



Daylight savings ends

Don't forget to fall back an hour on Sunday

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Ready for Homecoming?

The Trojans take on The Villages Friday at 7:30 p.m. See pages 4-5B for more on the Homecoming festivities.



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Today's Weather

High 88° F

Precip: 30%



A mix of clouds and sun with the chance of an isolated thunderstorm in the afternoon. Near record high temperatures. High 88F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%. For up to the minute weather go to www.nflaonline.com.

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Biomass plant will bring jobs, officials say

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- Hamilton County Development Authority Director Charles Williams

Staff Representatives from Duke Energy, AREVA and ADAGE joined Hamilton County residents and county representatives Tuesday to discuss job creation and local economic development through ADAGE's planned

biomass project in Hamilton County. ADAGE, a joint venture between AREVA and Duke Energy, is focused on converting clean renewable resources into electricity. "This renewable energy facility will create much-needed new jobs, inject

millions of dollars into the local economy, and bring a brand-new industry to Hamilton County," said Sen. Charlie Dean (R-Inverness), who participated in the discussion and serves on the

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Armed robbery at Jennings Mini-Mart

By **Stephanie Livingston**
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night at 8:30pm by two masked men, one dressed in black and the other wearing a pink shirt. Both men were armed as

The Jennings Mini-Mart was robbed last

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H1N1 flu clinic set for local health department

Who will be vaccinated:

- * Pregnant women
- * Persons who live with or provide care for infants less than 6 months of age (for example, parents, siblings and daycare providers)
- * Children and young adults aged 6 months to 24 years of age
- * Persons aged 25-64 years who have medical conditions that put them at a higher risk for influenza-related complications.
- * Health care providers with direct patient contact

Influenza A, pneumonia shots available

The Hamilton County Health Department now has the Influenza A flu shot and pneumonia vaccine available. There is no charge to you if you are on Medicare. There will be a \$20 fee for flu vaccine and a \$45 fee for pneumonia vaccine for the general public. Shots are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-11 a.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Location: Hamilton County Health Department
209 SE Central Avenue
Jasper, FL 32052

Clinic dates/hours:

Thursday, Oct. 29, 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 31, 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

*There is no charge for these H1N1 Vaccinations.

If you have any questions about the vaccine or vaccination clinics, please call 386-792-1414 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

First Federal acquires failed Bradenton bank

Staff First Federal Bank of Florida has purchased Flagship National Bank of Bradenton. Terms of the deal, which closed Friday, will be released at a later date, bank officials said. "This acquisition creates what we believe will be a valuable proposition for our

For more information on First Federal Bank of Florida's acquisition of Flagship National Bank, visit www.ffsb.com

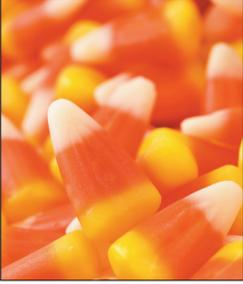
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Senate Energy, Environment and Land Use Policy Committee. "This is the type of energy project Florida needs. Locally, it will generate approximately \$105 million in direct local economic impact during the first two and a half years of construction and operation-dollars that will go a long way toward getting the Hamilton County economy back on track."

During the roundtable, County Commission Chairman Randy Ogburn, North Florida Workforce Development Board Director Sheryl

Rehberg, the Langdale Company President Wesley Langdale, and representatives from AREVA, Duke Energy and ADAGE discussed construction, facility operation and maintenance, and fuel procurement and transportation jobs. The panelists also discussed the key findings of Dr. Julie Harrington, an independent economist and director of Florida State University's Center for Economic Forecasting and Analysis. The analysis finds that, in addition to creating direct jobs, the project will also present opportunities for workers to indirectly serve Hamilton County's

newest industry.

"ADAGE's investment in our community provides opportunities for local contractors and working families - our greatest resource," said Charles Williams, director of the Hamilton County Development Authority. "During the initial phases of construction and operation, this includes an estimated 700 direct and indirect jobs, including a combination of permanent on-site and field jobs, shorter-term construction jobs, and over 220 indirect or induced jobs across the Hamilton County economy."

Representative Leonard Bemby (D-Madison), who serves on the House Economic Development Policy Committee and has advocated for creating new job opportunities in the Hamilton County area added, "Following the construction period, the facility will provide over \$70 million in economic impact every year. "With employee income totaling over \$12 million annually and \$10 million dollars of revenue to our local schools over 10 years, Hamilton County families, businesses, and schools will benefit significantly from the project."

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customers, communities, employees and board of directors with potential for market growth and building relationships," said First Federal President and CEO Keith Leibfried. "Our customers can benefit from greater convenience and a better value by entrusting us with their business. Our communities can benefit because we want to be a leading contributor of financial, human and social capital in every community in which we do business. Our employees can benefit from expansion opportunities. We are being deliberate in our acquisition and transition. We will take the time necessary to transition the bank - to put our customers' interests first, and satisfy their financial needs and help them succeed financially."

First Federal acquired all deposits of Flagship National Bank in an FDIC assisted transaction. As part of the purchase, First Federal acquired Flagship National Bank and certain assets and liabilities including all deposit accounts. The FDIC will be contributing capital to FFBF to help resolve the failed bank's problems and guarantee against losses.

Pam Hitt, Executive Vice President and COO of First Federal, said Flagship customers will continue to see the Flagship National Bank brand in their banking branches and communities for the near future.

"The key to a successful integration will be our ability to provide outstanding customer service throughout the acquisition," said Hitt. "Flagship National Bank and First Federal Bank of Florida customers should continue banking as they do today - using the same

bank accounts, payment coupons, online sign-on, credit cards, ATM and check cards, checks and bank branches. We are committed to keeping customers informed of all significant changes before they happen."

First Federal Bank of Florida, which has 11 community branches in north Florida,

is ranked as one of the top performing banks in the U.S. by TheStreet.com, an independent ratings firm. First Federal is examined by the Office of Thrift Supervision, (OTS) who ranks FFBF as "Well Capitalized." First Federal enjoys a solid balance sheet, ample liquidity and reserves and has earned a "Superior," "5 star" rating from Bauer Financial, Inc.

First Federal was founded in 1962, when it opened as a Savings and Loan in Live Oak.

Classic cars on display at inaugural Fall Festival

Submitted

Jasper's very first Fall Festival will be held on Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. until. Some of the events held to celebrate the inaugural festival include the Haunted Old Jail Museum, a Haunted Trail, Trunk or Treat on Central Avenue, ghost stories and a classic car exhibit. Food and craft vendors will also be part of the festivities.

The classic car exhibit will be presented in downtown Jasper on Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon. The exhibit will be located on Central Avenue (2nd Street and US 41) between Bit Syo's and Family Dollar.

Participants will receive dash plaques. There are no entry fees and refreshments will be served. For additional information contact David Anderson at 386-792-2486.

Pumpkins are for more than pie

By Vanessa McCray
CNHI News Service

Pumpkin is much more than pies or jack-o'-lanterns.

Bakeries, restaurants and food shops have found fun ways to add one of autumn's fullest flavors to a variety of edibles from sweet to savory. The results are often instant favorites.

Lori Dawson, co-owner of The Underground Cheesecake Co. in Traverse City, Mich., packs pumpkin into a number of treats. The ingredient adds a "comforting" element,

she said.

"People like it any way they can get it," she said.

But pumpkin also serves a purpose in recipes.

"When you put vegetables, carrots, or zucchini in any baked good it makes it more moist, and it holds up (really) well," Dawson said.

The same is true of pumpkin, she said.

The shop features a pumpkin praline cheesecake and a "spotted pumpkin" dessert with a chocolate cookie crust and pumpkin cheesecake

with chocolate chunks in it. There's also a pumpkin cake roll with walnuts and cream cheese and other types of pumpkin cake. But the bakery's showstopper is a spiced pumpkin cookie with burnt butter icing. The soft, cakey cookie is "far and away our most popular pumpkin item," Dawson said.

"Literally, the first day that it was chilly people were asking for them," she said.

Moomers Homemade Ice Cream found a few ways to add pumpkin to its chilly treats. Owner Nancy Plummer said the popular ice cream shop on North Long Lake Road just outside of Traverse City makes plain pumpkin, cinnamon pumpkin crisp and pumpkin cheesecake ice creams as



Pumpkin Butter Dip is good with gingersnaps, apple slices or heaped atop a slice of good ol' pumpkin pie.

- Photo: Douglas Tesner/Record-Eagle

well as a pumpkin yogurt and a pumpkin pie flurry.

"Plain pumpkin and the cinnamon pumpkin crisp are both pretty popular this time of year. We pretty much don't make them the rest of the year," Plummer said.

Pumpkin can be found in coffees and soups, but Benjamin Twigg offers it by the jar.

Julie Millen said her Traverse City shop's pumpkin butter is so delicious, people want to devour it "right out of the jar." The smooth buttery concoction has hints of maple syrup and brown sugar and bursts with pumpkin flavor. She recommends it on toast or used in a pumpkin butter dip.

"It's like fall in a jar. That's the best way to describe it," Millen said.

This dip has a fluffy whipped cream texture and a kick of pumpkin flavor. It's tasty with gingersnap cookies and apple slices. We can also imagine it heaped on top of pumpkin pie for an extra decadent fall dessert.

Vanessa McCray writes for The Record-Eagle in Traverse City, Mich. She can be reached at vmccray@record-eagle.com.

Armed robbery at Jennings Mini-Mart

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they walked into the Mini-Mart and demanded the cashier empty both cash registers, said Major John Davis with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. The assailants escaped with a

currently unknown amount. Jennings Police Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department responded with a K-9 unit and searched the area. Currently the incident is under investigation and no arrests have been made, said police.

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Pumpkin Butter Dip

1 (8-oz.) block of cream cheese brought to room temperature

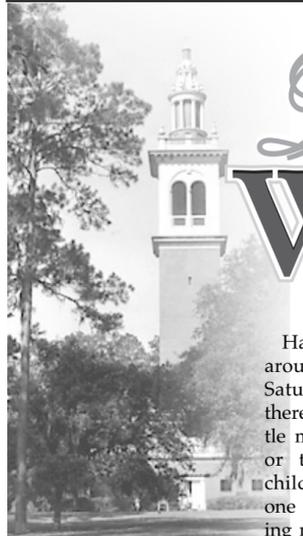
1 (10-oz.) jar pumpkin butter

1 small tub (8 ozs.) of whipped cream topping, thawed

Beat cream cheese until smooth, add pumpkin butter, fold in whipped cream, chill

— from Benjamin Twigg and Peppercorn





Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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Halloween is right around the corner. Saturday evening there will be lots of little monsters out trick or treating. For a child, Halloween is one of the most exciting nights of the year. Cool costumes, free candy, being out after dark! I remember how much I loved it! Now, as an adult, I still enjoy the thrill of Halloween by seeing how excited the kids are, some of them experiencing this spooky spectacle for the very first time, with a sense of wonderment and bewilderment all mixed together. These kids are way too excited to have good sense about traffic and safety, so that job falls to us adults. It's our responsibility and we should take it very seriously. Happy Halloween.

You probably noticed the many cyclists in town last weekend. I went over to their gathering in the Stephen Foster Park to meet the star of the show. Cannondale Bicycles was a major sponsor of this year's "Fat Tire Festival" and they bought along one of the world's premier cyclists, a fellow from California named "Tinker" Juarez. I wanted to meet him

because I knew that Dennis Price's son, Harlan Price, a highly competitive mountain bike racer himself, knew Tinker and had competed with him. I expected to see a young man in his twenties or thirties. Imagine my surprise when I learned that "Tinker" Juarez, a highly talented cyclist who has made significant impacts in the cycling disciplines of BMX Racing, Freestyle BMX, and Mountain Biking has been competing for over thirty five years and is forty eight years old! He had just returned from Brazil where he had been competing in the world renowned "Iron Biker" competition. Tinker was very gracious and he and I had a great conversation. Sometimes we need a little inspiration to get motivated. Meeting Tinker Juarez did it for me. Then and there I resolved to get in good enough cycling shape to ride in the Fat Tire Festival next year, and I'm twenty years older than Tinker is! It was motivational to see and talk with this superb athlete and it made me realize, once again, that anything is possible and that the world really does come to White Springs.

