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Driver escapes serious harm in crash of semi

A semi-truck slammed into trees on I-75 in Jennings the afternoon of Feb. 17. Emergency officials said the driver, Duard Nunnally III of Jacksonville, escaped serious injury. Nunnally told the Florida Highway Patrol he was forced off the road by another vehicle. Here, locals DJ Hobby, Conan Capps, volunteer firefighter Josh Waters and others look on as the truck is pulled from the muddy ditch by Dennis Garage. - Photo: Stephenie Livingston

Quarter Horse racing finally on the way?

By Stephenie Livingston

A long awaited form of entertainment and industry may soon be coming to Hamilton County — Quarter Horse Racing.

The owner of the proposed Hamilton Downs has received from the Florida Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering a permit for Quarter Horse racing, state records show.

Hamilton Downs is proposed by Richmond Entertainment, which also owns the Hamilton Jai Alai and Poker facility in Jasper located near Interstate 75 in Jasper. That facility opened in 2005. The horse track will be built on separate land located on CR 143, just off I-75 in Jennings, according to County Coordinator Danny Johnson.

It has been reported that the proposed design of the track will include a one-mile track with a 550-yard chute for Quarter Horse races and a seating

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Jasper mourns loss of beloved teacher

By Stephenie Livingston

A community is shaken after the death Sunday of North Hamilton Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Lorrie Joeris, 42.

"This is a tragedy that has shaken us down to our core," Superintendent Martha Butler said in a broken voice Tuesday afternoon. "She was a wonderful, wonderful teacher. She was loved by everyone and by her students, new and old."

Butler said counselors were brought in from two other district schools to help with grief counseling Monday. Butler said it was a long, sad day, but the students handled the news as well as can be expected. "It was real sad. Some openly sobbed, some it took a while to sink in," said Butler.

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Jasper woman loses life in shooting incident

Ruling on cause awaited

By Stephenie Livingston
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See obituary, Page 5A.

Lorrie Joeris, 42, died Sunday night after receiving a gunshot wound to the head, according to Hamilton County Sheriff Harrell Reid. Joeris was a North Hamilton Elementary School fourth-grade teacher.



Lorrie Joeris

A 9-1-1 call reporting the incident was made to the Sheriff's Office at 7:29 p.m. Sunday from 132 10th Street SW in Jasper by a family member, Reid said.

Joeris was still alive when she was taken by ambulance from the scene, said Reid. She was later pronounced dead by emergency personnel en route to Shands UF.

Joeris and husband Leonard "Lennie" Joeris had just finished taking a walk near their home when the incident occurred, reports indicate. Returning home from the walk, Leonard told authorities he heard a loud noise and looked behind him to see that his wife had been shot. Lorrie customarily brought a .38 caliber pistol with her on walks as protection. Beyond that, details are unclear, said Reid.

The Florida Department of Law

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Deputy's keen eye leads to arrest for fuel theft, credit card fraud

By Stephenie Livingston
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A suspected member of a credit card fraud ring out of south Florida who was gassing up to cash in is now running on empty thanks to the keen eye and instincts of one Hamilton County Sheriff's deputy, reports show.

During a routine traffic stop last Thursday evening, Deputy Cecil Brownfield discovered that Rigel Gonzalez had a hidden fuel tank system in the bed of his truck, authorities say. The illegal system was being used to transfer diesel from the truck's gas tank into a tank hidden by a tarp in the rear of

SEE DEPUTY'S, PAGE 2A

Former NFL player Shawn Harper in town tonight

Former NFL player and motivational speaker Shawn Harper will speak at the County Annex Auditorium at 7 p.m. tonight as part of a daylong event called Pure Love.



Shawn Harper

Harper intends to encourage young people to make right decision and speak on drug prevention and abstinence.

The event is sponsored by Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drugs Prevention Coalition and the Pregnancy Support Clinic of Valdosta.

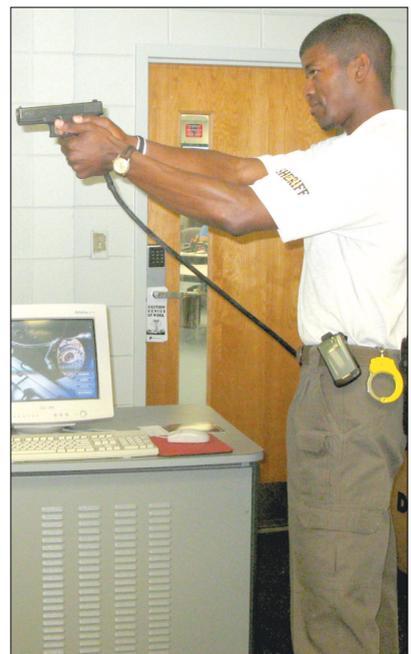
Contact Elizabeth Mitchell at 792-6540 for more information.

Fire Arms Training System will help deputies take aim

By Stephenie Livingston
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The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has received a new Fire Arms Training System worth \$45,000 — free of charge.

The Volusia County Sheriff's Office donated its FATS system to Hamilton County after upgrading its own system two weeks ago, said Hamilton County Sheriff Harrell Reid. The system features digital technology and laser-emitting weapons to simulate the pressure of a real-life situation. The training systems integrate video and digitized imagery with laser-emitting firearms that have the look and feel of the real thing. The weapons even recoil and run out of ammunition.



Deputy Anthony Williams demonstrates the Fire Arms Training System recently donated to the local sheriff's office by Volusia County.

- Photo: Stephenie Livingston

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Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer's First "1st Sunday" Service was held Feb. 7



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Enforcement has been called in to assist with the investigation. The Sheriff's Office and FDLE are currently waiting on a report by the medical examiner's office in Jacksonville and results from other tests, Reid said.

Lorrie and Leonard Joeris have two teenage children, Westen James Joeris and Elizabeth Joeris.



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Within hours of Lorrie's death, Facebook and other online social networks were crowding with concerned voices.

"This is terrible. I know any one of us could run up to get a hug from her and she would make us feel like we were the most important thing in the world," posted one youth.

"My son told me today that though she wasn't his teacher, every time he saw her or went into her classroom she would always smile," said one mother.

"This was my son's teacher this year, we will miss her terribly. My son loved Mrs. Joeris and I know she loved him and all her students. She also taught my older son who also thought the world of her," said another.

Fire Arms Training System will help deputies take aim

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Deputy Anthony Williams said by simulating a risky situation where an officer would have to use his or her firearm, the system has an element of psychological training that live range training does not provide.

"It puts you in the real live situation, it's as close as you can get to it without actually being out there," said Williams. "It gives you realistic scenarios."

The system also provides a less

dangerous form of target practice, with the use of non-lethal ammunition and weapons. This is important as the FDLE has already increased the amount of time officers are required to train.

Reid said he has high expectations of his officers and believes this new system will greatly aid in the advancement of their training.

"Our officers are required to qualify at least once a year (on a live shooting range)," said Reid. "We'd like to have them start qualifying every six months."

Deputy's keen eye leads to arrest for fuel theft, credit card fraud



Deputy Cecil Brownfield demonstrates how Gonzalez allegedly pumped stolen gas from a tank hidden under a tarp in the bed of his truck. - Photo: Stephenie Livingston

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his truck, complete with its own pump.

Police later confiscated modified Wal-Mart gift cards containing personal information stolen from 15 different people to buy fuel, according to reports.

"It appears he was basically running up and down the interstate stealing diesel," said Brownfield. "He could steal twenty to thirty gallons at a time." Brownfield said Gonzalez

would fill up and flip a switch located next to the gas tank, which would drain the diesel into the hidden tank.

Brownfield said Gonzalez appears to have been part of an organized crime operation out of south Florida and was selling the stolen fuel.

Fuel theft as part of organized crime is especially wide spread in Florida due to the high fuel prices, said Brownfield.

Gonzalez' truck was confiscated and he was arrested and put under bond, according to police.

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area capable of holding 3,000 patrons.

Glenn Richards, who heads Richmond Entertainment, wasn't immediately available for comment.

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Quarter Horse racing was last held in Florida in 1991 at Pompano Park.

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Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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Once again the world is coming to White Springs to have some fun and you may have a chance to join in. However it may require you to learn a new skill called geocaching. What is geocaching? According to Wikipedia, "Geocaching is an outdoor activity in which the participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers (called "geocaches" or "caches") anywhere in the world."

If you see some people kicking around White Springs looking like they are on a treasure hunt, they may well be. State tourism officials have announced a treasure hunt that will promote North Florida's cultural, historic and natural amenities. It is called The Hidden Treasures of Natural North Florida Geocaching Contest and offers participants a chance to participate in a scavenger hunt along a geocaching trail that winds through 12 North Florida counties. White Springs is part of the region included in the contest. Clues in the contest are provided by a geocaching web site such as www.geocaching.com. The hidden treasurers are often cleverly hidden in public places. Once they find a cache, contestants log on to www.NaturalNorthFlorida.com, click on the Hidden Treasures contest logo, and answer questions about the cache or its location. Visit Florida said the prizes include several vacation getaways, paddling or fishing trips, horseback riding and other awards.

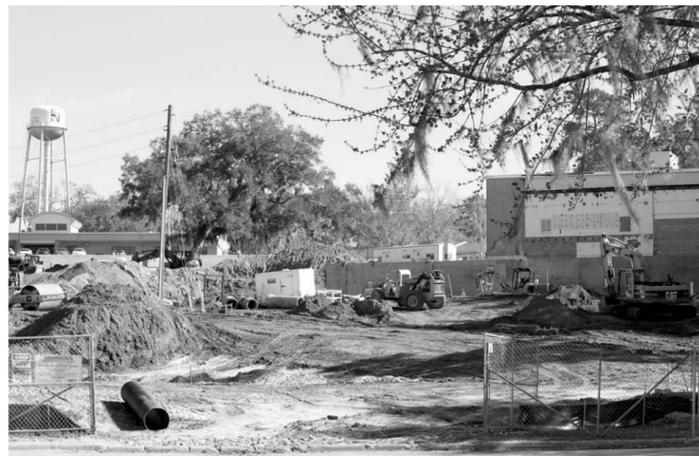
our weather here in White Springs. Perhaps next week I will be able to share some of their observations with you. It's always interesting to me to see our town through another person's eye. Every year at the Folk Festival I try to help someone who is there for the first time find their way through the wonderful maze of performances and art and crafts. I do it so that I can see the festival for the first time all over again, through their eyes. It's one of the big bonuses of going to the Florida Folk Festival.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, there are some changes and opportunities in store for you on the "First Saturdays" of the coming months. For some time now, the Stephen Foster Park has sponsored several events on the first Saturday of each month. During the day, the park is host to craftsmen and artists who display their work at "Art in the Park." In the evening, free entertainment is offered at The First Saturday Coffee House, a changing program of songs and stories performed by many well known Florida artists. There is also a weekly farmers market held on Saturdays.

Now there will be a new dimension to First Saturdays. Many of our stores and merchants will feature sales and special events. A sneak peek for March includes refreshments by our City Manager and free informal antique appraisals at Spring Street Antiques. I'm sure that there will be lots of other promotions going on too. These first Saturdays will be a good time to schedule yard sales and other

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NFCC renovating gymnasium into multi-purpose fitness center



NFCC gymnasium undergoing renovations to become new multi-purpose fitness center.

