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White Springs residents meet to discuss the future of SHE. - Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor

White Springs fights to save South Hamilton Elementary

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A packed house of concerned citizens, parents and officials from White Springs joined together on Thursday, Feb. 2, at a special town council meeting to discuss the impact to the town if Hamilton County School Board (HCSB) proceeds with their decision to close South Hamilton Elementary (SHE) at the end of the 2011-12 school year if Central Hamilton

Elementary (CHE) does not exit intervene status.

The meeting had one purpose; to figure out what options were available for the town to fight closure of their A-rated school, which was approved by the HCSB on Jan. 24.

To address the situation, White Springs Mayor Helen Miller said they will be moving forward with three identified plans. The first is to try to ne-

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Mayor Helen Miller and Vice-mayor Walter McKenzie.

Hamilton man awarded \$8.4 million

By Jeffrey Boatright
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A Hamilton County man has been awarded 8.4 million dollars in compensation for permanent injuries sustained after riding a defective ATV, court records show.

According to Allison Didier of the Didier Law Firm in Orlando, 36-year-old Michael Joseph Scott Corbett of Jasper test drove a 2008 Artic Cat Thundercat 1000 ATV at the Jasper Rodeo on

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Hamilton schools on furlough days

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Hamilton County Schools will be observing four furlough days this year as part of budget cuts that were approved last year.

"The addition of four furlough days provides a savings of \$207,000 to the school district," Superintendent of Schools Martha Butler said. "The furlough days, with \$352,000 from the Ed Jobs Bill allocation

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New childcare/learning center proposed here



Dr. Tom Logan explains the playground site plan with Hamilton Cares board members. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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The Hamilton Cares project spearheaded by Dr. Thomas F. Logan, Ph.D, has shifted into high gear and proposes to bring high quality childcare into Hamilton County by utilizing vacant space in the old high school/courtroom annex. A tentative grand opening is slated for early January 2013.

Logan is the executive director of the Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway based in Lake City and he has been diligently working on the Hamilton Cares project for years.

Hamilton Cares, Inc. is a non-profit 501c3 corporation committed to serving the young children of Hamilton County. It was

formed in 2009 by concerned citizens of Hamilton County and is chaired by Mike Williams of Potash Corporation (PCS) in White Springs.

Ricki Kennedy, Cecil Davis, Elizabeth Mitchell, Carol Milton, Mantha Young and Rick Young are on the board of directors for Hamilton Cares and they met with Logan and engineer Phil Bishop at the

proposed site on Jan. 25 to go over the detailed floor plans.

"Everyone agrees that one of the most critical issues in Hamilton County is the lack of local programs providing quality early learning," Logan states in his proposal to the county.

With more than 600 infants, toddlers and three-year-olds in the county, Logan said fewer than 100 slots are available in private centers and homes, and they do not offer high-quality early learning. The principal goal of the project, he said, is to "increase the availability of affordable, quality early education and care in the county."

Logan also said there are currently only two licensed childcare facilities in Jasper that serve about 40 children.

Additionally, he said, there is a Headstart program in Jennings that serves between 20-30 kids.

According to Logan, the

latest census figures state there are 770 children under the age of five in Hamilton County with 300 of them below the poverty level, so he feels there is a definite need for this facility.

The Hamilton County School Board deeded the buildings at the old high school property on US 41 over to the board of county commissioners after they built the new high school on US 129. In September of 2010 the county contracted a lease agreement with Hamilton Cares for use of an unused classroom wing located behind the county administrative offices.

By utilizing this space, the new childcare center will be centrally located in the middle of the county. Plans are to convert five old classroom spaces on one end of the wing into a high-quality childcare and learning facility that will serve all of Hamilton

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A look at alcohol and drug abuse here

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The highlight of the Jan. 23 meeting of the Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition Partnership was a presentation by HCSO Sergeant Emily Lumpkin on 'Needs Assessment' for Hamilton County.

Lumpkin is program coordinator and past president of the coalition. The assessment is part of the strategic framework process of the contract the coalition has with Meridian Behavioral Healthcare and the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Lumpkin said in her research she found specific areas of need for Hamilton County by using Florida Charts, an online resource tool to assess community health, as well as utilizing other reference sources. Binge drinking among adults and kids, smoking, and prescription drugs were the main needs, she said.

"Murder and suicide is up in Hamilton County," said Lumpkin.

Forcible sex resulting from alcohol consumption, chlamydia from unprotected sex and repeat teen pregnancies have been increasing, as well as alcohol-related mo-

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Hamilton man awarded 8.4 million

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May 4, 2008. While test driving the ATV, Corbett hit a divot, causing the machine to roll over and land on top of him.

"The ATV has a safety system which, upon tilt-

ing past 65 degrees, is designed to shut off the engine automatically to prevent injuries," Didier wrote in a press release. "Despite such design, Artic Cat chose to use a tilt sensor that was known to give false signals about

the vehicle's position, and, as a result, the ATV did not shut off in this accident."

Didier said that as a result of his injuries, Corbett will never be able to work again in the construction industry, where he was

previously a successful foreman.

"Also, due to the severe friction burns he sustained to both arms, both legs and his abdomen because of contact with the spinning tires, Mr. Corbett faces numerous additional surgeries in the future to address his wounds and scars," Dieder wrote.

According to Dieder, internal documents of Artic Cat revealed they knew five months before manufacturing this ATV that it had a problem with the tilt sensor, but chose to leave the tilt sensor on the ATV instead of fixing it.

"This company put profits over people, saving a mere \$4.41 per vehicle when it knowingly put an ATV with a defectively designed safety system into the market," Henry Didier said.

After deliberating just over three hours, a six member jury for the Third Judicial Circuit Court in

Jasper awarded Corbett \$8,471,147.32 for total damages as a result of his injuries.

According to records from the Hamilton Coun-

ty Clerk of the Circuit Court, damages included past and future medical expenses incurred from the ATV, as well as Corbett's loss of income.

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and \$185,000 from an insurance lawsuit settlement, enabled the district to balance the 2011-12 budget."

Butler stated it is important to remember that the dollars from both the Ed Jobs Bill and the insurance lawsuit settlement are non-recurring funds.

The dates for the furlough days are Feb. 21, March 23, April 9, and May 25.

"On these dates, the entire school system, including all schools and district departments, will be shut down," said Butler. "These dates were selected to coincide with other holidays that are part of the board-adopted cal-

endar."

Butler stated the dates were also planned so that employees would not see a reduction for more than one furlough day in one pay period.

"Due to the reduction in funding from the state of Florida, many districts in the state have added furlough days to help balance their budgets," said Butler. "It would be my hope that we can work together to balance next year's budget without again putting the burden on the backs of our hard-working employees."

Parents are reminded to mark their calendars since students will not be in school on the above mentioned furlough dates.

Board of County Commissioners highlights

By Joyce Marie Taylor

Regarding an item that was not on the consent agenda, a motion was made to continue a public hearing on application LDR 11-01 to the next meeting of the board to allow commissioners time to review the ordinance. The public hearing is regarding a text amendment and effective date to section 14.13 of the Hamilton County Land Development Regulation (LDR) with regard to cemeteries.

Thanks for my home
Clerk of Court Greg Godwin read a letter from a Hamilton County resident who expressed appreciation to everyone involved in the 2010 CDBG Grant Program for providing her a new home in time for Christmas. She especially thanked contractor Gary Newsome and Spencer Nabors from In-Touch Consulting Group for being kind, patient and professional throughout the process.

Bids
CR 6 bridge replacement project: Engineer Greg Bailey read two quotes for flow fill for the culverts, one from Columbia ReadyMix at \$77 per cubic yard with a \$25 per truck fuel surcharge and one from Anderson Materials at

\$72 per cubic yard with no other fees. The board approved using Anderson Materials. The board also approved using Bob's Barricades for the two message signs at a rental fee of \$30 per day.

The board approved Nabors to solicit for three bids on a new well for a White Springs resident, whose well has gone dry, under the emergency repair category of the SHIP program. The resident currently has no water on his property.

In honor of Dr. Eutsey
After a lengthy discussion with Jasper resident Ellis Wright, the board agreed to complete a nearly year-long project of putting up a memorial sign on the street where he lives in honor of Dr. Napoleon Eutsey. Wright also asked the board to repair the road (38th Terrace), which he said was re-paved improperly and is now building up potholes. The road is about 200 yards long and is a county road. It was asphalt and then milling was applied over top of it. Commissioner Randy Ogburn explained there are certain road improvement criteria that must be met before a road can

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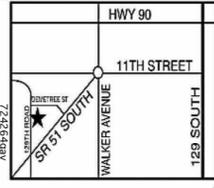


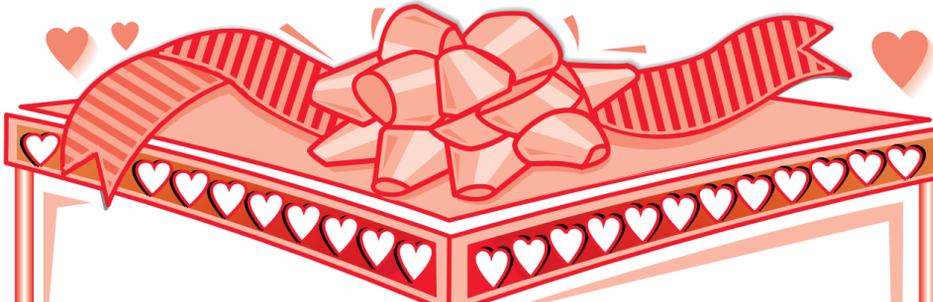
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Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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Last week, after all the cyclists left town Merri and I took a hike down to Little Shoals with Dennis and Dottie Price. We went in at the Little Shoals state park entrance, out on the Woodpecker route. It's always informative to go hiking or paddling with Dennis and Dottie because he is a professional geologist, an amateur botanist, and a river guide too, and Dottie has a sharp eye for details that we might otherwise miss. Walking along through the ever changing topography on a beautiful single track trail, Dennis would point out details that made the hike so much more interesting. Different types of trees, ground cover and even pine cones were presented to us in a new perspective, informed by Dennis's narrative and Dottie's sharp eye. We ended up at Little Shoals, where we witnessed the entire flow of the Suwannee River flowing through a cut in the exposed limestone only six feet wide. This trip reminded me that no matter what your interest may be, it is greatly enhanced by being active and by being informed. The more information you have, the more you will enjoy the experience. An occasional solitary walk in the woods can be a wonderful experience, but it's even better when you know more, and you learn quicker if you have a good teacher. So don't forget to hang out with the people in your life who can inform you and enlighten you about your passions. It makes life so much more interesting.

