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S&P drops credit rating of U.S.

Downgrade first for nation

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Standard & Poor's has reduced the credit rating of the United States from a stellar AAA to an AA+ rating for the first time since the nation received the top ranking in 1917, triggering uncertainty and mixed reactions from around the world. In the meantime, Wall Street reacted Monday by closing below 634 points.

S&P is one of three major credit rating agencies. They grade nations, municipal governments or a company based on how likely they believe that entity can pay off its debt.

According to the United States Treasury Department, S&P cites concerns of the rising burden of federal debt for their sudden move on Aug. 5.

The government states that S&P's decision was based on a $2 trillion mistake - one that S&P has acknowledged but went ahead with the downgrade anyway.

S&P had threatened a downgrade if lawmakers could not act to reduce the federal debt by $4 trillion over the next decade. Last week Congress passed a plan that would reduce the federal debt by just over $2 trillion instead.

With an apparent snowball effect looming, forecasters predict a handful of states and some counties could also be downgraded as well. The potential for downgrading other government entities is based on the strong ties that local economies sometimes have to Washington. On Monday, S&P elected to downgrade the credit rating of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae also.

Local residents voiced concern over the

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Suwannee Springs

Movement afoot to restore spring

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A recent movement that has been initiated for the purpose of restoring one of North Florida's most beloved landmarks and natural springs seems to be gaining support. Friends of Suwannee Springs (FOSS) thus far has been an Internet Facebook community. According to group organizers Janet Politano Nix of Jacksonville and Bobbie Tomlinson of Jennings, their first meeting was held July 31, allowing dozens of interested supporters to learn more about the history of the location.

Both ladies recall growing up in Suwannee and Hamilton counties and now enjoy the pleasant memories derived from the quenching waters Suwannee Springs offered swimmers of all ages, during the sultry summers of North Florida.

However, Nix and Tomlinson both have become saddened by the current condition of the wall that has for so long been synonymous with the spring.

The FOSS group argues there are too many memories and the history is too rich to allow the historic place to further deteriorate.

Finding a solution to such a problem, however, is a great challenge, according to Nix.

"There is no money to fix it with," she readily admits. "That is why we are thinking outside of the box. Private funding might be an option."

The Suwannee River Water Management District currently owns the spring and 125 acres of adjoining land. Two wood structured cabins that are in excess of 100 years old remain on the property near the spring. While Nix and Tomlinson believe the cabins are salvageable, Charlie Hauder, assistant executive director for the SRWMD noted that a University of Florida survey has documented that while the cabins are interesting, the ability to restore them is doubtful.

Local resident Quinn Leibfried recounts memories of staying in the cabins at Suwannee Springs during her childhood. She can also

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Senate staffer visits HOPE interns

David Rivers, from left, Karisa Jones, Travis Hart, Kenyonna Carter and White Springs Mayor Helen Miller. - Submitted photo

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Senator Charlie Dean's, R-Inverness, legislative assistant Travis Hart, conducted a tour of the White Springs HOPE summer youth enrichment program and met with HOPE's two intern teams during a re-

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County holds two public hearings

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Two public hearings for special exceptions were heard at an Aug. 2 Hamilton County Commission meeting.

Campground denied

The first public hearing was a petition by Marty Wood Jr. who was requesting a special exception be granted to allow for a campground in an Agriculture-4 zoning district submitted as part of a petition dated May 14, 2011.

Buster Oxendine

According to John Auer from Planning and Zoning, the site plan was approved for 10 campsites and he wasn't aware of any problems with ingress and egress at the site.

Wood approached the podium and explained that there were seven people who would be using the campground as a place to keep their travel campers during hunting season. Of those

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historic reduction in the US credit rating.

Mike Williams, public affairs manager at PCS Phosphate said, "As an American citizen, I expect our elected leaders to lead with a combination of wisdom and common sense. It is clear that we need statesmen not politicians at this juncture in our nation."

White Springs Mayor Helen Miller had much to say on the subject.

"While there are still good members of Congress, it is disheartening that too many elected representatives in Congress keep forgetting that they were elected to work in the best interests of our country," she said. "Instead, they bicker and participate in partisan gamesmanship. S&P's analysis is correct. We have a dysfunctional Congress."

Miller went on to say, "International corporations like GE pay NO taxes, big oil receives subsidies, and lobbying firms in Washington, D.C. seduce Congress with contributions for their re-election campaigns. Congress has lost sight of its mission. Our Founding Fathers would be shocked, dismayed, and sickened. Congress should be focused on national priorities, that is, research and education, affordable health care, and job creation and growth."

Grace McDonald, executive director of Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition said, "I regret our president and Congress did not deal with our financial problem in a responsible way. They were warned this could happen. As a nation we must deal with the problem. Eliminating unnecessary spending and implementation of fair taxing is possible and would resolve this problem."

McDonald continued saying that "spending money on wars that Congress does not approve and giving money to countries who are our enemies are unnecessary. We need to learn to live within our budget as a country."

Among other concerns of S&P's decision to reduce the federal credit rating, is immediate financial costs. With the government already paying $250 billion in interest payments a year, a small rate of increase in interest could up those payments by tens of billions of dollars per year, analysts say.

While likely increases in government rates remain a concern, there is also a growing concern that confidence will be further rattled, raising borrowing costs for the consumer, as well.

Wall Street took a beating on Monday following the news with the Dow Jones Industrial Average closing down 634 points, or 5.5 percent, to 10,809.

The market rallied Tuesday morning but experts say that rally will be short lived.

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remember the bathhouse that was once a fixture at the spring, but is long gone.

"We have a simple passion not to lose what we have there," Leibfried said.

Ultimately, FOSS would like to see Suwannee Springs and the historic wall that partially surrounds it placed on the National Historic Registry. That within itself is quite an undertaking, according to organizers of FOSS.

The group's primary interest is raising an awareness of the historical spring. Ultimately, they would like to see the wall preserved but according to Hauder, even with adequate funding, research would have to be conducted to ensure the wall's base and structure are sound. Hauder added that while the state owns the spring, it is technically a sovereign land, belonging to the state and not specifically to SRWMD.

"With the right group of partners it could be a great asset for Suwannee County," Hauder said. "We would love it if a local group could adopt the property and help us out."

The Friends of Suwannee Springs have collected an immense amount of history relating to Suwannee Springs. Nix notes that in 1883, one of the largest hotels in the southern states at the time was erected at Suwannee Springs. It was sprawled out on over an acre of land and had 125 rooms. There was a central courtyard, fountains, and sub-tropical plants for vacationers to adore. Unfortunately, the structure burned after just one year, leaving many to reflect what might have been, had it remained.

Visit the Friends of Suwannee Springs on Facebook.

County commission holds hearings

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seven people, he said they were either current or retired law enforcement officers and that they had been around the county for a long time. He said they were good people.

"They're not here to cause any problems," Wood said. "They just need somewhere to park a few campers while they hunt during hunting season."

Wood went on to explain that the proposed campsite was a small, secluded area that no one keeps an eye on, and that he has found drug paraphernalia on the property and was worried about what was going on there. He also said that deer have been shot off the property and some of the bullets were aimed at peoples houses.

"I'd just feel like it'd be a lot better if there was somebody back there, especially being these people are law enforcement officers. They're not here to cause problems," Wood reiterated. "They just need somewhere to park a few campers. It's not turning into a trailer park situation."

Several people came to the podium, one of whom presented the board with a petition signed by several neighborhood residents who stated the area in question was not the right place to have a campground. One resident said he was fearful that their property values would go down if sometime years later the law enforcement officers left and others moved in to use the campground. He was also concerned about hunters leaving deer carcasses on the property or tossing the remains into nearby creeks.

Another resident came to the podium and immediately began crying as she voiced her objections, stating she felt she would lose her privacy with all those campers within view from her backyard.

"We need our privacy," she said. "That's why we moved to the country."

Patricia Eatmon spoke next to complain about the high-powered rifles that hunters use and that usually hunters do their hunting near where they camp.

"These high-powered rifles will go through a house," she said.

Another resident said he lives right across the creek from where the campground would be and he strongly opposed it. He said he had nothing against the hunters, but he felt it would not benefit the neighborhood. He said he had applied for a permit five years ago and he was turned down flat.

Commissioner Buster Oxendine voiced several concerns about the petition that he had heard and read from the citizens, not the least of which was whether or not the proposed use is compatible with the established land use pattern.

"This is a neighborhood," Oxendine said. "There's $100,000 homes that's assessed on the tax roll that are adjoining this property."

Oxendine offered a motion to deny the request for a special exception. It was seconded and the petition was denied by the board.

Alcohol consumption on premises

The second public hearing was regarding a petition by Florida Gateway Resort for a special exception to allow alcohol consumption on the premises, specifically at the clubhouse within the campground.

Commissioner Josh Smith asked Auer for clarification on whether or not Planning and Zoning disapproved of the request. Auer said that yes, it was disapproved.

Smith questioned why the Jai Alai establishment right down the road from Gateway is allowed to have alcohol consumption on their premises and Gateway was not being given the same consideration.

Currently, Gateway is allowed to sell packaged beer and wine on the premises, but consumption is not allowed. Jon Carleen, executive director of Florida Gateway, addressed the board and clarified that they would like the ability to sell just beer and wine, not hard liquor. He said they do not have a permit to sell hard liquor, nor do they plan to do so.

After a bit more discussion, commissioner Randy Ogburn made a motion to deny the request, but it wasn't seconded. Commissioner Smith then made a motion to approve the request. It was seconded by Oxendine and approved by the board.

Senate staffer visits HOPE interns

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cent visit to White Springs.

"We appreciate Senator Dean's and Mr. Hart's interest in our education initiatives," said Mayor Helen Miller. "We believe they could serve as models for other small, rural communities struggling to capture the imaginations of teenagers during the summer months."

Hart also interviewed White Springs resident and student intern Pericia Lofton for a future page and/or intern position with Dean in the Florida Senate.

Intern team morning president David Rivers introduced his vice president for manufacturing Karisa Jones, vice president for marketing Kenyonna Carter, and vice president for design Wardell Lofton.

Intern team night president Pericia Lofton introduced her vice president for manufacturing Lance Griner, vice president for design Ariel Scott and vice president for marketing Travius McCoy.

The student interns described the processes they employed to market their wooden plaques and boxes, the wide range of designs customers could choose from, and the high-quality CNC design and carving equipment they use to manufacture their products. Demonstrating good sales skills, the student interns quickly convinced Hart of his need and desire for a UF Gators plaque as art work for his new office in Live Oak.

"The interns were a hit with me. I wish we could duplicate that program all over. It is great to see and hear how motivated these kids are," stated Hart.

Mayor Helen Miller, Travis Hart, Ariel Scott, Kenyonna Carter, Travius McCoy and Pericia Lofton.

Lance Griner, from left, Ariel Scott, Travis Hart, Pericia Lofton, Travius McCoy and Mayor Helen Miller. - Submitted photos

Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer Outreach Ministry congratulates Sis. Shanae Wilson

Sis. Shanae Wilson with mother (Sis. Laketha Wilson) and sister (Sis. Sienna Johnson)

Sis. Shanae being crowned as Ms. Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer by her leaders Pastor Phillip M. Jackson and Mother Ledia S. Jackson - Courtesy photos