Submitted by: NFCC Office of College Advancement

MADISON, FL – The North Florida Community College campus is bustling with activity and anticipation as NFCC's Colin P. Kelly Gymnasium undergoes renovations to transform the old gymnasium into a multi-purpose fitness center. Slated to open in August, the newly refurbished fitness center will offer NFCC students and employees access to state-of-the-art fitness equipment, multi-purpose and recreation rooms, a half-mile outdoor walking track, and will retain the building's original basketball court.

"This showpiece facility will provide some amazing opportunities for fitness and recreation for our students and staff," said NFCC President John Grosskopf. "It will become the core of an overall personal wellness initiative that will benefit the entire NFCC family."

Planning for the remodeling project began in 2008 with NFCC receiving PECO (Public Education Capital Outlay) funds in 2009 to pay for the \$4.9 million building upgrade. PECO funds are designated for facility improve-

ment and building projects on Florida college campuses and once granted, cannot be used toward any other project or financial need of the institution.

NFCC is taking steps this month to rename the building the Colin P. Kelly Fitness Center in preparation for its completion and reopening in the fall. The name will better reflect the building's new use as a multi-purpose fitness and recreation center. Once renovations are complete, NFCC students and employees will immediately benefit from access to the new fitness center and the college will look at adding membership opportunities to the community down the line.

"This is an exciting time for our students and staff," said Clyde Alexander, NFCC Director of Special Projects. "We are looking forward to the opening of this facility."

The fitness center will also offer new classroom space for a variety of NFCC Community Education courses which benefits current students, college employees and the community. For more information, contact Clyde Alexander at (850) 973-1609 or email AlexanderC@nfcc.edu.

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OPINION

Global warming update

Private industry and governments around the world have spent trillions of dollars in the name of saving our planet from manmade global warming.

Mounting evidence suggests that claims of manmade global warming might turn out to be the greatest hoax in mankind's history.

The scientists whom Browner references are associated with the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate

Change (IPCC). Let's look some of what they told us. The 2007 IPCC report, which won them a Nobel Peace Prize, said that the probability of Himalayan glaciers "disappearing by the year 2035 and perhaps sooner is very high" as a result of manmade global warming.

The IPCC also had to retract its claim that up to 40 percent of the Amazonian forests were at risk from global warming and would likely be replaced by "tropical savannas" if temperatures continued to rise.



A MINORITY VIEW BY WALTER WILLIAMS

mate research data. Their data, collected and analyzed by them, have been used for years to bolster IPCC efforts to press governments to cut carbon dioxide emissions.

gists, including CRU's disgraced former director Professor Phil Jones, have been accused of manipulating data and criminally withholding scientific information to prevent its disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Professor Jones, considered to be the high priest of the manmade global warming movement, has been in the spotlight since he was forced to step down as CRU's director after the leaking of e-mails that skeptics claim show scientists were manipulating data.

Long denied by the warmers, Professor Jones admitted that the Medieval Warm Period (800 A.D. to 1300 A.D.) might well have been as warm as the Current Warm Period (1975-present), or warmer, and that if it was, "then obviously the late-20th century warmth would not be unprecedented."

for the past 15 years, there has been no "statistically significant" global warming.

During the BBC interview, Professor Jones dodged several questions: why he had asked a colleague to delete e-mails relating to the IPCC's Fourth Assessment Report and ask others to do likewise; whether some of his handling of data had crossed the line of acceptable scientific practice; and what about his letter saying that he had used a "trick" to "hide the decline" in tree-ring temperature data?

Given all the false claims and evidence pointing to scientific fraud, I don't think it wise to continue spending billions of dollars and enacting economically crippling regulations in the name of fighting global warming.

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Letters and articles may be edited to fit available space. Well written letters/articles require less editing.

Health Department Corner

Submitted March is always round up immunizations time for pets in Hamilton County.

The health department and cities of Jennings, Jasper, and White Springs have scheduled rabies immunization clinics for pets for March 2010:

Everyone should make a special effort to immunize their pets and control their activi-

ty toward minimizing an encounter with rabies and insuring resistance to rabies if bitten by a rabid animal.

Saturday March 6- Jasper-Dr. Huston's Veterinary Clinic- 9am-12:00

Saturday March 13- Jennings-Jennings Fire Station-9am-12:00

Saturday March 13- White Springs-Dr. Huston's Clinic-1pm-3pm

The pet immunizations clinics have been established as a convenience to pet owners in

Hamilton County. There will be a reduced price of 46.00 per pet for rabies shots at each clinic. Please use the clinic most convenient to you.



A message from Mid-Florida Area Agency on Aging (Elder Options)

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Norris Notes By Lillian Norris Norris Notes will not be running during the next few weeks.

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Obituaries

Lorrie Hinton Joeris

Lorrie Hinton Joeris, age 42, of Jasper, FL, passed away Sunday, February 21, 2010 in Gainesville, FL. Lorrie was born in Valdosta, Georgia. She taught fourth grade at North Hamilton Elementary School in Jennings, FL. Survivors include her husband, Leonard "Lenny" Joeris, III; her son, Westen James Joeris; her daughter, Elizabeth Joeris; her parents, Owen Hinton, Jr. and Sybil Strickland Hinton; two brothers, Owen Hinton III and James Hinton, all of Jasper, FL.

Graveside services will be held at 4:00 P.M. Thursday, February 25, 2010 at Evergreen Cemetery in Jasper.

Condolences may be made online at www.harrytreidfh.com. Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper, FL, is in charge of arrangements.

Joe Carson "J.C." Brown, Sr.

Joe Carson "J.C." Brown, Sr., age 76, of Jasper, FL, passed away Monday, February 15, 2010 at his home. He was a native and life-long resident of Hamilton County born to the late Grover and Cora Lee Brown. He was retired from Florida Rock where he worked for a number of years as a road construction foreman. Mr. Brown was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and attended Mercy Baptist Church as long as his health permitted. He will be remembered by his family as a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Annie Andrews Brown, Jasper; one son, Joe Carson Brown, Jr. (Janet), Leesville, LA.; three daughters, DeeAnn Bennett (Lee), Perry, FL., Cynthia Brown (Dar-

rayl), Jennings, FL., and Linda Carol Carter (Kenny), Perry, FL.; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010 at Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper, FL, with Rev. Mark Collins and Rev. Chris Hall officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Condolences may be conveyed online at www.harrytreidfh.com. Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper, FL, was in charge of arrangements.

Virgil W. Huggins 11/29/1927 - 02/16/2010

Virgil W. Huggins, age 82, of White Springs, Florida passed away Tuesday evening, February 16, 2010 at Haven Hospice in Lake City, Florida following an extended illness. Mr. Huggins was born November 29, 1927 to the late Clarence and Clara Huggins. He served his country in the United States Air Force and he retired from Occidental Chemical Company (PCS) in 1987. Huggins was a member of the Living Waters Ministry Church. He will be missed and remembered by all.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Effie Mae Huggins; one son, John Huggins, White Springs; two daughters, Patsy Langford, Jasper, FL, and Lawanna Morgan, White Springs, FL.; five brothers, Bobby, Jimmy, Donald, Moody and Leonard; two sisters, Betty Jo and Veronia; nine grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 19, 2010 in the chapel of Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper, FL, with Rev. Randy Ogburn officiating. Interment followed in Riverside

Cemetery in White Springs, FL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Haven Hospice 6037 West US Hwy 90, Lake City, FL. 32055. Condolences may be conveyed online at www.harrytreidfh.com

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

John L. Morris

John L. Morris, age 63, of White Springs, FL, passed away Friday, February 19, 2010 in Shands at Lake Shore Hospital in Lake City, FL, following an extended illness. Mr. Morris was born in Lake City, FL, to the late Jimmie and Louise Milligan Morris. He was a heavy equipment operator at PCS in White Springs, FL. Mr. Morris was a Vietnam veteran of the United States Army. He loved to hunt and fish.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Jean Morris, White Springs, FL.; one son, John L. Morris (Brandy), White Springs, FL.; two sisters, Magdeline Kirby, White Springs, FL. and Rose Mae Green, Jacksonville, FL.; two granddaughters, Brittany and Megan Morris, grandson, Adam Morris and step grandson, Brian Corbett.

Graveside services were held Monday, February 22, 2010 at Swift Creek Cemetery with Bro. Earnest Cooper and Rev. Tommy Lindsey officiating.

Condolences may be conveyed online at www.harrytreidfh.com. Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper, FL, was in charge of arrangements.

Happy 1st Birthday

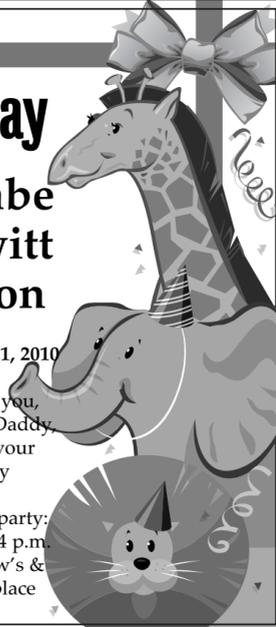


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See School News in the B Section of today's paper.

Lee-Abbott Wedding Planned



Trent Robert Abbott and Amber Danielle Lee

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher and Angela Lee of White Springs, Florida are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Amber Danielle Lee

to Trent Robert Abbott, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gary and Cindy Abbott of Jasper, Florida.

The bride-elect's maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Morris and Faye Morgan of Jasper. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Douglas and Katherine Lee of White Springs.

The future groom's maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie and Latrelle Ragans of Madison, Florida and paternal grandparents are Karen Westerman and the late Bobby Abbott of Cherry Lake, Florida.

Amber is a 2007 graduate of Florida Home School Association and Trent is a 2006 graduate of Corinth Christian Academy.

The wedding is planned for 5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2010, at the Stephen Foster State Park. A reception will follow in the Stephen Foster Auditorium. All friends and family are invited to attend.

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BAPTIST (Southern) NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH SR 6 West, 6522 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	CHURCH OF CHRIST 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	PENTECOSTAL PENTECOSTAL DELIVERANCE CENTER 1394 McCall Street Jennings, FL 32053 Pastor Edgar C. Wood Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Night Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Worship.....7:30 p.m. 575955-F	METHODIST 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 571614-F

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Thank You

The family of Palmer Gene Smith Sr. would like to thank all who showed their love and support as well as being so kind and generous during our time of loss. All the prayers, food, flowers, calls, cards, donations, and time that were given are so greatly appreciated. God has given each of us the strength to continue on through each day and the comfort to know our loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend is rejoicing with the Lord in Heaven. What a wonderful blessing it is to have so many friends and family who care. We are so blessed to live in such a caring and loving community, may God's grace be with you all.

Thank you again,
Addie Mae Smith, Palmer Gene Smith Jr. (Annie), Art Smith (Jesus), Leslie Smith Carter (Donald)

Do You Have Questions About Medicare?

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vides free, unbiased and confidential assistance. If you cannot come to a site call the Elder Helpline at 1-800-262-2243 or email us at shinesuwanneevalley@gmail.com. SHINE's next site is on:
Thurs, Mar 4th
10:00am-Noon Jasper Public Library

I DID A HIKE

The North Florida Trail Blazers are once again hosting the IDID A HIKE on Saturday, March 13, 2010 along the beautiful Suwannee River to benefit the Florida Trail Association and our chapter. The trail hugs the river much of the way crossing the Walking Man Bridge, Falling Creek and Little Shoals. We will be meeting in White Springs at the Heritage and Nature Tourism Center, a shuttle will carry you to the trailhead. Shuttle service begins at 8:00 am until noon. There will be Sag wagons at several locations along the way. There will be a \$20 charge to get on the shuttle. Bring comfortable shoes, water and pack a lunch if you like, there will be refreshments available at some of the sag points. Contact: Alton Snellgrove, <alton2bellsouth.net> or dunnams@windstream.net.