Planning ahead a little bit, please remember that the Wild Azalea Festival is coming up on Saturday, March 17. The Wild Azalea Festival celebrates the arrival of spring and blooming of the Wild Azalea at the festival regional foods, artists, music and craftsmen. Volunteers are needed to put in a few hours to

make this event possible. Call Town Hall at 397-2310 and ask them to put you in touch with the Wild Azalea special events team. If you volunteer, you will get to meet some wonderful folks and you will get to enjoy a real sense of satisfaction and accomplishment.

I witnessed a large turnout at several meetings recently, all of which had to do with the threatened closure of South Hamilton Elementary, an "A" school that we are all so very proud of. I've witnessed quite a few controversial decisions over the years that resulted in a large public outcry and a big public turnout at the first meeting, and then the crowds would quickly dwindle at following meetings until pretty soon all the fuss and the interest just went away. That does not seem to be the case with the folks who want to keep our school open. If anything, the crowd grows larger at each meeting and these people are not just showing up, they are speaking out with rational, well thought out arguments against the possible closing of our school and they are signing up to get involved too. I'll quote to them one of my favorite sayings of all time. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has". This quote comes from Margaret Meade, certainly one of the foremost anthropologists of our

era. In her exhaustive studies of cultures and peoples all over the world, she never ceased to be amazed that many of the biggest changes she witnessed in societies started with the efforts and involvement of very small groups, who stood strongly on principled ground, were willing to work, and never gave up, never quit, never gave in. Here in Hamilton County, when you shine the light of reason and justice on this school closing decision, some folks seem to feel that the decision has so little substance it doesn't even cast a shadow. The State of Florida and the Hamilton County school board have made some bad decisions about our schools that folks here have swallowed in the past but this small, energized and growing group of people seems determined not to accept this one. I think Margaret Meade would recognize what is going on in White Springs. I think she would like it too!

I hope to hear from you and I hope to see you out and about, learning, experiencing, enjoying and, most importantly, being involved in a positive way in your life in White Springs.

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Weather and mood



These last few weeks of weather have been just amazing! It couldn't feel less like winter. I think I may have caught spring fever a little too early. If you think about it, weather's effect on how we feel is very interesting. I remember the brutal winter I lived in Oklahoma City. A blizzard hit leaving day after day after day of sunless, dreary, -9 degree days, and iced covered everything in its wake. This dreary scene finally took its toll on my native Floridian body. After a little research I discovered the clinical diagnosis for my symptoms: Seasonal Affective Disorder, a condition where sufferers experience bouts of depression during certain times of the year.

For me a couple visits to the tanning bed for some bright light exposure was enough to help my body acclimate to grumpy old man winter. I did, however, get a healthy dose of the reality of climate acclimation. Experts agree 14 days is the most time typically necessary to completely acclimate to noticeable changes in weather. Most mood changes are associated with exposure to sunlight, or lack thereof. When our eyes detect darkness our pineal gland, residing within our brain, releases melatonin. Inversely, when light is detected, serotonin is released, our "happy" hormone (the origin of this word literally meaning serum + tonic). If inadequate bright light exposure is experienced, serotonin release becomes depressed, leading to the all too familiar "ran down" feeling. In addition to inadequate sun exposure there is another interesting addition to mood affecting weather conditions that one might not suspect, one especially relevant to Floridians. Humidity.

Research shows individuals exposed to higher levels of humidity report decreases in concentration and ability to think logically. Humidity was found to trigger sleepiness, and even decrease helpfulness! That's right, high humidity has been found to cause a decrease in one's helpfulness as much as 70 percent! When humidity is high, meaning more moisture in the air, our bodies have more difficulty cooling off due to the lack of evaporation of our perspi-

ration. So we feel hotter and our body subsequently works harder to cool us, limiting blood flow to internal organs, muscles, and our brain.

Think humidity outside is bad? Humidity inside has been found to induce depression also! Individuals with damp, moldy homes tend to be less happy and more depressed. Researchers suspect such occurrences are rooted in a perceived lack of control, which is strongly linked to depression. Pay attention to whether your home feels clean and dry. If this isn't the case, try purchasing a dehumidifier to dry the air; remembering healthy homes promote healthy people.

At least for now we don't have to worry ourselves with being stuck inside. Take advantage of our beautiful County. Get outside, exercise, soak up some vitamin D, and enjoy some sunshine and serotonin induced happiness-you deserve it!

Police Chief Monthly Report - Feb. 2012

For those of you that follow my monthly report you may have noticed it missing the last couple of months. I do not mean to make excuses but the finalization of the COP's Grant and the hiring of our new Officer kept me extremely busy.

For those of you that have not met him his name is Jason Golub. We are very fortunate to have him and I think he is going to be a great asset to the White Springs Police Dept.

The hiring of Ofcr. Golub could not have come at a better time. I just completed our Uniform Crime Report for 2011 and it was not good. While overall crime was down, violent crime such as robbery and property crime such as burglary was up. We were also down on the amount of crimes that we solved.

To combat this we will be implementing some more aggressive patrol techniques than we have in the past. We will also be asking for more community involvement.

Beginning in March I will once again be holding Neighborhood Watch meetings every quarter. My goal is to hold the meetings in a different part of town and try to include some type of crime prevention education at each meeting similar the Gang Seminar we did before.

If any of you have any ideas on what you might be interested in at one of these seminars please contact me.

In closing let me remind you that I am here if you need me. Please feel free to contact me.

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OPINION

Economic chaos ahead

Let's think about the kind of mess that we're in. Federal 2010 Medicare and Medicaid expenditures totaled \$800 billion. The projected annual growth of both programs is about 7 percent. Social Security expenditures are more than \$700 billion a year. According to the 2009 Social Security and Medicare trustees reports, by 2030, 49 percent of federal revenues will go for Social Security and Medicare payments. The unfunded liability of both programs is already \$106 trillion.

But not to worry. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that it's possible to sustain today's level of federal spending and even achieve a balanced budget. All that Congress would have to do is raise the lowest income tax bracket of 10 percent to 25 percent and the middle tax bracket of 25 percent to 66 percent and raise the 35 percent tax bracket to 92 percent. That's a static vision that assumes that people will have no response and they'll work just as hard and send more money to Washington. If Congress did legislate such tax increases, it would be the economic equivalent of committing national hara-kiri.

Professor Daniel Klein, editor of Econ Journal Watch, and Professor Tyler Cowen, general director of the

Mercatus Center, both based at George Mason University, organized a symposium to promote a better understanding of the U.S. debt crisis. The symposium's title, "U.S.

Sovereign Debt Crisis: Tipping-Point Scenarios and Crash Dynamics" (<http://econjwatch.org>), is a strong hint about the seriousness of our nation's plight.

Professor Cowen introduced the symposium pointing out that in 2011, the major crisis was in the eurozone, where Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Ireland dealt with the risk of default. The survival of the eurozone is now seriously doubted. Cowen added: "When it comes to a sovereign debt crisis, it is no longer possible to say 'it can't happen here.' Right now, we are borrowing about 40 cents of every dollar the federal government spends, and the imbalance has no end in sight."

Jeffrey Rogers Hummel, associate professor of economics at San Jose State University, says that a default on Treasury securities appears inevitable. He says that the short-run



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consequences for the economy will be painful but that the long-run consequences, both political and economic, could be beneficial. That's because an economic collapse is the only way

we will come to our senses. That's a tragic statement about the foresight of the American people.

Participant Garrett Jones, associate professor of economics at George Mason University, is a bit more optimistic, seeing default as being less likely. But he argues that "default is still possible, and the GOP offers a uniquely American path to default: an unwillingness to raise taxes."

Dr. Arnold Kling is a member of the Financial Market Working Group at the Mercatus Center and tells us that the "U.S. government has made a set of promises that it cannot keep." He says that the "promises that are most important to change are Social Security and Medicare."

Joseph J. Minarik is senior vice president and director of research at the Committee for Economic Development. He argues that a "U.S. financial meltdown today is eminently

avoidable. The wealthiest nation on earth, despite a painful economic slowdown, maintains the wherewithal to pay its bills. The open question is whether it maintains the will and the wisdom."

Peter J. Wallison holds the Arthur F. Burns chair in financial policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute. He agrees with Kling that "the most likely source of a U.S. sovereign debt crisis ... is a failure of the U.S. political system to address the growth of the major entitlement programs -- Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid."

My translation of the symposium's conclusions is that it is by no means preordained that our nation must suffer the same decline as have other great nations of the past -- England, France, Spain, Portugal and the Ottoman and Roman empires. All evidence suggests that we will suffer a similar decline because, as Professor Cowen says, "the American electorate has dug in against both major tax increases and major spending cuts."

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Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent
Johnny Bullard

Prospect Primitive Baptist Church and cemetery is located approximately thirteen miles north of White Springs, Florida, on County Road 135, better known to local citizens as the Woodpecker Route. Turning off the "main road", one meanders down a winding drive replete with the bucolic splendor that characterizes so much of this section of Florida including spectacular and ancient live oak trees that form a canopy with intertwining moss festooned limbs in many sections.

The present sanctuary which long ago replaced the original is still an active House of Worship—and services are held there on a monthly basis...On a personal note, I have many fond childhood memories of attending the "Big Meeting" there on the third Sunday of November... The service always involved preaching from a number of ministers of the gospel—sometimes four or five—visits with friends and relatives and "dinner on the grounds" ..Of course, no visit to the church was complete without a walk in the historic cemetery next to the church.

Prospect Primitive Baptist Church was established while Florida was still a territory during the mid to late 1830's. The land on which the church and cemetery is located was deeded by a member of the Cason family of which I am a descendant. The oldest "marked" grave in the cemetery is that of the late William Cone, (1777-1854).

