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## Slot machines coming to Hamilton?

### Referendum will decide

#### Date not yet set for election

By Joyce Marie Taylor  
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A special referendum will be held here asking if slot machines should be allowed in Hamilton County.

The owner of Hamilton Jai Alai & Poker and Hamilton Downs Race Track, Robert Glenn Richards, on US 129 told the county at a recent meeting that he would foot the bill for the special election.

Commissioners voted 4-1 to allow the referendum.

Richards also sought a 90-day special permit to



Metro photo

hold barrel racing on his horse track property.

"If it does happen, it's going to create at least, according to the experts, minimal 212 jobs," said Richards. "That's in a

bad economy. It would be at the horse track property (off exit 143), which I'm asking tonight to have as barrel racing in December and January."

Richards stated he had people committed to the project already who will spend close to \$100 million for a hotel

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## Remembering former Schools Supt. Owen Hinton Jr.

### Hinton was a mentor to many now working in public schools

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Former Superintendent of Hamilton County Schools Owen Hinton Jr. will be remembered as a mentor, coach and visionary.

He died Monday, Nov. 14 at Haven Hospice in Lake City.

Hinton was born in Jacksonville to the late Dr. Owen Sr. and Cora Peaster Hinton, but lived most his life in Jasper. He served four and a half years in the U.S. Navy and later went on to enjoy a successful teaching career. He served as principal of North Hamilton Elementary School for 11 years after teaching there for several prior.

In 1984 he was elected Hamilton County Superintendent of Schools where he served for eight years until his retirement in 1992. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Nov. 17 at NHE Auditorium with Pastor Jimmy Deas and Rev. Steve Shaw officiating. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery with military honors.

"It's been a rough time," said Sybil Hinton regarding her husband's passing.

They were married for 56 years.

Many close friends and associates wished to express their thoughts at the loss of Hinton.

Mattie Fouraker said she had the pleasure of working for Hinton as his office supervisor for eight years when he was the superintendent.

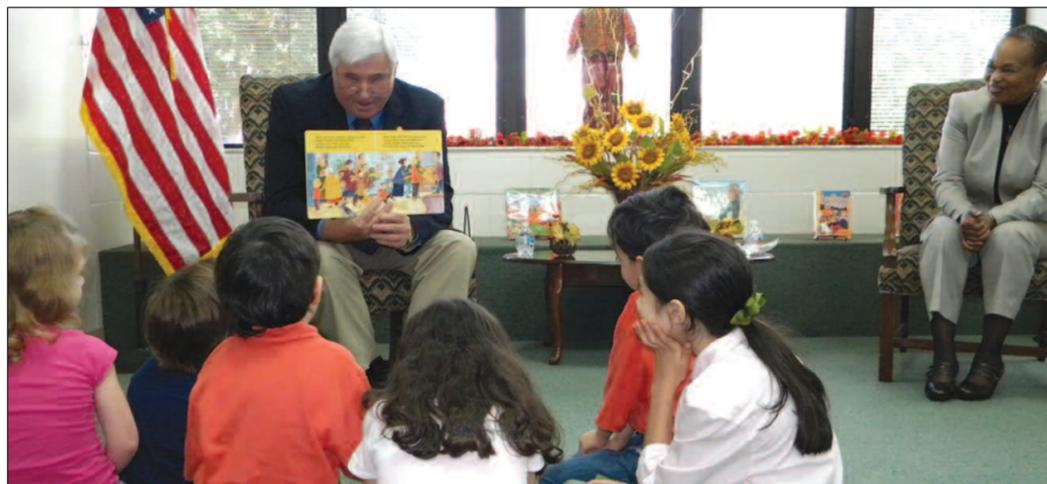
"He was always thoughtful of others and he was a wonderful boss," Fouraker said.

"He was a terrific man," said Patrick Murphy, head boys basketball coach at Hamilton County



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## Bembry accepts library award



Bembry winds up his visit at the Jasper Public Library with storytime with the youngsters. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

### U.S. Congress could be in his future

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Florida Representative Leonard L. Bembry, D-Greenville, was honored during a special ceremony at the Jasper Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Bembry was selected by the Florida Library Association to be recognized for his efforts during the

2011 legislative session that ensured state aid to libraries funding was continued for another year.

It was like 'old home week' at the Jasper library as Bembry, his wife Susan and mother-in-law Jackie Register chatted with library staff and local residents who had come out to the library for the pre-

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## Christmas in White Springs

### Parade is Friday, Dec. 2 through downtown

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Christmas in White Springs kicks off on Friday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. with a parade through historic downtown.

The parade begins at Ogburn Field and ends at Nelly Bly's Kitchen inside Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park.

The town of White Springs invites everyone to come out and enjoy the free festivities that include, not only the parade, but also hotdogs, cookies and sodas at Nelly Bly's, along with a visit from Santa, who will be handing out presents to the kids. The event is sponsored by the White Springs Special Events Committee.

"It has always been a great event and last year we fed over 1,000 people," said White Springs Town Manager

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## Jobless outlook brighter for area

Staff

Area unemployment rates improved in October for the area as well as the country as a whole, figures released Nov. 18 show.

For Hamilton County, unemployment dropped from 12.8 percent in September to 11.9 percent in October, but is still higher than it was a year ago at 11.6 percent.

Lafayette County's rate dropped to 7.4 percent from 8 percent. In October 2010, the un-

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and casino on that property. The referendum, Richards said, had to be passed first by the voters of Hamilton County, then the barrel racing horse dates need to be completed before he can ask the state for the slots license.

Richards referenced race tracks in South Florida who he said bring in about \$2 million per year in revenue for their counties.

Richards stated he already has a pari-mutuel license for the horse track property, which is where he intends to hold the barrel racing. Barrel racing, he said, is

the same as quarter horse racing where you bet on which riders come in with the fastest times. Currently, there is no horse track on the proposed property.

Richards explained that obtaining the slots license is dependent on him doing barrel racing two years in a row, as well as holding the county referendum. Then, he said, he would be allowed to apply to the state for the slot machine license.

"Gretna in Gadsden County is already doing the same thing," said Richards.

Richards said the only reason he hasn't built the horse track yet, which is required by

the Quarter Horse Association, is because of the economy.

Jan. 10 is the target date Richards would like to see the referendum get on the ballot during a special election. If it can't be done on Jan. 10, he said he would like it in February.

If the referendum passes, an agreement will be drawn up as to what percentage of revenue the county will receive. The exact date of the election should be firmed up by the next county commission meeting which will be held on Dec. 6.

Richards then submitted an application to the board for a special

permit for temporary use (90 days) to host two barrel racing events in December and January on the horse track property. He estimated eight horses competing at each event and no more than 100 people would be in attendance.

The site plan Richards presented, however, was deemed insufficient by the board because it didn't designate handicap parking to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and land use criteria. Richards was asked to submit a revised site plan during a public hearing continuation on Dec. 6 before any further action could be taken.

# Remembering former Schools Supt. Owen Hinton Jr.

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High School. "My mother was his secretary for many years and he always treated her well, and my mom never said anything bad about him. He was also my principal and I had the utmost respect for him."

Lynda Bates, Central Hamilton Elementary school secretary, said Hinton will be remembered for the memories he invoked.

"He is always talked about at my house sitting on my front porch when my husband and his brother and sisters get together and bring up the past," Bates said. "It is such good memories to Jim. He thought so much of Coach Hinton and learned a lot from him also."

Jane Tyree Lowe, HCHS history teacher said, "When I was in the 8th grade at Jennings Elementary in 1964 to 1965, Mr. Hinton decided I needed to learn how to be comfortable with public speaking. For some reason, he decided I would need to be able to speak without being scared to death."

Lowe said Hinton took the time to "coach" her for

the next three or four months and during that time she became very comfortable speaking in front of people.

"Today I still benefit from his lessons," she said. "I actually enjoy speaking in public and often have the opportunity to do so."

Lowe, as a high school history teacher, considers herself a storyteller.

"Mr. Hinton gets a lot of the credit for my success," she said.

Lowe said she and Hinton were good friends, as well, and she enjoyed visiting him and listening to him tell her how, "we could fix our schools," she said. "He will be greatly missed. I loved Mr. Hinton. He was a wonderful teacher, visionary and friend to students and teachers. A beloved coach."

Cheryl McCall from HCHS said Hinton was one of the best teachers she ever had.

"He taught me math," she said. "I also worked under him when he was principal at North Hamilton Elementary and when he was Hamilton County schools superintendent. He touched the lives of many, many students."

Hinton was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Lorrie Hinton Joeris. Survivors include Sybil Strickland Hinton, his wife of 56 years; two sons, Owen Hinton, III and James C. Hinton (Ann) of Jasper; four grandchildren, Leeann Hinton Combass (Chris), James C. Hinton Jr. (Brandie), Westen Joeris, and Elizabeth Joeris of Jasper; two brothers James H. Hinton (Elsie) of North Augusta, SC, and David Hinton (Christine) of Carrabelle, Florida; five great grandsons, Jackson Combass, Conner Hinton, Reed Hinton, Gavin Combass and Karson Hinton. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

There were 19 pallbearers at Hinton's funeral, according to Harry T. Reid Funeral Home.