Crabb revival

New Hope Baptist Church of Jennings is excited to welcome "Crabb Revival" which evolved from the legendary gospel group, "The Crabb Family", in concert on Saturday March 6th at 7:00p.m. There will be a suggested donation of \$10.00 at the door for ages 10 and up, a suggested donation of \$5.00 for ages 5-9 and no suggested donation for under 5. Doors will open at 6:00p.m. For more information please call (386)792-0971.

Life in White Springs

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events to take advantage of the increased traffic in town.

So I say it once again, life in White Springs has a lot to offer! Get up and get out and enjoy it and I hope to see you there.

We sorrowfully report that Florida Trail Association member, Teddy Steinhardt, recently had a heart attack and has

passed away. Teddy, along with other members of the Florida Trail Association did a lot to support and maintain the section of the Florida Trail that passes through White Springs. We appreciate all you members of the FTA and we are very sorry for your loss.

Walter McKenzie
lifeinwhitesprings@gmail.com
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Heart Matters

By Angie Land

"This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased." The Bible records God's declaration of love in Matthew 3:17, following Jesus' baptism and marking the beginning of his ministry here on earth. The Father was obviously delighted with His Son. I have always believed that God uses the Father and Son connection to describe His relationship to Jesus so that it would be more comprehensible for us...and today maybe I do understand at least a hint of what this verse describes.

My oldest son, Cory, just celebrated his 21st birthday... and twenty-one years ago his Daddy and I experienced the single greatest change of our lives! Admittedly, there were times over the last several years that we wondered if we would make it...(any parents relate?) But we did...and on this side there is such an overwhelming love for our firstborn and anticipation for his future

...and for our second, and our third. Being the oldest, Cory always paved the way for his brother and sister...breaking his parents in to all the ups and downs of raising children. More than once we have realized a better way to handle a situation after going through it the first time with him. I guess that is the burden of being the oldest, and perhaps explains the Jewish custom of the firstborn receiving the double portion of inheritance. Maybe they deserve it!

It is easy for us to understand why God was well pleased with Jesus...after all He walked through life perfectly and without sin. Our children, like their parents, inherited and struggle with a sin nature. Being "well pleased" with our children can be a daily variable, but what if we made it a decision that was based more on who they are than what they achieve? I believe it is intentional that God pronounced His declaration before Jesus' min-

istry even began...He had yet to perform any miracles or preach any sermons...or complete His amazing work on the cross. Yet, God was pleased with Him...because of who He was, not his accomplishments. This perspective should encourage us not to discount decisions our children make that might not be our preference, realizing they are different and separate from us. Hopefully it will also make it easier for us to relax and allow our children to make mistakes, stumble and learn...and grow, without fear that their struggles reflect some flaw in us.

So on this anniversary of being a parent for 21 years and having raised our firstborn to be a "legal adult", of this we are sure: Cory...we are well pleased with you, because you are created in the image of God, and God has fearfully and wonderfully made you...to love life, your family and helping others...to enjoy a home-cooked meal, the history channel and competi-

tion of any kind. He made you one of a kind...unique! We are well pleased because out of all the parents God could have given you, He gave you to us...and we are forever blessed because of it, and watch with anticipation to see how your life unfolds. We pray that our love has given you roots that will help you find your wings...

"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, and to give you a hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

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

Community Calendar

Feb. 26 - LifeSouth's Jasper Community Blood Drive from noon until 5 p.m. at the Hamilton County Courthouse

Feb. 27 - LifeSouth's Jasper Community Blood Drive from 9a-3p at Hitchcock's Foodway

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.

Mar. 6 - NFCC's 2nd annual Super Saturday event from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tours, presentations, entertainment, admissions assistance and more offered. Open to everyone interested in attending or learning more about NFCC. Call 850-973-9450 for more information.

Mar. 6 - "Crabb Revival" at New Hope Baptist Church. Doors open at 6pm, concert begins at

7pm. Donations accepted at the door. Call 792-0971 for more information.

Mar. 6 - Family reunion for all relatives and friends of James E. Jacobs and Sarah E. Oxendine starts at 9 a.m. in the Stephen Foster Memorial Park, White Springs.

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

The Town of White Springs presents "First Saturdays". Community-wide events including free refreshments, yard sales, retail business-sponsored sales and events.

Is Christ In Your Church?

By David H. Matier,
Doctor of Pastoral
Counseling

In Revelation (notice there is no "s" on the end of that word) the Apostle John writes as he was commanded of the Holy Spirit about the 7 churches. During his lifetime these churches were 7 literal churches but they also represent 7 ages of the church; 7 periods that the church would go through. And I submit to you that today the church is in the last age, or the age of the 7th church, the Laodicean Church (Revelation 3:14-22)

In Revelation 1:19 God

gives you the outline of the Book of Revelation: "Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;" The 7 churches fall under "which are." Beginning in Revelation chapter 4 you have the things "which shall be hereafter." That is why when someone asks you, "Do you think we are living during the time of the 7th seal?" or something pertaining to something after chapter 4 in Revelation you know they are not adhering to sound doctrine because they are not following the outline that the book gave of itself in itself. What better outline could you use?

Too often students of the Word jump over the study of these churches. William R. Newell, in his book Revelation Chapter-By-Chapter has an interesting statement at the beginning of the 2nd chapter. He states the portion of the Revelation the messages to the churches take up and then says, "The true student of God's word learns to give most attention to what God most emphasizes. Therefore we beg the reader not to pass lightly over these seven solemn messages from the Lord Himself concerning our own days, nor to be in undue haste to get over into the distinctly prophetic and more spectacular part of The

Revelation, beginning at chapter four" Then he writes, "Someone truly says, 'There is always a tendency in the human heart to become occupied with the dispensation in which we are not.'"

First of all God said to the Angel of the church - the messenger or pastor if you please "I know thy works" (Revelation 3:15). God knows. He knows that the church is not capable of bringing comfort because it is neither "cold" nor "hot." You need to pray like the two blind men the Lord encountered along the wayside. When He asked them what they wanted they said, "Lord that our eyes may be opened" (Matthew 20:33). In effect, today's church makes Him sick; "I wilt spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counseled thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be clothed and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent" (Revelation 3:16-19). And then in verse 20, the verse we so often use in evangelism the Bible says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and

knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." This verse, in the context is speaking about the church. It is time that the church let Jesus in! It is about time for the church to include Jesus in their services! But the real problem is most churches aren't even aware of his absence! The Lord Jesus stands at the door, waiting for you to repent of "playing church." Waiting for the church to say, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." Next time you go to church claim His promise - "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). This is a specific promise to those who come together - to worship and praise Him! And watch His Spirit work in your midst as you expect Him to.

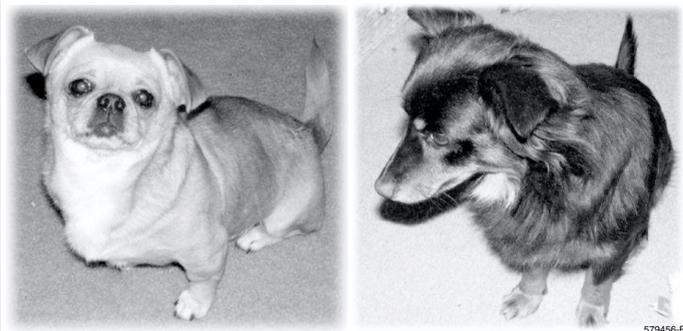
Let the children in your church grow up seeing the real thing. Don't let them be like the young boy, that when asked to write a letter to God, by his Sunday School teacher, wrote, "Dear God, We had a good time at church today. Wish You could have been there." Oh, that God might work in our midst!

David H. Matier, DPC
dmatier@windstream.net

FOUND

2 Female Dogs

Found in Forestown on 31st Terrace off CR 51 in Jasper area. One is a pug-golden in color, the other black with brown and white markings. Please call 386-792-3810 if they are yours.



Learn all about science, energy and fun at laboratory open houses

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - If you like seeing things melted, frozen, launched, levitated, squeezed and stretched, then you won't want to miss the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory's open house, taking place on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

And after touring the lab (1800 E. Paul Dirac Drive), plan to walk around the corner to 2000 Levy Ave. and learn all about electric power and energy at the Florida State University Center for Advanced Power Systems and Institute for Energy Systems, Economics and Sustainability, which will be holding their own open house at the same time. All events at both locations are free and open to the public.

With something for young and old alike, the magnet lab's always-popular annual open house features science demonstrations, hands-on activities, and the chance to meet and talk about science with some of the world's leading researchers.

Visitors can see parts of the lab that they can't see any other day, offering an up-close look at some of the strongest magnets in the world, as well as other powerful research instruments. A special "Kids Zone" will feature science activities designed especially for young children, including painting with magnets, a bubble wall, and kiddie pools full of "non-Newtonian fluids" (better known as oobleck).

Back this year are perennial favorites such as the Potato Cannon, Einstein Ice Cream, the Penny Press, the Magnetic Shrinking Machine and lots of cryogenics demonstrations. Several demonstrations, however, are new for 2010, including:

* The Plasma Arc: See what happens when you place a mate-

rial between a welding torch containing an electrode heated to between 5,432 and 36,032 degrees Fahrenheit, and a plasma column. (Hint: there's an intense light that causes fast, high-temperature chemical reactions).

* Vegetable MRI: Reaching 21.1 tesla, the lab's 900-megahertz, superconducting magnet is the highest-field MRI in the world. (By way of comparison, a standard hospital MRI is between 1 and 3 tesla, and a refrigerator magnet is 0.001 tesla.) Watch on a big screen as vegetables are imaged in this one-of-a-kind, locally built magnet.

* The Avatar Planet: Over at the lab's Applied Superconductivity Center, scientists will recreate the setting popularized by the movie using levitation, plasma light and more. In so doing, they will demonstrate the scientific underpinnings of some of the movie's messages: All of the energy absorbed will be returned, and everything in nature is connected.

Visitors to the magnet lab's open house are encouraged to donate a can of food or other nonperishable food item as the unofficial price of admission. All food donations benefit America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend.

Meanwhile, just up the street, Florida State's Center for Advanced Power Systems and Institute for Energy Systems, Economics and Sustainability will put out the welcome mat for members of the public who would like to tour the facilities and find out about some of the cutting-edge energy research taking place there. The all-ages open house will offer visitors the opportunity to: Race hydrogen-powered model cars; Build their own, take-it-home electric motor; Get a hands-on introduction to wind turbines and tra-

ditional power systems and how they operate; and learn how superconductors and fuel-cell technologies can help improve the nation's power grid.

Many other activities are planned, including interactive learning about Florida wildlife and live bluegrass music. On top of all that, there is plenty of free parking for all events behind the facility.

UF clinic to offer free hearing screenings

Submitted

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The University of Florida Speech and Hearing Clinic will offer free hearing screenings this spring at its 13th Street location.