The cemetery grave stones "read" like a history of

this section of north Florida with the names of pioneer families who settled this area of the upper Suwannee--Cone, Cason, Hunter, Tomlinson, Stormant, Bullard, Register, Mobley, Lee, Christie, and I could go on and on--Once a very wise lady in White Springs told me—"If you ever want to know about the history of an area—start with the cemetery." She was correct—the names and dates give one a guide as to who lived in an area, when they lived there, to whom they were married, and, in many instances, who the offspring were.

Someone once said that people in the Deep South were like the Chinese in that they ate a lot of rice and worshipped their ancestors. I think the quote was originally given to the residents of the Low Country of South Carolina, but it could also be given to north Florida and many other parts of the Deep South...I don't know that "worship" would be the term I would use—I think it would be "reverence"—there is a differ-

ence. How many times in the past did I walk through the cemetery with my father, my paternal grandmother, and many other relatives, neighbors, and friends and hear the stories of those who lie under the sandy north Florida soil close to the Suwannee River?...Stories, that even today I can recall with clarity.

Prominent among those who rest at Prospect is the late Fred P. Cone, Governor of Florida from 1937-41. Fred Cone helped establish the Columbia County Bank, was an attorney, a state representative and was later elected Governor. Also, when he was about seventeen years of age, he took a shot at the "Carpetbagger" postmaster in the town of White Springs, an offense for which he was brought to trial and acquitted. This was during the late 1880's. It is my understanding, based upon an article that appeared in the Florida Historical Quarterly during the 1970's, that the Carpetbagger soon packed his carpet bag and headed back up north never to be heard from again—

I did not learn of this story from the Florida Historical Quarterly, rather, I heard it first, as I walked among the stones at Prospect Primitive Baptist Cemetery many years ago with my paternal grandmother, the late Mary Joyner Bullard (1893-1969), who now rests at Prospect with many other dear, departed loved ones. So much of the history of any area is "oral" history—or rather it was. I guess in the future it will be "texted".

An inscription on one of the older tombstones at Prospect sums up for me the wonderful history, memories, and feeling I have when I visit those I love who have "gone on"—The inscription reads--

"Gone but not forgotten" ...

From the Eight Mile Still, on the Woodpecker Route, north of White Springs, wishing each of you a day filled with joy, peace, and, above all, lots of love and laughter. So blessed to be in the number "one more time."

Norris Notes

By Lillian Norris

If you need, or want, something to do in Hamilton County you can find it, in Jasper, White Springs or Jennings, there are some busy people in our area and they can always use help, also let me know what you are doing and of your need for help, any news from Hamilton County folks, family and friends is interesting and of value to be passed on. This is for you, and I do enjoy the contacts and it is easy to get in touch, by telephone or email or however you prefer. Let us hear from you.

If you were anywhere near the two blocks around the Womans Club on Monday you could see ladies working to clean up those blocks around the club house, and the surrounding area. They do this every month prior to meeting date, which this month is this Friday at 12 Noon at the Club House, this month Mark Johnson of Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., Gainesville, will be the

guest speaker. Our County was quite involved, and still is, with the program when it was known as North Florida Mental Health, at which time the Virgie Cone Center was constructed and opened in Jasper. Prior to the merger and change, meetings were held in Lake City, then Lake Butler, then Lake Butler, then moved to Gainesville. Virgie Cone was quite active in this program and Alice Jones was serving as President of North Florida Mental Health Board at the time of the merger. Sharon Gay is the representative from Hamilton County at this time. It is hoped to have a good group in attendance, lunch is at 12 Noon, at \$5. a plate and some of the best chefs in the County are preparing the meal. Maybe now would be a good time to join the Woman's Club. Marion Turner was a lifetime member, of the Board, becoming inactive prior to this time, and I, too, was a member of the board at that time.

Members of the Relay of Life Committees would like to express appreciation to ALL who supported the Chicken and Rice dinners held at the Park this past Satur-

day, it was delicious, your support is appreciated. The folks from Corinth Church prepared the food and worked hard making it a successful day, with the help of other Relay workers. REMEMBER to RELAY, the first weekend in April, it will soon be here, as we said, it seemed far of when it was first presented, it is now coming up fast and will soon be here. Barbara Butler is Chair Person, she has many helpers, committees, etc. You will be reminded often and call for any information.

Another event we always look forward to is the SPRING FLING at St. Therese Catholic Church, it is coming up the first weekend in May and the ladies are preparing their specialty foods and goodies for sale, also there will be a barbecue dinner available with the best chefs in charge. It is a wonderful time for food, fun and fellowship.

Much of the talk around our county is about our schools and our country, it is my understanding that we will also soon be thinking about local elections, let us remember all phases of our life here, in prayer..

There are many in our area who have lost loved ones, and have family and friends who are ill, It would be a privilege for me to mention them in this area if you would let me know, I hesitate as some people do not want it in the paper, but if you would like to be remembered, please let me know. The ones who have lost loved ones, that I know of, Darlene Parr will be remembered by anyone who was a patient of hers when she worked at the Hospital, or elsewhere, of her compassion; Allen Tyre served our County well in his work with our area, the last one I have especially appreciated was the care of the trees planted up and down Highway 41 which we did through the U of Florida is my understanding. We know that the work these folks have done for our communities will be remembered and those coming after will carry on their works.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon, at norrislw@windstream.net
386-792-2151

AND: Happy Valentines Day to each of YOU.

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

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

Obituaries

Ricky Lee Hall
Feb. 3, 2012

Ricky Lee Hall, age 53, of Jennings, Fla. passed away at his home on Friday, Feb. 3, 2012. Ricky was born in Cookeville, Tennessee to Claude and Roza Hall. He was a longtime resident of Hamilton County where he married and raised his family. Ricky was a boilermaker for Metalcoat, Inc. and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lake Park, Ga. He was preceded in death by his wife Sandra Darlene Hall, a sister, Joyce Roebuck and a brother, Gary Hall.

Survivors include two sons, Derrick Hall (wife Kristi) and Kyle Hall (wife Danielle), all of Jennings, Fla.; his parents, Claude and Roza Hall, Jasper, Fla.; one brother, Terry Hall, Jasper, Fla.; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Hilda and Allen Parker, Lake Park, Ga.; three beloved grandchildren, Blaine, Colton and Kinslee.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012 in the chapel of Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper, FL with Pastor Gerald Smith and Pastor Robert Dawson officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2119 SW 16th St., Gainesville, FL 32608

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

Robert Irving Clark
Feb. 15, 1946 -
Jan. 11, 2012

Robert Irving Clark of Jasper passed away on Jan. 11, 2012 after a battle with cancer. "Bob" was born in Andover, MA on February 15th, 1946. He moved to Sarasota FL in the early 1950's and to Jasper in 2003. Bob attended Riverview High School in Sarasota and graduated from Hawthorne College. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was an entrepreneur for much of his life owning automobile service stations and a marina in New Hampshire, a roofing company, a software consulting business and a tax preparation service in Sarasota. He was the first Program Coordinator for the Hamilton County Pharmacy Assistance Program in Jasper. During his time with the pharmacy program he helped Hamilton County residence receive over one million dollars' worth of prescription medicines at no cost. Bob was active in Jasper as the former treasurer of the Jasper Lions Club, the treasurer of Main Street Hamilton County

and a candidate for City Council. He retired in 2006 and worked during tax season in Lake City. Bob is survived by his wife of over 20 years, Deborah (Murphy), two daughters, Sandra Clark and Carolyn Morales and several grandchildren, a sister, Judith Shenk and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Survivors include her husband, Mack Parr, Jasper, Fla.; one son, Doug Parr (Dawn), Jasper, Fla.; one daughter, Penny Register (Chris), Statenville, Ga.; two brothers, Lynn Moody, Gainesville, Fla. and Joseph Feagle, Keystone Heights, Fla.; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Darlene Moody Parr
May 7, 1947 -
Jan. 30, 2012

Darlene Moody Parr, age 64, of Jasper, Fla. passed away Monday, Jan. 30, 2012 at Smith Northview Hospital in Valdosta, Ga. following a brief illness. Darlene was born on May 7, 1947 in Valdosta, Georgia to the late Ralph and Joan Moody. She was a native and lifelong resident of Hamilton County. Darlene by nature was a caretaker and so it was natural that she would go on to graduate from the nursing program with an R.N. degree. She loved the people of Hamilton County and put her degree to work helping those who could not help themselves. Darlene was a wonderful nurse, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, classmate and friend. She was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in Jasper.

Survivors include her husband, Mack Parr, Jasper, Fla.; one son, Doug Parr (Dawn), Jasper, Fla.; one daughter, Penny Register (Chris), Statenville, Ga.; two brothers, Lynn Moody, Gainesville, Fla. and Joseph Feagle, Keystone Heights, Fla.; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012 in the chapel of Harry T. Reid Funeral Home with Rev. Jaime Register and Rev. Dale Ames officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

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

Death notice

Paul Rivers

Mr. Paul Rivers, age 70, a resident of Lake City, Fla., passed away Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012 in Avalon Healthcare Center, Lake City, Fla.

D.M. Udell and Sons of D.M. Udell Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.

386-362-4189 or 386-209-0223.

Bowers named to president's list

Gregory T. Bowers of Jasper, was named to the president's list at Thomas University in Thomasville, Ga. To be named to the president's list, a full-time student must earn a 4.0 GPA.

Thomas University, established in 1950, is a private not-for-profit university of about 1,100 students located in Thomasville, Georgia. TU awards associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in traditional classroom settings and through online delivery.

