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Jax woman dies when struck by ATV

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A Jacksonville woman died late New Year's Eve from injuries she received after being struck by a three-wheeled ATV, the Florida Highway Patrol reported Jan. 1.

Angela Kent, 43, was killed when a 1986 Honda three-wheeled ATV driven by Jeffrey Spradley, 44, of White Springs, collided with her on private property at CR 25A in Hamilton County around 8:30 p.m., according

to the FHP.

Kent was pronounced dead at the scene by Hamilton County EMS.

Spradley, who was not wearing a helmet, suffered minor injuries and was treated at Lake City Medical

Center.

FHP reported that an investigation is pending. FHP did not report how fast the ATV was going or release any other details surrounding the incident.

COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

Ground breaking has begun on new senior center



Ground has been broken for the new senior center in Jasper. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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By Joyce Marie Taylor

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Ground has recently been broken for the new senior citizen center in Jasper.

The building corners have now been staked and it is ready for the fill to be brought in for the foundation and slab work. Proposals will be sent out to local contractors. Engineer Greg Bailey said it would be a closed bid for contractors who reside in Hamilton County or who

have an office in the county.

A pre-construction meeting for the general contractors is scheduled for Jan. 10. More pre-construction meetings will follow for electrical and plumbing con-

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School board to hold town hall meeting

Topics to include intervention at CHE, budget, graduation requirements

A town hall meeting to update the public has been scheduled. Superintendent Martha Butler and other members of the administrative team will present information relevant to all schools.

Presentations will include, but are not limited to: graduation requirement updates, the intervention plan for Central Hamilton Elementary and budget issues.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 17 beginning at 6 p.m. in the auditorium at the courthouse annex (old high school). Parents, students and other interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

Individuals who wish to speak at the conclusion of the presentations may do so by completing speaker request cards, which will be available in the lobby of the annex the night of the meeting.

The town hall meeting is for information purposes only.

Hamilton County High School principal expounds on curriculum



Wanda Law

Editor's note: In order to give you a better sense of how our schools are structured, the Jasper News featured a questionnaire about a different school each week for five weeks. This is the last feature. The schools were Hamilton County High School, Central Hamilton Elementary, North Hamilton Elementary, South Hamilton Elementary and

Greenwood. Reporter Joyce Marie Taylor sent a list of questions to the principal of each public school in Hamilton County and we are publishing the responses. The following is the interview with Hamilton County High School Principal Wanda Law. This is the first school year as principal for Law. She previously served as assistant principal at HCHS.

JN: What is your school's philosophy?

WL: Hamilton County High School will produce, through a rigorous curriculum, prepared young adults that are creative, individual learners and productive citizens of society. Each individual will be prepared to enter a college, trade/vocational school, or work force with the tools needed to be successful which will leave no child behind.

H.O.P.E. holds grand opening

More than 100 turn out for event

By Joyce Marie Taylor

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Local citizens enjoy camaraderie at the grand opening of the food bank. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

Over 100 local residents turned out for the grand opening of the White Springs H.O.P.E. Food Bank recently with a special treat of grilled food for the occasion. The food bank is located on US 41 at the adult and community education center, across the street from the dollar store and next door to New Bethel A.M.E. Church.

Richard Marshall, director of the H.O.P.E. Food Bank in White Springs, kicked off the celebration with a prayer of thanks and then introduced Mayor Dr. Helen B. Miller, who

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tractors. Bailey said construction is anticipated to begin soon after Jan. 10. The board suggested sending the proposals out via certified mail to avoid anyone saying they never received it.

White Springs Library project

Bailey presented elevation and site plans for the White Springs Library project to the board. Currently, the plans call for a 3,800 square foot structure, which is more than the 3,200 square feet the board agreed on at the last meeting. The interior floor plan is similar to the Jasper library.

County Coordinator Danny Johnson said he spoke to prison officials and they said they'd be more than happy to have the inmates help with the project, as long as the county bought the materials.

Conventional frame construction, Bailey said, would be more suitable than the other option of red iron. The board agreed it would be better to use the HardiePlank rather than cedar for the exterior. Final decisions on construction will be made by the board during the second meeting of January.

Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition

The board unanimously approved a request by Grace McDonald, executive director of the Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition, who asked the board to be the fiscal agent for them and their partnership with the Department of Health's Community Based Tobacco Prevention Intervention program, assuming the new grant is approved. The clerk of court agreed to administer the grant to the Department of Health.

PCS mining update

Mike Williams of PCS advised the board that they have finished up mining on the east side

of CR 132 and are ready to move over to the Jordan property, which will entail a pipe crossing on the Genoa Fire Station Road. Rather than doing a jack and bore under the road they want to cut the road to install two 20-inch pipes. They will then temporarily repair the road until the work is finished. Williams said they obtained an estimate from Anderson-Columbia of \$135,000 for repaving a 1.5 mile section of that road when the mining is completed. Williams estimated being on the Jordan property about 90 days. Commissioner Randy Ogburn urged Williams to get in and out quickly as the location of the min-

ing site was close to many residential homes. The board unanimously agreed to let PCS handle the project by utilizing Anderson-Columbia. They also agreed to speak to Ken Daniels about whether or not they could waive the permit fee.

Recreation Center light repair

An upgrade to 800 amp, single amp phase power is needed, as well as new wiring. Currently there are three 200 amp boxes at the site. The board agreed that adding one more 200 amp box would be best and cheaper than going to three 225 amp boxes, which falls short of the

800 amps needed.

Hospital/ Clinic property

The last appraisal of the medical equipment inside the hospital is about \$57,000, which was done a year ago, and the last appraisal of the land and the building was \$660,000. The equipment will be considered a donation to the county when they acquire the hospital property. The commissioners wanted it made clear that they are not spending \$717,000 for the property. It is a donation. They also wanted to clarify that bulldozing the hospital building is a last resort option if it cannot be restored up to code.

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JN: What is the school's approach to discipline?

WL: Our approach to discipline is to be proactive and take preventative measures whenever possible. If a discipline issue does arise, we refer to the student code of conduct and matrix of disciplinary actions that is listed in the back of the student code of conduct.

JN: How do teachers and staff encourage student progress toward meeting state standards?

WL: Through the use of Multi-Tiered System of Student Support (MTSS), teachers meet to discuss student data and conduct data chats with students to inform them of the information that is gathered from Progress Monitoring Assessments (PMA). Teachers also plan together and implement various instructional strategies, such as differentiated instruction and small group/cooperative learning instruction to assist students in meeting the standards.

JN: What library resources are available to students?

WL: Some of the resources available to students through our media center are the use of computers, books, Barnes and Noble Nooks for electronic books. We also have an outstanding media specialist and we can use the Sunlink system to locate various resources from across the state.

JN: How is the school adjusting to new technology?

