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SHE Veterans Day Luncheon and Parade



SHE students on parade. - Courtesy Photos

This year's annual South Hamilton Elementary Veterans Day luncheon began with a welcome from principal Maceo Howell. Students Renee Brown and Caleb Tomlinson led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by School Board member Johnny Bullard singing the National Anthem.

Students Cheyenne Ogburn, Mason Stirn, Jonathan Steedley, Nicholas Castro, Jordan Purast, Dominique Jones, Keandra Alford, and Leon Young introduced veterans of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. Alexandria Pinello delivered



HCHS AFROTC on parade

the salute to our veterans.

Luncheon guest speaker was Bo Beauchemin, Hamilton County Veterans Services Officer, who de-

scribed the services he provides to veterans and their spouses. Mr. Beauchemin announced that his schedule had recently been increased from three to four days

a week - it is now Monday through Thursday - and that he would soon begin to spend time at the White Springs Pub-

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Drug take back program a success

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day was held recently in Hamilton County. Three convenient locations were set up within the county for folks to drop off old, unused prescription drugs.

By disposing of drugs properly and not flushing them down the toilet, our water supply is not adversely affected. If they are tossed in the garbage they could get into the wrong hands and be deadly.

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White Springs bans candy flavored tobacco



A plethora of candy-flavored tobacco products are mixed in with actual candy in this posed scene.

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At the Nov. 8 meeting of the Town Council of White Springs, a resolution to ban candy-flavored tobacco was unanimously passed. The resolution is non-binding and shows support by the town of White Springs for a ban on flavored tobacco products in their community in an effort to protect the health of all citizens, especially young children.

Steven B. Rose, Tobacco Prevention Program di-

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School board reinstates Master Board distinction

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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Karen Denson, director of Board Development for the Florida School Board Association, recently congratulated the Hamilton County School Board leadership team on a job well done. The team has reinstated their distinction of Master Board by completing a 22-hour curriculum of the Master Board Program.

The Master Board Program is voluntary and is sponsored and designed by the Florida School Board Association. It provides training opportunities for the leadership team in order to enhance their capabilities to provide visionary leadership for the school district, and concentrates on governance roles for enhancing student achievement, fostering connections and empowering collaboration between schools and the community, as well as creating a learning organization to advance excellence in public ed-

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White Springs Memorial Park dedication held



L to R: Korean veteran Jim Udell, Vietnam veteran Lamar Royals and Mayor Helen Miller. - Courtesy Photo

Submitted

A moment of silence followed by the haunting notes of TAPS concluded the White Springs Memorial Park - Hamilton County dedication on Thursday, Nov. 10.

Mayor Helen Miller began the ceremony with a welcome to all

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HOPE Food Bank opens in White Springs

Submitted

The HOPE Committee of the Town of White Springs has announced the grand opening of its new HOPE Food Bank at the Adult & Community Education Center on US 41 (right across from Dollar General). The HOPE

Food Bank will begin operations on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at lunchtime.

"The week of Thanksgiving is a good time to open the doors of our food pantry," Councilman Richard Marshall, director of the new

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SHE parade and luncheon for vets a success

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lic Library to facilitate access for veterans in greater White Springs.

Waylon Bush, founder of the first SHE Veterans Day lun-

cheon, delivered the closing prayer, which was followed by Rev. Roger Hutto playing Taps.

After the luncheon, SHE students, teachers and family members

participated in the annual SHE Veterans Day parade.

The entire community wishes to express appreciation to the SHE Veterans Day Committee led by Delores

Howell for the delicious barbecue chicken lunch served to veterans and their spouses, and for planning the wonderful parade saluting our courageous veterans.

School board reinstates Master Board distinction

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ucation.

"Each team member who participated in the Program is to be commended for the commitment and dedication of attending the forum and onsite workshops to receive leadership training," said Denson. Thirteen school dis-

tricts currently hold the distinction of Master Board. Hamilton County School Board member Damon Deas has completed 12 hours of training. The following members of the Hamilton County Leadership Team completed at least 16½ hours of training in the Master Board Program:

Johnny Bullard, Jeanie Daniels, Gary Godwin, Sammy McCoy, and Superintendent Martha Butler.

School Board members will receive official recognition during the FSBA Annual Joint Conference at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, scheduled for Nov. 29 - Dec. 2, 2011. The

award ceremony will take place Wednesday, Nov. 30 at the Opening General Session which starts at 8:30 a.m.

"I appreciate the team's support of the Master Board Program and hope that the training has provided some valuable experiences," said Denson. "Again, congratulations."

White Springs bans candy flavored tobacco

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rector for Bradford and Hamilton counties, stated that "candy-flavored tobacco directly targets youth. Tobacco industry documents show flavors are added to tobacco products in order to mask the harshness of the products that young mouths are not accustomed to. Candy-flavored tobacco often serves as a starter product for youth."

Rose continued, stating that in 2009, the U.S. Congress outlawed candy-flavored cigarettes through the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. However, Congress left out an important product category: smokeless. According to the 2010

Florida Youth Tobacco Survey, 13.3 percent of middle schoolers and 15.9 percent of high schoolers used smokeless tobacco products in the last 30 days compared to the state average of 3 percent and 6.4 percent, respectively.

"We are in the process of contacting retailers in White Springs urging them to voluntarily remove smokeless candy-flavored tobacco products from their shelves," stated White Springs Mayor Helen Miller. "The Florida Youth Tobacco Survey reports grim statistics for Hamilton County and our Town Council felt strongly that a resolution urging a ban on these products targeting children was a step in the right direction."

Crenshaw, Congressional leaders, disability advocacy groups outline Able Act At Capitol Hill press conference



WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Ander Crenshaw (R-FL) led a bipartisan, bicameral group of Members of Congress and officials from disability advocacy groups in outlining the ABLE Act at a Capitol Hill news conference on Tuesday afternoon (11/15). The legislation, to create tax free-savings accounts for individuals with disabilities, will be introduced in the House and Senate on Tuesday.

Crenshaw, Congressman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), Congressman Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Congressman Pete Sessions (R-TX), Senator Robert Casey, Jr., (D-Pa), Peter V. Berns, CEO of The Arc, Peter Bell, Executive Vice President for programs and services for Autism Speaks, Sara Wolff, Member of National Down Syndrome Society Board of Directors, and officials from other disability advocacy groups spoke at the House Triangle press conference where a large group of supporters had gathered. Twenty-eight Members of the House and two Members of the Senate have to date signed on as original co-sponsors.

"Our tax code currently provides advantages to help Americans save for college and retirement, yet people with disabilities do not enjoy those same financial planning tools. These individuals and their families face enormous financial struggles that most of us cannot imagine," said Crenshaw, a member of the House Appropriation Committee. "The ABLE Act helps ease those strains by making tax-free savings accounts available to cover qualified expenses such as education, housing, and transportation. No longer would individuals with disabilities have to stand aside and watch others use IRS-sanctioned tools to lay the groundwork for a brighter future. They would be able to as well, and that's an accomplishment we all can be proud of."

Additionally, Crenshaw submitted the following remarks into the official Congressional Record:

I rise today to introduce the bipartisan, bicameral Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2011. The ABLE Act is a much needed, long overdue, savings tool for individuals with disabilities.

I would like to thank my colleagues in the Senate, Senator Casey and Senator Burr for their tireless efforts to introduce a companion bill in the U.S. Senate. I would also like to thank Representative McMorris Rodgers for her pivotal role in crafting this meaningful legislation.

The federal government gives American families a helping hand in saving for the future. Accounts with

special tax advantages help people save for college, retirement, healthcare and other life events - but people with disabilities have different challenges for the future, some face decades of expenses that most of us cannot even imagine. Yet, they do not have access to the same advantages that our tax code provides others.

The average cost of raising a child with a significant medical disability is more than \$1 million over the course of the child's lifetime. Continuing education, transportation, housing and medical care make up some of the predictable costs on that staggering bill. ABLE accounts would relieve some of that burden by allowing parents with disabled children or family members of disabled individuals to invest through a tax-deferred 529 account that could be drawn from for these future expenses. No longer would parents have to stand aside and watch as others use IRS-sanctioned tools to lay the groundwork for a brighter future. They would be able to do so for their children as well.

The ABLE Act amends Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the establishment of ABLE accounts for the care of family members with disabilities through tax-free savings accounts.

