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\$38K from SRWMD



Alphonas Alexander, right front, from Suwannee River Water Management District presents the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners with a check in the amount of \$37,943.47 in PILT funds. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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iWORK3 in North Fla.



iWORK3 employees that help North Florida youth L-R: Sara Shepherd, Year-Round Youth Career Consultant; Breandra Taylor, iWork3 Coordinator; and Alessandra Camejo, iWork3 Associate. - Courtesy Photo

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Hamilton recognized among top performing schools and districts

by Department of Education

Submitted

South Hamilton Elementary School was recognized by the Department of Education recently for improving its school grade from a D to an A.

Education Commissioner John L. Winn on July 28 recognized some of Florida's highest performing school districts for either maintaining or improving their district grade to an A or having all A or B graded schools in 2011. Of the districts highlighted, 13 have earned an impressive A grade since the inception of district grades in 2004, while 17 districts this year alone have no schools graded lower than a

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County coffers get \$38K from SRWMD

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At Tuesday's Hamilton County Commission meeting the Board received a check in the amount of \$37,943.47 from Suwannee River Water Management (SRWMD).

Steve Minnis, governmental affairs director and Alphonas Alexander, vice chairman of the Governing Board, presented the commissioners with the lump sum check, which is for payment in lieu of taxes, or PILT funds, as they are called.

"It's an honor for me to do this," Alexander said. "In these economic times I know everybody is stretched for funds."

According to a press release from the SRWMD,

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New wheels for White Springs



Hamilton County School Board Superintendent Martha Butler handed the keys and the title to a school bus over to Mayor Helen Miller of White Springs. (L to R) Jim McMillen, Frederick Robinson, White Springs Mayor Helen Miller, Hamilton County Schools Superintendent Martha Butler and Ward Daniel Jr. Story / [Page 2A](#)

Warden welcomes HOPE



White Springs HOPE intern field trip to Hamilton Correctional Institution. - Courtesy photo

Submitted

Hamilton Correctional Institution Warden John Palmer welcomed White Springs Mayor Helen Miller and the HOPE "Learn to Earn" summer interns and their volunteer mentors during a series of presentations at the training center.

This summer, the White Springs HOPE (Helping Our People Excel) Program is once again providing educational opportunities for local area youth. The goal of the intern program is to expand the horizons of youth to the vast array of career opportunities in the U.S. economy. HOPE is employing three approaches: 1) classroom instruction on business topics, 2) field trips to public and private business organizations and 3) hands-on technology applications leading to business development.

The HOPE interns were impressed to learn that Hamilton CI is home to over 615 employees that comprise several departments necessary to manage and operate the facility. Warden Palmer introduced speakers who described the expertise needed to run "the city within the city of Jasper." Speakers included Colonel D. Cason from the Annex, Major O. Peavy from the Main Unit, Major R. Rosell from the Work Camp, Mrs. K. Bunting from Classification, Mr. P. Wilkerson from Education, Mr. B. Mclendon from

Maintenance, Mr. W. Chewning from Food Service, Ms. K. Smith from Medical, Chaplain D. Moore, K-9 Officer J. Turner, Captain C. Lane, and C.E.R.T. Member Officer W. Wood.

The HOPE interns included Kenyonna Carter, Regina Edwards, Lance Griner, Karisa Jones, Travius McCoy, David Rivers and Ariel Scott. Mentor Wanda Udell accompanied the students.

"It never occurred to me that Hamilton CI employs such a wide range of professional and technical employees," intern Karisa Jones remarked.

"I was struck by the cost-consciousness of every member of the Warden's management team," stated mentor Wanda Udell.

Intern Kenyonna Carter spoke for the entire intern team.

"Everyone loves their job. They really enjoy going to work every day at Hamilton CI," she said.

The positive attitudes and messages of the speakers left a lasting impression on the in-

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Fiery crash leaves one dead

By Joyce Marie Taylor

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A fiery crash on I-75 in Hamilton County claimed the life of a Minnesota commercial truck driver shortly after midnight Monday, according to a Florida Highway Patrol report.

The driver, K.C. Roessler, 51, of South Saint Paul, Minn. was traveling south on I-75 near US 129 in Hamilton County when the semi, which was hauling a load of vehicle batteries, veered off the roadway onto the grassy shoulder and struck several large trees. Upon impact the vehicle burst into flames and immediately engulfed the

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iWORK3 works in North Florida

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The iWORK3 summer program has been a tremendous success so far this year. For clarification purposes iWORK3 is not an Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) program. Instead, it is a local summer youth program administered by the North Florida Workforce Development Board (NFWDB).

The program is open to young people between the ages of 16 and 21 who meet certain eligibility requirements. Main offices for NFWDB are in Madison County and they have a

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New wheels for White Springs

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Hamilton County School Board Superintendent Martha Butler handed the keys and the title to a school bus over to Mayor Helen Miller of White Springs on Tuesday, Aug. 2.

"It was donated to the town by the school board," Miller said.

When the town of White Springs heard that the school board was going to surplus a couple of school buses this year because they were buying new ones, they put in a request for one of them. The board granted the request and after everything was finalized, Miller met Butler at the General Services Building in Jasper Tuesday morning. Miller brought along a volunteer, Jim McMillen, to drive bus number 2-91 to its new home in White Springs.

"We're very happy that we've got a surplus bus for the town," Miller said. "It will be used for our K-12 education program, for taking our residents to healthcare at North Florida Medical

Center locations in Perry and Mayo, and since we don't have a grocery store, on Saturday mornings we're taking our residents to Lake City to do their shopping."

Miller stated that it will fill many of the basic needs of the community.

The 1991 yellow school bus may be 20 years old, but both Frederick Robinson, coordinator of general services for Hamilton County Schools, and Ward Daniel Jr. transportation specialist, assured Mayor Miller that it was in fine working order.

Robinson said the bus had been well-maintained during the years it served the students of Hamilton County.

"You can't tell a book by its cover," Miller said, smiling, as she eyed the old bus. "It's what's inside that counts."

Afterward, Robinson and Miller immediately went over to the courthouse to legally sign over the title of the bus to the Town of White Springs with McMillen right behind them in the big yellow bus.

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B. Twelve school districts also had schools improve their grades dramatically, moving up to an A from either a D or an F grade last year.

"It is my pleasure to

honor these high-performing districts and schools for the incredible work they do to ensure our students are being prepared for success in life," said Commissioner Winn. "Achieving these kinds of results takes a

coordinated effort at all levels and I couldn't be more proud of what these students, teachers, school leaders and other dedicated stakeholders were able to accomplish during the last school year."

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the PILT program was created by the Florida Legislature to help reduce the fiscal impact to rural counties when the State or District acquires lands. Since land owned by the District is tax-exempt, PILT funds offset the loss of tax revenue when the District purchases property for flood control, water quality, water supply and natural resource protection.