The Chosen Ones doing a praise dance in honor of their sister Sis. Shanae

Graduation cake

Life in WHITE SPRINGS
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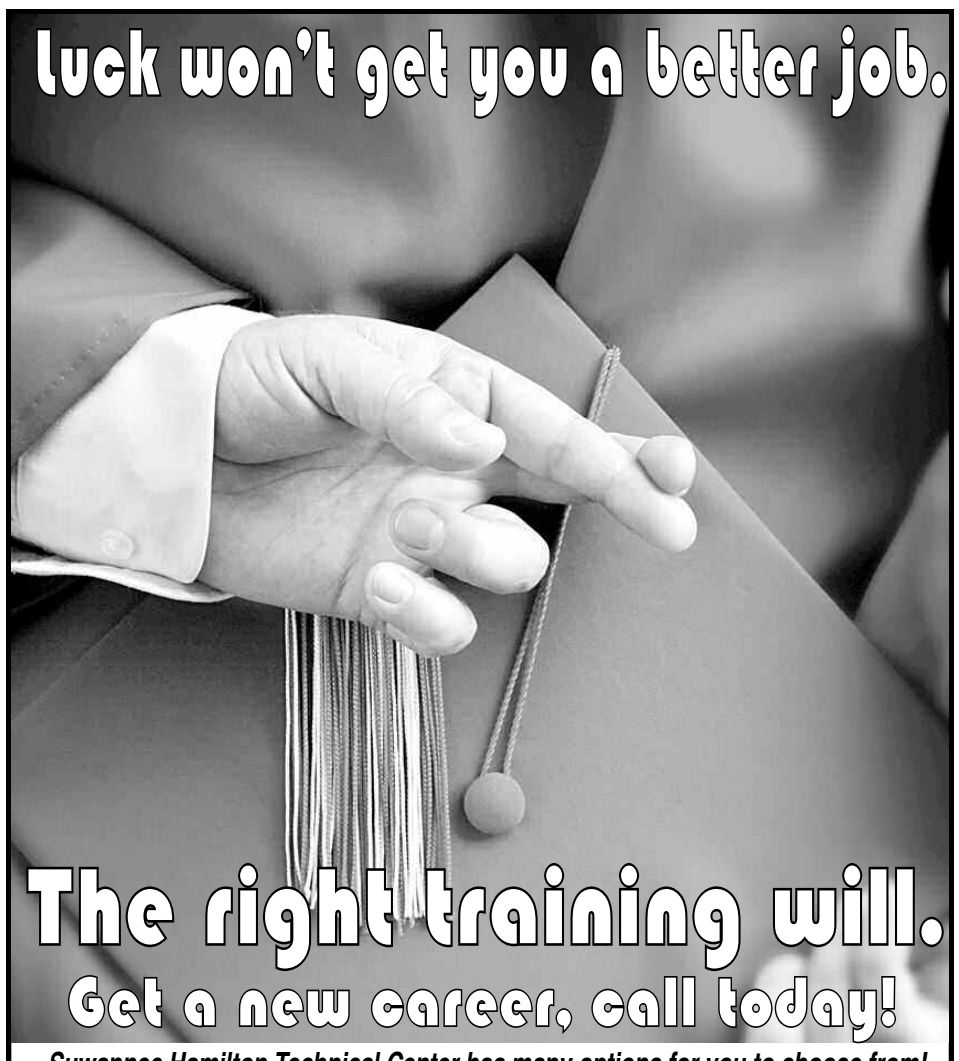
Life in White Springs will return next week.

Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer Outreach Ministry, under the leadership of Pastor Phillip M. Jackson and Mother Ledia S. Jackson, wanted to take some time out to congratulate Sis. Shanae Wilson on her graduation from high school with a wonderful celebration service. Sis. Shanae has been an outstanding youth for the youth department. She has remained humble and obedient to the things of God. She is a faithful children's Sunday School teacher, an awesome praise dancer (The Chosen Ones) and a great singer in the choir. We the saints of E.T.H.O.P. along with our leaders wish Sis. Shanae much prosperity as she transitions to a college student at Santa Fe in Gainesville.

Sis. Shanae we love you!



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SPECIAL CITY MEETING

The City of Jasper City Council will hold a special meeting Monday, August 22, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. Located at Hamilton County Courthouse Annex Auditorium, 553 Chanbridge Drive.

Topics of discussion:
Intent to sell City Park, 205 E. Hatley Street.
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OPINION

Ignorance, stupidity or connivance?

A MINORITY VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

President Barack Obama has called for a luxury tax on corporate jets as a means to generate revenue to fight federal deficits. The president's economic advisers ought to be fired for not telling him that doing so is unwise and counterproductive. They might have already told him so, only to have the president say, "Look, I know you're right, but I'm exploiting the public's envy of the rich!" Let's look at what happened when Obama's predecessor George H.W. Bush signed the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 and broke his "read my lips" vow not to agree to new taxes.

When Congress imposed a 10 percent luxury tax on yachts, private airplanes and expensive automobiles, Sen. Ted Kennedy and then-Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell crowed publicly about how the rich would finally be paying their fair share of taxes. What actually happened is laid out in a Heartland Institute blog post by Edmund Contoski titled "Economically illiterate Obama, re: Corporate Jets" (7/12/2011).

Within eight months after the change in the law took effect, Viking Yachts, the largest U.S. yacht manufacturer, laid off 1,140 of its 1,400 employees and closed one of its two manufacturing plants. Before it was all over, Viking Yachts was down to 68 employees. In the first year, one-third of U.S. yacht-building companies stopped production, and according to a report by the congressional Joint Economic Committee, the industry lost 7,600 jobs. When it was over, 25,000 workers had lost their jobs building yachts, and 75,000 more jobs were lost in companies that supplied yacht parts and material. Ocean Yachts trimmed its workforce from 350 to 50. Egg Harbor Yachts went from 200 employees to five and later filed for bankruptcy. The U.S., which had been a net exporter of yachts, became a net importer as U.S. companies closed. Jobs shifted to companies in Europe and the Bahamas. The U.S. Treasury collected zero revenue from the sales driven overseas.

Back then, Congress told us that the luxury tax on boats, aircraft and jewelry would raise $31 million in revenue a year. Instead, the tax destroyed 330 jobs in jewelry manufacturing and 1,470 in the aircraft industry, in addition to the thousands destroyed in the yacht industry. Those job losses cost the government a total of $24.2 million in unemployment benefits and lost income tax revenues. The net effect of the luxury tax was a loss of $7.6 million in fiscal 1991, which means Congress' projection was off by $38.6 million. The Joint Economic Committee concluded that the value of jobs lost in just the first six months of the luxury tax was $159.6 million.

Congress repealed the luxury tax in 1993 after realizing it was a job killer and raised little net revenue. Why did congressional dreams of greater revenues turn into a nightmare? Kennedy, Mitchell and their congressional colleagues simply assumed that the rich would act the same after the imposition of the luxury tax as they did before and that the only difference would be more money in the government's coffers. Like most politicians then and now, they had what economists call a zero-elasticity vision of the world, a fancy way of saying they believed that people do not respond to price changes. People always respond to price changes. The only debatable issue is how much and over what period.

Here's my question for you: Is it likely that in the two decades since 1990, American human nature has changed? If Congress imposes a luxury tax on corporate jets and other luxury items, will Americans behave differently this time? In other words, can we expect federal tax revenues to rise and unemployment to fall as a result of Obama's tax proposal?

I don't believe that Obama is dumb enough to believe that a tax on corporate jets would be a revenue generator. His agenda is to inspire envy and resentment against wealthy Americans as a tool in pursuit of his higher-tax agenda.

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Hannah Chea Fortner and Keith Wendell Wynn

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Carolyn and Mike Parlato of Wellborn, Florida and Jerry Fortner of Dowling Park, Florida would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Hannah Chea Fortner to Keith Wendell Wynn, son of Mary Grace Wynn and the late Wendell Wynn of Jennings, FL.

Hannah is the great granddaughter of Nellie Flowers of Dowling Park, Florida. She is the granddaughter of Shirley and Alvin Allen of Wellborn, Florida and Betty and Lyndon Fortner of Dowling Park, Florida.

Keith is the grandson of the late Rev. Dozier and Mary Sapp of Madison, Florida and the late James and Willie MaeWynn of Jennings, Florida.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at 4:00pm in the New Hope Baptist Church in Jennings, FL. Reception to follow. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Heart Matters
Wilderness Series 4

Last week, we left the Israelites standing between a rock and a hard place…more literally between an army and lots of water! Observing their desperation made clear our preference of going back to what is familiar when things get scary, even if what is familiar is very unhealthy.

I believe this tendency is a result of familiarity being directly linked to our comfort. In other words, we may not particularly like the situation, environment, or relationship we are in, but compared to stepping into the unknown, we often consider it preferable. Let's watch as the Israelites display this behavior over and over again in their journey from Egypt through the wilderness:

Exodus 14 records part two of God's rescue mission. In part one, Moses led the way out of Egypt. Don't forget their desire to go back to Egypt rather than face the army approaching. Part two describes how God miraculously parted the Red Sea for the Israelites to walk across on dry ground. Do you think they were still wishing to go back to slavery as they stood on the other side of the Red Sea and watched Pharaoh's army drown? Of course not!! They celebrated, just like we would! But, then it's time to get moving again and now water and food is in short supply. Exodus 16 records the next timely "if only" statement:

"The Israelites said to them (Aaron and Moses), "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." (Exodus 16:3)

About now you're thinking what I'm thinking: "Are you kidding me?" Yet, before we judge too harshly, let's think about times when we are tempted to sound just as ludicrous. In the face of uncertainty, do we think back to what is familiar and remember it favorably? Anyone overhearing the Israelites' statement above would never have guessed they were slaves in Egypt. It sounds like they lived in paradise!

I was talking about this with a friend of mine recently who shared feeling very much the same way during her divorce. The relationship was extremely unhealthy, her spouse did not desire reconciliation, and yet more than anything, she wanted to go back. She agreed that the fear of the unknown (being on her own as a single mom) began to paralyze and prevent her from moving forward. Where we were brings us to where we are, and if going back is ever to be a healthy option, problems must be faced and changes made…which means we are indeed moving forward. If not, we only prolong the suffering.

I suppose our lesson this week is simply to expect these kinds of feelings when we find ourselves in the wilderness. As you face unknown territory, expect that overwhelming desire to go back the way you came, and refuse to let it be your GPS…directing your steps. As Paul says in Philippians 3:14, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Press on in the face of uncertainty. Know for certain that God will lead you forward…because every heart matters!

Blessings, Angie

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Hamilton County Open House/Meet the Teacher events

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Open House, Monday,
September 19, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

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

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

North East Florida Educational Consortium

Hamilton County School Superintendent Martha Butler successfully completed the Board of Directors' Leadership Department Program. The program is sponsored by the North East Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC) and provides opportunities for member Superintendents to voluntarily participate in professional development offerings and share best practices with one another.

The 2010-11 program focus was on Senate Bill 4, which increased the graduation requirements for students.

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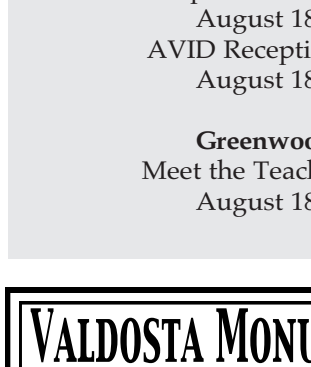

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Building On FAITH

Chandlers Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac (Gene) Chandler, Jr. celebrate 50 years of marriage on Friday, August 12. The couple was married in 1961 at St. Pius V Catholic Church, Jacksonville, FL.

Mr. Chandler, a veteran of World War II, first came to Jasper in 1952, after graduating from Florida A&M University. He served as an agricultural extension agent with the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), University of Florida, until his retirement in 1987. Locally, he was elected to the Jasper City Council in 1990, serving both as chairman and as a member until 2002. His leadership and pioneering work with young people through the 4-H Club has been recognized on the state and national level. He was inducted as an inaugural member of the Florida 4-H Hall of Fame in 2002. Then in 2005, during the administration of Dr. Castell V. Bryant, Jasper native, he was named as a distinguished Alumnus of Florida A&M University in the field of agriculture.

Mrs. Chandler, also a graduate of Florida A&M, came to Jasper in 1959 to teach business education at J.R.E. Lee High School. She later received certification in Library Science and served as the media specialist at Hamilton County High School until her retirement in 2000.

To this union were born four children: Marcus Lionel who died in 1968; Marcia Elizabeth, administrative manager, Georgia Tech, who resides in East Point, GA; Isaac Eugene, biology teacher in the Suwannee County School system, who resides in Jasper; and Dr. Gena Elise, associate professor of English, Virginia Tech, who resides in Christianburg, VA.

The Chandlers are active members of the community, participating in local organizations such as Bryant-Phillips American Legion Post 215 and Auxiliary, Hamilton County Chapter of the Florida A&M University National Alumni Association, and the Kiwanis Club of Jasper. Mr. Chandler has been a member of the J.R.E. Lee, Sr. Masonic Lodge #422, Tallahassee, FL for more than 50 years. Mrs. Chandler is a golden member (50+ years) of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. as well as a charter member of the Kappa Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Valdosta, GA.

The Chandlers are active in their respective churches, New Bethel AME and St. Therese Catholic Church, and enjoy travel, gardening and spending time with their children.

In celebration of this milestone anniversary, the Chandlers are planning a trip later this year.