Wedding Announcements

Merritt and Smith



Justin Smith and Jessica Merritt

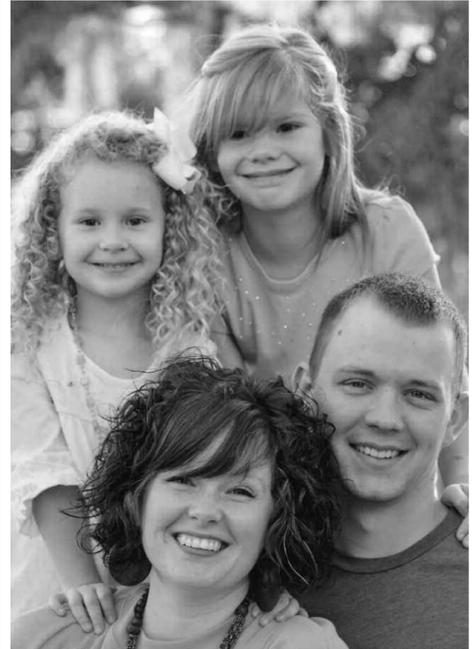
Wade and Stacy Merritt, along with Sarah Eadie, are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Jessica Merritt to Justin Smith.

Jessica's maternal grandparents are David and Laverna Shaw of White Springs, Florida. Her paternal grandparents are the late Wade Merritt, Sr., and Maggie Erskin of Jasper, Florida. Jessica is a 2005 graduate of Hamilton County High School.

Justin, a 2004 graduate of Bell High School, is the son of Roy and Carla Smith of Bell, Florida. Justin's maternal grandparents are Carl and Frances Williams of Bell, Florida. His paternal grandparents are Mary Smith and the late Albert Smith, also of Bell.

A December 2012 wedding is being planned. Congratulations to Justin and Jessica!

Butler and Bontrager



Mr. & Mrs. David Butler request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Candace JoAnn Butler To William Levi Bontrager, Jr.

Son of Sarah Bontrager & Willie Bontrager. Sat., the 18th of Feb., 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at Madison Church of God, Madison, Fla.

Heart Matters

Languages of love

By Angie Land

Some time back I heard a joke about an elderly married couple. Seems the wife was feeling a little unloved, so she asked her husband, "Honey, do you still love me?" He replied with a simple grunt. Again she prompted, "You do still love me, don't you?" Another grunt. Exasperated, the wife finally yelled, "Why can't you just say 'I love you'?" To which her husband said, "I told you I loved you 53 years ago when I married you...if I change my mind, I will let you know!"

I suppose this man is entitled to his perspective, but who would want to hang on to a single 53-year-old profession of love? With Valentine's Day just around the corner (take the hint guys), let's think about how you show that special someone that you love him or her? According to the book "The Five Love Lan-

guages", written by Dr. Gary Chapman, love is an emotional need, and what we must learn about love is how to express it in a language that the other person understands. According to Chapman, there are five basic love languages:

Words of Affirmation: this can mean words of sincere praise for results and efforts as well as words of affection that express positive thoughts toward someone as a person. "You are such a great friend", "Your eyes are beautiful", or "I know that didn't turn out like you hoped, but I am proud of how hard you tried."

Quality Time: giving a portion of time and your undivided attention is a powerful communicator of love to another person. This doesn't mean simply being in the same room at the same time, but has everything to do with making sure the other person is the focus of your attention.

Receiving Gifts: gifts

are visible evidence of emotional love. The beauty of gifts is that they don't have to be fancy or expensive to be valuable. A gift says "I care about you" and "I think you are important". That is the real treasure.

Acts of Service: Lov-



ing service is an internally motivated desire to give your energy for an-

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Corinth Baptist Church Homecoming February 19, 2012

We invite you and your family to join us for Homecoming Services on

Sunday, February 19, 2012. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. with "Local Talent" sharing in song and testimony. Rev. Charles Johnson of Friendship Baptist Church, Jasper, Florida, will be bringing the Homecoming Message.

Immediately following the Worship Service there will be a covered dish dinner, so bring your favorite dish & join us. There will be no afternoon or evening Services.

We are looking forward to a wonderful time in the LORD.

Come and join us!

Corinth Baptist Church
7042 SW 41st Ave
Jasper, FL 32052

Church & Family Go Together

ADVENT CHRISTIAN	BAPTIST (Southern)	METHODIST	PRESBYTERIAN
FIRST ADVENT CHRISTIAN N.W. 15th Avenue Jasper Rev. Wayne Sullivan Sunday Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. 717860-F	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH "Where Friends become Family" 207 N.E. 2nd Street, Jasper 792-2658 Pastor: Roger Hutto Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Supper.....6:00 p.m. Children, Youth & Adult Programs.....6:30 p.m. 717850-F	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 405 Central Ave., Jasper, FL Pastor - Dale Ames Phone - 386-792-1122 Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study.....4:45 p.m. Choir Practice.....6:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner 3rd Wednesday Clothes Closet 4th Saturday 1-5pm 717823-F	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 204 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Jasper, 792-2258 Pastor: Alexandria Hedrick SUNDAY Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Prayer in Fellowship Hall.....9:00 a.m. Choir Practice.....7:00 p.m. 717818-F
BAPTIST (Southern) NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH SR 6 West, 6592 NW 48th St., Jennings, FL 32053 938-5011 Pastor: Jeff Cordero Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship, Youth Happening, RA's, GA's.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Supper.....6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Discipleship class for adults, Youth activities, Children's Choirs.....6:30 p.m. Van pick-up upon request 717856-F	CATHOLIC CHURCH ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH Three miles north of Jasper U.S. 41 P.O. Box 890, Jasper, FL 32052 Rectory U.S. 90 E., Live Oak, FL (386) 364-1108 Saturday MASS 4:00 p.m. 717846-F	NON-DENOMINATIONAL BURNHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH 4520 NW CR 146, Jennings, FL 32053 938-1265 Pastor: Johnny Brown Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Kids' Program.....6:15 p.m. 717819-F	
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH 1/2 mile East on Hwy. 6, Jasper, FL 32052 792-2275 Pastor: Steve Shaw Sunday Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Children's Church.....11:00 a.m. Church Training.....6:00 p.m. Evening Worship.....7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m. Youth Ignited/Youth Ministry.....7:00 p.m. 717852-F	CHURCH OF CHRIST CHURCH OF CHRIST N.W. 3rd St., Jasper Bldg.: 792-2277 Sunday Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening.....6:00 p.m. 717824-F	<p>To list your church on our church directory, please call Louise at 1-800-525-4182</p>	



Sports

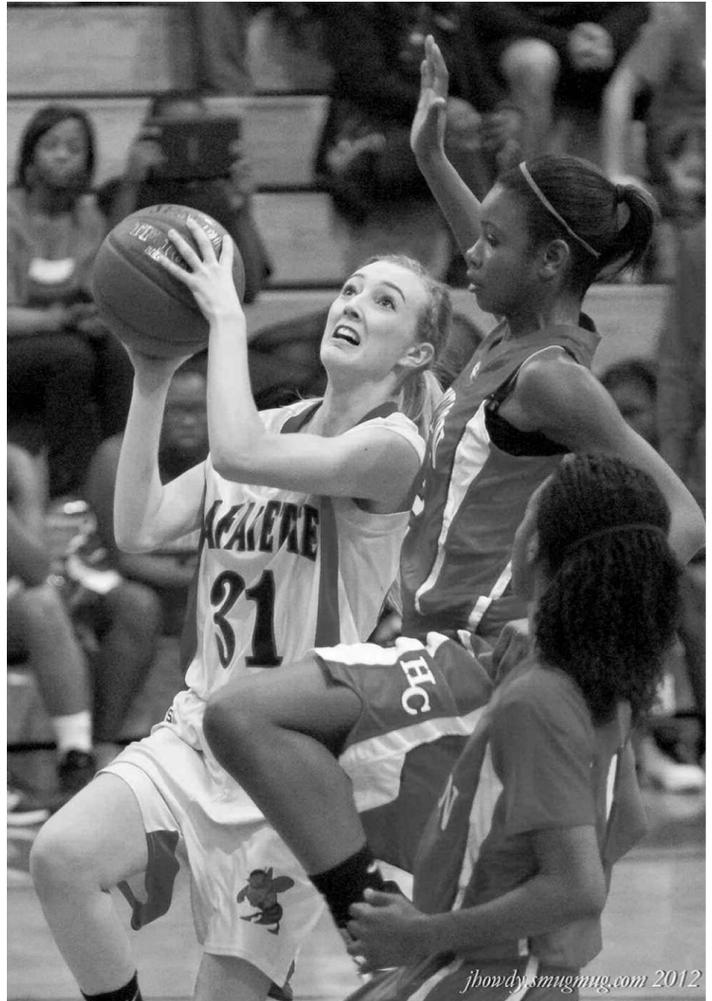
Photos wanted

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

Lady Trojans win district tournament



Hamilton's Joesmin Collins (5) gets a hand on the ball as Lafayette's Rhoda Reid (3) attempts the shot in the district tournament championship game. Photos: Jack Howdeshell



Lafayette's Elizabeth Anderson (31) puts up the shot under the heavy pressure that was applied all night by the Hamilton County defense that limited the Hornets to 30 points.

By Jack Howdeshell

The Class 1A-District 5 girls basketball championship game on Saturday, Jan. 4 between the Lafayette Hornets and the Hamilton County Trojans was expected to be the match-up of the

three day tournament.

The Trojans secured the win 62-30. From the start the Lady Trojans established a presence on the Lady Hornet's home court. On their way to a 32 point victory, the Hamilton County

team pressured the Hornets while shooting very effectively all night.

Rounding out the scoring for the Trojans was 8th grader Tamiera Mobley with 8 points in the 62-30 win.

Hamilton County will now host the

Bell Bulldogs on Tuesday, Feb. 14 in the regional semifinals while the district runners-up Lady Hornets will travel to Hilliard to face the District 6 champions in their semifinal match-up.

Trojans lose bout with Columbia

The Hamilton County boys basketball team lost to the Columbia County Tigers Jan. 28 by a score of 64-33.

This was a non-conference game for the Trojans.

The Tigers led in all periods of play amassing 18 points in the first period to the Trojan's five. In the second period, the Tigers added 15, Trojans five. In the third, Columbia put up 19 to Hamilton's 12 and in the fourth the Tigers sunk 12 points to Hamilton's 11.

On Jan. 27 the Trojans lost to Fort White by just four points 75-71. This was also a non-conference game for the boys.

Fort White put up 20 points in the first period to Hamilton's six. In period two, Hamilton put up 21 to Fort White's 18. In the third Fort White sunk 14 points to Hamilton's 10 and in the fourth period, Hamilton dominated netting 34 points to Fort White's 23.