Mr. Speaker, this bipartisan, bicameral legislation tackles the unfairness in our tax code head-on by creating tax free savings accounts for individuals with disabilities. ABLE accounts will make long-term health, greater independence, and a fuller quality of life a possibility. No longer would individual with disabilities have to stand on the sidelines and watch others use IRS-sanctioned tools to lay the groundwork for a brighter future.

The cost to reform the U.S. Tax Code to offer ABLE accounts would be minimal, but the positive impact for individuals with disabilities, their families and others who are struggling to cope with an uncertain future would be sizable.

We must move beyond the policies of the past that force individuals with disabilities to live in poverty. The ABLE Act allows individuals with disabilities to save, work, and earn just like any other American. As citizens of this great and prosperous country, we must speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Helping disabled Americans "achieve a better life experience" is a step forward toward equality with every other American - and it's a step worth taking. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Drug take back program a success

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The courthouse in Jasper and the Jennings Library got excellent responses from members of the community who dropped off old medications for disposal.

Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy and Drug Task Force member Jeremy Cheshire, said, "The combined weight of medications from locations in Jasper and Jennings totaled 14

pounds. We had approximately 12 participants."

"The day was successful," said Grace McDonald, executive director of the Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition. "We had a number of people respond in Jasper and Jennings."

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is a cooperative effort with the National Drug Enforcement Agency.

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community initiative, stated. "We are all aware that the economy has hit many families very hard. Our mission is to help children, seniors, veterans and all family members experiencing hardship."

Marshall is working with area faith-based organizations to develop a schedule of volunteers who will staff the HOPE Food Bank. At a

minimum, the food bank will be open to area residents several times a week.

At the Nov. 22 grand opening, grilled food will be available, as well as groceries. The food bank is a volunteer effort relying on donations. Once funds have been raised to purchase a freezer and refrigerator, the food bank will be able to expand to meats, poultry, and milk products.

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veterans, their spouses and families.

Rev. Randy Ogburn delivered the invocation, which was followed by the raising of the flag by the Hamilton County High School Air Force JROTC. The flag had flown over the U.S. Capitol on Oct. 18, 2011, at the request of the U.S. Representative Ander Crenshaw, (R-FL) on the occasion of the dedication of the White Springs Memorial Park.

Mae Francis Marshall sang a stirring rendition of the National Anthem, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Veterans Services officer Bo Beauchemin.

Korean veteran Lawrence "Jim" Udell described harrowing experiences encountered during his years of service in the U.S. Army,

and spoke proudly of his grandchildren who serve our nation in today's armed forces.

Vietnam veteran Lamar Royals expressed his belief that more should be done to support our nation's veterans, and his appreciation to the town of White Springs for initiating the Memorial Park project for all veterans in Hamilton County.

Mike Williams, who led the local effort to name the White Springs Post Office in memory of WWII POW Clyde Hillhouse, made a special presentation of a bronze military marker honoring Mr. Hillhouse's courage, to the Hillhouse family.

Participants in the dedication reflected in the meaning of Veterans Day as Stephen Troy sang several verses of America the Beautiful.

Lovin' Turkey Leftovers

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In order to allow our employees time off to spend with their families the following deadlines will be in effect:

Thursday, November 24 edition
 North Florida Focus Retail Advertising.....3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17
 Classified Line Ads.....4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 17
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Have a safe and happy holiday

Our office will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25

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Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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Computers are a wonderful thing but they can be incredibly frustrating and maddening at times. Just as I was putting the finishing touches on this week's column, exhorting people to think about all the things they should be thankful for, what with Thanksgiving being right around the corner, my computer crashed and the entire column was lost!! So now I must reflect upon a statement I often make, that I am even thankful for my problems, because at least I have been fortunate enough to have been given problems that I can handle. Well, I'm trying to handle this problem in that spirit, but if this is a test I doubt that I will get an A. Perhaps, after the epithets I shouted, I should just hope for a passing grade. I promise, I will be thankful for that! So here goes an attempt to reconstruct the words that took hours to find and write, but only a moment to lose. I have only added one word, one that sums up the experience rather nicely I think. ARRRRRGH!

I'd like to start, as I often do, by talking about music. You might wonder why I touch upon music in this column as often as I do. Well, for one thing, I find that music is so relative and reflective of our life. Good music often touches upon subjects that are near and dear to our heart and, because of that, it tugs upon our heartstrings and affects us in a very special way. A good song can give all of us that "Aha!" moment, when it perfectly conveys a powerful, personal feeling or emotion that we hold near and dear, but could never quite adequately express. Another reason to mention good music is that we are so blessed with an abundance of it. The annual Florida Folk Festival includes, among many other fine things such as art and dance and Florida's best expression of folklife and fabulous food, perhaps the finest three days of music that occurs anywhere in the state of Florida. This year I am blessed and honored to have been chosen to be on the music review committee for next year's 60th Florida Folk Festival. But we have a lot of good music other times throughout the year. For instance, I'm told that the concerts for last weekend's Dulcimer Retreat were extraordinary. Music reflects our culture, complete with all of its triumphs, challenges and concerns. At a recent festival I attended I was deeply pleased to hear many songs about water, that precious Florida resource that is so abundant on one hand and so threatened on the other. People were moved and called to action to protect our water resources in a way that can only happen through music. I also often mention current music events because I know that many of you want to know about them, that you share my en-

thusiasm.

In that spirit, let me remind you that the Gatorbone Trio will be performing for the White Springs Folk Club series at the Telford Hotel this Saturday, November 19th at 7:30PM. Gatorbone is an absolutely stellar trio featuring soaring and soulful singing, skillful instrumentation and arranging, and finely-crafted songwriting that touches on elements of jazz, swing, folk, old time, and classic country in a unique, original, and pleasingly familiar manner. If you enjoy first-class music and musicianship then come to the White Springs Folk Club this Saturday and hear Gatorbone- you'll be glad you did. Call 386-269-0056 for reservations.

The park on Spring Street under the old, historic White Springs water tower was dedicated last week as the Hamilton County's Veterans Memorial Park. The dedication ceremony was well attended and was replete with stirring speeches, beautiful music, military honors, and a strong sense of unity and singleness of purpose, which was a refreshing change for many of us. Mayor Helen Miller and a group of dedicated volunteers have done a terrific job of getting this project started but more remains to be done. Look to see the many improvements that will be made to make this a beautiful place of honor and reflection for the service of our men and women in uniform.

As we approach Thanksgiving, we are constantly reminded that Christmas is just around the corner. The Christmas season in White Springs is always enhanced by our wonderful Christmas parade and the fabulous Festival of Lights that takes place at the Stephen Foster Park. I'm told that Park Manager Ben Faure says he guarantees that it will snow in the park this year. Normally I would be skeptical of a state-

ment like that, but if Ben Faure says it is going to snow, then it is going to snow. You can count on it. But it will only snow in the park, so make plans now to attend and see the snow for yourself. Named a Top 20 Event in the southeastern United States, the Festival of Lights features more than four million lights displayed throughout the park, Dec. 2, 2011 through Jan. 1, 2012. Unique holiday light displays include majestic oak trees decorated with thousands of lights, an antebellum museum dressed in full holiday splendor, a gingerbread village, a candy cane forest, Santa's runway, a winter wonderland and much more. The park's centerpiece is the 200 foot tall Carillon Tower, which illuminates the night sky as holiday music rings from its bells. It takes a lot of work to make this event happen and volunteers are needed. It is fun to be a part of it and if you are interested in helping to keep this event alive, call Ben Faure at 397-2733 and see how you can be included.

So, despite my computer crash, life in White Springs is busy and vibrant and remains fun to write about! I hope to see you out and about enjoying all that it has to offer.

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Thanksgiving food baskets for veterans

The Hamilton County Lions Club is collecting donations for Thanksgiving food baskets for Needy Veterans families. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food items or gift certificates to a grocery store like Foodway, Walmart, Publix, Winn-Dixie (or financial donations) so turkeys can be purchased for the Veterans Thanksgiving baskets. Help us remember and thank those who gave so much to our Country and Community. Any donations will be appreciated. Donations can be

dropped off at City Hall, Browns Flowers, Hitson Realty, Hamilton County Courthouse Annex (old high school) and White Springs Library.

Please contact Hamilton County Lions Club President, Susan Ramsey, at (386) 792-6828 or (386) 785-4932 for further information. We will be delivering the food baskets on Tuesday, November 22, 2011.

