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PCS workers recovering from burns

More surgery ahead for one

By Stephenie Livingston
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Two PCS employees who suffered burns last week when a 15-ton boom lift came in contact with a power line are recovering, according to PCS spokesman Mike Williams. Maintenance workers were moving a motor using the boom lift when it came into contact with an overhead power line at about 12:30 p.m. last Wednesday, according to a company press release. As of late Monday afternoon, Area Maintenance Foreman Randy Beauchamp of Hamilton County, who suffered severe burns, had undergone skin graft surgery and was expected to undergo additional surgery this week, said Williams. Electrical Area Foreman Ronald Spells of Statenville, Ga. was scheduled for release from Shands UF, according to Williams. PCS is currently investigating the incident, said Williams.

Biomass plant brings jobs, controversy

Debate continues about environmental effects, sustainability of project



Hamilton County Coordinator Danny Johnson was instrumental in bringing about the Adage biomass plant. Johnson traveled as far as Scotland to research plants similar to the one Adage plans to build. Here he stands on the site of the plant, at State Road 6 and County Road 146. - Photo: Stephenie Livingston

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The biomass plant proposed for Hamilton County isn't the only such facility that may soon fire up its incinerators in the area. Several companies have outlined plans for new biomass plants from Gainesville to central Georgia on the hopes of creating new industry and reducing harmful emissions into the atmosphere. In fact, another biomass plant may be in the works for Hamilton County. American Renewables is seeking to build a new plant in White Springs.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has issued the final permit to Adage Biopower for a 55-megawatt biomass fueled power plant to be built in Hamilton County. The company plans to begin construction within the next four months. Adage Spokesmen Jerret Adams said his company's goal is to "ensure healthy, sustainable forests so they will remain a renewable resource for the community as well as providing a renewable fuel source." The plant, to be located at State Road 6 and County Road 146, will convert waste wood to fuel. However, some critics are challenging the company's environmental claims. "Clean and green? It's anything but that, it's dirty," said Dr. Ron Saff, asthma and allergy

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Jobless rate rises slightly in Hamilton

Suwannee remains the same, Lafayette goes up

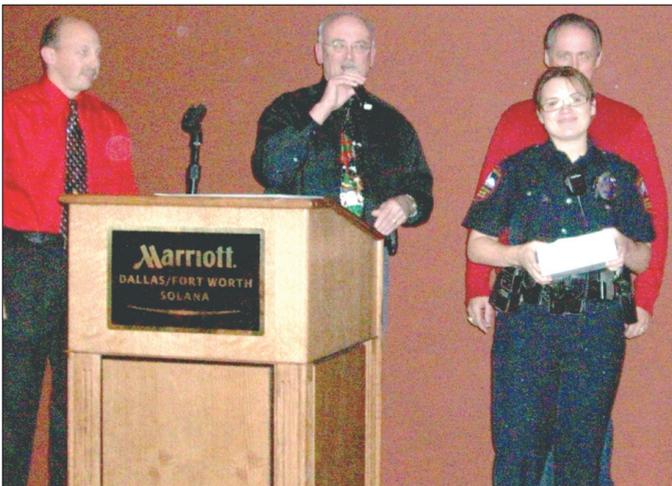
By Jeff Waters
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Unemployment in Hamilton County rose to 12.5 percent in December 2009, according to figures released Friday by the state. Novem-

ber's adjusted figure was 12.4 percent, compared to 10.1 percent for December 2008. The jobless rate in Suwannee County remained the same at 10.9 percent for December. November's adjusted figure was also 10.9 percent, compared to 7.2 percent for December 2008.

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Former Jasper resident named Officer of the Year by Texas PD



JeanAnn Gray receives 2009 Police Officer of the Year award from the Roanoke, Texas Police Department in December. - Courtesy photo

Submitted

Former Jasper resident JeanAnn Gray has been recognized as the 2009 Police Officer of the Year by the Roanoke, Texas Police Department.

Gray is a 2000 graduate of Hamilton County High School. She graduated from St. Petersburg Community College with a Bachelor



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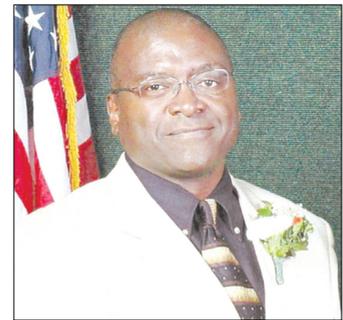
Hamilton native named director of Jefferson County extension office

By Lazaro Aleman
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Monticello News

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Jefferson County has a new extension office director. He is Hamilton County native John Lilly, who had been serving as interim director since former longtime director Larry Halsey resigned on May 31.

The County Commission selected Lilly on Nov. 5. The commissioners' comments made clear that Lilly's sterling qualifications, his longevity with the office and his service and



Hamilton County native John Lilly. - Photo courtesy Monticello News

commitment to youths made him the hands-down choice, notwithstanding the other candidate's impressive qualifications.

"We have two very qualified candidates but one of them has lived and worked 20 years here, has exceptional qualifications, and can

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specialist in Tallahassee and a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility, a non-profit advocacy group.

Others claim there is not enough of the company's fuel of choice, "forest waste," to accommodate the plant.

Michele Curtis of Buckeye of Florida, a pulp mill, said Adage has greatly overestimated the amount of waste wood available. "There is just not enough out there," said Curtis.

The Adage plant here isn't the only biomass plant that may soon fire up its incinerators in the area. Several companies have outlined plans for new biomass plants from Gainesville to central Georgia in the hopes of creating new industry and reducing harmful emissions into the atmosphere. In fact, another biomass plant

may be in the works for Hamilton County.

American Renewables is seeking to build a new plant in White Springs.

The financial benefits are considerable, especially in a place like Hamilton County, where unemployment measured 12.5 percent in December.

The Adage plant, the first to receive approval by FDEP, will pay an estimated \$550,000 dollars in taxes annually after 70 percent abatement during the first five years, according to Hamilton County Coordinator Danny Johnson. Johnson said Adage would also make a payment of \$1.4 million dollars to the county's school system.

The plant will create about 140-150 new jobs during construction and in the related timber industry, as well as about 25-40 greatly needed full-time jobs, said Johnson.

"Adage has promised their intentions are to be good stewards of the environment and the local community," said Johnson.

The source
Adage plans to use up to 600,000 tons of wood, mainly "forest waste," the term for tree limbs, roots, storm debris and tops and stumps left over after lumber is harvested.

Adage hopes to create a new forest waste market within a 50-mile radius of the plant. Supporters say this contemporary usage of an ancient source will help reduce harmful atmospheric emissions. However, its critics say this use of forest waste is unrealistic.

Buckeye's Curtis says Adage has overestimated the amount of wood they can gather from forest waste.

"There is not enough waste material within a 50 mile radius of any plant to supply all the needs of a 55-megawatt plant," said Curtis. "In fact, I believe there will be only enough waste material to supply 20 to 30 percent of their annual needs." Curtis said her opinion is based on 31 years of experience as a forester.

Adage spokesmen Jerret Adams said his company has based its forest waste estimates on years of experience and extensive research.

"Our estimates are based on real world experience," said Adams. "We will be harvesting what is otherwise considered waste for a helpful purpose for humans."