In plain English, this payment to Hamilton County is for land that SRWMD has purchased from individuals in Hamil-

ton County. The assessment value at the time of purchase is paid to the board for the value of the taxes. They are funds that would have been paid by property owners if the SRWMD had not purchased the land.

Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) is explained by the SRWMD on their website as follows:

"When private property does become public property, it is taken off the county tax roll. Although the impact on county revenues is minimal - only 0.2 percent annually - the Legislature established a payment in lieu of taxes

program in 1992 to reimburse local governments for the loss of revenue.

Twenty-five percent of all Save Our Rivers land management funds are set aside to pay for the program. To qualify for this program, a county in which the District has purchased land must have a population of less than 150,000. Payments are made each year for the previous year's taxes."

Eleven counties within the SRWMD have received a total of \$326,314 in PILT funding this year in comparison to the \$177,012 they received last year.

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satellite office in Live Oak.

NFWDB serves a total of six counties in the area; Madison, Taylor, Suwannee, Lafayette, Jefferson and Hamilton counties.

"This is the third consecutive year we have held a summer youth employment program," said Program Director Cindy Heffernan.

For 2011 the NFWDB has placed 125 youth in summer employment jobs ranging from local libraries, sheriff and fire departments, parks and recreation programs to city governments and economic councils, among others. Worksites are provided by local participating employers. The youth, who must be U.S. citizens, may work in most any non-hazardous position up to 32 hours per week and the best part is they earn a paycheck from Workforce.

"To kick-off the program, youth and their parents attend an orientation session in their local area," said Diane Head, NFWDB Public Relations, Special Projects and Employer Services Director. "Potential worksites also attend similar sessions. These orientations are designed to provide the information needed for youth and worksites to determine if they want to participate in the program."

Later, Head said, each youth is interviewed by

iWork3 staff to determine their eligibility and suitability to be accepted into the program, which provides them the experience of a job interview. They are required to attend a one-week work readiness training prior to being placed at a worksite.

Throughout the week, local bank representatives help the youth open bank accounts and give them advice on money management.

The youth earn a CPR/OSHA credential/certification during the week of work readiness classes. At the end of the week, the participants are matched with their worksites through a process similar to "speed dating," where each youth spends a few minutes with each worksite to get to know one another. Youth are placed into worksites for six weeks.

Throughout the summer they also attend iWORK3 program sessions that include continued workshops on work readiness skills, resume building and tips for job searching. They are also enrolled into Florida Ready to Work and they

work during the summer to build their skill level in Reading for Information, Locating Information, and Applied Mathematics. At the end of the summer, they are given the opportunity to take the final Ready to Work assessments and earn the credential, which gives them incentive to do so.

iWORK3 is an excellent way for young people to be a part of real-life work situations while gaining valuable career experience. If you'd like to know more about this valuable program you may contact North Florida Workforce at 362-7000 or visit www.NFWorkforce.org

Fiery crash on I-75 leaves one dead Monday

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cab with the driver still inside.

Hamilton County Fire/Rescue responded to the scene, but they were unable to rescue Roessler from the mangled wreckage, said FHP.

Important dates for the new school year

Monday, August 22 will mark the first day of school for Hamilton County students. The school board would like to remind everyone about the new standardized dress code for all students within the Hamilton County school district. The new dress code was approved in April and effective with the 2011-2012 school year.

Area retailers are being asked to stock the acceptable items of clothing so parents can make their purchases locally. Parents who need clarification on any of the items may contact the schools at the following numbers:

Central Hamilton: 792-6530
North Hamilton: 938-1400
South Hamilton: 397-4400
Hamilton County High: 792-6540
Greenwood School: 792-6590

On August 13 there will be a Back to School Bash/Pep Rally from 10 a.m. to noon at the JRE Lee Complex (old middle school).

Collection boxes for the school supplies have been placed at the following locations:
Courthouse - Mary Sue Adams' office
CVS Pharmacy
Dollar General (Jasper)
First Federal
Hitchcock's
Hamilton Correctional

Institution

On Thursday, August 18 there will be a "Meet the Teacher" event at the schools.

Central Hamilton - 1:30 to 3 p.m.

North Hamilton - 1 to 2:30 p.m.

South Hamilton - 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Greenwood School - 1 to 3 p.m.

Dates for Open House are:

Central Hamilton - Tuesday, Sept. 20 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

North Hamilton - Monday, Sept. 19 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

South Hamilton - Thursday, Sept. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Hamilton County High - Thursday, August 18 from 5 to 7 p.m.

There will also be a reception for the new AVID Program (Advancement Via Individual Determination) on August 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the new culinary arts center at the high school.

Warden welcomes HOPE

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terns.

At the conclusion of the presentations and question-answer session, Mayor Miller expressed her appreciation to Warden Palmer and his entire

management team for making the time for the HOPE interns, so that a bridge of understanding can be built.

"It's vitally important that we appreciate the impact of Hamilton CI on the economy of Hamilton County," Miller said.

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Game cards in Suwannee Democrat July 29th, Jasper News, Mayo Free Press August 4th & Online (only originals allowed)



Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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Once again the world has come to White Springs, this time in a literary sense. I have just finished reading three books about Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt. What does that have to do with White Springs? Roosevelt stayed at the Telford Hotel here in White Springs in 1912 or 1913 as did many rich and famous people throughout the early 1900s. I wonder why he was here. At this point in my research I can only offer some conjecture and share with you some interesting parallels between the social and political scene when TR visited us and the way it is today. Politics were so polarized then that TR, at this time a former president of the United States, had split from the Republican Party and formed the Progressive Party, under whose Bull Moose banner he again ran for president. I suspect that he was in White Springs as part of a campaign swing for the Progressive Party through the south, or perhaps he was here for pleasure, or just passing through. That may well have been the last time a presidential candidate ever came to White Springs.

The three books I read, "The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt", "Theodore Rex", and "Colonel Roosevelt", all by Edmund Morris, led me to understand the character of this man who was, by most accounts, the most respected and popular United States President ever, both here and throughout the world. I now understand why his counte-

nance was put on Mt. Rushmore along with Lincoln, Washington and Jefferson. My favorite quote of TR sums it up nicely and it still applies to today's social, civic and political scene. "It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

So, what is going on in present day White Springs? One of my favorite folks is having a birthday. Yvonne Bryant was one of the first people I met twenty five years ago when I first started spending time here in White Springs. She worked with the Florida Folklife Program and several years later, when I went to work there, she was an invaluable help to me. Yvonne was quite a computer whiz and back then you had to know what you were doing to get the @#%*! infernal machines to behave! When the Folklife Program closed, I remember Yvonne being really upset but she had talent and experience and she soon got a job with the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office in Jasper where she still works today. Yvonne's birthday is this Thursday, August 4, and Yvonne and the notorious "Birthday Gals" will help her celebrate in style! Happy Birthday Yvonne.

