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Today's Weather

High 66° F  
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Precip: 0%

Partly cloudy skies. High 66F. Winds light and variable. Winds WSW at 4. Chance of rain 0%. For up to the minute weather go to www.nflaonline.com.

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## YEAR IN REVIEW

# 10 events of 2011 in Hamilton that had an impact

### #1 Firefighters lose their lives battling blaze (Published June 23)



Two Florida Forest Service firefighters lost their lives while battling a wildfire in Hamilton County June 20. Joshua Burch, 31 and Brett Fulton, 52, were helping to contain the Blue Ribbon wildfire about 14 miles east of Jasper. The two were killed when one of four tractors plowing fire containment lines got stuck on a stump around 4:45 p.m. Another tractor came to help, but the flames shifted, trapping Burch and Fulton. They were both Lake City residents.



Orrie produced a gun, faced charges of first degree murder as he pleaded his innocence.

### #4 No biomass plant for Hamilton County (Published March 31)

The 50-megawatt biopower plant in Hamilton County will not be going forward. At least for now. Hamilton County Coordinator Danny Johnson received a letter from F. Reed Willis, president of Adage LLC dated March 16, stating that the company had made the difficult decision not to further pursue the advance biomass project in Hamilton County. Willis stated the reason for the stoppage was primarily due to the poor electric power market conditions for large-scale, baseload biomass projects.

The project was two years in the making.

### #5 Nudist resort in the works near White Springs (Published Oct. 13)

A nudist resort is planned to open in April near the historic town of White Springs on the banks of the Suwannee River in Columbia County.

Suwannee Valley Campground at 786 NW Stephen Foster Drive has been sold to new owners B.G. Parkes and Tom Gillenwater. Parkes, since 2007, has been the owner and director of Bare Buns Bikers, a nudist motorcycle group. Parkes and Gillenwater plan to use the campground to operate a nudist resort.

### #6 Historic White Springs landmark destroyed by fire (Published March 17)

Spring Street Antiques Shop, at 16543 Spring St. in White Springs, was destroyed by fire the night of Tuesday, March 8. Officials said that a large tree at the rear of the property fell onto the back of the business, causing an electrical fire that destroyed the building and its contents.

The historic building was built in 1905 and used to be known as the Paxton Cottage. The building was spared from fire in Feb. 1911

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### #2 Drowning claims life of 6-month-old (Published May 26)

Jace Eben Shaw, 6-months-old, died after drowning May 21 in the Alapaha River off CR 150 near Jennings, close to Sasser's Landing Cemetery, according to Hamilton County Sheriff Harrell Reid. Reid said the mother, Melissa Westberry, 24 at the time, "carried the baby down to the river in a carseat." How the infant made his way into the river is unclear.

A Hamilton County Grand Jury indicted Westberry on June 13 for aggravated manslaughter of a child. It was learned that Westberry's blood alcohol content level was over the state limit.

### #3 Joeris gets life (Published March 17)

Leonard "Lenny" Joeris was convicted of first-degree murder by a Hamilton County jury Thursday, March 10 in the shooting death of his wife.

Lorrie Joeris was shot to death on Feb. 21, 2010 following an evening walk with Leonard at their Jasper home. Leonard Joeris, who says a struggle ensued after



Lorrie Joeris

## Slot referendum set for April 10

By Joyce Marie Taylor  
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A special referendum will be held on April 10 asking voters whether or not to allow slot machines in Hamilton County, the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners voted on Tuesday Dec. 20.

The owner of Hamilton Jai Alai & Poker and Hamilton Downs Race Track, Robert Glenn Richards had already received approval from the board to hold barrel racing events at the horse track property at a previous meeting with a 4-1 vote. Commissioner Randy Ogburn voted against that request.

Richards also previously stated he would cover the cost of the special election to be held in April.

Obtaining a slots license is dependent on Richards doing barrel racing two years in a row, as well as holding a county slots referendum. If the voters approve the referendum and Richards completes the required number of barrel racing events, then he can apply to the state for a slot machine license.

Laura Dees, Hamilton County Supervisor of Elections, was unable to attend the meeting on Dec. 20 due to illness, however, she left a letter with Clerk of Courts Greg Godwin regarding the issue. Ogburn read the letter to the board and the public.

In her letter, Dees stated that after speaking with Richards she recommended April 10, 2012 as the date for the referendum vote to allow slot machine gaming at 2220 NW CR 143, Jennings; the Hamilton Downs Race Track site.

Attorney John McCormick read the ballot verbiage to the board as follows:

"Ballot for slot machine referendum special election to approve or reject slot machine wagering license in Hamilton County, Florida. The State of Florida Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering may issue under chapter 551 Florida Statute to Hamilton Downs Horse Track LLC a license to conduct slot machine gaming at 2220 NW CR 143, Jennings, Hamilton County, Florida."

McCormick continued, stating that for the voters, they would either vote yes to approve the referendum to allow slot machine gaming at Hamilton Downs Race Track or vote no to reject it.

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## Woman jailed for molestation of juvenile

By Jeffrey Boatright  
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A 33-year-old White Springs woman has been jailed for lewd and lascivious battery and molestation of a 15-year-old male victim, a report from the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office shows.

Jennifer Denise Markham, 33, 15349 CR 25A, White Springs, was arrested after authorities discovered that she had consensual sexual relations with her victim on two different occasions during the months of August or September.

Markham was arrested on Wednesday, Dec. 21 and charged with lewd and lascivious battery penetration and lewd and lascivious molestation of a child.



Jennifer Markham

## Presidential preference primary

Local republicans to choose presidential candidate Jan. 31

By Joyce Marie Taylor  
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Republican voters can choose their presidential candidate early in 2012 in preparation for the general election which

will be held Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012.

In Hamilton County early voting will be held for eight days beginning Saturday, Jan. 21 and ending Saturday, Jan. 28.

Voting hours Monday through Saturday at the Supervisor of Elections office in the courthouse annex are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Sunday Jan. 22 the elections of-

office will be open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

An absentee ballot request may be made by calling the Supervisor of Elections office at 386-792-1426 or by visiting their website at www.hamiltonvotes.com.

Supervisor of Elections Laura Dees wishes to remind everyone that Florida is a closed primary state, which

- Last day to register or change party affiliation is Jan. 3

- Early voting begins Saturday, Jan. 21 and ends Jan. 28

means voters may only vote for candidates in the party for which they are registered, thereby,

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# 10 YEAR IN REVIEW

## Events of 2011 in Hamilton that had an impact

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when 35 buildings near it were destroyed or damaged by fire.

### #7 City park will never be sold

(Published Sept. 15)

A decision has been made by the Jasper City Council that the city park in downtown Jasper will not be sold. Not now. Not ever.



For weeks the issue of whether or not the city of Jasper should or should not sell the city park so a McDonald's restaurant could be built has been on everyone's mind. Many citizens and longtime residents of Jasper joined together in efforts to put a stop to the subject once and for all.

### #8 Slot machines may be coming to Hamilton

(Published Dec. 29)

A special referendum will be held on April 10 asking voters whether or not to allow slot machines in Hamilton County. See the front page for a story on this issue.

### #9 CHE will close if grade not met

(Published Nov. 3)

It was agreed upon by the Hamilton County School Board to close Central Hamilton Elementary and transfer all students to South Hamilton Elementary if CHE fails to successfully exit intervene status. CHE is in intervene status by the Florida Department of Education for receiving a failing school grade. CHE received an F two years in a row. The school must receive a C grade on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test to exit intervene status.



### #10 Education commissioner visits SHE

(Published Sept. 1)

It was an exciting and proud day in Hamilton County on Thursday, Aug. 25 when Florida Department of Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson stopped in for a visit.



SHE was a D school in 2009-10 and jumped to an impressive A school last year.

Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson, right

## Slot referendum set for April 10

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Approval of the ballot by the board, McCormick said, could wait until the first meeting of 2012 on Jan. 3. He then passed out paperwork for the board to review prior to the Jan. 3 meeting, which included information describing eligible facilities for slot machine wagering and statutes explaining referendums.

Richards stated he would hold 20 race programs per year, beginning in 2012. After completing his second year of the required races (40 total) he said he can apply to the state for the slots license, assuming the voters approve it on April 10, 2012.