The Florida Forestry Association says it's a positive sign.

"The potential for greater wood use is a positive sign that more forests will be growing here," said FFA Executive Vice President Jeff Doran. "To sustain Florida's forests, landowners will need economic incentives to stay on the land. Producing a continuous supply of trees for wood, paper, energy and other products society demands is key to keeping our forests healthy and sustainable."

Adams said the company's use of forest waste would cut down on methane gases in the atmosphere and the risk of forest fires.

"This material would be burned or simply rot on the forest floor, in either case producing CO2 emissions," he said.

The plant plans to supplement its use of forest waste with land clearing and storm debris, production residuals, and lumber mill and construction wood waste.

"We want to be sure to have minimal impact on the environment," said Adams. "Biomass is considered a carbon neutral, renewable power source. By using biomass, you're part of the carbon cycle."

Still, some environmentalists worry about any removal of forest waste.

"Those trimmings need to stay in the forest to replenish the soil," said environmentalist Joy Towles Ezell of Taylor County. "You're taking all the nutrients out of the soil and in the end you won't be able to grow anything."

Emissions
Based on the air permit, the project will result in emissions increases of nearly 1,000 tons per year of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, sulfuric acid mist, sulfur dioxide, volatile organic compounds, lead, hydrogen chloride and other materials.

pollute the air, cause cardiac and lung conditions, and cancer," argues physician Saff. "This is not something you want to welcome into your community."

The Department of Environmental Protection disagrees.

"This facility is not a major source of hazardous air pollutants," said Amy Graham of DEP. "The draft permit requires the facility to install air pollutant control equipment and measures to minimize any particulate matter emissions."

Saff responded: "Just as there's no such thing as a safe cigarette, there is no such thing as a safe biomass plant. The

Florida Medical Association is deeply concerned about the poisonous gases that will spew from the smoke stacks."

However, Jay Liles of the Florida Wildlife Federation said whether biomass plants are dangerous depends on the source of fuel. Although he is not directly familiar with the Adage plant, he believes biomass plants, which use forest waste, are a step in the right direction.

"I think it's a good move for us to start looking at alternative fuel sources such as forest waste," said Liles. "In the grand scheme of things, I think this is the right direction."

Florida's resident hippo celebrates 50th birthday during Florida State Parks diamond anniversary

TALLAHASSEE—Today marked the half-century celebration of a beloved resident at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park (Homosassa Springs). Lu, resident hippopotamus at Homosassa Springs, today celebrated his 50th birthday with park staff, visitors and Homosassa Elementary School students who presented the hippo with his own birthday cake during two birthday parties at the park.

Jobless rate rises slightly in Hamilton

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Lafayette rose to 8.7 from an adjusted figure of 8.3 in November. The December 2008 rate was 5.6 percent.

The jobless rate in De-

ember 2009 for the state was 11.8 percent, up from November of 11.5 percent. The December 2008 rate was 7.6 percent.

The national unemployment rate is 10 percent.

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of Science in Criminal Justice in 2005 and The Tarrant County Police Academy in 2006.

Gray, her husband Shane and their six-year-old daughter Madison live in Haslet, Texas. JeanAnn started

her career with the Roanoke Police Department in 2006. She was also recognized for issuing the most DUIs in the department for 2009.

JeanAnn is the daughter of Michael and Ann Lessman of Jasper.

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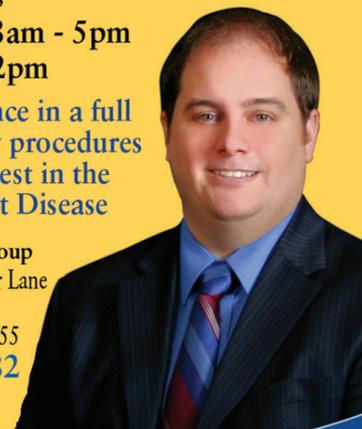
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Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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Exploritas came to White Springs this week. You might not recognize the name but many of you know the program. It used to be called Elderhostel. Exploritas is new, but the definition has been in the making since the first Elderhostel programs back in 1975. Exploritas: Explore your mind and discover the world through authentic and thought-provoking adventures in learning. Before 1975, older adults had very few organized ways to learn, grow, and experience adventure. When Elderhostel was founded, it was exclusively an organization for adults 60 and over. It was something special, almost a rite of passage, because it provided opportunities that weren't previously available. Later the age limit was changed to 55, and this change had no impact on the average age of participants. For years they've allowed, even encouraged, people over 55 to bring along their younger spouse or partner, or for that matter, their

adult children.

Each year, about one hundred folks come to White Springs for one of the three or four annual Exploritas programs sponsored by the Stephen Foster Citizen Support Organization. These folks come from all over the United States, mostly from more northern climates, to experience a week of learning and adventure here. You might wonder what would compel a person who has never been here before to want to pay to be in a program that spends a week in our little rural area. If you want a fresh perspective on what a great place we live in, just take a look at the Exploritas course description for the course that is titled "Suwannee River Adventure: Canoeing, Hiking and Folklore in Florida."

"Canoe the dark waters of the Suwannee River, immortalized by Stephen Foster in 'Old Folks at Home', hike some of the 28 miles of trails at Big Shoals Public Lands and discover regional folk life as local residents share their food, music, dance and stories. Also canoe the clear, spring-fed waters of the Itchetucknee River. Take a guided wildflower walk and enjoy woodland picnics. Pine and palmetto forests, turpentine camps, the legacy of Spanish explorers and healing springs left their mark on local culture. Square dance to the tunes of Florida's state fiddling champion, or join a howl-a-long with Florida's environmental troubadour. Feast on local

home cooking, from mayhaw jelly and smoked mullet to swamp cabbage at bountiful church suppers."

The Stephen Foster CSO volunteers always have a lot of fun with these folks! Last Sunday evening a delicious dinner was prepared for the current Exploritas group by Carol Stob, Khrys Kantarze, Deb Odom, Jerry Lawrence Bullard, Sue Ruda, Dennis and Dottie Price and Walter and Merri McKenzie.

Many thanks to Tom and Maddie Moore for going to Washington DC to recruit more bus tours for the park and the town. They made hundreds of presentations and I know that we will see many benefits from their hard work which took a lot of time and effort. White Springs should appreciate these two fine folks very much!

Suwannee Bicycle Association hosted the "IDIDARIDE" off-road challenge ride last weekend. Cyclist rode through town on their way to and from the fifty miles of off road trails. They patronized our local campgrounds, B&Bs, restaurants and shops and there is already a lot of "buzz" on the Web about White Springs being a great place to visit. Next time you see a cyclist in town, give them some room and a friendly wave, they are good folks and they are very good for our economy.

This Friday through Sunday, January 29-31, the third annual GATOR-KNAP Prehistoric Technology Show takes place at Stephen Foster Park. I went last year and really enjoyed it. The event will be an educational experience geared at bringing together professional and avocational archaeologists, and all those interested in prehistoric technologies. There will be demonstrations and classes in techniques such as flint knapping, ceramics, cordage, and carving of stone, shell, bone, and wood. This event gives you a glimpse into the genius of our ancestors as they dealt with living and surviving in far more difficult times.

Ralph Hardwick is home and recuperating from a heart operation. It's been a long journey and I know that he is glad to be back in his own place. Knowing Ralph, it probably won't be long before we will see him out and about, enjoying life in White Springs with the rest of us.