Last week I was privileged to attend the closing ceremony for the Summer Hope program for our kids here in White Springs. The Community Center was filled with kids, teachers, volunteers, visiting dignitaries, and proud family members. The program, contrary to some local rumors, was bigger and better than ever and the kids had an excellent summer. It was all made possible by the most extraordinary efforts of you, the involved people of White Springs. Even though I live here,

Chief's Report

By Chief Ken Brookins, White Springs Police Department

It's August, and I'm sure you don't need me to tell you that it has been extremely hot lately. I'm also sure you're aware of the dangers we face in extreme heat like dehydration and heat stroke. What you may not realize is that it tends to make people more irritable and less patient. While we are still enjoying a fairly low property crime rate our domestic violence and neighbor disputes are increasing. When you are dealing with your fellow family members and neighbors this time of year "taking a moment to cool down" takes on a literal meaning. Ask yourself

"Is what that person said or did really so bad or am I just hot and tired?" Taking a moment to cool down can make a big difference in the outcome of the situation.

I would also like to remind you that school will be starting back up soon and as you know we work the school zone pretty heavy due to the lack of a crossing guard for the children. I would also remind you that speeding fines in that zone are double the normal amount. So be aware of this and please drive accordingly.

Along these same lines I have been getting complaints on a lot of unlicensed drivers operating vehicles in the city limits. To combat

this situation starting this month The White Springs Police Dept. will begin holding Driver's License and Equipment Checks in specified areas around town. These areas will be posted at the end of my report each month.

In closing let me remind you that I am here if you need me. Please feel free to contact me.

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OPINION Cruel laws

What does it take to be able to own and operate a taxi and earn \$30,000, \$40,000 or more a year? You need to purchase a used car and liability insurance. Compared with other businesses, the startup cost to become a taxi owner/operator is modest; that's until you have to come up with money for a license. In May 2010, the price of a license, called a medallion, to own one taxi in New York City sold for \$603,000. As referenced in my recent book, "Race and Economics," New York City is not alone. In Chicago, a taxi license costs \$56,000, Boston \$285,000 and Philadelphia \$75,000. It's not rocket science to understand the effect of laws that produce these prices: They discriminate against anyone getting into the taxi business who lacks tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars or bank credit to be able to get a loan.

Suppose you're a trucker with an interstate license to ship goods but you want to expand to shipping goods within your state. Is it fair for the government to permit your competition to show up at your hearing, with their attorneys, to protest that your services are not needed and therefore you are denied what's called a "certificate of necessity," which would allow you to ship goods within the state? Attorney Timothy Sandefur discusses this despicable process in his recent article "CON Job," published by the Cato Institute (summer 2011). "Certificate of necessity" monopolistic restrictions exist across the country,



**A
MINORITY
VIEW**
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governing a variety of industries, from moving companies and taxicabs to hospitals and car lots. The intention and the effect of these laws is to protect incumbent practitioners from open market competition, enabling them to charge higher prices as a means to higher income. Interior designing has almost no startup costs. Not so if you want to practice in Florida. State law mandates that anyone who wants to practice interior designing have six years of education and experience, including graduating from a state-approved interior design program and completing an apprenticeship under a state-licensed interior designer. Then the applicant must pass a state-mandated licensing exam. The sole purpose of the law is to keep the outs out so the ins can charge monopoly prices.

If interior designing is not for you, how about being a tour guide in Philadelphia or Washington, D.C.? Neither city will permit you to be a tour guide without a government-issued license.

In Phoenix, you could earn a living doing something as simple as shaping eyebrows, a safe and common practice known as "eyebrow threading." To do so legally, the Phoenix government requires you to take hundreds of hours of irrelevant training and spend thousands of dollars on classes. None of those classes actually teaches you how to practice eyebrow threading.

One would think that civil rights organizations, leftists and progressives would be fighting the battle for people's rights to earn a living. The fact of business is that they are often on the other side, and it's the

Washington, D.C.-based Institute for Justice that has been waging war against entrenched incumbents who use government to protect them from competition. In fact, the Institute for Justice has current court battles against restrictions on tour guides, eyebrow threading and interior designing, as well as several more found at its website (<http://ij.org/economicliberty>). The Institute for Justice has had remarkable success in lawsuits, breaking many economic barriers, such as those against hair braiding in Arizona, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio and California and taxi restrictions in Denver, Minneapolis, Cincinnati and Indianapolis.

Arbitrary licensing and permitting laws foreclose many occupations that are ideally suited to people of modest means, particularly minorities. Here's my bet: Ask any liberal politician, from the president and the Congressional Black Caucus to civil rights organizations and black local politicians, whether he'd take up the fight to eliminate these barriers to upward mobility. You'll get answers, but they won't be a simple yes. The reason is the ins contribute to their political campaigns and the outs don't.

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Hamilton County All Stars 10-U competed in recent tournament

Submitted by Tom Warfal
The Hamilton County 10-U All Stars recently competed in the State Baseball Tournament North held here in Jasper on July 7-10. Below is the photo of the team.



Hamilton County 10-U All Stars competed in recent State Baseball Tournament North. Front row (L to R): Kade Lanier, Emery Mahamery, Logan Hughes, Tyrese Brown and Levi Haines. Back row (L to R): A. J. Speights, Preston Parks, Noah Kersey, Tony Macklin, Denandre Johnson and Coach Rattliff. - Photo submitted by Tom Warfal

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Submitted
The Bellville Volunteer Fire Department will hold a fundraising car wash at the fire station on August 20 from 8 a.m. until noon. All proceeds will benefit the fire department.

HCHS Dugout Club to meet & greet Aug. 4

Submitted
Hamilton County High School Baseball Boosters Dugout Club is having a meet and greet on August 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the HCHS Cafeteria. Please come and show support for our New Baseball Coach and the upcoming 2011-2012 Baseball Season. All Baseball players and parents are invited to attend! Looking for new Booster Members and New Ideas!!!

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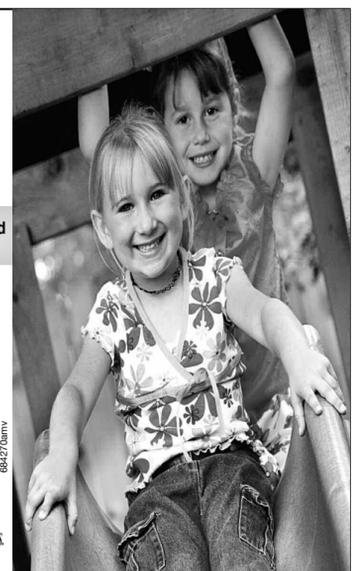
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Obituary

Joe A. Akerman, Jr.
January 30, 1930 -
July 16, 2011

Joseph Alexander Akerman, Jr. of Madison, Florida passed away in Tallahassee on July 16, 2011 after a brief illness.

Born in Orlando, Florida, January 30, 1930, he was the son of the late Frances Norman and Joseph Alexander Akerman, Sr. A graduate of Orlando High School in 1948, Akerman then graduated from the University of Florida in 1952. He studied art in Paris, France at the Grande Chaumere in 1956. His academic honors include a Fulbright Fellowship to British Columbia, Canada where he taught in 1967-68 and a fellowship from the Institute of Southern History at the Johns Hopkins University where he studied history and received an advanced degree in 1969-70.