Stats vs. Columbia
(Pts., Asst., Blk, Rbd)

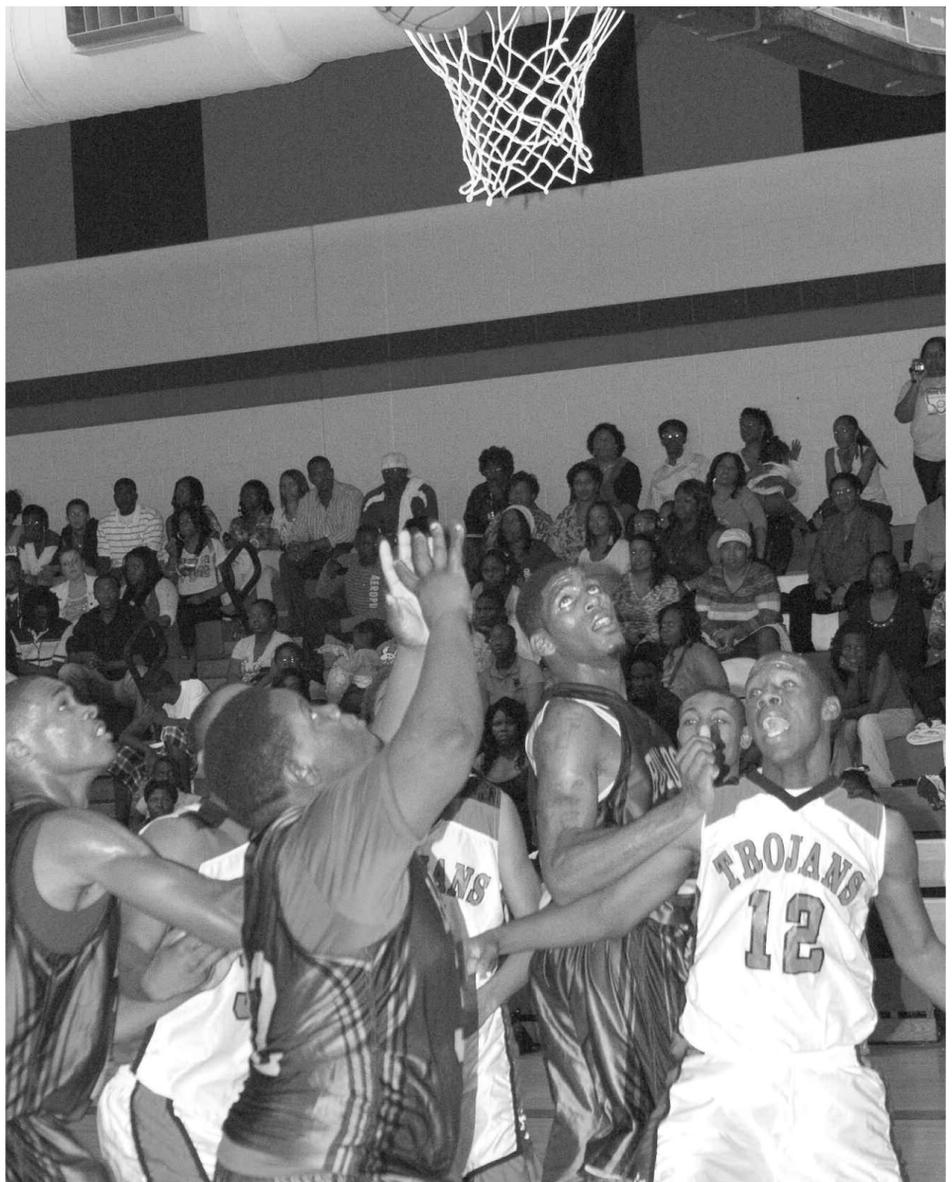
Anterfernee Smith	2, 1, 0, 4
Jeremiah Lee	16, 0, 1, 9
Kevin McClain	3, 1, 1, 2
Joseph Cooks	1, 0, 0, 1
Kenric Williams	3, 1, 0, 0
Shaquille Williams	3, 0, 0, 5
Tyler Chapman	0, 0, 1, 7
Justin Milton	0, 0, 0, 1

Andrew Manalis	3, 0, 0, 0
Jacquez McCray	2, 2, 0, 2

Stats vs. Fort White
(Pts., Asst., Blk, Rbd)

Anterfernee Smith	16, 7, 1, 8
Jeremiah Lee	5, 1, 0, 1
Kevin McClain	5, 3, 0, 1
Joseph Cooks	7, 0, 2, 4
Kenric Williams	3, 0, 0, 0
Charvunta Merine	1, 1, 0, 3
Shaquille Williams	25, 1, 0, 3
Anthony Claridy	2, 0, 0, 2
Justin Milton	0, 0, 0, 2

Andrew Manalis	0, 0, 0, 2
Jacquez McCray	7, 5, 0, 3



The Hamilton County Trojans against the Suwannee Bulldogs recently. - Photo: Richard Wright

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

Jan. 23, Russell Lee Fry, 42, 11763 NE 32nd St., Jasper, Fla., narcotic equip.-possess methamphetamine, manufacture methamphetamine, sell, cruelty to a child: HCSO-Fouraker

Jan. 23, Michelle Lynn Fry, narcotic equip.-possess methamphetamine, manufacture metham-

phetamine, sell, cruelty to a child: HCSO-Fouraker

Jan. 23, Deroys Dorsey III, 2264 B S. P. Drive, Daytona Beach, Fla., DWLS, FTA, driving expired tag: FHP-Hughes

Jan. 24, Robert Adam Regar, 620 Hamlet Dr., Port Orange, Fla., VOP: HCSO-Jackson

Jan. 25, Dekeandris Shanquee Taylor, 143 NW Lee Lane, Lake City, Fla., FTA: WSPD-Golub

Jan. 25, Rickie Neal Woods, 225 Maddie Lane, Lake City, Fla., DWLS knowingly: WSPD-J. Golub

Jan. 26, Gregory Antwon Brown, Florida State Prison, in for court: HCSO-Akins

Jan. 26, Jerel Steffon Lee, 4311 SW CR 152, Jasper, Fla., petit theft first offense: HCSO-Williams

Jan. 27, Johnie Ray Beasley, 1800 Eastwind Rd., Apt. 172, Valdosta, Ga., in to serve 29th weekend: HCSO-Walk-in

Jan. 27, Luis Alfredo Banadrea, Santa Rosa Correctional, in for court: HCSO-Akins

Jan. 27, Michael Ray Marshall, 3338 NW 29th Place, Jennings, Fla., in to serve 7th day.

Jan. 28, Phillip D. Beverly, 10775 NW 108th, Jasper, Fla., VOP on grand theft III: HCSO-Burke

Jan. 28, Dan Drabentot, 4041 Conner Drive, Marica, In., hold for Grant County SO: DOT-Hingson

Jan. 28, Lamar Jerome Brown Jr., 505 SW 5th St., Jasper, Fla., in to serve 13th weekend: HCSO-Walk-in

Jan. 30, Drew Michael Risher, 99 Town Manor Circle, Auburndale, Fla., DUI: DOT-Parson

Jan. 31, Charles Speights III, PO Box 311, Jennings, Fla., in for court: HCSO-Williams

Jan. 31, Danadre Ty'-Kee Dashawn Warren,

4178 SW 99th Ave., Jasper, Fla., in for restitution hearing: HCSO-Williams

Jan. 31, Larry Donell Dye, 10625 SE 141st Road, White Springs, Fla., Orange County S.O. child support, Leon County S.O. VOP poss. cannabis: HCSO-Murphy

Feb. 1, James Devon Harrison, 3600 NW 104th Ave., Jasper, Fla., hold for Miami Dade.

Feb. 1, Tricia Love Moon, 2851 Henry Ave., Valdosta, Ga., hold for Lowndes County S.O.: DTF-McDaniel

Feb. 3, Johnie Ray Beasley, 1800 Eastwind Rd., Apt. 172, Valdosta, Ga., in to serve 30th weekend: HCSO-Walk-in

Feb. 3, Terrence Tyrone Houston, 11169 NW 38th Drive, Jasper, Fla., VOP O/C cont. sub w/i to sell/deliver: HCSO-Jackson

Feb. 3, Michael Ray Marshall, 3338 NW 29th Place, Jennings, Fla., in to serve 7th day of 7 days: HCSO-Walk-in

Feb. 3, Anlanda L. Johnson-Houston, 3600 NW 104th Ave., Jasper, Fla., NVDL: JAPD-Rickerson

Feb. 4, Lamar Jerome Brown Jr., 505 SW 5th St., Jasper, Fla., in to serve 14th weekend of 15: HCSO-Walk-in

Feb. 4, Jerrod Chadrea Jones, 1085 SW 5th St., Jasper, Fla., no or improper DL, resisting w/o violence: JAPD-Rickerson

Feb. 4, James Cleveland Perry, 7156 SW 64th Path, Lake Butler, Fla., disorderly conduct, open container: DOA-Stalvey

Feb. 5, Kimberly Danielle Dixon, 305 NE 1st St., Jasper, Fla. battery (domestic violence): HCSO-Howell

Feb. 5, Gary Thomas Plar, 1330 Johns Street, Jennings, Fla., trespass structure: JNPD-Glover

The Hyssongs return to Jasper



The Hyssongs return to Jasper First Methodist Church on Feb. 12 for an 11 a.m. musical worship service. Blessing people through their music is hearts of audiences wherever they go. Dell, Susan, and Richard sing and share their testimonies throughout the United States and Canada. They have ap-

peared in churches, auditoriums, and have been featured on television and radio, something the Hyssongs have been doing for years. Their commitment to love the Lord and each other continues to grow stronger. Everyone is invited to share this special musical worship program.

Little Miss Azalea 2012

By Joyce Marie Taylor

The town of White Springs is gearing up for the 2012 Little Miss Azalea Contest.

Contestants are encouraged to stop by town hall to fill out an application. Each contestant must be between the ages of 3 and 10 years old and must live in Hamilton, Suwannee or Columbia counties.