I've said enough. See you next week, and I'd love to hear from you too.

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Relay for Life Invitation

Submitted

What: Hamilton County Relay for Life Team Recruitment Party (Mardi Gras theme)

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team for 2010 Relay for Life which will be held at the Old High School Track on Friday, April 16th- Saturday, April 17th. An easy way to raise that \$100 which will pay for your team's t-shirts is to get 10 friends and have each person donate \$10. Every penny counts toward saving a life. If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail me @lesliejcarter@windstream.net.

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Norris Notes

By Lillian Norris

Norris Notes will not be running during the next few weeks. Mrs. Lillian Norris will be back as soon as possible with her column. Thank you.

Relay for Life fundraiser "Lunch in the Park"

The Relay for Life Organization will hold a fundraising event, "Lunch in the Park", on Saturday, February 6 from 11 a.m. until. BBQ sandwich lunches will be offered for only \$5.00 each, drinks will be offered as a donation.

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OPINION

We need diversity

It's not at all uncommon to watch a college basketball game and see that 90 to 100 percent of the players are black. According to the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport report titled "The 2008 Racial and Gender Report Card," the percentage of black male

basketball players in Division I was an all-time high at 60.4 percent. It was 45.9 percent in football and 6.0 percent in baseball.



A MINORITY VIEW BY WALTER WILLIAMS

spend tens of millions of dollars on it. Juilliard School has a director of diversity and inclusion; MIT has a manager of diversity recruitment; Toledo University, an associate dean for diversity;

whites." Careful! That's an attitude that could win you a charge of racism. It differs little from suggesting that the reason why not many blacks are nuclear physicists is because they are not as good as whites. It should be remembered that diversity creed holds that we are all equal and would be proportionately represented by race across all activities but for the fact of discrimination and oppression.

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Diversity is worse in professional sports. In the National Basketball Association, almost 82 percent of the players are people of color, higher than last year's 80 percent. This is the highest percentage of players of color since the 1994-1995 season. The percentage of black players increased to 77 percent from last year's 76 percent mark. The percentage of Latinos remained constant at 3 percent. Football diversity is not much better. During the 2008 NFL season, the percentage of white players remained constant at 31 percent while the percentage of black players increased slightly from 66 to 67 percent. Casual observation shows that most sports lack sex diversity. Segregation by sex is the rule rather than the exception.

One can understand the absence of concern for diversity in professional sports; they are in it just for the money. But one is left flummoxed by the lack of sports diversity in college sports. After all, you can't listen to any college president or provost speak for more than five minutes before the word "diversity" drops from his lips. Colleges take diversity seriously and they

Harvard, Texas A&M, California at Berkeley, Virginia and many others boast of officers, deans, vice presidents and perhaps ministers of diversity. But, in what appears to be the height of deviousness and deceit, these diversity-driven administrators allow sports, the most visible part of the college, be the least diverse and least inclusive.

Let's look at George Mason University, where I've taught in its distinguished Economics Department for 29 years. According to university race/ethnic statistics, its campus consists of: 7 percent blacks, 7 percent Hispanics, 12 percent Asians, 43 percent white and miscellaneous others. If there were true basketball diversity, we would see at least two white players, and one each Asian, Hispanic and black on the starting five. I don't watch GMU basketball, and have no idea of whether our starting five looks like America, but I'd bet the rent money that our Office of Equity and Diversity has failed at producing basketball diversity.

You say, "Williams, the reason blacks dominate basketball and football is that they are better than

Basketball, football and nuclear physics aren't the only areas of our lives sorely lacking diversity and proportional representation. American men are struck by lightning six times as often as American women. Men are about 54 percent of the labor force but suffer more than 90 percent of job-related deaths. Cervical cancer rates are five times higher among Vietnamese women in the U.S. than among white women. Pima Indians of Arizona have the highest diabetes rates in the world. Prostate cancer is nearly twice as common among black men as white men. Half of all Mexican wives are married in their teens while only 10 percent of Japanese wives are married that early.

These and many other statistics about racial differences suggests that there will be full employment for people in the diversity business for decades to come.

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Obituaries

Alice Bullard Carter

Alice Bullard Carter, 86, of Valdosta past away Monday, January 11, 2010 at South Georgia Medical Center after a short illness. She was born on April 10, 1923 in White Springs, Florida to the late Cauley Carl and

Katherine Carter Bullard. Mrs. Carter was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Joy/Fidelis Sunday School Class. She was actively involved in Carlton Carter's timber and farming operation that sustained their family. She stayed active in

the day-to-day operation of that business up until the death of Carlton. She served as Director of Council on Aging in Hamilton County for many years and a member of the South Georgia Medical Center Auxillary. Mrs. Carter was an avid gardener.

Survivors include two daughters, Joanne Carter Bagwell and her spouse, Dub Bagwell of Gainesville, GA., Jeannie Carter Pennington and her spouse, Dr. Pat Pennington of Valdosta, one son, Carl Ivey Carter of Lake Park, GA., grandchildren, Emily Bagwell of Gainesville, GA., Carla Bridges and her spouse, John Bridges of San Francisco, Calif., William Bagwell and his spouse, Jennifer Bagwell of Gainesville, GA., Kate Pennington of Valdosta, Patton Pennington of Macon, GA., Carl Ivey Carter, Jr. and his spouse, Megan Carter of White Springs, Fla., Virginia Alice (Ginny) Mello and her spouse, Adonis Mello of Chapel Hill, NC., six great grandchildren, Catherine Harbin, Walker Bailey, Allison Bailey, William Bagwell, Emaline Bagwell and Benjamin Bridges, one sister, Betty B. Nichols and her spouse Don Nichols of Jacksonville, Fla., one brother, Don Bullard and his spouse, Roselyn Bullard of Statesboro, GA., one sister in law, Miriam Bullard Butler of Eastman, GA and a wide extended family. She was preceded in death by her husbands Carlton Carter and

Mort Peeples, one brother and four sisters.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the First Baptist Church, 200 W. Central Avenue, Valdosta, GA 31601 with Dr. Phil West and Rev. Mac Weaver officiating. Graveside services were held at Memorial Cemetery in Lake City, Florida.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Valdosta, First Baptist Church of White Springs, Florida or to the charity of your choice. Condolences to the family may be conveyed online at www.mclanefuneralservices.com. Carson McLane Funeral Home.

Bobby Alvin Tyre

Bobby Alvin Tyre, age 73, of Live Oak, FL. passed away Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at Shands Hospital in Live Oak, FL. following an extended illness. Bobby was a retired farmer. He was the son of the late Alvin and Ethel Dempsey Tyre. Bobby was also preceded in death by a son, Joel Tyre, and a brother, Billy Tyre.

Survivors include three sons, Bobby Tyre, Jr., Lee, FL., Henry Tyre and Scott Tyre Robinson, both of Live Oak, FL.; two daughters, Betty Jo Brown, Crestview, FL. and B.J. Scoops Vann, of Live Oak, FL.; two brothers, Lewis Tyre, Homestead, FL. and Gene

Tyre, Jasper, FL.; two sisters, Hazel Warner, Live Oak, FL. and Vera Brown, Macon, GA.; 14 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010 in the chapel of Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper, FL. Interment followed at New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery.

Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper, FL. was in charge of arrangements.

Oleta Henderson Smith Johnson

Oleta Henderson Smith Johnson, of Jasper, Florida, passed away at the age of 95 (Aug 1, 1914-Jan. 21, 2010). Her parents were Frank M. and Mary Catherine Bell Henderson of Hamilton County. Before Mrs. Johnson's decline in health, she was a very active member of the First United Methodist Church. She served as Past Matron of Eastern Star, Chapter #199. Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by husbands, James Smith and George Johnson; two sons, James Franklin Smith and William Scott Smith; siblings, Lonzo Henderson, Kathryn Buckels (Robert C), Lucille Naeve (Hank), Odis Henderson (Mary Ann),

Ralph and Raymon Henderson, and three infant brothers.

She is survived by her brother, Alton (Sarah) Henderson, Jasper; her daughter-in-law, Twig S. Greenhaw Smith; her sister-in-law, Martha Ruth Henderson, Jasper; grandchildren Mary Beth (George) Porchas, Yuma, AZ, Scott Smith, Jr., Redding, CA, Kathleen (Bill) Hollowell, Anderson, CA, and Sammie (Alan) Davenport, Sterling, VA. She is survived by many close nephews and nieces, namely Lori (Richard) Bramblett, Warner Robins, GA, whom she reared, several great-grandchildren; and her devoted caretaker, Avis Cason.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29, 2010 at Jasper First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Thursday, Jan. 28th at Harry T. Reid Funeral Home between the hours of 5:00-7:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Jasper First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1298, Jasper, FL. 32052 or Haven Hospice, 6037 West U.S. Hwy 90, Lake City, FL. 32055.

Harry T. Reid Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Howze & Law to wed



Lindsey Diane Howze and Jeffery Law, Jr.

Keith and Diane Howze of Hahira, GA announce the engagement of their daughter Lindsey Diane Howze to Jeffery William Law, Jr., son of Jeff and Wanda Law and the late Rachel Law of Jennings, FL.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, February 13, 2010 at the Crescent. No invitations will be sent, but family and friends are invited to attend.

The bride-elect's maternal grandparents are Vernon Russ and the late Tommie Sue Russ of Hahira and the late Roy E. Nielsen of Uvalda, GA. Her paternal grandparents are Laqueta Howze and the late Roy Howze of Adel, GA. She is the great-granddaughter of

Monzelle Shiflett of Adel and Oma Nielsen of Clermont, FL.

Lindsey graduated from Lowndes High School in Valdosta, GA and attends Valdosta State University. She is employed by First Federal Savings & Loan of Valdosta as a bank teller.

The groom-elect's maternal grandparents are the late Bill Hall and the late Sonja Hall, and his paternal grandparents are Harold and Gerry Law, all of Jennings. He is the great-grandson of Claudia Vaughn of Pensacola, FL

Jeffery graduated from Echols County Schools and attends South Georgia College. He is employed by J&W Timber Harvest as a logger.

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<p>ADVENT CHRISTIAN</p> <p>FIRST ADVENT CHRISTIAN N.W. 15th Avenue Jasper Rev. Wayne Sullivan Sunday Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Fellowship.....6:30 p.m. 571612-F</p>	<p>BAPTIST (Southern)</p> <p>CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH 1/2 mile East on Hwy. 6, Jasper, FL 32052 792-2275 Sunday 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. 571614-F</p>	<p>METHODIST</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 405 Central Ave., Jasper, FL Pastor - Dale Ames Phone - 386-792-1122 Sunday 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 571616-F</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 204 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Jasper, 792-2258 Pastor: Rev. Parrish Jones, 792-8412 SUNDAY Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Prayer in Fellowship Hall.....9:00 a.m. Choir Practice.....7:00 p.m. 571619-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 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 571613-F</p>	<p>CHURCH OF CHRIST</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST N.W. 3rd St., Jasper Bldg.: 792-2277 Sunday Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening.....6:00 p.m. 571615-F</p>	<p>NON-DENOMINATIONAL</p> <p>BURNHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH 4520 NW CR 146, Jennings, FL 32053 938-1265 Pastor: Robert Carter Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m. 571617-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. 571623-F</p>

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

Building On FAITH



MLK Day parade: Part 2

Hamilton County turned out in great numbers for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade, as we showed you on last week's front page. Here are more scenes.



The local ROTC unit marches.



Drum corps.



"Dreams do come true."



What's a parade without beauty queens?



What's a parade without beauty queens?



Celebrating the day.

- Photos: Stephenie Livingston





Local young lady competes for the Miss Jr. Pre-Teen Jacksonville Title



Kalynda Heck-Johns

Submitted

Kalynda Heck-Johns of Jasper was recently selected to participate in Nationals' 2010 Miss Jr. Pre-Teen Jacksonville pageant competition that will take place on February 13, 2010. Kalynda learned of her acceptance into this year's competition as Nationals, Inc. announced their selections on Monday (January 18) afternoon. Kalynda submitted an application and took part in an interview session that was conducted by Natalie Michelle, this year's Jack-

sonville Pageant Coordinator.

Kalynda will be competing for her share of thousands of dollars in prizes and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants. Kalynda will be competing in the Miss Jr. Pre-Teen division, one of four divisions that will have young ladies between the ages of 7 and 19 competing in modeling routines which include casual wear and formal wear. Most important, Kalynda will display her personality and interviewing skills

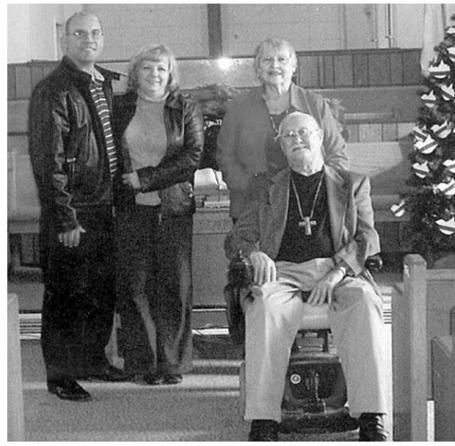
while interviewing with this year's Jacksonville judging panel. Personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition.

If Kalynda were to win the title of Miss Jr. Pre-Teen Jacksonville, she would represent Jacksonville and the surrounding communities at the Cities of America National Competition that will take place in Orlando, Florida. Over \$60,000.00 in prizes and awards will be presented at the National Competition while each winner enjoys this expense paid trip of five nights and six days in Orlando, Florida.

There is no cost to Kalynda for participating in the pageant competition. Community businesses, organizations, and private individuals will assist Kalynda in participating in this year's competition by becoming an official sponsor to her. Through sponsorship, each contestant receives all the necessary training, rehearsals, and financial support which will allow Kalynda to become a very confident and well-prepared contestant in this year's Jacksonville Pageant.

Any business, organization, or private individual who may be interested in becoming a sponsor to Kalynda may contact her pageant coordinator, Natalie Michelle at 1-800-569-2487.

The New Year brings changes to First Advent Christian Church



First Advent Christian Church's new Pastor Wayne Sullivan and wife Sharon with retiring Pastor Fran Wood and wife Karen. - Photo submitted

Submitted

Many changes have occurred in our church since the new year began. Pastor Fran Wood,

after nine years with us, has retired. We've lost a wonderful friend and pastor. At the beginning of

2010 Pastor Wayne Sullivan joined our church. Pastor Wayne is young and vibrant and we are his first church. Our church is loving and we all feel as though we are family. That will not change with the change of our minister and that is comforting.