Joe started teaching at North Florida Jr. College in 1965, retiring in 2003 after teaching several generations of students in the six-county area. He was an avid Gator fan and was proud of the scholarship monies he helped raise for students attending the University of Florida. His honors at NFJC include awards for his scholarship work in his writings and his lectures around the state.

While teaching at NFJC, Joe began a part of his life that became very important to him—that was his association with the Florida Cattleman and their families. In 1976, the Florida Cattleman's Association published his first book, Florida Cowman, a History of the Florida Cattle Industry. This was followed by American Brahman in 1982 for the American Brahman Association of Houston, Texas, and in 2003 he and son Mark collaborated on Jacob Summerlin, King of the Crackers, which was published by the Florida Historical Society. This book won the Carlton Tebeau award for the outstanding history book of 2005. In 2004, Akerman received the Dorothy Dodd award for lifetime achievement by the Florida Historical Society. He wrote numerous articles, and gave lectures all over Florida on

these books and Florida history in general.

Joe's memberships include the Republican State Committeeman for Madison County; Gideons International; Charter member of the Cracker Cattle Association; the Florida Cattleman's Association; the Florida Humanities Council; Madison County Historical Society; founding member of the Treasures of Madison County; and the Florida Historical Society. Akerman was an outdoorsman who loved quail hunting with his boyhood buddies, friends, and son Mark and grandson Cole.

Joe was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Madison where he taught a Sunday School class, the "Misfits", and was Chairman of Missions for many years. Akerman served in the U. S. Air Force Reserve out of Homestead, Florida for a short time.

Akerman married the love of his life, Princess, in 1958. Their children are Joseph Mark Akerman (Angie), Gainesville, FL; and Amy J. Hutcheson (Brad), Tallahassee, FL. His beloved grandchildren are Cole and Emma Ackerman, Gainesville, FL. He was predeceased by his mother Frances Norman Connelly, father Joseph Alexander Akerman, Sr., and his step-father Albert P. Connelly, Jr., brother Albert P. Connelly, III (Judy), Asheville, NC; sister Shane Connelly, Eustis, FL; brother Michael Connelly, Vero Beach; brother Michael Akerman (Lynn), Portland, OR; brother-in-law Paul R. Jordan, Tulsa, OK; cousin, Hugh Akerman, Clarksville, TN; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 20, 2011, at First United Methodist Church, Madison, Florida with interment in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Madison. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church of Madison (348 SW Rutledge St., Madison, FL 32340) and its mission program, or the Gideons International.

T. J. Beggs, Jr. & Sons Funeral Home, Madison (850) 973-2258.

50th Wedding Anniversary Reception



Jeff, Jackie, Jessica, Jordan and Jaylin Roberts, Ronnie, Robin, Ashley, Addyson and Brooke Lamm, Mike, Jenni, Kade and Gracie Roberts; would like to invite you to the 50th Wedding Reception for their parents and grandparents Billy and Glenda Roberts Westside Baptist Church fellowship hall August 6, 2011, 4 p.m.

The church is located 3 miles west of Live Oak on US 90 No gifts, please, just your presence is our gift.

Comprehensive Community Services is now The Arc North Florida

Comprehensive Community Services took the first step this month to help the community recognize the growing role they play as the area's primary service provider for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The CCS membership recently voted to change their well known name to The Arc North Florida to reflect their organizations growing presence in Suwannee, Hamilton, Lafayette, Columbia and Baker counties.

The organization was originally formed in 1981 by a group of local parents with a vision of seeing their children with intellectual and developmental disabilities fully included in the local community. According to Bobbie Lake, Executive Director of The Arc North Florida, "Over the last 30 years, our mission has expanded from raising awareness of the abilities of the people we serve to an increasing role of providing training and support ser-

vices to individuals that want to live more independently."

Jeanette Clark, a Board member of The Arc North Florida and the parent of a child in the program, said, "I think the name change will help our organization to be more recognizable in the community. It will reduce the confusion that the public sometimes has about who we are and what we do, especially the growing number of families who need information about getting help for their children with special needs." The local organization expects that their new name will help them brand with the over 740 other chapters of The Arc throughout the United States.

The Arc North Florida, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit company and a sponsored agency of the United Way of Suwannee Valley. For more information about organization, you may contact Bobbie Lake at 386-362-7143.

Attention Class of 1977: Let's Get Together!

Submitted

Let's have a get-together before the BIG 35! For information or to help plan the event, call Lillian Bennett Cato (850) 603-0099 or see Fred Glispie (386) 855-0680. The date of the class get-together will be August 20, 2011.

"Sharing The Journey" to be presented September 10th

Submitted

"Sharing The Journey", hosted by Alpha & Omega Restoration Outreach Ministries, will be presented on Saturday, September 10, 2011, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Lake City, FL.

A psychological journey to a spiritual healing, it's for women only; women who have been hurt, wounded, rejected, abandoned, abused, and can't seem to get past the pains of their past; or who just need to be refreshed, replenished, renewed and revived! Come share the journey.

The guest speaker will be

Bishop Anya M. Hall of Tekton Ministries. Call Pastor Pamela D. Johnson, Sr. Pastor and Founder of Alpha & Omega Outreach Ministries, at 386-288-2908 for more information on registering (deadline to register is 8/15) for this event.

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Saturday, August 6, 2011
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Hamilton County Open House/Meet the Teacher events

Central Hamilton Elementary:
 Meet the Teacher, Thursday, August 18, 1:30-3 p.m.
 Open House, Tuesday, September 20, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Meet the Teacher, Thursday, August 18, 1-2:30 p.m.
 Open House, Thursday, September 22, 5 - 7 p.m.

North Hamilton Elementary:
 Meet the Teacher, Thursday, August 18, 1-2:30 p.m.
 Open House, Monday, September 19, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Hamilton County High School:
 Open House, Thursday, August 18, 5-7 p.m.
 AVID Reception, Thursday, August 18, 3-5 p.m.

South Hamilton Elementary:

Greenwood School:
 Meet the Teacher, Thursday, August 18, 1-3 p.m.

Revival Services at Long Branch Congregational Methodist Church

Submitted

The Long Branch Congregational Methodist Church, located on County Road 135, will be hosting revival services beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 1st through Friday, August 5th.

There will be a different evangelist each night of the revival. Monday night will be Rev. Chris Hall; Tuesday will be Rev. Cliff Barton; Wednesday will be Rev. Johnny Hobbs; Thursday will be Rev. Mike Nor-

man and Friday will be Rev. Randy Ogburn. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Church will also be celebrating homecoming with 110 years of Christian Worship on Sunday, August 7th, at Long Branch Church. Rev. Johnny Hobbs will be preaching the Homecoming service beginning at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to come worship with us as we celebrate.