If you know a veteran family in need, please contact Hamilton County Veterans Service Officer Bo Beauchemin at (386) 792-1272.

Free locating service, call before digging

By Misty A. Ward

The Sunshine State One Call, 811, is there for anyone in Hamilton County, and the state of Florida to call before digging.

According to Florida law, "anyone planning excavation on public right-of-way, gas easement or private property to notify the owner/operator of the natural gas system a least two full business days before excavation."

By calling 811 first, utility companies will come out and mark the property to make sure there are no utility lines within the excavation area.

According to Todd

Hunt of OMI/CH2MHill, "This is to help insure that damage does not incur... It is a free service to the citizens, and in an emergency we can respond somebody out there pretty quickly to make sure that utilities, along with power and telephone and cable don't get damaged."

There is no recommended depth Hunt said, "if you stick a shovel in your ground in your property, the best result is for you to ask for us to locate the utilities."

Jasper Kiwanis Club's Turkey Shoot is this Saturday, Nov. 19

Public invited, bring your shotgun

Submitted

It's that time again! This Saturday, November 19, the Jasper Kiwanis Club will sponsor the first of two Turkey Shoots to benefit the youth programs in Hamilton County. The event, which will start at 9:00 a.m., will be held at Jasper Kiwanian, Larry Cail's farm located just south of Jasper city limits on US Hwy 41. The public is invited.

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Candidates interested must pick up their packets in person in order to receive filing instructions and information from Jennifer Pomeroy, City Clerk at City Hall.

Packets will be available on Thursday, December 8, 2011.

Qualifying period will end at Noon on Thursday, January 5, 2012.

NOTICE OF FINAL CERTIFICATION OF TAX ROLLS

Pursuant to section 193.122(2), Florida Statutes (2010), David Goolsby, Jr., Property Appraiser of Hamilton County, Florida, hereby gives notices to all Taxpayers and Owners of both Real and Personal Property that the 2011 Hamilton County Tax Rolls have been extended to show the Tax attributable to all Taxable Property and that Tax Rolls were Certified for Collection to the Tax Collector on November 14, 2011.

David Goolsby, Jr. CFA
Property Appraiser

OPINION

Poverty in America?

According to CBS News, "the number of people in the U.S. living in poverty in 2010 rose for the fourth year in a row, representing the largest number of Americans in poverty in the 52 years since such estimates have been published by the U.S. Census Bureau." MSNBC said, "The U.S. poverty rate remains among the highest in the developed world." Let's look at a few poverty facts.

Heritage Foundation researchers Dr. Robert Rector and Rachel Sheffield laid out some facts about the poor in their report "Understanding Poverty in the United States: Surprising Facts About America's Poor" (9/13/2011). Eighty percent of poor households have air conditioning. Nearly three-fourths have a car or truck, and 31 percent have two or more. Two-thirds have cable or satellite TV. Half have one or more computers. Forty-two percent own their homes. The average poor American has more living space than the typical non-poor person in Sweden, France or the U.K. Ninety-six percent of poor parents stated that their children were never hungry during the year because they couldn't afford food.

"The Material Well-Being of the Poor and the Middle Class Since 1980" (10/25/2011) is a research pa-

per by professor Bruce D. Meyer of the University of Chicago and The National Bureau of Economic Research and professor James X. Sullivan of the University of Notre Dame. In it they report: "Our results show evidence of considerable improvement in material well-being for both the middle class and the poor over the past three decades. Median income and consumption both rose by more than 50 percent in real terms between 1980 and 2009. In addition, the middle 20 percent of the income distribution experienced noticeable improvements in housing characteristics: living units became bigger and much more likely to have air conditioning and other features. The quality of the cars these families own also improved considerably. Similarly, we find strong evidence of improvement in the material well-being of poor families."

The grim official measures of poverty or income stagnation reported are the result of a number of biases that understate well-being, such as relying exclusively on narrow income



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measures that do not reflect all the resources available to the household for consumption. Income measures fail to capture important components of economic well-being, such as

wealth and the ownership of durables, e.g., houses and cars. For example, official measures would consider a retired couple who owned their car and mortgage-free \$700,000 home and lived on \$20,000 savings to be poor. Clearly, their income does not reflect their material well-being.

"Income Mobility in the U.S. from 1996 to 2005" (11/13/2007) is a report by the U.S. Department of the Treasury that shows considerable income mobility of individuals in the U.S. economy. "Roughly half of taxpayers who began in the bottom income quintile in 1996 moved up to a higher income group by 2005. Among those with the very highest incomes in 1996 -- the top 1/100 of 1 percent -- only 25 percent remained in this group in 2005. Moreover, the median real income of these top taxpayers declined over the study period." These findings

confirm previous studies dating back to the 1960s reaching the same conclusion, namely: At different periods of time, different people occupy different income groups, but the overall trend is upward.

What about the concentration of wealth? In 1918, John D. Rockefeller's fortune accounted for more than half of 1 percent of total private wealth. To compile the same half of 1 percent of the total private wealth in the United States today, you'd have to combine the fortunes of Microsoft's Bill Gates (\$59 billion) and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg (\$19 billion), but with 10 other multibillionaires in between.

Our congressionally caused recession has indeed caused needless hardship for many Americans, but the big poverty and income stagnation hype is part and parcel of an agenda to make us more accepting of politicians getting their hands deeper into our pocketbooks in the name of helping the poor.

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Free spaghetti dinner

Girl Scouts Feed the Community Spaghetti Dinner, Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. at First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. This is a FREE meal, our troop is working on a community service badge.

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To The Editor

Dear Editor,

As parents of 4-Hers who participate in the Hamilton County Swine Show and Sale and have for the past 4 years, we would like to show our appreciation to those who put together a successful event. The swine show and sale has been a great learning experience for our children. We would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to both the members of the Hamilton County Swine Show and Sale committee, the Hamilton County Extension office, and last but surely not least all the buyers that support our youth in Hamilton County. I, (Leslie Carter) learned responsibility and value in participating in the Hamilton County show and sale growing up and without buyers to support our youth, there would be no opportunity for our youth. Thanks again to the buyers who support our youth and to those who give our children the opportunity to gain valuable life lessons.

Sincerely,

Donald and Leslie Carter

POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY

I was disappointed and disturbed to hear about the decision to close Central Hamilton Elementary (CHE) and transport the students to South Hamilton Elementary (SHE) if CHE does not improve its school grade. I believe the decision to close CHE and transport the students to SHE was political expediency. The rationale for the proposed closure was, CHE is an "F" school and SHE is an "A" school.

After hearing the decision to close CHE if it does not improve its school grade, I reread the October 10th Hamilton County School Board (HCSB) minutes. At that meeting Superintendent Butler presented several options for the HCSB to consider as they prepare for the worse if CHE did not improve its school grade. None of the proposed options called for the closing of CHE. At the October 10th meeting, the HCSB scheduled their next meeting for October 24th at 2:00pm (When most people are working). At the October 24th HCSB meeting they voted to close CHE. All of the aforementioned reeks with a foul odor of political trickery. An issue of this magnitude deserved multiple hearings to allow all interested and impacted parties to speak and be heard.

Consider this, SHE was built in 1937, CHE was built in 1966, 8 modular classrooms will have to be moved from CHE to SHE (\$200,000), renovate SHE cafeteria to accommodate a larger student population (Cost unknown), purchase additional busses (Cost unknown), hire additional bus drivers (Cost unknown), fuel cost (Cost unknown), hire at least three School Resource Officers until the students can acclimate to their new environment (Cost unknown) and CHE will lose \$750,000 school improvement grant funding.

Putting financial considerations aside, think about the impact to students and parents of CHE and SHE; transportation, behaviors, having to adjust to a new environment, safety and security concerns. I commend the parents of SHE students and the White

Springs community for protesting and getting the HCSB to vote to keep SHE open and close CHE. My word to you is, don't cheer the decision because a win may be a loss in the long run. I believe the vote to close CHE and transport the students to SHE is a double loss for both communities.

Our children deserve better and the citizens of "Hamilton County" deserve better decisions made by our elected officials. Decisions of this magnitude should be made using "common sense" and not political expediency.