Won't you join our family? Church Services begin at 11:00 a.m. with fellowship before service about 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Pastor Fran Wood put this scripture verse in our worship folder each week: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see that day approaching." [Hebrews 10:25] NIV

Community Calendar

Jan. 28 - Hamilton County Brotherhood quarterly meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. at Divonia Baptist Church. Call Cecil Rowe at 397-8359 for more information.

Jan. 30-31 & Feb. 5-7 - 24th Annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire at the Alachua County Fairgrounds. For hours, admission prices, and more information call 352-334-ARTS or visit www.gvlculturalaffairs.org.

Feb. 2 - Hamilton County Relay for Life Team Recruitment Party from 6-7 pm at the School Board Meeting Room. For more information send email to lesliejcarter@windstream.net.

Feb. 6 - 4-H Relay team-Father/Daughter Dance from 7pm-9pm at the Jasper Women's Club. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the 2010 Hamilton County Relay for Life.

Feb. 6 - Relay for Life's "Lunch in the Park" fundraiser. BBQ sandwich lunches for \$5. 11 a.m. until.

Feb. 9 - Silviculture BMP Forestry Workshop from 10 a.m.-2:15 p.m. at the Hamilton County Extension Office, 1143 US Hwy 41 NW in Jasper. Pre-registration is required, no charge to attend, sponsored meal provided. Call 792-1269 or 792-1276 for more info or to register.

Feb. 21 - Become a Certified Babe Ruth Umpire at Hamilton Parks and Recreation 12:00-5:30 p.m. Call 792-3098 for more information.

Mar. 6 - Burnham Christian Church Yard Sale, 8 a.m. until at Suwannee Valley Nursing Home. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the 2010 Hamilton County Relay for Life.

Monthly Happenings:

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

Silviculture BMP Forestry Workshop to be held February 9th.

By Greg Staten, Hamilton County Forester and Allen Tyree, Agricultural Agent

The Florida Division of Forestry in cooperation with the Hamilton County Extension Office will be having a Landowner Workshop "Silvicultural Best Management Practices (BMPs) For Forest Landowners" and "Are Eucalyptus and Cottonwood Trees in North Florida's Future?" from 10:00 am to 2:15 pm on February 9, 2009. The workshop will be held at the Hamilton County Extension Office located at 1143 US Hwy 41 NW, Jasper, FL 32053. This workshop is

scheduled to start promptly at 10:00 am and last until about 2:15 pm.

It is geared toward educating the private forest landowner on the topics of Silvicultural Best Management Practices (BMPs) as they relate to forest management activities. The workshop will also be used to discuss the options for planting tree species other than pines for sales to the energy producing facilities proposed for our area. UF IFAS tree breeder and scientist Donald Rockwood will cover this topic. If you own forest land in Florida, this meeting will provide important

information to you that will help you manage your property for forest products production as well as wildlife while protecting and maintaining water quality.

A sponsored meal will be provided during the meeting at no cost to attendees. There is no charge for attending, but due to limited seating pre-registration is required. To obtain more information or to pre-register you may contact Greg Staten at 386-792-1269 or Allen Tyree at 386-792-1276 no later than 4:00 PM on February 5th. We look forward to seeing you there.

AGENDA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA Room 112 - Courthouse 207 Northeast First Street Jasper, Florida MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2010

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. SIX CENTS LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX - INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS/ORDINANCE RENEWAL
6. APPROVE BILLS
7. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
8. ADJOURN

TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

- 9:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - INVOCATION - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
- 9:05 A.M. - HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT - HUGH GIEBEIG AND HEATHER BEMBRY - DISCUSSION OF PHARMACY ASSISTANT PROGRAM AND DENTAL BUS
- 9:10 A.M. - COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS - STATUS REPORT

DUE TO PUBLICATION DEADLINE, THIS AGENDA MAY NOT CONTAIN ALL MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE AGENDA WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER 1:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2010 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, COUNTY 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 ACCOMMODATION 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, FEBRUARY 16, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CONSENT AGENDA**

FEBRUARY 2, 2010

- 1) MINUTES - APPROVE: January 5, 2010 - Regular Meeting
January 19, 2010 - Regular Meeting

2) DEPARTMENT HEADS - INFORMATION ITEMS:

3) DEPARTMENT HEADS - ACTION ITEMS:



**HAMILTON COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM
SOLICITATION FOR APPLICANTS**

The Florida Department of Community Affairs has made Community Development Block Grant funding available to Hamilton County for residents located in the unincorporated areas of the County.

These funds will be utilized to assist low income residents with the rehabilitation or replacement of their homes.

Hamilton County will accept pre-application packages beginning on Thursday, January 28th, 2010 thru Thursday, February 9th, 2010 at 4:00 PM. Pre-Application packages that are received after the deadline will not be accepted. Pre-Application packages may be obtained from the County Coordinators Office, 1153 US Hwy. 41, Suite 2, Jasper, FL 32052, the Clerk of Courts Office, 207 NE 1st Street, Room 106, Jasper, FL 32052, or from any County Commissioner.

Pre-Application Packages should be dropped off with or mailed to Mr. Danny Johnson, Hamilton County Coordinator, 1153 US Hwy. 41, Suite 2, Jasper, FL 32052. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Spencer Nabors at Fred Fox Enterprises Inc. (888) 223-9795.

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Jasper Legals

PUBLIC AUCTION Date: 02-15-2010 Time: 8:00 A.M. 2006 Chevy Vin# 1G1ZT51F96F174839 Date: 02-19-2010 Time: 8:00 A.M. 1987 Lincoln Vin# 1LNBM81F6HY653259 Location: Dennis Garage 8109 CR 146 NW Jennings, FL 32053 01/28

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cordele Dawson Corp. the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year(s) of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: CERTIFICATE NO.: 100 Issued June 1, 2007 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 2433-000 Section 31 Township 2N Range 14E

Let 3 Northside Estates ORB 345-297-298 ORB 573-279

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Barbara Jean Lee

All of said property being in the County of Hamilton, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Front Door of the Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2010.