Richards said he believed flat racing would eventually be offered at Hamilton Downs pending an agreement with the racing association, which is required in the state statutes. He said it would be a combination flat race/barrel race track.

Commissioner Josh Smith said he was under the impression that a flat race track was what they were originally considering and he suggested that the barrel track racing was kind of a loophole in the law to allow the gambling. Richards agreed with him.

Smith said this loophole was something the legislature didn't take care of. "They didn't cover this section of racing," said Smith.

"It will take the slot machines to make the purses work at the horse racing facility," Richards told Smith.

Ogburn asked Richards, "Are you going to be building the facility during the year?" Richards replied, "If we pass the referendum we're going to hire an engineering firm to start the facility. It will take a year at least to develop all that, design it, and then start it once we do the next year of racing and get the license."

Smith encouraged Richards to use the local workforce for the project. When asked by Ogburn, Richards stated that the state of Florida would be the one responsible for keeping tabs on the number of races held each year at the facility. The board voted 4-1 to allow the referendum vote for April 10, 2012. Ogburn was the lone vote against.

## Presidential preference primary

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the presidential preference primary in 2012 is a partisan election for registered republicans only. There are no democratic candidates to be voted on.

Presidential preference primaries are held in the presidential election year to determine who will represent each of the two major political parties in the fall's general election. Because President Obama is the democratic nominee, only republicans will vote in the presidential preference primaries.

Voter registration for the presidential preference primary closes on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 for all new registrants to the state of

Florida or to anyone who wishes to change their party affiliation.

On Jan. 31, 2012, all registered republicans can go to the polls and vote for the candidate they want to represent the republican party in the general election. There are nine candidates on the Florida ballot. They are Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Jon Huntsman, Gary Johnson, Ron Paul, Rick Perry, Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum.

As with other elections, there are three ways you can vote in the presidential preference primary by mail, early voting and precinct voting on Jan. 31, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

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# Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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Here we are at the juncture between the end of the old year and the beginning of the new one. A New Year! That has a nice sound to it. I can envision it in my mind's eye, a nice, shiny new year, informed by the old year's experiences, successes and failures but free to go its own way, free to recognize its highest potential. All it takes is some resolve and some common sense. Unfortunately, resolve and common sense often do not go hand in hand. Let's think about how we can apply resolve to our lives in the coming year. Perhaps a fresh understanding of what resolve is will help. It

is a word that gets a lot of use this time of year. The practical definition of resolve is; "to come to a definite or earnest decision about; determine (to do something)": I have resolved that I shall live to the full.

I find it extremely enlightening to consider the musical definition when we are considering our resolve. Musically, to resolve is "To progress from a dissonance to a consonance." Now, when you consider that dissonance is a simultaneous combination of tones conventionally accepted as being in a state of unrest and needing completion, while consonance is a correspondence of sounds, a harmony of sounds, it's easy to see why our resolutions so often fail. We never really resolve our plans into a harmonious state. Christmas cookies and New Years Weight loss?

Dissonance! Get rid of the culinary temptations and you have resolved your surroundings and your desire to lose weight into consonance, into a state of harmony! Trying to exercise and still watching too much television? Dissonance! Cut back on the television and that action harmonizes with your intent to exercise more.

You get the idea. No matter our intent, when we make a new year's resolution it's not really a resolution if it is not in harmony with its surroundings. It's just another area of dissonance in our lives. If it's not harmonious with our surroundings it's not really a resolution, it's a conflict, a battle with no guarantee of victory. So, use some common sense and ask yourself if you can resolve the dissonance in your plans for the New Year. Find a course of action that brings your goals and the realities of your life into a state of harmony and perhaps you will get to experience one of life's truly wonderful moments, the moment of resolution!

Find ways to put the practice of resolve into your resolutions. It may cause you to shift your focus. I have changed some of my plans for the coming year. So this year I will not insist that our spring flow again, I will work to resolve the issues that have allowed us to misunderstand and mismanage our water supply. We can all work to resolve important public issues and the public apathy we encounter on a daily basis. We can work to resolve personal and political and perceptual differences. We can all hope more, and dream more, and pray more, and then resolve those hopes and dreams and prayers and our daily actions so that they are in harmony. I know that we can do it if we listen carefully and resolve the dissonance in our lives each time we encounter it.

So, if you are determined to make resolutions this year, make them thoughtfully, and take them seriously. Good luck to you on keeping them until they become second nature, until they make a positive difference in your life, until you can hear the harmony!

I hope that one of your resolutions is to consider contributing to this column and I hope to see you out and about in the New Year, enjoying life in White Springs!

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## New Year's weather forecast

**Thursday:**  
Sunny, with a high near 64.  
**Thursday Night:**  
Mostly clear, with a low around 36.  
**Friday:**  
Sunny, with a high near 69.  
**Friday Night:**  
Mostly clear, with a low around 41.

**New Year's Eve and Day:**  
**Saturday:**  
Sunny, with a high near 71.  
**Saturday Night:**  
Mostly clear, with a low around 41.  
**New Year's Day:**  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.  
Retrieved from www.srh.noaa.gov.

## State park to host pottery workshop

Participant registration underway

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park will host a three day wheel throwing pottery class at the Pottery Cabin in Craft Square on Thursdays, Jan. 5, 12 and 19, 2012.

Taught by Diane Hornby, participants will learn wedging, centering, opening and pulling up plus finishing and trimming, as well as how to embellish the vessel and about hand painting and/or dipping glazes.

The cost is \$85 and includes basic instructions in each technique, five pounds of clay, firing of four vessels, glazes for dipping or hand painting for four vessels. There is a limit of two students per class. Wear old clothes; bring an apron, an old towel and a small plastic bowl. Extra clay, firing and glazes will be available at a minimum cost.

For more information

on the workshop or to register, please call the park Gift Shop at (386) 397-1920 or visit [www.stephenfosterCSO.org](http://www.stephenfosterCSO.org). To learn more about the park, visit [www.FloridaStateParks.org/stephenfoster](http://www.FloridaStateParks.org/stephenfoster).

This event will take place:  
Jan. 5, 12 and 19, 2012  
2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park  
Craft Square  
11016 Lillian Saunders Drive  
White Springs, Florida

## Progress Energy donates \$500 to Stephen Foster



Progress Energy donated \$500 to Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park recently. Pictured is Benjamin Faure, park manager, and Gaye Hanna, representative for public relations for Progress Energy. - Courtesy photo

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## OPINION

# Gullible Americans

National Transportation Safety Board Chairwoman Deborah Hersman has called for states to mandate a total ban on cellphone usage while driving. She has also encouraged electronics manufacturers -- via recommendations to the CTIA-The Wireless Association and the Consumer Electronics Association -- to develop features that "disable the functions of portable electronic devices within reach of the driver when a vehicle is in motion." That means she wants to be able to turn off your cellphone while you're driving.

With very little evidence, the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration claims that there were some 3,092 roadway fatalities last year that involved distracted drivers. Americans ought to totally reject Hersman's agenda. It's the camel's

nose into the tent. Down the road, we might expect mandates against talking to passengers while driving or putting on lipstick. They may even mandate the shutdown of drive-in restaurants as a contributory factor to driver distraction through eating while driving. You say, "Come on, Williams, you're paranoid. There are already laws against distracted driving, and it would never come to that!" Let's look at some other camels' noses into tents.

During the legislative debate before enactment of the 16th Amendment, Republican President William Taft and congressional supporters argued that only the rich would ever pay federal income taxes. In fact, in 1913, only one-half of 1 percent of income earners were affected. Those earning \$250,000 a year in today's dollars paid 1 percent, and those earning \$6 million in today's dollars paid 7 percent. The 16th Amendment never would have been enacted had Americans not been duped into believing that only the rich



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would pay income taxes. It was simply a lie to exploit American gullibility and envy.