Hearing loss affects more than 36 million Americans and is the third most common health condition in the United States. Although hearing problems are commonly associated with the normal aging process, more than half of people with hearing loss are younger than 65, according to the American Academy of Audiology. With the increased use of MP3 music players and ear buds, the number of Americans experiencing hearing loss at a younger age is growing, said Pa-

tricia B. Kricos, Ph.D., a professor in the College of Public Health and Health Professions' department of communicative disorders.

"If you have trouble hearing conversation in a noisy environment such as a restaurant, are unable to hear people talk to you without looking at them, or have a constant ringing or pain in your ears, you may have a problem with your hearing and need to see an audiologist," Kricos said.

The Speech and Hearing Clinic will offer free screenings from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 17, March 31, April 7 and April 28. The clinic is located at 1405 NW 13th St., Suites B and C. No appointment is necessary. For more information, please call 352-273-0542.

UF researchers: Alcohol, energy drinks add up to higher intoxication levels, increased driving risk

Submitted

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Energy drinks, favored among young people for the beverages' caffeine jolt, also play a lead role in several popular alcoholic drinks, such as Red Bull and vodka. But combining alcohol and energy drinks may create a dangerous mix, according to University of Florida research.

In a study of college-aged adults exiting bars, patrons who consumed energy drinks mixed with alcohol had a threefold increased risk of leaving a bar highly intoxicated and were four times more likely to intend to drive after drinking than bar patrons who drank alcohol only. The study appears in the April issue of the journal Addictive Behaviors.

"Previous laboratory research suggests that when caffeine is mixed with alcohol it overcomes the sedating effects of alcohol and people may perceive that they are less intoxicated than they really are," said the study's lead researcher Dennis Thombs, Ph.D., an associate professor in the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions' department of behavioral science and community health. "This may lead people to drink more or make uninformed judgments about whether they are safe to drive."

Experts believe that among college drinkers, as many as 28 percent consume alcohol mixed with energy drinks in a typical month.

The UF study is the first of its kind to evaluate the effects of alcohol mixed with energy drinks in an actual drinking environment, that is, at night outside bars. Research on college student alcohol use in campus communities has traditionally relied on self-report questionnaires administered to sober students in daytime settings, Thombs said.

Data for the UF study were collected in 2008 from more than 800 randomly selected patrons exiting establishments in a college bar district between the hours of 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. Researchers conducted face-to-face interviews with participants to gather demographic information and details on participants' energy drink consumption and drinking behavior. Participants also completed self-administered questionnaires that asked about their drinking history and intention to drive that night. Next, researchers tested participants' breath alcohol concen-

tration levels. Participants received feedback on their intoxication levels and advice about driving risk.

Bar patrons who reported drinking alcohol mixed with energy drinks — 6.5 percent of study participants — were three times more likely to be intoxicated than drinkers who consumed alcohol only. The average breath-alcohol concentration reading for those who mixed alcohol and energy drinks was 0.109, well above the legal driving limit of 0.08. Consumers of energy drink cocktails also left bars later at night, drank for longer periods of time, ingested more grams of ethanol and were four times more likely to express an intention to drive within the hour than patrons who drank alcohol only.

Consumers of alcohol mixed with energy drinks may drink more and misjudge their capabilities because caffeine diminishes the sleepy feeling most people experience as they become intoxicated. It's a condition commonly described as "wide awake and drunk," said study co-author Bruce Goldberger, Ph.D., a professor and director of toxicology in the UF College of Medicine.

"There's a very common misconception that if you drink caffeine with an alcoholic beverage the stimulant effect of the caffeine counteracts the depressant effect of the alcohol and that is not true," Goldberger said. "We know that caffeine aggravates the degree of intoxication, which can lead to risky behaviors."

Girl Scout Cookie booths

The Girl Scouts of Jasper will hold cookie booths for 2010 at Hitchcock's Foodway on Monday, March 1st from 4pm-5pm and on Friday, March 5th from 11:30 am-1pm.

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Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer's First "1st Sunday" Service was held Feb. 7

Submitted

Empowering Tabernacle House Of Prayer Outreach Ministry, under the leadership of Pastor Phillip M. and Mother Le-dia S. Jackson, will hold a Youth Ministry Service at 5 p.m. every 1st Sunday.

The first program was held on February 7th and the youth presented the "Fruits of the Spirit". See photos of scenes from this first event below.

All the youth were presented with certificates for their hard work and dedication by Pastor Phillip M. Jackson.



The youth opened the "1st Sunday" program with a congregational song.



The Little Blessing performed two selections for the congregation



Pastor Phillip M. Jackson samples an orange from Sister Dashia Roberson's "Fruits of the Spirit" project (Faith).

Photos submitted



The youth presented their "Fruits of the Spirit" projects



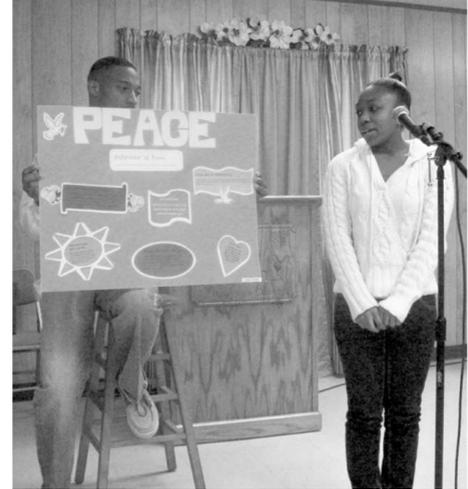
Brother Jamari Howell read the scripture (Galatians 5:22-23)



Brother Kwame Roberson delivered a prayer



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Apply now for Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Funding

Submitted

Gainesville, FL., January 08, 2010 - The Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) administered by the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), is accepting proposals now for funding opportunities. Working through existing programs, USDA partners with State, Tribal or local governments and non-governmental organizations, to acquire conservation easements or other interests in land from landowners. FRPP provides matching funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farm and ranchland in agricultural uses and to protect historic or archeological resources. USDA provides up to 50 percent of the fair market easement value of the conservation easement.

The 2008 Farm Bill provided for a continuous signup to allow eligible entities more opportunities to sign up, but a batching date has been established for fiscal year 2010 funds. Applications must be submitted on or before March 11, 2010, to receive consideration for funding in fiscal year 2010.

Land proposed for the FRPP must meet one of three eligibility categories: have prime, unique or other productive soil; contain historic or archeological resources; or furthers State or local policy consistent with the purposes of the program.

Eligible entities must secure the appraisal, survey, and title search, prepare the conservation easement deed, and pay for the closing. Owners of the parcels must have an adjusted gross income of less than one million dollars and be in compliance with the USDA highly erodible land and wetland compliance requirements.

Proposals should be submitted to the attention of Ronald Howard, USDA-NRCS, 2614 NW 43rd Street, Gainesville, FL, 32606. NRCS will obligate funding for the selected parcels in a cooperative agreement with the eligible entities that submitted the selected parcel.

The proposals will be reviewed and evaluated based on the entity's eligibility, land eligibility, and the extent to which the proposal supports FRPP objectives. Proposals must include adequate proof of a pending offer for the subject land. Adequate proof includes a written bid, contract, commitment, or option extended to a landowner. Pending offers based upon appraisals completed and signed by State-certified general appraisers will receive higher priority for FRPP funding.

The proposal shall also contain the following: Acreage of the proposed project area (acreage needing protection); Acreage of prime, unique, and/or locally important farm land soils that is estimated to be protected; Number or acreage of historic and archaeological sites estimated to be protected on farm or ranch lands;

FRPP cost per acre; Rate of land conversion within the County; Percentage of funding guaranteed to be provided by cooperating entities; History of cooperating entities' experience with acquiring, managing, holding, and enforcing easements (including average annual farmland protection easement expenditures

over the past five years, accomplishments, and staff); Amount of FRPP funding requested; and Participating entities' estimated unfunded backlog of conservation easements on acres eligible for FRPP assistance.

For further information check out the FRPP website at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/frpp/> or contact Ronald Howard, FRPP State Program Manager, ron.howard@fl.usda.gov, (352) 338-9508.

SRWMD launches webpage for landscape irrigation limits, water conservation tips

Submitted

The Suwannee River Water Management District has created a new page on its website (www.mysuwanneeriver.com) to provide more information about the new year-round water conservation requirements for landscape irrigation that went into effect Jan. 6.

The webpage also provides water conservation tips for homeowners, utilities, farmers and other users.

A link to the new page is provided in the "Choose Your Days" box on the District's website homepage. The website

From USDA, NRCS Jasper Service Center Funding announced to help Florida farmers extend their growing season 3-Year Pilot Project to Verify Effectiveness of High Tunnels

Submitted

GAINESVILLE, FL (January 28, 2010) – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced a new pilot project under the 'Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food' initiative for farmers to establish high tunnels - also known as hoop houses -

to increase the availability of locally grown produce in a conservation-friendly way. NRCS will provide financial assistance to qualified producers for the project through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the EQIP Organic Initiative.

"This pilot project is going to give us real-world information that farmers all over the country can use to decide if they want to add high tunnels to their operations. We know that these fixtures can help producers extend their growing season and hopefully add to their bottom line," said USDA Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan.

A high tunnel is a greenhouse-like structure made of ribs of plastic or metal pipe covered with a layer of plastic sheeting, at least six feet in height, which modifies the climate inside to create more favorable growing conditions for and other specialty crops grown in the natural soil beneath it.

High tunnels are easy to build, maintain and move and may be used year-round in Florida, providing steady incomes to farmers - a significant advantage to owners of

small farms, limited-resource farmers and organic producers. There may also be advantages to Florida's natural resources with high tunnel production. "There is a lot less fertilizer use under the tunnels than what we would use in an open field situation," says Skeeter Bethea, farm manager for Utopia Farms in Florida.

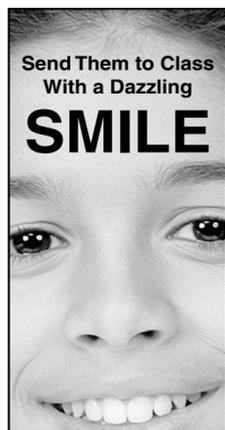
Qualified participants can receive funding for one high tunnel that can cover as much as five percent of one acre; or approximately a 30 by 72 foot structure.

Farmers who would like to sign-up for the high tunnel pilot in Hamilton County should call or visit the local USDA- NRCS Office in Jasper at (386) 792-1105, Ext.3 by March 12, 2010.

General program information is available on the NRCS Florida website at [HYPERLINK "out-bind://115/www.fl.nrcs.usda.gov"](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov) or ["out-bind://115/www.fl.nrcs.usda.gov"](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov)

The NRCS is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that helps people conserve, maintain, and improve our natural resources and the environment.

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The Jasper News

Section B

Thursday, February 25, 2010

HCHS students competed in Suwannee Valley Regional Science Fair 2010

By Rebecca Jackson

Have you ever been so nervous that you could hear your heart pound? Feel your blood rushing through your veins and shake your legs so much they are about to fall off? Last week students from Hamilton County High School experienced all of these things. Angela Cameron, Javier Gonzalez, Rebecca Jackson, Belal Jaradat, Sooyean Jun, Trey Norris, Hetal Thakor, and Derrick Simmons all competed in the Suwannee Valley Regional Science Fair in Lake City at Lake City Community College.