INSTABILITY IN LEADERSHIP AT CHE

Over the past ten years CHE have had at least four principals. I remember when CHE was on the brink of excellence. Parents and the community felt welcome at the school and were actively involved with the school because the principal would accept nothing less.

SAVING CHE

How can "we" keep CHE from closing? Below is what I believe is a common sense approach:

Forget political expediency and do what is in the best interest of the teachers, students, parents and the community.

Assess the demographics of the school and assign an experienced principal that can relate to the teachers, students and most of all the parents. The school district staff should reflect, relate to and understand the students and parents they serve.

Assign a principal that is "willing" work diligently to involve parents, Pastors, Churches, and members of the community in making CHE successful. Children and parents need to see people who are representative of them, especially in a crisis situation like the one we are in.

Dwight Pollock

CHANGE OF DATE

Girl Scouts 3rd Annual Fill the Community with Kindness and Food

Due to the overwhelming outreach to feed the community, Girl Scout Troop 1162 of Jasper has decided to change the date of their event. Girl Scout Troop 1162's, 3rd annual Fill the Community with Kindness and Food will be held on Friday, December 16th from 5-7:30 p.m. We still need help collecting cracker, and canned goods; vegetables, beans, tomatoes, and chili mix. You will find a box in Jasper Foodway where you are able to donate any type of goods. This event is free and everyone in our community is invited. If you have any questions or would like to help in any way you can contact Leslie Carter at 386-303-1046 or by e-mail lesliejcarter@windstream.net.

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Obituary Heart Matters

Ward L. Peters

Ward L. Peters, age 87, of Jasper, FL, passed away Saturday, November 5, 2011 at Suwannee Valley Nursing Center in Jasper. Ward was born in Creston, Iowa on April 5, 1924 to the late Grant and Eva Peters. Known for his winning personality, Ward was lucky enough to meet Eunice Hayes in Des Moines, Iowa and on September 4, 1982 they were married. He worked hard as a butcher and meat department manager for 15 years and went on to a second career with the public school system in Des Moines where he worked for another 25 years before retiring to Jasper, FL. in 1984. Ward loved fishing and loved being outdoors. He had an engaging manner and sense of humor that made him popular with all who knew him. Ward was an eternal optimist and had a selfless devotion to family and friends.



By Angie Land

Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Eunice Peters of Jasper; one son, Dennis Peters (Kathy), Forest Lake, Minnesota; one daughter, Bonnie Smith (Steve), Cedar Falls, Iowa; his step son, John Stanley Hayes (Barbara), Perry, FL.; four step daughters, Bobbie Barry (Steve), Lawrenceville, GA.; Rita Robinson, Live Oak, FL.; Gail Sloat (David), Quincy, FL. and Jane Stuessy (Rob), Sheridan, Wyoming; seven grandchildren, twelve step-grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and seven step-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at First Baptist Church in Jasper, FL. with Pastor Roger Hutto officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Jasper.

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

I was intrigued to learn recently that after many natural catastrophes there are professionals who come to inspect the aftermath...not to survey the damage, but to seek out anything that endured the devastation. For example, following the deadly tsunami in the Indian Ocean in 2004, engineers from the US and Canada examined structures and buildings that withstood this force of nature to

better understand how to prevent such ruin in the future. Of particular interest was the foundation of any buildings that remained in comparison to those that were swept away.

Anyone who has ever experienced building a home, even under normal conditions, understands the importance of a solid foundation. If the foundation is not adequate, the rest of the building is at risk. In Matthew 7:24-27, the Bible records Jesus' similar warning:

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone

who hears these words of mind and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

This passage communicates a powerful message to believers whose foundation has become based more on "curb appeal" than the Word of God. Curb appeal becomes our basis if what others can see matters more than the condition of our heart. Notice that both the wise and the foolish man "hears these words of mine." It is possible to attend church every Sunday and "hear" God's Word...and not allow it to be the standard and support for our lives. Perhaps we are just attending church because that is what we think

"good people" do. Curb appeal...looking good on the outside.

The problem with curb appeal is that it makes a flimsy foundation. Jesus was pretty straight forward in John 16:33 when He warned us, "In this world you will have trouble..." Problems that feel like earthquakes, hurricanes and tsunamis will come into our marriages and families. No amount of curb appeal will hold things together...if our foundation is insubstantial, our families will crash; if the foundation is solid, we will not fall.

In Psalm 117:2, the Bible declares, "For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. It is interesting to note that the Hebrew word for "faithfulness" has the same root word as a foundational "pillar." The implication is

something that cannot be moved nor shaken...that endures forever. Let's build the foundation for our marriages, homes, and relationships on the faithfulness of God's Word, not some fleeting curb appeal that will be swept away...because your heart matters!

Blessings,
Angie

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

Give Us This Day Our Turkey . . . Again

By Rev. James L. Snyder

Thanksgiving is my kind of holiday. Apart from the "thanks" part, the primary purpose of this celebration is eating. That is the one thing I do quite well.

Thanksgiving is the beginning of a feasting frenzy that would make Richard Simmons sweat to the goodies. Any thoughts of dieting at this time of the year are merely blowing in the wind. Hopefully, not in my direction.

Our Pilgrim Fathers came up with the idea of a Thanksgiving feast. The Pilgrim Mothers were too busy doing the wash and caring for the children to think of any more work.

The Pilgrim Fathers were sitting around waiting for someone to invent television so they could all watch a foot-

ball game when someone had an idea. Most ideas are born in the midst of great boredom. That is why so many of them are...well...stupid.

"There's nothing to do," one bored Pilgrim Father said. "Let's get together and have a feast." Because nothing else was happening, the other Pilgrim Fathers got excited about this idea. The Pilgrim Mothers, however, had some different thoughts about this crazy feast idea.

After all, they would have to do all the work and Oprah Winfrey had not been born yet to lead them in a chorus of whining and complaining and getting in touch with their real feelings.

The Pilgrim Mothers wanted a Tupperware party, but since it was not yet a two-party system, they could only do one party. The Pilgrim Fathers won this one.

However, like the good Puritan wives they were, they humored their husbands and began preparations for the first Thanksgiving feast. Because this was the first Thanksgiving, it was a simple affair compared with the ones to follow.

At the first one nobody said, "We've always done it this way."

Because it was never done before. However, the second Thanksgiving was beset with this sort of thing. A tradition, someone wisely pointed out, is something done at least once.

What the Pilgrim Mothers did not count on was company for dinner. After all, they were thousands of miles from their nearest relatives with a big pond between them. They assumed, and rightly so, that they were safe from the intrusion of company on what would be the heaviest workday for the kitchen crew.

Have you ever noticed that when you are planning a feast of some kind, relatives who never bother you the rest of the year (something to be thankful for) seem to gravitate to your gravy bowl?

There is nothing like unexpected company to put pizzazz in a Thanksgiving celebration. Who wants pizza for Thanksgiving when there is so much turkey?

Imagine the Pilgrim Mother's surprise when the Pilgrim Fathers told them (probably on Thanksgiving morning) that they had invited guests for the feast. I can imagine some ears were

stinging that first Thanksgiving Day. The Pilgrim Fathers braved through the stinging rebukes from their wives...for months.

Perhaps the biggest anomaly of Thanksgiving is the mountain of leftovers the next day and for weeks to follow. No matter how much turkey is gobbled up or how many people are around that Thanksgiving table, the leftovers are enormous.

There is more turkey on Friday than on Thanksgiving.

I cannot prove this, but I highly suspect the

turkeys we have today keep growing even after we cook them. Maybe when placed in a cold refrigerator over night, they expand.

I really do not know what takes place, but something happens to that turkey when left overnight in a refrigerator. The big challenge is how to prepare leftover turkey so it does not look or taste like turkey.

Thanksgiving is a marvelous time for family and friends to get together to celebrate the goodness of the Lord.

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Countywide Thanksgiving service for Sunday, Nov. 20

The Hamilton County Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by New Hope Baptist Church on Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. The evening will start with a Thanksgiving style dinner and will conclude with a worship service led by various ministers from around the county and a mass choir put together from several churches. The church will provide the meat and the drinks and all others are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. All are welcome and invited!

Please plan to join us for this time of fellowship, food and worship as we give thanks for the many ways God has blessed us.