They were: Everal Allen, Don Tyre, Jerry Blair, Greg Godwin, John Peach, Harry Pennington, Buddy Burnham, Billy Blair, Jimmy Devane, Clinton Combass, Tommy Wood, Donald Smith, Phillip Smith, Wayne Hurst, Jimmy Herring, Decar Scaff, Harold Tyre, Delmer Smith and Tommy Harrison.

# Christmas in White Springs

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Robert Townsend.

An added bonus to this event will be the annual Festival of Lights hosted by Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park. Over 4 million lights will be on display throughout the park to celebrate the holiday season. Festival of Lights runs throughout the month of December until 9 p.m. (closed Christmas

night, Dec. 25)

Aside from the lighting displays in the park, there will be holiday music to enjoy, a winter wonderland, the candy cane forest, a gingerbread village, a marshmallow roast, a campfire circle, a horse drawn wagon and carriage rides.

Be sure to stop in at Florida's Nature and Heritage Tourism Center on Saturday, Dec. 3 to meet Tracy Woodard, author of a

new book titled, "The Documented History of White Springs, Florida." Woodard, who is also the librarian at White Springs Public Library, will be at the tourism center on the corner of Hwy. 136 and US 41 for a book signing from 2 p.m. until 3:30. The book sells for \$24.95 and supplies are limited, so arrive early to get your copy.

On Saturday, Dec. 10 the holiday festivities

in White Springs will continue downtown at 10 a.m. with the annual Breakfast with Santa.

"The children all enjoy a great breakfast, then are visited by Santa bearing gifts," said Townsend.

Many thanks go out to the park for their toy collection drive, to Suwannee Bicycle Association, who donates five new bicycles every year, and the White Springs Special Events Committee.

# Christmas Love Tree well underway

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the place where you got the tag before Dec. 14.

Meanwhile, Hall will be contacting needy families in the county and asking parents to register and submit wish lists, so that their children can wake up Christmas morning and see presents under the tree, and know they were not forgotten by Santa and his elves.

In speaking with parents and grandparents of these needy children over the years, Hall said, "They cry and you cry with them."

Each needy child will receive a total of six tag items. Three of those items will be a shirt, a pair of pants and a Bible or Bible story book. The other three will be items off their individual wish lists.

The gifts will be giv-

en to the parents right before Christmas inside the Hamilton County Courthouse Annex (date still to be determined). Hall requests that parents not bring their children with them to pick up the donated gifts, in order that their kids can experience the joy of a bountiful surprise

when they awake on Christmas morning.

Hall would like to express her appreciation to all those who have helped her in this humanitarian effort; Justin Young from First Baptist Church in White Springs, Mary Kay Dunnaway and Kerri Lee Tucker from Calvary Baptist

Church in Jasper; Beth Burnam from Jennings; Tracy and Woody Woodard from White Springs for use of their storage building for the donated items.

Hall wants to give a very special thank you to PCS White Springs.

"They have been really, really good to me this year," said Hall.

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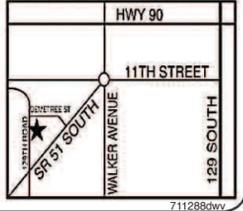
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# Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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"In search of treasure." That phrase has a romantic, adventuresome ring to it. We often travel considerable distance to satisfy our yearning to search for treasure. By "treasure" I mean something precious that we want to add to the sum total of our possessions

or, even more important, the sum total of our experiences. Often we return home with little to show for our quest other than useless trinkets of no lasting value and empty experiences that add little to our personal inventory of memorable moments. I remember a trip to a certain central Florida amusement park with my kids. Looking forward to the trip, my family had very high expectations but looking back on it those memories pale in comparison to the memories we now hold dear of adventures and treasures we've discovered right here in our own back yard. My memory of our trips to amusement parks consists mainly of my painfully empty wallet at the end of each trip, but my memories of local adventures such as canoe trips on the Suwannee River are full of treasured moments, well worth their small cost. This weekend you will have the opportunity to discover several wonderful treasures in White Springs, treasures that will reward you with real keepsakes and lasting memories.

The first "treasure" is the White Springs Christmas Parade combined with a visit to the Stephen Foster Festival of Lights. To celebrate the park's award-winning light display, a special Christmas parade, hosted in conjunction with the Town of White

Springs, will take place on Friday, December 2, 2011, at 5:30 P.M. The Town of White Springs' Christmas Parade travels down Spring Street (US 41) and continues through the gates of the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park. Everyone attending is invited to a free hot dog supper with cookies in the park's Nelly Bly's Kitchen. Regular park admission fees are waived for this Grand Opening kickoff event, but a donation of at least one new, unwrapped toy is requested per vehicle which will be used to help local families in need. You and your children and grandchildren will be wide eyed with amazement at the evening display of over four million lights. Santa will be there every night. The gift shop will be open every night and is stocked full of perfect gifts and stocking stuffers.

Are there any better Christmas Lights than those at Stephen Foster? None that I'm aware of. Are there bigger parades than the White Springs Christmas Parade? Sure, but there are none better, and nowhere else will you find a city or town whose people are more generous with their time or efforts, not to mention their hot dogs and cookies. Now kids, remember to say thank you to the folks who serve you the cookies and hot dogs! It's just good manners and besides that, Santa may be watching!

Another treasure is in the offing this Saturday and it is a one of a kind opportunity that will renew your connection to White Springs. Hot off the presses, just in time for the holiday season, is Tracy Woodard's well researched and thoroughly comprehensive book, "The Documented History of White Springs, Florida". In her own words, Tracy "spent more than thirty years ferreting out bits of information from

people, newspapers, pictures, books, archives and public documents. This book is the fruit of that long search." Starting with research that goes all the way back to 12,000BC, Tracy Woodard takes us on a thoroughly documented, entertaining and informative trip through the history of White Springs, from its earliest legends right up to its present day reality, and ending with a look to our town's future promise and potential. This is a wonderful, well written book, a must have for any White Springs history collector and, at this time of year, also the perfect Christmas gift. Tracy will be hosting a book signing and giving selected readings from her book at the Florida Nature and Heritage Tourism Center, Saturday, December 3, from 2-3:30 PM. Books will be available for sale at the signing and are also available at the Suwannee Hardware Store. We are a very fortunate town to have someone like Tracy Woodard and I know we all love and appreciate her. I hope for a big turnout for this event!

By the way, while you're at the Nature and Heritage Center take a look around and ask a few questions. They are a treasure trove of year's worth of adventure waiting to be taken, treasures that are right in your own White Springs and Florida back yard.

So good luck on your treasure hunt, wherever it may take you, and I hope to see you out and about, enjoying the holiday season and life in White Springs.

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## Community Calendar

### Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer Outreach Ministry

Under the leadership of Pastor Phillip Jackson and Mother Ledia Jackson, will be hosting our 4th Annual "Come Fellowship With Me" program - Dec. 4 at 12 p.m. at the Jasper Civic Center with guest speaker Chief Apostle Albert Watson from Miami, FL. Everyone is invited to this awesome celebration.

### Alzheimer's Support Group 2012 schedule

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month except December in the Good Samaritan Center  
Private Dining Room at 3:00 PM.  
Advent Christian Village  
Good Samaritan Center (nursing home)  
10676 Marvin Jones Blvd  
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### TPOA December board meeting

Dec. 13, 2011 Monthly Timberlake Property Owners Association Board Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at 6319 NW 31st Circle Jennings, Fla. All members are welcome.

### Attracting Bats for Farm and Garden Pest Control

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011  
9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Cost: \$35, cost includes a bat house to take home  
Instructor: Dr. Holly Ober- Assistant professor in the department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation at the University of Florida at the North Florida Research and Education Center in Quincy  
Workshop Description  
Dr. Ober will provide instruction on building bat houses for participants to take home, as well as introducing some basic information about bats in our region, including:  
- What kind of bats live in North Florida/South Georgia?  
- How do bats benefit people and how can we attract them?  
- Which insect pests do bats consume?  
- Where to place and maintain a bat

house

### Mushroom Log Production

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Cost: \$40, cost includes a mushroom log to take home  
Instructor: Clay Olson - UF/IFAS County Extension Director, Taylor County Extension  
Workshop Description  
Growing mushroom is a fun and delicious project that most everyone can do at home. Taylor County Extension Agent Clay Olson will make sure you get off on the right foot during this workshop, which will cover:  
- How to inoculate logs and care for them during the spawn run  
- Different strains of Shiitake  
- What to expect during fruiting  
- What is the process for drying and marketing  
- Hands-on time to make inoculants for home

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

Due to 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, Dec. 16 from 5-7:30 p.m. We still need help collecting crackers and canned goods, vegetables, beans, tomatoes and chili mix. You will find a box in Jasper Foodway where you are able to donate any types 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 at lesliejcarter@windstream.net

## Gospel Meeting at Oak Grove Church of Christ

Submitted

A Gospel Meeting will be held December 4th through December 9th at Oak Grove Church of Christ located at 2922 NW 76th Terrace in

Jennings. Sunday hours will be 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; Monday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be John Gibson. Everyone is welcome to come and study with us.

## Corbett ordained to the gospel ministry



Spence Corbett is greeted by his aunt, Linda Tippette, of Madison. His mother, Faye Corbett, waits her turn. - Courtesy photo

On Oct. 30, Spence Corbett was ordained to the gospel ministry at his home church, New Hope Baptist.