WL: We are adjusting to new technology by

making our technologies available to all teachers. We have 5 computer labs on campus. We also have 6 computer on wheels carts that have 24 laptop computers each. We are also in process of becoming completely wireless across our campus. In addition to computers, we also have student response systems (clickers) and wireless tablets that are shared among teachers to increase student participation in class.

JN: How are students adjusting to the new uniform policy?

WL: Our students are conforming very well to the standardized dress policy.

JN: What arts programs are available and how do they fit into the curriculum?

WL: We offer band, chorus, drawing and painting and ceramics classes. For our middle school students, these classes are offered through an exploratory wheel. For high school students, these classes are offered as electives. The teachers of these courses implement the same instructional strategies that our core teachers use so that the students see consistent instruction throughout their day.

JN: What extra-curricular activities are offered?

WL: The sports that are offered at HCHS include volleyball, football, soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, track and field and weightlifting. Students can also participate in cheerleading, band and/or flag corps. HCHS also offers a wide variety of clubs that includes Senior and

Junior Beta, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Key Club, Student Government Association (SGA) and Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT).

JN: How does the school support students with disabilities, academic, social and emotional?

WL: We support our students with disabilities through inclusion classes as well as providing paraprofessionals in classes that have students with disabilities in them. We also have resource classes where our students with disabilities can meet with a teacher to receive help on any work that they may bring in. We also have an outstanding Special Olympics program for our students to take advantage of.

JN: What strategies are used for teaching students not fluent in English?

WL: Our students who are English Language Learners (ELL) have access to a tutor through migrant services as well as a paraprofessional who specializes in students learning the English language. Students also have access to the English in a Flash computer program. Our teachers are also encouraged to become ESOL certified to implement strategies that will assist ELL learners within their classroom.

JN: List professional development opportunities for teachers.

WL: Some professional development opportunities that our teachers have access to are CHAMPS classroom management, Next Gen-

eration Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) training, Bioscopes science training, Next Generation Content Area Reading Professional Development (NG-CARPD) and lesson study. We also have access to and will soon begin the Edure Professional Development Suite.

JN: What are some of the school's greatest accomplishments?

WL: At HCHS, we are very proud of our abilities to move students in the bottom quartile in math and reading, which were among the largest gains in the state. We are also very proud of our systems that are in place to keep our middle and high school students separated during the day. Our master schedule also allows for our core teachers to have two planning periods which is very helpful for

planning and meeting purposes.

JN: What are some of the school's biggest challenges?

WL: Some of the biggest challenges that we face at HCHS is the constant move away from the traditional FCAT at the high school level to End of Course (EOC) exams in certain subject areas. Keeping up with the transition from Sunshine State Standards (SSS) to NGSSS to Common Core Standards (CCS) and the requirements that come from these transitions are challenging at times.

JN: How does the school keep parents informed on activities, etc.?

WL: To keep parents informed of activities, we use call-outs, our school website, the Counselors Chronicle (guidance newsletter)

and emails for parents that have a valid email address on file. Also, parents can keep track of their student's progress in class through our Skyward grading system. Articles in the Jasper News as well as use of the local radio talk station (WJHC 107.5) help us to get information out to parents.

JN: Does the school have an active PTA?

WL: We do not have a PTA, but we do have an active School Advisory Council (SAC) that meets in the media center at 4 pm on the third Thursday of every month.

JN: What is the school's goal for the 2011-12 school year?

WL: Hamilton County High School's goal for the 2011-12 school year is to continue moving towards earning a 'C' and making AYP at the end of the school year.

Thank you

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the phone calls, visits, prayers, flowers and food during the illness and death of our loved one. May God's richest blessings be yours.

*The Family of
John Allen Scaff*

Boys fall to Oak Hall

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addressed the gathered crowd to explain the reasons behind the evolution of the much-needed food bank for the citizens of White Springs.

"Our goal is to have the food bank open every day, not just a couple of times a week," Miller told the crowd at the end of her speech, after which she received a round of grateful applause from everyone.

The food bank is entirely dependent on donations, and organizers hope to see as many people as possible contribute to the cause. Miller said the food bank is "local government at work". Donated funds are used to buy the groceries that will keep the food pantry stocked.

"We're starting off with a schedule of Tuesday and Saturday," said Miller. "We're hopeful

that churches and civic organizations will contribute. We want to make this free and it's available to anyone who is in need. We're especially concerned with children, seniors and veterans, but it's for everybody in the community who is in need. We're not going to turn anybody away."

David Hutcherson and his brother Kenneth manned the barbecue and the delicious aroma of barbecued chicken, ribs, Boston butt and ham wafted across the grounds as folks stood in line to receive a plate of overflowing food, as well as sign up to receive bags of groceries to take home.

Miller explained that the vision for starting up the food bank was initiated by a story she heard from the White Springs Police Department of a child who was stealing hotdogs in order to feed his family, as

well as another sad story of a family who had nothing in their refrigerator except four fish heads. Miller was so moved by the stories that she vowed to do something about the situation in her community. Thus, the food bank evolved and Miller made certain it was up and running before Thanksgiving.

"We'll be here until the food runs out," said Miller.

David Hutcherson stated that 125 people at the grand opening were given take home groceries (three bags per person), and that lunch was served to those 125 folks, plus another 20 or so.

Please contact White Springs Town Hall at 386-397-2310 for more information about the food bank. If you would like to donate, make your check payable to White Springs H.O.P.E. Food Pantry.

Now THAT's Something To Smile About!



Tom Tipton and Karen Williams

Sneaking in a New Year's Kiss

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Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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It's time to look forward to the New Year, full of hope and promise and resolve, but perhaps it would be wise to pause and look back on the last year for a moment too. After all, a look back can be constructive and as the old saying goes, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." All in all it was a good year for White Springs. Perhaps a few less tourists came to town, but we still had a fair share of visitors. Perhaps the economy made things tougher for some of us, but we learned to pull together and be more helpful to each other. We lost our grocery store and antique store and that was a significant loss. We gained a food pantry, which helps folks in a way a grocery store could not. I guess the lesson learned is that we should take nothing for granted because "here today and gone tomorrow" is not just a saying, it's a reality. Hopefully, the lesson learned is that if we just get by on the bare minimum, any loss is significant. Hopefully, the lesson learned is we need to get a little bigger and a lot stronger so that when life's unpleasant realities knock us down a notch,

they don't knock us out.