HAMILTON COUNTY ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG COALITION 2011-2012 CALENDAR

Regular Meetings

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Monday, August 15, 2011 (Annual Meeting – Election of Officers)	5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.	FDLRS Training Room J.R.E. Lee Educational Complex Jasper, FL
Monday, September 19, 2011	9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	FDLRS Training Room J.R.E. Lee Educational Complex Jasper, FL
Monday, October 17, 2011	5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.	FDLRS Training Room J.R.E. Lee Educational Complex Jasper, FL
Tuesday, October 25, 2011	6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.	NOPE Vigil & Town Meeting Jasper City Park (Light Refreshments)
Monday, November 14, 2011	9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	FDLRS Training Room J.R.E. Lee Educational Complex Jasper, FL
Monday, December 12, 2011	5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.	FDLRS Training Room J.R.E. Lee Educational Complex Jasper, FL
Monday, January 23, 2012	9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	FDLRS Training Room J.R.E. Lee Educational Complex Jasper, FL
Monday, February 27, 2012	5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.	FDLRS Training Room JRE Lee Educational Complex Jasper, FL
Monday, March 19, 2012	9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	FDLRS Training Room J.R.E. Lee Educational Complex Jasper, FL
Tuesday, March 20, 2012	6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.	White Springs Town Meeting White Springs, FL South Hamilton Elem.Auditorium
Monday, April 16, 2012	5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.	FDLRS Training Room J.R.E. Lee Educational Complex Jasper, FL
Monday, May 21, 2012	9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	FDLRS Training Room J.R.E. Lee Educational Complex Jasper, FL

Area Youth Land Summer Jobs Through Workforce's iWork3

Supported by North Florida Workforce Program staff, over 100 youth (ages 16–21) from Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, and Taylor Counties are busy at work this summer, earning above minimum wage for jobs to which they applied and interviewed. "Our program's name, iWork3, indicates the third year that area youth have been engaged in life and work skills training," said iWork3 Coordinator, Breanda Taylor. "This temporary work will improve their lives and increase their opportunities for securing self-sustaining employment, including networking with local employers who will be valuable employment references in years to come."

Town of White Springs- Youth Terika Owens and supervisor Shirley in the background.

According to iWork3 Assistant, Allesandra Camejo, "Prior to starting their jobs, youth participants completed Work Readiness Week, and continue their employability training through bi-weekly Life Skills Workshops where they learn skills that may be applied at their worksites. Also, youth were taught how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and completed training activities to earn their CPR (Infant, Child and Adult) and OSHA/MSHA credentials – common requirements for many local employers in our region."

Besides having the opportunity to acquire nationally-recognized work credentials, these young workers were also introduced to Florida Ready to Work credentialing program. Florida Ready to Work is part of a nationwide Career Readiness Credentialing network. Through this program, jobseekers review and increase their basic skills and are then assessed to determine their skill level, earning a bronze, silver, or gold credential. The credential will be signed by Governor Rick Scott. Youth who diligently access this Internet-based program for at least one hour each week during the summer are given the opportunity to test for their Ready to Work credential and earn a $100 incentive when they pass.

Some of the many participating worksites for iWork3 from throughout the six-county region include: Doctors Memorial Hospital, City of Perry, Madison Clerk of Court, Madison Recreation Association, Jefferson County Property Appraiser, Jefferson County Parks and Recreation, Three Rivers Regional Library, Comprehensive Community Services, Suwannee Co. Sheriff's Department, North Florida Printing, Hamilton County Economic Development Authority and Suwannee Valley Nursing Center.

Other worksites specifically from Hamilton County that participated in iWORK3 as a mentor are Jasper Public Library and Town of White Springs.

"Workforce: Solutions for North Florida's Economy," says the sign above the main Career Center located at 705 East Base Street in Madison. By the program's end in mid-August, it is hoped that the young people served this summer through iWork3 will have discovered more about themselves and overcome the barriers facing them since enrolling in this innovative work readiness program. Another goal of the program is to put more young people in the talent pipeline from which area employers choose their future workforce.

iWork3 and other career and employment focused activities are made available to area youth and adults through national legislation the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) which replaced the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) in 1998. In such legislation, a year-round youth program was established to assist youth with facing barriers to employment and assisting them with opportunities to move towards self-sufficient (high skill/high wage) occupations available in our region. The year-round Youth Career Consultant is Sara Shepherd. More information can be found at www.NFWorkforce.org.

For next summer, any youth or prospective worksites may contact Breanda Taylor, Summer Youth Employment Program Coordinator (iWork4) at 850/973-WORK or 866/367-4758.

Services are also available for adult jobseekers and include but are not limited to job search, resume, and cover letter assistance and referrals to intensive and training services as needed to secure gainful employment. For more information on the Workforce Investment Act program, visit www.NFWorkforce.org or call the numbers listed above and ask to speak to a WIA Career Consultant.

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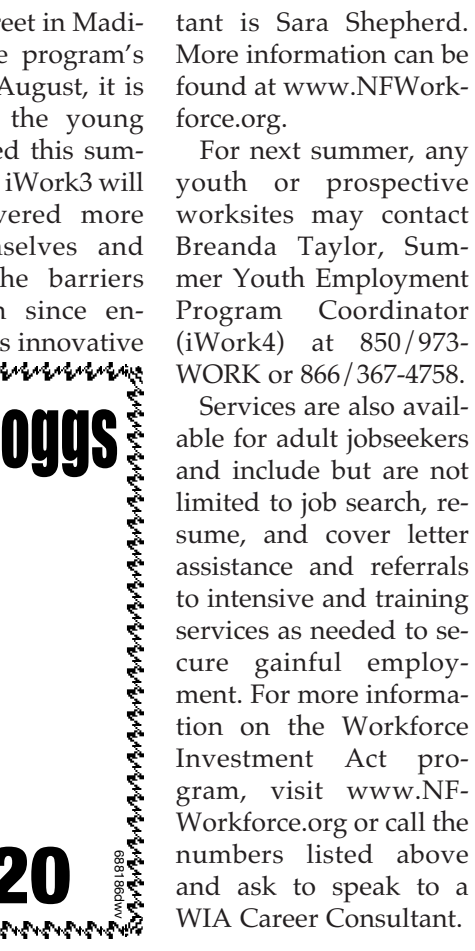

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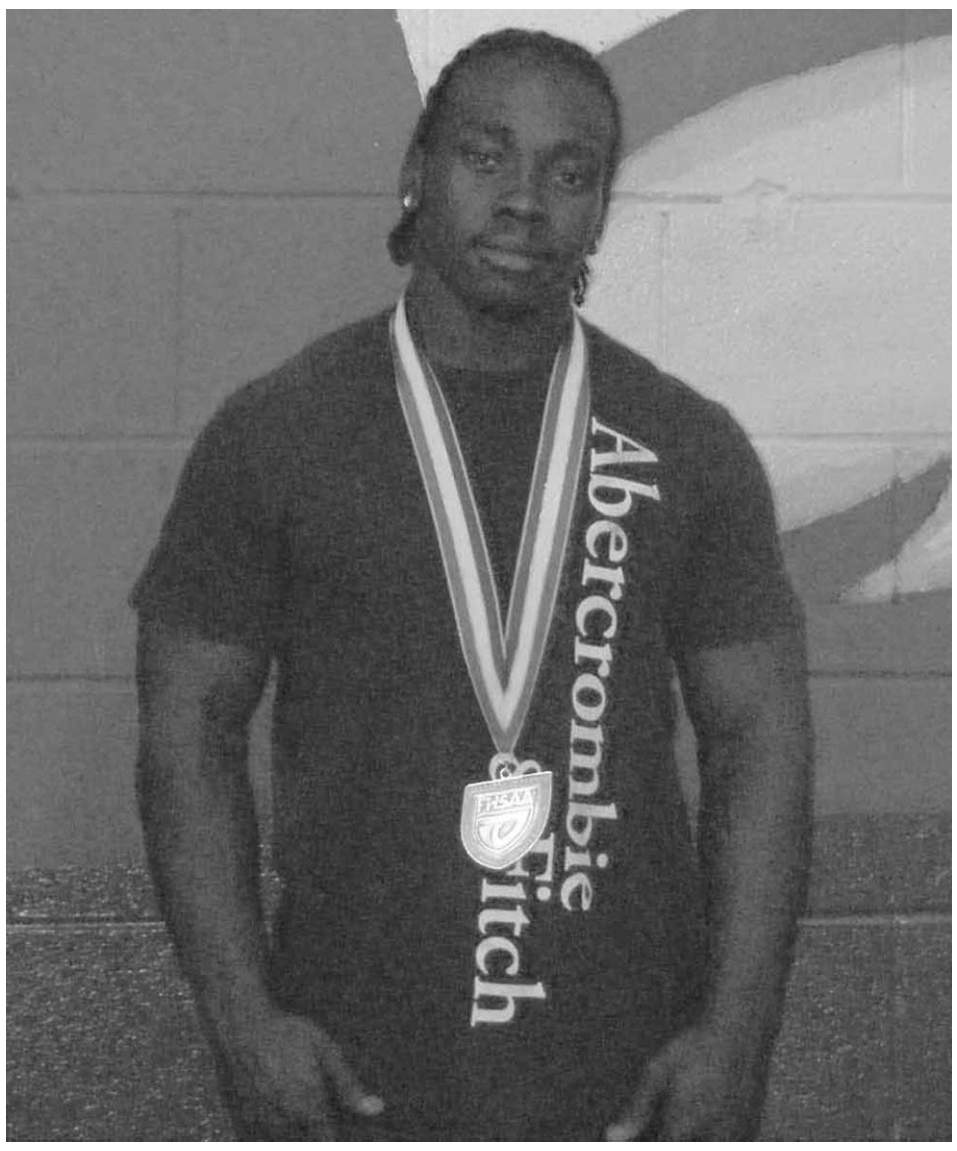


Suwannee senior Abram Anderson avenged a tough defeat his junior year to win a state weightlifting title.

By Corey Davis
corey.davis@gaflnews.com

No.1 Redemption served

KISSIMMEE-Abram Anderson won't have to look at the constant reminder of what happened this time last year anymore.

Dangling on a wall in his living room sits the second place medal he won at last year's Class 1A state weightlifting meet.

Anderson made sure he wouldn't have to remember it anymore winning the 139-pound state title this weekend at the Kissimmee Civic Center.

His total of 520 was 20 pounds more than runner-up Jawon Mosley (Blountstown) and Matt Whalen (Matanzas), who tied with 500.

With the constant reminder of what happened last season in his head, Anderson wasn't ready to celebrate the title yet until every lifter finished.

"I knew at the very end and wanted to see everyone done and see it on paper before I celebrated." Anderson said.

Anderson was constantly reminded of what happened last year in the state finals, with the runner-up medal always in site.

He carried the weight of losing on his shoulders ever since and has vowed to never get that feeling again.

"At the state meet last year, I wanted to cry, but it has pumped me up to work even harder this year," Anderson said prior to the state meet.

He took it upon himself to train even harder to cap off his four-year career with that elusive state title.

No. 2 Rumble on the pitch

A brawl at a boys soccer game between Ocala Trinity Catholic and host Suwannee led to the arrest of senior Bulldog goalkeeper Jared Andrew Hendry on felony battery charges Thursday night following his team's 4-2 loss at Paul Langford Stadium.

Suwannee first-year boys soccer coach B.J. Shirah and 18 players were treated after being pepper-sprayed by a sheriff's deputy trying to break up the melee.

When the game ended both teams shook hands, despite the exchange of verbal insults by both sides. Hendry, 18, allegedly got into a altercation with one or more Celtics players and was restrained twice by coaches and teammates before breaking free again and charging after another Celtic player, according to a Suwannee County sheriff's report.

The Celtics goalkeeper tackled Hendry, purportedly to prevent him from attacking one of his teammates. Upon taking Hendry to the ground, Hendry allegedly struck the goalkeeper in the mouth, breaking his two front teeth.

The goalkeeper was checked by EMS on scene and taken to his dentist in Ocala, while Hendry left the area and was taken to the local hospital to have his hand looked at and then booked into the Suwannee County Jail.

Hendry told Deputy David Crutchfield he was running after another player and he felt someone spear him or clothesline him and both to the ground, according to the sheriff's report. Hendry reportedly said he swung and connected with someone, he didn't know who it was. After that, he said, he was pinned to the ground and couldn't move.

Word of the incident in Live Oak made news across the nation and state state, having been picked up by wire services and CNN.

No. 3 Capping a career

NEW YORK-It doesn't get any sweeter than this, for Cartaesha Macklin.

Macklin, a senior point guard at Lafayette, was named one of 40 players nationally to the 35th Annual Parade Magazine All-American High School Girls Basketball team.

She joins Amber Henson (Tampa Sickles) and Kaneisha Wheeler (Westwood) as the only athletes from Florida named to the team.

For a high school basketball player, the award is the second highest honor a player can get nationally, only behind being named a McDonald's All-American.

The awards cap a remarkable career for Macklin, who was also named to the Class 2A All-Tournament team, the state's Class 2A Player of the Year and finished third in the Miss Basketball state award.

Macklin, who signed a letter of intent with Southern Illinois, finished the season leading the Hornets with 29 points, 2.6 assists 7.0 rebounds and 2.4 steals per game and finished her seven-year career with 2,556 points, while averaging 29.7 points, 12. 7 rebounds and 4.3 assists per game.

"I feel like I have fulfilled everything and met all my expectations," Macklin said after signing her letter of intent with SIU. "Now it's time to experience that next level and do the same things now on the college level."

