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Councilwoman's budget ax even fell on her

launched his career in education. He taught first grade and fifth grade before becoming an administrator. He has been the school's assistant principal since 2004.

Freiberger has a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in educational leadership from Villanova University in Pennsylvania. He also has a specialist's degree in educational leadership from Lincoln Memorial University.

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Families First finishes its reorganization

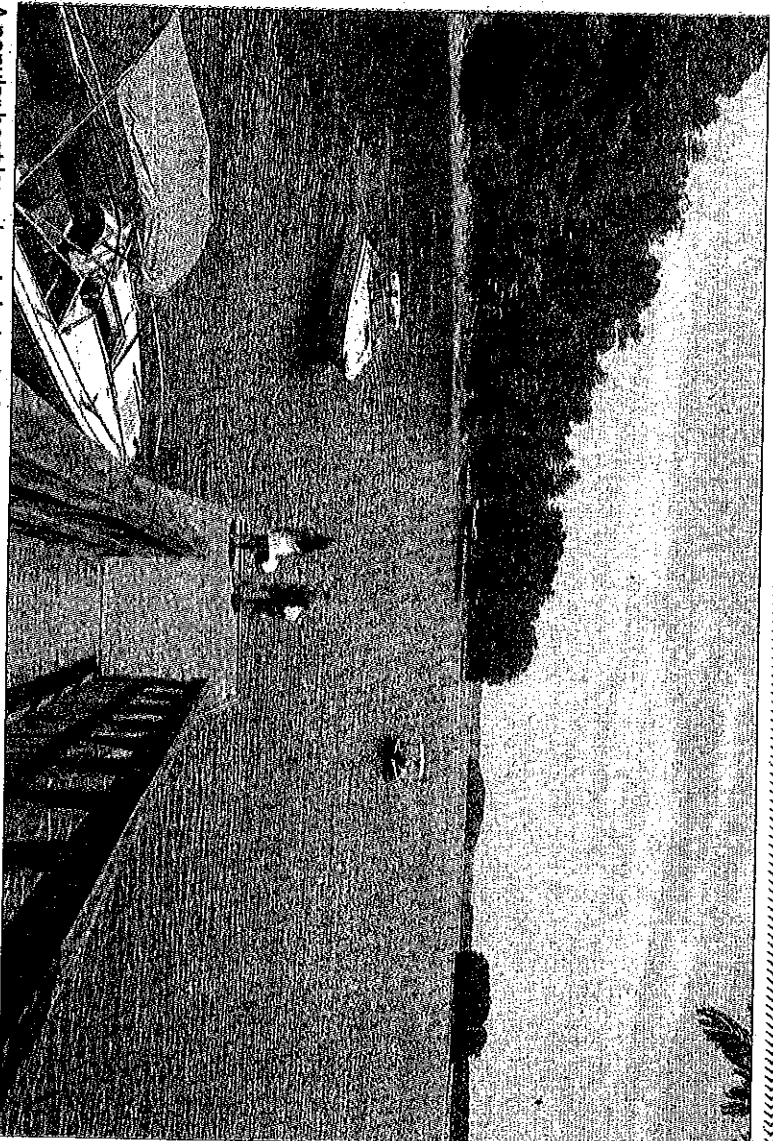
Families First, a nonprofit family services agency, has completed a reorganization that includes the addition of six leadership positions, expense and staff reductions and the restructuring of three divisions - Child and Youth Permanency, Parenting and Family Life Education and Supportive Housing.

As part of the staffing changes, Peggy Baird was promoted to director of the Child and Youth Permanency division, Joyce Sloan was promoted to head the Supportive Housing division and Terri Lewis was hired to serve as director of the new Parenting and Family Life Education division.

Additionally, Barbara Richardson, formerly of the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, was named chief development officer. Kim Anderson becomes the chief executive officer.

Families First is also conducting a national search for a chief program officer.

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A popular boat launch on Lake Lanier is at East Bank Park. Last summer, low water forced many boat ramps to close. Brent Sanderlin bsanderlin@ajc.com

Spirits rise with lake

Lanier level replenishes business cheer, families' quests for fun at shore.

By Patrick Fox pfox@ajc.com

Buoyed by a sustained rise in the water level at Lake Lanier, Tom Helmka is now a glass-half-

"I'm feeling good about June," said the owner and operator of Aqua Sports Adventure in Buford. "Only a couple of weekends ago did I gain confidence that business is coming back."

He celebrated by plunking down \$50,000 for two pontoon boats, 20-foot and 24-foot, to add to his fleet. Helmka, 60, said May business was up 14 percent from

With the summer recreational season in full swing for the fourth of July weekend, the people are flocking back to the lake, says the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It was a far cry from last year when lake levels were bouncing off December's record lows.

"We know we're up," said