We had another extraordinary visitor last week. Evangelist Tia Jefferson-Carroll was the speaker at Beulah Baptist Church's Women's Day Program last Sunday. By all accounts it was a truly inspirational

event! Tia was raised in two Baptist Churches here in White Springs: St. Luke Free Will Baptist Church and Beulah Baptist Church. She attended school in Hamilton County and then graduated from Lake City Community College. She continued her education in Tallahassee and successfully graduated from Florida A&M University. Tia is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Jefferson and the granddaughter of the late Mother Bessie Jefferson. Her greatest mentor was her aunt, the late Sis. Mary J. McKire. Now residing in West Palm Beach with her husband, Minister Leroy G. Carroll Jr. and their son Jaylen Jefferson Carroll, Tia was awarded "Community Leader of the Year" in 2005 by Governor Jeb Bush. Tia, White Springs is proud of you and we hope you will come back soon!

White Springs resident and Stephen Foster Park volunteer Pablo Gonzalez has just returned from two weeks at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, N.C. where he was studying blacksmithing. Now Pablo was a pretty fair blacksmith before he went there and I have seen him make the hammer and anvil sing while pounding a mighty fine and fiery facet onto some red-hot iron. Pablo loves to share his skills, so if you want to learn some blacksmithing from him call the Stephen Foster Craft Shop at 397-1920 to arrange a lesson.

Janet Moses & Company Folk Art and Gallery is offering a Nov 4th class called "Paint a Fall Wreath", where you can learn to paint leaves, grapevine, a bow and sunflowers on old tin. It's something great to hang on your door this season. Call 386-365-6216 for more information.

White Springs United Methodist Church will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, November 1, 2009, beginning at 10:45 a.m. The Rev. Herb Underwood, retired Presbyterian minister who married the former Frances Wiggins, a White Springs native, will be the speaker for the morning worship service. A covered dish luncheon will be served in the fellowship hall following the worship service. Everyone is invited to attend. White Springs United Methodist Church was established in 1850 and the present sanctuary was built in 1890.

So as you can see, a lot goes on in our little town and if you can, you should get out and be a part of it. If you can't, read this column and we will try to keep you informed about the wonderful world of life in White Springs.

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NFCC TESTING

TABE TESTS

Every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. except on holidays _ TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) at NFCC Testing Center (Bldg. #16), Madison, Florida. TABE is required for acceptance into vocational/technical programs. Photo ID required. Pre-registration is required. Please call 850/973-9451 to register.

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Medicare 2010 Annual Enrollment Period For Part D Drug Plans Begins Soon

Submitted

Do you know how much your current Part D Drug Plan is going to cost you next year?

Do you know the cost of your drugs in the Deductible and in the Gap?

Do you know when you will hit the Gap?

Do you know if there is a less expensive plan out there that covers your drugs?

Medicare Part D's Annual Enrollment period runs November 15th to December 31st.

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The 2009 Tax Roll has been certified to the Tax Collector by the Property Appraiser, and is open for payment.

The following discounts will apply: November 2-December 1 4%, December 2-December 31 3%, January 2%, February 1%, and net amount is due in March.

Taxes are delinquent on April 1.

The perforated part of your tax notice must be returned with your payment!!

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OPINION

Obama's Nobel Peace Prize

According to Alfred Nobel's will, the Peace Prize should be awarded to the person who: "during the preceding year, shall have done ... the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses."

When I heard that Obama was selected for this year's Nobel Laureate, I felt a bit embarrassed for him, and given his comment in the Rose Garden, he must have felt a bit embarrassed as well.

Typically, the Nobel Prize is awarded to someone, or an organization, that has actually done something, even if that something is controversial or unwise.

Obama accomplished compared to other Nobel Laureates? One might speculate that the Nobel Committee selected Obama because it has started an affirmative action policy and has seen the virtues of racial diversity, which is all the rage these days, particularly among the elite.

There might be other reasons why Obama was chosen. He has generated considerable goodwill among Europeans because he shares many of their values. Europeans are a people with little willingness to defend themselves.



A MINORITY VIEW BY WALTER WILLIAMS

out of the fire in World War I, World War II and prevented them from being gobbled up by the communists during the Cold War.

Qaddafi and Vladimir Putin? President Obama could rise several notches in my book if he refused the Nobel Peace Prize, with a nice letter to the Nobel Committee that might read: Since you did not see fit to award Ronald Reagan, the U.S. president who did the most for world peace in this century, by peaceably shutting down the Soviet Union, I respectfully decline your offer.

Many veterans and surviving spouses may be eligible for VA pension

Submitted by Bo Beauchemin, Hamilton County Veteran Service Officer. The Hamilton County Veteran Service Office wants to inform veterans that the Veterans Administration non-service connected pension program provides a level of financial support to wartime veterans or their widow(er).

totaling disabling. Unlike the veteran, the widow(er) does not need to be disabled. Veterans 6t years and older are eligible without regard to disabilities.

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Meet Jared, your new Baya Pharmacy Manager. He's Jared Allison, son of owners Carl and Joan. At Baya, we're ensuring the care of your family with a family member of our own.

Have You Had Your Medicare Part D 2010 Plan Check-up?

Submitted. SHINE, a volunteer program with the FL Dept of Elder Affairs, is here to assist you in making the best informed decision for your 2010 Medicare Part D drug plan. SHINE provides free, unbiased, and confidential counseling.

- City Library, Columbia Avenue. Wednesday 11/25 - 12:30pm-5:00pm - Lifestyle Enrichment Center. Wednesday 12/09 - 2:30pm-5:00pm Lake City Library, Columbia Avenue.

Biologists ask anglers to report tagged largemouth bass

Submitted. Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Fish and Wildlife Research Institute and the University of Florida need assistance with a statewide largemouth bass research study.

state. Biologists encourage anglers to remove these tags by cutting them as close to the fish as possible and then treat the fish as they would normally.

Ervin Donaldson accepted into People to People Academic Program



Ervin Donaldson
Photo: Submitted

Submitted

Ervin Donaldson, a student in Cairo High School, will join a select group of students representing their schools, communities, and country as People to People Student Leaders.

Ervin is the son of Pastor and Mother Ervin Donaldson, Jr., and the grandson of Bernice Jackson, Charles Walls, Ervin Donaldson, Sr., and the late Barbara Donaldson.

Donaldson has been accepted into the People to People Student Leadership Summit in UCLA-Los Angeles, California July 7-16, 2010. People to People Student Leaders complete an academically rigorous program focused on leadership development

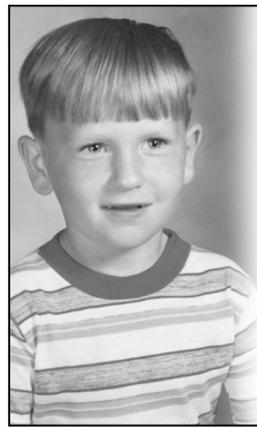
and global awareness. Donaldson was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement, and leadership potential.

The People to People Leadership Summits bring together outstanding student leaders from around the globe to focus on leadership, teambuilding, community service, college admissions, and professional aspirations. Students learn how to effectively make a difference in their communities, develop skills to help them lead tomorrow's world, and build their college resumes, with the chance to earn academic or service-learning credit.

Participants also gain insights to guide their educational and professional careers, and benefit from a strong focus on college admissions. Through workshops, presentations, excursions, and discussions, student leaders attain a clear advantage as they pursue their selected fields of interest. Students will have the opportunity to meet with admissions officers and gain valuable advice for navigating the college application process. In some locations, students will be able to tour several area universities.

The 2010 People to People Leadership Summits will convene at Columbia University, George Washington University; John Hopkins University, Harvard University, Stanford University, Rice University, University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania, and University of California-Los Angeles.

The program is coordinated by People to People Ambassador Programs to fulfill the vision President Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People International during his presidency in 1956. For additional information visit peopletopeople.com/leadership.



LORDY, LORDY, LOOK WHO'S FORTY!

Love, Mom, Dad and Taylor

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Homecoming services at First Baptist Church of Jasper

Submitted

First Baptist Church of Jasper will hold their Homecoming services this Sunday (November 1st). Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m. and Homecoming church service will begin at 10:45 a.m. Great food will follow!

Community Calendar

•Oct. 8-Nov. 6 - Artist John Rice retrospective exhibit of his work at Levy Performing Arts Center in Lake City. Sponsored by Art Matters, public invited to attend. Call 386-697-4622 for more information.

•Oct. 29 - Hamilton County Brotherhood will be meeting at 7:00 at the 1st Baptist Church in White Springs. All are invited. Any questions, call Chuck Fultz at 386-855-1737.

•Oct. 30, 31 - First Annual Fall Festival, Central Avenue, downtown Jasper from 8:00 a.m. until. Some of the events planned are an antique car show, haunted old jail museum, haunted trail, trunk or treat on Central Avenue, ghost stories, food and craft vendors.

•Oct. 30, 31 - Alapahoochee Historic and Farm Heritage Days, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at 1424 Culpepper Road, Echols County, Lake Park, Georgia. Antique tractor show and swap meet.

•Nov. 7 - The Florida State Beekeepers Association and North Florida Community College's Green Industries Institute are sponsoring a free community event "A Day in the Bee Yard" at Green Industries Institute in Monticello, Florida. The event is open to the public from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and will feature a variety of events for the entire family. The event will feature bees, beekeepers and a host of activities, classes, demonstrations, vendors, food and art. CONTACT/MORE INFO: Patricia Garner, (850) 973-1668, email garnerp@nfcc.edu

•Nov. 9 - The Suwannee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association will hold its monthly meeting at the Suwannee River Water Management District from 7-9 PM, on US 90 and CR 49, 2 miles east of Live Oak. The Public is welcome!

•Nov. 10 - Bellville Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their annual business meeting at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Monthly Meetings:

The Jasper Revitalization Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Jasper City Hall.

Bible Baptist Church opens their clothes closet on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 1p.m.-3p.m. Call 792-0720 for more information

Operation Christmas Child

Suwannee Valley collects gifts for Samaritan's Purse and the world's largest Christmas project

Nov. 16-23: Suwannee Valley Region Hopes to Gather 17,500 Gift-Filled Shoe Boxes for Hurting Children Overseas

Submitted

Suwannee Valley Region and North FL Area, FL, Oct. 26, 2009—Christmas is arriving early all over the Suwannee Valley, as a local church prepares to serve as a collection point for Operation Christmas Child. Soon, with the help of Suwannee Valley volunteers, the site will be brimming with festively wrapped shoe boxes full of gifts.

Through Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project, Suwannee Valley residents are packing shoe box gifts for children in more than 100 countries suffering from natural disaster, war, terrorism, disease, famine and poverty. From Live Oak, the shoe box gifts will be sorted and sent using whatever means necessary—sea containers, trucks, trains, airplanes, boats, camels, even dog sleds—to reach suffering children around the world.

"Operation Christmas Child is a unique opportunity to do something as simple as packing a shoe box that will have a lasting impact on a child a world away," said Bob Pettigrew, Operation Christmas Child Collection Center coordinator. "We are excited about the 2009 collection season as many community members have already begun packing shoe box gifts."