The students have been preparing since November of last year, filling out paperwork, studying research and getting their materials ready to represent Hamilton County in Regional Competition. The students were judged on their projects on Wednesday February 17th and they competed against students from Suwannee, Columbia, Union, and Bradford Counties. Students were judged by two to four judges. Derrick Simmons said, "I was nervous when the first judge came, but when the others came to judge, I was confident that I could do well."

Thursday February 18th the students returned to the Performing Arts Center at Lake City Community College for awards. All of them were nervous to find out how they had done. As categories were called, the students waited patiently to hear their names called. Second place award went to Hetal Thakor. She competed in the Senior Medicine and Health Category with her project on extracting DNA from split pears. First place awards were received by Rebecca Jackson and Belal Jaradat in the Senior Teams Category and their microbiology project compared the disinfectant abilities of both Lysol and Oust. First place also went to Derrick Simmons who competed in the Senior Chemistry Category with his project on how to find fingerprints with superglue. The excitement built when Derrick also won the Yale Science and Engineering Award. This is a great accomplishment. Most exciting was when they announced that Derrick was also selected to continue on to State Competition in Lakeland, FL this April. Everyone was excited, especially Ms. Abbey Taylor when she heard that Derrick was going to State. Many of the awards at regional



HCHS students who participated in the Suwannee Valley Regional Science & Engineering Fair 2010 from left to right: Trey Norris, Sooyean Jun, Javier Gonzalez, Hetal Thakor, Rebecca Jackson, Angela Cameron, Derrick Simmons and Belal Jaradat.

- Photos by Abbey Taylor

competition were sponsored by patrons here in Hamilton County and the student participants and teachers would like to thank AFJROTC, Mrs.

Suzette Wiggins, Mrs. Carolyn Simon, and Mrs. Helen Hobbs for supporting their hard work in science fair competition.



Hetal Thakor won 2nd place in the Senior Medicine and Health category at the recent Suwannee Valley Regional Science & Engineering Fair 2010.



Derrick Simmons took 1st place in the Senior Chemistry category and won the Yale Science & Engineering award at the 2010 Suwannee Valley Regional Science & Engineering Fair. He will be advancing to state competition.



Rebecca Jackson & Belal Jaradat were 1st place award winners in the Senior Teams category at the 2010 Suwannee Valley Regional Science & Engineering Fair.

CHE students enjoy field trip recently

Submitted

Ms. Sharon Byrd's 2nd Grade Class went on a field trip recently to City Hall and the Fire Station. The students enjoyed the tour of City Hall and greeted Mr. Larry Cail. In addition, students enjoyed visiting the Fire Station and learning new facts about the Fire Trucks and other vital information. See scenes from the field trip below.



The class enjoyed visiting the fire station and posing for pictures with firefighters. - Photos submitted



CHE 2nd-graders toured City Hall and met City Manager Larry Cail and Chief Financial Officer Margaret Harper



Ms. Sharon Byrd's 2nd-grade class visited City Hall



Ms. Sharon Byrd's 2nd-grade class visited City Hall



The class enjoyed visiting the fire station and posing for pictures with firefighters.





News from NHE

NHE Celebrates Literacy Week, Florida!

Submitted

Celebrate Literacy Florida Week was a wonderful experience for the students and staff of North Hamilton Elementary! We kicked off our week with students engaging in reading time with each other across grade levels. The students enjoyed this activity so much we have already made plans for future readings.

Several parents, grandparents, and community members read with our students during the week so our students could experience family shared time reading at school, while at the same time their families could learn about our awesome Accelerated Reader program here at NHE.

We had a book drive and those books are being distributed to others in the community as we work to spread a love of literacy. Parents donated several books to our school library in honor

of their own children. We were thrilled to have the family of SaraBeth Adams donate \$100 to our school library program during literacy week!

Officer Karen Williams read "The Day in the Life of a Police Officer" to all of our kindergarten and first grade students and then answered their questions about being a law enforcement officer.

North Hamilton was honored to have author/illustrator Mr. Patrick Carlson visit our school and share his talents. Our students had the opportunity to buy an autographed copy of his book "Too Tall Joe", a children's book about being unique and accepting others for their differences. It was a real privilege for us to meet this gentleman and learn more about his life, his writings, and his creative illustrations.

We also had a coloring contest for our students in grades K-2, and a

poster contest for our students in grades 3-6. Our winners were:

PreK (Mrs. D. Combass):

1st- Jasmine Waweru, 2nd-Anayeli Galvez, 3rd-Kenley Brady

Mrs. Boatwright's Class:

1st- Emilla Salinas, 2nd- Lauren Hatch, 3rd-Edward Valdez

Mrs. Dechant's Class:

1st- Jearld Smith, 2nd-Shawn Warren, 3rd-Maria Silverio-Chung

Mrs. C. Combass' Class:

1st- Corrin Pulliam, 2nd- Justin Reynolds, 3rd- Jenna Tolle

Mrs. McCall's Class:

1st- Jessica Soriano, 2nd- Jordan Beck, 3rd-Jocelynn Wooten

Ms. Adams' Class:

1st - Tyler Whetstone, 2nd- Landon Adkins, 3rd- David Gause

Mrs. Carter's Class:

1st- Jerrel Tolle, 2nd-Miguel Thomas, 3rd-David Knafel

Mrs. Parks' Class:

1st- Zachary Rainish, 2nd- Jalin Hawkins, 3rd-Blake Selph

Mrs. Alkinson's Class:

1st- Skiler Fountain, 2nd- Aileeka Williams, 3rd- Madison Camp

Mrs. Bennett's Class:

1st- Nicole Aguero, 2nd- Briana Aguero, 3rd-Richard Arnold

Mrs. Driggers' Class:

1st- Jorge Miguel, 2nd-Ramsey Reynolds, 3rd-Thalia Rios

Mrs. McCoy's Class:

1st- Joshua Uuzua-Diaz, 2nd- Nicholas McClain, 3rd- Luke Adkins

Poster Winners:

Third Grade:

1st- Elizabeth Cheshire (Kennedy), 2nd- Justin Jackson (Kennedy), 3rd-Yesenia Ortiz (Kennedy)

Fourth Grade:

1st- Guadalupe Ponce, (Byrd), 2nd- Alyssa Culbreth (Byrd), 3rd- Zac Murphy (Byrd)

Fifth Grade:

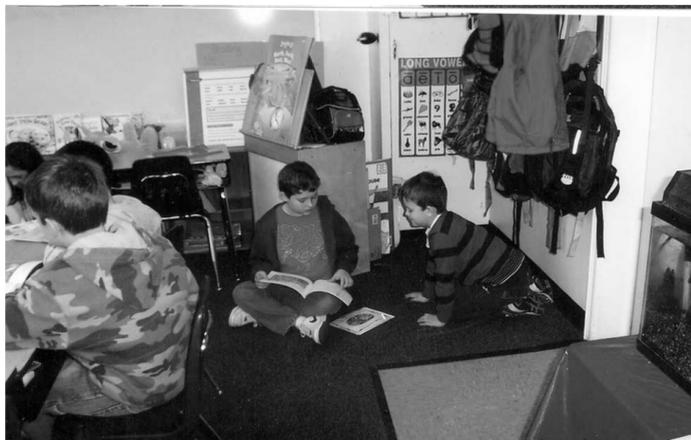
1st- Callie Adams, 2nd- Hannah Carter, 3rd- Bailey Jones



NHE students enjoyed reading during Celebrate Literacy Florida Week - Photos submitted



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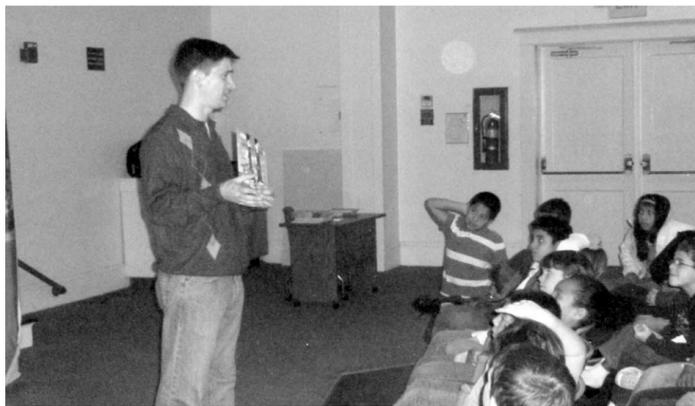
NHE students enjoyed reading during Celebrate Literacy Florida Week



NHE students pose for group photo during Celebrate Literacy Florida Week



Officer Karen Williams reads to Kindergarten and 1st grade classes



Author/illustrator Mr. Patrick Carlson spoke with NHE students

Big Surprise for NHE Kindergarten & 1st grade



The Tooth Fairy surprised NHE students with a visit and taught them how to take care of their teeth. - Photo submitted

Submitted

Kindergarten and first grade students at North Hamilton Elementary School had a huge surprise recently

when the Tooth Fairy came to visit them! The students learned about good dental hygiene and they have big plans to take excellent care of their teeth.

"Thank You" from NHE



NHE librarian Mrs. Betty Sue Zant and SaraBeth Adams - Photo submitted

Submitted

North Hamilton Elementary School wishes to say a big "Thank you" to the family of SaraBeth Adams. This family graciously do-

notated \$100 to buy new books for our school library. Mrs. Betty Sue Zant is our school librarian and fulfilling this book order is much appreciated by her and our entire staff.



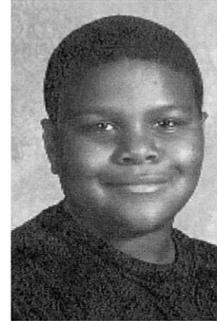
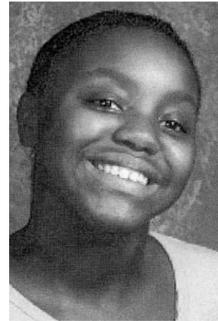
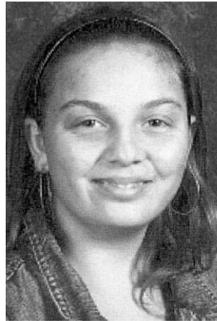
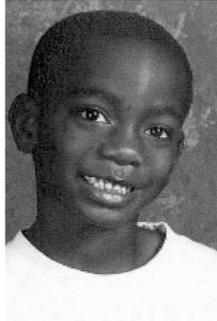


News from NHE

Awards Day Program

Submitted

North Hamilton Elementary School celebrated student achievement on February 3, 2010 with their Awards Day Program for the 2nd nine weeks. Beth Burnam was the emcee. Leaders for the pledge of allegiance were PK-2nd grades Tyler Whetstone and 3rd-6th grades Chasity Arnold. Sound technicians for music were Benita Morris and Alzavier Gandy. Honor roll students will be recognized in a separate article.