The fact of the matter is that the founders of our nation so feared the imposition of direct taxes, such as an income tax, that Article 1, Section 9 of the Constitution says, "No Capitation, or other direct, Tax shall be laid, unless in Proportion to the Census or Enumeration herein before directed to be taken." It was not until the Abraham Lincoln administration that an income tax was imposed on Americans. Its stated purpose was to finance the war, but it took until 1872 for it to be repealed. During the Grover Cleveland administration, Congress enacted the Income Tax Act of 1894. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional in 1895. It took the 16th Amendment (1913) to make permanent what the founders feared.

Another camel's nose in the tent lie that's threatening the economic collapse of our country is the Medicare lie. At its beginning, in 1966, Medicare cost \$3 billion. The House Ways and Means Committee, along with President Lyndon Johnson, estimated that Medicare would cost an inflation-adjusted \$12 billion by 1990. In 1990, Medicare topped \$107 billion. That's nine times Congress' predic-

tion. Today's Medicare tab comes to \$523 billion and shows no signs of leveling off. The 2009 Medicare trustees report put the unfunded Medicare liability at \$89 trillion. The 1966 Medicare cost estimate was simply a congressional and White House lie to get the American people to buy into their agenda. But not to worry; the real Medicare crisis won't hit the nation until today's beneficiaries and political supporters are dead. It's today's children who'll bear the burden of our profligacy.

But back to the proposed cellphone ban. NTSB Chairwoman Hersman said: "It's going to be very unpopular with some people. We're not here to win a popularity contest. We're here to do the right thing." C.S. Lewis warned us about people like Hersman, saying: "Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience."

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### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As we approach the end of the year in this season of giving, I must advise my fellow residents of the opportunity we each have to strengthen our community.

You probably have noticed in recent years there are no United Way thermometers. However, I must tell you the United Way of Suwannee Valley's fundraising campaign leadership still set an ambitious goal. Rather than focusing on the goal, we are more interested in telling the story of the impact we're having on the community. While we need to reach our goal to have the funds to do the work, it is the work we do with the funds that is important.

United Way of Suwannee Valley is working to address our community's most pressing needs. We do that by supporting effective programs of local non-profit health and human service agencies that meet identified community needs. We also take the lead to develop, coordinate and facilitate programs to meet gaps or emerging needs. These include our United Way's role in disaster recovery and as lead

agency for the homeless coalition.

Like all investors, our donors want to be sure they are getting a good return on their philanthropic investment. We can assure them they are. A citizen review panel carefully reviews agencies' programs for proposed impacts, looks at financial and governance information and requires quarterly financial reports. These measures ensure the funds United Way invests on our donors' behalf are making the greatest impact.

Like any investment manager, United Way aims to be transparent and provide information on the impact those funds make -- the community's return on investment. Our United Way's financial reports are available on our website and from our office.

Our campaign team set an ambitious goal of \$685,000. While our campaign team has not achieved our goal for several years, our volunteers recognize they cannot decrease our fundraising goal when the community needs are increasing.

But it's not about meeting that goal. It's about how those funds will enable us to meet community needs. I invite you to join us in meeting that need.

Won't you help us meet the needs our fellow citizens face daily here in our own community?

Danny Johnson  
Volunteer/ United Way of Suwannee Valley  
Hamilton County Campaign Chair



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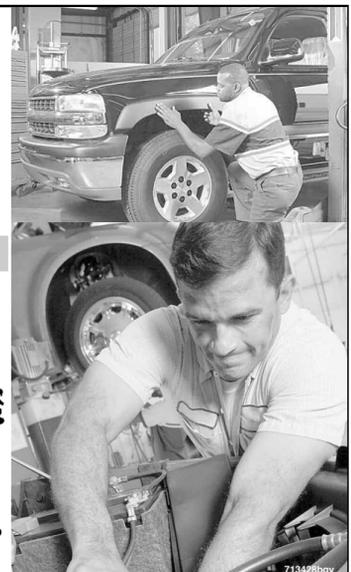
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# Death Notice

Calvin Claridy  
Jan. 2, 1952 -  
Dec. 24, 2011

Mr. Calvin Claridy, a resident of Lake City, Fla., a former resident of Marion Station, Jasper, Fla., passed away Dec. 24, 2011.

D.M. Udell and Sons of D.M. Udell Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements. 386-362-4189 or 386-209-0223.

# Hundreds visit Scaff's Christmas display in Jennings

Submitted by Eileen Scaff

During this past weekend, over one hundred visitors enjoyed Decar Scaff's display of Christmas cottages at the "Gingerbread House" located next to the Scaffs' home on County Road 146.

Other displays included a fall scene, a farm scene, a carnival/fair scene, a train running on tracks, a candy land, skiers on snow covered mountains and ice skaters on ponds, cities & towns, including college towns, castles, German and Dutch items, a pirate scene, a fisherman's wharf, a western scene with square dancers and a bronco rider, and an American Indian scene.

There were collections of old Avon bottles, stuffed bears and many other items. The most important display depicted the life of Jesus. This portrayed His birth, Bethlehem, the Wise Men following the Star and the Escape to Egypt, Jesus growing up in the carpenter's shop, His twelve Apostles, many miracles He performed, Disciples being taught on the hillside, the Last Supper, Jesus washing the Disciples' feet, the City of Jerusalem, Jesus riding in on Palm Sunday, Jesus praying in the garden, Jesus carrying the Old Rugged Cross, Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Sunday night after the children's musical presentation at New Hope Baptist Church, the children and many church members stopped by the Gingerbread House to view the displays and joined together to sing "Happy Birthday" to their pastor, Brother Jeff Cordero.

# Heart Matters

# Happy New Year!

By Angie Land

Happy New Year! As the clock ticks away the final moments of 2011, I want to challenge you to a year-end project:

First, take a moment to recall some of the blessings of the past year. Smile over them, cry over them, share them with others, write them down (if you like), and then give thanks for how they added to your life.

Next, take another moment to think about the inevitable struggles and hardships of the past year. Naturally, we often just want to store those unpleasant memories away and hope never to see them again! However, experience teaches that we usually learn much more from hard times than easy ones, so we potentially "waste" wisdom by not being willing to analyze times of adversity in our lives.

If we are honest, this kind of reflection is uncomfortable, often because it reveals how much we contribute to the controversy in our lives. It makes us feel better (at least temporarily) to blame others and shuck the responsibility of our own choices and actions. While thinking on these things and asking God to inspect my own heart over some recent struggles, I read Psalm 37. Verses 5-8 were especially insightful:

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:

He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and

turn from wrath; do not fret-it leads only to evil."

The use of the word "fret" several times in these verses caught my eye. Our English definition implies irritation or agitation. Indeed, we use this word to encourage others not to "fret" over minor inconveniences. The original Hebrew translation, however, is a much stronger word. According to the Key Word Study Bible, "Harah" means "to burn, to be angry, incensed; points to the fire or heat of anger just after it has been ignited." This gave me the mental image of the intensity of a match immediately after it catches fire. The Holy Spirit brought to mind several times this past year when I did this kind of fretting. Even when we fret over a "just cause" God warns us to refrain from this kind anger that would lead us into evil. Fretting in-

dulges us to take matters into our own hands instead of waiting on the Lord. Not only is this a waste of time, it also has the potential to take a small problem and make it into a huge mess! Anyone out there besides me guilty of useless fretting?

Looking ahead, after reflecting on this passage I felt God invite me to the challenge of verse five instead of making a list of New Year's Resolutions: "Commit your way to the Lord, trust in Him..." because if I take Him up on this challenge, He has promised to hold up His end. According to this verse, if I commit my motives and intentions (my way) to Him, He will defend them. This means I won't have to waste time fretting over them...and I sure like the sound of that!



Because Every Heart Matters,  
Angie

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

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This year, First Federal Bank of Florida employees donated \$27,000 to local community agencies through First Federal's employee contribution program, First Federal Way. The \$27,000 donation facilitated a match of the same amount by First Federal for a total of over \$54,000 contributed to community agencies. Through First Federal Way, employees elect to contribute a portion of their

paycheck to one or more participating non-profit agencies. At the end of each year, First Federal matches the total contribution and awards it to the selected agencies.

First Federal Bank is proud of our generous, compassionate employees. Our employees continued to give back to their communities this year, despite a weak economy. For some First Federal employees like Shawn Bailey and

Heather Markham, they choose to contribute to agencies that have touched their lives and the lives around them. Other employees like Kathy Baird, are proud to be a part of First Federal's commitment to the community and enroll in the First Federal Way program because it enables their contribution to be more than they are able to give alone.