Operation Christmas Child uses tracking technology that allows donors to "follow your box" to the destination country where it will be hand-delivered to a child in need. To register shoe box gifts and find out what country they are delivered to, use the EZ Give donation form found at www.samaritanspurse.org.

LOCAL COLLECTION SITE:

Live Oak Collection Center
Suwannee Station Baptist Church (386) 362-2553
3289 101st Lane
Live Oak, FL 32060
Contact: Bob & JoAnn Pettigrew (386) 755-1958 or Cell (386) 397-4684
Hours: Mon, Nov. 16 thru Mon., Nov. 23: 10:00 am - 5 pm

Or visit one of Suwannee Valley Operation Christmas Child's eleven well-located Relay Centers through out Baker, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist,

Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, and Taylor Counties. These Relay Centers have been placed for your convenience so you can drop off filled shoe box gifts for suffering children. For more information about location of Relay Centers plus days/hours open, please call 1-800-409-1665 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, a project of international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, headed by Franklin Graham, has delivered more than 69 million gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children in some 130 countries

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO GET INVOLVED:
•PREPARE—Enlist families, churches, scout troops, community groups and businesses to take part in creating shoe box gifts for needy children worldwide.

•PACK—Fill shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, necessity items, hard candy and a letter of encouragement. Step-by-step shoe box packing instructions are available at www.samaritanspurse.org.

•PROCESS—Sign up to join Operation Christmas Child volunteers at the collection site in Suwannee Valley Region as part of the effort to prepare millions of shoe box gifts for delivery to underprivileged kids on six continents.

•For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call 1-800-409-1665 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org. National Collection Week is Nov. 16-23.

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<p>ADVENT CHRISTIAN</p> <p>FIRST ADVENT CHRISTIAN N.W. 15th Avenue Jasper Rev. Fran Wood Sunday</p> <p>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Fellowship.....6:30 p.m. 500892-F</p>	<p>BAPTIST (Southern)</p> <p>CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH 1/2 mile East on Hwy. 6, Jasper, FL 32052 792-2275 Sunday</p> <p>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Children's Church.....11:00 a.m. Church Training.....6:00 p.m. Evening Worship.....7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m. 500893-F</p>	<p>METHODIST</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 405 Central Ave., Jasper, FL Pastor - Dale Ames Phone - 386-792-1122 Sunday</p> <p>Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study.....4:45 p.m. Choir Practice.....6:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner 3rd Wednesday Clothes Closet 4th Saturday 1-5pm 500902-F</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 204 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Jasper, 792-2258 Pastor: Rev. Parrish Jones, 792-8412 SUNDAY</p> <p>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Prayer in Fellowship Hall.....9:00 a.m. Choir Practice.....7:00 p.m. 500898-F</p>
<p>BAPTIST (Southern)</p> <p>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH SR 6 West, 6532 NW 48th St., Jennings, FL 32053 938-5611 Pastor: Jeff Cordero</p> <p>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship, Youth Happening, RA's, GA's.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Supper.....6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Discipleship class for adults, Youth activities, Children's Choirs.....6:30 p.m. Van pick-up upon request 500896-F</p>	<p>CHURCH OF CHRIST</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST N.W. 3rd St., Jasper Bldg.: 792-2277 Sunday</p> <p>Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening.....6:00 p.m. 500897-F</p>	<p>NON-DENOMINATIONAL</p> <p>BURNHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH 4520 NW CR 146, Jennings, FL 32053 938-1265 Pastor: Robert Carter Sunday</p> <p>Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m. 500899-F</p>	<p>CATHOLIC CHURCH</p> <p>ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH Three miles north of Jasper U.S. 41 P.O. Box 890, Jasper, FL 32052 Rectory U.S. 90 E., Live Oak, FL (386) 364-1108 Sunday MASS 8:00 a.m. 500901-F</p>
<p>CHURCH OF GOD</p> <p>ETERNAL HOPE CHURCH OF GOD Glen R. Barns, D.D. Pastor Church Phone 386-792-HOPE (4673)</p> <p>SUNDAY Worship & Praise.....10:30 a.m. Classes for Kids.....11:00 a.m. Celebration Praise.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Wednesday (FTH).....7:00 p.m. Everyone's Welcome! 552022-F</p>			

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To place your ad inside the Church Directory please call Louise at 386-792-2487

NFCC – Bee yard

Enjoy “A Day in the Bee Yard” November 7 at Green Industries
Florida State Beekeepers Association and NFCC plan community event in Monticello

Submitted

MADISON, FL -- The Florida State Beekeepers Association and North Florida Community College's Green Industries Institute are sponsoring a free community event "A Day in the Bee Yard" on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Green Industries Institute in Monticello, Florida. The event is open to the public from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and will feature a variety of events for the entire family.

"Stop by and enjoy the beautiful Green Industries grounds, participate in a variety of activities, and have a fun day learning about the amazing life of bees," said Patricia Garner, Director of NFCC's Green Industries Institute. "We are excited to co-sponsor and host this Florida State Beekeepers Association event and invite the community to stop in and enjoy a fun day with us at Green Industries."

The event will feature bees, beekeepers and a host of activities, classes, demonstrations, vendors, food and art. Some highlights of the day include How to Become a Beekeeper demonstration with an Ask the Experts and Kids Corner component, a live bee

hive under glass for close viewing, free honey sticks for children, honey and beeswax candles and other items for sale, as well as food vendors, art work, and more. Green Industries will also showcase its facilities and grounds; its indoor and outdoor classrooms, greenhouses, fruit and nut gardens, and observatory featuring a 16' Richie Creighton telescope will all be open to the public during the event.

Folk artist Janet Moses will offer a Bee Themed Folk Art Painting Class at the "A Day in the Bee Yard" event. There is a \$45 charge for the painting class and those interested in participating must register in advance by calling (850) 997-3974.

There will be free admission and free parking on Nov. 7 for the "A Day in the Bee Yard" event. Join in the fun and learn a ton about an amazing and important little creature-the bee. Green Industries Institute is located at 2729 West Washington Street in Monticello. For more information, contact Patricia Garner at (850) 973-1668, email garnerp@nfcc.edu or visit www.nfcc.edu (search: Green Industries).

Pancake Supper to benefit Jasper Presbyterian Youth Missions

Submitted

A pancake supper will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the J.R.E. Lee Cafeteria from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 each and can be purchased in advance at Dr. Ben

Norris' office, SunSations, or D&S Signs. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Jasper Presbyterian Youth Missions. The pancake supper is supported by the former Lions Club members.

Alapahoochee-14th semi-annual historic and farm heritage days

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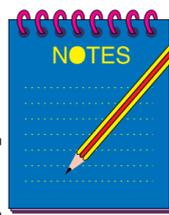
The 14th semi-annual Alapahoochee Historic and Farm Heritage Days will be celebrated on October 30 and 31 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at 1424 Culpepper Road in Echols County, Lake Park, Georgia. Admission is free, no alcoholic beverages are allowed.

The event will include an antique tractor show and swap meet. Visitor camping is available; please call 229-

559-5665 or email antiquedays@yahoo.com for more information.

Other exhibits and vendors include cane grinding/syrup cooking, fresh ground corn meal and grits, antique exhibitors, tractor parades, plowing/harrowing, antique and other farm machinery displays, fly-wheel engine displays, tractor owner sales, tractor part vendors, Candle-lady sales, Mr. Franklin's Antique Sales, Rocky and His Anvil Cannon, and flea market vendors.

Norris Notes



By Lillian Norris

Many veterans and surviving spouses may be eligible for VA pension

Submitted by Bo Beauchemin,
Hamilton County Veteran Service Officer

The Hamilton County Veteran Ser-

vice Office wants to inform veterans that the Veterans Administration non-service connected pension program provides a level of financial support to

wartime veterans or their widow(er). To qualify, a veteran must have 90 days or more of active duty under honorable conditions during which one day must have been during a wartime period. Service members enlisting after 09/07/1980 must serve at least 24 months or the full period for which the service member was called to active duty.

Additionally, if under age 65, the veteran must be unable to secure employment by reason of disabilities which are considered by the Veterans Administration to be permanent and totaling disabling. Unlike the veteran, the widow(er) does not need to be disabled. Veterans 6 years and older are eligible without regard to disabilities. The amount of pension depends upon the total income of the veteran's household. Additional amounts may be awarded for those requiring Aid and Attendance and those who are housebound.

Generally speaking, a veteran may be eligible for pension if total annual household income is \$11,830.00 or less with no dependents or \$15,493.00 with one dependent. Widow annual income limits are \$7,933.00 with no dependents and \$10,385 with one dependent.

Veterans who feel they may be eligible are urged to call Bo Beauchemin, Hamilton County Service Officer at 386-792-1272 Tuesday-Thursday for information and assistance.

Again I am reminded that no one should ever complain about not having anything to do here. It is a full day, and I love it, it is just a little harder as we get older, but thankful that I can still "go".

We were privileged on Sunday to have Patrick Murphy as the guest speaker at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. He is certainly an inspirational speaker, he had a great message for all of us. Patrick is a teacher and coach at Hamilton County High School. He was accompanied and supported by his wife, Sally, also a teacher at HCHS. We are fortunate to have them in our school system.

On Sunday evening the annual fall festival was held at First Presbyterian Church, some artistic work done by the young people, sometimes with the assistance of the adults, a lot of fun, later toasting hot dogs and marshmallows, there was chili, sandwiches and all kinds of goodies, including a cake walk with all trying for a chance to get one of Martha's cakes in the cake walk. Later children of all ages went on a hay ride, coming back in time for all to get ready for going home, after an evening of fun and fellowship.

It was interesting to me to read in the Baptist newsletter that Margie Dedge had talked with their youth music director about "Give Me That Old Time Religion". It is hard to believe that there are some Baptists who are not familiar with that song. I remember it in past revivals, there was a tabernacle in town a few blocks from our home, Billy Graham preached there once in the days when no one much had ever heard of him. Recently I received some papers from the house where I grew up and in them was a newspaper clipping about

his revival there but there was no date on it, don't know why it was saved at the time but it must have impressed one of the members of our family. Maybe me, I just do not remember.

A song I was not familiar with in the past few years came to mean a lot to me as I heard it on TV from a Methodist Church in Albany, Georgia. I could not find it but Roger Hutto found it for me, and it is now in the Presbyterian Hymnal in recent song books that were donated to the Church by Mary Frances Lewis' family, "Take My Hand, Precious Lord". Later, I also found that hymn on a CD which I had purchased a few years ago at a concert put on by Montreat College Choir at First Presbyterian Church in Lake City (the late Nell Rhoden and I had attended and enjoyed it so much). My sister, the late Martha Jones Gibson, was a graduate of Montreat College, a Presbyterian College located near the Billy Graham Home, she attended Church there where the Graham family attended, and we attended summer conferences there every summer when we were young.

I have recently learned that the Bill and Linda Taylor family has an exchange student from Kitar living with them, he is a Junior at Hamilton County High School, hope to learn more about this, it is my understanding that he will have to go back home for his senior year.

I will try to have a report on Sisterhood for next week, sorry I was unable to make it last week.

Hope to hear from y'all soon.

Lillian Norris
792-2151
NORRIS NOTES
norrislw@windstream.net

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NOTICE OF INTENDED EMPLOYMENT AND REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS.

The Hamilton County Landfill gives notice of intent to employ a person for the position of Equipment Operator II.

This is a highly skilled position in the operation of complex and heavy motor-driven, earth-moving equipment. Employees in this class are responsible for the safe and efficient operation of very heavy construction equipment. Work in this position requires high degree of skill in working to engineering grades and working efficiently so as not to impede the progress of related operations. Supervision consists primarily in job performance checks made at work site by the Solid Waste Director. In addition, the position requires a current and valid Class A Florida Commercial Driver's License with Tanker Endorsement with a good driving record. A complete copy of the job description for this position may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, 207 Northeast First Street, Room 106, Jasper, FL 32052.