The crowning will take place on March 17 at 2 p.m. adjacent to the Na-

ture and Heritage Tourism Center on the day of the 2012 Wild Azalea Festival.

First prize winner will receive a \$500 Savings Bond. Second prize winner will take home a \$200 Savings Bond and Third prize winner will receive a \$50 Savings Bond.

Each participant in the contest will receive a trophy.

For more information or to pick up an application, please call White Springs Town Hall at 386-397-2310.

Father/Daughter Valentine's Dance

February 11th, 2012
Jasper Women's Club
7 PM until 9 PM

Come celebrate Valentine's Day with Hamilton County 4-H.

All Father Figures are invited to bring their "daughter" including Uncles, Stepdads, Granddads, etc.



For more information please contact us at (386)792-1276 or email Leslie Carter at lesliecarter@windstream.net. This event is open to the entire community.

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Heart Matters

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other. Just doing something for someone, especially something they want or need accomplished is a powerful way to communicate love. Like quality time, it requires a portion of our life set aside and donated for another, but acts of service also allows them to be free of a task or chore.

Physical Touch: touching is a powerful way to communicate love. This is why we love to give and receive hugs and why a shoulder massage relaxes us...touch makes us feel loved and accepted.

Although all of the five love languages listed above are enjoyable, every person has one or two of these that makes them feel more loved than the others...and by nature we speak that language to others. If we enjoy gifts, we will probably buy gifts for

others. The National Retail Federation estimates that Americans spend approximately 17 billion dollars on the Valentine holiday. With that amount, somebody out there is enjoying gifts! If we need words of affirmation, we will probably leave love notes and be very encouraging verbally.

We run into trouble when the other person doesn't speak our language. We may be speaking gifts, but they want quality time. Or they may be doing acts of service for us and we just want them to say, "I love you"(maybe this was the elderly man's hang-up. Hopefully he had at least been doing the dishes!)

The bottom line is this: we must learn to speak the language of the other person if we want them to feel loved by us. We can usually determine our own language by what we most

often do for another when we want to show love to them. Likewise, in order to determine other person's language, we can ask their preference and watch what they do for others. This principle can be applied in friendships and parent-child/teenager as well as romantic relationships. Just goes to show...our hearts really do matter!

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

Additional Ranking Dates Set for Major Conservation Initiatives

Jasper, FL., January 18, 2012 – Florida agricultural producers have extra chances this year to be approved for cost share funding for the Organic, On-Farm Energy and Seasonal High Tunnel initiatives this year. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced three ranking periods for Fiscal Year 2012 for these funding opportunities; in the past there was one per year. All three initiatives offer technical and financial assistance through the Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

"Moving to multiple ranking dates for each initiative is going to make it easier for more producers to apply and help them get started with implementing the practices they need to benefit the natural resources on their operations," said Carlos Suarez, NRCS state conservationist for Florida. "We hope producers will visit their local USDA Service Center for more details on how NRCS can help them conserve Florida's natural resources."

NRCS accepts applications for financial assistance on a continuous basis throughout the year but there will be three ranking periods for the Organic, On-Farm Energy and Seasonal High Tunnel initiatives, all ending on February 3, March 30 and June 1, 2012. At the end of a ranking period, NRCS ranks all submitted proposals for funding consideration. NRCS will notify all applicants of the results of the rankings and begin developing contracts with selected applicants.

Initiative Overviews On-Farm Energy Initiative: NRCS and producers develop Agricultural Energy Management Plans (AgEMP) or farm energy audits that assess energy consumption on an operation. NRCS then uses audit data to develop energy conservation

recommendations. Each AgEMP has a landscape component that assesses equipment and farming processes and a farm headquarters component that assesses power usage and efficiencies in livestock buildings, grain handling operations, and similar facilities to support the farm operation.

Organic Initiative: NRCS helps certified organic growers and producers working to achieve organic certification install conservation practices for organic production. New for fiscal year 2012, applicants will be evaluated continuously during the ranking periods. Applications meeting or exceeding a threshold score may be approved for an EQIP contract before the end of the ranking period. Applications rating below the threshold score will be deferred to the next period. A new threshold score will be established at the beginning of each ranking period. This new scoring process allows organic producers to implement conservation practices in a timelier manner.

Seasonal High Tunnel Pilot Initiative: NRCS helps producers plan and implement high tunnels- steel-framed, polyethylene-covered structures that extend growing seasons in an environmentally safe manner. High tunnel benefits include better plant and soil quality, fewer nutrients and pesticides in the environment, and better air quality due to fewer vehicles being needed to transport crops. More than 4,000 high tunnels have been planned and implemented nationwide through this initiative over the past two years.

For additional information please contact the NRCS Office in Hamilton County at (386) 792-1105, Ext.3 or visit the NRCS National Web site for more information on how to apply for these initiatives.

Chili cook-off a hot success

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The 6th Annual Chili Cook-off sponsored by the Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce was held Jan. 28 at the Jasper Woman's Club. Over 100 people came out to taste some of the city's finest chili, as well as to mingle with friends and family on a delightful Saturday afternoon in Jasper. A few local officials were also on hand to enjoy the festivities, including Jasper town manager Charles Williams and Superintendent of Schools Martha Butler, who was also one of the entrants.

Sixteen separate tables were set up with simmering hot cauldrons of chili inside the spacious meeting room of the Woman's Club at 403 Sixth Avenue in downtown Jasper.

In one corner, at tables 11, 12, 13 and 14, was the 'Family Feud' Taylor family with four separate pots of different kinds of chili from Hawaiian to 3-way to chicken chili that was made with hominy instead of beans. The Taylors, Linda, Bill, Abbey and young Libby with help from brother John, fought neck and neck in an effort to win the title of best chili.

At table number 10 were Rhonda Culbreth and Rachael Smyth representing Mary Kay. They called their chili the "Heart and Soul of Mary Kay".

Superintendent of Schools Martha Butler and Nutrition Services Coordinator Ida Daniels joined in the reverie with their own concoction of chili, as did Danny Daniels with his hot and spicy Tex Mex chili.

Beth and Cindy Pittman from Sunsations in downtown Jasper had a colorfully decorated table in pinks and reds to show off their chili entry.

Not to be outdone, the Sugar Dumplings gang, Gretchen Rogers and Allison and Holly Crutchfield, had a sweet treat table of beautiful decorations to complement their pot of chili.

Eric Amerson seemed pleased with his chili entry as he sat back and watched the tasters parade by his table. Eric is the son of Chamber of Commerce President Monica Amerson.

Then there was Mama and the Boys, who made some Kick'n Cowboy Chili, complete with scenery that included a bale-of-hay horse sporting a saddle, a bridle and a black cowboy hat.

All of the entries were fabulous and there were no medical emergencies like scorched throats or folks needing antacids. Just the same, Joshua Waters, Tiffanee Moody, Billy Robinson and Cari Parrish from Hamilton County EMS decided to stop by anyway to grab a quick lunch of delicious chili and fixin's.

Once the judges finished their taste tests, it was time to announce the winners.

Best chili in the business category was awarded to Beth and Cindy Pittman from Sunsations. Someone in the audience called out, "She cheated," which drew laughter from the crowd. Of course, everyone knew it was all in fun.

Samantha Hart won in the Individual category for her pot of chili, and in the Youth category, Libby and John Taylor from the Family Feuders both won prizes.

The People's Choice Award went to Cindy Eatmon from Bass's Furniture for her scrumptious chili creation and she received a \$25 gift certificate.

All the entrants received a certificate of appreciation appropriate for framing and all the youth who participated received a gold medal. Many thanks go out to all who had a hand in this yearly event and made it a success, including those who donated prizes for the winners. Those prizes included donations from Victoria & Co., D&S Signs, Bass's Furniture, Bizzy Bee Creations, Sunsations and the Chamber of Commerce.



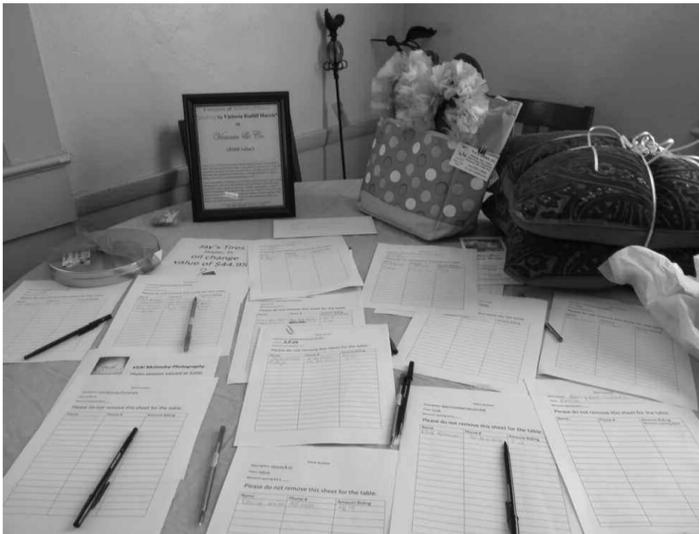
Susan Ramsey's kids Katye and Grant Shattler had their chili and fixin's ready for the tasters.



Libby, Abbey, Bill and Linda Taylor are ready to play the Taylor Family Feud Chili Game.



Rhonda Culbreth and Rachel Smyth from Mary Kay.



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Danny Daniels and his hot and spicy Tex Mex Chili entry.



Martha Butler and Ida Daniels from the school board.



The Sugar Dumplings, Gretchen Rogers, and Allison and Holly Crutchfield.



Beth and Cindy Pittman from Sunsations.

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The Bizzy Bee Crafters, Dawn Pittman, Brenda Lehman and Sharon Corbett pose for a photo.



Cindy Eatmon from Bass's Furniture won the People's Choice Award for best chili.



The sign-in table with Mary B. Cail, Monica Amerson and Susan Ramsey.



Chamber president Monica Amerson, her sons Austin and Eric, and Chamber member Denise Jackson.



Samantha Hart with her winning entry, "A Super Bowl of Chili".



Chili taste testers make the rounds from table to table.



(L-R) Joshua Waters, Tiffanee Moody, Billy Robinson and Cari Parrish from Hamilton County EMS.