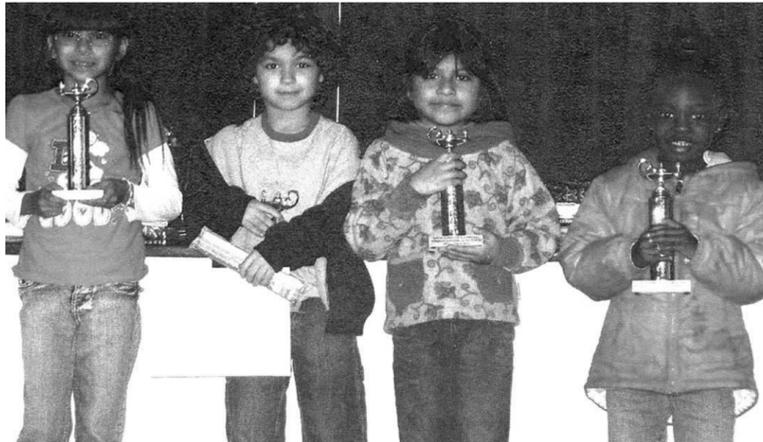


Left to right: Tyler Whetstone, Awards Day pledge leader (PK-2nd), Chasity Arnold, Awards Day pledge leader (3rd-6th), Benita Morris, Awards Day sound technician, Alzavier Gandy, Awards Day sound technician - Photos submitted

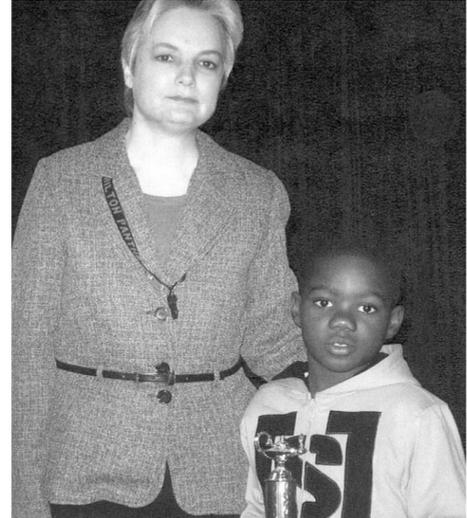
Student of the Quarter

Recognized for Student of the Quarter were PK-Miya Warren, Kindergarten-Maria Roja, 1st grade-Jesse McElwain, 2nd grade-Nicole Aguero, 3rd grade-Shawn Burnett, 4th grade-Jesus Garcia, 5th grade-Martha Pruitt, 6th grade-Malik Clay.

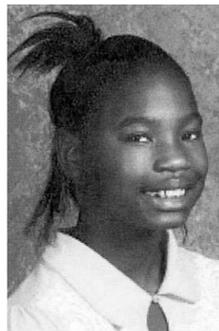
Student of the Quarter is selected by the grade level teachers for students who have exhibited all-around academic and character performance. Mrs. Wetherington-Zamora presented the Principal's Award to Jearld Smith for PK-2nd grades and to Keyona Gandy for grades 3rd-6th in recognition of the students' improvement in their overall behavior.



Students of the Quarter, left to right: 2nd grade-Nicole Aguero, 1st grade- Jesse McElwain, Kgn-Maria Roja, PK-Miya Warren - Photos submitted



Principal Wetherington-Zamora with Principal's Award (PK-2nd) winner Jearld Smith



Principal's Award (3rd-6th) winner Keyona Gandy



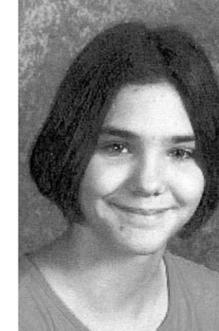
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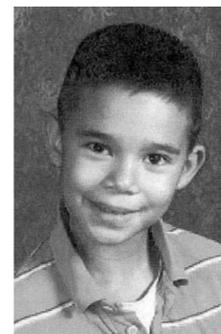
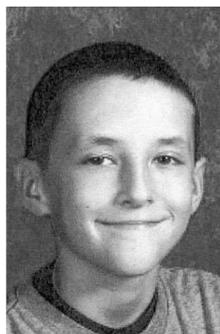
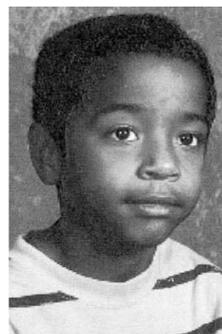


Malik Clay



Martha Pruitt

Accelerated Reader Program



Left to Right: Frank Daniels, Angelina Gaspar, Brad Driggers, Josefina Diaz, Jestyn Roberts - Photos submitted

In the Accelerated Reader program, numerous students were rewarded for their achievement of AR goals. School-wide, students received pencil/erasers, free concessions, ice cream, and movie with popcorn/drink.

The Accelerated Reader trophy winners were: 2nd grade-Frank Daniels, 3rd grade-Angelina Gaspar, 4th grade-Brad Driggers,

5th grade-Jestyn Roberts, and 6th grade-Josefina Diaz. The AR trophy is awarded to a student in each grade level that has the highest percent towards their individual goals and at least 80% accuracy on AR comprehension quizzes. AR over-all class winners were Mrs. Trixie Bennett's class for grades K-2nd and Mrs. Menieca Kennedy's class for grades 3rd-6th.

NHE's Teacher and Employee of the Year for 2010-2011

North Hamilton Elementary School faculty and staff were honored to recognize 2010-2011

Teacher of the Year, Leeann Combass and Employee of the Year, Lucille Seymore. These ladies are

examples of the dedication of our faculty and staff to "changing lives through quality education".



Leeann Combass is North Hamilton Elementary's 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year.



Lucille Seymore is North Hamilton Elementary's 2010-2011 Employee of the Year. - Photos submitted

Positive Behavior Program

For the Positive Behavior Program students are regularly rewarded for their efforts to follow school behavior guidelines. Just as soon as the weather warms up, students achieving the 20 PAWS level and the 40 PAWS level will be rewarded with outside playtime and game day.



Hamilton County 2010 Track Schedule

Date	Meet	Place	Time
Tues. 2/23	Raider Open	Santa Fe	3:30
Fri. 2/26	Oak Hall Relays	Gainesville	4:00
Tues. 3/2	Mayo, MC, Suw	Home	3:30
Sat. 3/6	Raider Inv.	Santa Fe	9:00
Fri. 3/12	Bolles Bulldog Classic	Jacksonville	1:00
Sat. 3/20	Hamilton Co. Inv.	Home	9:00
Tues. 3/23	Fresh/Soph Inv.	Santa Fe	3:00
Thu. 3/25	St. Johns CD Inv.	Orange Park	TBA
Sat. 4/10	Capitol City Classic	Tallahassee	9:00
Thu. 4/15	District Championships	Orange Park	10:00
Sat. 4/17	Middle School Qualifier	Tallahassee	9:00
Thu. 4/21	Region 1 Championships	Jax. Bolles	11:00
Fri. 4/30	1-A State Championships	Winter Park	11:00

To the Editor:

Hamilton County has no hospital. Moreover, most of the time there is no place in the county for someone with any medical emergency to go. Even a minor cut can require a trip to the closest hospital, usually over 20 miles away. Someone with a serious emergency, like a heart attack, can expect over an hour before arriving at a hospital and a long ambulance trip. Some will die en route that could have been saved if treated sooner.

When the hospital was sold by the county a fund was established and a board created to administer it. They have a couple of million dollars in the fund. It has been a couple of years since our hospital closed and yet they have not done anything to get us a facility. Even a quick care with emergency services would be a help.

Currently, people that used to get medicine from the hospital are using the ambulance as a taxi to Lake City for that purpose. How much has that cost the taxpayers? What does it do when the ambulances are out on avoidable calls and you really need one?

The County Commission is doing what they can to get another hospital but having a hospital board, with money, doing nothing is unacceptable. I would call on everyone to let their county and city officials know that the present situation is unacceptable and needs to be fixed. Even third world countries have more emergency facilities than Hamilton County has. We need to get a hospital or emergency facility in the county before someone you love dies because of the lack of it!

Thank you,
Robert Clark

Jasper Legals

BID SOLICITATION

Re-Advertisement BID NO. 2009-15

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners, Suwannee County, Florida will receive sealed bids, at the Clerk of Court Cashier Window at the Courthouse, Attention: Clerk to the Board, 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064 until **Friday, February 26, 2010 at 4:00 P.M.** at 4:00 P.M. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Live Oak City Hall Meeting Room, 101 S.W. White Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064 on **Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 9:00 A.M.** or thereafter, for the following:

REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR OF FOUR PIPE A/C SYSTEM LOCATED AT THE SUWANNEE COUNTY JAIL

The Board of County Commissioners may accept all or part of any bid. Any bid received after **Friday, February 26, 2010 at 4:00 P.M.**, will be retained at the Clerk of Court Office unopened and will not be considered. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive formalities and re-advertise and award the bid in the best interest of Suwannee County.

The Board of County Commissioners does not discriminate because of race, creed, color, national origin or handicap status.

The Board of County Commissioners requires a Sworn Statement under section 287.133(3)(a), F.S., on Public Entity Crimes.

Anyone wishing to obtain bid documents may contact the Administrative Services Department, at 386/364-3410. Any questions concerning the bid specifications should be directed to Steve Sharpless, Maintenance Director at (386)364-6524.

All bids must be submitted in triplicate and labeled on the outside of the envelope as **"ATTENTION: CLERK TO THE BOARD, SEALED FOR RE-ADVERTISEMENT BID NO. 2009-15 FOR REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR OF FOUR PIPE A/C SYSTEM LOCATED AT THE SUWANNEE COUNTY JAIL."**

WESLEY WAINWRIGHT, CHAIRMAN
SUWANNEE COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
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BID SOLICITATION

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All bids must be submitted in triplicate and labeled on the outside of the envelope as **"ATTENTION: CLERK TO THE BOARD, SEALED BID NO. 2010-01 FOR HAULING OF LIMEROCK FOR THE SUWANNEE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT."**

WESLEY WAINWRIGHT, CHAIRMAN
SUWANNEE COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

ALAPAHA BOAT RAMP
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
BAILEY, BISHOP & LANE, INC.
PROJECT NO. T081007HAM

Date & Time for Receiving Bids:
11:00 AM LOCAL TIME
March 15, 2010

Place for Receiving Bids:
Hamilton County Clerk of Courts
207 NE First Street, Room 106
Jasper, Florida 32052
(386) 792-6639

Bid Documents Prepared By:
BAILEY, BISHOP & LANE, INC.
P.O. Box 3717
Lake City, Florida 32025
(386) 752-5640, FAX (386) 755-7771

Bid Documents Available From:
The Engineer's Office

Deposit for Bid Documents:
Prime Contractors for payment of \$150.00 per set with a two (2) set maximum. Payments of Contractors are non-refundable. Bidders using partial sets of documents are fully responsible for any errors or omissions made due to not reviewing the entire set of Construction Documents.

Project Description:
This Project consists of the construction of a new concrete boat ramp, dredging, site clearing, gravel parking area, SWMF construction, storm piping, and information kiosk.

Date of Advertisement:
February 25, 2010

FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
02/25

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT

Florida Department of
Environmental Protection
Northeast District Office
Draft Minor Source Air
Construction Permit
Project No. 0470002-069-AC
White Springs Agricultural Chemicals,
Inc., Suwannee River/Swift Creek
Complex Hamilton County, Florida

Applicant: The applicant for this project is White Springs Agricultural Chemicals, Inc., Suwannee River/Swift Creek Complex. The applicant's authorized representative and mailing address is: Mr. W. K. Thornton, General Manager, Springs Agricultural Chemicals, Inc., Suwannee River/Swift Creek Complex, PO Box 300, White Springs, Florida 32096.

Facility Location: White Springs Agricultural Chemicals, Inc., operates the existing Suwannee River/Swift Creek Complex, which is located in Hamilton County at 15843 SE 78th Street, White Springs in Hamilton, Florida.

Project: This is the final air construction permit, which authorizes the replacement of "J" Rotary Drum filter with an equivalent belt filter at the Acid Clarification Plant (EU071).