After the laying on of hands ceremony in which ordained pastors and deacons participated, a time of public encouragement occurred.

## Hamilton County Adult Education Offers Certified Production Technician (CPT) Program

The Hamilton County School Superintendent's Office in partnership with the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners is proud to offer the Certified Production Technician Course (CPT) through the Adult Education Program. This program would offer academic assistance and manufacturing fundamentals to Hamilton County citizens who desire academic and technical skills refreshment prior to entering or returning to the workforce. The first CPT class will start in January 2012.

Individuals interested in applying for the CPT Program should contact the Hamilton County Coordinator, Danny Johnson at (386) 792-6639.

All Applicants will have to complete a screening assessment and selection held on December 14, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in the Adult Education Classroom, JRE Lee District Complex, Jasper, Florida 32052

Again, individuals interested in applying for the CPT Program should contact the Hamilton County Coordinator, Danny Johnson at 386-792-6639 for additional information to apply.

Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce Inc.

## Christmas Parade

December 9, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

For more information call Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce at 386-792-1300 or e-mail at hamcoc@windstream.net



OPINION

Ending income inequality?

Benefiting from a hint from an article titled "Is Harry Potter Making You Poorer?", written by my colleague Dr. John Goodman, president of the Dallas-based National Center for Policy Analysis, I've come up with an explanation and a way to end income inequality in America, possibly around the world. Joanne Rowling was a welfare mother in Edinburgh, Scotland. All that has changed. As the writer of the "Harry Potter" novels, having a net worth of \$1 billion, she is the world's wealthiest author. More importantly, she's one of those dastardly 1-percenters condemned by the Occupy Wall Streeters and other leftists.

How did Rowling become so wealthy and unequal to the rest of us? The entire blame for this social injustice lies at the feet of the world's children and their enabling parents. Rowling's wealth is a direct result of more than 500 million "Harry Potter"

book sales and movie receipts grossing more than \$5 billion. In other words, the millions of "99-percenters" who individually plunk down \$8 or \$9 to attend a "Harry Potter" movie, \$15 to buy a "Harry Potter" novel or \$30 to buy a "Harry Potter" Blu-ray Disc are directly responsible for contributing to income inequality and wealth concentration that economist and Nobel laureate Paul Krugman says "is incompatible with real democracy." In other words, Rowling is not responsible for income inequality; it's the people who purchase her works.

We just can't blame the children for the unfairness of income inequality.

Look at how Walmart stores generated wealth for the Walton family of Christy (\$25 billion), Jim (\$21 billion), Alice (\$21 billion) and Robson (\$21 billion). The Walton family's wealth is not a result of ill-gotten gains, but the result of Walmart's revenue, \$422 billion in 2010. The blame for this unjust concentra-



A MINORITY VIEW

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tion of wealth rests with those hundreds of millions of shoppers worldwide who voluntarily enter Walmart premises and leave dollars, pounds and pesos.

Basketball great LeBron James plays forward for the Miami Heat and earns \$43 million for doing so. That puts him with those 1-percenters denounced by Wall Street occupiers. But who made LeBron a 1-percenter? It's those children again, enabled by their fathers or some other significant male. Instead of children doing their homework and their fathers helping their wives with housework, they get into their cars, drive to a downtown arena and voluntarily plunk down \$100 for tickets. The millions of people who watch LeBron play are the direct cause of LeBron's earning \$43 million and are thereby responsible for "undermining the foundations of our democracy."

Krugman laments in his Nov. 3 New York Times column "Oligarchy, American Style," "We have a society in which money is increasingly concentrated in the hands of a few people, and in which that concentration of income and wealth threatens to make us a democracy in name only." I'd ask Krugman this question: Who's

putting all the money in the hands of the few, and what do you think ought to be done to stop millions, perhaps billions, of people from using their money in ways that lead to high income and wealth concentration? In other words, I'd like Krugman to tell us what should be done to stop the millions of children who make Joanne Rowling rich, the millions who fork over their money to the benefit of LeBron James, and the hundreds of millions of people who shop at Walmart.

I'd like to end this discussion with a bit of a personal note. The readers of this column know that I never make charges of racism. Rowling is an author, and so am I. In my opinion, my recently published book "Race and Economics: How Much Can Be Blamed on Discrimination?" is far more important to society than any "Harry Potter" novel. I'd like to know what it is about me that explains why millions upon millions have not purchased my book and made me a billionaire author. Maybe Krugman and the Wall Street occupiers have the answer.

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

To mail your letter/article, send it to: The Jasper News, 105 NE 2nd Ave., Jasper, FL 32052 or FAX it to: 386-792-3009.

Jasper First Methodist Church Clothes Closet pushed up

Christmas Eve falls on the regularly scheduled fourth Saturday for the Jasper First Methodist Church Clothes Closet. Therefore, the Clothes Closet has been pushed up and will be open on Dec. 17 from 1 - 5 p.m. There are clothes for the entire family and there is never a charge. We hope you all

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have a safe and blessed holiday.

Under the leadership

of Pastor Phillip Jackson and Mother Ledia Jackson, we'll be hosting our 4th Annual "Come Fellowship With Me" program - Dec. 4 at 12 p.m. at the Jasper Civic Center with guest speaker Chief Apostle Albert Watson from Miami, Fla. Everyone is invited to this awesome celebration.

The Long Branch Congregational Methodist Church, CR 135, in White Springs, will be hosting a Gospel Sing on this Saturday, at 7 p.m. The group, Southern Joy will be the guest singers. Everyone is invited. Please call 386-397-2673 for more information.

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Hamilton County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments to be levied within the unincorporated area of the County, for the cost of providing solid waste services and other municipal services and purposes, such as, but not limited to, fire protection services, road maintenance services, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS), under Section 125.271, Florida Statutes, as provided and allowed under the second sentence of Section 9(b), Article VII of the Constitution of Florida, and Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, commencing for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2011. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 27, 2011, in the Board Room (Room 112) Hamilton County Court House, 207 N.E. First Street, Jasper, Florida 32052. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy, being the unincorporated area of the County, are on file at the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Room 106, Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 N.E. First Street, Jasper, Florida 32052. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed, and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on 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 this proceeding should contact Hamilton County at (386) 792-1288, 7 days prior to the date of the hearing. This notice of intent to use the uniform method for collecting such assessment shall be published in The Jasper News, a newspaper of general circulation within the County, for four (4) consecutive weeks preceding the above-referenced public hearing.

DATED this 15th day of November, 2011.

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The Hamilton County Tobacco-Free Partnership and Students Working Against Tobacco Program recognize the Town of White Springs for their efforts to protect its citizens from the harmful effects of tobacco use by passing a resolution supporting the ban of candy-flavored tobacco products within the town.



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# Heart Matters

## We can't fix ourselves

By Angie Land

A couple that I know recently shared with me some of the struggles they are facing and how it is impacting their marriage. In a moment of raw honesty, the husband looked at me and said, "I know that I need to change some things, and I really want to, but to tell you the truth, I don't know how." Can't we all relate? None of us are so blind that we can't see our own weaknesses, and perhaps in an honest moment like my friend, will even admit that we really do desire to be different. Maybe we are discouraged because we have tried different things and nothing really seems to work, or maybe we convince ourselves that if we just ignore it, no one else will bring it up either. Either way, we lose heart.

My heart is burdened for the state of crisis in many marriages today, but the Biblical truth is that we can't fix ourselves. In fact, Proverbs 14:12 proves it: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." Based on the end result, this can prove a costly way to live. The wording here implies that which seems right is what can be taken at face value. Don't take this to only apply to someone who wants to do wrong. With the best of intentions, we often do what "seems right!" Apply this instruction to marriage and it can go like this: On the surface, it may seem like everything is okay in your marriage, but you could be heading for a divorce. Even more devastating, is the countless times one spouse or

the other is convinced that "I have done everything I know to do." And I believe them. It is a rare person who watches their marriage, complete with all their dreams for the future go down the drain without trying to do something. So how do we head this off and become proactive? Herein lies the good news! Listen carefully to the words of Romans 12:2:

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

This one verse contains a three-step instruction that will help us get out of a

Proverbs 14:12 way of living! Getting a clear definition of "conform" and "transform" are critical to understanding this process. Conforming to the pattern of this world illustrates an external adjustment to popular opinion, which could originate with the latest marriage advice from Oprah, a magazine article, or even well meaning friends and family. In this process, you decide what "seems right" and begin to make the change. The problem with this kind of external change is that it is in continual need of an upgrade, as well as the end result we have already mentioned that follows doing what "seems right."

On the other hand, the implication of "being transformed" is an invisible process of the internal change of character and mindset. Determining God's good, pleasing and perfect will is going to be the



result an intentional pursuit of His Word. Thankfully, since marriage was God's idea to begin with, His Word has much to say on the subject. As we begin to search the Bible and learn about His instructions for marriage, our minds can begin to change. Then what "seemed right" to us will be replaced with what God says is right. With His standard being the target, even if only one spouse is aiming for it, the marriage has a 50% better chance! If both get on board, well, you can do the math! After we have "tested" this process, we will then be able to wholeheartedly approve...because God's way works...and every heart matters!