An application may be obtained at the Hamilton County Landfill, 4652 SW 107th Ave., Jasper, FL 32052; the Office of Clerk of Circuit Court, 207 Northeast First Street, Room 106, Jasper, FL 32052; and the county's website at www.hamiltoncountyflorida.com. Applications may be submitted to the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, 207 Northeast First Street, Room 106, Jasper, FL 32052 or Hamilton County Landfill, 1652 SW 107th Ave., Jasper, FL 32052. For more information, contact Dale I. Jackson, Director, Hamilton County Landfill at 386-792-1020.

For consideration, all applications must be received no later than 3:00 pm on Monday, November 9, 2009.

Hamilton County is a Drug Free Workplace and an Equal Opportunity Employer. Veteran's preference will apply, in accordance with Section 295.07 Florida Statutes.

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Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer says "Congratulations"



Sister Katherine McIntyre

Pastor Phillip M. Jackson, Church Mother Ledia S. Jackson, along with the Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer family, wants to say "Congratulations" to two wonderful members that have made a transformation in their personal live. Sister Katherine McIntyre and Sister Jasmine Howell have both decided to take their lives into positive directions.

Sis. Katherine McIntyre is currently in the Navy and resides in Virginia and Sis. Jasmine Howell, who just passed basic training in Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, is now headed to Virginia as



Sister Jasmine Howell - Photos submitted

well. Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer Outreach Ministry just wants to say Congratulations to these women who have matured and made some great achievements in their lives. We pray that they continue doing well and that they know that their church family is praying for them.

Submitted by
Pastor Phillip M. Jackson,
Church Mother Ledia S. Jackson
Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer
Outreach Ministry Family

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Volleyball
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Audubon of Florida honors FWC bird advocate



Nancy Douglass spends little time in her office, but when she does her love for shorebirds is evident

Submitted

Nancy Douglass walks softly but carries a loud voice for Florida's shorebirds and seabirds. For her passion in defending and conserving some of Florida's signature bird species, Douglass will receive the Guy Bradley Award, one of Audubon of Florida's highest honors. Douglass works as a non-game biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conser-

vation Commission (FWC), where she's been an advocate for birds for 20 years.

The Guy Bradley Award is named after the man hired by the Audubon Society in 1902 to protect South Florida's wading birds from hunters. Bradley, a Monroe County deputy, traveled the Everglades extensively to guard its wading birds and to protect them from hunters seeking feathers for the fashionable women's hats of

the time. In his quest to protect the birds, Bradley was shot and killed as he attempted to arrest a plume-hunter for killing egrets on Cape Sable. His name on this award symbolizes the bravery and determination of Florida's greatest conservationists.

"These conservation leaders not only fight for the birds on their own, but they recruit others to the cause," said David Anderson, executive director of Audubon of Florida. "We are pleased to recognize Nancy Douglass this year not only for her commitment to the plight of Florida's declining coastal birds, but for her vision of a collaboration between state wildlife regulators and concerned citizens to improve the future for these species."

Douglass received the award on Oct. 23 at Audubon of Florida's annual state conference in St. Petersburg. One of her latest projects with the FWC resulted in the creation of the Florida Shorebird Alliance, whose goal is to improve shorebird management statewide. At the conference, Douglass also will participate in a panel on a new collaborative project between Audubon of Florida and the alliance, focused on local government coordination on the southwest coast of Florida.

"Shorebirds desperately need our help, and until recently, very few people recognized their plight," Douglass

said. "This recognition from Audubon of Florida is important to me because it will help raise awareness for our fragile and unique shorebird and seabird populations in Florida and help them survive and thrive."

Audubon's state conference, Oct. 23-24 in St. Petersburg, brought together conservation leaders and scientists, as well as policymakers and business people from across Florida. Participants discussed strategies to protect Florida's coasts, birds and wildlife, while ensuring quality of life for Florida's human residents.

Besides Douglass, the FWC was well represented at the conference. Nick Wiley, FWC assistant executive director, was featured in two sessions. Along with Florida's Department of Environmental Protection Director Mike Sole, Wiley participated in a panel discussion on climate change and coastal conservation, and in a workshop that addressed the threats to Florida's wildlife posed by invasive exotic species. Doug Parsons, the coordinator for the FWC's climate change steering committee, joined Greg Butcher, National Audubon Society director, for a workshop on climate change and birds.

Visit MyFWC.com for information about the FWC's programs for birds and climate change efforts.

AAA urges adult halloween partygoers to designate a sober driver

Motor club says safe driving to and from parties will help ensure a happy Halloween

Submitted

With nearly one in three adults planning to attend or host a Halloween party this year, AAA urges partygoers to plan in advance by designating a sober driver before enjoying the festivities.

"Partygoers and hosts will most likely take full advantage of the fact that Halloween falls on a Saturday this year. It's important to designate a sober driver, and refrain from drinking alcohol if you don't have a safe plan to get home," said Leticia Messam, manager, traffic safety programs, AAA Auto Club South.

According to the National Retail Federation, Halloween parties for adults have been growing in popularity over the past decade. This year about 30 percent of all adults will be celebrating with others, and an estimated sixty-two percent of those ages 18-24 will attend or host a party.

With legions of child pedestrians and their adult escorts in neighborhoods for trick-or-treating this weekend, and many costume-clad adults taking to

the roads to attend holiday parties, it is imperative that everyone involved in the celebration think about the importance of traffic safety, AAA said.

Fifty-eight percent of all traffic fatalities in the U.S. on Halloween night last year involved a driver or motorcycle rider with a blood-alcohol content (BAC) of 0.08 or higher, which is illegal in every state.

To help keep the roadways safe this Halloween weekend, AAA offers a few easy tips:

- Designate a sober driver in advance. If intending to drink alcohol, plan ahead to get home safely by selecting a designated driver or ensuring cab service is available from the party location. Never ride with a driver who has been drinking.

- Consider an overnight stay. If attending a party at a friend's home, consider asking to stay overnight. If participating in festivities in a downtown or commercial area, look into hotel accommodations within walking distance. Many hotels offer special Halloween weekend rates and promotions.

- Do not let impaired guests drive. If hosting a

Halloween party, remind guests to plan ahead and designate their sober driver. Offer alcohol-free beverages and do not allow impaired guests to drive. Prepare a list of local taxi companies in advance to have ready should guests need to call one.

- Avoid traveling through residential areas. If possible, try to avoid cutting through residential areas where trick-or-treaters are likely to be present. If providing directions to a party, try not to route guests through residential areas unnecessarily.

- Watch for children in the street. While trick-or-treating, children may not pay attention to traffic and might cross mid-block or between parked cars. Motorists should scan far ahead when driving in residential areas, watch for children and cautiously monitor their actions.

- Obey the speed limit. Motorists should obey the posted speed limit. When driving through residential areas where trick-or-treaters are likely out, consider driving five miles per hour less than the posted speed limit.

AGENDA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
Room 112 - Courthouse 207 Northeast First Street
Jasper, Florida
MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2009

THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BY NUMBER WILL BE TAKEN IN ORDER FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING REGARDLESS OF TIME. HOWEVER, THE TIME CERTAIN ITEMS LISTED WITH SPECIFIC TIMES WILL COMMENCE AT THE SPECIFIED TIME.

LISTED ITEMS

1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - UNAGENDAED APPEARANCES (*)
2. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL
3. 2008-09 CDBG PROGRAM
4. REPORT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND REQUESTS
5. APPROVE BILLS
6. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
7. ADJOURN

TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

9:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - INVOCATION - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
 9:05 A.M. - BETTY JEAN LAMB - COMPLAINT REGARDING THE HAMILTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT
 9:15 A.M. - COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS - STATUS REPORT

DUE TO PUBLICATION DEADLINE, THIS AGENDA MAY NOT CONTAIN ALL MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2009. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED AFTER 1:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, COURTHOUSE, JASPER, FLORIDA.

Persons appearing before the Board are requested, if possible, to submit in writing the subject matter of their appearance before the Board not later than Tuesday prior to the Board Meeting the following Tuesday.

(*) NOTICE: Persons appearing before the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, not having given notice in time to be included and shown on the Agenda, and desiring to make a presentation, will be limited to five (5) minutes, in the interest of meeting time. The Board of County Commissioners will hear and listen to persons appearing whose subject has not been shown on the agenda; however, action by the Board on any such matter can only be taken upon determination of an emergency situation. Any identifiable group of three (3) persons or more shall be limited to a total of ten (10) minutes per topic.

In accordance with Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, notice is given that if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board, agency or commission, with respect to proceedings and that, for such purpose, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

NOTIFICATION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMODATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING SHOULD CONTACT THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, ROOM 106, 207 NORTHEAST FIRST STREET, JASPER, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE (386) 792-1288, NOT LATER THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDINGS. IF HEARING IMPAIRED, TDD (386) 792-0857.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CONSENT AGENDA
NOVEMBER 3, 2009

- 1) MINUTES - APPROVE: October 20, 2009 - Regular Session
- 2) DEPARTMENT HEADS - ACTION ITEMS:
- 3) DEPARTMENT HEADS - INFORMATION ITEMS:
 - A) ROAD DEPARTMENT:
 - 1) Fuel Reports - September 2009 - file
- 4) APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING INVOICES BAILEY BISHOP & LANE:
 - A) Invoice No. 13810 - I-75/SR 6 - \$10,500
- 5) APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING INVOICE FROM SALSER CONSTRUCTION, INC. AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF BAILEY, BISHOP & LANE, INC.:

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TIP: Keep masks on top of your head when walking from house to house.

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Treat: **Bass's Furniture & Appliance Warehouse**

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TIP: Cross streets only at corners, and stay on sidewalks whenever possible.

November Special 1 free month with purchase of 6 month subscription to the

Treat: **The Jasper News**

105 2nd Ave., Jasper • 386-792-2487

TIP: Only eat your treats at home, after inspecting them with Mom and Dad.

20% off retail purchase through November 15th

Treat: **SunSations**

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TIP: Determine a trick-or-treat route and curfew with your parents, and follow it.

Free cookie and cup of tea with coupon. Offer good through 11/06/09

Treat: **The Jasper Marketplace**

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TIP: Make sure to trick-or-treat while there is still light outside.

\$5.00 off \$25.00 purchase 10/29 thru 11/6 w/coupon. This coupon not valid with any other offer.

Treat: **Jasper Hardware & Supply Co., Inc.**

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386-792-1052

TIP: Make sure your costume does not drag on the ground, so you won't trip.

November special w/coupon 10% off pre-made arrangements (Excluding funeral bouquets)

Treat: **Brown's Flowers & Gifts**

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Treat: **Sue's Salon**

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TIP: Even if you know a pet, be careful; they may be frightened by a costume.

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Treat: **Jamie's SALON & BOUTIQUE**

Tanning Available
Jamie Barker, owner/stylist 1150 NW US 41, Suite 1, Jasper
Bonnie Lawson, stylist • 792-1244

TIP: Try to use makeup instead of wearing a mask with your costume.

\$10 off a 1-hour massage

Treat: **Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork**

Stephanie Adams, BS, RN, LMT License # MA50575 Member NCTMB/AMTA
3650 NW 50th Place, Jennings
386-938-4732 or 386-466-8711

TIP: Young trick-or-treaters should always be escorted by an adult.

Insurance Plus

SR 22 & FR 44
Treat: Low Down Payment, Tag, Title & Notary Service
Income Tax services available after the first of next year

104 W. Hatley St., Jasper • 386-792-3580

TIP: Throw away any candy with a ripped or open wrapper.