So for the coming year, for our own safety and quality of life, I hope we grow! Not much bigger, but much stronger. I hope we grow our education system. In this century, a person with a substandard formal education is much less likely to be a productive member of society than at any time in our past. I hope we grow our health care. In order to stay healthy people need convenient access to clinics and pharmacies. I hope we grow our volunteer base. White Springs has a lot of work to do. Not too long ago White Springs was so old and frail that many doubted the little town would survive. Many volunteers stepped up to help. Well, survive we did and we can be proud of that, but we still are struggling to overcome some considerable obstacles and we are still struggling to accomplish some significant goals. We still need help and some people have brought certain skills to the table and helped. That is good, but more would be even better! Yes indeed, for 2012 I want to see White Springs grow! I hope we grow our hope, faith, love charity, tolerance, mutual respect, enthusiasm and involvement. That is the not the kind of growth everyone seeks, but it is good enough for me because I know that these qualities also lead to positive economic growth. If you want

that kind of positive growth, like anything else worth having, you are going to have to work for it. Good luck.

Dennis and Dottie Price welcomed in the New Year with their traditional New Year's Day brunch and a festive crowd ate heartily from a table of delightful culinary presentations. Everyone had a grand time and sang Auld Lang Syne at 12 Noon, instead of the preceding midnight. It was a wonderful way to celebrate, with no fear of errant drivers necessary on the trip home.

Resolve to have some fun this year because all work and no play will dull your enthusiasm in a short time. There are fun things to do coming up right here in White Springs. This week's fun thing to do is to attend the Coffee House hosted by Lucindagail Maynard in the Stephen Foster State Park auditorium on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 7P.M.

Lucindagail Maynard grew up singing, yodeling and playing guitar with her sisters.

A resident of White Springs, her original music is inspiring and delightful. She performs at festivals throughout the state, including our favorite, the Florida Folk Festival right here in White Springs. Lucinda donates much of her time to the good cause of music, so come on out and support her as she hosts this wonderful event. If you are not familiar with the coffee house, here is some good information for you. The Stephen Foster Coffee House event invites visitors onstage for 10 minutes to sing, play a musical instrument, read original poetry or tell a story. Artists are requested to arrive at least 10 minutes early for sign up and perform material suitable for all ages. Coffee house is an extremely popular event held in the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park and with no admission fee, seating tends to fill up quickly.

The Coffee House event includes the sale of potluck goodies and sweets provided by volunteers to help to keep the event going. Anything on the dessert table sells for \$1. Volunteers are always welcome and needed to help with the dessert table. To volunteer, contact Park Ranger Larry Hoover at (386) 397-2733

With hope in my heart for a good year for all of us, I wish you a happy and prosperous 2012 and I hope to see you out and about enjoying life in White Springs!

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Hamilton graduation rate shows significant increase

Submitted

Hamilton County's National Governors Association (NGA) district graduation rate has risen to 67.1%, the highest since 2005-- the first year that the NGA graduation rate was calculated for all states. The graduation status for seniors from Hamilton County High School, Greenwood School and Panther Success Center were used in the district calculation. Each school within the district also receives graduation rate information. Hamilton County High School improved their graduation rate to 73%, up 7 percentage points from 2010, and 11 percentage points since 2009. The percentage of white graduates increased from 72 to 81 and Hispanic graduates from 45 to 77. The percentage of black graduates fell slightly from 65% in 2010 to 63% in 2011.

Martha Butler, Superintendent of Hamilton County Schools, stated, "The increase in graduation rates is incredible news for us. I am so very

proud of our team and their efforts in improving the academic success of our students."

Florida Commissioner of Education, Gerard Robinson issued the following statement:

"I want to commend Florida's teachers, students, parents and school leaders for their dedication to helping their students learn and earn their high school diplomas. As educators, we each play a significant role in helping our students achieve academic success, and graduation is one critical step toward the path to college and career."

Dropout Rate Continues to Decrease

Hamilton County schools followed the state trend of a declining drop-out rate for the 2010-11 school year. The state drop-out rate fell from 2.0% to 1.9% for the 2010-11 school year with a 1.7% decrease since the 2006-07 school year. The Hamilton School district drop-out

rate fell from 4.36% to 2.7% last school year. This rate includes students from Hamilton County High School, Panther Success Center, and Greenwood School. Hamilton County High School student drop-out rate fell from 4.3% to 2.6% during the 2010-11 school year.

The graduation rate approved by the State Board of Education uses a formula recommended by the National Governors Association (NGA), which includes standard and special diplomas as graduates but excludes all GEDs (General Educational Development). The NGA rate replaces Florida's previous calculation method that included GEDs. Florida's graduation outcomes, calculated using the federal uniform rate required for federal accountability reporting purposes beginning in 2011-12, will be released in January 2012. This rate is based only on standard diploma graduates.

Since 1998-99, Florida has used a data collection method that ensures an

accurate calculation of the graduation rate by following every student from ninth grade to graduation. The calculation defines the group of students on the same schedule to graduate and measures the percentage of these students who graduate within four years of their first enrollment in ninth grade.

To view the state and district graduation and dropout rates, please visit <http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/pubstudent.asp>.

Hamilton County School District Notice of town hall meeting

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in the auditorium at the courthouse annex (old high school). Parents, students, and other interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

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OPINION I love greed

What human motivation gets the most wonderful things done? It's really a silly question, because the answer is so simple. It turns out that it's human greed that gets the most wonderful things done. When I say greed, I am not talking about fraud, theft, dishonesty, lobbying for special privileges from government or other forms of despicable behavior. I'm talking about people trying to get as much as they can for themselves. Let's look at it.

This winter, Texas ranchers may have to fight the cold of night, perhaps blizzards, to run down, feed and care for stray cattle. They make the personal sacrifice of caring for their animals to ensure that New Yorkers can enjoy beef. Last summer, Idaho potato farmers toiled in blazing sun, in dust and dirt, and maybe being bitten by insects to ensure that New Yorkers had potatoes to go with their beef.

Here's my question: Do you think that Texas ranchers and Idaho potato farmers make these personal sacrifices because they love or care about the well-being of New Yorkers? The fact is whether they like New Yorkers or not, they make sure that New Yorkers are supplied with beef and potatoes every day of the week. Why? It's because ranchers and farmers want

more for themselves. In a free market system, in order for one to get more for himself, he must serve his fellow man. This is precisely what Adam Smith, the father of economics, meant when he said in his classic "An Inquiry Into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations" (1776), "It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker, that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest." By the way, how much beef and potatoes do you think New Yorkers would enjoy if it all depended upon the politically correct notions of human love and kindness? Personally, I'd grieve for New Yorkers. Some have suggested that instead of greed, I use "enlightened self-interest." That's OK, but I prefer greed.

Free market capitalism is relatively new in human history. Prior to the rise of capitalism, the way people amassed great wealth was by looting, plundering and enslaving their fellow man. Capitalism made it



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less in its profit and loss discipline. This explains much of the hostility toward free market capitalism; some of it is held by businessmen. Smith recognized this hostility when he said, "People of the same trade seldom meet together, even for merriment and diversion, but the conversation ends in a conspiracy against the public, or in some contrivance to raise prices." He was hinting at government-backed crony capitalism, which has come to characterize much of today's businesses.