Angie

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

# Obituaries

**Josephine Todd Kato**  
July 11, 1943 -  
Nov. 24, 2011

Josephine Todd Kato, age 68, of White Springs, Fla. passed away at her home Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011. Josephine was born on July 11, 1943 to the late Robert and Alma Price Todd. She married Mr. Bill Kato and raised a fine family. She loved her immediate and extended family as deeply as was possible. Ms. Josephine was a faithful member of Jasper Assembly of God Church. Josephine loved her church family and kept her community prayed up. Her faithfulness was unmatched. It would be her wish that we would try to always put others first. She will be remembered as a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, friend and prayer warrior.

Survivors include her husband, William "Bill" Kato, White Springs; three sons, Billy Kato, Dallas, Ga., Robert Kato, Melbourne, Fla., and David Kato, Ocala, Fla.; two daughters, Fay Price, Columbus, Ga. and Ellen Allen, Statenville, Ga.; two brothers, Robert Todd, Truckee, Calif.; and Charlie Taylor, Lake City, Fla.; four sisters, Mary White, Ellabelle, Ga., Julie Mears, Lakeland, Fla., Freddie Ann Crews, Baxley, Ga., and Bernice Kipker, New Orleans, La.; 12 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 28, 2011 at the Jasper Assembly of God Church with Pastor Charles Helms officiating. Inter-

ment followed in Evergreen Cemetery in Jasper.

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

**Clifford Paul Jones**  
Nov. 25, 2011

Clifford Paul Jones, age 57, of Jasper, Fla. passed away Nov. 25, 2011 at North Florida Regional Medical Center following a brief illness. Mr. Jones was born in Jacksonville, Fla. and was a native of Mayport. He was the son of the late William and Rosalee Jones. He moved to the Hamilton County area some 25 years ago from Mayport. Clifford was a mechanic and heavy equipment operator at PCS as long as his health permitted. He enjoyed working, hunting, and spending time with his friends and family.

Survivors include his wife, Ginger Jones, Jasper; three daughters, Kimberley Brown (Jason), Lake City, Fla., Paula Stubbs (Nicholas), McMinnville, Oregon, Missey Tanner (Vernon), Blountstown, Fla.; one brother, Earl Jones, Jacksonville, Fla. and two sisters, Lorraine Muesel, Yulee, Fla. and Rose Boyd, Texas; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011 at Calvary Baptist Church.

Interment followed at Mayport Cemetery in Jacksonville, Fla..

Memorial contributions may be made the Diabetes Foundation.

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

# Why I love the month of December

By Rev. James L. Snyder

It was a wise person who divided the year into 12 months. I really do not know who came up with this idea but let me go on record in saying that it was a good one. Each month seems to have its own peculiar value. Some months are better than others.

For example, I am not a member of January's fan club. I am not sure if it is the longest month of the year but at times, it sure seems to be. I mean, after all of the excitement typically leading up to the month of January, is it any wonder it seems to be such a dull month?

I could say many things about some of the other months of the year but I really have to say that my favorite month of the year has to be December. Maybe this goes back to when I was a youngster and looked forward to the Christmas holiday. I am not sure because the Christmas holiday does not hold that much of a fascination for me. I think it began to wane when I had to foot the bill for all of the Christmas activity.

I do not love December because of the shopping. Right after Thanksgiving the shopping frenzy begins and this year several people lost their lives. Is it crazy to go out shopping like this when everybody else is out there with the fierce intent of buying something and you had better not get in his or her way? On the other hand, do all the crazy people go shopping?

Well, I am one crazy person that does not go out and join the rest. I just do not like shopping. The month of December is one of the high shopping months of the year. It did not get the reputation because of my shopping activity.

This past week the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage asked me if I wanted to join her in a shopping spree. Without

thinking, which is my normal modus operandi, I said, "I'd rather be punched in the nose."

WACK!  
When I came to, I pondered the fact that my wife is so literal when I am trying to be metaphorical. My nose is doing nicely, thank you.

Therefore, I do not like shopping. The month of December is more than extravagant shopping with crazy people.

One of my favorite songs of the season is, "Tis the season to be jolly." I like jolly. During the Christmas season, everybody enjoys seeing jolly people. I like to exploit the jolliness of my nature. I may not be Santa, but I sure could pass as his twin brother. Do not think I have not exploited that part of my character.

During the holiday season in the month of December, nobody bothers about your weight. In fact, everybody seems to enjoy seeing the jolly old man who is slightly overweight. I cannot tell you how many times when out in public during the month of December the people come up to me and said, "Here's my list. Don't forget me." At first, I did not quite understand what they were doing. Now as they place that sacred list in my hand I look at them and say, "Ho, ho, ho." Everybody seems to enjoy that.

Of course, it can go too far. One time after my Santa impression, I happened to sit down and before long, there was a line of youngsters wanting to sit on my lap. I have since retired my Santa impression, especially when in public.

What I like about December is that nobody, and when I say nobody I am referencing my wife, worries about diets. All year long, my wife is faithful in reminding me, "That's not on your diet. Put it down." I would say it is like a broken record but nobody knows what a record is anymore let alone a broken one.

During the holiday in December she is too busy baking pies and cookies for relatives and friends to think about my diet. Oh, how I love December.

Perchance somebody in the course of a conversation brings up the subject of diets; the month of December is a great ready-made excuse for me.

"I start my diet," I say with the upmost confidence to anybody inquiring, "next month."

It is amazing to me that "next month" is never December. And so, during the month of December I only look forward to my diet. It would be wrong, absolutely wrong, to begin a diet in December. If a person would do that, what do they do for a New Year's resolution?

The month of December is a time to relax and just enjoy the season. By enjoying the season, I am thinking of those delicious Christmas cookies baking in the oven, in the

kitchen, in my presence. It would be a shame not to taste one. After all, what if they were no good? What if this batch of cookies, baking in the oven right now, turned out to be bad? It is my patriotic duty to ensure that those Christmas cookies are delicious.

For me, December is a very sacred purpose. Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, said, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV).

My purpose is to exploit the entire month of December.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, PO Box 831313, Ocala, FL 34483. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail [jamesnyder2@att.net](mailto:jamesnyder2@att.net). The church web site is [www.whatafellowship.com](http://www.whatafellowship.com).

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Wednesday  
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**BAPTIST (Southern)**  
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207 N.E. 2nd Street, Jasper 792-2658  
Pastor: Roger Hutto  
Sunday  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Supper.....6:00 p.m.  
Children, Youth & Adult Programs.....6:30 p.m.  
643869-F

**METHODIST**  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
405 Central Ave., Jasper, FL  
Pastor - Dale Ames  
Phone - 386-792-1122  
Sunday  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday  
Bible Study.....4:45 p.m.  
Choir Practice.....6:00 p.m.  
Family Night Dinner 3rd Wednesday  
Clothes Closet 4th Saturday 1-5pm  
644232-F

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
204 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Jasper, 792-2258  
Pastor: Alexandria Hedrick  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Prayer in Fellowship Hall.....9:00 a.m.  
Choir Practice.....7:00 p.m.  
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Wednesday  
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938-1265  
Pastor: Johnny Brown  
Sunday  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Kids' Program.....6:15 p.m.  
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Dec. 2 & 3 at NFCC



*The cast of "A Slice of Blarney":*

L-R Standing: Moe Cooks (Madison County), Johnathan Cooks (Madison County), Kent Jones (Taylor County). L-R Sitting: Carmina Ketring (Taylor County), Edie Hotchkiss (Hamilton County), Ryan Quiros (Madison County), Kimberly Joseph (Suwannee County) and Della Webb (Madison County)

The Sentinel Upstage Players of North Florida Community College present "A Slice of the Blarney", a comedy by Kitty Burns, this Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at NFCC's Van H. Priest Auditorium. Tickets for this hilarious Irish comedy are only \$6 and available now in the NFCC College Advancement Office (Bldg. 32 / 850.973.1653) and will also be on sale at the door each night before the show.

Eight local actors/actresses star in the production - Moe Cooks, Johnathan Cooks, Ryan Quiros and Della Webb of Madison County; Kent Jones and Carmina Ketring of Taylor County; Edie Hotchkiss of Hamilton County; and Kimberly Joseph of Suwannee County - under the lead NFCC's own Denise Bell. In addition to directing NFCC's Sentinel Upstage Players, Bell is also Coordinator of Student Activities

and Community Education at NFCC.

"These students have worked very hard preparing for the show," said Bell. "Please join us Friday or Saturday at Van H. Priest Auditorium for a funny play and to show support for these local stars."

This rollicking farce assembles a dying multimillionaire and assorted quirky relatives and culminates in an authentic Irish wake. Shannon O'Leary is on his death bed. He is a multi-millionaire who knows that his family is just waiting for him to die to see who inherits his fortune. One by one the "faithful" relatives show up and circle like vultures, just waiting. Shannon knows this, but still hopes that there is at least one who really loves him.

Tickets are on sale now. For more information, contact Denise Bell at (850) 973-9481 or [belld@nfcc.edu](mailto:belld@nfcc.edu).