D & S Signs

Treat: 111 SW Central Ave., Jasper, FL
SCREEN PRINTING, DIGITAL PRINTING & TROPHIES
Phone: (386) 792-1354 • e-mail: ds_signs@windstream.net
Denice & Scott Hughes

TIP: Only visit houses that are well-lit, and never approach a house alone.

Treat: **Dance Works**

Ages 3-17
Ballet • Tap • Jazz • Kinderdance • Acrobatics
Shannon McCook, Owner/Teacher
114 Hatley St., Jasper
386-590-0535





Sports

The Jasper News

Section B

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Lady Trojan Volleyball



Submitted by Donna Beauchamp

The Lady Trojan Volleyball Teams met Madison County Tuesday, October 20. The varsity team was defeated in a close match; however, the junior varsity brought home the victory.

The Lady Trojans hosted Newberry

on Thursday. The ladies won one game but Newberry came back to take the match.

Coach Hannah Perez said, "Of course I'm upset that the girls didn't win the games on Thursday, but they should feel some sense of accomplishment to win one game and have



"Gabby" Moody, center with parents Tracy, left, and Willie, right.

Junior Varsity Team: front row, L-R: Crystal Coleman, Courtney Moody, Katelyn Mitchell, Sherry Campbell. Back row, L-R: Kyunda Johnson, Kaley Fenneman, Coach Kim Fenneman, Madihah Tamoney, Angelica Gallegos.

a close second to a team that easily beat them at the beginning of the season."

Thursday evening was senior night and hopefully a special one for Gabrielle "Gabby" Elizabeth Moody. She is the daughter of Willie and Tracy Moody. Her hobbies include play-

ing volleyball and going to church. Gabby plans to attend VSU after high school and major in sports medicine. Gabby finished off her regular season of play with five service points.

District games will be held in Tallahassee this week and will wind up the season.

New portable computer lab at C.H.E.



Students become laptop computer "savvy"



Mrs. Butler's class enjoying the new computer lab at C.H.E. - Photos submitted.

Submitted

Mrs. Butler's class was the first group to use the new portable computer lab at C.H.E. What a great time the class had in learning how to handle the laptops and how to use them for writing and taking Accelerated Reading Quizzes.

As Mrs. Butler was handing out the laptops, Mrs. Marlowe gave instructions about how to handle them and explained to the students the importance of taking care of the computers. Once the computers were on the student's desk, the students were very attentive in listening to instructions about how they could log-on and start

writing a paragraph that they had written earlier in the week.

This was quite an experience for the students! Not only did they have to use their typing skills, or lack of skills, they had to have a "finished" piece of writing. Once they had written their paragraph they could take Accelerated Reading Quizzes. Taking the Accelerated Reading Quizzes is always an exciting time.

The class is looking forward to the next time they will get the lab in their room. A special "thanks" goes to all those responsible for making it possible for our school to have the mobile lab.

Filling the Community will Kindness and Food GS Canned Food Drive

Girl Scout Troop 1162 would like to remind you of their Chili/Soup Canned Food Drive. The Girl Scouts will use these items (tomatoes, chili powder, chili beans, vegetables, crackers, napkins, spoons, bowls,) to feed the community on

Wednesday, November 25th.

Look for the boxes in local businesses as well as churches. Anyone who is interested in help please contact Leslie Carter at lesliecarter@windstream.net or Sandra McCormick @ 386-855-4058.

SHES News

Submitted by Waylon Bush,
SHES principal

South Hamilton Elementary Mustangs. You read it right, Mustangs! As a result of Positive Behavior Support (PBS), SHES students were afforded the privilege of selecting a new mascot. The PBS team selected three mascots for consideration as the new mascot, the Bears, the Red Wolves, and the Mustangs. The students voted and the "Mustangs" was the overwhelming favorite. Now, we have got to get some MUSTANG shirts (just for clarification, this Mustang is the wild horse type, not the car).

South Hamilton Elementary welcomes Mrs. Annie Pinello as our new Guidance Counselor. For a number of years, SHES has not had a full-time guidance counselor, but Mrs. Dorothy Bryant, a cornerstone of SHES, has fulfilled those duties on a part-time basis. With the student growth that SHE has experienced, the district recognized the need to fill this position on a full-time basis. Mrs. Pinello hit the hallways running and has already had a tremendous impact upon the students, staff, and administration. We welcome her and are elated to have this addition to our staff. On the other side of the coin, we say goodbye to a very dear friend, Mrs. Dorothy Bryant. I have known Mrs. Bryant for many years and she has been such a resource and support for my time here. We love you Mrs. Bryant and I think we may see more of you in the future than you think!

Also, Ms. Faye Corbett has been added to our staff as a Turnaround Specialist. Ms. Corbett's duties include providing professional development to our staff. Ms. Corbett has also been very busy since starting her new duties and has been an inspiring

source to our staff. We welcome Ms. Corbett and are very appreciative of this new staff position and the work she is doing for our teachers.

Once again we offer our thanks to Potash Corporation for helping us. PCS donated a sound system to SHES including wireless microphones. We can never say enough about how good PCS has been to this school. We appreciate PCS!

The district maintenance crew recently made upgrades to our auditorium. Approximately fifty lights were inoperative in our auditorium and many of the ceiling tiles needed replacing. Maintenance replaced the tiles and changed the fluorescent bulbs and made other necessary electrical repairs. This was quite an event due to the height of the ceiling and slope of the floor, but the job was completed quickly and safely. Wear your sunglasses next time you visit our auditorium!

This has been Red Ribbon week and Mrs. Bryant coordinated the week of activities that empower students to live a "drug free" life. The culmination of the week's activities ended with a pep rally by the youth league cheerleaders from White Springs and Red Ribbon prizes were awarded to the students. The Town of White Springs Police Chief Ken Brookins addressed the students and challenged them to live a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free life. We greatly appreciate Chief Brookins taking time from his hectic schedule to bring a powerful message to our students.

Finally, we express our gratitude to Mrs. Shun Reynolds, Mrs. Martha Fultz, and Mrs. Sharon Gay, for coordinating and inoculating (with parental permission) SHES students against the H1N1 Flu.

Researchers examine benefits of frugality during rough times

Submitted

Tallahassee, Fla. < While news media across the country are documenting the changes in personal spending triggered by recent economic turmoil, researchers at the Florida State University College of Business are examining the effects of saving and spending philosophies established prior to the recession on work and home life.

Wayne Hochwarter, Florida State's Jim Moran Professor of Management, and research associate Christian Ponder examined the saving and spending philosophies of more than 1,500 full-time employees who experienced increased job insecurity over the past 12 months.

"At some point, all of us have been told the importance of saving money for a rainy day," Hochwarter said. "We were interested in comparing

work and home anxiety of both spenders, and savers, to see if the message still rings true when faced with work uncertainty."

Statistically significant results confirmed the value of family thriftiness. Compared to financially conservative individuals (savers), less thrifty employees (spenders):

- * Experienced less enjoyment in the tasks they performed at work
- * Were less interested in seeking out ways to improve the company
- * Had difficulty concentrating on tasks and were more easily distracted
- * Reported that completion of job tasks has been repeatedly delayed because of increased job-search activity at work

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Jasper Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 09-64-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF TINA LOUISE DIXON, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Tina Louise Dixon, deceased, whose date of death was July 31, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hamilton County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 207 NE First Street, Jasper, FL 32052.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is October 15, 2009.

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Paul Hendrick PAUL HENDRICK Florida Bar No. 142421 Law Office of Ralph R. Deas 306 NE First Street Jasper, FL 32052 Telephone: 386-792-2755 Fax: 386-792-7395

Personal Representative: By /s/ Thomas J. Murphy Thomas J. Murphy 1766 NW 3rd Way Jennings, FL 32053

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PUBLIC AUCTION Date: 11-17-2009 Time: 8:00 A.M.

1998 Ford vin # 1FTYR14U3WPB60580 1998 Ford vin # 2FMZA5140WBD83220 1993 Nissan vin # 1N4EB31P0PC815374 2006 Mitsubishi vin # 4A3AB26F46E033937

Location: Dennis Garage 8109 CR 146 NW Jennings, FL 32053 10/29

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority will hold a Special Meeting, November 10, 2009 in the Regency Room of the Ramada Inn North, 2900 North Monroe St., Tallahassee, Florida. Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. E.S.T. The meeting will be open to the public. 10/29 11/5

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3215, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Hamilton County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendments, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of Hamilton County, Florida, serving also as the Local Planning Agency of Hamilton County, Florida, at public hearings on November 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, County Courthouse located at 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Amendment No. LDR 09-3 was previously noticed for a public hearing on October 13, 2009.

(1) LDR 09-3, an application by the Board of County Commissioners to amend the text of the Land Development Regulations by amending Section 4.2.20.4 entitled, Performance Standards, Heat, cold, dampness, or movement of air and Section 4.2.20.5, entitled Performance Standards. Notice to add "EPGF" Electrical Power Generating Facility zoning district to the list of zoning districts whose standards shall be applied at the boundaries of the districts and not at the lot lines of the individual properties located within the districts, and by adding a new section, Section 4.2.2, entitled, "EPGF" Electrical Power Generating Facility to establish a new zoning district to allow for electrical power generating facilities and related uses.

(2) LDR 09-4, an application by the Board of County Commissioners, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from AGRICULTURAL-4 (A-4) and COMMERCIAL, HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE (CHI) to ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATING FACILITY (EPGF) on property described, as follows:

From AGRICULTURAL-4 (A-4) to ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATING FACILITY (EPGF):

A parcel of land lying within Sections 1 and 6, Township 1 North, Range 12 and 13 East, Hamilton County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 1; thence South 0°59'04" East, along the East line of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 1, a distance of 1,862.91 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of State Road 6; thence South 34°06'09" West, along the Westerly right-of-way line of said State Road 6, a distance of 260.53 feet to the South side of a South Georgia Natural Gas pipeline easement; thence North 85°52'30" West, along said South line, a distance of 1,096.72 feet; thence South 00°59'04" East 648.99 feet to the North side of Northwest 44th Street, a county graded road; thence South 89°36'42" West, along said Northwest 44th Street, 718.13 feet; thence South 89°07'29" West, along said Northwest 44th Street, 455.59 feet; thence North 31°54'09" West 1,537.30 feet; thence North 90°00'00" East 699.93 feet; thence North 00°10'17" East 749.30 feet; thence South 89°05'51" West 608.05 feet; thence North 38°36'35" West 708.06 feet to the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 1; thence North 89°05'51"

East, along said North line of Southwest 1/4 and the North line of said Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, a distance of 2,920.95 feet to the Southwest corner of the West 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of said Section 1; thence North 00°38'09" West, along the West line of the West 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of said Section 1, a distance of 1,325.69 feet to the Northwest corner of the West 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of said Section 1; thence North 88°59'40" East, along the North line of said West 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of said Section 1; a distance of 665.69 feet to the Northeast corner of the West 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of said Section 1; thence South 00°39'23" East, along the East line of the West 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of said Section 1, a distance of 1,105.37 feet; thence North 65°50'15" East 660.52 feet; thence South 45°48'27" East 150.00 feet; thence North 50°47'32" East 290.39 feet to the Southwesterly right-of-way line of County Road 146; thence South 45°48'14" East, along the Southwesterly right-of-way line of said County Road 146, a distance of 355.24 feet; thence South 42°22'42" West 32.47 feet; thence South 1°17'47" East 30.00 feet; thence South 88°42'13" West 506.21 feet; thence South 1°23'31" East 247.36 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 215.00 acres more or less Less and Except

A parcel of land lying within Sections 1 and 6, Township 1 North, Range 12 and 13 East, Hamilton County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 1; thence North 01°23'31" West 247.36 feet; thence North 88°42'13" East 142.92 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 88°42'13" East 363.23 feet; thence North 01°17'47" West 30.00 feet to the Southwesterly right-of-way line of County Road 146; thence North 45°48'14" West, along the Southwesterly right-of-way line of said County Road 146, a distance of 355.24 feet; thence South 50°47'32" West 328.48 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 1.04 acre, more or less Said lands containing 213.96 acres, more or less.