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To list your church on our church directory, please call Louise at 1-800-525-4182

Norris Notes

By Lillian Norris

If you heard A LOT of noise (MUSIC, etc) on Monday evening, coming from the Civic Center, it was legal! Preparations are being made for a bang-up big time in April, 2012 for the Relay for Life, American Cancer Society, Jasper Chapter. It is being made a fun time to honor those who have been affected by cancer in any way (hasn't everyone? That is my feeling, either a loved, self, friend or acquaintance, some family. If not, you are truly blessed. Now is the time to honor the memories, and be thankful for care and healing, and for the lives of all affected in any way. This will be done the first weekend in April 2012 (no, this is not too early to start getting ready) starting at noon on Saturday, and closing with a memorial sunrise service Saturday morning. Plan to be here and stay as long as possible. For those who may not be familiar with the Relays, there will be memorial candles available at a booth, where you can get one to light in honor or memory for your loved one (s). I will be reminding you in the future, I know you will be getting busy in the coming weeks with Thanksgiving and Christmas, but what better time to prepare for this service also. We all have much for which to be thankful

and we also we want to remember the "Reason for the Season" during the Christmas holiday. Since the stores are already getting ready, we should be getting ready also.

It is good to see the "wearing of the pink" to honor those who have experienced problems with breast cancer.

The Churches are preparing for Fall Festivals and this is a good way to prepare for the weekend, we will be having more news, I just keep promising, don't I, I know you will keep me informed.

Hamilton County High School won the Homecoming Game last Friday night, just in case you haven't heard, that is the first time I had seen a game this year and I was very proud of our team. The players looked good (of course I am certainly not a coach) but they sure did look good to me. And the homecoming court was super, beautiful girls and handsome young men, team and all participants made your public proud. The Homecoming Parade was good, also, lots of hard work and it showed.

We understand that the First Federal fed the team well before the game.

We want to get more social events in, so please email me or call, we will be trying to get more of this in, people had mentioned this and I want to help spread the word.

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Community Calendar

White Springs HOPE Adult & Community Education Program

White Springs HOPE Adult & Community Education Program will offer the following community education classes this fall:

White Springs Walking Group, Mondays, 8-9 a.m. from Sept. to Dec.;

TPOA meeting canceled

The November meeting for TPOA is canceled and a December meeting will be set up at a later date.

Computer Classes offered

Beginning Computer Class, Wednesdays & Fridays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 7-9 p.m., November 16-December 16; **Microsoft Excel Applications**, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., October 20-December 15,

Call the Adult and Community Education building at 386-397-1418 or Robin Luger at 352-284-3319. Detailed class descriptions are available at the library in White Springs and at Town Hall. Sign up soon as all classes have limited enrollment. Some classes have a small fee.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. Marie Price will conduct free blood pressure screenings at the Adult & Community Education building. Please call 386-397-1418 for more information.

Hamilton County School Board

Hamilton County School Board will hold an Organization Meeting at 9 a.m. on Nov. 22 in the School District Administrative Complex

Weekly & Monthly Happenings

Pre-K Children's Reading Program and Movies at Jasper Library

The Virginia P. Chandler Public Library in Jasper is happy to announce the beginning of the Pre-K Children's Reading Program.

Pre-K Reading Program, Tues. at 10:30
Children's Movie Day, Tues. at 3:30

These two programs will run each week, every Tuesday until next summer, so plan to come in for some fun times with your pre-school age children.

The Jasper Public Library branch at 311 Hatley Street is part of the Suwannee River Regional Library System, which includes Hamilton, Madison and Suwannee counties. For more information call 386-792-2285.

American Legion Post 215 meetings

American Legion Post 215 meets 4th Thursday each month at 7 p.m. at Poplar Springs Church, MLK Drive, Jasper.

New Bethel offers assistance with Children & Family Applications

Mon, Wed, Fri: New Bethel AME Church will assist you in completing the Children & Family applications. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 604 SW 6th Avenue, Jasper.

Contact JoAnn Townsend at 792-2323.

Jasper Revitalization Committee meeting

Jasper Revitalization Committee meets the 3rd Thursday each month at 6 p.m. at Bass's Furniture, Jasper. Email bassfurniture@windstream.net or call 792-2725.

Bible Baptist Church Clothes Closet

Bible Baptist Church clothes closet: 2nd Saturday each month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 792-0720

Sweet Home Baptist Church dinners

1st Friday Dinners sold each first Friday by Sweet Home Baptist Church, CR 25A, White Springs to benefit the church. 11a.m.-3 p.m. \$5-\$7.

Jasper First Methodist Church Clothes Closet

Jasper First Methodist Church clothes closet 4th Saturday each month from 1-5 p.m. 792-0904

Bellville Volunteer Fire Department meeting

Bellville Volunteer Fire Department holds monthly meeting 1st Tuesday each month at 6 p.m.

Hamilton County Riding Club meeting

Hamilton County Riding Club first Saturday meetings at 5 p.m. and games at 6 p.m. w/Jackpot Cloverleaf barrel race, Hamilton County Arena. Email vkcg1975@yahoo.com for more info.

Competition Mounted Drill Teams meeting & Ride

Competition Mounted Drill Teams meet and ride every Sunday, 7 p.m. until at Hamilton County Arena. Email bassfurniture@windstream.net, attention Cindy Eatmon, drill team coach for more info or to ride.

Girl Scouts 3rd Annual Fill the Community with Kindness and Food

Girl Scout Troop 1162 of Jasper will be having their 3rd annual Fill the Community with Kindness and Food on Monday, Nov. 21st, 2011; beginning at 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

We are asking our community once again to help us provide free chili and soup to those in the community at no charge. We need help collecting bowls, cups, plates, napkins, spoons, and canned goods; vegetables, beans, tomatoes, and chili mix. You will find a box in Jasper Foodway where you are able to donate any type of goods. This event is free and everyone in our community is invited. If you have any questions or would like to help in any way you can contact Leslie Carter at 386-303-1046 or by email leslejcarter@windstream.net.

Hopewell Baptist Church Men's Day program

Hopewell Baptist Church of the Fort Union Community, 2407 145th Road, Live Oak, FL will have a Men's Day program on November 20, 2011 at 3 p.m.. Every is invited to come and enjoy the afternoon with us. Rev. Alvin Gandy is pastor.

Floridians will celebrate Farm-City Week, Nov. 18-24

Each year during the week before Thanksgiving agricultural producers join with urban residents to celebrate their mutual relationships. Farm-City Week, a national observance, also emphasizes the importance of domestic agricultural production for our quality of life as well as the availability of a safe, abundant domestic food supply.

Farmers and ranchers rely on essential partnerships with urban communities to supply, sell and deliver finished products across the country and around the world. Above all, consumer purchases sustain farm enterprise.

This year Farm-City Week is scheduled to extend from Nov. 18 through Nov. 24. Members of County Farm Bureaus and other volunteers throughout Florida will mark the occasion by holding public meal functions, sponsoring farm tours and conducting other activities that help educate non-farmers about contemporary agriculture.

Agricultural producers contribute more than food, fiber and renewable fuels. Good management of farm properties provides greenspace, maintains wildlife habitat, preserves freshwater recharge areas and controls invasive species. According to virtually all studies of property tax revenues and public services, rural dwellers help subsidize police and fire protection for urban residents. City residents receive far more than a dollar's worth of public services for every dollar they pay in property tax; rural residents re-

ceived far less than a dollar's worth of services for every dollar they pay.

"Florida farmers and ranchers work hard to produce more than 280 commodities," said John Hoblick, president of Florida Farm Bureau Federation. "They know that it takes many other partnerships to bring food to the family table. We celebrate the success of those partnerships during Farm-City Week. We also appreciate the efforts of so many volunteers around the state in planning and organizing Farm-City Week events."

According to researchers at the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, agriculture and related sectors generate an economic impact of \$133 billion annually. This sector also employs more than 1.6 million workers in our state. Without question agriculture is a cornerstone of our material security.

Farm-City Week offers a way of reminding both agricultural producers and consumers that we depend upon each other for the stability of our way of life. It also gives all of us an opportunity to thank someone who helps make the bounty of our food supply possible.

Florida Farm Bureau is the Sunshine State's largest general agricultural organization with more than 140,000 member-families representing Farm Bureaus in 60 counties. Membership provides a multitude of benefits and you don't have to be a farmer to be a member of Florida Farm Bureau.