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Cheyenne Rice  
Darren Rye  
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Brittany Whitmore

## HCHS A/B Honor Roll 1st 9 Weeks 2011-12 School Year

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Tyler Allen  
Bailey Altman  
Hannah Altman  
Ismelda Alvarez  
Douglas Barker  
Maelin Bass  
Sierra Beck  
Cameron Bell  
Richard Bennett  
Dylan Blanton  
Dylan Brantley  
Ethan Brantley  
Rachel Bunting  
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Cassidy Byrd  
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Elizabeth Dedge  
Kyle Dedge  
Raven Devers  
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Garien Franklin  
Cheyenne Godby  
Kathryn Godwin  
Jessica Gonzalez  
Andrew Graham  
Austin Graham  
Stephanie Hammock  
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Rebecca Jackson  
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Allison Lee  
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Sabrina McClain  
Richard McCoy  
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Benita Morris  
David Newhard  
Ashley Norman  
Alexis Owens  
Brandi Padgett  
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Jordan Perez  
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Garren Richardson  
Jestyn Roberts  
Karen Roberts  
Mazey Roberts  
William Scaff  
Mariah Schrier  
Nathan Scott  
Ethan Shackelford  
Niayah Sheppard  
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Hunter Smith  
Jristin Smith  
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Rachel Sullivan  
Aaron Tran  
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Tyler Warfel  
Marcus Weary  
Nina Weise  
Raven Weise  
Austin Windham  
Larissa Wyers  
Aishara Zamora  
Joseph Zipper



# Sports

## 2011-12 Winter sports scoreboard

### Varsity Boys Soccer

Nov. 7	@ Maclay School	0-8
Nov. 14	@ John Paul II Catholic	0-6
Nov. 17	vs Ft. White	0-1
Nov. 29	vs John Paul II Catholic	0-7
Dec. 2	vs West Gadsden	
Dec. 6	vs Taylor County	
Dec. 9	vs Suwannee High	
Dec. 12	@ Lafayette High	
Dec. 13	@ Suwannee High	
Dec. 16	@ Santa Fe High	
Dec. 22	vs Oak Hall	
Jan. 3	vs Oak Hall	
Jan. 5	vs Maclay School	
Jan. 6	@ Columbia County	
Jan. 10	vs Lafayette High	
Jan. 17	vs Saint Francis Catholic	

### Varsity Boys Basketball

Dec. 5	vs Saint Francis Catholic
Dec. 6	@ Lafayette High
Dec. 9	vs Jefferson County
Dec. 10	vs Suwannee High
Dec. 13	@ Branford High
Jan. 5	vs Lafayette High
Jan. 6	@ Suwannee High
Jan. 14	vs Saint Francis Catholic
Jan. 17	vs Branford High
Jan. 20	vs Melody Christian
Jan. 21	vs Madison County
Jan. 23	vs Echols County
Jan. 27	vs Ft. White
Jan. 28	vs Columbia County

### Varsity Girls Soccer

Nov. 14	@ John Paul Catholic	3-2
Nov. 18	vs P.K. Yonge	0-3
Nov. 28	vs Columbia County	
Nov. 29	vs John Paul Catholic	1-3
Dec. 2	vs West Gadsden	
Dec. 5	@ Lafayette High	
Dec. 6	vs Taylor County	
Dec. 8	vs Suwannee High	
Dec. 15	vs Lafayette High	
Jan. 3	@ Suwannee High	
Jan. 5	vs Maclay School	
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Jan. 13	@ P.K. Yonge	

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Winter sports photos coming soon.

## Photos wanted

If you take photos of Hamilton County sports, we would like to hear from you. The Jasper News would like to use fan photos of sporting activities in the sports section of the News. Please email the photos to [jeff.waters@gafnews.com](mailto:jeff.waters@gafnews.com), or you can drop them off at the Jasper News office inside the Bank of America building.

## More scenes of Hamilton County High School Football



Zack Deas (11) sets up for a pass.



William Hill shakes off a couple Bulldogs. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)



Lamarus Webb on the carry.



Hamilton's Zach Deas (11) runs past a few Suwannee Bulldogs.

# Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce, Inc. Annual Banquet

The Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce held their annual membership banquet on October 20, 2011 at the PCS Conference Center located on Eagle Lake. It was well attended and catered by Jan Hunter and Company...excellent as always! The guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Jill Adams, Comptroller at Lake City Medical Center.



Mrs. Jill Adams, Lake City Medical Center

Mrs. Samantha Prueter came off the board as the chamber president. Mrs. Cindy Eatmon is now the new chamber president. Special Recognition and awards went to 3 Rivers Construction Company, LLC for Business of the Year, Mrs. Denise Lee with ARC of North Florida was voted Individual of the Year, and Hamilton County Development Authority was recognized as a Platinum Sponsor.



Accepting the Business of the Year Award was Curt and Renee McDonald from Jennings, Florida. Presenter was Samantha Prueter



Mrs. Denise Lee, Individual of the Year with ARC of North Florida. Presenter was Susan Ramsey



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### Grand Opening Victoria & Co.

Victoria & Co. "Beauty & Wellness from the Inside Out" Grand Opening was held on November 17th from 4-6pm. There is Licensed Massage Therapists, Licensed Aestheticians, Certified Personal Trainers, Certified Wellness Coaches, Group Exercise Instructors, Yoga, Zumba, Model Fit & Circuit Classes, Hydraulic Fitness Equipment, Cardio Machines & Free Weights.  
108 Hatley St. SE., Jasper, FL 32052 (386)-855-0313.



### Christmas Parade

December 9, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

For more information... call the Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce at (386)-792-1300, e-mail at hamcoc@windstream.net, or www.hamiltoncountycoc.com

### 2011 - 2012 Chamber Board Members

Cindy Eatmon: President: Vice President: to be elected...  
Susan Ramsey, Denise Hughes, Mike Williams, Linda Taylor, Cathy Jo Foster, Tony Ogburn, Sandy Beal, Gretchen Rogers, Denise Lee  
Joy Howell: Executive Director, Rob Wolfe: Marketing Director

### Mission Statement

To promote commercial, economic, & social well-being of community & business owners.  
To be an advocate for community & business owners on issues impacting livelihood, sustaining economic viability, development opportunities & community unity.



## Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent  
Johnny Bullard

The Christmas season has officially begun. Folks seem to have a bit more "pep" in their step during this special time of the year. Here in our beloved Suwannee River Valley, we have a lot of wonderful quality holiday events to be enjoyed by all age groups....

"Kick off" the Yuletide season with the Festival of Lights at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park in White Springs, Florida... Nestled on the banks of the historic Suwannee River, the park is most famous for being the home of the nation's oldest state sponsored folk Festival, the Florida Folk Festival which will turn "60" this year. However, over the past couple of years a host of dedicated volunteers as well as the Stephen Foster staff, under the direction of park manager, Ben Faure, have significantly improved the quality of the twenty-one year old Festival of Lights. Last year the event drew over 20,000 visitors, and everyone hopes this year, even more people will drive to White Springs to witness this "winter wonderland" of lights and holiday happenings "Way down upon the Suwannee River"...

It all "kicks off" on Friday, December 2, 6:30 p.m., with the White Springs Christmas parade—As the parade enters the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park, the 'switch' will be thrown to illuminate the park with over four million lights. Each building in the park including the beautiful Foster Museum, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and the "symbol" of the park, the soaring carillon tower, which houses the largest set of tubular bells in the world, will be bedecked in fine holiday style. The Town of White Springs will sponsor a complimentary hot dog supper in Nelly Bly's Kitchen on Friday night for all those who come over for this event.

Entry to the event on December 2 is one brand new child's toy—for a boy or girl—(it must be in its original package and not wrapped in holiday wrapping paper)—After December 2, entry is \$2.00 per person for this event....In addition to the lights and the buildings, you can shop in Cousin Thelma's Craft and Gift Shop, enjoy folk artists demonstrating their talents in the Craft Square studios, visit Old Saint Nick himself while enjoying a cup of hot chocolate around a bonfire in the Craft Square area.... Unless in place of your heart you have a "thumping gizzard", the Stephen Foster Festival of Lights experience which goes on each night, including Christmas night from December 2-December 31—from dusk until 9 p.m. is sure to put you in the holiday mood. Cousin Thelma's Craft and Gift Shop will be opened nightly in the park for your shopping pleasure—Come join us for this holiday event—You will be glad you did.

One other outstanding holiday event, is Live Oak's Christmas on the Square—I love this event for two major reasons—I always have an opportunity to visit with friends, and I can purchase a fruit cake from the Live Oak Church of God. Some people don't care for fruitcake, but they haven't tried this one—It is really delicious....I also enjoy the Christmas Parade in Live Oak on the night of December 3—When I was principal at Suwannee Elementary East, we had a float in this parade each year, and we took the top prize. My friend, Linda Cheshire, Live Oak, along with many others who were part of the staff at the East School put a lot of time and effort into this float—I have some photos of those floats that I cherish—We had a lot of participation from our school staff—and the children appreciated it....

Last, but certainly not least, Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, who began the lights on the Suwannee—"Suwannee Lights" many years ago—has an outstanding light display. James Cornett, his mother "Miss" Jean Cornett, and all the staff at Spirit of the Suwannee do an outstanding job, not only bringing quality musical events to the Suwannee River Valley, but also this great holiday happening....James always has a lot going on at the park—The Staff at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park stands ready to wish each of you a Merry Christmas—Go out and patronize their Suwannee Lights Display, as well as all the programs they make available to our area..Spirit of the Suwannee does so much to bring the "world" to the banks of the Suwannee on a regular basis.