Permitting Authority: Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210 and 62-212 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and an air permit is required to perform the proposed work. The Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project is the Department of Environmental Protection's Air Resource Section in the Northeast District Office. The Permitting Authority's physical address is: 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite B200, Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7590. The Permitting Authority's mailing address is: 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite B200, Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7590. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 904/807-3300.

Project File: A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at the physical address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the Draft Permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the application and information submitted by the applicant (exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S.). Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project engineer for additional information at the address and phone number listed above. In addition, electronic copies of these documents are available on the following web site: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/products/pdfs/default.asp>.

Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue an air construction permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of the project will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-296 and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a Final Permit in accordance with the conditions of the proposed Draft Permit unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. or unless public comment received in accordance with this notice results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the proposed Draft Permit for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of the 14-day period. If written comments received result in a significant change to the Draft Permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the Draft Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection.

Petitions: A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed with (received by) the Department's Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station #35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 (Telephone: 850/245-2241).

Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S. must be filed within 14 days of publication of this Public Notice or receipt of a written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A 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 within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner; the name address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial rights will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so state; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C.

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

Mediation: Mediation is not available for this proceeding.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN 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 the Hamilton County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the special exception, 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 a public hearing on March 9, 2010 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.

SE 09-4, a petition by Hizer Machine Manufacturing, Inc., requesting a special exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.5.5 of the Land Development Regulations to allow a tool and die facility within an AGRICULTURE-4 (A-4) zoning district in accordance with a site plan drawn on February 17, 2005, revised December 13, 2009, revised on January 15, 2010, and submitted as part of a petition dated October 20, 2009 to be located on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying within Section 35, Township 1 South, Range 15 East, Hamilton County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 35; thence South 01°26'17" West, along the West line of said Section 35, a distance of 571.20 feet; thence South 72°18'21" East 91.92 feet; thence North 41°27'46" East 446.24 feet to the Southwesterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 41 (State Road 25 and 100); thence South 47°33'29" East, along the Southerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 41 (State Road 25 and 100), a distance of 879.56 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 47°33'29" East, along the Southerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 41 (State Road 25 and 100), a distance of 389.86 feet; thence South 00°59'47" West 204.75 feet to the South line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 35; thence North 89°58'36" West, along the South line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 35, a distance of 300.00 feet; thence North 00°59'47" East to the Southerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 41 (State Road 25 and 100), a distance of 462.25 feet and the Point of Beginning.

Containing 2.28 acres, more or less.

The public hearing 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 hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published.

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

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

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decisions made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
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Hamilton FFA celebrates national FFA week

Submitted by Keith Wynn, Hamilton FFA Advisor

Hamilton FFA will celebrate National FFA Week Feb. 20-27, 2010. Lead Out Loud is the theme this year as members pledge to show off what makes them premier leaders in their schools and communities. More than half a million members around the nation will participate in National FFA Week activities at the local and state levels.

The focus of National FFA Week is to

tell America about the great opportunities available for youth in agriculture. From its beginnings in 1928 as the Future Farmers of America, the National FFA Organization today reaches out to all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. From urban to rural schools, FFA is committed to developing character and leadership skills as well as preparing members for a lifetime of success in one of three hundred careers

in Agriculture. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Pictured are just a few of the events that we have participated in this school year. This week we will focus on the importance of agriculture and FFA in our county and state, concluding with a member cookout on Friday.



Hamilton FFA Advisor Keith Wynn and Southern Cattle Herdsman Brandon Faircloth

This school year the Hamilton FFA Chapter started off stronger than ever. On August 8, 2009 Southern Cattle

Company of Marianna, FL donated six registered Angus cattle and one show steer to our chapter.



Haley Eatmon, Heidi Harris, Chris Stach, William Hughes, Aaron Norris, and Southern Cattle Herdsman Brandon Faircloth.)



Heidi Harris and Haley Eatmon

Heidi and Haley attended the Florida FFA Chapter President's Conference in Daytona, FL On September 5, 2009. At the conference the two offi-

cers learned service, success, strengths, and leadership skills with other chapter officers from throughout the state.

On August 22, 2009 a group of Hamilton FFA members were invited to participate in a livestock sale at the Southern Cattle Company Complex. The members were responsible for

pinning and sorting cattle during the sale. After the sale they had a tour of the facility where they learned about embryo transfer, artificial insemination, and herd management.



2009-2010 Hamilton FFA Officer Team. Front-Back Heather Morris, Britney Lambert, William Hughes, Zach Deas, Winston Crosby, Heidi Harris, Tayler Pittman, Haley Eatmon, and Aaron Norris

On September 25, 2009 the Hamilton FFA Officer team went To Lake City for a Chapter Officer Leadership Training conference (COLT). COLT was presented by the 2010

State FFA Officers. The Officer team learned about leadership, stress management, and how to deal with conflicts when they arise among the chapter.



Kyle Stewart and Hugh Hunter

October 1st was the 2009 Hamilton Swine Show and Sale. This year we would like to thank Kyle Stewart for his hard work and dedication in preparing and showing the chapter hog. On be-

half of the Hamilton FFA Chapter we would especially like to thank Hugh Hunter and the Hamilton County Merchants for their continued support of our FFA Chapter.



Left-Right, Back-Middle-Front: Jessup Holdman, Curtis Marlow, Dolton Mcleod, Sage Stephens, Katelynn Umstead, Chaise Mccoy, Winston Crosby, Kaelin Monds, Brian Corbett, Scott Culbrith, Zach Deas, Justin Culbrith, Tyler Warfel, Katelyn Mitchell, Trey Norris, Tayler Pittman, Heather Morris, Conner Carter, Jeremy Gyr, Brandon Cannon, Eric Santana, Jeffery Monds, Dawson Adams, Will Curry, and Kyle Dedge

On October 2nd many members participated in the Farm Judging contest in Mayo, FL. These members

had to judge crops and animals that are produced in our area based on quality. One of our teams placed

third, and consisted of Dawson Adams, Jeremy Gyr, Heather Morris, and Tayler Pittman.





Hamilton FFA celebrates national FFA week



Back Row Tyler Warfel, Kaelin Monds, Eric Santana, Doug Longshore, William Hughes, Winston Crosby. Front Row: Louis Newhard, Cady Carter, Jeffrey Monds, Jeremy Gyr, Trey Norris

On October 8, 2009 Hamilton FFA was well represented in the Forestry CDE at Lake City Community College. There was one Middle School team and two High School teams

competing. The chapter would like to thank Doug Longshore, Robert Marvin, Roger Gill, Greg Staten, and Chad Burnett for helping prepare the teams.



On October 21, 2009 Hamilton FFA traveled to Moultrie, Ga to attend the Sunbelt Agricultural Expo.



Back Row: Wesley Deas, Kevin Morgan, Damon Deas, Dan Buchanan, Bill Erixton, Keith Wynn Front Row: Rick Young, David Goolsby Jr., Zach Deas, Travis Erixton

On November 25, 2009 members of the Hamilton County Farm Bureau teamed up with our FFA Chapter to prepare and sell Boston Butts for a

chapter fundraiser. We would like to thank the Farm Bureau members for their hard work in helping make this fundraiser successful.



Jeffrey Monds and Cady Carter

On October 30, 2009 Jeffrey and Cady represented our chapter as the FFA prince and princess during Homecoming events.

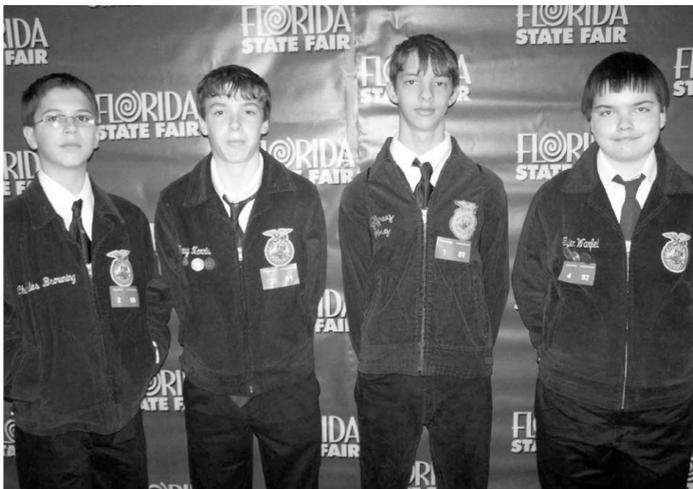


On January 14, 2010 thirty FFA members took a trip to the Deas Brothers Farm. Students received hands on training working with livestock.



Kyle Stewart, Brandon Cannon

On December 3, 2009 members prepared wild game for our annual FFA Beast Feast. We would like to thank David Goolsby Jr. for cooking the wild game and Mr. Lamar Royals for allowing us to use the VFW home.



Louis Newhard, Trey Norris, Austin King, Tyler Warfel

These FFA members traveled to the Florida State Fair in Tampa to participate in the State FFA Horse Judging CDE on February 6, 2010.



Holly Crutchfield, Trey Norris, Conner Carter, Crystal Coleman, Elizabeth Lewis, Leah Morgan, Megan Hodges, David Booth, Tyler Warfel.

On December 10, 2009 FFA members participated at Sub-District contest in Madison, Fl. Conner participated in Tractor Operations, Megan participated in Creed Speaking, Tyler participated in Prepared Public speaking and Holly, Trey, Crystal, Elizabeth, Leah, David, and Tyler participated in Opening/Closing Ceremonies CDE's.



Keith Wynn, Kyle Stewart, Chris Stach

On February 15 thru 18 Chris Stach showed the Hamilton FFA Chapter steer at the North Florida Livestock Show and Sale in Madison Fl. On behalf of the Hamilton FFA Chapter we would especially like to thank Southern Cattle Company for donating the Steer and we would also like to thank PCS Phosphate, Jasper Hardware, Lester Scaff, and Howland Feed Mill for their support of our FFA Chapter through their generous sponsorship.





FWC staff recommends random drawing for hunt permits



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

MyFWC.com

Submitted by Wendy Dial, FWC

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved a random-drawing method of obtaining hunt permits Thursday instead of the first-come, first-served method in use now.

This change takes place in the 2010-11 hunting season for all permit hunt types currently using the first-come, first-served issuance method, other than recreational use permits, also known as user-pay permits. Recreational use permits are issued too early in the year to allow adequate time for changes in 2010. These will be issued by random drawing in the 2011-12 season.

"We should add the requirement that you must have in your possession a wildlife management area permit when you apply for a limited-entry-hunt permit," said Chairman Rodney Barreto, after moving that the Commission accept staff recommendations.

The FWC has been using the Total Licensing Sys-

tem to process all of its recreational hunting and fishing licenses and permits since Oct. 1, 2003. However, problems with the system provided by an outside vendor have increased over the years for hunters seeking limited-entry-hunt permits on a first-come, first-served basis. These problems have resulted in an inequitable distribution of permits and customer dissatisfaction.

"The FWC will continue to work with stakeholders this year to ensure a smooth and equitable transition to a random drawing," said Greg Holder, FWC assistant executive director. He stressed that the Total Licensing System vendor, Active Outdoors, does many things well, such as processing the 2.3 million fishing and hunting licenses and permits purchased annually.

The first-come, first-served limited-entry hunts account for only 5 percent of the limited-entry per-

mits issued.