For more information, call (386) 397-2673.

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Sports

The Jasper News

Top stories of the year

By Corey Davis
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EDITORS NOTE: The following are the top sports stories of the 2010-11 school year. We started with the best honorable mention stories last week and continue today with No. 6-10 stories and conclude Aug. 11 with the top five stories.

No. 6 Surprising run

LIVE OAK—Since the first day of practice back in January, Melody Christian coaches knew this was their best chance to do something in the playoffs. I doubt they thought they would be this good though.

Melody, in its eighth year, finds itself one win away from its first ever Final Four trip, if they can get by visiting Aucilla Christian today at 4 p.m.

"We knew this was our best team and our best chance to get this far, things have gone in the right direction," Melody fifth year coach Harvey Williams said.

A demanding schedule, which saw the Wildcats play 10 of their first 11 games on the road, is one of the reasons they are playing today.

Williams purposely scheduled games against Fort White (3A), Columbia (5A), Chiefland (2A), Hamilton County (2A), Lafayette (2A), Dixie County (2A), Branford (2A), PK Yonge (2A) and Newberry (3A).

"That was the whole deal and the whole scheme of things," Williams said. "Play as many road games and big teams as we can early on and get the road experience and some confidence."

It worked, after that stretch which saw them go 3-6, the Wildcats responded by winning four of their next five games, including back-to-back wins over Columbia and state power and district rival Eagle's View.

"Beating Eagle's View the first time gave us a lot of confidence and we knew we could beat them again," second year player and sophomore second baseman Derek Johnson said.

Melody closed out its regular season finishing 6-4 down the stretch, 9 of the last 10 games at home heading into the district tournament.

They did, upsetting top seeded Eagle's View in the district semifinals and third seeded Mandarin Christian, whom they lost 2-0 in the regular season, in the district title game.

"Pretty much we have played decent in the past, we just have never connected like this before, we've never worked together as a family," fourth year player and sophomore catcher Josh Lessman said. "Those tough losses early on connected us and we came together as a team."

After struggling early, their coach saw their potential later on in the season.

"We struggled early with consistency, but we wanted to play our best ball at the end and not have to turn the switch on late," Williams said. "They came to the park everyday thinking they are going to win."

No. 7 Oh so close

LAKELAND—Only a familiar face stood between Aaron Fountain and his first state wrestling title. Unfortunately for him that familiar face was New Port Richey Gulf's Anthony Ayers.

Ayers, the reigning 119-pound Class 1A state champ who finished 59-0, dropped Fountain into the losers bracket last season after a 13-4 loss in the quarterfinals.

Fountain was determined to avenge that loss, but was pinned by Ayers at the 3:35 mark of the bout of the match to finish second in the 130-pound class.

Ayers (62-2) scored the initial takedown of the bout at the 1:03 mark of the first period and led 4-0 heading into the second. From there, Ayers took down Fountain at the 1:29 mark of the second and went on to score the pinfall.

Despite the loss, Fountain (46-4) improved greatly from a year ago, which saw him finish 3-3 at state and place sixth overall in the 119-pound class to finish 39-9.

Fountain opened the tournament pinning Nicholas Houston in the second period and showed determination in a 3-2 win over St. Pete Northside Christian's Dryden Dennis in the quarterfinals.

From there, Fountain earned his way into the finals with a 9-5 win over Tampa Bay Christian eighth-grader Dakota Greene thanks to a dominant effort in the third period. Down 5-3 heading into the third, Fountain tied things up with a takedown at

the 49-second mark of the period and scored a near fall to close things out.

Fountain's run helped Suwannee finish tied for sixteenth overall with 25 points, well behind winner Cardinal Gibbons (157.5), Clay (117), Lake Highland Prep (107.5), Northside Christian (81.0) and Gulf (74.5).

No. 8 Going back to Lakeland

MAYO-Lafayette head coach Jimmy Blankenship said he saw the look in Cartaesha Macklin's eyes and knew his senior point guard wasn't going to let her team down.

"In the locker room at the half, I told her to will us," Blankenship said. "I saw her look. Usually she smiles a lot and I saw in her face and in her actions that she was not going to let us lose."

In her final game at Dorothy B. Hart gym, a standing room only crowd, saw Macklin close out her seven-year varsity career saving the best for last. Macklin scored 21 of her 38 points in the final quarter, including 10 of the final 12 points, to lead Lafayette to a 57-50 win Saturday over visiting Graceville in the Region I-2A final.

Ahead 50-45 with 2:16 left in the game, Graceville called a timeout to give their players some rest.

Following a missed free throw from Jessica McClendon, Macklin grabbed the rebound and went coast-to-coast for an uncontested layup cutting the lead to 50-47 with 1:25 left.

Macklin stole the ball and was fouled going in for a layup and made both free throws, cutting the lead to one. Macklin grabbed a rebound in traffic was fouled and knocked down both free throws giving the Hornets their first lead (since 8-7) at 51-50 with 1:08 to play.

Following another Tigers timeout, Macklin grabbed another rebound and drove past four defenders for a layup and 53-50 with forty-five second left.

Rhoda Reid (16 points, 7 rebounds) pulled down a rebound and made both free throws for a 55-50 lead with 30.5 seconds left.

Brittany Flourney sailed a pass past teammate Tiara Sorey out of bounds to give the Hornets the ball again with 25.5 seconds left. Macklin inbounded the ball and was fouled immediately and sank both free throws making it 57-50 with 23.9 seconds left to complete the comeback.

"I really didn't think about it until we got into the locker room (at halftime) and it finally hit me, Macklin said. "I couldn't go out with a loss."

"In my mind I had to get it set, this is my last time playing in this gym in front of my fans at home, so I wanted to leave them our memory."

It's likely Graceville, which was seeking its first trip to the Final Four since 1997, won't forget it either.

Graceville (24-6) led throughout the game leading by as many as nine points thanks to a slow half-court and low post style game.

Early on Lafayette had no answer for McClendon (20 points, 14 rebounds), who dominated the boards and the post giving the Tigers a 24-16 lead just before half.

Macklin's three-pointer at the buzzer, which cut the lead to 24-19, perhaps sparked the Hornets second half run.

"We couldn't get into our flow of offense in the first and half and for most of the second half," Blankenship said. "We tried to wear them down and they did a good job getting girls in and out of the game. Their size was a big concern for us and early on we had a hard time defending it."

No. 9 Hamilton stuns the state

JASPER—Who would have thought ten weeks ago, Hamilton County would be winning much less locking up a playoff bid.

It's with that doubt the Trojans coaches and players fed off of through out the season. Hamilton County, which already clinched its first district title since 1998, finished its District 5-1A schedule undefeated at 6-0 after pounding Trenton 42-0 at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Trenton entered the game with a slim shot at taking the runner-up spot with a win or force a shootout on Monday for both playoff spots.

Hamilton took care of that problem quickly scoring on its second possession of the game after Bo Merine recovered a high snap over the Tigers quarterback Caleb Smith's head. Antonio Turner's 3-yard gave the Trojans an 8-0 lead with 1:07 left in the first quarter.