FWC shares black bear conservation success, solicits feedback on new bear management plan

After dwindling to as few as 300 bears in the 1970s, the Florida black bear population has rebounded to an estimated 3,000 bears today. Bears and their cubs roam forests and swamps from Eglin Air Force Base in the Panhandle to Ocala National Forest in the state's midsection and Big Cypress National Preserve in Southwest Florida.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), which worked with its partners to increase the state's black bear population, today released a new draft management plan for the bear and is asking for public input. Both a summary of public feedback and the draft plan will go before the Commission at its February 2012 meeting.

"The Florida black bear is truly a conservation success story. Bear populations have clearly benefited from broad public support and diligent conservation efforts across Florida, particularly in those communities where black bears have become more common," said FWC Executive Di-

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Healthy Living

By Beth Harris, CSCS
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The most wonderful time of year

The most wonderful time of the year is upon us. The least wonderful part of this time of year: cold and flu season. Contrary to the old wives tale colder temperatures, or going in the cold with wet hair, or no coat, aren't causes for falling ill to colds and the flu. Cold and flu occurrence has more to do with the suppression of our immune systems, and sharing close quarters in warm environments with others.

But first things first—the flu. With the introduction of cooler temperatures also comes our inundation with the flu shot frenzy. There is much debate as to whether or not the flu vaccine is actually effective, an argument I will not get into, however it is important to know what you are putting into your bodies.

First, flu related death statistics are exaggerated. The CDC combines pneumonia and flu stats that, if separated, go from 36,000 per year to 1,800 per year (CDC also fails to mention additional complications associated with flu related deaths). Around January of each year health officials travel to Asia to research active flu strains. Working on the assumption these same strains will make their way over to the U.S., the strains are then matured in chick embryos before they are killed or "inactivated" with formaldehyde then preserved with thimerosal (49% mercury by weight and in which studies have directly linked to autism). Only

multi-dose units contain thimerosal. If you are an avid believer in vaccination, requesting a single dose unit, or the weakened nasal version that will not contain this mercury-based agent may be a good idea.

For those of us looking for alternatives to vaccinations, there are healthy and natural ways to beef up your immune system to help prevent cold and flu.

Zinc, an essential mineral, is a component of hundreds of enzymes in our bodies needed for immunity, wound healing, protein synthesis, cell reproduction, protection against free radicals, and many other functions. Studies show zinc helps to prevent and treat the common cold. Sources of zinc include oysters, meat, eggs, seafood, black-eyed peas, tofu, and wheat germ, and fortified foods.

Probiotics anyone? Studies show this helpful bacteria living in our intestines aids in the immune response. You can find them in yogurt and other cultured milk products.

at your greens! Phytochemicals (phyto meaning plants) have protective properties acting as antioxidants and have an antibacterial effect. Good sources include whole grains, vegetables, beans, fruit, and herbs.

Make sure overall you are eating a healthy, wholesome diet. Any nutritional deficiency can suppress the immune system. Remember to also stay hydrated, minimize smoking and alcohol consumption, wash your hands, keep your stress in check, do your cardio, and avoid touching your face.

Whatever your method of choice, take care of yourself this cold and flu season. It's the hap-happiest season of all, as long as you take care and make sure to not share germs with loved ones you're near, it's the most wonderful time of the year! Happy Holidays!



The Hamilton County Tobacco-Free Partnership and Tobacco Free Florida Celebrate the 36th Annual Great American Smokeout

Hamilton County, Fla. — Thursday, November 17, marks the 36th Great American Smokeout, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The Hamilton County Tobacco-Free Partnership, the Florida Department of Health and Tobacco Free Florida are celebrating this event by encouraging Floridians to commit to being tobacco-free for 24 hours on Thursday.

The Great American Smokeout challenges smokers to plan in advance to quit smoking that day, or to use the day to make a plan to quit. A comprehensive quit plan is an essential part of a successful quit attempt. The event raises awareness about the dangers of smoking and the many effective resources available to successfully quit.

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of disease and premature death in the United States. Cigarette use alone results in an estimated 28,700 deaths in Florida each year. Despite the known dangers of smoking, more than 2.5 million Floridians, or 17.1 percent of the adult population, are current cigarette smokers.

But there's good news. From 2007 to 2010, the smoking rate for adults in Florida decreased by 18.6 percent, resulting in nearly 500,000 fewer smokers. About 64 percent of adults in the state who have ever smoked have quit and there are more former smokers in Florida than current smokers.

Seven out of 10 adult smokers report that they want to quit completely. In

2010, 52.8 percent of cigarette smokers in Florida made a quit attempt. Those who weren't successful should continue trying because most former smokers make several attempts before finally quitting permanently. In fact, the average smoker attempts to quit between eight and 11 times before ultimately quitting for good.

"The Great American Smokeout is a motivating event that's sponsored by the American Cancer Society, an invaluable partner in our efforts to support current tobacco users to quit," said Kim Berfield, Deputy Secretary for the Florida Department of Health. "We encourage Floridians to make this day the day they commit to quit smoking, the most important step they can take for a healthier and longer life."

Tobacco Free Florida offers a number of free and convenient resources to help smokers quit.

Phone: Call the Florida Quitline at 1-877-U-CAN-NOW to speak with a Quit Coach who will help you assess your addiction and help you create a personalized quit plan. Online: Enroll in the Web Coach®, which will help you create your own web-based quit plan that's right for you, visit <https://www.quitnow.net/florida>.

In-person: Visit the Florida Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Network's website, <http://ahectobacco.com>, to locate your local AHEC and sign up for Quit Smoking Now group classes.

Give us this day our Turkey...again

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Each family has its own special tradition that seems to bring it together. This year, especially, we have so much to be thankful.

For some it starts with a Thanksgiving Eve service. Gathering as a congregation to express to God thanks for another year of bounty and blessing is important for Christians.

Personally, I like a Thanksgiving eve service over a Thanksgiving morning service. In the evening service, you do not have to rush through the celebration to get home in time for the big feast. Giving thanks to God should be a leisurely thing, not something rushed through while thinking of something else.

At Thanksgiving, we should bring a bouquet of blessing that fills the room with a sweet fragrance of praise that lingers all year long.

Some of the best and most fragrant bouquets are the small ones. Remembering the big blessings is easy. The smaller blessings are much harder to keep in mind. Some of them we even take for granted.

This Thanksgiving I am going to make a point to look over some blessing I have been overlooking. It is those small blessing that truly sustains us throughout the year.

The Bible reminds us why we are to give thanks, not only at Thanksgiving time, but also all year long. "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory

through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:57-58 KJV).

There is so much to thank God for; one day is not near enough. Let us thank God every day for His goodness. Even for leftover blessings.

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FWC shares black bear conservation success, solicits feedback on new bear management plan

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rector Nick Wiley. "We welcome the public's thoughts on how to best continue our bear conservation efforts in the future, as both our human and bear populations expand."

The goal of the draft management plan is to "maintain sustainable black bear populations in suitable habitats throughout Florida for the benefit of the species and people." It includes measurable objectives regarding bear populations, habitat, citizen education and outreach, and human-bear conflicts.

The Florida black bear currently does not meet the criteria of being at high risk of extinction, based on the FWC's Biological Status Review on the species completed in early 2011. When a bear management plan is approved, the bear will no longer be on the state's list of threatened species. A similar process was followed for the bald eagle, which is no longer listed as a state threatened species but is carefully managed

through specific conservation measures established under an FWC management plan.

The FWC is seeking public input on the draft bear management plan. The open process will include four public workshops: Bristol (Nov. 22), Naples (Nov. 29), Deland (Dec. 6), and Gainesville (Dec. 13). Go to MyFWC.com/Bear to access workshop details, read the plan and comment online.

The draft bear management plan includes:

- Establishment of seven bear management units (BMUs) to provide localized bear management and public involvement appropriate to the area, from about 1,000 bears in the Central BMU, which includes Ocala National Forest, to about 20 bears in the Big Bend BMU, which includes Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge.

- A section on the history of bear hunting in Florida. A bear hunt is not proposed in the plan. Currently, Florida black bears may not be hunted, harmed or killed, and similar prohi-

bitations would continue under a rule proposed in the plan.