From COMMERCIAL, HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE (CHI) to ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATING FACILITY (EPGF):

A parcel of land lying within Sections 1 and 6, Township 1 North, Range 12 and 13 East, Hamilton County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 1; thence North 01°23'31" West 247.36 feet; thence North 88°42'13" East 142.92 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 88°42'13" East 363.23 feet; thence North 01°17'47" West 30.00 feet to the Southwesterly right-of-way line of County Road 146; thence North 45°48'14" West, along the Southwesterly right-of-way line of said County Road 146, a distance of 355.24 feet; thence South 50°47'32" West 328.48 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 1.04 acre, more or less. All said lands containing 215.00 acres, more or less.

The public hearings may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notice concerning the matters will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearings.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendments.

Copies of the amendments are available for public inspection at the Office of the Land Use Administrator, located at 204 Northeast First Street, Room 1, Jasper, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to PCS Phosphate - White Springs to Mr. W K Thornton P.O. Box 300, White Springs, FL 32096. Operation renewal is authorized for an existing 27.8 MGD (Suwannee River) and 26.9 MGD (Swift Creek) discharge consisting of treated process wastewater, contaminated non-process wastewater (CNPW), sanitary wastewater, storm water, clay settling areas, and the phosphogypsum stack systems. Wastewater is generated from open-pit mining of phosphate rock, beneficiation of the rock in the mining areas, manufacture of sulfuric acid and phosphoric acid, production of fertilizer components and animal-feed supplements, storm water runoff, clay settling areas, and the phosphogypsum stack systems. The facility is located at latitude 30°24'40" N, longitude 82°46'57" W on P.O. Box 300, White Springs, FL 32096 in Hamilton County.

The intent to issue and application file are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at Northeast District Office, 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite 200B, Jacksonville, FL 32256-7590.

The Department will issue the permit with the attached conditions unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, within fourteen days of receipt of notice. The procedures for petition for a hearing are set forth below.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), Florida Administrative Code, a person may request enlargement of the time for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. The request must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel before the end of the time period for filing a petition for an administrative hearing.

Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, must be filed within fourteen days of publication of the notice or within fourteen days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within fourteen days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition or request for enlargement of time within fourteen days of receipt of notice shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to re-

quest an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Any subsequent intervention in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information:

- (a) The name, address, and telephone number of each petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any; the Department permit identification number and the county in which the subject matter or activity is located;
(b) A statement of how and when each petitioner received notice of the Department action;
(c) A statement of how each petitioner's substantial interests are affected by the Department action;
(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
(e) A statement of facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department action;
(f) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, as well as the rules and statutes which entitle the petitioner to relief; and
(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wants the Department to take.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Department have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

In addition to requesting an administrative hearing, any petitioner may elect to pursue mediation. The election may be accomplished by filing with the Department a mediation agreement with all parties to the proceeding (i.e., the applicant, the Department, and any person who has filed a timely and sufficient petition for a hearing). The agreement must contain all the information required by Rule 28-106.404, Florida Administrative Code. The agreement must be received by the clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, within ten days after the deadline for filing a petition, as set forth above. Choosing mediation will not adversely affect the right to a hearing if mediation does not result in a settlement.

As provided in Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, the timely agreement of all parties to mediate will toll the time limitations imposed by Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, for holding an administrative hearing and issuing a final order. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the mediation must be concluded within sixty days of the execution of the agreement. If mediation results in settlement of the administrative dispute, the Department must enter a final order incorporating the agreement of the parties. Persons seeking to protect their substantial interests that would be affected by such a modified final decision must file their petitions within fourteen days of receipt of this notice, or they shall be deemed to have waived their right to a proceeding under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. If mediation terminates without settlement of the dispute, the Department shall notify all parties in writing that the administrative hearing processes under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, remain available for disposition of the dispute, and the notice will specify the deadlines that then will apply for challenging the agency action and electing remedies under those two statutes. 10/29

Arrest Reports

Editor's note: The Jasper News prints the entire arrest record each week. If your name appears here and you are later found not guilty or the charges are dropped, we will be happy to make note of this in the newspaper when judicial proof is presented to us by you or the authorities.

- The following abbreviations are used below:
DAC - Department of Agriculture Commission
DOA - Department of Agriculture
DOT - Department of Transportation
FDLE - Florida Department of Law Enforcement
FHP - Florida Highway Patrol
FWC - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
HCDTF - Hamilton County Drug Task Force
HCSO - Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
ICE - Immigration and Custom Enforcement
JAPD - Jasper Police Department
JNPD - Jennings Police Department
OALE - Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement
P&P - Probation and Parole
SCSO - Suwannee County Sheriff's Office
WSPD - White Springs Police Department

- Oct. 19, Manatee Mobley Baker, 58; 1294 Stephens Street, Jennings; 2 counts sale of cocaine, 2 counts possession of cocaine; JNPD
Oct. 19, Terry DeWayne Wethington, 236 Jones Road, Oceailla, Georgia; violation of probation; HCSO
Oct. 19, Eden Rodriguez, 25; 14662 Lon Eagle Drive, Orlando, Florida; hold for Orange County S.O.; OCSO
Oct. 19, Joshua C. Moore, 22; 5 259 Images Circle, Kissimmee, Florida; hold for Orange County S.O.; OCSO
Oct. 19, Cesar Rene Ferrer-Mendoza, 31; 3025 LeFlore Lane, Orlando, Florida; hold for Orange County S.O., OCSO
Oct. 20, Joshua Emanuel Jones, 20; 3973 NW 100th Drive, Jasper; violation of probation; HCSO
Oct. 20, James Gregory McCall, 29; 10068 SW 41st Terrace, Jasper; violation of probation, trespass of occupied structure, battery; JAPD
Oct. 20, Errol George Ricketts, 62; 1117 Gallitine Avenue NE, Palm Bay, Florida; driving while license suspended; DOT
Oct. 21, Quadarius Lamar Pavast, 20; PO Box 1095, Jasper; violation of probation; HCSO
Oct. 23, Dennis J. Larry, Jr., 28; PO Box 1373, McClenny, Florida; 2 counts carrying a concealed weapon; WSPD
Oct. 23, Martin Luther

- Clay, Jr., 18; 1245 Bee Street, Jennings; aggravated assault with deadly weapon, possession of weapon in commission of crime, carrying a concealed weapon, violation of probation; HCSO
Oct. 23, Cortyne DeWayne Dunn, 23; 12910 W. US 90, Lot 32, Live Oak, Florida; violation of probation, failure to appear, hold for Columbia County; HCSO
Oct. 23, Dwayne Marcelle White, 47; 358 SW 10th Avenue, Lot 3, Jasper; serving 3rd of 10 weekend sentence; HCSO
Oct. 23, Robert Allen Mullens, 44; 187 NW Layton Way, Lake City; serving 14th weekend; HCSO
Oct. 24, Dontarrius Travontay Thomas, 20; 1630 Cobbler Drive, Lutz, Florida; hold for Pasco County; HCSO
Oct. 24, Floriberto Abarca, 1846 Hamilton Avenue, Jennings; exceeding speed limit (71 in 55), no valid drivers license; HCSO
Oct. 24, Gail Hawkins, 49; 116 SW 6th Street, Jasper; burglary of occupied dwelling, petit theft; JAPD
Oct. 25, Charles S. Schroeder, 45; 4215 Connecticut Street, St. Louis, Missouri; driving while license suspended/revoked; DOA
Oct. 25, Desiree Cooper Black, 26; Cannady's Trailer Park, Jasper; violation of probation; HCSO

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\$3.6 million federal grant to address integrating solar energy into electric grid

Submitted

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – It's a problem faced by electric utilities nationwide: As more and more renewable energy enters the power grid, the benefits of offering "clean" electricity come at the price of unpredictability. Now, to help address some of the technical hurdles specifically facing solar photovoltaic (PV) energy resources, the U.S. Department of Energy is providing a major research grant to a consortium of Florida researchers, utilities, manufacturers and engineers.

With a \$3.6 million award from the department, The Florida State University, University of Central Florida and University of South Florida are teaming up with Florida utilities and solar industry suppliers to launch the Sunshine State Solar Grid Initiative (SUNGRIN), a five-year project to investigate the effects of integrating high levels of solar PV energy resources into the electric power grid.

Florida electric utilities participating in the SUNGRIN initiative are Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), Tampa Electric, JEA (formerly the Jacksonville Electric Authority), the Orlando Utilities Commission, Gainesville Regional Utilities, Lakeland Electric and the Florida Municipal Power Agency, with coordination and involvement from the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council (FRCC). Also participating are leading solar technology suppliers SunPower Corp. and Satcon Technologies, as well as system integration and engineering firm AMEC.

"Solar energy is the largest non-dispatchable renewable energy resource in Florida," said Steinar Dale, director of the Center for Advanced Power Systems <http://www.caps.fsu.edu/> (CAPS) at Florida State. "This grant will allow us to better un-

derstand how high penetration of solar energy, both on the customer side and on the grid, will affect the grid system operation, and how it affects the dispatch of traditional power generation from nuclear, coal and natural gas sources."

Non-dispatchable energy resources are those, such as solar PV or wind turbines, from which electric power system operators cannot expect on-demand delivery of a specific guaranteed power output at any given time.

"We are most pleased that this Florida-led team will have the opportunity to work with the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to make important contributions toward accelerating clean solar energy deployment and diversifying the nation's electricity supply," said Rick Meeker, manager of DOE programs and industry partnerships at CAPS and leader of the SUNGRIN initiative. "It seems only fitting that the Sunshine State play a key role in charting a successful future for the integration of solar PV."

Sarah Rogers, president and CEO of the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council, added that "the FRCC and its members are pleased to support this important initiative by increasing the awareness, coordination and efficiency between Florida universities and the industry."

With the state's utilities pursuing a number of major projects and initiatives, Florida is poised to become a national leader in installations of grid-connected solar PV. While solar energy can help reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and reduce reliance on fossil fuels, it can also pose challenges to a power grid that was not built to accommodate large amounts of intermittent resources such as solar PV energy. In Florida and across the country, it is increasingly important to more fully

understand and address the implications this may have relative to continued secure and reliable operation of the power system.

"High-level penetrations of solar PV are likely within utility planning horizons, so very soon, we need to understand the resulting grid response," said Bob Reedy, director of the Solar Energy Division at the University of Central Florida's Florida Solar Energy Center. "My guess is we will go beyond making PV acceptable to the grid operators and actually see the unique advantages of PV become desirable in improving grid reliability."

Reliable and cost effective integration are keys to ensuring increased penetration and sustainability of customer and utility-owned PV resources within the diverse mix of the nation's existing generation supply.

"The SUNGRIN effort is particularly timely given the need to determine how smart-grid development being considered for wide-scale installation can be made to enhance the effectiveness of our solar-energy production portfolio," said Alex Domijan, director of the Power Center for Utility Explorations <http://pcue.eng.usf.edu/Webpages/index.htm> at the University of South Florida.

The center's deputy director, Arif Islam, agreed, "The time is now to plan for new solar PV installations with interaction studies with the rest of the power system as it begins to be transformed to a smart grid," he said. "Certainly our new efforts in smart grids, energy storage and demand response, among others at the Power Center for Utility Explorations will find a synergy developed by this joint effort with the Center for Advanced Power Systems and the Florida Solar Energy Center."





Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer Outreach Ministry Celebrates 2nd annual "Come Fellowship with me Day"



Pastor Phillip M. Jackson and Dr. Kendrix Gardner

Submitted

On October 18, 2009 Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer Outreach Ministry celebrated their 2nd annual "Come Fellowship with me Day" at Jasper Civic

Center where the service was rendered by Dr. Kendrix Gardner and the Christian Love Bible Church of Valdosta, Georgia. All that attended will agree that the service was well beyond overwhelming.



Dr. Kendrix Gardner bringing forth the word "press forward" from Philippians Chapter 3



Sis. Linda Roberson of Empowering Tabernacle was the Mistress of Ceremonies



Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer Praise Dancers getting ready for their performance.



Empowering Tabernacle Praise Dance Team performs to "Encourage Yourself"



Members of Christian Love Bible Church singing selections - photos: submitted



Sis. Keyona Bennett of Empowering Tabernacle welcomed all guests.

NOPE lights up the night to remember those lost to and suffering from addiction

Submitted

The NOPE Task Force, Narcotic Overdose Prevention and Education's 3rd Annual National Candle Light Vigil will take place in communities across the Nation on Thursday, October 29th, during Red Ribbon Week, a week to raise awareness of drug abuse.

The Hamilton County Vigil will be held in the Jasper City Park at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, October 29, 2009. The vigil is held in memory of those lost to and suffering from substance abuse.

"By hosting the NOPE Candle Light Vigil, we demonstrate the importance of partnering with like-minded government officials, drug prevention professionals and impacted citizens to get this critical warning to our nation's communities. We are doing everything possible to prevent further tragedies," states Karen Perry, Executive Director.

Former Director Bill Janes, of the Florida Office of Drug Control will serve as the Key Note Speaker for the event.

NOPE organizers are expecting between 100-300 people at each vigil location. "Nearly everyone has been affected by the disease of addiction, either personally or by a family member or friend," says Perry.

Attendees who have lost friends and family mem-

bers to drug-related deaths will be acknowledged and others will recognize the significance and long lasting consequences of this unrecognized national epidemic.

Families who have lost loved ones to substance abuse may add their stories to the memorial video and wall by contacting NOPE. For more information, visit www.nopetaskforce.org or contact NOPE at 866-612-NOPE. Contact Abbey Taylor, 386-209-1442 or 386-792-6540 or Grace McDonald, 386-938-4911 for local information.

NOPE Task Force is a non-profit organization formed in Palm Beach County, Florida in 2004. The cornerstone of the NOPE mission is the high impact presentations delivered to middle and high school students regarding the consequences of substance abuse. NOPE initiatives include: student presentations, university forums, parent/caretaker forums, support for families who have lost loved ones to drug related incidents, anti-drug legislation and community awareness campaigns including National Candle Light Vigil and Multimedia Public Service Announcement Campaign.

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TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Legal Services for the Town of White Springs, Florida

The Town of White Springs, Florida, is accepting proposals from qualified offeror's at Town Hall, 10363 Bridge Street, White Springs, Florida 32096, until 5:00 p.m. on November 19, 2009. Proposals will be opened November 24, 2009 by the Town Council and interviews will be scheduled December 1, 2009.

Legal Services for the Town of White Springs, Florida

All proposals received after the time and date stated above will be returned unopened to the proposer. All proposers are invited to attend the opening. Facsimile responses are unacceptable.

ONE MARKED ORIGINAL and five (5) photocopies of the RFP shall be submitted in a sealed envelope to the address referenced above, and **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA**, clearly marked on the outside. Those submitted otherwise may be deemed unresponsive.

For general inquiries or technical questions regarding this proposal, please contact the Town Clerk, Shirley Heath, at 386-397-2310. To obtain a proposal package, please contact Shirley Heath at (386) 397-2310.

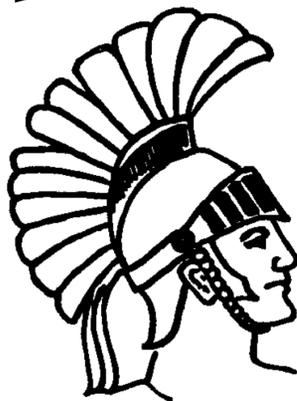
The Town of White Springs, Florida, reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any informality or irregularity in any proposal received, to re-advertise for proposals, or to take any such actions that may be deemed in the best interest of the Town.



2009 HCHS Trojans Homecoming

Trojans vs. The Villages

October 30, 2009 7:30 p.m.



Go Trojans!

Homecoming Parade line up

The parade will start at 2:30 p.m. Street closings at 2:15 p.m. The parade will begin at the old Hamilton County High School, cross US Highway 41 and travel west on East 15th Avenue, turn left at the caution light and travel south on MLK Drive. The parade will then turn left and travel east on 5th Avenue, turn right at the S&S store and proceed south on US Highway 41/Hatley Street. The parade will end just beyond the Bank of America parking lot.

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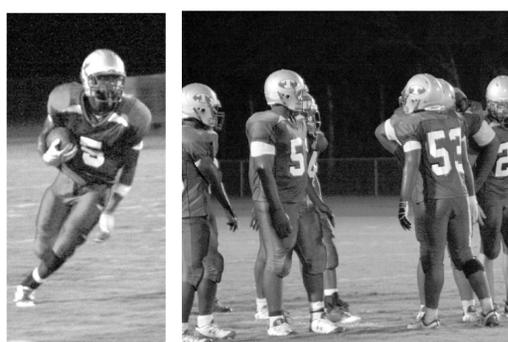


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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Costume Choices That Win the Popularity Contest



No costume proved more popular among adults in 2008 than the witch costume.

Each year, adults get in touch with their inner child come the end of October and dress up for Halloween. While they may no longer go door-to-door begging for candy, many still cling to the tradition of dressing up for Halloween. No costume proved more popular than a witch, as more than 5 million adults dressed up as a witch in 2008. According to the National Retail Federation, the following costumes proved the most popular among adults in 2008.

- Witch = 14.9 percent
- Pirate = 4.4 percent
- Vampire = 3.3 percent
- Cat = 2.5 percent
- Fairy = 1.7 percent
- Nurse = 1.7 percent
- Batman = 1.5 percent
- Political (Barack Obama, John McCain, etc.) = 1.5 percent
- Ghost = 1.4 percent
- Angel = 1.3 percent

Classic Halloween Movies



Few holidays have proven a more frightful fit with film than Halloween.

Other than Christmas, perhaps no holiday proves better with film than Halloween. Be it a movie about Halloween or the popular genre of scary horror films, the following films are a perfect choice for fright night.

* **The Great Pumpkin**, Charlie Brown. Initially appearing in 1966, this kids' classic has been a staple of Halloween for American children for more than 4 decades. As Linus awaits The Great Pumpkin, his good friend Charlie Brown famously gets rocks in his trick-or-treat bag.

* **Halloween**. One of the scariest films ever made, "Halloween" first caused shrieks in 1978 and has spawned numerous sequels and screams ever since. Escaping from a mental institution in 1978, the crazed Michael Myers wastes little time terrorizing his hometown of Haddonfield, Illinois, including a young Jamie Lee Curtis, in one of her earliest and

most recognizable roles.

* **The Amityville Horror**. Based on a true story, this 1979 classic focuses on a pair of young newlyweds and their children who move into their Long Island dream house, only to discover they've made a terrible choice. Starring James Brolin and "Superman" vixen Margot Kidder, "The Amityville Horror" is sure to scare the living daylights out of horror fans young and old.

* **Carrie**. Another film from what many consider the Golden Age of horror films, this 1976 classic based on the Stephen King bestseller finds young Carrie White ridiculed by classmates, who soon find out they don't know who they're messing with. A horror classic, "Carrie" also boasts one of the most memorable scenes in film history when Carrie, played masterfully by Sissy Spacek, attends her senior prom.

* **A Nightmare on Elm Street**. Producing a 1980s icon and one of horror's most famous characters, "A Nightmare on Elm Street" introduced the world to Freddy Krueger, a terrorizing character who manages to infiltrate the nightmares of his victims, each of whom is a child of the people who played a part in killing the actual Freddy Krueger years before. Eventually spawning six sequels, the original is considered by many horror aficionados to be famed writer and director Wes Craven's masterpiece.

* **The Exorcist**. Destined to scare viewers even today, nearly 40 years after its release, "The Exorcist" features screen legends Ellen Burstyn and Max von Sydow, who somehow manage to have the show stolen from them by a then 14-year-old Linda Blair, who plays a young girl obsessed by an evil spirit. Adding to the film's status as a legend of horror is a series of mysterious happenings that apparently occurred during the film's production.

Did You Know?



Though many people might feel as though they're purely fictional, haunted houses have actually found their way into the American legal system. In 1991, the Supreme Court of New York, Appellate Division ruled, in the case of Stambovsky v. Ackley, that a seller must disclose that a house has a reputation of being haunted because such a reputation could impair the value of the home. While the decision didn't claim haunted houses are real, the ruling did acknowledge that reputation for being haunted requires disclosure to any prospective buyers.

Easy Halloween Decorating Ideas That Are All Treat - No Trick!

Spooky Jack-O-Lanterns. Scary witches. Things that put fright in your night. It's easy to capture the Halloween spirit by decorating your home. All you need is some paint and a little imagination. Here are some ideas from the decorating experts at Rust-Oleum:

* **Welcome the neighbors**. Use spray paint to create posh pumpkins to line the pathway to your door. Use rich, autumn inspired colors, like Painter's Touch Ultra Cover 2X Kona Brown and Universal Metallic Pure Gold, and give your outdoor spaces a sophisticated look. Then customize your entryway with a menagerie of photos from Halloweens-past. Pick up some inexpensive frames and paint them with Rust-Oleum Glow-in-the-Dark Paint and insert the photos. It's a great way to add a personalized, spooky touch to your entryway.

* **Halloween crafts for your kids**. Plastic pumpkin pails have become the standard "candy carrier" for kids every Halloween. Why not surprise your kids with personalized buckets to store their trick-or-treat loot? Pick up a



Capture the Halloween spirit with some paint and a little imagination.

few plastic pails from your local craft or discount store and paint them. Give your fairy princess a pretty pail with Universal Metallic Titanium Silver or Pure Gold. What about your little superhero? Use Universal Cardinal Red or Cobalt Blue. When the pails are dry, have your kids add their personal finishing touches with bows, ribbons, and stickers.

* **Put a twist on the traditional Jack-O-Lantern**. Pick up a few

pumpkins from your local store and paint them with black Rust-Oleum Chalkboard Spray paint. Draw faces or words on the pumpkins with chalk. The chalkboard surface can be easily erased, so it's easy to draw on new faces!

Need more inspiration? Visit www.paintideas.com for Halloween decorating ideas and projects for every room in your home.

Is Your Teen Ready for an After-School Job?

Giving teens the chance to earn money outside of the home can certainly be worthwhile. Jobs teach the value of money and hard work, and also the importance of timeliness and time management.

While having a job gives teenagers independence and buying power of their own, that extra money should also teach money management, such as allocating funds for the things kids want (clothing, electronics, etc.) and the things they need (gas for the car).

While a teenager should be given some leeway, parents should encourage kids to save for college or big-ticket items in the future. Oftentimes, kids feel like they aren't making a bundle of money, so that makes it all disposable income. However, opening a savings or checking account can help kids amass savings and see just how much they could be saving instead of spending.

In addition to bringing in money and teaching responsibilities, jobs can also help teenagers acquire new skills. Be it an after-school or sum-

mer job, the position could expose children to new computer, machinery or clerical skills, or even plant a seed for a potential career down the road.