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*In Memory*

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| <b>BAPTIST (Southern)</b><br><b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br>SR 6 West, 6592 NW 48th St.,<br>Jennings, FL 32053<br>938-5611<br>Pastor: Jeff Cordero<br>Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.<br>Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br>Sunday Evening Worship, Youth Happening, RA's, GA's.....6:00 p.m.<br>Wednesday Supper.....6:00 p.m.<br>Prayer Meeting, Discipleship class for adults, Youth activities, Children's Choirs.....6:30 p.m.<br>Van pick-up upon request<br>644209-F | <b>CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br><b>ST. TERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br>Three miles north of Jasper U.S. 41<br>P.O. Box 890, Jasper, FL 32052<br>Rectory U.S. 90 E., Live Oak, FL<br>(386) 364-1108<br>Saturday MASS 4:00 p.m.<br>644211-F  | <b>NON-DENOMINATIONAL</b><br><b>BURNHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b><br>4520 NW CR 146, Jennings, FL 32053<br>938-1265<br>Pastor: Johnny Brown<br>Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.<br>Worship.....11:00 a.m.<br>Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.<br>Wednesday Kids' Program.....6:15 p.m.<br>644236-F  | <b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br><b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br>N.W. 3rd St., Jasper<br>Bldg.: 792-2277<br>Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.<br>Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.<br>Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.<br>Wednesday Evening.....6:00 p.m.<br>644212-F   |

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## If you can't resolve 'em, perfect last year's mistakes

By Rev. James L. Snyder

An old year is fading and a new year is upon us again. Each year I go kicking and screaming into the New Year, and not because I am against change. My pants pocket is full of change.

I simply cannot remember to change the year on the checks I write until May. By the time, I remember the correct year I have forgotten to make deposits into my checking account. I need a reality check, which with any luck will not bounce as high as my checkbook.

That is not the only reason I hesitate going into a new year. The biggest reason has to do with the mistakes I made during the old year.

Looking back over the old year, I worry that my blunders were not as bad as they could have been. Did I make all the gaffes I possibly could? Did I fill my quota? What is my quota, anyway?

For many people, the New Year offers the opportunity to start over again. Actually, what happens is people simply make new mistakes curiously similar to the mistakes made during the old year.

If I have any resolution for the New Year it would be to perfect the mistakes I have already made. I do not see any sense in making new bloopers when I can easily requisition the old ones for duty during the New Year.

And what is wrong with my old mistakes? The only thing I can think of is that I did not work hard enough to make the most of them. It is one thing to make a mistake, but it is quite another thing to perfect the art of making a mistake so that you do not have to repeat

it ever again. Too many amateurs have given mistake-making a bad name.

Most of my mistakes have been so poorly discharged that in the coming New Year I will have to re-do many of them. And, frankly, I am tired of it all. I am anxious to move on to new areas of mistake making.

I am convinced there are faux pas to make that I have not dreamed of at this point in my life. Believe me, I have been dreaming. Actually, the gracious mistress of the Parsonage things they are all nightmares. However, my horsing around is not limited to the nighttime.

With that in mind, my resolution for the New Year is to make sure all mistakes I make (and there will be plenty, I assure you) will be as thorough as possible. I refuse to execute any mistake before its time.

Some mistakes take lots of time to fully mature, but when its time comes, I want to make sure it is implemented as smoothly and as perfectly as possible.

If I am any judge of character, the majority of people will not make any new mistakes this coming New Year. Oh, they think they are making new mistakes but in reality, they are dusting off old ones and re-dating them for the current year. What a waste of time, in my opinion.

For those who take mistake-making seriously, allow me to offer some help to guide this pursuit in the coming New Year.

Look back over the old year and make a list of all of the mistakes you have made. If you are a husband, solicit help from your wife, who will be able to remember all of

those mistakes you have forgotten. (Not to mention one or two you did not make.)

Go over each mistake on your list and determine if it needs repeated for the New Year. It does not make sense in doing new mistakes if you are not finished with the old ones. Nothing is more disheartening than a half-baked mistake.

For every mistake from the previous year not needing repeated, place a nice red star in front of it. That mistake can now go into your Hall of Blame, which you will never have to repeat again.

Of course, you will have some mistakes, even though they have been perfectly executed are well worth repeating. You know which ones they are. Don't you?

Now look at all of those mistakes listed for repeating during the New Year. Prioritize them so you can begin the New Year with a good plan.

As you prioritize this list, think of ways in which you can improve on your mistakes over the past year. No satisfaction compares with doing something as good as you can. One man's blunder is another man's gaffe.

Everyone generates mistakes, which is healthy. What is unhealthy is thinking you have not made any mistakes, which is a mistake. Some people have the strange idea that they live a completely mistake free life.

A mistake well executed is a mistake never needing repeating. During the New Year, execute as many mistakes as your conscience will allow.

The Bible, an authority on mistakes, says this; "If we say that we have no

sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (1 John 1:8-10 KJV.)

The great hope we have is that there is no mistake bigger than God's ability to forgive.

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## Do you have questions about Medicare?

Do you have questions about your options for Medicare, Medicare/Medicaid, Disability, Supplemental Insurance, Part D Prescription Drug Plans, or Medicare Billings?

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Thursday, Jan. 5  
10 a.m.-Noon  
Jasper Public Library  
Thursday, Jan. 12  
1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Live Oak City Hall  
Friday, Jan. 20  
10:00 a.m.-Noon  
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## Hamilton VTAE School Adult Basic Education (ABE) and General Education Development (GED) Prep Courses

Enrollment for the 2nd semester Adult Education courses is the week of January 3-5, 2012. All prospective students will need to register and take the entry level TABE test that week. For more information please contact Rex Mitchell or Evelyn Davis at 792-7829.

### Class/Registration Information

| Location                                    | ABE/<br>GED<br>Class | Class<br>Begin/<br>End<br>Dates | Class<br>Time/<br>Days   | Registration<br>Dates                                 | Registration<br>Times  |
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| JREL<br>Complex<br>Building<br>1, Room<br>8 | Morning              | 1/3/2012<br>-<br>6/5/2012       | 8:30 a.m. -<br>12:30 noon<br>Class<br>meets<br>Monday<br>thru Friday   | January 3,<br>4, & 5*,<br>2012<br>*January<br>5, 2012 | 8:30 a.m. -<br>12:30 noon<br><br>1:00 p.m. -<br>4:00 p.m.<br>TABE<br>Testing |
| JREL<br>Complex<br>Building<br>1, Room<br>8 | Evening              | 1/3/2012<br>-<br>6/5/2012       | 5:30 p.m. -<br>8:30 p.m.<br>Class<br>meets on<br>Tuesday &<br>Thursday | January 3<br>& 5, 2012                                | 5:30 p.m. -<br>8:30 p.m.   |

# VOTE 2012

## Presidential Preference Primary

### JANUARY 31, 2012

Voter Registration Books Close Jan. 3, 2012

Preparation for the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) is already underway.

Absentee Ballots to overseas military and civilians will be mailed on December 17, 2011, with all others being mailed December 27, 2011.

You may request an absentee ballot to be mailed to your home by calling our office at 386-792-1426 or go to our website at [hamiltonvotes.com](http://hamiltonvotes.com).

**As a reminder of Florida Law: FL is a Closed Primary State. Which means voters may only vote for candidates in the party that they are registered. Since there is only one Democratic candidate, no minor party candidates and no amendments, the PPP Election is open to registered Republicans ONLY.**

For more info go to [hamiltonvotes.com](http://hamiltonvotes.com) 7138820vv

### AGENDA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA Room 112 - Courthouse 207 Northeast First Street Jasper, Florida MEETING DATE: January 3, 2012

The Agenda Items Listed By Number Will Be Taken In Order From The Beginning Of The Meeting Regardless Of Time. However, The Time Certain Items Listed With Specific Times Will Commence At The Specified Time.