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/s/Kristy Morgan, DC Greg Godwin Clerk of Circuit Court Hamilton County, Florida 01/21, 01/28, 02/4, 02/11

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2.40 ac ORB 156-901

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Haden Montgomery

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Lots 102 Meadow Brook Woods

Of as desc in ORB 128-438 less ORB 395-35

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Leon E. and Kathalyn Mason

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That parcel desc in ORB 389-345

ORB 590-413 1.51 ac

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: Church of God Pentacostal

Trustees and Successor Trustees

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Lot 13 Oaks of Timberlake an

Unrecorded subd ORB 417-25

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: James M. Moody & Ronald Ratliff

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C/S 308 Suwannee River Campsites

ORB 618-398

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: James De Cillis

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that E. V. Stormant the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year(s) of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: CERTIFICATE NO.: 963 Issued May 22, 2003 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Parcel No. 8074-000 Section 6 Township 2S Range 16E

Lots 4, 5, & 6 Blk 59 north branch

Of as desc in ORB 128-438 less

ORB 143-128 Reineau Survey

Town of White Springs ORB 636-290

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED: The Trustees & Successor Trustees

Of The Church of God Pentacostal

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/s/Kristy Morgan, DC Greg Godwin Clerk of Circuit Court Hamilton County, Florida 01/21, 01/28, 02/4, 02/11

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2009CA0005170001XX

FRIER FINANCE, INC., a Florida Corporation Plaintiff,

Vs. PAUL KILICH; et al, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 13, 2010 in the above referenced case in which FRIER FINANCE, INC. is Plaintiff, and PAUL KILICH; unknown tenants; and other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property, and if a named Defendant is deceased, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the named or described Defendants, are Defendants, I, GREG GODWIN, Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Hamilton County Courthouse OR such other location in the Hamilton County Courthouse in Jasper, Florida, as the Clerk of the Court may designate at the time of sale, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. (or as soon thereafter as Plaintiff's counsel may direct provided that said sale must be commenced prior to 2:00 P.M.), on the 18th day of February, 2010, the following described property set forth in the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure: Begin at the intersection of the West right-of-way line of State Road No. 129 and the North line of GS & F Railroad for Point of Beginning; thence run Northwestly along the North right-of-way line of the GS & F Railroad to the point where the GS & F Railroad right-of-way line intersects to the North line of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4); thence run East along the North line of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 13 East to the West right-of-way line of State Road No. 129, run then Southeastly along the West line of State Road No. 129 to the Point of Beginning. All lands lying and being in the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 13 East, Hamilton County, Florida.

RENOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 5, 2010, and entered in Case No. 2009CA000190, of the Circuit court of the 3RD Judicial Circuit in and for HAMILTON County, Florida. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF INDYMAC RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE BACKED TRUST SERIES 2006-L1, RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-L1 is Plaintiff and LUIS JORGE LOPEZ; GUILLERMO ARAGON; MARTHA PARDO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LUIS JORGE LOPEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GUILLERMO ARAGON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARTHA PARDO; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash At South Front Door Of The Courthouse, At 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper in Hamilton County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m., on this 4th day of February, 2010, the following described

Together with a 2002 SCHT Double-Wide Mobile Home. ID #s HOGA20K03692A & HOGA20K03692B.

Any and all bidders, parties or other interested persons shall contact the information desk of the Clerk of the court prior to the scheduled foreclosure sale who will advise of the exact location in the Hamilton County Courthouse for the foreclosure sale.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

[NOTE: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administrator, Post Office Box 1569, Lake City, Florida 32056-1569, Telephone: (386) 758-2163, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice or pleading. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call: 1-800-955-8771.]

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 14th day of January, 2010 at Jasper, Hamilton County, Florida.

SEAL HONORABLE GREG GODWIN CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: /s/Cynthia Johnson As Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2009CA000190

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF INDYMAC RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE BACKED TRUST SERIES 2006-L1, RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-L1 Plaintiff,

Vs. LUIS JORGE LOPEZ; GUILLERMO ARAGON; MARTHA PARDO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LUIS JORGE LOPEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GUILLERMO ARAGON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARTHA PARDO; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

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property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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PART OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FOR POINT OF REFERENCE, COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE RUN N 89°42'27" E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 20, A DISTANCE OF 751.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN S 00°00'23" W, A DISTANCE OF 237.80 FEET; THENCE RUN N 89°42'27" E, A DISTANCE OF 577.32 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00°00'23" W, A DISTANCE OF 1005.37 FEET; THENCE RUN S 86°16'15" W, A DISTANCE OF 23.94 FEET; THENCE RUN S 03°43'10" W, A DISTANCE OF 363.56 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 152, SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE BEING IN A CURVE CONCAVED NORTHWESTERLY HAVING A RADIUS OF 1869.86 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG AND AROUND SAID CURVE A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF N 80°13'37" W, 389.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, N 74°17'04" W, A DISTANCE OF 5.04 FEET; THENCE RUN N 09°20'03" E, A DISTANCE OF 88.76 FEET; THENCE RUN S 81°44'48" E, A DISTANCE OF 180.58 FEET; THENCE RUN N 09°15'12" E, A DISTANCE OF 212.86 FEET; THENCE RUN S 88°37'12" W, A DISTANCE OF 213.67 FEET; THENCE RUN S 09°23'31" W, A DISTANCE OF 261.96 FEET TO SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE RUN N 74°17'04" W ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 572.00 FEET; THENCE RUN N 00°10'58" E, A DISTANCE OF 452.36 FEET; THENCE RUN N 74°20'45" W, A DISTANCE OF 299.67 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NORTHWEST 54TH ROAD; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FOLLOWING COURSES: N 00°41'02" E, 190.41 FEET; N 03°27'51" E, 122.05 FEET; N 06°00'46" E, 119.77 FEET; N 08°13'27" E, 170.39 FEET; N 11°45'22" E, 97.37 FEET TO THE TERMINUS OF HEREIN DESCRIBED COURSES; THENCE RUN N 89°12'38" E, A DISTANCE OF 218.62 FEET; THENCE RUN S 78°17'31" E, A DISTANCE OF 212.12 FEET; THENCE RUN N 78°23'23" E, A DISTANCE OF 130.96 FEET; THENCE RUN N 50°00'10" E, A DISTANCE OF 122.58 FEET; THENCE RUN N 19°48'07" E, A DISTANCE OF 11.94 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2010.

(COURT SEAL) GREG GODWIN As Clerk of said Court

By: /s/Cynthia Johnson As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 207 NE 1st Street, Rm. 106, Jasper, FL 32052, Phone No. (386) 792-0857 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

Submitted by: Kahane & Associates, P.A. 8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000 Plantation, FL 33324 Telephone: (954) 382-3486 Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380 01/21, 01/28

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

- Jan. 18, Dennis Richard Hill, 34; 805 Lane Drive, Lake Park, GA; driving while license suspended (habitual), possession of drug paraphernalia, tag attached not assigned, possession of controlled substance; FHP
- Jan. 20, Harold A. Richburgh, 38; 1533 NW Baugh Road, Lake City; hold for CCSO, violation

- of probation; WSPD
- Jan. 21, Eric Joseph Ducharme, 34; 786 NW Stephen Foster Drive, White Springs; possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana; WSPD
- Jan. 21, Felix Ortiz, 25; 3952 SW 91st Lane, Jasper; no valid drivers license; HCSO
- Jan. 21, Debra Young, 392 NE Sims Drive, Lake City; driving while license suspended; WSPD
- Jan. 22, Amanda Beth Young, 30; 16943 Sunrise Drive, White Springs; violation of probation; P&P
- Jan. 22, Eugene Highland, 34; 16943 Sunrise Drive, White Springs; possession of marijuana within 1000' of a church, possession of drug paraphernalia; WSPD
- Jan. 22, Louis W. Johnson, Jr., 40; PO Box 619, Jasper; driving while license suspended; JAPD
- Jan. 23, Robert Adam Regar, 28; 11406 NE 40th Street, Jasper; aggravated