From their the Trojans piled it on in the second quarter with 21 consecutive points to take a 28-0 halftime lead. After punting on its first possession, the Trojans closed out the game scoring on its final six drives.

The defense led by Dustin Walker, Marcus Weary, Paul Umstead, Rick Hodson, Jonathan Ponds, Shane Hotchkiss, contained the area's third leading rusher Brandon Stone (80 yards on 16 carries), most of them coming against the second team defense in the second half.

With a running clock in the second half, the game proceeded at a quicker pace. Deonte Simmons (10 of 12 for 199 yards, 4 TD's) capped the scoring with a 65-yard touchdown pass to LA Willis (81 yards on 3 catches) with 4:43 left in the third quarter.

After starting 0-3 on the season in what head coach Mike Pittman emphasized were pre-season losses (Suwannee, Union, University Christian), the Tro-



-After dropping their first three games, Hamilton County rebounded to win its final seven regular season games to clinch their first district title since 1998.

-Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

jans responded at the right time winning six straight district games to clinch a winning season and a playoff berth.

"Everybody we played had a lot more people than us and it seemed like they were always hot at the time," Antonio Turner said. "After the UC game, everybody wanted to win a lot more after that. Our goal since camp was to win the district and go undefeated as well. Since we have been winning its makes you want to be greedy and not want to lose anymore."

"We finally started playing better come district time," Bo Merine. "It all started in the spring, we came together as a team then. It feels great to be in the playoffs and unreal."

"We finally started playing teams our size and we got hungry and determined to win," Anthony Ingram said.

No. 10 Mitchell era comes to a close

Hamilton County baseball coach Ryan Mitchell announced his retirement prior to the season. With the Trojans 8-7 loss to Port St. Joe recently in the first round of the Class 2A playoffs, the Mitchell era came to a close.

Mitchell was asked 13 questions about his decision to step down here are some of his answers.

It started at the end of the 2010 baseball season. We struggled through the year and my responsibilities at school were increasing. It was tough, but I had invested so much time with this group of kids that I wanted to see what we could do in 2011.

There are a few reasons. My son, James, is 5 and will begin playing baseball next spring. I really want to be there with him. My responsibilities at school are increasing and I have found it hard to give everything I have to my family, my job and duties as a coach. Once I knew that I was doing too much, I had to decide what to give up and I chose baseball.

This is one of the toughest decisions that I have ever had to make. I wanted to coach baseball at HCHS for a very long time. However, other things in life have come along and I need to attend to those things for a while. There is no doubt that I will miss it, especially when spring rolls around next year.

I thought about the past seven years and the different kids that I coached. I felt bad for our seniors because the last game is always the toughest. I replayed almost every pitch of the game in my mind trying to figure what I could have done to get one or two more runs across. It really didn't hit me that it was really over until the next morning.

I'm very comfortable with my decision. I didn't try to hide it from anyone because I didn't want it to be a surprise but I also didn't want to take away from the players. Anytime that I get to spend more time with my wife and son is a positive in my book. I am sad that I have to give it up and it was a tough decision but it is the right one for me in the long run.

The most rewarding thing was watching our kids celebrate our win over Lafayette in the district semifinals. To go through what they have over the past few years, I was excited for them. It was nice to go out in the playoffs, but I found the most reward in watching our kids play hard and get to celebrate their efforts.

Seeing the kids play hard was the best thing that I could have asked for. To come out the way we did against Port St. Joe and then battle back until the last out was priceless. Outside of winning a regional or state championship, I can't think of a better way to go out.

I first want to thank my wife, Elizabeth, and son, James. I know that it was never easy and I really appreciate your love, support and the sacrifices you made so that I could coach.

To the players, parents, administration, fans and community I want to say thank you for the opportunity to coach and for your support of our program. I hope that I have represented our school and community well as a coach over the past 7 years and that I have made a positive impact on the lives of the players that I was able to coach. I hope that everyone will continue to support all of our students in both their athletic and academic endeavors. Again, I am very appreciative of the opportunity that I was given as well as the support that was shown for our program.



Ryan Mitchell shockingly resigned as Hamilton County's baseball coach following the completion of the 2011 baseball season to spend more time with his family.

-Photo: Corey Davis

Arrest Reports

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

The following abbreviations are used below:
 DAC - Department of Agriculture Commission
 DOA - Department of Agriculture
 DOT - Department of Transportation
 FDLE - Florida Department of Law Enforcement
 FHP - Florida Highway Patrol
 FWC - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
 HCDTF - Hamilton County Drug Task Force
 HCSO - Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
 ICE - Immigration and

Custom Enforcement
 JAPD - Jasper Police Department
 JNPD - Jennings Police Department
 OALE - Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement
 P&P - Probation and Parole
 SCSO - Suwannee County Sheriff's Office
 WSPD - White Springs Police Department
 July 25, Patricia Elizabeth Russell, 34; 2075 141st Pass, Live Oak, FL; violation of probation; HCSO
 July 25, Jalen Jamal Strickland, 19; 4345 SW CR 152, Jasper; reckless driving, resisting without violence, disorderly conduct; JAPD
 July 26, Pedro Cabrera Bonilla, 42; in transit; hold for security transport services; STS
 July 26, Leslie Ann Tyre, 26; 4606 SW 86th Boulevard, Jasper; hold for Lowndes Co SO; HCSO
 July 26, Joshua Harold Ryan, 28; 1321 Searle Street, Des Moines, IA; hold for Brevard Co SO; HCSO
 July 27, Elio Antonio

Ramirez Campos, 36; 2615 44th Avenue, Lot 41, Bradenton, FL; failure to appear, no valid drivers license, hold for ICE; HCSO
 July 27, Teddy Lynn Hughes, 48; 114 Thorogood Street, Cowan, TN; failure to stop for inspection, driving while license suspended/revoked; DOT (Ag)
 July 28, Joseph Allen Daughtery, Sr., 41; 3983 NW CR 150, Jasper; driving while license suspended/revoked; JNPD
 July 29, Johnie Ray Beasley, 48; 1800 Eastwind Road, Valdosta, GA; in to serve 15th weekend; HCSO
 July 29, Gary Michael Morgan, 63; 9517 SW CR 143, Jasper; driving under the influence; HCSO
 July 29, Tito Sixto Ancelma, 39; Budget Lodge, Jennings; battery (domestic violence), hold for ICE; JNPD
 Aug 1, Jimmie Wesley Rollison, 49; 7606 SW CR 158, Jasper; petit theft (retail); JAPD
 Aug 1, Thomas J. Johnson, 23; 16797 Mill Street, White Springs; serving 72 days; HCSO

Bar-B-Q and Yard Sale

August 6, 2011, Suwannee River Food Store, Citgo Station, 129 North, Live Oak, FL, across from the Spirit of the Suwannee, by Sweet Home Baptist Church of White Springs.