#### LISTED ITEMS

- 1) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - UNAGENDAED APPEARANCES (\*)
- 2) CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL
- 3) REPORT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORTS AND REQUESTS
- 4) SENIOR CITIZENS BUILDING
- 5) DISCUSSION OF HOSPITAL PROPERTY
- 6) WHITE SPRINGS LIBRARY PROJECT
- 7) APPROVE BILLS
- 8) CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 9) ADJOURN

#### TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

- 9:00 AM - CALL TO ORDER - INVOCATION - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
9:05 AM - 2010 CDBG GRANT PROGRAMS UPDATES AND REQUESTS  
9:10 AM - LAND USE AND SHIP PROGRAM UPDATES AND REQUESTS  
9:15 AM - COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS - STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS

DUE TO PUBLICATION DEADLINE, THIS AGENT MAY NOT CONTAIN ALL MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED AFTER 1:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2011 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, COURTHOUSE, JASPER, FLORIDA.

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

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

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

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD: TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012 AT 6:00 PM

### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAMILTON, FLORIDA CONSENT AGENDA

January 3, 2012

- 1) MINUTES - APPROVE:
  - A) December 20, 2011 - Regular Meeting
- 2) DEPARTMENT HEADS - INFORMATION ITEMS:
- 3) DEPARTMENT HEADS - ACTION ITEMS:
- 4) APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVOICE FROM IN TOUCH CONSULTING GROUP INC.:
  - A) Invoice No. 1015 - Housing Rehab/CDBG Admin - Request #8 - \$7,727.28
- 5) APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INVOICES FROM NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:
  - A) Invoice No. 14201 - Plant Operator Services - December 2011 - \$5,066.25
  - B) Invoice No. 14202 - Gibson Park Boat Ramp/fbip Grant - \$8,810.83
  - C) Invoice No. 14203 - CR 6 Bridge Replacement - \$3,500.00
  - D) Invoice No. 14204 - CR 6 Bridge Replacement - \$34,685.48
  - E) Invoice No. 14205 - Land Use & Zoning Admin - \$1,000.00
  - F) Invoice No. 14206 - Loves Street/SW 61st Way - \$3,207.60
  - G) Invoice No. 14207 - Ship Admin Services - December 2011 - \$2,416.67

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## Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent  
Johnny Bullard

### Norris Notes

By Lillian Norris

Norris Notes will not be running this week. Mrs. Lillian Norris will be back next week with her column. Thank you.

The old year is quickly drawing to a close, and it is a time when "true" North Floridians turn their attention towards the traditional New Year's Day meal. At our house, it is black-eyed peas, rice, hog jowls, collards or mustard greens, usually ham or some kind of roasted pork, cornbread, and usually a slice of sweet potato or pecan pie—all washed down by a lot of iced tea. This is certainly not a meal that would receive the accolades of "Men's Health" or a host of other magazines extolling proper nutrition and the "right" things to eat, but it works for us, as it has for countless years.

As we begin the New Year, let us all resolve to look for the positive in our respective com-

munities, and there is so much of it here. The beauty of so many outstanding natural resources, our "immortal" Suwannee River, our rivers, creeks, lakes, and springs. The sounds of lively music ringing forth from "Around the Banks of the Suwannee" at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, as well as Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park, home of the Florida Folk Festival, which will mark its 60th anniversary this coming Memorial Day weekend. It is the oldest state sponsored folk festival in the United States, and it belongs to us all in this part of the world.

Hamilton and Suwannee counties jointly shared much of the responsibility for the beginnings of the Florida Folk

Festival. Suwannee Countians, including the late Mr. Aubrey Fowler, Governor Cary Hardee, Mr. J.L. McMullen and Ms. Helen Bixler, along with Hamilton Countians, the late Mrs. W. A. (Lillian) Saunders, Sr., Mrs. E.S. (Virginia Bridges) Chandler and Mr. John McCormick, served on the planning committee that gave birth to the Festival. Sixty years later, the Florida Folk Festival is still going strong with scores of entertainers, and a history as rich as that of our area. Be sure and join the celebration over Memorial Day Weekend 2012! Featured entertainers will include Arlo Guthrie and Billy Dean.

We can also "give thanks" for a true spirit of volun-

teerism. Where would so many of our communities be without a host of dedicated volunteers? From local hospitals and schools, to our area nursing homes, state parks, and in so many other aspects of the lives of our communities, we see the value of those who give of themselves selflessly. Volunteers, we know you don't do what you do for public applause or accolades. You do what you do each and every day for the good of our various communities and out of a spirit of altruism and love, but our hats are off to you. Thank you and God Bless you.

There is so much negative in our world. We can all find fault with something or someone else. It's not a hard thing to do, but this coming year, let

us all resolve to look for and comment more on the positive and to be "encouragers". I don't know of a soul who doesn't need encouragement. We all need it.

I hope you, like me, will enjoy your New Year's Day "repast" and look with hopeful anticipation towards a more positive, more encouraging, 2012. We all have so much for which to be thankful. I feel so blessed to live in the United States of America, and I am doubly blessed to live in the BEST part of it - Right here in one of the most beautiful places in the world and among some of the best people in the world "Way down upon the Suwannee River".

From the Eight Mile Still, on the Woodpecker Route, north of White Springs, I wish you joy, peace, and, above all, lots of love and laughter, and a very Happy New Year! Don't forget to eat those black-eyed peas and greens, you want to have good luck, don't you?

## More scenes of breakfast with Santa

The event was held Saturday, Dec. 10 at Nelly Bly's Restaurant inside Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park.



Demaya Richburg is all smiles as she receives her gift of a bicycle.



This little girl blushes as she speaks to Santa.



Elf Brandt Dieffenbach gives this young boy his present.

## United Way of Suwannee Valley awarded HUD grant renewal

U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan announced Tuesday, December 20, the award of funding to keep local homeless assistance programs offering critically needed housing and services to homeless persons and families in the coming year. United Way of Suwannee Valley's application for HUD renewal funding was among those included in the announcement. United Way of Suwannee Valley annually generates and submits the application as the lead agency for the Homeless Services Network of Suwannee Valley, the federally and state recognized homeless coalition serving the local United Way's service area of Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette and Suwannee counties.

The application submitted by the local United Way in the 2011 McKinney-Vento homeless assistance competition garnered renewal funding for two projects initiated through the local United Way's original 2004 HUD homeless assistance application. The two projects receiving renewal funding include United Way of Suwannee Valley's implementation of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Volunteers of America of Florida's scattered-site supported housing units.

United Way of Suwannee Valley received a one-year renewal of \$32,146 to maintain an HMIS system. "HMIS is a HUD-mandated web-based system which collects data for aggregate reporting and prevents duplication of services from between multiple agencies," explained Jenn Sawyer, United Way of Suwannee Valley HMIS coordinator. Jennifer Lee, United Way of Suwannee Valley Homeless Coordinator, stated the system provides an additional benefit beyond data collection. "The system allows homeless service providers who are participants in the homeless coalition to enter client data to provide for community coordinated case management," she explained.

While HUD requires local homeless coalitions to maintain a homeless information management system for homeless service providers to receive grant funds, the local United Way minimized expenses associated with this requirement, so funds would be available to provide services. "Recognizing the very small amount of funds available to our four-county homeless coalition catchment area, when we imple-

mented the system locally, our United Way coordinated with United Way of Northeast Florida to participate in the Northeast Florida Information Network HMIS system," explained Rita Dopp, executive director of United Way of Suwannee Valley. United Way sought to meet the HUD requirements in the most cost efficient manner possible. By engaging in a system utilized by multiple local homeless coalitions, each is able to benefit from the economies of scale and minimize the costs of the HMIS implementation to utilize remaining HUD funds for direct client services.

United Way of Suwannee Valley's HUD application included a Volunteers of America of Florida project which received a one-year renewal of \$125,789 for scattered-site supported housing for chronically homeless individuals, predominantly veterans. The grant provides for eleven units.

The grants announced are being awarded through HUD's Continuum of Care programs. HUD is quickly providing renewal grants to local programs to prevent any interruption in federal assistance and will announce funding relative to new project applications early in 2012. United Way of Suwannee Valley included in its HUD application two new projects submitted by Another Way.