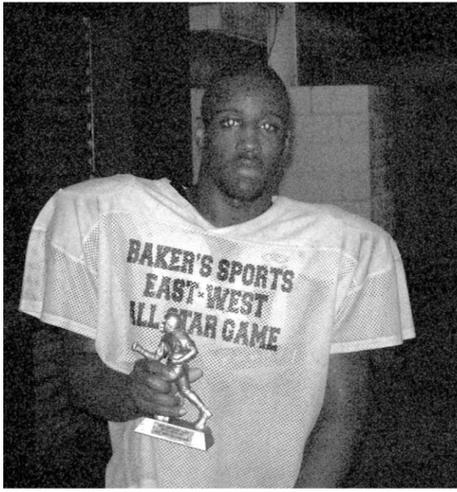
- assault (dangerous weapon), battery (D/V); JAPD
- Jan. 23, Gregory T. Hawkins, 24; 603 Queens Road, Gainesville; serving 3rd weekend of 4; HCSO
- Jan. 23, Eugene Toney Smith, 36; 377 Westchester Boulevard, Atlanta, GA, in for court, hold for Hillsborough County; HCSO
- Jan. 23, Bruce Deart Sanders, 18; 10762 NW 37th Trail, Jasper; burglary of a dwelling; HCSO
- Jan. 24, Janice Bernetta Jones, 23; Valdosta, GA; violation of probation; JAPD
- Jan. 24, O. C. Crusaw, Jr., 42; 908 SW 7th Avenue, Jasper; driving while license suspended; JAPD
- Jan. 24, Lyndell Juron Cooks, 23; 16744 Branch Street, White Springs; violation of probation 2 counts, hold for CCSO; HCSO

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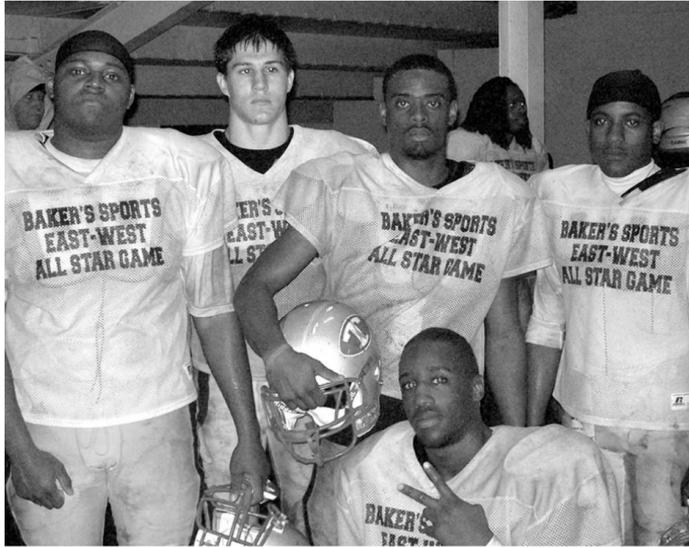
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A Weekend for All-Stars



Delafonta Ward was honored with the East's Defensive Player of the Game award



The All-Star players from Hamilton County High School are (in no particular order) Kevin Dobson, Delafonta Ward, Saul Speights, Aaron Hotchkiss and Chester Bristol. - Photos submitted by Pam Dobson

Submitted by Pam Dobson

On January 16, 2010 a few of our Hamilton County High School seniors participated in the third annual East-West All-Star game sponsored by the Columbia Youth Football Association. It was one last time for them to play, have fun, and show their talent.

It was a day filled with non-stop rain; but, our seniors came to play! Kevin Dobson, Delafonta Ward, Saul Speights, Aaron Hotchkiss, and Chester Bristol left a lasting impression for HAMCO!

Delafonta Ward was selected defensive player of the game for the east. The boys played with surrounding counties such as Suwannee, Madison Columbia, Fort White, Bradford, Union, Taylor, Dixie, and Lafayette.

We have great students as well as athletes and Hamilton County was well represented. Even though the west prevailed with a 17-14 victory, our seniors were definitely all-stars giving their all on every play as they have done all year.

We wish them well on their futures. A huge "thank you" to the faithful parents, family and friends that rallied in the rain with us!

CHE Eagles' Basketball



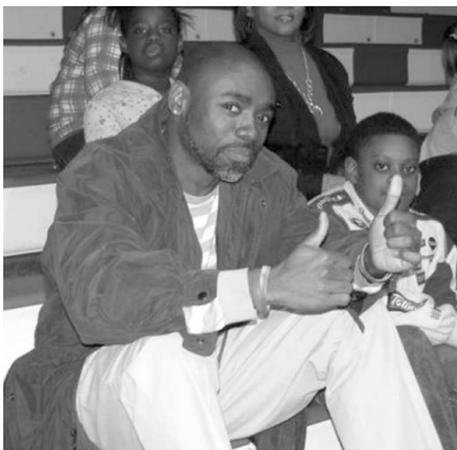
These fans were all smiles for their favorite team

Submitted On Tuesday, January 19, the Central Hamilton Elementary School Eagles' basketball team competed against the Fighting

Panthers of North Hamilton Elementary School. The Eagles were victorious over the Panthers in both games. Below are scenes from the games.



The CHE Eagles and NHE Fighting Panthers battle it out on the basketball court - Photos submitted



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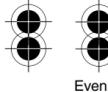
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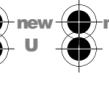
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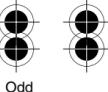
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One Way

By David H. Matier,
Doctor of Pastoral Counseling

There are many in society today who believe that "all roads lead to Rome." In other words, "It doesn't matter to which religion you adhere, they are all good and the result is the same."

On January 17th many celebrated World Religion Day using a symbol like the one below. Notice that on this symbol of world religions Christianity is grouped in with all the others as being the same as them; just an equal. Not above them nor below them, inferring that there is no need of Jesus, just be a good adherent to SOME religion!

But what does God's Word say? First of all it tells you "Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, (Exodus 20: 3-5) – The first of the great Ten Commandments! God says, "Don't use any substitutes; I AM the only God!" He repeats this to a new generation of Israelites in Deuteronomy 5:7-9. A new generation of Israelites because all but two of them that began the trip out of Egypt died in the wilderness because of their unbelief/disobedience. Moses wasn't even allowed to go into the Promised land because of his disobedience and you think God has an "anything goes" policy – any religion will do.

"Jesus saith unto him (Thomas), I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," (John 14:6). When you are traveling through a forest and the trail markers indicate you are on the right trail would you follow one of the trails that lead off to the side and take your chances of getting lost or would you follow the way that you know is the sure way? He marked Himself out among all the gods of that day, of all the declared ways to get to God as being, "The Way," a declarative state-

ment, setting forth truth.

Jesus declared in the above passage (John 14:6) that He was not only the way, but He is, "the truth." In His prayer He said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth, (John 17:17). He is the LIVING WORD - "In the beginning was the Word..." (John 1:1). Jesus Christ is TRUTH not some other way so why should you celebrate some other way as though it is as good/or equal to Christianity? He is truth, not Buddha. He is truth, not Zoroaster. He is truth, not Mohamed. He is truth, not any of the ancient gods! And he is the only One that left an empty tomb that you can go and visit. The others you can visit their places of burial!