So, pull out those holiday sweaters—that red shirt—begin humming or whistling "Jingle Bells" and plan on spending some time celebrating Christmas right here in our beloved home "Way down upon the Suwannee River"—

From the Eight Mile Still, on the Woodpecker Route, north of White Springs; so blessed to be in the number "one more time".

## Healthy Living

# Importance of your health

By Beth Harris, CSCS  
bethharrisfitness@gmail.com



Naturally in our youth we pay less attention to our well-being. Emphasis is placed on the potential aesthetic benefit exercise poses, not on resulting improvement in our health. Our bodies are way more forgiving in our teens, and even our twenties, than later in life.

It is for this reason we can all understand the lack of emphasis on exercise for health until our later years. With changing times and accumulating research more people and organizations are getting on board with the importance of healthy lifestyle at an early age, but we need more.

A neighbor passed me running on the highway with his son one day who said 'Daddy that lady needs a car! I chuckled in spite of myself as I thought what my son Matthew would say in seeing a runner jogging by—look mom that lady's getting in her cardio. Our children are always watching, and adopt our habits and behaviors as their own. Do as I say not as I do; no such scenario exists.

Exercise and healthy lifestyle choices cannot be put off even into our twenties. It has to be emphasized from birth. Study after study show us overweight children turn to overweight teens, and overweight teens to overweight adults. Eating preferences continuing into adulthood can begin as early as the womb, and plaque buildup on artery walls begin as early as age two.

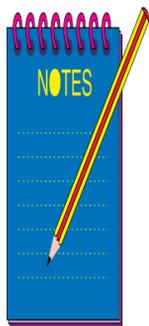
Take bone density for example. During childhood and adolescence our bones are continuously remodeling. As we age this process slows. By age 18 in girls,

and 20 in boys; 90 percent of peak bone mass is acquired making youth the best time to invest in bone health. Lifestyle factors (such as smoking), nutrition, genetic factors, and hormonal issues (such as menopause), will chip away at our bone density throughout life. It only makes sense to do everything we can to optimize peak bone density to ensure we do not struggle with weak and brittle bones later in life.

Bone density is only one aspect of a very large spectrum of what exercise and proper nutrition can do to benefit our health, beginning in childhood. In the wake of the busiest shopping day of the year, where people in the millions sacrifice a night's sleep and fight maddening crowds to be get the very best gifts at the very best price, why not give our children the truly greatest gift: knowledge and instilled healthy lifestyle behaviors. We do this best by doing it ourselves. Do it for your children to ensure their health long after you are gone to see it. It's the gift that keeps on giving.

*"Exercise is more than medicine, it's life. Remember Einstein's equation,  $E=mc^2$ ? Well, I like this equation:  $L=MC^2$  where L is Life, M is movement, and C is corpus (latin for body). The message is clear: movement provides the body with benefits not two fold, but squared and even more than that, a multiplicity of benefits that makes living truly astounding."* ~ Stan Brown, Ph.D., ACSM.

# Norris Notes



By Lillian Norris

Well, the stuffed turkey has disappeared, and I am still stuffed! Thanks to members of my family, there have been a lot of goodies in my refrigerator, they are still being enjoyed. Starting with breakfasts of real sausage gravy like my "Granny" and Mother used to make, guess it passed me by, my daughter makes it special. Then all the others offered their specialties, my contribution was nil this year. I just offered my ap-

petite. Leigh Ann's parents, Richard and Ann Shepard; and my daughter, Marybeth, and her son and daughter, Kaleb and Jordan Windham were there for the weekend from Lake Butler, and a couple of lady friends from Georgia. We spent the evening before Thanksgiving with Richard Shsepard's brother and his family in Monticello. Now you know why I am still stuffed. After breakfast Friday morning, I slept all day.

Please let us know of your special times during this holiday season. You would be surprised how many people tell me how they enjoy reading about special activities your families share.

Rodney and Kathy Strickland had family with them for Thanksgiving Day, Kathy's parents, Al and Barabara Mills; Cindy Morton (Cousin); Cousins, Erin and Carl Miller with son, Sam;; and daughter, Shelly Strickland, Gainesville, FL.

Thanks to Cindy Eatmon we have learned that the Festival of Lights will be starting in White Springs this weekend, December 2, 2011, through Jan. 1, 2012. We will be reminding you of this event, I have never been but from all news of the past, it is something to behold, so will not be missing it this year. News of this will be appearing elsewhere in the Jasper News, but I will still remind you. It has

been named a Top 20 Event in the southeastern United States, right here in Hamilton County! Don't miss it.

The trees along the highway are looking good, the other day going through town, noticed that the trees were being watered, it is our understanding that the trees will be taken care of for one year, then the City will be responsible, they do help the looks of the area when coming into town from one end of the town to the other end. Thanks to the Extension Office for getting behind this project.

Just to remind you, the Jasper News Office will be open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10AM - 12 Noon.

Let me hear from you soon!

Lillian Norris,  
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## Jobless outlook brighter for area

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employment rate was 8.4 percent.

Suwannee County is down from 9.8 percent to 9.2 percent. The October 2010 rate was 10.2 percent.

Florida's unemployment rate dropped from 10.6 percent in September to 10.3 in October. The unemployment rate in Florida in October 2010 was 11.8

Nationally, unemployment dropped from 9.1 percent to 9 percent. The national unemployment rate for October 2010 was 9.7 percent.

The figures were released by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

## Hunting season a perfect time for conservation-minded holiday sharing, gifts

The holiday season is here, bringing with it some much-appreciated cooler weather to the Sunshine State. Many of us will be taking time off from work, and children will be out of school on winter break soon. For me, this much-needed vacation provides a wonderful opportunity to take to the woods and go hunting, now that hunting season is in full swing.

It's also a perfect time to give children supervised hunting experiences with you.

Hunting is a proven and very necessary tool of wildlife and habitat management, especially when habitat is lost to urbanization and wildlife gets displaced because of our state's ever-growing population.

Scientific findings have shown that those who hunt and engage in outdoor recreation with their families develop a sense of stewardship for nature and

a desire to conserve it.

In fact, hunters form a foundation for wildlife conservation. Through the sale of hunting licenses and permits, and the excise tax generated from hunting equipment, hunters as a whole pay most of the cost of wildlife conservation and research, public land acquisitions, habitat protection, science-based fish and wildlife management and law enforcement. All of us get to enjoy the benefits of these efforts.

Even non-hunting spouses and significant others can share in the spirit of stewardship with a couple of good holiday gift ideas. For the hunters (or anglers) in your family or circle, why not buy them a five-year license, or make a stocking-stuffer of a one-year license? Licenses may be purchased at <https://www1.fl.wildlifelicenses.com/start.php>.

If they already have one of those, consider getting them a conservation license plate for their vehicle. Not only will one of them look great on their truck, recreational vehicle or car, but in purchasing one, you will be helping to conserve wildlife for generations to come. To order online, go to [Buyaplate.com](http://Buyaplate.com). You can also purchase or renew any plate at your local tax collector's office.

Here's how hunters can enjoy the many traditional hunting seasons Florida offers:

During general gun season, which coincides with holiday-gift-shopping time, most hunters are in pursuit of deer, but they also can bag wild hogs, rabbits, raccoons and coyotes. And quail and gray squirrel season is in and runs through March 4. Snipe season is also in and runs through Feb. 15 statewide.

Bird hunters wanting to experience something different should try hunting woodcock. Woodcock season runs Dec. 18 - Jan. 31 statewide, and they make excellent game birds because they provide a challenging shot when flushed. Small-game hunting such as this provides a great opportunity to introduce a kid to the great sport of hunting.

And for all the duck hunters out there, the second phase of the waterfowl and coot season will last through Jan. 29 and includes geese.

As you can see, the winter holidays provide a wealth of opportunities, from sharing time with family to giving a gift that is both personal and conservation-minded, to experiencing the heritage of hunting in Florida's great outdoors. For more information on hunting in Florida, go to [MyFWC.com/Hunting](http://MyFWC.com/Hunting).