Free market capitalism has other enemies -- mostly among the intellectual elite and political tyrants. These are people who believe that they have superior wisdom to the masses and that God has ordained them to forcibly impose that wisdom on the

rest of us. Of course, they have what they consider to be good reasons for restricting liberty, but every tyrant who has ever lived has had what he considered good reason for restricting liberty. A tyrant's agenda calls for the attenuation or the elimination of the market and what is implied by it -- voluntary exchange. Tyrants do not trust that people acting voluntarily will do what the tyrant thinks they should do. They want to replace the market with economic planning and regulation.

The Wall Street occupiers and their media and political allies are not against the principle of crony capitalism, bailouts and government special privileges and intervention. They share the same hostility to free market capitalism and peaceable voluntary exchange as tyrants. What they really want is congressional permission to share in the booty from looting their fellow man.

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State park to host pottery workshop

- Participant registration now underway -

WHITE SPRINGS – The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park will host a three day pottery workshop for beginners on Thursdays, Jan. 5, 12 and 19, 2012.

Taught by Diane Hornby, participants will learn wedging, how to hand build a pinch pot, an assembled box, a critter and an object of choice, as well as how to hand paint and embellish your vessel.

The cost is \$85 and includes basic instruction in each technique, open independent studio time on arranged dates with potter available for questions, four pounds of clay and the firing of four vessels. Extra clay, firing and glazes available for minimal cost; the class will be held in Craft Square at the pottery cabin.

Later hours can be arranged. For more information on the workshop or to register, please call the park Gift Shop at (386) 397-1920 or visit www.stephenfosterCSO.org. To learn more about the park, visit www.FloridaStateParks.org/stephenfoster.

This event will take place:
Jan. 5, 12 and 19, 2012
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park
Craft Square
11016 Lillian Saunders Drive
White Springs, Florida

David and Eleanor King recognized by Florida Forest Service



David and Eleanor King, owners and operators of Buckhead Farms, Incorporated with their Stewardship and Certified Tree Farm signs and recognition plaque. - Courtesy photo

On Dec. 16, David and Eleanor King, owners and operators of Buckhead Farms, Incorporated, received recognition from the Florida Forest Service for the hard work they have put into their 215 acre property located in Hamilton County, Florida.

They are participants in the Forest Stewardship Program and received a sign and a plaque presented by Hamilton County Forester Greg Staten indicating that their property is now a Certified Stewardship Forest. At the same time, they were also recognized as a Certified Tree Farm in the American Forest Foundation Tree Farm Program. Buckhead Farms is a hunting preserve for whitetail deer and a whitetail deer breeding facility. It is currently being managed in a way that integrates improving wildlife habitat, timber management, recreation, aesthetics and soil and water conservation. They have put a lot of time and effort into getting their land and deer herd into its present

condition and are to be commended for their efforts.

They have been participating in the Stewardship Program since 2010. They began participating in the Tree Farm Program in 2011. The Stewardship Program, which is administered through the Florida Forest Service, is a program that recognizes those landowners who manage their forestland for multiple resources and assists those landowners by tailoring a management plan according to the landowner's objectives. These objectives may include timber management, wildlife management, recreation, aesthetics, grazing, soil and water conservation, and other objectives a landowner may have. This written management plan may qualify landowners who wish to become certified in the Tree Farm Program. Anyone interested in learning more about the Stewardship Program or the Tree Farm Program can contact Greg Staten at 386-792-1269.

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.



Folks arrive at Nelly Bly's for a pancake breakfast.



A big doll for a deserving girl.



Santa got a hug from all the kids. - Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor



This little boy awaits his gift from the elf.

Obituary

Everest Loomis
 May 9, 1913 -
 Dec. 18, 2011

Everest Loomis, age 98, of Jasper, Fla. passed away Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011 at her home, following an extended illness. Everest was born May 9, 1913 to the late Frank and Rouamie Bryan Sapp. She was a caregiver and homemaker. Mrs. Loomis was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Jasper. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles D. Loomis and her son, Billy L. Loomis.

Survivors include two grandchildren, Alex Loomis and Andrea Eberhardt (Edward); four great grandchildren. A number of nieces and nephews who shared in the responsibility of meeting her needs along with her niece, Linda McDonald who was her full-time caregiver.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011 at First Baptist Church in Jasper with Pastor Roger Hutto in charge.

Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, 901 N.W. Fourth Street, Jasper, Florida.

Barbara Ann Griffin
 Dec. 31, 2011

Barbara Ann Griffin, age 69, Jasper, Fla., passed away Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011 at Haven Hospice in Lake City, Florida. Barbara Ann was the daughter of the late James and Libbey Alford Kry. She was a retired nursing assistant and beautician.

Survivors include three sons, Rookie Whiddon, Chattahoochee, Fla.; Rick Whiddon (Robin), Jennings, Fla. and David Griffin, Tallahassee, Fla.; one brother, Jim Kry (Martha), Bushnell, Fla.; one sister, Esteena Kry Wells, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.; six grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012 at Evergreen Cemetery with Rev. Gary Abbott officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice, 6037 West U.S. Hwy 90 Lake City, FL 32055.

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

Tracy C. Sweat
 July 4, 1916 -
 Dec. 31, 2011

Tracy C. Sweat, age 95, of White Springs, Florida passed away Dec. 31, 2011 at Haven Hospice in Lake City, Fla. Tracy was born July 4, 1916 in Waycross, Georgia to the late Avender and Elizabeth Jordan Sweat. He was a World War II veteran of the United States Army. Mr. Sweat went on to work with the United States Government Civil Service Dept. at Jacksonville Naval Air Station as a firefighter for 31 years. In 1972 he retired to Hamilton County. Tracy was an avid reader of western books.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Alma C. Sweat, White Springs, Fla.; three brothers, Dorsey Sweat (Mary), White Springs, Fla., A.J. Sweat, Jacksonville, Fla. and Val Sweat, White Springs, Fla.; several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012 in the chapel of Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper, FL. with Rev. Tommy Lindsey officiating. Interment followed in Riverside Cemetery in White Springs, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to Haven Hospice, 6037 West US Hwy 90, Lake City, FL 32055.

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

Waldo Rogers
 Jan. 26, 1929 -
 Dec. 27, 2011

Waldo Rogers, 82, of Jasper, Florida died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011 at South Georgia Medical Center after a lengthy illness. He was born on Jan. 26, 1929 in Berrien County to the late Ed and Irene Floyd Rogers. Mr. Rogers was of the Baptist faith. He was a self employed building contractor.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva Rogers of Jasper, Fla., son and daughter in law, Roy Waldo and Sybil Rogers of Jasper, Fla., three grandchildren, Jennifer (Stephen) Andrews, Denise (Clint) Selph and April (Laddie) DeRocco, ten great grandchildren, Sarah, Audrey, Anna, Sebastian, Rachel,

Catherine, Miles, Ellie and John Ezra and Liam, one brother, Elmer Rogers of Valdosta, one sister, Mona Mottola of Tampa, Fla., and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, John L., Sam and Ernest, his sisters, Golda, Madelyn and Kate.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011 at the Jasper First Baptist Church with the Rev. Laddie DeRocco officiating. Burial will follow in the Lake Park Cemetery with Reverend Keith Sandlin officiating at the graveside. The family received friends on Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the McLane Lakewood Funeral Home in Lake Park. Condolences to the family may be conveyed online at www.mclanecares.com. McLane Lakewood Funeral Home of Lake Park.