He said, "I am...the life." He grants, those that will believe in Him, trust His sacrificial death on the cross for a once-for-all-payment for their sins, eternal life! And after that initial decision of the believer he works with him/her to regain their life (save them - "...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling," Philippians 2:12). And the capstone on your salvation will be when the Lord comes back in the air to receive you unto Himself or when you meet him in death – He is the LIFE – giving eternal life to all that believe; something no other religion can promise. That eternal life is initially given the moment you believe - "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God," (I John 5:13).

Finally, notice, that Jesus said, in John 14:6, "...no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," He declares, "NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME." There is no other way! That is why Christians that understand the truth don't celebrate World Religion Day. They know that it matters. It makes a difference and after all – Religion doesn't take you to heaven anyway. Jesus Christ Is the way to heaven.

David H. Matier, DPC
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Hamilton native named director of Jefferson County extension office

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step into the job without missing a beat," Commissioner Hines Boyd said in making his motion to select Lilly, which Commissioner Stephen Fulford seconded.

Commissioner Felix "Skeet" Joyner quite agreed with Boyd. He praised Harrison's qualifications and the latter's willingness "to step up to the plate".

"But John Lilly has proved himself and I can't turn my back on that," Joyner said.

Lilly, a 1980 graduate of Hamilton County High School, is proud of his roots.

"My upbringing in Hamilton County really prepared me for this position," he said. "All the support I received from grade school all the way through high school helped greatly."

Commissioners Danny Monroe and Gene Hall likewise praised the other candidate and noted that the county was lucky to have two qualified applicants apply for the job, but all things considered, their choice had to be Lilly, they said.

Commissioners earlier had postponed a decision on the selection of the directorship,

pending their interviewing of the two candidates.

Lilly is a 21-year veteran of the Jefferson County Extension Office. He holds a Master's in agricultural education and has been involved in agriculture-related educational programs since 1986. He started with the Jefferson County Extension Office in 1988, attaining his most recent position as an agent IV and 4-H coordinator.

In referring the two candidates to the Jefferson County Commission for the final selection of one, Dr. Pete Vergot, extension director of the northwest district, indicated to officials here that either candidate would be acceptable to the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Services (IFAS).

Speaking earlier in support of Lilly's selection were several community leaders, including former Monticello News publisher Ron Cichon, retired Methodist Minister Carl Hanks, and retired Jefferson County School District administrator, Albert Thomas, all of whom described Lilly to one degree or another as a good, caring and dedicated community leader and "a standup guy."

Heart Matters

By Angie Land

I lost something this week...and I wonder if you have ever noticed that no matter how small or large your loss, it immediately becomes the center of your attention. Lost your car keys? Everything else stops and a massive hunt begins. Lose your job? All the frustrations that went along with it seem minor in comparison to trying to find a new one. However, as frustrating as losing keys and jobs can be...they can be replaced. Lose your health and every other issue becomes secondary. Lose a loved one and you wonder, "How on earth did I ever take one moment for granted?"

In Luke 15, the Bible records three of Jesus' parables dealing with something lost...a sheep, a coin, and a son. The shepherd has one hundred sheep and loses one, so he secures the ninety-nine and goes in search of the one. A certain woman with ten coins, loses one and lights the lamp to search carefully until she finds it. The father, whose youngest son chooses to leave home, waits and watches for his return. In all three examples, what was lost became the concentrated focus...what was taken for granted, immediately became urgently important.

Perhaps then, experiencing loss is the cure for a more tragic problem...the agent of familiarity. In his book, *God Came Near*, author Max Lucado writes,

"(Familiarity's) goal is nothing less than to take what is most precious to us and make it appear most common. To say that this agent of familiarity breeds contempt is to let him off easy. Contempt is just one of his offspring. He also sires broken hearts, wasted hours, and an insatiable desire for more. He's an expert in robbing the sparkle and replacing it with the drab...and his strategy is deceptive."

By definition the word "familiar" means "frequently seen or experienced; of everyday occurrence." No surprises there, but the next description should shake us out of our business as usual routines. Familiarity indicates an absence of ceremony...life with nothing to celebrate because everything becomes...ordinary. That girl who used to make your heart race...barely gets a second glance from the comfort of your recliner, and that guy you used to dress up for on Saturday nights now gets only the left-over energy from your day. What about the child who brought tears to your eyes in the delivery room, but now spends more time in front of the television than with you. With our spouse, children, family and friends...every day of life is cause for a celebration by the sheer fact that we aren't promised even one more...and each one could be the last.

What I lost this week was a friend...and while I have joy and peace knowing that he is in heaven, I am sad that I let his friendship grow ordinary to me. I saw him every week, with no thought that this week would be any different. While the opportunity to tell him just what a great guy I thought he was is gone, I have been reminded of the extraordinary reasons to celebrate life...it is precious and it is short...and nothing about it is ordinary.

Because Every Heart Matters,
Angie

Heart Matters is a weekly column written by Angie Land, Director of the Family Life Ministries of the Lafayette Baptist Association, where she teaches bible studies, leads marriage and family conferences and offers biblical counseling to individuals, couples and families. Contact Angie with questions or comments at angieland3@windstream.net

SRWMD employee recognized for 30 years of service



Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board Chairman Don Quincey, left, presents an award to Glenn Horvath, the District's data management program leader, for 30 years of service at a governing board meeting Jan. 12. - Photo submitted

Submitted

LIVE OAK, FL, Jan. 15, 2009-- Glenn Horvath, of the Suwannee River Water Management District, was recently honored for 30 years of outstanding service. District Deputy Executive Director Kirk Webster and District Governing Board Chairman Don Quincey congratulated Horvath at the District's Governing Board meeting Jan. 12.

Over the years, Horvath has worked in numerous capacities at the District. His duties have included supervising the analysis of water quality samples, technical data collection, aquatic weed spraying, and agriculture and forestry

permitting. He has also managed the geographic information system and information technology teams.

More recently, Horvath has assisted with the Suwannee River Partnership, represented the District in agriculture related activities, coordinated the District's agriculture water use program, and administered land-owner cost-share programs. He has also handled departmental administration and budget development. Horvath was recently named the data management program leader, in which capacity he is responsible for ensuring the integrity of the District's data.

Public meeting on Jan. 28 to discuss planning for future water supplies

Submitted

LIVE OAK, FL, Jan. 20, 2010 -- The Suwannee River and St. Johns River water management districts will hold a joint public meeting on Jan. 28 to encourage public participation in the development of the Suwannee District's Upper Santa Fe River Basin Water Supply Plan and the St. Johns District's Water Supply Plan 2010.

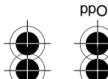
The informational meeting with senior technical staff from both agencies will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Alachua County Health Department Auditorium, 224 S.E. 24th St., Gainesville.

The agenda includes an overview of the water supply planning process, discussion led by each of the water management districts on the water supply assessment in northeast Florida, and opportunity for public comment.

The Suwannee District's Upper Santa Fe River Basin Water Supply Plan and the St. Johns District's Water Supply Plan 2010 are designed to meet the requirements of the water supply planning provisions of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes.

Through meetings of the Northeast Florida Water Supply Planning Area Work Group, the planning process concentrates on a 10-county area including the eight St. Johns District counties in northeast Florida, as well as portions of Columbia and Union counties in the Suwannee District. Alachua, Bradford and Baker counties span both water management districts.

Both districts are coordinating on the water supply planning process. The process is open to the public and involves local governments, water supply utilities, self suppliers, other governments and other interested parties.



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