No. 4 Rural league official

BRANFORD-Branford defines rural. It has 355 students and is tucked into the southeast corner of Suwannee County. Acres of farms line the major highway, US 129, along with livestock and shaded old oak trees.

An area that couldn't be farther away from Miami, in miles or culture, this sleepy town known more for its springs than its A-list football players just wants to compete on the same level athletically as nearby small towns.

It appears it may have gotten its wish, as according to a story in the Pensacola News Journal 32 teams have agreed to join the new rural league sanctioned by the Florida High School Athletic Association.

FHSAA Executive Director Roger Dearing told the News Journal on Tuesday that 33 football-playing schools that met the rural division requirements -- including Branford, Lafayette and Hamilton County -- have notified the FHSAA they will join.

Each classification of any sport is required to have 32 teams to make the rural division viable for state championship competition, which means there are more then enough qualifying football teams to create the division.

"I'm very pleased," Dearing told the News Journal. "One of the things I've tried to press since I came on is that we've got 788 member schools and we've got (rural schools) that have been saying something about having to compete against larger metro area schools that draw from larger territory."

The rural division is designed for schools with roughly 600 students or less, many from Panhandle towns that have long felt slim hope of competing against private-school powers in playoff competition.

No. 5 Shocking resignation

BRANFORD-Pending approval by the Walton County School Board at last nights meeting, Bill Wiles was expected to be named the new athletic director and football coach at South Walton High.

" A buddy of mine use to be a coach and affiliated with South Walton, called me and told me about the job," Wiles said.

Wiles wasn't pleased with how the process went down with news of him possibly leaving leaking on the internet over the weekend.

While attending a baseball game at Trenton Friday, his phone began ringing off the hook.

"I was at the Branford vs Trenton game and all the sudden my phone starts going off with people calling me, asking me about me leaving," Wiles said. "The local paper out there ran a story (March 25) and Branford people found out."

Wiles, 50, wanted to make it clear he isn't leaving Branford because of any problems, he is leaving for family reasons.

"I'm not leaving because I wasn't happy. I could have finished my career at Branford, I loved it here at Branford," Wiles said. "I will miss the kids that I have coached, the ones that come back and the ones who call me on the phone from time to time and my relationships with the administration, teachers, coaches and kids.

"I have done this before, build relationships and move on, but that doesn't mean I can't comeback and visit. I love this area and it was a great honor to be the head coach at Branford."

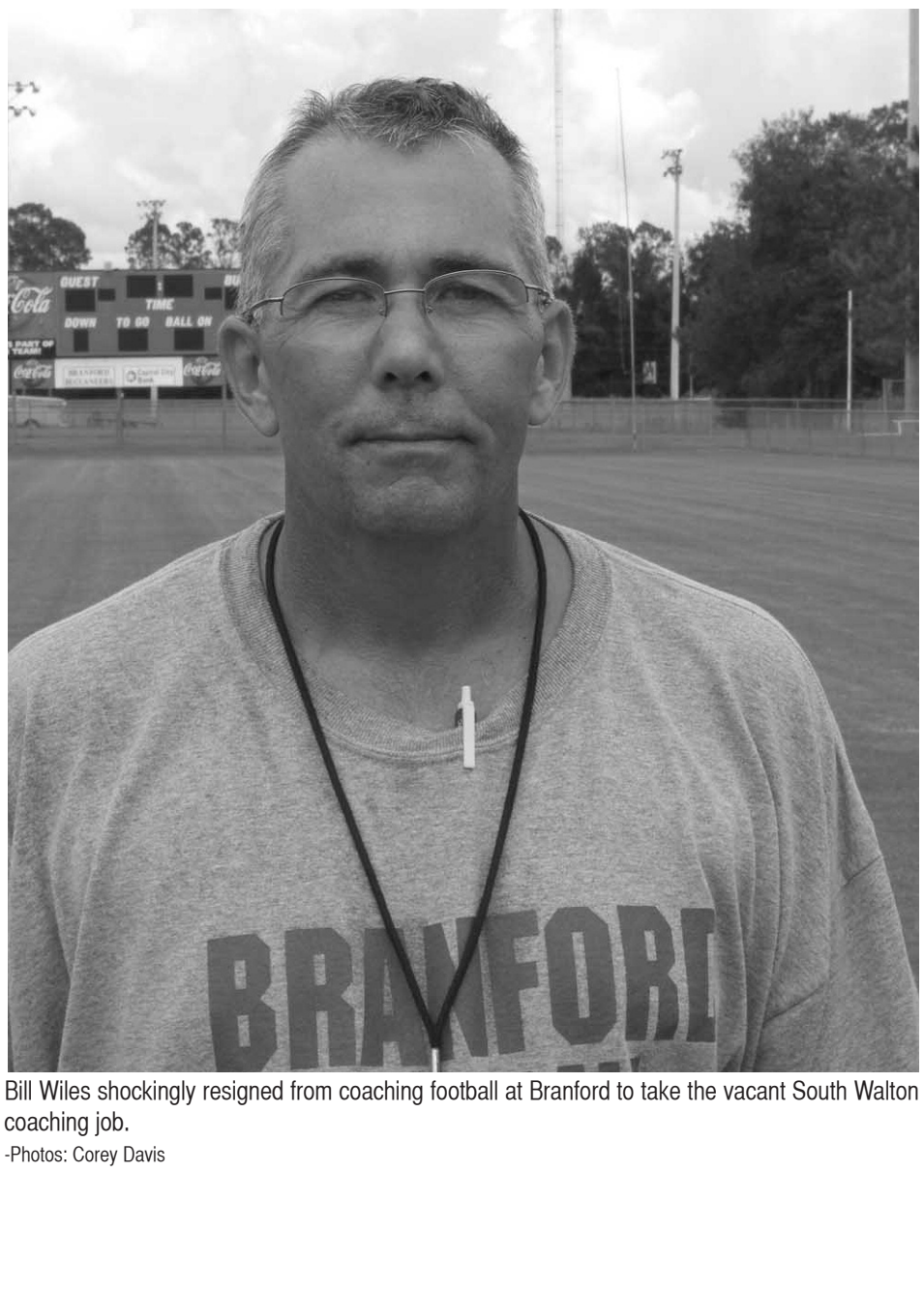
Wiles cited his family as the main reason for leaving.

"It's the best decision for my 6-year old son and my family," Wiles said. "We prayed about it and decided it's what best for me and my family," Wiles said. "This job is way better structured and what's best for my family. They do a lot things different than out here, they give us all the resources we need and I don't have to ask the kids to get into PE to lift because they already are."

Wiles stated that he and his wife will both be able to work in Santa Rosa Beach, something they were not able to do here.

"We live somewhere between Fort White and Newberry and me and wife are going in opposite directions every morning going to work. She is a nurse and drives to Gainesville, while I'm driving to Branford. Moving to Branford wouldn't fix it either, it would make her drive double."

Wiles, who was 31-21 in five seasons at Branford, said he expects to move out there as soon as possible, with his family staying behind until school ends.



Bill Wiles shockingly resigned from coaching football at Branford to take the vacant South Walton coaching job.

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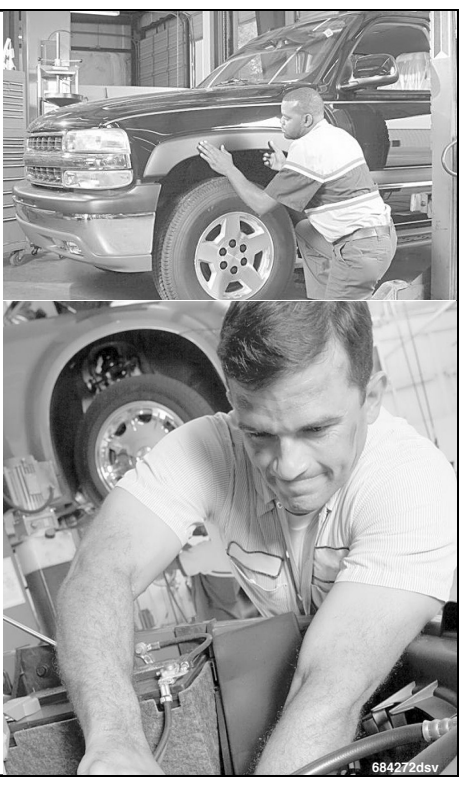

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Jasper Legals

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
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND BUDGET HEARINGS NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announces a meeting and public hearing for the acceptance and adoption of the final FY11-12 Budget that all interested persons are invited to attend. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and Wakulla Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. The NFBA meeting will be to conduct general business and to conduct the public hearing to consider the annual budget. The public hearing to adopt the final NFBA annual budget will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2011; at the Suwannee River Water Management District, Board Room, 9225 CR49, Live Oak, Florida. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the NFBA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding or have any questions please contact Faith Doyle, Clerk to the NFBA Board at (877) 552-3482 or (407) 629-6900 at least one (1) business day prior to the date of the meeting.
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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 Choice, 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 Raurlerson, 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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 2011-CP-32

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PAMELA JEAN HOLDMAN

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of PAMELA JEAN HOLDMAN, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hamilton County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 207 NE First Street, Jasper, Florida 32052. The names and addresses of the person giving notice and her attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is August 11, 2011.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice
/s/ Donna S. MacRae, Esquire
Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.
334 NW Lake City Avenue
Lake City, Florida 32055
(386) 752-5960
Person Giving Notice
/s/ Carolyn Michelle Holdman
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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. 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 Chrone 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 as 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 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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING:

The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Nfcc Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340. Fora disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3215, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Hamilton County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendments, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of Hamilton County, Florida, serving also as the Local Planning Agency of Hamilton County, Florida, at public hearings on August 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, County Courthouse located at 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida.

(1) **CPA 10-06**, is an application by Team Plan, Inc., as agent for Florida Gateway Resort, LLC, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the future land use classification from AGRICULTURAL-4 (less than or equal to 1 dwelling unit per 5 acres) to MIXED USE on the property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying within Section 4, Township 1 South, Range 14 East, Hamilton County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Begin at the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 4; thence North 01°01'30" West 1,135.19 feet; thence South 73°54'00" East 481.96 feet; thence North 88°05'35" East 536.90 feet; thence North 01°07'21" West 780.88 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of Interstate 75 (State Road 93), being a curve concaved Southwesterly having a radius of 11,319.16 feet; thence, along and around said curve, a chord bearing and distance of South 37°45'26" East 619.12 feet to the point of tangency of said curve; thence South 36°11'24" East, along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Interstate 75 (State Road 93), a distance of 1,544.92 feet; thence South 88°32'23" West 924.06 feet; thence South 88°16'36" West 1,332.22 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 49.33 acres, more or less.

AND

A parcel of land lying within Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, Township 1 South, Range 14 East, Hamilton County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Begin at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4; thence North 88°16'36" East, along the North line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4, a distance of 1,332.22 feet to the Northeast corner of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4; thence North 88°32'23" East along the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 3, a distance of 924.06 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of Interstate 75 (State Road 93); thence continue, along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Interstate 75 (State Road 93) South 36°11'24" East 369.59 feet; thence continue, along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Interstate 75 (State Road 93) South 53°48'36" West 25.42 feet; thence continue, along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Interstate 75 (State Road 93) South 36°11'24" East 64.64; thence South 68°16'31" West 1,230.42 feet to the West line of said Section 3; thence South 59°39'08" West 337.77 feet; thence South 04°46'37" East 315.48 feet; thence North 85°26'12" East 275.39 feet; thence North 86°39'49" East 235.31 feet; thence North 86°37'39" East 279.19 feet; thence South 75°19'07" East 206.81 feet; thence South 54°52'10" East 330.24 feet; thence South 25°52'03" East 850.70 feet; thence South 40°06'41" East 163.14 feet; thence South 49°27'14" East 163.69 feet; thence South 64°44'57" East 341.30 feet to the North line of said Section 10; thence South 88°42'08" West, along the North line of said Section 10, a distance of 528.28 feet to the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 10; thence South 01°18'36" East, along the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 10, a distance of 1,324.00 feet to the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 10; thence South 88°39'03" West, along the South line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 10, a distance of 1,335.90 feet to the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 10; thence South 88°17'09" West, along the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 9, a distance of 1,316.40 feet to the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 9; thence North 01°34'41" West, along the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 9, a distance of 1,324.66 feet to the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 9; thence North 01°23'59" West, along the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4, a distance of 1,729.47 feet; thence North 85°15'38" East 275.00 feet; thence North 15°55'21" East 293.27 feet to the centerline of Southeast 113th Boulevard; thence continue, along the centerline of said Southeast 113th Boulevard North, 62°46'41" West 53.21 feet; thence continue, along the centerline of said Southeast 113th Boulevard, North 65°39'13" West 269.52 feet; thence continue, along the centerline of said Southeast 113th Boulevard North 59°50'38" West 35.03 feet; thence continue, along the centerline of said Southeast 113th Boulevard, North 37°20'57" West 28.29 feet; thence continue, along the centerline of said Southeast 113th Boulevard, North 11°38'26" West 35.64 feet; thence continue, along the centerline of said Southeast 113th Boulevard, North 03°53'45" West 68.93 feet; thence continue, along the centerline of said Southeast 113th Boulevard North 04°09'07" West 345.27 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 160.29 acres, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT

A parcel of land lying within Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, Township 1 South, Range 14 East, Hamilton County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of said Section 4, thence North 01°07'26" West, along the East line of said Section 4, a distance of 714.83 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 82°26'15" West 348.29 feet to the East right-of-way line of Southeast 113th Boulevard; thence North 07°33'48" West, along the East right-of-way line of said Southeast 113th Boulevard, 659.81 feet; thence North 82°25'44" East 659.94 feet; thence South 07°33'54" East 659.90 feet; thence South 82°26'15" West 311.67 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 10.00 acres, more or less.