Once kids are deemed ready to work, parents should encourage the submission of applications to places teens might be interested in. Include a resume with past experience -- even if it is mowing lawns. Some great first-job opportunities include working in libraries, fast-food chains, restaurants, movie theaters, retail stores, and summer camps.

When teenagers score that initial interview, offer help in preparing for that meeting but let kids dictate how much assistance parents give. Teach kids about the importance of appearance and punctuality, as well as the value of being articulate during job interviews.

Discuss how a teenager's skills might translate into the job market. For example, a child used to cooking dinner for the family might be an ideal fit for the restaurant business, while a voracious reader might be a perfect fit for the local library.

Researchers examine benefits of frugality during rough times

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* More frequently reported that work was "nerve-racking"

* More work-family imbalance

* Were increasingly concerned that future financial obligations will go unmet

* Felt more downhearted and irritable at work; and,

* More frequently acknowledged having a "shorter fuse" at home.

"The research also confirmed that less-conservative employees set aside fewer financial resources to cushion the family in the event of an emergency or change in work status," Ponder said.

For example, less-conservative workers indi-

cated they would maintain a comparable standard of living for 10 months, on average, in the event of a layoff, with almost half reporting one month or less. On the other hand, conservative employees reported almost five years of continued lifestyle. Hochwarter concludes that the documented long-term financial status of less-frugal individuals was not surprising but unfortunate.

"Unquestionably, companies will benefit by helping employees recognize the value of thriftiness and teaching tangible financial management skills," he said. "Our research confirms that doing so may contribute to higher levels of performance and

more-stable home relations."

Despite its confirmed benefits, the researchers recognize that thriftiness is frowned upon in American culture, with those opting to save rather than spend often ostracized by their peers.

"Sadly, our past research shows that society determines an individual's worth and success more by the accumulation of toys, cars and houses that many are simply unable to afford than by personal character and dedication to one's family," Hochwarter said. "Perhaps a silver lining of recent economic woes will be a renewed commitment to the latter rather than the former."





FWC hosts CSI in the swamp



Florida Fish and Wildlife
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A conservation officer interviews a "hunter" during a re-created hunting incident training exercise.

Submitted

The scene is disturbing. A hunter finds a lifeless body in the woods. He sees a 12-gauge shotgun next to the dead, middle-aged man. The hunter notifies conservation law enforcement officers, and when they arrive, he tells them he was hunting when he came upon the body. He says he heard shooting prior to the discovery, but observed no one other than the deceased.

It is up to the officers to determine if this death is a result of natural causes, suicide, murder or an unwanted discharge of the victim's firearm.

This is an actual case, which occurred in Iowa, re-created by the International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) for training. In the humid, damp woods of North Florida, actors played out the scenario to help educate conservation officers on how to investigate hunting-related incidents in the field. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) hosted the training at the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy in Quincy, and the Joe Budd Aquatic Education Center in Midway, just outside Tallahassee. Fish and wildlife officers from around the country made up the class of 36.

"Last year, hunting incidents in Florida doubled, and we want to change that," said Bill Cline, director of hunting safety for the FWC. "We call this training CSI in the woods", or in Florida, CSI in the swamp." This training helps us look for clues as to what happened at a hunting incident. If an injury or death could have been avoided, we want to pass on to hunters what we learned, so they know how to avoid similar behavior."

Like most any outdoor activity, there is the risk of injury. With firearms involved, the injury may be more serious. Nevertheless, nationwide, for every 100,000 hunters, there are only five hunter incidents. Overall, hunting is safe. Tim Lawhern, president and co-director of the International Hunter Education Association, stands by this.

Lawhern has been with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for more than 20 years and knows a thing or two about hunting safety.

"International statistics indicate that the chance of a hunter getting killed while hunting is exactly the same as the chance of any person getting struck by lightning," Lawhern said.

He also knows that not everything is as it appears. "Sometimes a murder, suicide or attempted suicide is disguised as a hunting incident," Lawhern said.

This happened in the case of the hunter finding a body. Evidence at the scene revealed that the man had committed suicide. He attempted to make his death look like a hunting accident so his wife and two children could collect on his life insurance policy. He was also religious and his religion forbids suicide.

In another recreated scenario, a turkey hunter shot a Georgia conservation law enforcement officer. The officer was checking to see if the hunter, accompanied by his unarmed daughter, was hunting over bait, which is illegal. The shooter fired at the officer from 28 yards away, believing he was shooting at a turkey. The officer was hit on the lower part of his body, and he nearly bled to death. Because of his injury, the officer had to retire. The hunter broke one of the cardinal rules for hunter safety: be certain of your target.

"There are four rules that every hunter, or anyone else with a firearm, needs to follow," Lawhern said. "First, treat every firearm as if it were loaded, even if you think it is not. Second, always point the muzzle in a safe direction. Third, be certain of your target and what's beyond it. And fourth, keep your finger outside of the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot."

For one instructor at the IHEA training, hunter safety is particularly personal. On two separate occasions, a decade apart, a hunter shot Capt. Mike Van Durme of the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. A man in a boat who was shooting frogs with a .22 rifle shot the 34-year veteran in 1986. The shooter didn't see Van Durme, who was in uniform and in plain view, standing on a dike. When the man shot at the frog, the shot ric-

ocheted off the water and struck Van Durme in the ear.

Van Durme was more seriously injured when he was shot a second time in 1996 while he was hunting, off-duty. As Van Durme was walking through short grass, a deer ran between him and another hunter. Though Van Durme was wearing the required bright orange vest and hat, the hunter failed to look beyond the deer and fired. In an instant, Van Durme realized he was being shot at and turned away. The slug ran along his left shoulder. His injury could have been fatal, but his instantaneous reaction likely saved his life.

"It was my crime scene, but I was the victim," Van Durme said. "The shooter was with four other people, and when he realized what he did, he tossed his shotgun into the woods. I had to sort that out and make arrests; two of the hunters were felons, and it is unlawful for felons to possess firearms."

Though Van Durme made arrests and collected evidence immediately after being shot, nearly 24 hours later it hit him how close he had come to death. "I was in my church choir the next day, singing the closing song," Van Durme said. "Then I thought, I don't want to be a part of being a victim, or having people congratulate me and telling me how great I was. I just felt my life energy leave me. Being shot is traumatic." It took a while for Van Durme to get back to hunting, but eventually he did. He uses his near-death experience to improve hunting safety.

"I've been instructing at IHEA since 2000," Van Durme said. "I instruct at every academy in my state, and my incident has led to a comprehensive 12-page report on hunting incidents."

Though a stranger shot Van Durme, IHEA president Lawhern says that in the majority of cases, a friend or family member shoots the victim. He also stresses that one-third to one-half of the time, hunting-related shooting injuries are self-inflicted. These are the things that Lawhern and others who investigate shooting incidents have learned and train others to shoot.

"Every crime scene should be investigated as if a member of your family was the victim," Lawhern said.

FWC's Cline stresses that safety needs to be the No. 1 priority for hunters. "Hunting is a great sport," Cline said. "We want everyone to come home from hunting, safe and sound; bagging something is secondary to that."

FWC: Boating legislation protects people and resources

Submitted

New laws aimed at boating safety and protecting natural resources are in effect. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and other law enforcement agencies throughout state are out to alert Floridians to new laws and enhancements to existing laws that deal with boating under the influence, boating safety education, waterway markers, possession of gasoline on a vessel and destruction of coral.

The enhanced penalty for BUI is

the same as it is for driving under the influence. The blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.20 that was a violation in the past has changed to 0.15.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2010, any boater born on or after Jan. 1, 1988 will be required to take an approved boating safety course and possess an FWC-issued boating safety identification card. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1988 and purchases a boat will have 90 days from the purchase date to obtain a boating safety identification card.

Another prohibited activity is

placement and use of a waterway marker that does not conform to the U.S. Aids to Navigation System and does not have an FWC permit. It's also unlawful for boaters to moor to government-placed waterway markers or lawfully placed waterway markers except in emergency situations or with written consent of the marker's owner.

Also, it is illegal to possess or operate a vessel with nonconforming or unapproved gasoline containers or to transport gasoline in an unventilated or improperly ventilated compartment.

Laws regarding titling, numbering and registration now apply to any vessel operated, used or stored on state waters except vessels lawfully stored at a dock or marina.

Boaters who damage coral reefs are required to notify the Department of Environmental Protection. In addition, boaters who damage coral reefs are required to cooperate with that department to remove their vessels and to assess and restore the coral reef.

To learn more about Florida's boating requirements, visit MyFWC.com/Boating.

Governor Supports Manatee Protection; Signs Proclamation For Manatee Awareness Month

Submitted

Governor Charlie Crist recently issued a proclamation recognizing November 2009 as Manatee Awareness Month, a tradition supported by Florida's governors for many years. Manatees are listed as endangered at the state, federal, and international levels. The proclamation states, "Manatees face the risk of extinction due to human related threats."

Patrick Rose, Executive Director of Save the Manatee Club, credits Governor Crist with helping to bring much needed attention and support to protect Florida's official marine mammal at a time when it is critically needed.

"More than 374 manatees have died from all causes, and historically, collisions with watercraft represent nearly 34% of all manatee deaths where a cause of death could be determined. Clearly, first and foremost, we must expand our efforts to raise public awareness about the presence of manatees in our waters and to reach more people about how to help prevent their deaths, including the millions who vacation here from outside Florida and around the world."

Another serious threat to the manatee population is the potential loss of warm-water winter habitat, such as natural springs and the outfalls of power plants, where manatees gather to keep warm during winter cold spells. Manatees cannot tolerate prolonged exposure to water temperatures below 68 degrees Fahrenheit.

"Governor Crist's commitment to proclaim November as Manatee Awareness Month puts the endan-

gered manatee in the spotlight, and highlights the threats to their long-term survival and how we can all help," added Rose. "There is much we can do together to safeguard Florida's docile and defenseless manatee, like obeying posted speed zones and properly disposing of our trash when boating. Thankfully, manatees are cherished by so many, and for that we remain hopeful and optimistic."

The Club provides a variety of ways for the public to help with manatee protection. Florida shoreline property owners can request a free aluminum dock sign from Save the Manatee Club which says, "Please Watch for Manatees: Operate with Care." E-mail education@savethemanatee.org, or call toll free at 1-800-432-JOIN (5646) and include contact information plus the address where the sign will be posted.

Also, the Florida boating public can request a free "Please Slow: Manatees Below" waterproof banner, which helps to alert other boaters whenever manatees are present.

Free boater awareness posters and posters discouraging harassment are also available to dive shops, marinas, businesses, visitor centers, schools and libraries interested in displaying them in areas to help educate others about manatee conservation.

Manatee protection tips are available on the Club's website at www.savethemanatee.org/boater-tips.htm. For more information on manatees, the Adopt-A-Manatee® program, or to sign up for the Club's free E-Newsletter, visit www.savethemanatee.org. You can

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Biologists rescue manatee with watercraft injuries



Submitted

Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Fish and Wildlife Research Institute rescued a manatee in Shell Key Bay near Goodland in Southwest Florida on Tuesday.

Staff from the Rookery Bay Reserve, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and citizen volunteers helped FWC biologists and law enforcement officers pull the approximately 8-and-a-half-foot, adult female aboard the manatee rescue boat.

After the rescuers brought the manatee to shore, they transported it to

Lowry Park Zoo for rehabilitation.

Biologists performed the rescue because of visible watercraft injuries. The manatee was listing to one side, which meant a punctured lung filled the body cavity with air. Fresh wounds on the manatee's left side, may have resulted from an encounter with boat propellers and engines.

To report a dead or distressed manatee, call the FWC Wildlife Alert hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922). For more information on manatee research, visit <http://research.MyFWC.com/manatee>.



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