Death Notices

Judy Jerry
 Jan. 1, 2012

Mrs. Judy Jerry, a resident of Live Oak, Fla., passed away Jan. 1, 2012.

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

Elaine P. Darling
 Jan. 1, 2012

Mrs. Elaine P. Darling, age 58, passed away Jan. 1, 2012. Mrs. Darling is a resident of Live Oak, Fla.

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

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Heart Matters

The root of all evil

By Angie Land

"He who dies with the most toys, wins."

No doubt you've seen this bumper sticker that expresses the theme for our culture -- MORE. Greed is the supplier and source for this "more" and a dangerous enemy to our hearts and relationships. This problem doesn't just affect those who are rich or powerful - no doubt every one of us has been caught up in having plenty, but wanting more, we are all at risk.

The definition of greed is an excessive desire for wealth or gain that can never be satisfied, enough is never enough. In Ecclesiastes 5:10, the Bible says: "Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income..." The real issue here is not money, but the love of it. Simply put, greed is about not being satisfied with what we have, and believing that we will only be satisfied when we get "more."

"People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money have wandered from their faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." (1 Timothy 6:9-10)

It is interesting that the Bible calls the love of money the "root" of all evil. On a tree, we can see the leaves, bark and branches, but not the root...it is the hidden part. Greed is not an action that we can see, but a motive behind our decisions. This can make greed hard to detect in our lives because we can be skilled in hiding those motives and justifying our actions. However, we cannot hide them from God and we should be grateful for

that. Left alone, greed leaves us miserably unsatisfied and can cause serious damage in our relationships.

According to Proverbs 15:27, "A greedy man brings trouble to his family..." I'm sure that you could make your own list of troubles greed brings to a family, but here are a few I came up with: becoming a workaholic that never sees your family, quarrelling with family members over inheritance from a loved one, stealing from an employer, cheating on taxes, withholding money from someone in need and neglecting giving to our church. In making these choices we may think we will get ahead, but the truth is we lose so much more than we gain: relationships, trust, respect, a good name and God's blessings. The good news is we don't have to give in to greed, selfish ambition or hidden motives to get what we need. Philippians 4:19 holds the promise. "... [A]nd my God will meet all your needs, according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Ask God to search your heart for any hidden motives of greed, to forgive you and to help you battle this enemy of your heart and relationship. Trust Him to do so...because your heart matters!

Blessings, Angie

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



Victory over trouble

By Pastor John Whittington
 Lighthouse Christian Center

The big 2012 is upon us. Depending on how you interpret the Mayan calendar, some say this is our last year. Personally, I don't believe that. The Mayans, for all their ingenuity, didn't predict their own culture's demise. And I don't think they've predicted ours!

Now I'm not promising a year free of trouble. Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33). That's distressing news from One who usually promised peace and joy! But we don't need ancient calendars to confirm this reality. We've always had violence, crime, disease and poverty. Jesus was making an honest observation.

Thankfully, His honesty didn't settle on trouble. The dissonance resolved with, "Cheer up! I have overcome the world." Our "cheer ups" are often based on the situation. We try to encourage others by minimizing their trouble. We say things such as, "Cheer up because the trouble's not that bad," or, "Cheer up because the trouble won't last forever." But Jesus doesn't minimize the trouble - He Maximizes Himself!

We have reason for comfort and courage, even as we face dangers and difficulties beyond our control. He has trampled trouble under His feet, and all

we need to do is follow along the path He's already tread! The contrast in this verse is clear: "In this world, trouble" "In me, peace" If I'm going to be in this world, I want to be in Him, in this world!

What makes trouble less troublesome for me is knowing that He has already been where I am! Whatever I walk through this coming year, he's already marched through, taking captives and giving gifts to his people as he goes. If I arm myself with the encouragement of His victory, then I can face anything.

I pray that you'll have as few difficulties as possible this year. But whatever does come your way I pray you'll remember that the same One who promised such things would come, also promised peace through the trouble, and victory over the trouble!

Happy New Year.
 John Whittington is the pastor of Lighthouse Christian Center in Mayo, Fla.



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



Sports

Boys fall to Oak Hall



The Hamilton County Trojan soccer team fell to Oak Hall Tuesday night in Jasper. The final score was 8-0. The boys host Maclay School tonight and will then travel to Columbia County Friday night.



4172423 The Hamilton County Trojan soccer team is now 1-8 on the season. - Photos: Richard A. Wright

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	0-8
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	0-4

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	

Healthy Living

Functional fitness

By Beth Harris, CSCS
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We all worry about being functional; functional family, functional jobs, functional relationships, but functional fitness? What is that? Functional fitness is not only one of the top ten trends of 2012 according to the American College of Sports Medicine, it's essential to practice functional fitness to diversify our exercise portfolios.

Functional [fuhngk-shuh-nl] Having or serving a utilitarian purpose; capable of serving the purpose for which it was designed. And o' the capabilities of the human body! Through the expression of sports and athletics we've witnessed incredible feats capable of human form. Like Jamaica's Usain Bolt running a smoking fast 9.58 sec-

ond 100-meter in 2009 (current record holder); or when Australian Susie Maroney in 1998 swam 122 miles from Mexico to Cuba in 38 hours and 33 minutes; or in 2007 when Jason Lewis of the UK completed his circling of the globe in 13 years and 45,000 miles using only human power crossing the ocean via pedal-powered boat-wow!

The question is not if we can, the question is if we will. I'm confident most of us aren't wanting to swim the English channel or traverse the globe by foot-but-we need to consistently challenge all components and capabilities of our bodies. As the old saying goes use it or lose it!

Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi are

all expressions of functional fitness in that they incorporate what I like to call "the big picture" into dynamic movement; all aspects of physical health and fitness: cardiovascular, flexibility, muscular strength and endurance, breathing techniques, core strength, balance and coordination, postural stability, proprioception, and mind/body training. Yoga, Tai Chi, and Pilates are great classes to participate in, however you can learn to incorporate functional fitness in your own

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PotashCorp-White Springs Employee Service Awards 2011

As we come to the end of the year PotashCorp-White Springs would like to recognize our employees who have reached service milestones within the company during 2011.

The strength of any organization is based upon the knowledge, skills and abilities of its em-

ployees and their drive to be the best at their jobs.