All said lands containing 199.62 acres, more or less.

(2) **CPA 10-07**, an application by Team Plan, Inc., as agent for Florida Gateway Resort, LLC, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from AGRICULTURE-4 (1 dwelling unit per 5 acres, except as provided by Policy I.2.2) to COMMERCIAL on the property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying within Sections 3 and 4, Township 1 South, Range 14 East, Hamilton County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the intersection of the South line of Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 3 and the Westerly right-of-way line of Interstate 75 (State Road 93); thence North 36°11'24" West, along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Interstate 75 (State Road 93), a distance of 296.65 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 74°06'08" West 172.82 feet; thence North 12°48'46" East 73.52 feet; thence North 30°06'34" West 90.09 feet; thence North 73°23'28" West 96.86 feet; thence South 77°50'52" West 104.07 feet; thence South 41°12'13" West 93.85 feet; thence South 56°26'31" West 53.23 feet; thence South 71°38'30" West 121.79 feet; thence North 06°32'10" West 109.25 feet; thence North 64°54'29" West 24.52 feet; thence North 04°21'25" East 55.34 feet; thence North 45°56'53" West 35.47 feet; thence North 23°30'02" West 85.51 feet; thence North 02°06'29" West 66.41 feet; thence South 74°51'35" West 24.70 feet; thence North 31°18'50" West 182.85 feet; thence North 24°59'54" East 29.04 feet; thence North 45°13'13" West 116.20 feet; thence North 21°09'53" East 63.97 feet; thence North 44°47'02" West 48.44 feet; thence North 30°33'12' West 101.66 feet; thence South 67°36'03" West 26.08 feet; thence North 06°06'54" East 53.55 feet; thence North 19°21'19" East 70.14 feet; thence North 21°45'41" West 62.55 feet; thence North 54°34'54" East 48.99 feet; thence North 11°41'20" East 54.29 feet; thence North 33°26'46" East 35.64 feet; thence North 53°50'26" East 51.50 feet; thence North 39°29'02" East 69.88 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of said Interstate 75 (State Road 93), being a curve concaved Southwesterly having a radius of 11,319.16 feet; thence, along and around said curve and the Westerly right-of-way line of said Interstate 75 (State Road 93), a chord bearing and distance of South 36°31'54" East 135.04 feet to the point of tangency of said curve; thence continue, along the Westerly right-of-way line of said Interstate 75 (State Road 93), South 36°11'24" East 1,248.27 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 9.99 acres, more or less.

(3) **CPA 10-08**, an application by Team Plan, Inc., as agent for Florida Gateway Resort, LLC, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from AGRICULTURE-4 (1 dwelling unit per 5 acres, except as provided by Policy I.2.2) to COMMERCIAL on the property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying within Section 4, Township 1 South, Range 14 East, Hamilton County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Begin at the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 4; thence North 01°01'30" West, along the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 4, a distance of 436.07 feet; thence North 88°58'30" East 20.98 feet; thence South 54°22'43" East 104.07 feet; thence South 37°49'10" East 102.46 feet; thence South 21°31'31" East 56.14 feet; thence South 44°23'39" East 112.53 feet; thence South 83°31'24" East 103.68 feet; thence South 87°26'51" East 69.39 feet; thence South 59°50'10" East 58.69 feet; thence South 24°04'04" East 45.40 feet; thence South 43°05'45" East 45.44 feet; thence South 36°18'14" East 33.09 feet; thence South 26°57'11" East 99.36 feet; thence South 12°56'15" East 106.92 feet; thence South 16°30'06" West 78.34 feet; thence South 69°15'56" West 104.52 feet; thence South 31°24'31" West 64.24 feet; thence South 17°21'19" West 62.52 feet; thence South 35°40'43" East 103.67 feet; thence South 13°11'04" West 162.48 feet to the Northeasterly right-of-way line of Southeast 113th Boulevard; thence, along the Northeasterly right-of-way line of said Southeast 113th Boulevard, the following courses: North 43°07'44" West 13.02 feet; North 64°08'43" West 194.55 feet; North 64°27'11" West 89.12 feet; North 64°19'28" West 86.03 feet; North 64°25'15" West 84.40 feet; North 04°06'56" West 14.53 feet; North 02°36'10" West 59.55 feet; North 02°47'44" West 73.91 feet; North 03°02'12" West 100.02 feet; North 02°44'43" West 100.63 feet; North 02°25'52" West 78.71 feet; North 04°37'54" West 12.87 feet to the South line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 4 and the terminus of said courses; thence South 88°16'38" West, along the South line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 4, a distance of 32.51 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 8.96 acres, more or less.

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

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

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

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in the proceeding should contact Greg Godwin, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing. Mr. Godwin may be contacted by telephone at (386) 792-1288 or by Telecommunication Device for Deaf at (386) 792-1288
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Arrest Records

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

August 2, Deryek Hendrickson, 28, in transit, hold for orange co., OCSO

August 2, Jose M. Sanchiz, 28, in transit, hold for orange co., OCSO

August 2, Nathaniel Blaire Campbell, 22, in transit, hold or orange county, OCSO

August 3, Hugh Leaberth Rowe, 19, 2301 E. Brainerd Rd Apt 409, Chattanooga, TN; dwls-knowledge, FHP

August 3, Robert James Norder, 31, 937 SE 23rd Place #5, Cape Coral, FL; wrt#05-240-CF, vop, HCSO

August 4, Billy Monroe Williamson, 52, 15267 237th Dr. Live Oak, Fl; dwls/r, JAPD

August 5, Sarah Pitts Faulkner, 44, 10171 SE 161st, White Springs, Fl; hold for columbia COSO warant #09-699 and 08-72CF, P&P

August 5, Jason Lee Bain, 22, 12105 SE 50th Dr. Jasper, FL; dui, dwls, attached tag not assigned, HCSO

August 6, John Wayne McCloud Jr, 22, 1310 NW Hatley St., Jasper, Fl; dwls, JAPD

August 6, Andre Trendell Robinson, 38, 16862 Spring St., White Springs, FL; dwls, WSPD

August 6, Sarah Elizabeth Bearden, 36, 2214 Post Road, Melbourne, Fl; vop warant #10-120 cf o/c poss of cannabis and dui, HCSO

August 6, John Karl Feller, 27, in transit, homeless; hold for charlotte co, fta: poss drug para, #11918ma, HCSO

August 7, Victor Manuel Gavillan III, 25, 140 Lost Forest Dr. Donough, Ga.; by-pass ag station, dwls; DOA

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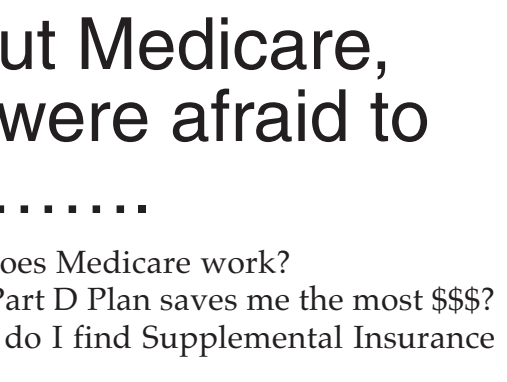

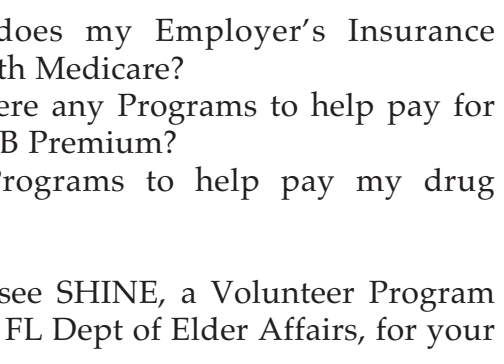

Community Calendar

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@anotherwayinc.net.

Aug. 20 - Carwash Fundraiser at Bellville VFD. 8 am-12 noon. All proceeds will benefit the fire department.

"Bellville Fire Department will be having their annual meeting and elections on Sept.6 at 6pm.

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.

Bible Baptist Church clothes closet: 2nd 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.

FWC asks hunters to help monitor deer for chronic wasting disease

Submitted

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has not found any evidence of chronic wasting disease (CWD) after years of extensive testing of the state's white-tailed deer population.

The FWC tested 910 free-ranging deer during the past year and 5,519 deer during the past nine years, with no CWD-positive results.

"We are fortunate that no Florida deer has tested positive for CWD. The effect this disease has had in other states is substantial," Cory Morea, FWC's deer coordinator and biologist, said. "We would like to obtain more samples of deer from areas adjacent to captive deer facilities, because the most likely way for CWD to be introduced into Florida is through the importation of deer from other states."

CWD is a contagious neurological disease that has been found in captive and wild mule deer, white-tailed deer, moose and Rocky Mountain elk within several Western states and more recently Eastern states. The disease causes degeneration of the brain of infected animals, resulting in emaciation, abnormal behavior, loss of bodily functions and death.

Virginia and West Virginia are the only southeastern states where CWD has been detected. To reduce the chances of CWD entering Florida, the state prohibits importing live deer unless they come from a herd that has been certified CWD-free for five or more years. Additionally, importation of any species of deer, elk or moose carcasses, with the exception of cleaned skull caps, antlers, tanned hides and deboned meat, is prohibited from 19 states and two Canadian provinces where CWD has been detected.

Chronic wasting disease has been detected in New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Illinois, New York, West Virginia, Michigan, Virginia, Missouri, North Dakota and Maryland, and Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada. Visit the CWD Alliance website at www.cwd-info.org for the most up-to-date CWD reporting.

"Early detection is the key to limiting the spread of the disease, if such an outbreak should occur in Florida," Morea said.

The FWC is once again turning to hunters and members of the public this hunting season for assistance in helping monitor the state's deer herd for CWD.

"We're asking hunters to report any sightings of sick or emaciated deer, or deer found dead from unknown causes," Morea said. "If you see such a deer, do not touch it, but instead contact us as soon as possible by calling toll-free, 866-CWD-WATCH (293-9282). Wildlife biologists will respond and, if necessary, collect deer tissue for testing."

CWD WATCH is part of an aggressive monitoring program intended to detect CWD in Florida and minimize its impact, should it be found.

There is no evidence that CWD poses a risk for humans. However, public health officials recommend avoiding direct contact with any sick-looking deer or one that has died from unknown causes.

For more information about CWD surveillance in Florida, go to MyFWC.com/CWD. The website also offers links to wildlife and health agencies with more in-depth information about the disease.

Florida weekly gas price update and outlook

Reply-To: gasnews@gasbuddy-mail.com

Florida, August 8- Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have fallen 4.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging $3.66/g yesterday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 3.7 cents per gallon in the last week to $3.66/g, according to gasoline price website FloridaState-GasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 95.5 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 8.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 4.6 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 88.6 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"We're watching an incredible decline in the price of crude oil and gasoline futures that will most certainly have an impact in the upcoming week at the pump. While motorists won't see large drops all at once, I most certainly expect declines in the days ahead," says Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst. "Oil prices have shed nearly $15 per barrel in just a week- a dramatic decline brought on by various concerns, but mainly a weak manufacturing report and concern surrounding a possible downgrade of U.S. credit ratings," DeHaan adds.

About FloridaStateGasPrices.com

GasBuddy.com operates over 200 live gasoline price-tracking websites, including FloridaStateGasPrices.com. GasBuddy.com was named one of Time magazine's 50 best websites and to PC World's 100 most useful websites of 2008.