Community Calendar

Aug 4 - HCHS Baseball Boosters Dugout Club will meet at 7pm in the HCHS cafeteria. All baseball players & parents invited to attend.
 Aug 6 - Kids' Krusade (Food & Fun) 6:00-7:30 p.m. at First Advent Christian Church, Jasper. Call 938-4221 for more information.
 Aug 7 - The Long Branch Congregational Methodist Church, CR 135, will celebrate homecoming w/110 years of Christian Worship at 11 a.m. Everyone invited. 397-2673.
 Aug 8 - Hamilton County School District will conduct a Town Hall Meeting (for information purposes only) in the auditorium at the Courthouse Annex at 6 p.m. Superintendent Butler and staff will share info relative to all schools. Parents, students, and other community members are encouraged to attend.
 Aug 9 - Sparkleberry Chapter of FL Native Plant Society will meet at 6:30 pm at Hatch Park, Branford. 386-935-2453 for more info.
 Aug 9 - TPOA will hold their monthly board meeting at 6 pm at 6677 NW 31st Circle, Jennings. All members are welcome.
 Aug 13 - Another Way, Inc. presents 4th Annual Woman's Day Charitea Party, Lake City Woman's Club, 11:30 a.m. Make reservations by calling 386-719-2700 ext 23 or andreagottry@anotherway-inc.net.
 Aug. 20 - Carwash Fundraiser at Bellville VFD. 8 am-12 noon. All proceeds will benefit the fire department.
 Weekly & Monthly Happenings
 Free Food Pantry for senior citizens (at least 60 years of age) on the 4th Thursday of each month from 1-2pm at the Hamilton County Council on Aging building, 313 Hatley St., Jasper (behind Bank of America). 386-638-0077
 American Legion Post 215 meets 4th Thursday each month at 7pm at Poplar Springs Church, MLK Drive, Jasper.
 Mon, Wed, Fri: New Bethel AME Church will assist you in completing the Children & Family applications. 9am-1pm at 604 SW 6th Avenue, Jasper. Contact JoAnn Townsend at 792-2323.
 Jasper Revitalization Committee meets the 3rd Thursday each month at 6pm at Bass's Furniture, Jasper. Email bassfurniture@windstream.net or call 792-2725.
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SRWMD Governing Board meeting

Submitted
 On Tuesday, August 9, 2011, the Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the R.O. Ranch Equestrian Park Visitor Center, 10807 S. SR 51, Mayo, Florida. The meeting is to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory and land acquisition matters. A workshop will follow the Governing Board meeting.
 On Monday, August 29, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., a Governing Board teleconference meeting will be held at District Headquarters in Live Oak, Florida. Public should check the District website or contact the District to confirm that the meeting has not been cancelled or rescheduled.
 All meetings, workshops, and hearings are open to the public.

Saturday each month from 10am-1pm. 792-0720
 1st Friday Dinners sold each first Friday by Sweet Home Baptist Church, CR 25A, White Springs to benefit the church. 11am-3pm \$5-\$7.
 Jasper First Methodist Church clothes closet 4th Saturday each month from 1-5pm. 792-0904
 Bellville Volunteer Fire Department holds monthly meeting 1st Tuesday each month at 6pm.
 Hamilton County Riding Club first Saturday meetings at 5pm and games at 6pm w/Jackpot Cloverleaf barrel race, Hamilton County Arena. Email vkcg1975@yahoo.com for more info.
 Competition Mounted Drill Teams meet and ride every Sunday, 7pm until at Hamilton County Arena. Email bassfurniture@windstream.net, attention Cindy Eatmon, drill team coach for more info or to ride.
 White Springs HOPE Office, Adult & Community Education Summer Hours: open for the summer from 1-4pm Tues-Fri, 6-9pm Mon-Fri. GED small group tutoring 1-4pm & 6-9pm Tues-Thurs. Beginning computer classes 7:30-9pm Mon & Fri nights & 1-2:30pm Fri. Microsoft Office training 6-7:30 pm Mon & Fri, 2:30-4pm Fri. The building is available for computer use & quiet study during all open hours. Located at 16811 Spring Street, White Springs. Call Robin Luger, 397-1418, for more info or to volunteer.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS

TO: Antonio Temple, whose last known address is 2779 NW 63 Terrace, Jennings, Hamilton County, Florida

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on July 27, 2011 a Petition for Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights of a female child born to Joseanna Alana Johnson on November 11, 2010 in Bibb County, Georgia was filed in the Superior Court of Jones County, Georgia, Adoption No. 11-A-007. A hearing will be held on the Petition to Terminate Your Parental Rights on September 22, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Superior Court of Jones County, Georgia, 110 South Jefferson Street, Gray, Georgia. All parental rights you may have with respect to the minor child will be lost and you will neither receive notice nor be entitled to object to the adoption of the minor child unless within thirty (30) days from the date of the last publication of this Notice you file (1) a Petition to Legitimate the child, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22; (2) file a Notice of the filing of such Petition to Legitimate with the Superior Court of Jones County, Georgia and make known such other objections in writing as you may have; and (3) serve a copy of the Petition to Legitimate on Kim H. Stroup, Anderson, Walker & Reichert, LLP, 577 Mulberry Street, Suite 500, Macon, GA 31201, telephone (478) 743-8651, the undersigned attorney for the Petitioners seeking to adopt the child.

This 27th day of July, 2011.

/s/ CAROL J. SMITH
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK,
SUPERIOR COURT OF
JONES COUNTY, GEORGIA

Kim H. Stroup
Georgia Bar No. 006940
Attorney for Petitioners
Anderson, Walker & Reichert, LLP
P. O. Box 6497
Macon, GA 31208-6497
Phone: (478) 743-8651
Fax: (478) 743-9636
08/04, 08/11, 08/18

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LEGAL NOTICE

Madison Super Storage, 298 SW Martin Luther King Dr., Madison, Florida and Jasper Super Storage, Corner of US 41 & US 129N, Jasper, Florida will have a liquidation sale on August 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Madison and 1:00 p.m. in Jasper. Storage units to be sold in Madison will be Renada Bryant, unit 2D and Damon Chocho, unit 6A. Susie Cruce, Unit 3A, Charita Hamilton, Unit 3D, Whitney Miller Unit 5A and Jackie Johnson Unit 10B. In Jasper, Jani Rackley Unit 18, Lana De Jane, Unit 45, Rose James, Unit 70, Cheryl Johnson, Unit 41, James Hall, Unit 43 and Amanda Raulerson, Unit 56. Owners will have until 12 pm Friday, August 12, 2011 to pay in full to avoid content liquidation. Contents are believed to be household objects. Hickory Hill Auctions will handle the sale. For more information and to see which units or if the Auction will be held see www.hickoryhillauctions.com. 08/04, 08/11

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2009-291-CA

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC. ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AHL2,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DARRELL PINCKNEY CRONE AKA DARRELL CRONE, et al,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 15, 2011, and entered in Case No.