"Our local United Way continues to focus on unmet community needs and opportunities to address these needs," said Dopp. "Only as a result of a successful Homeless Management Information System implementation are homeless assistance agencies eligible to apply for state or federal grants to assist those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness."

Mike McKee, president of the United Way of Suwannee Valley Board of Directors, noted the local United Way is somewhat unique in the amount of grant funds secured for the benefit of community agency services. "These grant funds enable our United Way to expand community resources in support of targeted community impact areas. While it may not be uncommon for a local United Way to seek grant funds, the amount of grant funds leveraged by our United Way in comparison to its community fundraising campaign is unusual. Our board of directors is very proud of these accomplishments."

United Way of Suwannee Valley is a community impact and fundraising organization which, utilizing volunteers on all levels, advances the common good by identifying unmet community needs and seeking to alleviate those needs through United Way of Suwannee Valley initiatives and the funding of 22 affiliated health and human service agencies.

United Way of Suwannee Valley serves as the lead agency for the Homeless Services Network of Suwannee Valley, which serves the counties of Columbia, Suwannee, Lafayette and Hamilton. The network includes agencies and individuals interested in the services available to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Those interested in participating in the local homeless coalition are invited to attend the monthly meetings conducted at the Columbia County Public Library West Branch at 4 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. The location of the meetings at the Library's West Branch is intended to facilitate the participation by those throughout the coalition's service area.

## TPOA monthly news notice and annual meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:00 PM the Timberlake Property Owners' Association, Inc will hold their monthly board meeting at 6319 NW 31st Circle Jennings. All members welcome.

The following annual membership meeting notice needs to be placed in the Jasper News for Thursday, January 5th, 2012 and January 12th, 2012:

Saturday, January 14th, 2012 at 10:00 AM the Timberlake Property Owners' Association, Inc will hold their annual general membership meeting at the cafeteria of the Old Middle School in Jasper at 4282 SW CR 152 Jasper, FL.

# Christmas Love Tree helps about 150

## Anne Hall and her project helped those in need for the 7th year

By Joyce Marie Taylor

Christmas came early this year to about 50 needy families in Hamilton County thanks to Anne Hall and her Christmas Love Tree project, which is in its seventh year.

Hall and her helpers were in Jasper on Friday, Dec. 16 and in White Springs on Wed. Dec. 21 to distribute all the donated gifts from the Love Tree project to the parents of approximately 150 children in the county. Gifts were also delivered to needy children in Jennings.

"It is a blessing for me," Hall said, as tears filled her eyes.

Hall said she would love to see the children's faces when they wake up Christmas morning, but just seeing the joy on the parents' faces as they received the gifts made everything worthwhile.

"These girls were angels God sent to me," Hall said of her helpers. "I really didn't know how I was going to pull this off this year."

Hall is suffering from a second bout of cancer and she said without the help from the community and her volunteer helpers the Love Tree project wouldn't have become a reality this year. Hall lost her husband two years ago and she said Christmas was his favorite time of year spent with his children and grandkids.

"If he was here, he would be right in the middle of all this," said Hall.

One of Hall's helpers, Mary Kay Dunaway said, "It makes me feel like a millionaire giving away all these presents. Oh, what a gift. It didn't come in a box wrapped in festive paper or tied with a pretty bow. It's the gift of giving."

Dunaway's husband Richard said of

Hall, "We know that she isn't Santa Claus. Her heart is too big to be an elf." He went on to say, "The children go to bed with hope, waking up to joy, for Anne Hall's Christmas angels have delivered their toys."

One parent in White Springs was in tears as she thanked Hall for allowing her children to have a Christmas this year. Her husband, she said, had lost his job and they were barely able to put food on the table. Now, her daughter will have the doll house she asked for from Santa.

Other parents who arrived left thank you notes to Anne.

"This is a big blessing," said one.

"Thank you for all the gifts," another said. "I really appreciate it."

Yet another note said, "Thank you, a lot more than words can say."

The best note was the one that said, "Thank you very much and I hope God blesses you in the way you have blessed my family."

Hall wants to thank all those who donated: PCS, Telford Inn, Fat Belly's and First Baptist Church in White Springs; Sunsations, Foodway, Hardees, First Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church, Hamilton 4-H and Alliance & Associates in Jasper; Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Burnham Christian Church, New Hope Baptist Church, Westlake Church of God, Jennings United Methodist Church, and the faculty at North Hamilton Elementary.

Special thank you's from Hall go out to Billy and Ann Callaway, Rev. Justin Young, Mary Kay Dunaway, Kathy Jo Foster, Donna Davis, Carolee Tucker and Beth Burnham, as well as all of those who pulled tickets from the Love Trees and donated gifts to the needy children of Hamilton County.



Kathy Jo Foster-Sunsations (from left); Gretchen Roger-New Hope; Gloria Fletcher-Hardee's; Joy Howell-Chamber of Commerce; Danny Johnson-County Coordinator; Sharon Haskins-Hardee's. - Courtesy Photos



Dian Newsome, left, and Janice Harvey from Foodway



Anne Hall (seated) and Mary Kay Dunaway check off the recipient names one by one. - Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor



A smile of joy and thankfulness from a parent.



A smile like no other all thanks to Anne Hall.



One White Springs parent receives the gifts for her children.



Two bikes for this man's kids.



Just a few of the donated gifts for the needy children of White Springs.



A thankful parent retrieves her children's gifts.



Anne's helpers get gifts ready for another parent.



# Sports

## Hamilton County High basketball leads district at the halfway mark

Submitted  
The Trojan varsity boys basketball season is basically half way over and it has seen its ups and downs. Hamilton County High School has an overall record of 4 wins and 7 losses. The out of district schedule has been very challenging with losses to local schools Madison (twice), Suwannee, Columbia, and Fort White along with losses to St. Francis and Episcopal. Their one non-district win came in the Christmas Tournament against Munroe (67-52) on Dec. 24. The Trojans have been road-tested as 10 out of their first 11 games have been away from home.

However, the Trojans are sitting in first place in the district with a 3-0 record. District wins were over Melody, Lafayette and Branford. They have yet to play Jefferson, who is much improved since their football players have begun playing.

Hamilton participated in the third annual MACOHI Holiday Invitational Christmas Tournament in Madison from December 21-23. It was a good experience for the young team. They lost handily to Episcopal High out of Jacksonville in the first game. Episcopal jumped out to an early 18-2 lead and didn't look back.

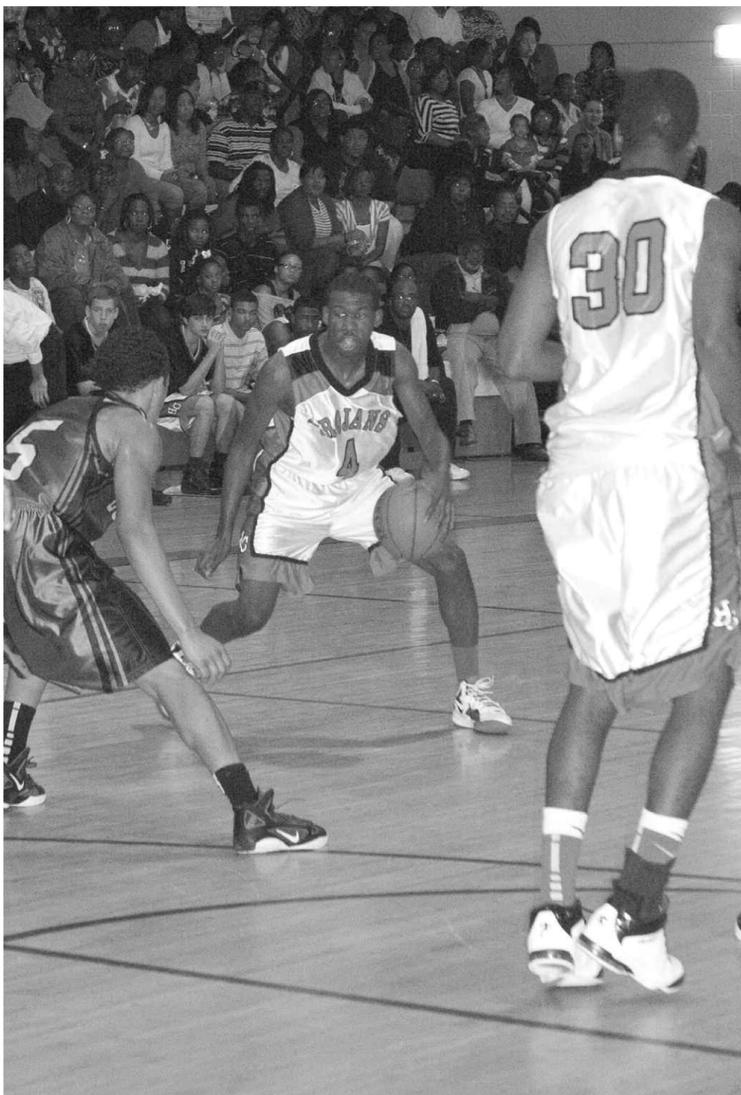
On the second day of the tournament, HCHS took on the home team, Madison County High School in a 2:15 game. Madison County had their football players back and the Trojans were facing a tough test as the Cowboys were much improved with their full contingent of players. The start of the game and the time of the year reduced the crowd size but that didn't affect the intensity of the players on the court. The score went back and forth the entire game with