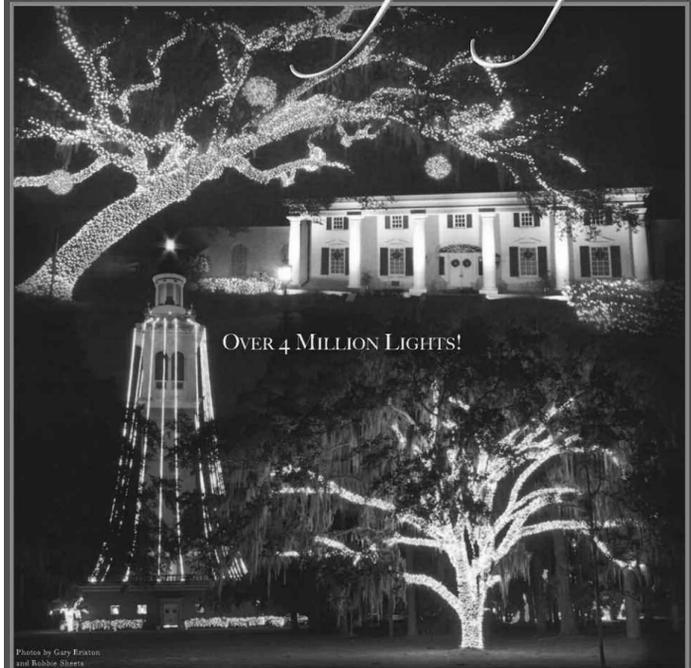
- Creation of "Bear Smart Communities" in areas of high bear activity. Human-bear conflicts are on the rise in Florida. In 2010, the FWC received more than 4,000 calls from citizens about bears. In the past 10 years, more than half of those calls were related to bears rummaging through garbage. A "Bear Smart Community" would involve residents, local governments, businesses and schools in changing people's behaviors to reduce human-bear conflicts.

- "People's involvement in conserving bears is critical," Wiley said. "For example, employees at the U.S. Air Force's Hurlburt Field have an active bear education program for base residents and recently acquired hundreds of bear-proof garbage cans. Those efforts dramatically reduced the number of bears wandering into their neighborhoods."

- Black bears are generally shy and nonaggressive toward humans.

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B	Delaney Fennell Collin Hodge Foster Swain	B Madison Crain Kaleb Major J.P. O'Donnell Kara Rogers
3rd Grade	B Kelli Corbett Brent Cribbs	6th Grade A Natalie Allbritton Hunter Hawthorne Kaleb Lane Zoey Layton Jenifer Phelps Julia Robinson Cara Seaman Joshua Selph Shelby Smith Jarrett Wilson
A	Rachel Armstrong*	B Katie Shattler John Stout
		7th Grade A Nathan Barker Elizabeth Goolsby* Abby Mickler* Colt Seaman Matthew Tucker* CJ Bozeman
		B Will Bozeman Michael Hall* Kelton Knighton* David Lashley Hannah O'Donnell Lauren Thompson
		8th Grade A Rachel McCoy Ryan McCoy Sean Price Kayla Wilson
		B Clayton Carrozza Brendan Dyal Chase Hawthorne Chris Russell

*Hamilton County Students



Sports

Trojan football season comes to close



Freshman wide receiver Bud Webb jukes out the Branford Buccaneers' defensive line in a game earlier this season.

By Misty A. Ward
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Hamilton County varsity football (2-8) finishes its the season with a loss against the Yulee Hornets (7-3) last Thursday night in Jasper, 56-0.

Head coach Mike Pittman said, "We played extremely well. They [Hornets] just had a little more fire power that night."

HCHS Trojans had nine fumbles that contributed to their loss, he said "we just got to get better."

Pittman said the Yulee Hornets' running back is one of the top five in the nation. He said that also contributed to the loss last Thursday night, "we had him down for a while, we just couldn't hold him."

Although the Trojans record may not reflect it coach Pittman said, "It was a productive season. The kids got better each game."

The Trojans will be losing six seniors to graduation this year. According to Pittman, the team will be young next season comprising of mostly freshmen and sophomores.

"We'll be in a youth movement next year. We will be playing young kids--we won't have but four seniors," Pittman said.

He added, "We could take our lumps next year, or we could rise up."



Trojan half back Treyon Zanders makes a run for it from the Branford High School defensive line during a game earlier this season.



In a game against Branford High School earlier this season, quarterback Zachary Deas gets ready for a pass. Deas is just one of the six seniors the Trojan football program will be losing this season.

Muffins for Moms a success

Over 90 moms were on hand to share muffins and read books with their children at Central Hamilton Elementary School Oct. 24 in the cafeteria.

The event was planned by the staff of CHE, and was a tremendous success. Part of the funding for the program was given by the Jasper Kiwanis.



More than 90 moms turned out for the event.



A mother and her daughter at the Muffins for Moms event at CHE.



Moms enjoyed muffins and reading with their kids.



The event was a success.



A scene from the event.



Refreshments and fruit was also available.



Kids and mothers in line for the goodies.



Enjoying time with mom. - Courtesy photos



Turkey Casserole

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FAMILY FEATURES

Make sure you buy a big turkey this year, because you'll want plenty left over to make these tasty post-holiday recipes.

From a savory sandwich and hearty salads to easy turnovers and a simple casserole, there are plenty of delicious ways to finish off turkey leftovers. You can even keep the flavors of the holidays going with Bobby Flay's recipe for moist and delicious "Stuffing" Crusted Turkey Cutlets. He uses leftover poultry seasoning for flavor and Hellmann's® Mayonnaise to keep them tender and juicy.

For more great ways to love your leftovers, visit www.hellmanns.com.

Turkey Casserole

Serves: 6

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 40 minutes

- 4 cups leftover prepared stuffing, divided
- 4 cups coarsely chopped leftover cooked turkey (about 1 pound)
- 3/4 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise, divided
- 1/4 cup whole berry cranberry sauce
- 2 cups leftover mashed potatoes
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (about 6 ounces)

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Spray 8-inch baking dish with no-stick cooking spray. Spoon in 2 cups stuffing, then top with turkey.

Combine 1/4 cup mayonnaise with cranberry sauce; evenly spread over turkey.

Combine remaining 1/2 cup mayonnaise, potatoes and cheese in large bowl. Evenly spread on turkey, then top with remaining 2 cups stuffing.

Bake 40 minutes or until heated through. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. If desired, garnish with dried cranberries.



Leftover Turkey Super Sandwiches

Leftover Turkey Super Sandwiches

Serves: 4

Prep Time: 10 minutes

- 4 tablespoons Hellmann's® or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise
- 8 slices whole grain bread
- 1/2 cup prepared stuffing
- 1/2 pound sliced leftover or deli turkey
- 1/2 cup cranberry sauce or whole berry cranberry sauce
- 1 small apple, cored and sliced

Spread mayonnaise generously on 4 bread slices. Layer stuffing, turkey, cranberry sauce and apple on bread slices. Top with remaining 4 bread slices.

Turkey Fiesta Salad

Serves: 4

Prep Time: 10 minutes

- 1/2 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup prepared salsa
- 6 cups torn romaine lettuce leaves
- 2 cups diced cooked turkey
- 4 slices bacon, crisp-cooked and crumbled

Combine mayonnaise and salsa in small bowl; set aside.

Combine remaining ingredients in large bowl. Just before serving, toss with mayonnaise mixture.

Serve, if desired, with your favorite salad fixings, such as chopped tomatoes, black beans, shredded cheese, sliced pitted ripe olives, sliced green onions and/or tortilla chips.



"Stuffing" Crusted Turkey Cutlets



Blushing Cranberry and Pear Turkey Salad



Turkey Turnovers

Turkey Turnovers

Serves: 8

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 12 minutes

- 2 cups shredded cooked turkey
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (about 4 ounces)
- 1 cup chopped cooked broccoli
- 1/2 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) refrigerated crescent rolls

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Combine all ingredients except crescent rolls in large bowl.

Separate each package crescent rolls into 4 squares; press diagonal perforations to seal.

Spoon turkey filling onto center of each square. Fold dough diagonally over filling to form triangles; press edges firmly to seal.

Arrange turnovers on baking sheet; brush tops lightly with additional mayonnaise.

Bake 12 minutes or until golden. Serve warm.

"Stuffing" Crusted Turkey Cutlets

A Bobby Flay Recipe

Serves: 4

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

- 2 cups panko or plain dried bread crumbs
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 4 turkey cutlets (about 1/2 inch thick)
- 4 tablespoons canola oil, divided

Combine bread crumbs, parsley, salt and pepper in large shallow dish; set aside.