Mama and the Boys, Lisa Rathbun and son Chris. Not pictured is son Levi.



All of the chili cook-off winners pose for a picture. - Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor

White Springs fights to save South Hamilton Elementary

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gotiate with HCSB to resolve the conflict and keep SHE open. Secondly, if an acceptable resolution cannot be accomplished, White Springs intends to withdraw from the existing inter-local agreement with the school board and enter into a new agreement with an adjacent district. The third option, Miller said, is to set up a new municipal school district for the existing District 4 area.

Miller said other options will be considered if they are consistent with their goal of quality education for the children of White Springs that are close to home.

Town Manager Robert Townsend, Miller, Vice-mayor Walter McKenzie, and council member Richard Marshall addressed the available options with input from City Attorney Fred Koberlein. Council members Tonja Brown and Dennis Price were unable to attend the meeting.

The saga began Oct. 24 when HCSB voted to close CHE and transfer all students to SHE if CHE fails to exit intervene status at the end of the 2011-12 school year. CHE is in their second year of intervene by the Florida Department of Education (DOE) for receiving a failing school grade of F two years in a row and must receive a C grade (at least 435 points) on FCAT this year in order to exit intervene.

Nearly three months later on Jan. 17, Superintendent of Schools Martha Butler held a town hall meeting in Jasper to discuss CHE's intervention plan again. She announced she was going to recommend transferring students from SHE to CHE instead.

After explaining it was physically impossible and financially unfounded to transfer CHE students to SHE, Butler scheduled a meeting for the following Tuesday so the board could vote on her recommendation.

When the board met Jan. 24 they voted 3-2 to accept Butler's recommendation, despite numerous objections from White Springs residents in the audience. Board members Johnny Bullard and Gary Godwin voted against the recommendation.

What has now come under scrutiny, however, is what Butler actually meant in her speech and in her recommendation. According to Miller, the one-page Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) Butler submitted to the DOE dated Jan. 31, 2012 proposes Option 1, which is to reassign students to another school and monitor progress. Miller said there was no stipulation in the SIP stating that it was dependent on CHE not exiting intervene.

Bullard was in the audience at the White Springs town council meeting and he echoed the council's feelings about the closure of the school, stating he was

against it and will always be against closing SHE.

"Number one, it's not fair to the children of this community," he said.

Bullard said he was provided with a copy of the intervention plan that Butler sent to the DOE on Feb. 1.

"It's very brief and extremely concise, but what stood out to me most were the first two items that were on that plan and the language was concise, but to me it was very clear," said Bullard. "The first item stated, closure of the school of South Hamilton Elementary. The second one, item one, was to zone those children in with the Central district. It did not say contingent upon Central bringing their grade up to a C. There was none of that language that was attached there and I read it over and over several times."

School Board members Jeanie Daniels and Sammy McCoy both made statements before the vote on Jan. 24 indicating they were under the impression Butler's recommendation to move SHE students to CHE was only if CHE did not successfully exit intervene, however, Butler's wording of her recommendation did not state so, which is where confusion set in.

Daniels said right before the vote, "I do believe with all my heart that they (CHE) will come up to a C and we won't have to do anything."

Sammy McCoy, right behind Daniels, said, "When it comes down to it, I don't think anything's going to become of any of this. It's all what if's."

Miller said the town of White Springs is awaiting a recording of the school board meeting, so they can hear for themselves what Butler's actual recommendation was, as well as the wording of the motion.

The Jasper News on Feb. 6, asked the superintendent's office for clarification of the language of the SIP.

Denise Wofford, Butler's administrative assistant stated by phone and e-mail, "The plan addresses what will happen only if Central does not exit intervene status."

Wofford said that it was understood that the SIP one-sheeter is a document that defines an intervention plan and that the plan would only be put into place if CHE failed to exit intervene.

Since the Jan. 24 school board meeting, the citizens of White Springs have been vowing to do whatever possible to prevent their A rated school from closing, which is why the town hall meeting was called on Feb. 2.

"Our goal, as it has always been, is to ensure quality education for our children in close proximity to their residence, and this is consistent with state law," said Miller. "It's also backed up by research and experience showing that small, local schools are better places in which to edu-

cate children."

Lower dropout rates, fewer discipline problems, less violence, a greater sense of belonging, better attendance and better academic performance, Miller said, are what her research has shown to be true with small, local schools. Her research was gathered from the Knowledge Works Foundation and Rural Schools Community Trust, which is supported by major institutions, such as MIT Media Lab, Harvard and NASA.

The town council and the mayor have been receiving numerous phone calls from parents and they've attended several community meetings to address the issue of the closure of SHE.

"We feel that the decision the school board made was made without our input and did not consider the well-being of our children," Miller said.

Koberlein presented his analysis of the current public school inter-local agreement between White Springs and HCSB. The 14-page document, he said, details the agreement between the county commissioners, the city of Jasper, and the towns of Jennings and White Springs.

Koberlein said, according to the agreement, "There are several requirements prior to closure of a school that need to be met."

Examples he noted were that an educational plan survey needs to be done, a public schools advisory committee has to be formed to review the decision, co-location and shared usage facilities to minimize cost needs to be analyzed, and school concurrency matters needed to be addressed.

"There's a question as to whether or not those procedures prior to the decision being made last week were met," said Koberlein. "Additionally, whether or not the meeting was properly noticed and publicized."

Koberlein said it would be advisable for the town to hire an outside legal expert in school board administration, preferably someone who has dealt with similar issues, to handle the conflict resolution with the school board and the setting up of a new municipal school district, while he would be willing to handle the inter-local agreement issue.

Councilman Marshall stated that funding data and numerous other items that might impact the town charter needed to be reviewed before the town moves forward with plans for a charter school.

"I am in support of our community and the town and for standing for what is just," Marshall said. "I believe it was unjust to make a decision to close the school down in the manner that they did. It seems as though we're being punished when we did such a good job."

McKenzie said he didn't think it was the DOE's intent to close whatever school might

be most financially convenient at the expense of other schools that were passing.

"It's not right, it's not just and it's not fair for an A school to have the most serious consequences in terms of suffering and having to pay the price for failure for an F school," said McKenzie.

Shauna Adams Farries, a parent who has a child attending SHE wanted clarification on whether or not turning SHE into a charter school was still on the table and Miller said it was and that it was part of plan A, and that if they went that route it would be a K-12 public charter school. The audience loudly applauded that decision. Miller said it would help the community and federal support is available, although it is a multi-step process.

"White Springs is part of Hamilton County," Miller stated. "We would like to continue to be an institution and a player and a responsible stakeholder in the overall health and well-being of the county, however, that takes trust on both parts. That takes both entities at the county level and

the town both working together."

Miller said the inter-local agreement was violated when HCSB made their decision to close SHE without consulting with the town of White Springs. She cited other instances when HCSB offered no cooperation when White Springs asked for help starting up a summer enrichment program and after school care.

Miller said every time they have reached out for assistance from HCSB they have been rebuffed.

"At this point, I feel we have to look out for the best interests of our children in our community," said Miller. One concerned parent suggested an "Occupy Tallahassee" movement and to take all the SHE students there to protest at the DOE office. Miller said that was a good idea, since DOE Commissioner Gerard Robinson visited SHE and saw firsthand what an A school looked like.

She said they could approach him and say, "You were here less than a year ago telling us what a great job we did, and now, are you going to sit by and let

them close our school?"

Councilman Marshall stated that if the superintendent wanted to know how to improve CHE's school grade she should look more closely at the way SHE is being run and look at all the other school programs White Springs has instituted to help students achieve academically.

"This is what works," said Marshall. Former SHE principal Waylan Bush said he has never heard of moving children from a high performing school to a low performing school, and that dollars and cents should not dictate school board decisions to do so. Bullard interjected there are 31 students from Jasper who are currently attending SHE and they came because SHE is considered a school of choice, which is something federal law says is allowed.

After more parent input, a motion was made and approved by the council to move forward with assistance from Koberlein on all three options Miller presented at the beginning of the meeting.

Drug Task Force on the job

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forth by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Cheshire began by stating that the new county ordinance regulating bottle club operating hours has helped with bringing down DUI arrests.

"We really haven't had a whole lot of problems at the clubs like we expected to have," said Cheshire. "With the exception of our local establishments here in Jasper, we're not having any doors opened at these clubs in the county."

With regard to the next 'Drug Take Back Day', Cheshire said, "I was told by the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) that they intend on having one more."

After that, the DEA, he said, intends to have a program in place where drugstores and pharmacies who dispense prescription medications will be able to accept expired and unused medications.

Cheshire then related one recent incident that the drug task force was involved in that started with a traffic stop and ended with a large drug bust. He said his partner was on coalition time during his duties and observed a vehicle parked at the Huddle House on I-75. Based on his training, Cheshire said, certain observations about the vehicle and its two occupants arose his suspicion and he later conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle near the Georgia border with assistance from Georgia law enforcement.

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The passenger actually handed him a brown paper bag con-

taining a whole assortment of items inside the bag," said Cheshire.

Inside the vehicle authorities found prescription medications, oxycodone, a felony amount of marijuana and a large amount of cocaine. The two suspects, Cheshire said, were on their way to Kentucky and since they had already crossed the state line they were taken into custody in Georgia and then had to be extradited back to Florida.

"This was not a first offense for these people," Cheshire said.

Another recent incident the drug task force was involved in with assistance from Georgia authorities, was an undercover buy in Jennings of a pound of methamphetamine.

"We're talking about Grade A, the ICE form you see a lot of on TV," said Cheshire. "That stuff was actually produced in these large clandestine labs in Mexico and it's smuggled into the country, across the border."

Typically, he said, it's taken into Atlanta which is kind of the hub for the drugs, and it goes from there and branches off across the country.

"A lot of people don't think we have that stuff in Hamilton County," Cheshire said. "But I can tell you, it's here."

Cheshire said they have a great working relationship with Georgia law enforcement authorities, especially near the state line. Since the drug task force is multi-jurisdictional, Cheshire said his job often takes him across state lines.

