

Youth enjoy fishing tourney

LAKE LANIER - Georgia Bass Federation Nation and Lake Lanier's Six Mile Bass Club hosted a youth fishing tournament on April 10 for more than 22 kids ranging in age from 11 - 18 years old.

The kids qualified for fishing the tourney thru regional club tournaments from throughout the entire state with many families coming to Lake Lanier from cities like Dalton, Warner Robins, Augusta, Albany and Douglasville, Georgia.

For the tournament, 2 kids are paired in a host boat and driver provided by Six Mile Bass Club.

One in the 11-14 age group and a second in the 15-18 age group. The kids are responsible for providing their own

rods, reels and tackle, tying on all their own lures, choosing fishing locations and handling any fish that are caught. The sponsor adults are not allowed to assist in any way - so the kids really are doing just about everything other than piloting the boat.

Throughout the year, there will be other tournaments hosted throughout the state by Georgia Bass Federation Nation as the kids try and qualify for the Georgia State Youth Tournament and BASS Southern Divisional.

The goal is to win and represent the Southeast at the National Federation Championship sponsored by BASS.

The Lake Lanier overall winner was Jake Mims with 4 fish weighing 7.1 lbs.



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CUMMING - Continue spring cleaning by bringing old electronic equipment to be recycled at Keep Forsyth County Beautiful's (KFCB) electronics recycling event. This recycling event will be held May 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in parking lot 3 at the city of Cumming Fairgrounds on Castleberry Road.

Acceptable items include old computers, printers, cameras, cell phones, stereos, televisions and more to be recycled. The minimum donation per carload drop-off is \$5. An additional \$10 fee will apply for all accept-

able televisions. Large wooden console and projection televisions will not be accepted.

"We recycled 56,781 pounds of electronics last May, including 167 televisions and 290 computers," Environmental Program Manager Tammy Wright said. "We encourage all citizens to clean out their closets and storage rooms and bring their old electronics."

Cuts:

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At this time, the district does not know precise revenue projections because state allotment sheets have not been created and it will be several weeks before FCS receives a local tax digest.

Since school district budgets must be approved before the beginning of July, district administrators and principals have been meeting over the past few months to create a list of potential budget reductions. Because 89 percent of FCS' operational budget is salary and benefits some of these potential reductions do impact employees.

The district was hoping to

Forsyth County Schools potential cuts

- Reduce school and central office positions: \$4,260,437
- Reduce employee work days (3 furloughs): \$3,100,000
- No step increase for employees: \$3,300,000
- Reduce employer participation in benefits: \$2,064,000
- Discontinue elementary school foreign language: \$1,574,358
- Defer textbook purchases: \$1,300,000
- Adjust department budgets: \$700,000
- Remove new school startup funds*: \$500,000
- Reduce instructional materials allotments: \$500,000
- Reduce substitute pay and utilization: \$300,000
- Reduce staff development funding: \$230,000

not additionally impact employees, but given the size of this unprecedented deficit, FCS no longer sees this as a possibility.


FCS takes this responsibility very seriously and is considering these difficult decisions with the goal of keeping property taxes from rising. Below is a list of actions that are

being planned and/or considered for the 2010-11 budget:

It is clear that many of these reductions are items that FCS would prefer not to do in the best of times.

However, the district believes that by continuing to be fiscally proactive is the best way to meet the needs of all FCS students.

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