Combine mayonnaise, mustard and poultry seasoning with wire whisk in small bowl and season, if desired, with salt and pepper.

Season turkey, if desired, with salt and pepper. Brush 1 side of each turkey cutlet with mayonnaise mixture, then coat in bread crumbs.

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat and cook 2 turkey cutlets, bread side down, 3 minutes or until golden brown and a crust has formed. Turn over and cook an additional 2 minutes or until turkey is thoroughly cooked. Repeat with remaining oil and turkey.

Blushing Cranberry and Pear Turkey Salad

Serves: 4

Prep Time: 10 minutes

- 1/2 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup whole berry cranberry sauce or cranberry relish
- 4 cups torn romaine lettuce leaves
- 2 cups baby spinach leaves or mixed salad greens
- 2 cups diced cooked turkey
- 1 medium pear, cored and thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup toasted chopped pecans
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced red onion

In medium bowl, combine mayonnaise and cranberry sauce; set aside.

In large bowl, combine romaine, spinach and turkey. Just before serving, toss with mayonnaise mixture. Top with pear slices, pecans and onion. Garnish, if desired with dried cranberries.

Note: Recipe can be doubled.

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

Nicolas Luviano Casimiro, 32, 309 North CR 129, Statenville, Ga., no valid d.l.: JNPD-Silcox
 Paul Gerald Jimerson, 66, 303 Cantor Blvd., Casselberry, FL., poss of firearm by convicted felon: HCSO DTF-J. Cheshire
 Brian Deandra Brinson, 34, P.O. Box 1531, Jasper, FL., felony battery warrant: HCSO-B. Curry
 William L. Brown Jr., 62, 535 SW Houston Ave., Live Oak, FL., VOP DUI: HCSO-Capt. Williams
 David Nava Garcia, 27, 8898 Lyons Road, Boynton Beach, FL., NVDL: FHP-Hughes
 Juan Aquino Hilario Incarnacion, 47, Budget Lodge, Room 247, Jennings, FL., resists with-

out violence: HCSO-B. Burnam
 Samuel Edward Christian, 67, P.O. Box 312, Jennings, FL., trespass: JNPD-G. Glover
 John Homer Johnson, 42, 750 Alligator Ranch Road, New Smyrna, FL. hold for Flagler COSO FTA warrant: DOA-A. Stalvey
 Daniel Omar Juvae Cooks, 25, 16744 Branch St., White Springs, FL., assault on LEO, breach of peace, poss. drug para., resist w/o violence: WSPD-B. Raulerson
 William Estrada Conteras, 25, Budget Lodge, Room 247, Jennings, FL., NVDL, resist w/o violence, tag attached not assigned: HCSO-B. Burnam
 Danielle Marie Dow, 38, 4084 North US 41, Jennings, FL., FTA O/C resist w/o violence: HCSO-T. Murphy
 Eric Noshish, 21, 110 Hoosier Getzdille, N.Y., holdy for N.Y. (rape): JNPD-Off. David Harvey
 Terry Blaine Griffin, 46, 276 Lavender Road, Folkston, Ga., fail to register as sex offender: HCSO-K. Blanton.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Board of Directors will hold a meeting of the Board of Directors on **Monday, December 5, 2011, 6:00 P.M.** at the Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., Senior Center Building in Live Oak, Florida.

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

CASE NO. 2011-CA-358

GLORIA J. McGAULEY, individually and as the surviving spouse of LEON C. McGAULEY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS NOVOTASKY, a/k/a THOMAS FRANCES NOVOTASKY, a/k/a THOMAS F. NOVOTASKY, deceased, and DEANNA RENE NOVOTASKY, and all unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant; and other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees of THOMAS NOVOTASKY, deceased, Defendants, unknown tenants; and other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property, and if a named Defendant is deceased, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the named or described Defendants.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the Plaintiff filed a complaint to foreclose a mortgage on September 12, 2011, said mortgage being recorded in Official Record Book 666, Pages 8 through 15, on July 2, 2008, with respect to the following described property in Hamilton County, Florida, to-wit:

A piece or parcel of land in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Township 1 North, Range 12 East, Hamilton County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 22, run South 89 degrees 32'08" West along the 40 line a distance of 1737.42 feet; thence North 01 degrees 02'52" West a distance of 453.20 feet to Point of Beginning; thence North 86 degrees 40'08" East a distance of 180.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 02'52" West a distance of 420.00 feet; thence South 86 degrees 40'08" West a distance of 180.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 02'52" East, a distance of 420.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER with an easement described as follows: Commence at the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 1 North, Range 12 East run S 89 degrees 32'08" West along the 40 line a distance of 1,737.42 feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence North 01 degrees 02'52" West along the East side 40 foot easement a distance of 453.20 feet; Thence South 86 degrees 40'08" West a distance of 40 feet to the West side of said 40 foot easement; Thence South 01 degrees 02'52" East along said West side of easement a distance of 453.20 feet; Thence North 89 degrees 32'08" East a distance of 40 feet to Point of Beginning.

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Together with the tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereunto and appertaining unto the said Mortgage, its successors and assigns forever.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney and counsel of record, **ROSE M. DECKER, JR., Esquire of The Decker Law Firm, P.A., 320 White Avenue, Post Office Drawer 1288, Live Oak, Florida 32064**, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, Honorable GREG GODWIN whose address is Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 N.E. First Street, Room 106, Jasper, Florida 32052, either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter. If you fail to answer, defend or otherwise plead to this action to foreclose a mortgage, a Default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This Notice of Action is executed and published pursuant to the provisions of FS 49.041, et seq., Florida Statutes.

DATE: November 1, 2011

Honorable GREG GODWIN
 Clerk of the Court
 Hamilton County, Florida

By: */s/ Cynthia Johnson*

As Deputy Clerk

11/17, 24

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

CASE NO: 2011CA000436

CHARLES B. OWENS

Plaintiff,

v.

RUTH AHO any and all unknown heirs of George Aho, deceased, and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the herein named Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, spouses, or other claimants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: RUTH AHO, any and all unknown heirs of George Aho, deceased, and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the herein named Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, spouses, or other claimants.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title on the following described property: **LOT 60, FLORIDA CAMPSITES AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Brandon Strickland, Strickland Law Firm, P.L., 3132 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables, FL 33134, within thirty days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 24th day of October, 2011.

(court seal) Greg Godwin
 As Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: */s/ Cynthia Johnson*
 As Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO. 2011 CA 000146

FIRST STATE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM L. GOODIN, JR. and SUSAN D. GOODIN, Individually, and as Partners d/b/a North Florida Farm and Home Center; DIAMOND R FERTILIZER CO., INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; and COLUMBUS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure, dated the 8th of November, 2011, and entered in Case 2011-CA-000146, of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Hamilton County, Florida, wherein FIRST STATE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM L. GOODIN, JR. and SUSAN D. GOODIN, Individually, and as Partners d/b/a North Florida Farm and Home Center; DIAMOND R FERTILIZER CO., INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; and COLUMBUS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, are Defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell at public sale at 11:00 a.m., on the 8th day of December, 2011, to the highest bidder for cash in the Lobby at the south front door of the Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 First Street N.E., Jasper, FL 32052, the following described property in HAMILTON County, Florida, as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

Township 2 North, Range 13 East, Section 31: All that part of the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 31, lying South and East of State Road No. 6, being more particularly described as follows: For a POINT OF BEGINNING start at the Southeast corner of said SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 run N 02 degrees 11'36" West along the East boundary of said SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 a distance of 956.14 feet to the Southeastly Right-of-Way of State Road No. 6; thence in a Southwesterly direction along said Southeastly Right-of-Way an arc distance of 25.76 feet to a point 50 feet at right angle to P.C. of Curve; thence S 33 degrees 08'04" West along said Easterly Right-of-Way a distance of 1135.73 feet to the South boundary line of said SW 1/4 of SE 1/4; thence N 88 degrees 33'04" East along said South boundary line a distance of 671.97 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated this 9th day of November, 2011

(Court Seal) Greg Godwin
 Clerk of Court

By: */s/ Cynthia Johnson*
 Deputy Clerk

REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSON WITH DISABILITIES: If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, 173 NE Hernandez Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055, (386) 719-7428, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing impaired, call (800) 955-8771.

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 J.R.E. 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



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