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NCFTP meeting/speaker will be Colonel (Retired) Mike McCalister Republican candidate for US Senate

The next meeting of the North Central Florida Tea Party is 7:PM on 08/11/11 at Century 21, Jackie Taylor & Associates, 128 SW Birley Avenue, Lake City. The speaker at the meeting will be Mike McCalister. He is a retired US Amy Colonel, entrepreneur and businessman, university instructor of graduate business management, and conservative Republican Senate Canditate for the seat currently held by Democratic Senator Bill Nelson. Location of the meeting is 3 miles west of I-75/US 90 in Lake City towards Live Oak.

Further information can be obtained by calling Will at 386-867-1687.

AGENDA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
Room 112 – Courthouse 207 Northeast First Street
Jasper, Florida
MEETING DATE: AUGUST 16, 2011

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

LISTED ITEMS

1) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – UNAGENDAED APPEARANCES (*)
2) CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL
3) PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS
4) RESOLUTION – EXTENSION OF 2011 TAX ROLL
5) WHITE SPRINGS LIBRARY PROJECT
6) SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER BUILDING
7) BID AWARD – COURTHOUSE ATTIC VENTILATION
8) APPROVE BILLS
9) CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
10) ADJOURN

TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER – INVOCATION – PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
6:05 P.M. – 2010 CDBG PROGRAM
6:10 P.M. - COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT
6:15 P.M. – REPORT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND REQUESTS
6:20 P.M. – BUDGET REVIEW

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

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

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

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 AT 9:00 A.M.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CONSENT AGENDA

AUGUST 16, 2011

1) MINUTES – APPROVE:

A) July 19, 2011 – Regular Session
B) July 28, 2011 – Budget Workshop
C) August 2, 2011 – Budget Workshop
D) August 4, 2011 – Budget Workshop

2) DEPARTMENT HEADS – INFORMATION ITEMS

A) ROAD DEPARTMENT:
1) Windstream Permit – file

B) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:
1) Operations Report – July 2011 - file

3) APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING INVOICE FROM IN TOUCH CONSULTING GROUP INC.:

A) Invoice No. 1003 – Housing Rehab/CDBG - #3 - $7,727.28

4) APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING INVOICE FROM RHETT BULLARD, P.A.

A) Invoice No. 959 – Value Adjustment Board - $647.40

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One year later, Florida State University experts study consequences of Gulf Oil Spill

Submitted

More than a year after leading a statewide academic task force to help the Gulf Coast region respond to the devastating Deepwater Horizon oil spill, Florida State University researchers are now working to understand the longer-term environmental and economic consequences of the disaster. Though the spill was officially contained one year ago, the story is far from over. About 4.9 million barrels of oil were dumped into the Gulf of Mexico, and FSU research faculty hope to better understand the repercussions. These experts are available to answer media questions and provide historical perspective on this ongoing story.

ECOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES

• Felicia Coleman, director, FSU Coastal and Marine Laboratory, (850) 697-4120; coleman@bio.fsu.edu

Coleman has expertise in the areas of marine ecology and fisheries science and policy. She can discuss the ecological consequences of the oil spill for coastal habitats and organisms in general and to fisheries and fishing communities specifically.

"Despite years of good intentions, we still have a long way to go to ensure that terrestrial and marine ecosystems continue to provide the services we take for granted and on which we depend entirely for our well-being. We learned that dispersants, despite keeping millions of gallons of oil from reaching the shore, have created problems in the deep sea that are only now coming to light. We learned just how much we care about this part of our world, from Florida's Big Bend to the Big Easy, and how much we want to protect the few pristine areas we have left and restore those that have taken the brunt of our disregard. If there is any good that came from this immense spill, it is that it focused a bright light on what we stand to lose through carelessness."

• Ian R. MacDonald, professor of oceanography, Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science, (361) 548-9648; imacdonald@fsu.edu

MacDonald conducts research on the natural sources of oil and gas in the ocean. He can comment on the vulnerability of the deep-sea ecosystem of the Gulf of Mexico to energy exploration and production. MacDonald has used satellite imaging to quantify the trajectory of the oil discharged from the Deepwater Horizon blowout and was the first scientist to successfully challenge federal estimates of the initial rates of discharge from the well.

"In the aftermath of this catastrophic blowout, we have the strongest impetus to enforce the highest standards of safety for offshore drilling and energy production. And we clearly see the imperative to raise our capacity for safeguarding the health of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem. The rhetoric may be in place, but the present funding and enforcement are not adequate to get the job done. Failure to follow through on these requirements creates a moral hazard that will make another offshore disaster inevitable."

• Jeff Chanton, the John W. Winchester Professor of Oceanography, Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science, (850) 644-7493; jchanton@fsu.edu

Chanton is using natural tracers to understand the fate of the oil spilled into the Gulf. Specifically, he is investigating whether the oil is ending up in the sediments and or if it is being taken up by marine animals.

"The oil spill was a horrific event for residents of the Gulf Coast. At the moment, the Gulf seems to have handled it amazingly well, but, in fact, the jury is still out. It would be premature to say that everything is back to normal, as sometimes effects from such an event reverberate through the system and show up years later. For example, in Alaska, the effect of the Valdez oil spill on the herring fishery expressed itself years following the disaster."

OCEAN MODELING

• Steven Morey, research scientist at the FSU Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies, (850) 644-0345; smorey@fsu.edu

Morey, an ocean modeler, has been developing methods to better incorporate satellite data into oil spill models to improve those models and our understanding of the oil spill. The data provides a means of producing a concise depiction of the area of the ocean's surface affected by the oil spill as well as the history of the surface slick.

"The unprecedented quantity of data we have gathered from satellites, in situ observations and models provides us opportunities to make significant improvements in our understanding of the fate of oil following a disaster such as the BP oil spill, as well as developing better tools for predicting future consequences of this and other spills."

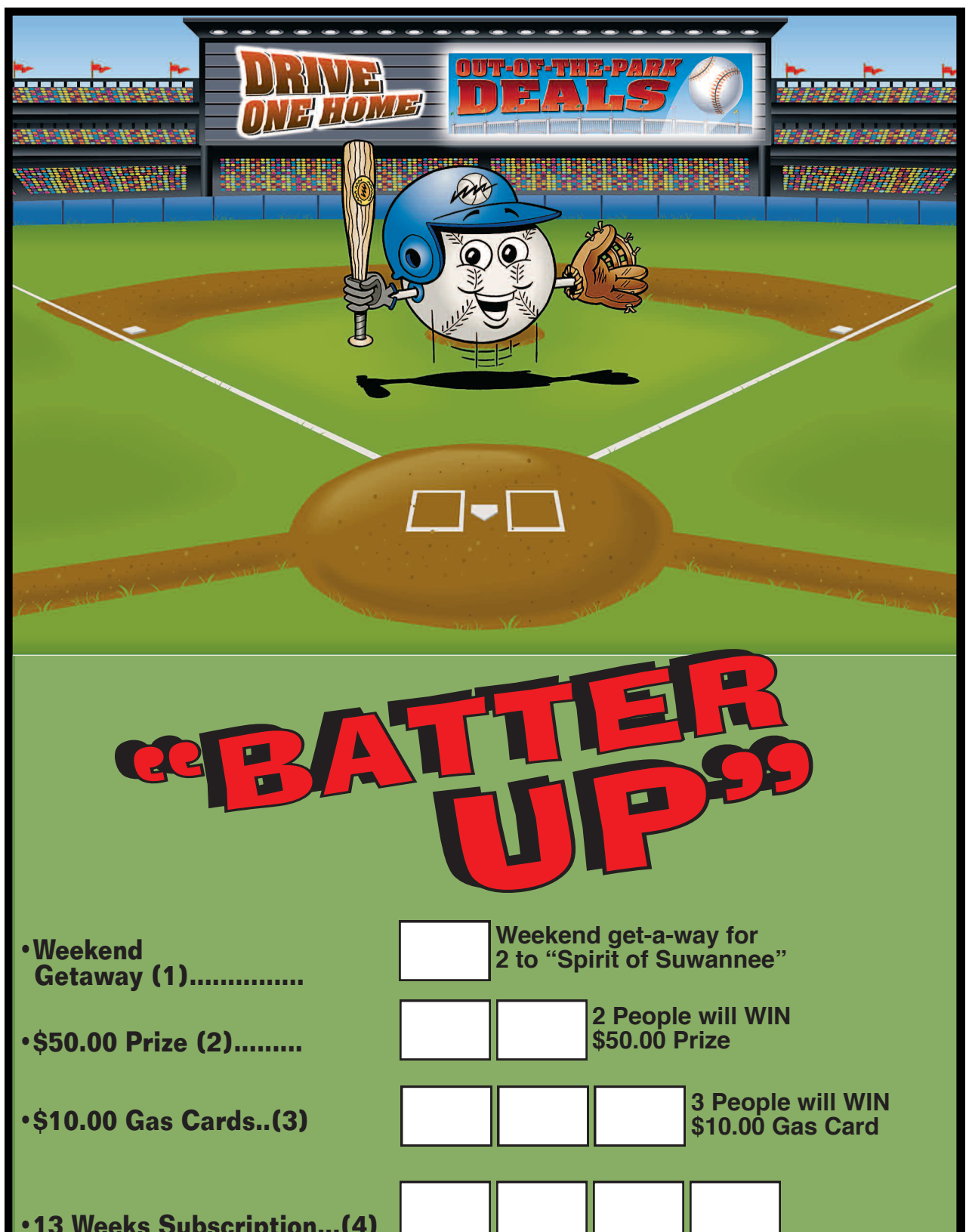
TOURISM

•Mark Bonn, the Robert H. Dedman Professor in Services Management, (850) 644-8244; mbonn@cob.fsu.edu

Bonn is a tourism industry expert and the only educator ever inducted into the Florida Tourism Hall of Fame. He has conducted hundreds of research projects addressing the importance of tourism to Florida and its economy through visitor spending. Bonn can discuss the effect that the oil spill had — and is continuing to have — on tourism and the seafood industry. He is currently researching consumer perceptions about Florida and the seafood industry and can discuss his preliminary findings.

"Both the resorts and the budget hotels in Northwest Florida have rebounded and are doing well this season, but the support industries are still struggling. Some of the mom and pop restaurants, gift shops, and the charter boat and watercraft rental businesses really struggled last year, and many of them just didn't make it. The big challenge is to try to combat consumer perceptions that seafood from Northwest Florida is not safe — about 20 percent of consumers object to eating seafood from this area, and the farther away from the Gulf you get, the more we are seeing this response."

For additional information about research taking place at Florida State University on issues related to the Deepwater Horizon disaster, visit http://deepwaterhorizon.fsu.edu/.



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What is Student Crime Stoppers?

A county-wide program designed to help law enforcement solve crimes. This is done by providing the Students with a means to phone in tips anonymously and receive rewards for information that leads to an arrest.

How does Crime Stoppers Work?

The Student dials 792-TIPS (8477) and without giving his or her name or any personal data, relays information regarding a crime; information concerning stolen property; or information about a Student who is being bullied. The caller is given a code number and remains anonymous.

Who is eligible for a Reward?

Any person who directly contacts Crime Stoppers and gives information that leads to the arrest of an adult or juvenile, or information resulting in the recovery of stolen property, or who stops bullying is eligible for rewards.

Law enforcement officers, their immediate families, the perpetrator or co-conspirator of a crime, a fugitive from justice, or the immediate family of a Crime Stoppers Board Member are not eligible for rewards.

Which Law Enforcement agencies are Involved?

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, the Jasper Police Department, the Jennings Police Department and the White Springs Police Department. The Law Enforcement Program Coordinator works with all Hamilton County law enforcement agencies, exchanging information regarding Crime Stoppers cases and tips received.

Who runs Crime Stoppers?

The Crime Stoppers organization is run by an independent Civilian Board of Directors, representing all areas of Hamilton County. These people are everyday citizens dedicated to helping law enforcement solve crime in Hamilton County.

How is Crime Stoppers Funded?

Crime Stoppers is funded partly by a $20.00 fee which attaches to any fine for all criminal offenses assessed in Hamilton County. Major funding also comes from private citizens, local businesses and service organizations.

Did you know?

Cyberbullying occurs when a child is embarrassed, harassed, humiliated, threatened, or tormented by another child using the Internet, mobile phones or another interactive and digital technology. Just as genuine a concern as bullying, cyberbullying has resulted in children killing others or even committing suicide. Cyberbullying occurs when minors are on both sides of bullying or if the bullying was at least instigated by a minor against another minor. Some of the more common means in which a child is victimized by cyberbullying include repeated e-mails or instant messages, posting real or doctored images online, sharing intimate information against a child's will and encouraging other children to share in the bullying. Breaking into online accounts, such as e-mail or social networking accounts, is also considered cyberbullying. Though some instances of cyberbullying rise to a level where criminal charges are filed, this is rare.

