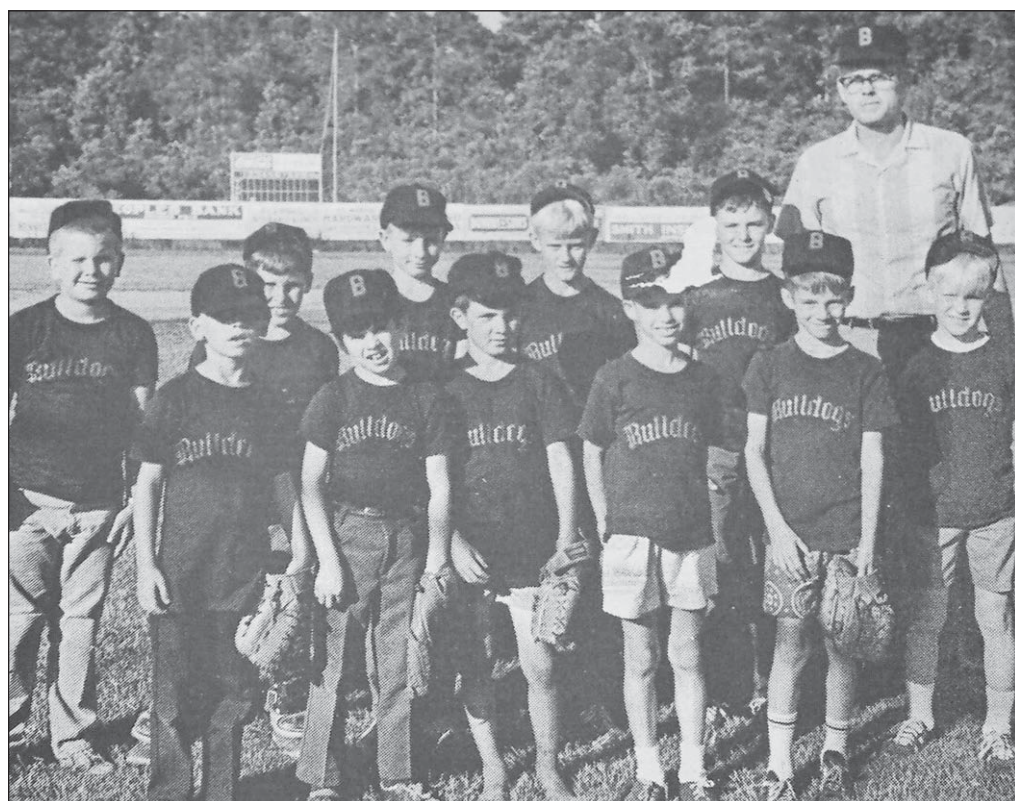


Throwback Thursday #tbt



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THE MINOR LEAGUE BULLDOGS emerged victorious at the end of the Minor League softball season, winning eight out of nine encounters with their competitors. The team is coached by Milton Randolph (above), Robert Manley and Herman Smith. Left to right: Johnny Smith, Rex Wright, Mike Hulett, Mark Crews, Gordy Shaw, Clayton Johnson, Joel Aldridge, Troy Randolph, Art Turner, Mark Mitchell, Brumley Smith. Not pictured are Jeff Waldrip, Larry Lloyd, Morris Moore, Jack Yarbrough, Allen Manley and Calvin Hart.



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Although we are not given all the details, the most likely punishments are spelled out in these two news stories. One of the stories was in 2010, the other was earlier this year.

I find it interesting that football players have their privacy protected by the school system, while these other students did not. Also, I find it curious that the school system was able to begin and conclude its investigation so quickly, while

the Georgia Bureau of Investigation is apparently continuing its investigation, and, according to statements by Mr. Hardin, he is waiting to hear from them.

Our school system isn't capable of conducting its own thorough, objective investigation? We, the community must wait until the GBI does the work for us?

A genuine leader would want to find the truth regarding the behavior of both coaches and students. He would make such a commitment to the community, assuring us that all students are equally valued and protected. Instead, what I'm hearing are excuses. The

wagons have circled around the sacred football team.

Mr. Hardin seems to always be on the wrong side of these problems. He appears to be playing catch up and concerned with damage control rather than what's best for our students and community. I believe our board of education should begin the search — if they haven't already — to replace Mr. Hardin. And this time, they should widen the search outside of the county. We want the best qualified people. Not just whoever can be promoted in the good old boy system.

Lavena Fiset
Woodbine

St. Marys takes the next step in development

St. Marys City Council has scheduled two public hearings for Oct. 1 and Oct. 5 to inform citizens of the next step in the tax allocation district (TAD) process and to garner public input.

This is not a new endeavor, but simply another step in a process that began in May 2014 when citizens voted to provide redevelopment powers to the council. In July of this year, after several intense work sessions, that were open to the public, the council established a TAD as a contiguous area from the waterfront historic district up Osborne Street to the old mill site and the airport.

We are now preparing the legal paperwork necessary to comply with the extensive requirements by the state of Georgia to finalize bonding authorization. Strict guidelines necessitate the completion of this task prior to the end of this calendar year if we want access to a TAD bond funding option during 2016. Otherwise, we must wait a full year and lose out on potential development opportunities that we anticipate emerging in 2016. Anyone interested in learning more details should attend one of these hearings.

I want to briefly remind our citizens why this TAD project is so important to the future of St. Marys. Working with state and regional officials and with the Joint Development Authority, we are convinced that we do not currently have the necessary infrastructure to attract the kind of developers we seek to help revitalize our city.



John Morrissey
Guest columnist

As we talk with prospective light industrial developers, we recognize that additional financial resources are essential if we are to be competitive with other communities trying to attract the same investors.

Completing this phase of the TAD project will give us the bonding leverage to finance, within reason, the required infrastructure that site selectors expect and demand. If we expect to be competitive in successfully attracting job-creating industries where private sector investment is unlikely without public sector investment, then we have to be prepared and aggressive. The completion of this next phase ensures we will be prepared and in a position to respond favorably to desirable developers.

I want to be clear that we do not currently have any development proposals on the table, but we are increasingly attracting interest. That means we have to be ready to act if the potential buyer/developer begins to suggest a serious negotiation. The city does not currently have the funding necessary to put in place the essential elements to close the deal. We have

no desire or intention to seek funding from current taxpayers to provide funding. Establishing the TAD bonding authorization will position us much more favorably in the competitive marketplace as we launch new efforts in 2016. It is time to move forward and be proactive rather than reactive.

Again, if you have an interest in the process, please join us for the October public hearings at city hall. The first is at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, just prior to the quarterly town hall meeting. The second is at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, just prior to the regular city council meeting. Details of the TAD proposal will be available on the city website Wednesday, Sept. 30.

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