neither team holding more than a 5 point lead at any time. Madison County High had possession of the ball with 30 seconds left in regulation with the score tied. However, the Trojans played strong defense, creating a turnover with a big steal by junior Tyler Chapman. The game went into overtime where the Trojans hung tough but fell in the end 61-57. Madison's coach felt like it was the best defense his team had played all season but that Hamilton kept sticking with their offense and being patient. Both coaches were proud of the effort during a time where intensity is hard to come by for most teams.

The final day of the tournament saw Hamilton take on Munroe in a game that started at 10:45 in the morning. Munroe hung with the Trojans for most of the game as the Trojans just couldn't pull away. The missed layups and turnovers kept the game close but Hamilton's 49-27 rebounding edge helped HCHS eventually pull away in the end for a 67-52 victory.

After the break, HCHS faces a challenging week. They play a district foe and two rivals. Hamilton looks to solidify their first place district standing Thursday, Jan. 5 when they take on Lafayette at home. HCHS will then travel to Statenville, Georgia to take on Echols County High on Friday before they go to Live Oak to play Suwannee County High Saturday, Jan. 7.

If you want to keep up to date with the Trojans' schedule and stats, visit [maxpreps.com](http://maxpreps.com) and search for "32052". You can click on a link there to stay updated with the Trojans!



The Hamilton County Trojans host Lafayette High School on Jan. 5. - Photo: Richard A. Wright

| # Last Name, First Name | GP        | Shooting   |            |           |            |            |           |           |            |           | Free Throws |            |           | Pts        | P/G         |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
|                         |           | FG         | FGA        | FG%       | 2FG        | 2FGA       | 2FG%      | 3FG       | 3FGA       | 3FG%      | FT          | FTA        | FT%       |            |             |
| #3 Smith, Antfernee     | 10        | 25         | 93         | 27        | 21         | 57         | 37        | 4         | 36         | 11        | 11          | 27         | 41        | 65         | 6.5         |
| #4 Lee, Jeremiah        | 11        | 44         | 114        | 39        | 34         | 77         | 44        | 10        | 37         | 27        | 14          | 21         | 67        | 112        | 10.2        |
| #11 McClain, Kevin      | 10        | 44         | 114        | 39        | 38         | 84         | 45        | 6         | 30         | 20        | 6           | 15         | 40        | 100        | 10.0        |
| #12 Cooks, Joseph       | 11        | 31         | 68         | 46        | 31         | 68         | 46        | 0         | 0          | 0         | 7           | 18         | 39        | 69         | 6.3         |
| #15 Williams, Kenric    | 11        | 14         | 57         | 25        | 12         | 39         | 31        | 2         | 18         | 11        | 14          | 32         | 44        | 44         | 4.0         |
| #22 Merine, Char        | 11        | 10         | 29         | 34        | 7          | 22         | 32        | 3         | 7          | 43        | 2           | 3          | 67        | 25         | 2.3         |
| #23 Williams, Shaquille | 11        | 25         | 85         | 29        | 19         | 60         | 32        | 6         | 25         | 24        | 27          | 42         | 64        | 83         | 7.5         |
| #30 Claridy, Anthony    | 11        | 6          | 17         | 35        | 6          | 17         | 35        | 0         | 0          | 0         | 4           | 8          | 50        | 16         | 1.5         |
| #32 Chapman, Tyler      | 11        | 17         | 47         | 36        | 17         | 47         | 36        | 0         | 0          | 0         | 4           | 8          | 50        | 38         | 3.5         |
| #33 Milton, Justin      | 8         | 0          | 13         | 0         | 0          | 6          | 0         | 0         | 7          | 0         | 0           | 0          | 0         | 0          | .0          |
| #42 Manalis, Andrew     | 8         | 4          | 9          | 44        | 3          | 4          | 75        | 1         | 5          | 20        | 1           | 2          | 50        | 10         | 1.3         |
| <b>Team Totals</b>      | <b>11</b> | <b>220</b> | <b>646</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>188</b> | <b>481</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>165</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>90</b>   | <b>176</b> | <b>51</b> | <b>562</b> | <b>51.1</b> |

| # Last Name, First Name | GP        | Rebounds   |            | Blocks     |             | Steals    |            | Deflections |             | Assists    |            | Other       |            |          |          |          |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
|                         |           | Off        | Def        | Rebs       | R/G         | Blk       | B/G        | Stl         | S/G         | Defl       | Ast        | A/G         | TO         | CHRG     | PF       | TF       |
| #3 Smith, Antfernee     | 10        | 24         | 35         | 59         | 5.9         | 7         | .7         | 19          | 1.9         | 29         | 44         | 4.4         | 36         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| #4 Lee, Jeremiah        | 11        | 23         | 30         | 53         | 4.8         | 8         | .7         | 14          | 1.3         | 13         | 17         | 1.5         | 25         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| #11 McClain, Kevin      | 10        | 13         | 21         | 34         | 3.4         | 5         | .5         | 26          | 2.6         | 26         | 29         | 2.9         | 38         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| #12 Cooks, Joseph       | 11        | 30         | 25         | 55         | 5.0         | 7         | .6         | 8           | .7          | 22         | 9          | .8          | 18         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| #15 Williams, Kenric    | 11        | 12         | 12         | 24         | 2.2         | 5         | .5         | 17          | 1.5         | 25         | 14         | 1.3         | 35         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| #22 Merine, Char        | 11        | 11         | 10         | 21         | 1.9         | 2         | .2         | 10          | .9          | 17         | 9          | .8          | 17         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| #23 Williams, Shaquille | 11        | 24         | 35         | 59         | 5.4         | 4         | .4         | 21          | 1.9         | 21         | 17         | 1.5         | 32         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| #30 Claridy, Anthony    | 11        | 15         | 19         | 34         | 3.1         | 7         | .6         | 3           | .3          | 9          | 3          | .3          | 13         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| #32 Chapman, Tyler      | 11        | 25         | 30         | 55         | 5.0         | 3         | .3         | 15          | 1.4         | 15         | 2          | .2          | 14         | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| #33 Milton, Justin      | 8         | 3          | 4          | 7          | .9          | 2         | .3         | 0           | .0          | 3          | 2          | .3          | 4          | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| #42 Manalis, Andrew     | 8         | 2          | 3          | 5          | .6          | 0         | .0         | 3           | .4          | 7          | 1          | .1          | 5          | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Team Totals</b>      | <b>11</b> | <b>182</b> | <b>224</b> | <b>406</b> | <b>36.9</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>4.5</b> | <b>136</b>  | <b>12.4</b> | <b>187</b> | <b>147</b> | <b>13.4</b> | <b>237</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

## 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 0-4  
 Dec. 6 vs Taylor County 0-8  
 Dec. 9 vs Suwannee High 0-4  
 Dec. 13 @ Suwannee High 1-4  
 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 Girls Soccer**  
 Nov. 14 @ John Paul Catholic 3-2  
 Nov. 18 vs P.K. Yonge 0-3  
 Nov. 28 vs Columbia County 0-8  
 Nov. 29 vs John Paul Catholic 1-3  
 Dec. 2 vs West Gadsden 3-1  
 Dec. 5 @ Lafayette High 3-0  
 Dec. 6 vs Taylor County 1-9