## 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

Nov. 22, Marc A. Edwards, 5102 9th Ave. S., Gulf Port, Fl., poss less than 20 grams marijuana, intro of contraband, vehicle theft: DTF-Brownsfield

Nov. 23, Terrill J. Lewis, 1281 Prairie Lane, Apt. 11307, Titusville, Fl., warrant, battery on LEO, battery on detainee: HCSO-McKire

Nov. 23, Dareama Denise Walls, 11969 SW CR 249 Lot 6, Jasper, Fl., theft (retail): JAPD-Morgan

Nov. 26, James Devon Harrison, 3600 NW 104th Ave., Jasper, Fl., DWLS (habitual), VOP WBC: JAPD-Walls

Nov. 27, Galvin Javon Collie, 2862 NW Suwannee Valley Rd., Lake City, Fl., battery (domestic violence): HCSO-Thomas

Nov. 25, Steven Christopher McCarthy, 6477 SE US HWY 41, Jasper, Fl., Suwannee County warrant VOP, Suwannee County warrant FTA: WSPD-Rapp

Nov. 26, Felton Lewis Allen, 1312 SW 2nd St., Jasper, Fl., burglary, grand theft, dealing in stolen property, criminal mischief: JAPD-Morgan

Nov. 26, Kenneth Jerome Taylor, 1034 SW 4th St., Jasper, Fl., burglary, grand theft, dealing in stolen property: JAPD-Morgan

Nov. 23, Stella Ann Ervin, 1128 Oak St., Jennings, Fl., Disorderly intoxication: HCSO-C. Hughes

Nov. 24, Cecil Lamar Troville, 1078 Southern St., Jennings, Fl., grand theft: JNPD-Glover

Nov. 26, Gerald Vann Hunt, 3246 Matheson Dr., Macon, Ga., battery, domestic violence: HCSO-M. Thomas

Nov. 22, Tia Danielle Brown, 3108 Kentucky Ave., Ft. Pierce, Fl., poss. diazepam w/o prescription, poss. of cocaine w/intent to sell, poss. of drug para., poss. of alprazolam w/ intent to sell, poss. of oxycodone w/ intent to sell: DTF-Brownsfield

Nov. 22, Lauren Michele Chorvat, 337 Bellfry Ct., White Springs, Fl., NVDL: HCSO-Murphy

Nov. 22, Julius Lamont Simons, in transit, grand theft, resist w/o violence: DTF-Brownsfield

Nov. 19, Mike Hammond Johnson Jr., 2662 NW 6th, Jennings, Fl., FTA-DWLS, FTA-resisting w/o violence

Nov. 21, Justin August Meyer, 8952 SW 142nd Ave., Lot 1115, Miami, Fl., Hamilton Co. charge poss. of stolen property, hold for Pinellas COSO FTA: HCSO-J. Howell

Nov. 21, Stephen T. Hill, 3718 NW 109th Ave., Jasper, Fl., battery (DV): HCSO-Burnam

Nov. 22, Ladonna Bembry Hill, 1128 Fieldcrest Drive, Jasper, Fl., poss. of controlled substance: HCSO-Murphy

Nov. 22, Teresa Ann Broomberg, 803 Blythwood Rd., Valdosta, Ga., RWV, poss. controlled substance: HCSO-T. Murphy

Nov. 22, John Lester Cowart, 1871 Grey Falcon Circle SW, Vero Beach, Fl., marijuana poss. w/intent to sell; trafficking oxycodone 4 grams or more; oxycodone possession w/i to sell; poss. of narcotic equipment; poss. control w/o prescrip.; alprazolam poss., sell, manufacture, deliver; cocaine traffic 28 grams but less than 15 grams, MDMA sell, deal, poss, manufacture, deliver; poss. over 20 grams marijuana;

## Jasper First Methodist Church Clothes Closet pushed up

Christmas Eve falls on the regularly scheduled fourth Saturday for the Jasper First Methodist Church Clothes Closet. Therefore, the Clothes Closet has been pushed up and will be open on Dec. 17 from 1 - 5 p.m. There are clothes for the entire family and there is never a charge. We hope you all have a safe and blessed holiday.

### Jasper Legals

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
A public hearing will be held before the Jasper Planning and Zoning Board at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, December 5, 2011 in the City Council meeting room of the Jasper City Hall, to consider the following:

A petition by Martha and Joseph Vasques, to change the zoning classification of the land described as: Section 1, Township 1N, and Range 13-E, according to Lang's Map of the City of Jasper, Florida physically located at 1700 NW 3rd Street, and requesting the rezoning to MH1, to allow the location of a mobile home upon the property.

## Thanksgiving Feast



The Arc North Florida Adult Training Centers host a Thanksgiving feast on Nov. 16, 2011. Entertainment was provided by the Arc Singers and Mr. Dick Grillo, Senior Director, Community and Church Outreach, Dowling Park Advent Christian Village, who been a faithful volunteer for years. Many songs were performed.

The Youth department of Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer Outreach Ministry, under the leadership of Pastor Phillip M. Jackson and

Church Mother Ledia S. Jackson, joined in with the Arc to put on an excellent display of love, laughter and good times for all those in attendance. The youth department of ETHOP praise danced and sung beautiful songs. Not only were the attendees entertained, but they were served an abundant amount of delicious food. This was a celebration that will never be forgotten. The Arc would like to thank everyone for all the support we had from the community.

### Jasper Legals

All interested parties are encouraged to be present, but representations of support or objection may be presented in writing to Jennifer Pomeroy, City Clerk, 208 W. Hatley Street, Jasper, Florida. Please mark the envelope public comment or zoning hearing to be held Monday, December 5, 2011.  
11/24, 12/1

**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.  
Defendants

#### 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

11/17, 24, 12/1, 8

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NO. 2011-228-CA

**DAVID HOUCK,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**FERNANDO L. DIAZ AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FERNANDO L. DIAZ,**  
Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 16, 2011, in the above-styled cause, I will sell the following property at public sale on December 14, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time), or as soon thereafter as the sale may proceed, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 7 of the Final Judgment, in the front lobby of the Hamilton County Courthouse, Clerk of Court, 207 Northeast 1st Street, Room 106, Jasper, Florida 32052:

#### REAL PROPERTY

Lot 73, Lakewood Hills Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Pages 83 and 84, of the Public Records of Hamilton County, Florida.

#### PERSONAL PROPERTY

ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY OF WHATEVER CHARACTER OR NATURE LOCATED ON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED ABOVE, AND ALL STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND ALL EASEMENTS, RIGHTS, ROYALTIES, MINERAL, OIL AND GAS RIGHTS AND PROFITS, WATER, WATER RIGHTS, AND WATER STACK, TIMBER AND TIMBER RIGHTS AND ALL FIXTURES ATTACHED THERETO, AND ALL PROFITS, ISSUES, PROCEEDS AND PROFITS, ACCRUING THEREFROM, AND ALL GAS, STEAM, ELECTRIC, WATER AND OTHER HEATING, COOLING, COOKING, REFRIGERATING, LIGHTING, PLUMBING, VENTILATING, IRRIGATING, AND POWER SYSTEMS, MACHINES, EQUIPMENT,

### Jasper Legals

**APPLIANCES, FIXTURES AND APPURTENANCES, LOCATED ON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED ABOVE, EVEN THOUGH SUCH REAL PROPERTY MAY BE DETACHED OR DETACHABLE.**

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

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.

Dated: November 17, 2011.

Greg Godwin  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson  
Deputy Clerk

12/1, 8

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NO.: 2009 CA 000548

**EASTERN SAVINGS BANK, FSB,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**CHRISTOPHER A. TYRE, et al,**

Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Order setting Foreclosure Sale Date entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of the 3rd Judicial Circuit in and for Hamilton County, Florida, wherein Eastern Savings Bank, FSB, Plaintiff, and Christopher A. Tyre, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, Florida 32052, at 11:00 a.m. on the 14th day of December, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

**A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36, RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 11'18" WEST ALONG CENTERLINE OF STATE ROAD 25 (US ROUTE 41) A DISTANCE OF 1319.86 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 03'16" EAST A DISTANCE OF 481.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 03'16" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 318.60 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 16'09" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 212.77 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 03'16" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 318.60 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 16'09" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 212.77 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

**TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 36, RUN NORTH 100 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD 25 (US ROUTE 41); THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 11'18" WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 1202.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 56' EAST 77.3 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 28' EAST 167.3 FEET; THENCE NORTH 3 DEGREES 39' EAST, 169.3 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 16' EAST 20 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 03' WEST 340.56 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 60 DEGREES 41' WEST 85 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF US ROUTE 41; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 11'18" WEST 21.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

WITNESS my hand and Seal of the Court on the 21st day of November, 2011.

/s/ Kristy Morgan, DC  
GREG GODWIN  
As Deputy Clerk

12/1, 8

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**  
FILE NO.: 2011CP00005

**IN RE: ESTATE OF JANE M. CAUDLE,**

Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

### Jasper Legals

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of **JANE M. CAUDLE**, deceased, File Number 2011CP00005, by the Circuit Court for Hamilton County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is **207 NE 1st Street, Room 106, Jasper, FL 32052**; that the decedent's date of death was **June 5, 2011**; that the total value of the estate is **\$5,227.00** and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name: Juana C. Haroldson  
Address: 318 Hackamore Trail  
Martinez, Georgia 30907

Name: Lois A. Crosby, a/k/a Lori C. Crosby  
Address: 3533 River Chase Drive  
Valdosta, Georgia 31602

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is November 24, 2011.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:  
**RICHARD L. COLEMAN**  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
Coleman Talley, LLP  
richard.coleman@colemantalley.com  
910 North Patterson Street  
Valdosta, Georgia 31601  
(229) 242-7562, (229) 333-0885 facsimile  
Florida Bar No. 0781568

Person Giving Notice:  
**LOIS A. CROSBY a/k/a LORI C. CROSBY**  
3533 River Chase Drive  
Valdosta, Georgia 31602

11/24, 12/1

#### INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids marked "Portable Building" will be received in the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 8:00 A.M. on December 1, 2011.

Specifications:  
20'X30' Portable Building. The highest bidder will be responsible for the disassembling and removal of the building.

Please call 386-792-6581 or 6580 to schedule an appointment to view this building.  
11/24, 12/1

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**  
FILE NO.: 2011-CP-00047

**IN RE: ESTATE OF**

**JIMMIE WESLEY ROLLISON,**

Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Jimmie Wesley Rollison, deceased, whose date of death was September 19, 2011; File Number 2011-CP-000047, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hamilton County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 207 N.E. 1st Street, Room 106, Jasper, Florida 32052. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's 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 this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is: November 24, 2011.