District Calendar for 2011-2012

August 11-19, 2011	Pre-planning days/Inservice
August 22, 2011	Students return
September 2, 2011	Early dismissal/Inservice
September 5, 2011	Labor Day holiday
September 19, 2011	End first attendance month (20)
October 5, 2011 (set aside for teacher conferences)	Early release day
October 10-14, 2011	FTE Week
October 17, 2011	End second attendance month (40)
October 17-21, 2011	Testing
November 2, 2011	Early dismissal/Inservice
November 11, 2011	Veterans Day holiday
November 15, 2011	End third attendance month (60)
November 21-25, 2011	Thanksgiving holidays/Fall Break
December 7, 2011	Early dismissal/Inservice
December 19-30, 2011	Christmas Break
January 2, 2012	Teacher workday/Inservice/ Student holiday
January 4, 2012	Students return/ End fourth attendance month (80)
January 13, 2012	Early dismissal/Inservice
January 16, 2012	Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
February 1, 2012	Early dismissal/Inservice
February 2, 2012	End fifth attendance month (100)
February 13-17, 2012	FTE Week
February 20, 2012	Presidents' Day holiday
February 28-29, 2012	Testing
March 1, 2012	Testing
March 2, 2012	End sixth attendance month (120)
March 7, 2012	Early release day (set aside for teacher conferences)
March 26-30, 2012	Spring Break
April 5, 2012	Early dismissal/Inservice
April 6, 2012	Good Friday holiday
April 9, 2012	End seventh attendance month (140)
April 16-27, 2012	Testing
May 2, 2012	Early dismissal/Inservice
May 7, 2012	End eighth attendance month (160)
May 28, 2012	Memorial Day holiday
June 4, 2012	Four-day work week begins
June 4-5, 2012	Early dismissal/Inservice
June 5, 2012	Last day of school for students
June 6-7, 2012	Post-planning

Notice to Parents: Free & Reduced Price Meals Program

Your child may be eligible for the Free and Reduced Price Meals Program. You are encouraged to apply, even if you are not sure you qualify for this program. The application and additional information are available at each school site and at the district's food services office.

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School Board Policies are now available online.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR AREA SCHOOLS

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Lee Wetherington-Zamora, Principal

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Cason Burnett, Administrative Assistant

South Hamilton Elementary
Grades PK-6
16693 Spring Street
White Springs, FL 32096
Phone: 386-397-4400
Fax: 397-4410
Maceo Howell, Principal

Hamilton County High School Middle Grades School Supply List

Folders with metal prongs and pockets
Notebooks/binder (2 inch with 3 rings with clear view front and back)
Tabbed dividers for notebook (package of 20
Straight edge notebook paper
#2 Pencils
Colored pencils
Composition Book
Pencil punch
Heavy duty Ziploc bag
Calculator
Flash/thumb drive
Highlighters
Blank CDRW
Clip Board
Tiny sticky notes
Book bag
Display project board (2)
Lock (key or combination)
Hand sanitizer
PE Requirement – ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE FULL DRESS ATTIRE IN THE PROPER COLORS FOR CREDIT: Black shorts, red t-shirts and tennis shoes

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Submitted Article:

South Hamilton Elementary
"Changing Lives Through Quality Education"
Mr. Maceo Howell, Jr.
Principal

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Dear Parents/Students:

Welcome back to South Hamilton Elementary School (SHE). We hope that your summer has been relaxing and enjoyable and you are well rested for the upcoming new school year. We are looking forward to seeing each of you as we get this year started on August 22, 2011.

CONGRATULATIONS to each of you for a job well done! This past school year was a very successful year. SHE school grade increased from a "D" to an "A" because of your hard work and dedication, as well as great efforts of our wonderful staff. We are planning on not changing very many things you did last year, but we want to improve on them. Your school missed earning an Average Year's Progress (AYP) by only three percentage points. Our goal this year is to not only meet AYP, but exceed it.

Parents, we thank you for your continued support in seeing that your student is in school daily and homework is done to the best of your child's ability, and we look for more of the same this coming year. I was not at this school last year, but I have seen and heard great things about this school and community. I am excited to be a part of your student's educational lives. I invite you to come out and visit from time to time to monitor the success of your student.

As a reminder, all of the schools in Hamilton County are enforcing a uniform dress for this year. You may visit the District's website where dress attire is listed in detail. That website address is www.hamiltonfl.com.

Good luck and May God Bless you in all of your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Maceo Howell, Jr.
Principal

Hamilton County School District
Elementary School Dress Code Effective 2011-2012

The Hamilton County School Board finds that a standardized dress code supports the safety and welfare of students and school personnel. A standardized dress code promotes an environment that enhances learning and safety; encourages students to express individuality through personality and achievements; and creates a sense of school pride and belonging.

Students are required to adhere to the school dress code at all times while attending school or any school-sponsored activity ***during*** the school day.

A. Color Guidelines:

Tops: Red, Black, or White

Bottoms: Tan/Khakis, Navy, Denim, Black

FRIDAYS: Students may wear a School Spirit shirt. The school shirt may be purchased at the front office.

B. Dress Code Guidelines (tops and bottoms must be in one of the three colors stated above):

Girls: The standardized dress is a short or long-sleeved solid colored shirt with plain solid colored skirt, pants, walking shorts, jumpers, or skorts of corduroy, cotton, twill, or denim fabric. Bottoms need to be solid color, without color trims, embroidery, or other decorations. Dresses may be worn but must be solid color with short or long sleeves and follow the other requirements of this policy.

Boys: The standardized dress is a short or long-sleeved, solid colored shirt with plain solid color pants or walking shorts of corduroy, cotton, twill, or denim fabric. Bottoms need to be solid color, without color trims, embroidery, or other decorations.

Clothing must be the appropriate size, not be oversized or undersized. The waist of the garment shall be worn so that the waistband is worn at the waist and not below the waist. Baggy/saggy pants may not be worn.

Shirts/blouses/dresses must cover midriff, back, and sides at all times; should be fastened with no visible cleavage or undergarments.

Shorts/skirts/jumpers/skorts/dresses shall be worn no shorter than "mid thigh." Mid thigh is determined by extending the arms to the sides of the body and finding the tip of the longest finger (using normal posture).

TENNIS SHOES MUST BE WORN FOR ANY PE/RECESS ACTIVITIES.

Please refer to the Hamilton County Student Code of Conduct for additional guidelines and for disciplinary actions for dress code violations.

Note: When a student enters school after the start of the school year, a grace period of five (5) school days will be given for compliance with the dress code.

HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
HAMILTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE EFFECTIVE 2011-2012

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT – DRESS CODE

Students are expected to dress for school and school activities in a way that contributes to their health and safety that promotes a positive school learning environment and does not disrupt the events and activities of the school.

General Dress Code Requirements

This general dress code applies to students from the time the student arrives on campus until the end of the school day and at all school activities during the school day. Exceptions may be made by the principal for field trips or other special activities.

You may not:

A. Wear clothes and accessories that are dangerous to health or safety and are distracting or disruptive.

B. Dress in a way that reveals private body area(s) or undergarments; and

C. Wear clothing or an accessory that has slogans, signs, images, or symbols that:

1. Promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gang identification, weapons, or lewd sexual behavior; or
2. Denigrate or promote discrimination for or against an individual or group on the basis of age, color, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, race, religion or gender.

School Standardized Dress

The Board finds that school standardized dress is necessary for the safety and welfare of students and school personnel. Standardized dress promotes an environment that enhances learning and safety; encourages you to express your individuality through personality and achievements, not outward appearances; and creates a sense of school pride and belonging.

You are required to wear standardized dress at all times while attending school or any school-sponsored activity during the school day.

A. **Standardized Dress**

Girls: The standardized dress for girls is a long or short-sleeved solid colored **red, white, or black** collared blouse or polo shirt. Shirts may have a manufacturer logo not to exceed 2 inches by 2 inches. Skirts, pants, jeans, walking shorts, jumpers, or skorts must be a solid color **in navy blue, black or tan/khaki.** If garment has belt loops a belt must be worn. Jeans must not have embroidery or decorations.

Boys: The standardized dress for boys is a long or short-sleeved, solid color collared shirt **in red, white or black**, such as a polo, oxford, or dress shirt. Shirts must be tucked into the pants. Shirts may have a manufacturer logo not to exceed 2 inches by 2 inches. Pants, jeans or walking shorts must have belt loops and be a **plain solid color in navy blue, black or tan/khaki.** Jeans must not have embroidery or decorations.

Clothing must be the appropriate size for you, not be oversized or undersized. The waist of the garment shall be worn so that the waistband is worn at the waist and not below the waist. You may not wear baggy/saggy pants. **A belt is required and must be inserted within the loops and properly fastened.**

Shirts/blouses/dresses must cover midriff, back, and sides at all times; and should be fastened with no visible cleavage or undergarments. Shirts/blouses must be tucked into shorts skirts and slacks.

Shorts/skirts/jumpers/skorts/dresses shall be worn no shorter than three inches above the kneecap.

B. Alternatives

You may wear special clothing for school sponsored activities as authorized by the principal.

1. Collared shirts with a school logo;
2. School-sponsored T-shirts with a crew neck; and
3. More restrictive dress code requirements may be approved by Hamilton County School Board.

Each school will provide students/parents with a copy of the school's dress code.

C. Exceptions

If you enter the Hamilton County School system after the start of the school year, you will have a grace period of **FIVE** (5) school days before being required to wear the standardized dress.

The Superintendent, in consultation with the principal, may waive the standardized dress policy on a case-by-case basis for reasons such as, but not limited to, medical necessity or sincerely held religious belief.

D. Shoes must be safe and appropriate. You may not wear bedroom slippers or shoes with wheels. A manufacturer's logo/image is acceptable. Shoes must have a closed toe and closed heel. You may not wear platforms, heels higher than two inches, sandals, flip flops, crocs or jellies.

E. Outer Garments

You may wear coats, jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, or other appropriate outer garments when necessary due to weather conditions or for other legitimate reasons. The outer garments must be of the appropriate size for you and shall not be overly baggy or violate any other provisions of the dress code. Outer garments are not to replace or hide the standardized dress.

Submitted Article:

HAMILTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
Office of the Principal

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August 2011

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to Hamilton County High School for the 2011-12 school year. I hope you have enjoyed your summer and are anticipating a new year filled with wonderful opportunities. I encourage you to return to HCHS with a positive outlook and an eagerness to take advantage of all educational opportunities as we continue our race toward greatness.

I am looking forward to serving as your new principal this year by providing leadership in curriculum and instruction. I have set high goals for myself and the staff, and will expect the same from you. Every objective and strategy will be a foundation for methods we can utilize to change students' lives through quality education.

In preparing for the 2011-12 school year there have been changes as we continue to place emphasis on strengthening our curriculum and improving all areas of student performance. First, we have a new standardized dress code and I cannot wait to see how splendid everyone will look in the new attire. There have been changes in personnel as well. We have a new assistant principal, teachers who have transferred from other facilities within the District, and internal staff reassignments to other areas. Every decision that has been made in the preparation and planning for our new school year has been made with what is best for the students at HCHS.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I invite you to our Open House on Thursday, August 18th, from 5 to 7 p.m. to meet the teachers and staff. Again, I welcome you to the new school year and look forward to seeing you on the first day of school, Monday, August 22, 2011.

Sincerely,

Wanda M. Law
Principal

Standardized Dress Code Approved

The standardized dress code, approved by the Hamilton County School Board in April, is effective with the 2011-12 school year. The lists of acceptable attire can be accessed online

If you need clarification on any of these clothing items, please contact your child's school.

You may not wear:

A. Clothing that is not properly fastened;

B. Clothing that is torn, has holes, or pants that are frayed;

C. Athletic shorts, cut-off pants, short-shorts, or running shorts;

D. Visible undergarments, sleepwear or outer garments traditionally designed as undergarments such as boxer shorts, or bras;

E. Outer garments or an accessory *(such as backpacks, jewelry, and purses)* which have slogans, signs, images, or symbols that:

1. Promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gang identification, weapons, or lewd sexual behavior or
2. Denigrate or promote discrimination for or against an individual or group on the basis of age, color, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, race, religion or gender.

F. Hats, headgear, or other head coverings, including rags and bandannas inside the school building except when approved by the principal/designee;

G. Body piercing jewelry, except for earrings on the ears. **All other body piercing jewelry must be removed or concealed;**

H. Jewelry or accessories that may be used as weapons, such as chains, spiked jewelry or arm bands and rubber bands;

I. Combs, curlers, or hair picks; or

J. Sunglasses on face or head inside the school building. You may wear sunglasses, hats, or other sun protective wear while outdoors during school hours.

DISCIPLINE

The principal or designee has the authority to decide if your clothing complies with Board policy. If the principal determines that your clothing does not comply with Board policy, discipline will be according to the Student Code of Conduct.