Dec. 8 vs Suwannee High 0-8  
 Dec. 15 vs Lafayette High 5-3  
 Dec. 16 @ Maclay School 1-6  
 Jan. 3 @ Suwannee High  
 Jan. 5 vs Maclay School  
 Jan. 6 @ Columbia County  
 Jan. 13 @ P.K. Yonge

**Varsity Boys Basketball**  
 Nov. 29 @ Columbia 41-67  
 Dec. 2 @ Melody Christian 58-43  
 Dec. 3 @ Madison County 59-67  
 Dec. 6 @ Lafayette High 41-36  
 Dec. 10 vs Suwannee High 51-72  
 Dec. 13 @ Branford High 67-30  
 Dec. 16 vs Santa Fe 51-76  
 Dec. 17 @ Fort White 37-71  
 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 Basketball**  
 Nov. 29 @ Columbia 49-54  
 Dec. 3 @ Madison County 61-43  
 Dec. 6 @ Lafayette High 57-53  
 Dec. 10 vs Suwannee High 39-34  
 Dec. 13 @ Branford High 61-41  
 Dec. 16 vs Saint Francis Catholic 57-35  
 Dec. 17 @ Fort White 51-35  
 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 High

# 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  
 HCDDTF - 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 En-

forcement  
 P&P - Probation and Parole  
 SCSO - Suwannee County Sheriff's Office  
 WSPD - White Springs Police Department  
 Dec. 19, Cornelius Saint James, 31, 3243 NW 38th St., Jasper, FL., sentenced to six months: HCSO-Beck  
 Dec. 22, Allen Michael Hurst, 23, 4688 NW 60th Drive, Jasper, FL., larce-

ny: HCSO-Chris Hughe Dec. 23, Michael Steven Milburn, 32, 5010 Vann Rd., Valdosta, Ga., serving third weekend:

HCSO-walk-in Melissa D. Graves, 37, 4517 SW 75h Terrace, Jasper, FL., DUI, NVDL: FHP-Tillie

## Progress Energy presents VFW Post 8095 with \$500



Progress Energy presented the VFW Post 8095 recently with a check donation of \$500. Pictured from left is: Billy Jack, Lamar Royals (Post Commander VFW Post 8095), Gaye Hanna, representative Public Relations Progress Energy, Emmitt Mathis and Glen Miller. Lamar stated they are a non-profit organization with projects such as assisting their local veterans, active duty military and their families. They are also working on improving their facility as well sending care packages to our deployed troops serving in harm's way. - Courtesy photo

## First Federal and employees give over \$54,000 to local agencies

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At a recent check presentation, Keith Leibfried, President and CEO of First Federal, expressed gratitude to the different agencies for all the dedicated services they provide to our community. "I am also

grateful to the First Federal employees who generously shared their hard earned income and to First Federal's Board of Directors for authorizing a match of our employees," Leibfried said. "Most importantly, I am grateful to the loyalty of our customers

who enable us to be such a good community partner." First Federal Bank of Florida offers a comprehensive portfolio of products and services for personal and business customers, and is committed to helping local communities flourish.

Founded in 1962, First Federal has 18 branches located in Amelia Island, Bonifay, Bradenton, Chipley, Dowling Park, Jasper, Lake City, Live Oak, Macclenny, Marianna, Mayo, Sarasota and Yulee, Florida.

### Jasper Legals

#### PUBLIC AUCTION

Location: Dennis Garage  
 8109 CR 146 NW  
 Jennings, FL 32053  
 Date: 01-13-12  
 Time: 8:00 A.M.

2007 Pontiac  
 Vin# 2G2WP552371125946  
 Date: 01-24-12  
 Time: 8:00 A.M.

1987 Fruehauf  
 Vin# 1H2V0532XHB001308

1998 Freightliner  
 Vin# 1FV3GFAC8WH913981  
 12/29

#### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Hamilton County, Florida, on the 3rd day of October, 2011, in the cause wherein BARNETT RECOVERY CORPORATION, a Florida Corporation, (Assignment of Judgment from Barnett Recovery Corporation to Palm Coast Recovery Corporation) is the Plaintiff, and KID ROCKY HANCOCK is the Defendant, being Case No. 92-56-CC in the said Court. J. HARRELL REID, Sheriff of Hamilton County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, KID ROCKY HANCOCK, in and to the following described property, to-wit:

SILVER/ALUMINUM 2007 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX VIN NO. 2G2WP552371125946 TAG NO. U517LT

and on the 24th day of January, 2012, at the north front door of the Hamilton County Courthouse, in the City of Jasper, Hamilton County, at the hour 11:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all the said defendant's, KID ROCKY HANCOCK, right, title and interest in aforesaid property at public outcry and will sell the same, subject to all taxes, prior liens, judgments or encumbrances whatsoever, if any, to the highest and best bidder or bidders for CASH, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the Final Judgments of the above described Execution.

IN ACCORDANCE with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in the proceeding should contact the Sheriff, telephone #386-792-1001 not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceedings. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 386-792-1001.

J. HARRELL REID, Sheriff  
 Hamilton County, Florida

By: J. Harrell Reid  
 12/22, 29, 01/05, 12

#### ATTENTION COMCAST CUSTOMERS

On, or around, January 31, 2012, the following channel enhancements/changes will occur for current and new residential and commercial subscribers receiving Comcast's Jasper channel lineup (Hamilton County and surrounding areas.)

- . WTXL-Bounce will be added to channel 209 as a Limited Basic Service.
- . WTXL-Weather, currently on channel 209 as a Limited Basic Service, will relocate to channel 210 and remain a Limited Basic Service.

\* A digital-ready television set and/or digital equipment may be required to receive certain digital channels or certain services. Service charges may apply. Services not available in all areas, restrictions apply. For information about all of our product offerings, please visit [www.comcast.com](http://www.comcast.com).  
 12/29

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

CASE NO.: 11-248-DR

#### IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF

WILLIE COACHMAN,  
 Husband,

and

BELA DENISE JENKINS,  
 Wife.

#### AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION

TO: Bela Denise Jenkins

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage, including claims for dissolution of marriage, payment of debts, division of real and personal property, and for payments of support, has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on RALPH R. DEAS, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 108 Central Ave. NW, Jasper, FL 32052, within 30 days of the initial publication and file the original with the clerk of this court at Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 NE First Street, Jasper, Florida 32052, either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

### Jasper Legals

**WARNING:** Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

**DATED** this 2nd day of December, 2011.

(COURT SEAL) GREG GODWIN  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson  
 Deputy Clerk

12/8, 15, 22, 29

CASE NO.: 2011-CP-000036

#### In Re: The Estate Of SETH PETERSON, JR., Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of SETH PETERSON, JR., deceased, Case No. 2011-CP-000036, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hamilton County, Florida Probate Division, the address of which is 207 N.E. 1st Street, Jasper, Florida, 32052. The name and address of the Personal Representative and their attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the Decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the Decedent and persons having claims against the estate of the Decedent must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE 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.**

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the qualification of the Personal Representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court, are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS 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 the Notice is the 5th day of January, 2012.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Carolyn D. Cummings, Attorney at Law Florida Bar No. 035442 462 W. Brevard Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (850) 224-3730

Personal Representative: Lena E. Peterson 7493 SW 79th Drive Jasper, Florida 32052 12/29, 01/05

#### NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Great Escapes, located at 9550 SE 154th Avenue, White Springs, in the County of Hamilton, in the City of Jasper, Florida 32052, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Live Oak, Florida, this 19th day of December, 2011.

Owner's name: Lisa McDaniel  
 12/29

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held before the Jasper Planning and Zoning Board at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 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.

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 envelope public comment on zoning hearing to be held Tuesday, January 3, 2012.  
 12/22, 29



# 1<sup>ST</sup> EVER TOYS FOR BIG BOYS EVENT



## Comming to Thomasville

### February 26, 2012

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