### Jasper Legals

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to 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 amendment, 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 hearing on December 13, 2011 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, County Courthouse located at 207 North-east First Street, Jasper, Florida.

LDR 11-1, a petition by the Planning and Zoning Board of Hamilton County, Florida, requesting an amendment to the Hamilton County Land Development Regulations as provided for in Article 13 and 16 of the Land Development Regulations regarding cemeteries and family cemeteries.

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

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

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

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, 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.  
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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY TRANSITION COMMITTEE AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announces meetings of the NFBA Transition Committee 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 will hold the following public meetings: **NFBA Transition Committee - 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 28, 2011 at the NFBA Project Office, 164 N.W. Madison Avenue, Lake City, FL 32055.** The NFBA Transition Committee will conduct general business of the Transition Committee.

**NFBA Board of Directors - 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 23, 30, December 7, 21, 28 2011 and January 4 and 11, 2012 at the Suwannee River Water Management District, Suwannee Room, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060.** The NFBA Board of Directors meeting will be held to conduct general business of the NFBA. The following previously scheduled public meeting will remain the same: **NFBA Board of Directors - 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2011.** 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 (321) 246-0059 or (407) 629-6900 at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the meeting.  
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# Bembry accepts library award

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sentation. Betty A. Lawrence, the new director of the Suwannee River Regional Library System, presented Bembry with a plaque in honor of his support of Florida libraries. This is the second year in a row that Bembry has received this honor.

In a press release from the Florida Library Association, it was stated that without state aid it would be impossible to offer quality library services to Hamilton County citizens.

Lawrence explained that Danny Hales, the previous director who recently retired, was unable to be there for the presentation because he was out of town.

"He really wanted to be here," Lawrence told Bembry. "Even though he's retired, he would want to be the one to do [the honors]."

Lawrence said she was proud to be a part of the SRRL system.

"I've been in a lot of different places, worked in a lot of libraries, and you have a stellar library system here, however small it is," Lawrence told the crowd. "This is really a wonderful asset to this community."

After the presentation of the plaque, Bembry gave a short speech recalling his first experience with libraries as a young man of 12 or 13 and a woman named Ms. Leslie.

"I can remember the day that she took a few minutes to sit down

and just kind of opened my eyes to the library and what was there. It was a learning process for her because she was teaching and it was a life experience for me," said Bembry. "Shortly thereafter I began to do a great deal more reading. Then I, all of a sudden, realized just how big this world is that we live in. We could sit in that chair and go all over the world."

Bembry said one of the arguments he used in the Legislature to keep state funding intact was the fact that there is nothing that initiates and encourages education like a good library system.

"One of these days people are going to realize that's the case and they're going to spend the kind of dollars on

our library system that it justifies," Bembry said. "There's no problem with justifying expenditures for our library systems. It will justify itself," he added.

Small libraries in small communities, Bembry said, are used a lot more often than bigger libraries in large cities, especially after school lets out.

"That's the way it ought to be," he said. "It means so much to these small communities."

Bembry said it has been a fight every year to keep state aid to libraries intact and again in 2011 it came down to the 11th hour before the measure was passed.

"Bottom line," Bembry said, "It needed to be done and we got it accomplished."

Bembry stated he has been to many libraries in the state of Florida and he has met many library employees, including Barbara Jones, the manager of the Jasper Public Library.

"There are a lot of folks who have Barbara's position and do what you do," he said to Jones. "I absolutely take my hat off to you and the job you have accomplished. It takes a tremendous level of dedication to do what you do, and when you get home at night you have to have a real good feeling."

Jones said she enjoys what she does.

"It's like every other job," she said. "You have good days and bad days, but you learn a lot and you meet people."

Many folks, Jones said, come off the interstate and stop in at the library to get travel directions to Disney World or other tourist destinations, and that it isn't just the locals who use their library resources. Then, she said, you get to meet the new folks in town because the first place they go after the grocery store is the library to sign up for a library card.

Before being rushed off to another recognition ceremony at Lee Public Library in Madison, Bembry's wife Susan confirmed that Leonard Bembry is running for U.S. Congress in 2012 from Florida's 2nd District. He will be challenging Rep. Steve Southerland, R-Panama City, who currently holds the position.



Suwannee River Regional Library Director Betty Lawrence, from left; Susan Bembry, Florida Representative Leonard L. Bembry, D-Greenville, and Jasper Public Library manager Barbara Jones. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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**TOWN OF JENNINGS  
FAIR HOUSING NOTICE**



It is policy of the Town Council of the Town of Jennings to promote, through fair, orderly and lawful procedure the opportunity for each person so desiring to obtain housing of such person's choice in the town without regard to race, religion, color, ancestry, national origin, sex, familial status, marital status, handicap or age, and that, to that end, to prohibit discrimination in housing by any person.

The Town Manager is authorized to implement the Town's fair housing policy, as contained in Ordinance Number 90-2, as may be amended, in accordance with state and federal laws. This ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of Town Clerk, Jennings Town Hall, 1199 Hamilton Avenue, Jennings, Florida 32053, during normal business hours Monday - Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

A written complaint of any local fair housing discrimination should be made to the Town Manager, P.O. Box 209, Jennings, Florida 32053. The written complaint must be received within 60 days of the alleged occurrence. An investigation will be conducted within 30 days of receipt of the complaint and a determination of probable cause will be generated. If there is cause to believe discrimination took place, the Town Manager will attempt to conciliate the parties.

Any aggrieved person may also file a complaint of a fair housing discrimination act with the following State and/or Federal agencies:

**Florida Commission on Human Relations**  
325 John Knox Road, Bldg. F., Suite 240  
Tallahassee, FL 32303-4149  
Toll-Free Telephone: 1-800-342-8170

or

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**  
451 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20410  
Toll-Free Telephone: 1-800-424-8590

For further information, or to register a fair housing complaint, please contact Mr. Billy Snipes, Town Manager, at 386-938-4131.

**The Town of Jennings is a Fair Housing, Handicap Accessible, Equal Employment Opportunity Jurisdiction**

# A Storytime Christmas

## 27th Annual Christmas on the Square is Saturday, Dec. 3

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It's going to be a Storytime Christmas in Live Oak. That is the theme for the 27th Annual Christmas on the Square, presented by the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce. Festivities will begin Saturday, Dec. 3 at 8 a.m., with the arts and crafts show that has grown to become an annual highlight for North Florida and South Georgia. The Arts and Crafts Show, along with live entertainment, food and drink vendors, games and Santa Land will continue until 4 p.m.

An antique and classic car and truck show sponsored by the Live Oak Fire Department will take place downtown from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Although there will be no trophies awarded in this show, there will be no entry fee either. The LOFD asks those entering the show to carry a \$10 toy suitable for children up to 12 years of age. The car and truck show is being held to help Sparky's Kids have a better Christmas.

Another highlight of Christmas on the Square is the annual Christmas



What's Christmas on the Square without Santa? Visit him during Christmas on the Square. Staff photos

Lights Parade, which begins at 6 p.m. The lighted parade always generates excitement and ignites the Spirit of Christmas throughout the community. The Storytime Christmas Parade is sure to live up to expectations. This year's parade route begins at the Suwannee River Regional Library on South Ohio

Avenue and travels north. From Ohio Avenue, the parade will travel west on Howard Street and conclude at Paul Langford Stadium.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and join in the festivities, take advantage of local shopping and fellowship with friends and neighbors.

### Christmas On The Square December 3, 2011

- 8:00am Arts & Craft Booths Opens  
**In Street Square Area**
- 8:30am Opening Ceremony
- 8:45am Sharon's School of Dance 362-6433
- 9:30am (Set Up)
- 9:35am Suwannee Spirit Cheer Jam 590-7868
- 10:20am (Set Up)
- 10:25am The Dance Shop 362-1906
- 11:10am (Set Up)
- 11:15am Blush Dance Company 590-6261
- MAIN STAGE – Millennium Park**
- 12:00pm Stephen Jones
- 12:45pm Suwannee Elementary Choir
- 1:15pm Cyndi K & The Matt Johns Trio
- 1:45pm Willow Martinez
- 2:05pm Gabrielle Buchanan
- 2:15pm Suwannee Valley String Ensemble
- 2:45pm Papa Ross & Dominion
- 3:15pm Hailey Baker
- 3:30pm Elvis Christmas Show
- 4:05pm Lauren Ogburn
- 4:30pm Melody Christian Praise Band
- 5:00pm Warner-Bailey
- 5:25pm BRO.KEN
- 6:00pm Christmas Parade

### Parade route

The Annual Christmas Lights Parade will begin at 6 p.m. The lighted parade always generates excitement and ignites the Spirit of Christmas throughout the community.

The Storytime Christmas Parade is sure to live up to expectations. This year's parade route begins at the Suwannee Elementary School on South Ohio Avenue and travels north. From Ohio Avenue, the parade will make a left onto West Howard Street and then make a left onto Houston Avenue before concluding at Paul Langford Stadium.

The Grand Marshal for this year's parade will be Roy Crain of Live Oak Pest Control.