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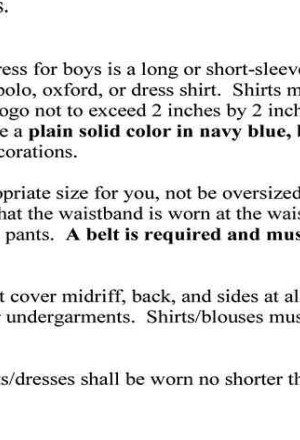

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Healthy and quick breakfasts for busy school mornings

Breakfast has long been referred to as the most important meal of the day. It is beneficial for students heading off to school to enjoy a meal before they catch the bus.

Studies have found that children who eat a healthy breakfast have higher energy levels and better learning abilities than similar students who do not eat breakfast. Harvard University researchers found that those who eat breakfast are significantly more attentive in the classroom and have fewer behavioral and emotional problems.

Many families find that time is not in abundance in the morning when they are getting ready for school or work. As a result, breakfast might be skipped in an effort to get to work or school on time. But families can skirt the issue of time with a few on-the-go foods the whole family can enjoy.

* Individually packaged yogurts make a healthy and quick meal for anyone in the family. A good source of protein and calcium, yogurt is also filled with helpful bacteria that promote digestive health.

* Microwaveable convenience foods come in various shapes and sizes. Choose the healthiest options among them, such as whole-wheat or multigrain waffles or pancakes. These foods are easy to heat and eat on-the-go.

* Keep a container of fresh fruit salad in the refrigerator. A bowl of mixed fruit is refreshing and healthy.

* Whole grain granola bars that feature fruit and nuts can be a quick meal and a satisfying snack.

* Smoothies made from fruit and yogurt are fast and can be stored in portable cups to take in the car on the way to school.

* The cereal aisle at the local grocery store is filled with healthy breakfast options. Cereal manufacturers are increasingly reducing the sugar and boosting the fiber content of popular brands. It doesn't take long to enjoy a bowl of cereal, even one topped with banana slices or a few strawberries.

* Whip up a fast egg sandwich. Saute egg whites in a frying pan and place between two slices of toasted whole wheat bread.

* Make a batch of low-fat, high-fiber muffins over the weekend. Grabbing a muffin and a banana is an easy breakfast.

* Instant oatmeal is available in a number of flavors and is a very healthy and filling breakfast option.

* Create parfaits with layers of vanilla yogurt, fruit and granola.

* Use a sandwich or panini maker to create homemade breakfast tarts. Fill bread or pitas with fresh fruit or peanut butter and use the cooker to seal them shut.

For families who simply can't get in the breakfast swing of things, many schools participate in breakfast programs. If children are routinely missing breakfast at home, find out how to enroll them in breakfast served at school.

Tips to improve standardized test scores

Though some professional educators debate the use of standardized tests, students of all ages can expect such tests to continue to play a role in their education. Younger students might take standardized tests to help determine the class level that best suits their abilities, while high school students will need to take certain standardized tests in order to gain admission to a college or university.

Since standardized tests are likely going nowhere anytime soon, students can take several steps to improve their scores. While a professional tutoring service might be a worthwhile investment for students concerned with their college admissions, other steps can work for students regardless of which standardized test they're preparing to take.

* Maintain healthy sleep patterns. Healthy sleep restores and renews the body, both mentally and physically. When a person suffers from sleep deprivation, the negative side effects are numerous. These include memory and cognitive impairment, making it difficult for people think and process information. That said, a student preparing to take a standardized test who is struggling to sleep at night is much less likely to succeed on the test than a student who is getting adequate sleep. Parents and students should examine sleeping patterns months in advance of the test, and work to address any problems as soon as possible. The sooner the issue is resolved, the sooner a student's memory is likely to improve, which can help his or her test scores as well.

* Practice. Practice tests can be a very valuable tool when attempting to improve standardized test scores. Sample tests are available on a handful of Web sites, and tutors hired to help kids improve scores often bring practice tests with them. Such practice tests are often very similar to the actual tests and will help kids be more comfortable with the tests when it comes time to take the real ones. When taking practice tests, time them just as you would the actual tests. This, too, can improve a student's comfort level and will decrease the likelihood that a student will feel like he or she is racing against the clock when the time comes to take the real test.

* Learn the test. Learning the test involves figuring how a score is determined. Some standardized tests place greater emphasis on certain questions and tabulate scores based on this weighting system. Learn that weighting system if it exists, and in the months leading up to the test help students concentrate on those sections that weigh more heavily than others. Another thing to learn is if the test weighs wrong answers more than skipped questions. On such tests, a student might actually be better off leaving a question blank than guessing and risking a wrong answer. Many tutors specialize in a particular test and might be able to help students learn about the test they're taking and, in so doing, improve their scores.

Unique ways to save on school supplies

When it comes to school, costs are rising across the board. Though tuition hikes get most of the publicity, additional expenses associated with school can add up as well, and school supplies are no exception.

Though it was once easy to send kids off to school with a pencil case, a couple of notebooks and a few other accessories, today's students live in a digital world, and their teachers often rely on technology to supplement lesson plans. As a result, the cost of school supplies is higher than ever before, and parents are left looking for ways to give kids the tools they need without breaking the bank. To do just that, consider the following tips.

* Sign up for coupons on retailer Web sites. When consumers purchase a product online, prior to finalizing the purchase many online retailers ask consumers to check a box if they would like to receive e-mail newsletters and coupons. Parents who sign up for such newsletters and coupons can save substantial amounts of money and might even be privy to special sales not available to the general public. In some cases, it's not even necessary to make a purchase to receive the newsletters and coupons. Shoppers simply visit the Web site of their favorite online retailers and sign up to be notified of any deals or sales.

* Coordinate with teachers ahead of time. Parents should consult their child's teacher before school begins and throughout the year to determine if there are any special projects or reports coming up that require certain supplies. For instance, kids might need costly graphing calculators next semester. If parents are given advance notice, they can shop around to get the best deal. Talk to local school officials to see if it's possible to make a list of school supplies available at the end of the year instead of at the very beginning. If so, this gives parents several months to shop around for the best deals.

* Do your own homework. Parents of college-bound kids might think an e-reader would make the ideal gift, saving kids the trouble of lugging all those books around campus. However, parents should do their homework before making any such purchases. That's because not all textbooks are available as e-books, and kids might end up having to buy hard copies of their textbooks anyway. Before kids head off to college, examine their first semester schedule and then look online for each class' corresponding syllabus. If most of their required textbooks are available as e-books, then an e-reader might make a great gift. If not, think of something else.

* Don't make the bottom line the determining factor. Whether a student is in grade school, high school or college, his or her school supplies tend to undergo more than their fair share of wear and tear. So parents looking to save on school supplies should consider that when shopping. Though the less expensive backpack might seem more affordable, make sure it can withstand the test of time and all the wear and tear that comes with being a student's backpack. If not, it will likely need to be replaced before the school year is out, which can end up costing more money in the long run.

* Recycle school supplies. School supplies can be recycled. At the end of each semester or school year, perform an inventory of existing school supplies. If last semester's notebooks were hardly used, there's no need to buy new ones for the new semester. Similarly, parents who have a couple of students in their household can embrace hand-me-down school supplies just like they do with clothes. If one child finishes the school year but didn't quite use up all of their supplies, save those supplies for the day when their younger siblings end up in the same class.

Prescription drug abuse on the rise among today's children

Many children experiment with drugs. What many parents and caregivers may be surprised to discover are even stereotypically "good" kids may try drugs, and legal drugs are becoming just as popular as illegal ones among kids looking to experiment.

Statistics indicate that children of all ages are using drugs in increasing amounts. According to DrugFree.org, about 15 percent of 7th graders have experimented with marijuana and 50 percent of students have tried it by the end of high school. Alcohol use often begins around age 11. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration says that prescription painkillers use has grown to 5 percent of users who enter treatment. In fact, prescription drug use is quickly becoming more popular among kids than other types of mood altering substances.

A time of growth, experimentation and a little more personal freedom, school-aged years are when many youngsters try drugs and alcohol. With the wealth of drug commercials on television, many kids who do not feel comfortable going the illegal drug route turn to prescription drugs they can easily find in their medicine cabinets. Students often mistakenly think that because a doctor prescribes a medication, it is safer than street drugs. This is not the case.

According to the Teen Drug Abuse Web site, 60 percent of teens said that drugs were sold, used or kept at their school. One in five teens has abused a prescription pain medication, prescription stimulant, or tranquilizer. And at least one in 10 teens reports using cough medicine in order to get high. Marijuana still remains the most popular drug of choice among students, but OTC and prescription drugs are gaining ground.

In lieu of "keg"parties and other booze-heavy social events, some students are now hosting "pharm" parties, where a bevy of pharmaceutical drugs are available. Students carry baggies of assorted pills referred to as "trail mix." And searching through medicine cabinets for staples like Vicodin, Xanax, Ambien and other pain/tranquilizer pills is called "pharming." OxyContin and Vicodin are now more popular among teens than cocaine and ecstasy.

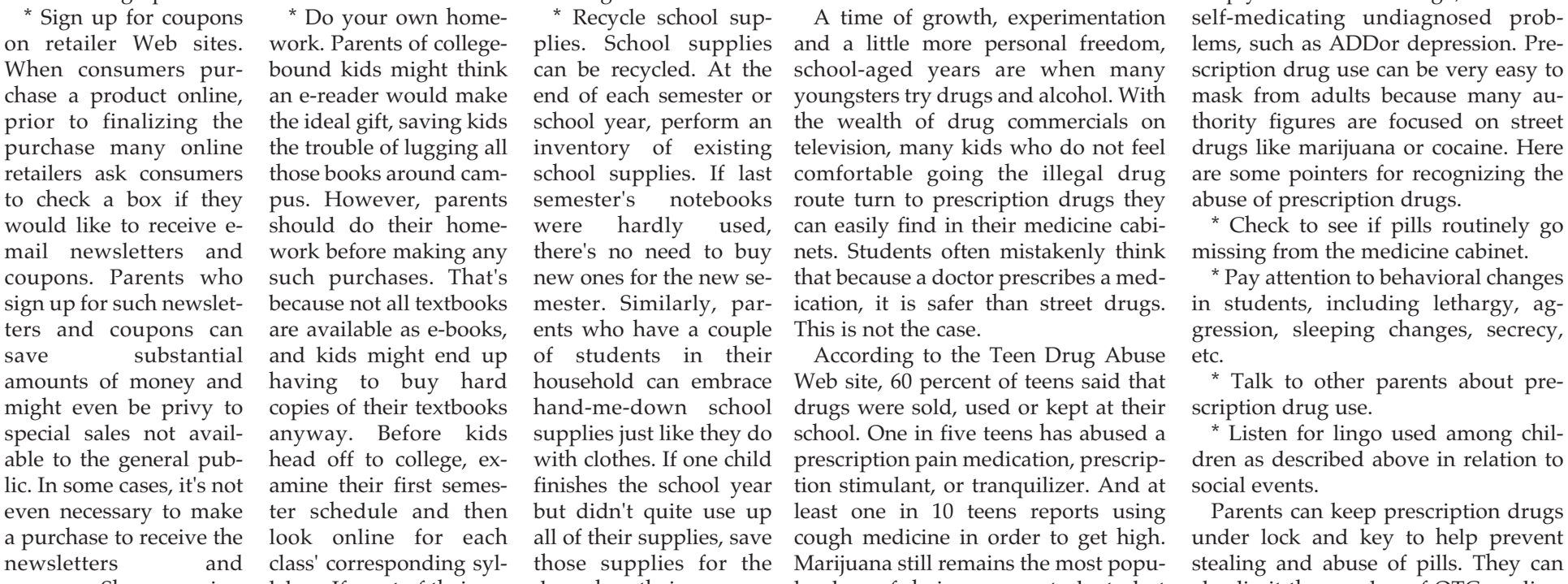
The U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy says that some pills are more commonly abused than others. These include: * opiates, such as codeine, oxycodone and morphine * central nervous system (CNS) depressants, such as barbiturates and benzodiazepines * stimulants such as dextroamphetamine and methylphenidate

While some children turn to drugs simply for the rush or high, others are self-medicating undiagnosed problems, such as ADDor depression. Prescription drug use can be very easy to mask from adults because many authority figures are focused on street drugs like marijuana or cocaine. Here are some pointers for recognizing the abuse of prescription drugs.

* Check to see if pills routinely go missing from the medicine cabinet.

* Pay attention to behavioral changes in students, including lethargy, aggression, sleeping changes, secrecy, etc.

* Talk to other parents about prescription drug use.

* Listen for lingo used among children as described above in relation to social events.

Parents can keep prescription drugs under lock and key to help prevent stealing and abuse of pills. They can also limit the number of OTC medications stored at home.