-contagious disease caused by a microscopic mite that lives inside hair follicles. While these mites live in every dog, a strong and healthy immune system keeps them at bay — a luxury the dehydrated, starved puppy didn't have.

Without anything to fight off the mites, Saturday developed a skin disease, and a more serious form at that called generalized demodicosis, which affects the entire dog, causing patchy fur, skin infections and scaly skin.

During Saturday's month-long stay in the hospital, vets worked to fight his hook worms, improve his nutrition and strengthen his immune system. Antibiotics as

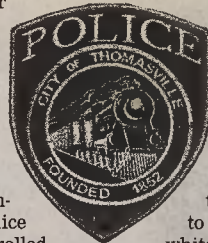
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## New police badge represents city's history

BY ELIOT DUKE  
Staff Writer

When Thomasville Police Department last changed the patches on officer uniforms, furniture reigned supreme in the Chair City. In the 1970s, a large percentage of Thomasville's residents earned their living through the furniture industry and police officers patrolled downtown on foot with a patch of the Big Chair on their shoulders, representing the symbiotic relationship between people and local business.

"It was a different time back then," Maj. James Mills said. "Furniture was king in Thomasville and our patch reflected that. Times have changed since then and it was time we changed as well."



TPD has undergone several changes in the past year under new chief Jeff Insley. Squad cars are making the shift back to black and white and the city itself is now divided into new districts to increase officer accessibility. TPD's latest change is more a cosmetic one as

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#### Today's Weather



Rain likely, 61/51



## Kisses4Kate holds 5k fundraiser

BY ELIOT DUKE  
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Hundreds of people turned out on a cold, fall Saturday morning to support a local nonprofit dedicated to helping children battling cancer.

Kisses4Kate, a fledgling organization that raises money to assist children with cancer and their families, held its inaugural 5K run/walk fundraiser Saturday in Jamestown with people of all ages participating in the fight against a deadly disease that affects so many. An estimated 360 people and more than 40 volunteers took part in the event where all the proceeds will go toward helping a local 3-year-old boy

diagnosed with cancer. "It was fantastic," Kat Manzella, Kisses4Kate's executive director, said. "It was really very, very unexpected to have the crowd we did. It was so cold that morning and we still had a wonderful turnout."

"We are already starting to provide this little boy with the help he needs."

Kisses4Kate originally was founded as a way to help Thomasville's Kate Thornton, a 5-year-old girl who died in September after battling leukemia for three years. Following Kate's death, Kisses4Kate founders elected to keep the nonprofit going as a way to help others facing similar circumstances. Saturday's 5K run/walk was just one

of many fundraisers the organization has planned for the upcoming months.

"A lot of local businesses helped out with donations and water and fruit for the runners," said Manzella, whose 10-year-old daughter also ran in the event. "We really did have a fantastic turnout for our first ever run. We plan on doing this again next year. We've been blessed with a lot of good people. The public is really responding to us and are coming forward to help these children."

Participants in Saturday's event varied in all shapes, sizes and ages. Nerva Gorbett, a 98-year-old cancer survivor, complet-

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Nerva Gorbett, 98 year old cancer survivor, was the oldest participant, pushed by her great-grandson, Josh Hamilton. Four generations of the family participated in Saturday's race.

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