As the General Manager of PotashCorp-White Springs I am proud of the dedication and work ethic of our employees and offer my congratulations on your years of service. To the entire PotashCorp-White Springs Family and

all our Community Stakeholders, I wish you a safe and Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Terry Baker
General Manager
PotashCorp-White Springs

Hire Date	Years	Employee Name	Job Title
11/14/1966	45	Lane, Hulon H	WSU Truck Crane Operator
12/27/1966	45	Register, Herbert J	WSU Flotation Operator Leaderman
1/12/1971	40	James, Jake W	WSU Mechanical Leaderman
1/14/1971	40	Martin, Henry E	WSU Transport Operator
1/19/1971	40	Steedley, Curtis M	WSU Excavator Operator
2/1/1971	40	McLaughlin, L V	WSU Excavator Operator
4/6/1971	40	McKire, David J	WSU Rod Mill Operator
6/2/1971	40	Gillen, Scotty A	Purchasing Supervisor
6/8/1971	40	McIntyre, Phillip W	WSU Heavy Equipment Operator
6/22/1971	40	Law, Jonathan C	WSU Mechanical Leaderman
7/27/1971	40	Hutchins, Marvin R	WSU Combination Repairman
7/28/1971	40	Hill, Daniel B	Superintendent Mechanical Maintenance
8/4/1971	40	Marshall Jr, Leroy	WSU Excavator Operator
9/14/1971	40	Gibbons, Andrew L	WSU Wrencher
9/15/1971	40	Keel,Edward L	WSU Washer Operator Leaderman
12/14/1971	40	Anderson, Gary E	WSU Excavator Operator
8/30/1976	35	Shearry, James C	WSU Instrument Electrician Leaderman
10/18/1976	35	Bailey, Maenell	WSU Chief Operator
10/18/1976	35	Daughtry, Harold J	WSU Mechanic First Class
10/18/1976	35	Lee, Michael	WSU Chief Operator-Evaporation
10/18/1976	35	Potts, George J	WSU Washer Operator Leaderman
10/25/1976	35	Patten, John F	WSU Combination Mobile Mechanic
11/28/1976	35	Ourso, Susan S	Senior Secretary-WSA
1/5/1981	30	Sandage, James A	Senior Mines Planning Coordinator
2/3/1981	30	McCall, James R	Quality Assurance Technician A
2/4/1981	30	Harris, Jesse F	Shift Foreman Mines
2/17/1981	30	James, Sarah F	WSU Chief Operator-Filters
4/13/1981	30	Davis, Richard G	WSU Utility Operator - Granular
4/13/1981	30	Wilson, Larry O	WSU Evaporator Operator
4/20/1981	30	Cheshire, Bobby R	WSU Utility Operator - Granular
5/11/1981	30	Johnson, Clarence	WSU Utility Operator - Granular
5/13/1981	30	McCullough, Scott E	WSU Head Rodman Technician
5/18/1981	30	Barrs, Mike R	WSU Mechanic First Class
5/18/1981	30	Morgan, Darrell E	WSU Combination Mobile Mechanic
5/18/1981	30	Richards, Bryan K	WSU Track Leaderman
5/26/1981	30	Mathis, Steve W	WSU Flagman Asst Locomotive Engineer
5/26/1981	30	Ruis, James F	WSU Prospect Survey Technician-Leaderman
6/1/1981	30	Thrasher, Canova W	General Foreman Production
6/22/1981	30	Johnson, Catherine	Senior Accountant
6/29/1981	30	Lynch, Cameron R	Superintendent Mine Planning/Services
8/3/1981	30	Wilson, Michael T	Engineer II Mines
3/24/1986	25	McClelland Jr, Herbert J	Traffic Supervisor
4/1/1986	25	Crawford, Carroll	WSU Belt Tender - Washer & Recovery
8/12/1986	25	Gilmer, Scott D	Senior Project Engineer
6/17/1996	15	Ellis, William J	Engineer Senior Environmental
11/18/1996	15	Johnson, Frank D	Senior Environmental Tech
1/3/2006	5	Brinson, Travis S	WSU Shipping Operator
1/3/2006	5	Daniels, Johnny L	WSU Wrencher
1/3/2006	5	Keen, James O	WSU B Operator - Phosphoric Acid
3/13/2006	5	Bronson, Ethan R	WSU Heavy Equipment Operator
3/13/2006	5	Davis, Woodrow S	WSU Mechanical Leaderman
3/13/2006	5	Kight, James H	WSU B Operator - Phosphoric Acid
3/13/2006	5	Smith, Jeanice	WSU Helper/Mines
3/13/2006	5	Wheeler, Brett E	WSU C Operator - Phosphoric Acid
3/13/2006	5	Williams, Mitchell L	WSU Mechanic First Class
4/17/2006	5	Peyton, Christopher G	WSU Heavy Equipment Operator
4/24/2006	5	Deese, Joshua L	WSU Helper/Mines
4/24/2006	5	Dyke, Selina A	WSU Flotation Operator
4/24/2006	5	Fisher, Carlton T	WSU Belt Tender - Chemical
4/24/2006	5	Grimes, Sue O	WSU Belt Tender - Chemical
4/24/2006	5	Kriehn, Thomas G	WSU Flagman Asst Locomotive Engineer
4/24/2006	5	McCoy, Norman W	WSU Large Dragline Oiler
4/24/2006	5	McGhin, Steven N	WSU Material Handler Operator
4/24/2006	5	Swinson, Justin R	WSU Shipping Operator
4/24/2006	5	Williamson, Billy M	WSU Belt Tender - Chemical
5/8/2006	5	White, Joseph Michael	Production Engineer III
6/12/2006	5	Hudson, Jason M	WSU Heavy Equipment Operator
7/10/2006	5	Cameron, Richardson C	Senior Production Engineer
7/10/2006	5	Combass, Robert N	Security Officer
7/10/2006	5	Falagan, Lynn A	WSU Helper/Mines
7/10/2006	5	Garner, Joshua C	WSU Material Handler Operator
7/10/2006	5	George, Charles J	WSU Certified Trainee
7/10/2006	5	Kennington, Kevin L	WSU HE/Reel Truck Operator
7/10/2006	5	Pierce, Deborah A	WSU C Operator - Phosphoric Acid
7/10/2006	5	Williams, Michael D	Manager Public Affairs
8/14/2006	5	Barber, Robert N	WSU Belt Tender - Chemical
8/14/2006	5	Burnett, Kenneth M	WSU Heavy Equipment Operator
8/14/2006	5	Head, James K	WSU Washer Operator
8/14/2006	5	Johnson Jr, Thomas G	WSU Material Handler Operator
8/14/2006	5	Weston, Marquis M	WSU Material Handler Operator
8/14/2006	5	Works, William S	WSU Head Rodman Technician
10/23/2006	5	Fullbright, John D	WSU Lineman First Class
10/23/2006	5	Hughes, Jeffery L	WSU Flagman Asst Locomotive Engineer
10/23/2006	5	Meads, Chad E	WSU Heavy Equipment Operator
10/23/2006	5	Sowell, Robert B	WSU Wrencher
11/20/2006	5	Hulbert, Julia M	Payroll Specialist

Here we go again; the art of redundancy

By Rev. James L. Snyder

Forgive me if I have said this before, but, "Happy New Year." It may be the epitome of redundancy but I have given this greeting for 60 years and I mean it as sincerely this year as I have all the years preceding.