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2009-291-CA of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Hamilton County, Florida in which U.S. Bank National Association, As Trustee, For The Benefit Of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-AHL2, is the Plaintiff and Darrell Pinckney Crone aka Darrell Crone, Debora J. Gubler aka Deborah Crone aka Debora J. Crone, Blue World Pools, Inc., a dissolved Nevada Corporation, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the lobby of the Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, FL, 32052 Hamilton County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 15th day of August, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN HAMILTON COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 580, PAGE 48, ID# 3773 100, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 4, BLOCK C, TIMBER LAKE ESTATES, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 60-61 A/K/A 5963 NORTHWEST 30TH TERRACE, JENNINGS, FL 32053

Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner, of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated in Hamilton County, Florida this 18th day of July, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court Hamilton County, Florida

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 23028
Tampa, FL 33623
(813) 22-4743
MAT-11-69772

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability

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ity who need any accommodation to participate should call the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, 386-719-7428, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770. To file response please contact Hamilton County Clerk of Court, 207 NE 1st Street, Room 106, Jasper, FL, 08/04, 11

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2009-CA-151

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CATHERINE BEACK, et al

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment entered July 15, 2011, in Case Number 2009 CA 000151 in the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Hamilton County, Florida, described as: Parcel 3-M, of Three Rivers Plantation West, as more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 3-M
Part of Sections 14 and 23, Township 1 North, Range 11 East, Hamilton County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: for a Point of Reference commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 23; thence run South 00 degrees 52 minutes 47 seconds East along the East line of said Section 23, 1042.44 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 11 minutes 15 seconds West, 991.58 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 89 degrees 11 minutes 15 seconds West, 983.68 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds West,

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1778.77 feet; thence run North 89 degrees 32 minutes 21 seconds East, 983.67 feet; thence run South 00 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds East, 1772.74 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing a net of 40.10 acres more or less.

Together with a 30.00 foot easement for ingress and egress and utilities over and across part of Section 14, being more particularly described as follows: for a Point of Reference commence at the Southeast corner of said Section 14; thence run North 00 degrees 29 minutes 52 seconds West, along the East line 724.24 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 32 minutes 21 seconds West, 985.24 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 89 degrees 32 minutes 21 seconds West, 30.00 feet; thence run North 02 degrees 46 minutes 15 seconds East, 1908.94 feet to the South right-of-way line of State Road No. 6, said South right-of-way line being in a curve concave Northwesterly having a radius of 11511.93 feet; thence run along and around said curve and said South right-of-way line a chord bearing and distance of North 86 degrees 42 minutes 28 seconds East, 30.12 feet; thence run South 02 degrees 46 minutes 15 seconds West, 1910.43 feet to the Point of Beginning. Together with (i) all buildings, improvements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereto appertaining, as far as they may now belong to or be used in connection with the occupancy of any building existing on such property; (ii) all fixtures, equipment and accessions and attachments thereto now attached or used in connection with the operation of such property, and all replacements, additions, and betterments to or of any of the foregoing; (iii) all rights in now existing easements, rights of way, rights of access, water rights and courses, sewer rights and other rights appertaining thereto; (iv) all as-extracted collateral including without limitation all gas, oil and mineral rights of every nature and kind, all timber to be cut and all other rights appertaining thereto; and (v) all leases, rents and profits therefrom. The real property, buildings, improvements, fixtures,

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equipment, accessions thereto, appurtenances and all replacements and additions thereof and thereto, all leases and rents therefrom, and all other collateral described above are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Property".

At Public Sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the South Front Lobby of the Hamilton County Courthouse located at 207 NE 1st Street, in Hamilton County, Jasper, FL 32052, at 11:00 a.m. on the 15th day of August, 2011.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER 60 DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

Dated: July 18, 2011.

(Court Seal)

GREG GODWIN
Clerk of Court
Hamilton County, Florida

By: s/s Cynthia Johnson
As Deputy Clerk

NOTICE: IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO REQUIRES ACCOMMODATIONS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN A COURT PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. INDIVIDUALS WITH A DISABILITY WHO REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN A COURT PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR, 173 NE HERNANDO AVENUE, ROOM 408, LAKE CITY, FL 32055, (386) 719-7428, WITHIN TWO (2) BUSINESS DAYS OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE TO APPEAR. INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HEARING IMPAIRED SHOULD CALL (800) 955-8771. INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE VOICE IMPAIRED SHOULD CALL (800) 955-8770. 07/28, 08/04



“BATTER UP”

- Weekend Getaway (1)..... Weekend get-a-way for 2 to “Spirit of Suwannee”
- \$50.00 Prize (2)..... 2 People will WIN \$50.00 Prize
- \$10.00 Gas Cards..(3) 3 People will WIN \$10.00 Gas Card
- 13 Weeks Subscription...(4) 4 People will WIN A FREE 13 Weeks Subscription to Suwannee Democrat, Jasper News or Mayo Free Press

EXAMPLE OF THE CARD

To play collect game stamps - One per issue in all editions of the Mayo Free Press, Jasper News & Suwannee Democrat July 28th thru Aug. 15th
Glue or tape stamps to game card; winner will be drawn Aug. 18th*

Send game card to:
“Drive One Home”
Suwannee Democrat
P.O. Box 370 Live Oak FL 32060
or drop off at 211 Howard Street East
in Live Oak or our Jasper News Office
at 105^{NE} 2nd Ave. Jasper, Fl.

*All entries must be submitted by 5 pm, August 17th
Must be 18 years of age or older to participate.

Game cards in Suwannee Democrat July 28th, Jasper News, Mayo Free Press July 28th & Online (only originals allowed)

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STATE PARK TO HOST COFFEE HOUSE EVENT

- Sonny and Fran Lyons scheduled to host

WHITE SPRINGS – The Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park will host a Coffee House event on Saturday, August 6, 2011, hosted by Sonny and Fran Lyons in the park auditorium.

Sonny and Fran Lyons on guitar, stand-up bass and his Florida cracker voice, entertain all over North Florida and have performed at the Florida Folk Festival for many years. Their combination of folk and country songs will have you crying one minute and laughing out loud the next.

The Stephen Foster Coffee House event invites folks onstage for 10 minutes to sing, play a musical instrument, read some original poetry or tell a story. Artists are requested to arrive at least 10 minutes early for sign up and perform material suitable for all ages. Coffee house is an extremely popular event held in the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park and with no admission fee seating tends to fill up quickly.

The event offers potluck goodies and sweets provided by volunteers, which are sold at Coffee House, help to keep this event going. Anything on the dessert table sells for \$1.00. Volunteers are always welcome and needed to help with the dessert table. To volunteer, contact Park Ranger Larry Hoover at (386) 397-2733 or for more information visit www.floridastateparks.org/stephenfoster.

This event will take place:
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 6, 2011
Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park Auditorium
White Springs, Florida
(Located on US41, three miles from I-75 and nine miles from I-10)

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