"FWC staff concluded the risk of failures with first-come, first-served hunts has increased to an unacceptable level," said Diane Eggeman, director of the agency's Division of Hunting and Game Management.

The FWC based the need for this recommendation on feedback from stakeholders and on documentation of system problems.

"People seeking hunting permits for alligators encountered similar problems, so the FWC switched from the first-come, first-served method to random drawing for those hunts in 2009, and 59 percent of the public liked the change," Holder said.

Commissioners directed staff to continue with the lengthy re-bidding process to replace the current TLS contract.

FWC considering crossbow use during archery season

Submitted

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is considering allowing the use of crossbows by hunters during archery season.

The FWC would like to hear from Florida's hunters regarding their views on this rule proposal. Hunters are encouraged to go to MyFWC.com/Deer for a detailed summary of the proposed changes and, until March 31, provide online comments and constructive feedback.

Currently, only com-

pond bows, longbows and recurve bows may be used during the archery season, unless a hunter qualifies for and has obtained a disabled crossbow permit. Only those persons with that permit are allowed to use crossbows during archery season.

But, if the proposal were to become law, any hunter with a hunting license and archery season permit could use a crossbow (or a bow) during archery season beginning in 2011.

For more information on this proposal or to provide comments, go to MyFWC.com/Deer.

FWC offers 2010 calendars to Florida landowners

Submitted

Do you know any landowners who might like a free 2010 calendar? The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) partnered with other agencies and organizations to produce the 2010 Wildlife Habitat Management Calendar. This effort was coordinated by the FWC's Landowner Assistance Program.

The calendar recognizes the important conservation actions made by Florida's public and private land managers. A limited supply of calendars is available at regional FWC offices across the state. If you know of a landowner who would appreciate a calendar, please contact a private lands biologist at the nearest regional office.

The partnership established three goals for the 2010 calendar: to encourage landowners to plan, to motivate landowners to adopt wildlife-friendly con-

servation practices, and to educate landowners about habitat management for multiple resources. The calendar contains general habitat management tips and reminders for each month. This year's edition has some new features, including a highlight of some of the excellent habitat management occurring on public conservation lands as well as information about the Florida Wildlife Conservation Guide and the Florida Invasive Species Partnership.

If you would like to be involved, support future calendars or simply have a suggestion to improve next year's calendar, please send an e-mail to FLWildlifeHabitatCalendar@gmail.com. An electronic copy of the calendar is available at MyFWC.com/LAP under "Announcements."

For more information about the FWC's Landowner Assistance Program, visit MyFWC.com/LAP.

Submitted by Pat Behnke

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved changes to the nuisance wildlife rule at Wednesday's Commission meeting in Apalachicola.

The most significant change offers an option other than euthanasia for live-captured nuisance wildlife. Previously, captured nuisance wildlife could only be released on the same property where capture occurred or transported for purposes of euthanasia. Under the change, relocating nuisance animals to another site will be allowed under certain circumstances. The nuisance wildlife must be native

to Florida, and the release site must be at least 40 contiguous acres and within the same county where it was captured. Written permission of the landowner must be received before releasing the animal. Also, transportation of the animal may not violate any rabies alert or area quarantine by county health or animal control authorities.

The FWC received many requests from the public to remove bobcats from the nuisance-wildlife rule, but staff recommended a clarification instead. Under the changed rule bobcats may be taken as nuisance animals only when they pose a threat to public safety or are causing, or about to cause, prop-

erty damage.

The changed rule now requires that live traps and snares used to capture nuisance wildlife be inspected at least once every 24 hours, and live-trapped nuisance wildlife must be released or euthanized within 24 hours. The change also allows euthanasia as described by both the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians.

The rule now clarifies that chemical repellents are not approved as an "exclusion device" for bats.

For more information on the FWC's nuisance wildlife rule, go to MyFWC.com/License.

FWC moves forward with changes to nuisance wildlife rule

Deer hunters get better-aligned zones and season dates

Submitted by Tony Young, FWC

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) passed new rules Wednesday affecting deer hunters, beginning with the 2010-11 season. The new rules modified zone boundaries and season dates for deer hunting on private property.

"These changes will better align the deer hunting seasons with the rut and are intended to increase hunter satisfaction," said Cory Morea, Deer Management Program Coordinator for the FWC's Division of Hunting and Game Management. Morea noted that the majority of stakeholders supported these measures.

Todd Hallman of the Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association expressed one concern: "The South Region is a different animal. You're going to have us hunting in hotter, not cooler weather," he said of the hunting season changes.

The boundary separating what used to be called the Northwest Hunting Zone (renamed Zone D) from the Central Zone (renamed Zone C) has been moved a little farther west.

The new line dividing zones C and D begins at U.S. 27 at the Gadsden County/Georgia state line and runs south on U.S. 27 until it meets S.R. 61 in Tallahassee. From there, it follows S.R. 61, running south until it hits U.S. 319. There, the line follows U.S. 319, continuing south to U.S. 98; it then runs east along U.S. 98 before turning south on

Spring Creek Highway and continuing to the Gulf of Mexico.

Changes to season dates on Zone D push opening day of archery season back one week. The first phase of muzzleloading gun season will have four additional days and move from November to December, where it will fill a gap that was previously closed to deer hunting in that zone. As a result, Zone D will have continuous deer hunting opportunities from the beginning of archery through the last phase of muzzleloading gun season, and total deer hunting days have been increased from 123 to 128.

Zone C's new deer hunting season dates will begin one week earlier; archery season will begin on the third Saturday in September every year. Twelve days were added to give Zone C a total of 128 deer-hunting days.

New rules also create an additional hunting zone, made up in part by the Green Swamp Basin. This fourth zone, which previously was the southwest portion of the Central Hunting Zone, will be Zone B. This new zone lies south of S.R. 50, west of U.S. 441 and the Kissimmee Waterway, north of S.R. 60 and east of the Gulf of Mexico.

Zone B was created because the deer in that area have a much later breeding period. Deer hunting in this new zone will start with archery, beginning on the third Saturday of October each year, and run through the general gun season, ending in mid-February.

Zone A (formerly the South Hunting Zone) remains that portion of the state south of S.R. 70.

Its deer season will start nearly a month and a half earlier than before, with July 31 as the opening day of archery next season. The other major change is that there will be a split general gun season. Deer hunting will be closed five weeks next season, between Oct. 18 and Nov. 19, and reopen every year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving and always ending on the first Sunday in January. Depending on how the dates fall in each year, Zone A's total deer hunting days will be between 121 and 128, an increase from 116 previously.

These changes to Florida's private land deer-hunting zones and season dates take into account hunter suggestions and updated biological data, aiming to increase hunter satisfaction. The new zones and corresponding dates are now better aligned with when deer breed throughout the state.

According to law, Florida's fall turkey season dates are based on each zone's general gun seasons. Therefore, since the FWC passed rules that added a fourth hunting zone and modified existing zones and corresponding general gun season dates, the fall turkey season dates also have been modified to reflect the new zones. Next season, the fall turkey season will be:

Zone A: Oct. 4-17, 2010 and Nov. 20, 2010 - Jan. 2, 2011
Zone B: Dec. 4, 2010 - Jan. 30, 2011
Zone C: Nov. 6, 2010 - Jan. 2, 2011
Zone D: Nov. 25-28, 2010 and Dec. 11, 2010 - Jan. 16, 2011





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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

Feb. 16, Michele Anne Brown, 22; 926 Wilermerling Road, Bradenton, FL; driving under the influence, open container, possession of drug paraphernalia;

HCSO
Feb. 16, Jadie H. Hawkins, 27; 1636 Suponic Avenue, Sarasota, FL; possession of drug paraphernalia, open container; HCSO
Feb. 16, Lyndell J. Cooks, 23; 16744 Branch Street, White Springs; violation of probation-2 counts; HCSO
Feb. 18, Stephanie Gilbert, 35; 5936 SW 61st Avenue, Jasper; violation of probation; HCSO
Feb. 18, Rigel Gonzalez, 29; 6727 Brandemere Road North, Jacksonville, FL; unlawful conveyance of fuel, trafficking in counterfeit credit cards; DTF
Feb. 19, Jay Floyd Laird, 39; Jacksonville, FL; violation of probation; HCSO
Feb. 19, Kenneth Charles Coffee, 46; 2662 NW 6th Drive, Jennings; in to serve 3rd weekend; HCSO
Feb. 19, Pedro Gomez, 31; 152 Cook Road, Moultrie, GA; no drivers license; HCSO
Feb. 19, Flor N. Louis, 26; 2441 SW Burley, Lake City, FL; serving 120 days on weekends; HCSO
Feb. 19, Jett Joseph Jones, 26; 14088A Col-

lege Park, Tampa, FL; violation of probation-hold for Hillsborough County; HCSO
Feb. 19, Julian Daniel Shaw, 26; 83rd Trail, White Springs; serving 4th weekend; HCSO
Feb. 20, Latoya Owens, 26; 10808 NW 38th Terrace, Jasper; failure to appear; JAPD
Feb. 20, Terri LaShanda Wright, 31; 202 NW 10th Avenue, Jasper; hold for Columbia County on worthless checks; JAPD
Feb. 20, Frankie Desravines, 26; 5117 Lawndale Road, Orlando, FL; possession of contraband in prison, possession of controlled substance; HCSO
Feb. 20, Robert James Norder, 30; 2260 Keane Avenue, Naples, FL; violation of probation; HCSO
Feb. 21, Mark Daniel Judd, 41; 724 N. Main Street, Swainsboro, GA; operation vehicle with valid foreign license suspended in Florida; JAPD
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Suwannee Valley Scene

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SRWMD employee among five chosen for engineering achievements



Kevin Wright
- Photo submitted

Submitted

LIVE OAK, FL,- Kevin Wright, of the Suwannee River Water Management District (District), is one of 16 young engineers across the nation nominated by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) for the National Engineers Week Foundation New Faces of Engineering 2010. Of that group, Wright was among five selected to represent their profession as top engineers.

The New Faces of Engineering program highlights the interesting and unique work of young engineers and the resulting impact on society. Young engineers two to five years out of school are the focus of the program.

Wright was hired by the District in 2006 to review environmental resource permits, which consider stormwater runoff quality and flooding potential. He later became the project coordinator for the District's efforts with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Map Modernization Program, managing a budget of more than \$4.2 million. While working with FEMA, Wright helped develop several website applications, enabling residents to view and print flood zone maps, determine flood elevations and answer common questions about the National Flood Insurance Program.

Wright's current duties include working on water supply planning in order to plan for future water supplies and assisting with the formation of the Nature Coast Regional Water Authority, which will connect four municipalities and two counties with drinking water and wastewater.

A member of ASABE since 2004, Wright holds a bachelor's degree in agricultural and biological engineering from the University of Florida, where he is pursuing a master's of engineering and where as an undergraduate he served as president of the ASABE student chapter.

"It is an honor to be nominated for the New Faces of Engineering program, considering the high caliber of agricultural and biological engineers in the nation," Wright said. "I would like to thank the District for supporting my continued education and allowing my diverse workload."

Wright said he encourages any student interested in engineering to visit www.DiscoverEngineering.org. "Our nation needs young engineers to help solve the problems our country will face in the future," he said.

The ASABE is an educational and scientific organization dedicated to the advancement of engineering applicable to agricultural, food and biological systems. Founded in 1907 and headquartered in St. Joseph, Mich., ASABE comprises 9,000 members in more than 100 countries.