The first few years of my life, I had no teeth and so all I could say was "Goo-goo, daadaa." It meant the same thing. This year I have all of my teeth but I am not certain how many more years.

The way we start life is the way we usually end life, with no teeth and drooling all the time with a silly grin on our face.

Why is it so cute to have a toothless drool at three months but rather disgusting when you are 93 years old?

We all start life wearing diapers and if we live long enough we will end our life wearing the same apparatus. I guess it all depends upon what we do between the two events.

I suppose I could be guilty of not learning as much as I could at my age, but one thing I have learned and that is the good things in life are always repeated. Sure, there are some things that we do once in a lifetime and cherish their memories, but the good things in life are those things we continually repeat.

I would wager that in this New Year there would be relatively few, if any, new things. The past year was supposed to carry with it a lot of brand-new things. Most things were those repeated ad nausea for many years.

This year is an election year. Of course, the purpose of this year is to elect a new president. Every four years we elect a "new" president and I have participated in many presidential elections. At least, I went to the voting booth and voted. In all those years of electing a "new" president it has usually worked out that the new president was remarkably quite like the old president.

Some political pundits make a great deal between a Republican and a Democrat. It may be my age, but it seems to me that most Democrats are Republicans in disguise and most Republicans are Democrats in disguise. If I was backed up against a wall with a firing squad in front of me and asked to tell the difference between a Democrat and a Republican, the only thing I could come up with would be the spelling.

A Republican when elected will always act like a Democrat and a Democrat when elected will usually act like a Republican. Then they wonder why the voting public is confused.

As far as I am concerned, a rattlesnake wearing a rabbit outfit does not change its nature. It still has poisonous fangs looking for some human flesh.

What has not changed is the fact that

a politician running for office will say anything to get elected and then once elected will develop an acute sense of amnesia, which is not that cute.

Whenever I hear politicians say that when they are elected they are going to change things I know I am either listening to a fool or someone who is trying to fool me. Hundreds of politicians have run on the platform of changing Washington DC. Well, how has that been working?

The coming presidential election will be the same as every other one in the history of the United States.

In spite of that, there are a few things I am glad will not change.

The things that are really important in life are those things that do not change.

For instance, I am glad the sun comes up every morning. Even though every day is a new day, the same sun starts the day with its rising. The beautiful thing about this is that we can only live one day at a time. I cannot remember how much time I have spent worrying about something in the future and when that day came, I worried in vain.

I am so glad that the rising of the sun is not in the hands of some political committee somewhere. Wherever two or three politicians are gathered together, there is gridlock. If a political committee were responsible for the rising of the sun, it would never rise. The only thing a political committee can do when it comes to the phenomenon of rising is in the area of taxes and their salaries.

As sure as the sun will rise tomorrow so will our taxes and so will the salaries of the politicians. Would be great the politician's salary was tied to the economy? If the economy was up, the politicians would get a raise. If the economy went down, the politicians would take a cut in salary.

I am not sure how to do that, but if it ever became law in our country, the economy of our country would be on the rise for generations to come.

Another redundancy that I am delighted to participate in and that is the mercies of God. "It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3: 22-23 KJV).

Although repeated daily, God's mercies are never redundant.

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. The church web site is www.whatafellowship.com.

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

Dec. 26, Peter Edward Kaibney, 34, 1644 Rhonda Lane, Stone Mountain, Ga., poss. less than 20 grams marijuana, poss. of drug equipment, hold for Crisp County S.O.: FHP-A.L. Hughes

Dec. 27, Martin Lee Hayes, 23, 5659 NW 49th St., Jennings, Fla., battery domestic violence, assault, cruelty toward a child, resisting arrest without violence: HCSO-M. Thomas

Dec. 29, Camario Jermaine Jones-Collins, 23, 10450 35th Dr., Jasper, Fla., hold for Pasco S.O., FTA: JAPD-Curry, Black, Polk

Dec. 29, Paul Kevin Raymer, 45, 3409 N.W. Suwannee Valley Road, Lake City, Fla., DUI, poss. less than 20 grams marijuana, unlawful use of a police badge or other identification: JAPD-M. Price

Dec. 30, Johnie Ray Beasley, 49, 1800 East Wind Rd., Valdosta, Ga., in to serve weekend: HCSO-Walk-in

Dec. 30, Tasia Phazona Vanderbilt, 19, 945 SW 6th St., Apt. 2F, Jasper, Fla., Grand theft III: JAPD-T. Rickerson

Dec. 30, Shavon Tiara Washington, 21, 945 SW 6th St., Jasper, Fla., uttering a forged instrument, grand theft (3 counts), petit theft (4 counts): JAPD-T. Rickerson

Dec. 31, Yiu Fai

Cheng, 49, 3495 SW Sunset Trace Circle, Palm City, Fla., hold for Martin County, Fla., (attempted felony murder): HCSO- Sgt. J.C. Hughes

Dec. 31, Jessica Allen

Cribbs, 36, 356 SW 12th Avenue, Jasper, Fla., VOP-petit theft/retail theft: HCSO-Walk-in

Dec. 31, Lorenzo Lee Lewis, 33, P.O. Box 967, Jasper, Fla., warrant, vi-

olation of injunction, poss. of cocaine with the intent to sell: HCSO-P.J. Fouraker

Jan. 1, 2012, Crystal Monique Edwards, 23, 358 SW 10th Ave.,

Jasper, Fla., in to serve sentence: Walk-in

Jan. 1, 2012, Thomas Jerome Johnson, 23, 1051 SW 5th St., Jasper, Fla., in to serve 7 months: Walk-in

Norris Notes

By Lillian Norris

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It is going to be a good year!

As it came time to be sure to get this news off this morning, hoping for news, putting it together, there it was, thankfully, to friends, it came together. I do not make New Year's Resolutions, (that would be a sure thing to break them) but looking forward to a great year together, bring and send your news so that we can keep our ties together, sometimes, especially as WE get older, it is hard to remember everything, we like to recall good times, remember loved ones, and be thankful for each day.

Looking forward to the coming year, we learned that Harvest Fellowship will host the Hamilton County Sisterhood on Tuesday, January 10th at their Church. This was good news, as I had not heard anything recently, looking forward to being with ladies of our community, it is always a

fun time, and very inspirational, come and bring joy and salad or dessert, start the year off right with wonderful ladies of our community. If you have never been, come and see what a wonderful event it is, start the year off right with these special ladies.

Speaking of food, The Annual Hamilton County Chili Cookoff will be January 28th. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for more info (I got mine from Cindy Eatmon). Sounds good in this cool weather. We will have more info next week.

News from Atlanta is that Jessie Capps, granddaughter of Olin Godwin (Olin is the brother of Willard Godwin, Carolyn Bass and Norma Cook, (a native of Hamilton County), Olin is in an assisted living home in GA). received a heart transplant last week, after a long wait, she is stable but still critical and gets stronger every day, the family acts for continued prayer and thanks for those already given.

Jesse Mitchell, son of Wayne and Gerri Mitchell, is starting his new job today (Mon-

day) in Tallahassee after received his degree from the University of Florida recently. Congratulations to Jesse and family.

Haley Eatmon will be moving to UF this Friday to begin her years of college on January 9th. We wish her the best. Haley is the daughter of Bob and Cindy Eatmon; granddaughter of Carolyn Bass and Jean Eatmon.

Let us know of others. Looking forward to a Happy New Year, we only had a short service on New Year's Day, but a joyful one, and will be having a guest speaker this Sunday, hoping our minister and her husband can have a few days of relaxation, they are so very busy and we are lucky to have them with us.

Speaking of JOY, for the first time I was unable to join friends at the home of Glen Miller and Nancy Cozort for the annual New Years Day festivities, but did get a share of Linda Robinson's greens, and other goodies, which Nancy brought by for me, they had a good crowd and are such good hosts for a Happy New Year event that is enjoyed every year.

Had out of town guests, some family and I did not get the names yet, some former neighborhood members.

Nancy Buchanan is spending several days in Jasper, visiting with her sister, Jo Coe, Jim, Nan and family. She came down from Burkesville, KY, maybe she brought the cold spell, but it is time for a little cold weather, I like it okay, but then I do not have to be out in it a lot, and there is no snow.

I spent Christmas with Dr. Ben, Leigh Ann, Kaleigh and Trey, we were joined by Caleb and Jordan Windham, Marybeth was sick (but she is better now and back at work), and Leigh Ann's parents, Richard and Ann Shepard of Sycamore GA, who spent several days with the Ben Norrises.

Many Thanks to all the staff of the Jasper News and other newspapers with whom we are affiliated, for your patience and understanding. and HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Lillian Norris
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Jasper Legals

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. I, 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

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

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 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 Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Florida, at public hearing on January 17, 2012 at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, County Courthouse located at 207 Northeast 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,

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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. 01/05

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

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 Chef Rose Catering, located at PO Box 825 in the County of Hamilton, in the City of White Springs, Florida 32096 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at White Springs, Florida, this 27th day of December, 2011.

Owner's Name: Rose Padgett Morgan
01/05

Resolutions

By Tim Seaton

I told my wife the other day that January is the Monday of the months, and the end of the year is like the weekend. It's back to work again, and as a tradition we resolve to make some change at the beginning of the year. Have you made yours yet? I haven't. Perhaps I'll make mine after I've given it a good bit of thought, but right now, I just can't decide. It may not be a big deal to a lot of people what resolution you make, but if this is going to be a true resolution then we must not take it lightly. After all, resolving to do or be something is kin to making a promise or an oath to ourselves. How empty shall do we hold our own words to be?

I honestly can't remember what my last resolution was so I can't tell you whether or not I failed or succeeded. It may be that I didn't make one, or it may be that I took it so lightly that I forgot the very next day what it was. This frustrates me because I want to be able to trust myself enough to make a solid decision. I

want to believe in myself so that resolutions can be made. Perhaps I can say to myself, "It's just a silly tradition. I don't need to make a change." Yeah, I have no room for growth. I suppose that means that I've "arrived" - I'm exactly who and where I want to be in this world, I know exactly where I'm going, and I have not one flaw in what I do. Ah yes, a silly tradition. On the other hand, perhaps I know who and what I want to be but my faults are many, and I think myself rather helpless to them. So I shall give up, and carry on miserably until I reach the bitter end of feeling sorry for myself. Okay, fine. I make a resolution! What shall my resolution be?

We have our choices before us in light of our flaws. I will not tell you my flaws, but I will tell you that I know what it's like to get so worked up about them that I make hasty resolutions, and when I fail for lack of preparation it stings not only me but those who are affected by my lie. "There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts," (Prov.12:18).

Then I wonder what I may do about it, and again the proverb speaks, "But the tongue of the wise brings healing" (Prov.12:18). The Bible tells me not only may I have healing of my failures and hasty resolutions, but that wisdom may help me to bring it. So then I shall find wisdom and prepare to make my resolution! "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and understanding" (Prov.1:7).

I see myself when I read Rom.7:15-25. How about you? Are not our failures before us? Yet what can we do to find the wisdom to bring healing, O wretched Man that we are? "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" Paul says. Jesus is the answer to our failures, and the wisdom of God for healing. Will Jesus fix your problem of sin for you? Well, he will make atonement for your sin, but he cannot make you repent or obey. Yet I find that God's wisdom for encouragement and discipline is found in the edification of His Church. I



encourage you to find Christ's true Church, for there are many false churches, and let them help you to be accountable for your flaws and to find the wisdom to change. Whatever it is you seek to change about yourself is not going to be easy, especially if it is a character flaw. Along those lines, consider your stance with Jesus Christ who can help you. Is he your Lord? What shall your resolution be?

- Tim Seaton is the preacher at the Northside Church of Christ located on SR 51 north of Mayo's stoplight. Come edify and be edified with us: Sun. 9:30, 10:45am; Wed. 7pm. We seek no authority but Christ; we seek no name but Christian.

Healthy Living

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workout routine.

Each workout should incorporate each of these components dynamically. For example, in performing a bicep curl, I'm not just lifting the dumbbell. Both of the balls of my feet are driving into the floor-firing my quads, gluts, hamstring, and calves isometrically (contracting without changing muscle length); my core is

contracted and tight, shoulders back and down, breathing rhythmically with an exhale through the sticking point (hardest part of the movement); and center of gravity balanced without rocking back and forth. Who! I feel worked out already!

If all that sounds like a foreign language to you, consider hiring a qualified fitness professional, another top ten trend of 2012.

Qualified professionals not only train you, but teach you how to train yourself-which is most important! So in the year ahead think functional outside the box-think functional fitness! For more information on functional fitness classes near you email the address below.

Don't get discouraged if you feel like you're not that fit, even a little is better than nothing, and we all

have to start somewhere. Focus on goals; break them down to small, attainable weekly plans and add a few minutes each week. Remember it's not about where you are, it's about where you want to be.

"The journey of a thousand miles begins beneath one's feet."

~Philosopher Laozi
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