The drug task force also routinely monitors stores and oftentimes they observe juveniles coming out with alcohol. Also, even if the person

is of age and can purchase alcohol, as soon as they pop the top and get in the vehicle it is a violation.

A discussion with Cheshire on Alcohol Compliance Checks revealed a number of things.

Compliance checks are done on a routine quarterly basis by the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco using investigative aides under 21 years of age who attempt to purchase alcohol at licensed establishments. HCSO, as well as other law enforcement agencies statewide work in tandem with them.

If a retailer sells alcohol to an underage person they are issued a notice to appear and then educated on checking identification. Most retailers are in compliance because they don't want to lose their license, but Cheshire said there are some who ignore the law and sell to minors.

Grace McDonald, project director for the coalition, interjected that the purpose is not to catch people, but to make certain retailers are in compliance with Florida law. If the compliance checks are not done on a regular quarterly basis, McDonald said, it is not considered a valid strategy of turning things around, so she encourages it to continue.

"If it's done quarterly it has an effect of enforcement," she said. "Hopefully, if we move forward in that, then we can move on to tobacco, as far as another item we're looking at."

Cheshire also stated the drug task force is currently investigating several meth labs in the county that seem to be popping up everywhere.

New childcare/learning center proposed here

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County regardless of ethnicity or income, Logan said, and admission costs will incorporate a sliding scale fee.

Everything in this portion of the wing, Logan said, will be repainted, ceilings will be re-done and windows will be replaced at a moderate cost of \$40 per square foot. The existing air conditioning units, he said, were installed in the 80s and are still in working order.

A fenced in playground will also be constructed on the backside of the facility. That area currently has several large shade trees that bode well for a play yard for the children. Elaborate playground equipment, however, will be part of the second year of the project as funding allows.

The design of the facility was fashioned after a Lake City childcare center called Happy House, whose director served as a consultant to Logan during his vision of a similar facility in Hamilton County. Happy House, Logan said, is a diverse daycare center that enrolls children from both low and high income

families, and they have a waiting list to get in.

"That's because it's quality care, which is what our goal is here," said Hamilton Cares board member Elizabeth Mitchell.

Logan said, "Hamilton County has a low high school graduation rate compared to the rest of the state, it has a low rate of kids entering kindergarten who are ready, and we want to impact that, but that's not the only thing. We also want it to be a quality daycare site that anyone in town would want to go to, and that there'd be a wait list a mile long because it's got that reputation, which is the case at Happy House."

"Right now this community doesn't have anything that serves those types of families," Mitchell interjected.

"There are hundreds and hundreds of kids in this county who don't qualify for Headstart," said Logan.

The new Hamilton Cares facility, he said, is meant to serve a wide diversity of the population and will also offer developmental screening, ongoing child assessment, subsidized childcare (school readiness), and Florida voluntary pre-kinder-

garten (VPK) services, as well as provide nutritious USDA approved meals and snacks for the children.

"From the very beginning it was clear that the need in this county is not just for low-income kids that are subsidized childcare," said Logan. "There really isn't childcare at all. We're looking for middle-income families that might want to find childcare. Everyone I've talked to said that they leave their kids with family members, or they take them to Live Oak, Lake City or Valdosta because there's nothing here. There never has been."

Thanks to private fundraising efforts, massive renovations have already been visualized on paper by engineer Phil Bishop in cooperation with county engineer Greg Bailey. Bishop and Bailey of North Florida Professional Services of Lake City developed a renovation plan for the site that was funded by \$6,550 in donations to the project.

Board member Mantha Young said she wants the community to know what they're doing and that the project will bring good paying jobs to the coun-

ty.

"We're excited about that," she said.

Logan estimates that the facility will initially serve 62 children, create 13 full time jobs, generate \$300,000 annual payroll, and return \$80,000 to \$100,000 back to the community in the form of purchases of goods and services.

"The Board has verified that neither asbestos nor lead paint is present in the building," said Logan.

Substantial renovations, however, are needed before the facility can be opened, including the installation of bathrooms, replacing windows, adding screened in porches with kickboards and installing rear exit doors for each of the classrooms, as well as fencing the playground.

The Suwannee Valley Foundation is considering a request by Hamilton Cares for \$8,000 in funds for the playground development,

and Kaplan Early Learning Center has committed to \$30,000 to help equip the early learning classrooms.

Additionally, the school board of Hamilton County will allow use of the parking lot and is considering contracting with Hamilton Cares to provide USDA approved meals that would be prepared at Central Hamilton Elementary.

The next step is to apply for financing from the Hamilton County Economic Development Council, Logan said. Hamilton Cares hopes to present their application to the council at their next meeting tentatively scheduled for Feb. 9. Logan hopes to get approval from them for the project when they meet again in March. After that, the project will go out for bid and will be open to Hamilton County contractors.

The first phase of the project, Logan said, will

be the director's office.

"There will be just a single director, no administrative assistant," said Logan. "We're not going to over-staff the place."

Once the first portion of the wing is completed, future plans for the second year of the project include the possibility of renovating the north end of the wing to accommodate after school care kids, which Logan said would generate additional revenue for the county. Plans are to put a kitchen in that part of the wing so that meals can be prepared onsite for the children. Meanwhile, fundraising efforts continue.

Logan and the Hamilton Cares board of directors are excited about the project and they urge the entire community to support their vision for a quality childcare and learning center in Hamilton County.

A look at alcohol and drug abuse here

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tor vehicle crashes, which have been on the rise since 2008, Lumpkin added.

Low FCAT scores, school suspensions and school violence, Lumpkin said, are also issues. The high school FCAT score, however, just went up for last year, which is a good sign.

Hamilton County is one of the poorest counties in the state, Lumpkin explained, and binge drinking among the higher income class of people who have jobs is on the rise.

"With people that don't work we have a problem with them drinking by themselves," said Lumpkin.

In comparison to state figures, alcohol consumption among high school age youth in Hamilton County is higher, and the most common excuse given by underage drinkers is, "Someone gave it to me." Alcohol use in another person's home has also gone up among underage drinkers, Lumpkin said.

An increase in marijuana use has also gone up in the county.

McDonald interjected, "As the states are considering legalizing marijuana, the message the kids are getting is it's not dangerous. It's okay. If they want to legalize it, then it's okay. Nationally, we have seen an increase in the use of marijuana with our youth as this trend and discussion is going on."

In other words, she said, that's one of the negative effects of legalizing marijuana.

Synthetic marijuana like K2 or Spice is another problem law enforcement has been dealing with.

"Spice is very dangerous," Lumpkin said. "I know a kid who took two puffs and she wound up in intensive care overnight."

Judge Sonny Scaff was also at the meeting and he spoke up stating that dockets were down in both Hamilton and Madison counties and that things were kind of quiet. He did say, however, that "a lack of respect for authority" seems to be the preva-

lent issue among youthful repeat offenders.

"Ninety-five percent of the young people are fine," he said. "But you do have that certain percentage. In reality it's not their fault. There's no direction at the house, so how do you expect a child to know how to do what's right. You guide and direct the best you can, which is what we do."

Scaff said by about the third time a young person is arrested they have to take stronger measures. The prevalent drug, he said, is marijuana.

"Big time in Madison," Scaff said. "More so than Hamilton."

Another issue he expounded on was the recent rash of residential and vehicle break-ins, which he attributes to the fact people need money. Many of them occur in broad daylight, he said.

"That's the hard facts," Scaff said. "They're just trying to survive on the street. There's no jobs. There's no hope for jobs right now. It's tough out there."

When people are arrested for those crimes, Scaff said they take that into account, but they also have to take into account the property owner. For the last 60 days, Scaff said he has issued "no bond" for those offenders who break into homes, whether they stole five cents or five hundred dollars.

"Let 'em sit there for a little while and get their attention, because people are tired of this breaking and entering," Scaff continued. "It's the number one way to get your head blown off if you're breaking into someone's house."

Scaff said many of the offenders are being abused at home, their parents are on drugs and taking out their frustrations on the children, and many families have no food at the house, so the kids resort to stealing in order to survive.

"It's a sad situation," he said.

Abuse of the food pantries in the county was another issue brought up. It was stated that many folks were

going shopping from one pantry to the next and gathering up all the food they could, whether they were needy or not, as well as outright thefts from the facilities, of which many are churches.

Coalition town meeting

In other news, on March 20 there will be a town meeting of the coalition in White Springs from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This will be the third year the coalition will be receiving a \$500 fund amount from the federal 'Stop Alcohol Town Hall Meeting' organization that will go toward covering expenses for the White Springs meeting.

The focus of the town meeting will be on underage drinking, binge drinking, prescription drug abuse and treatment options in a roundtable format with guest speakers. Binge drinking among adults may also be a topic of discussion at the meeting. The location of the meeting has not yet been determined and other details, including a possible meal are still being worked out, but will be forthcoming as soon as they are finalized.

McDonald stated recent research from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has indicated that binge drinking among adults has escalated in recent years and is worse than among youth.

Coalition member Ashley Sanders updated the group on a social media workshop she attended and the importance of using them to inform the public about meetings and events. Sanders said they now have a Twitter account, along with a Facebook page.

One thing Sanders said she learned at the workshop was how to make social media work and how to create interaction.

She said you must "use it at least an hour a day" for it to be effective.

Project Director Grace McDonald assigned Sanders and another coalition member, Chuck Burnett, to keep up both sites.

Florida Water StarSM program now available statewide

The St. Johns River Water Management District's residential water conservation program — Florida Water StarsSM — is now offered statewide, bringing the economic and environmental benefits of water efficiency to homeowners in all of Florida's 67 counties.

The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), a nonprofit corporation that promotes sustainability, recently agreed to administer the program in the Suwannee River and Northwest Florida water management districts — the two remaining regions where Florida Water StarsSM had not yet been available. The St. Johns River, South Florida and Southwest Florida water management districts administer the program within their respective boundaries.

"The water conservation standards for plumbing, appliances, landscapes and irrigation provide homeowners with the resources to save water and money," says Malissa Dillon, director of Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs for the St. Johns District. "The program also is

creating opportunities for builders across Florida to distinguish themselves in a competitive marketplace."

Additionally, Florida Water StarsSM is strengthening working partnerships among Florida's five water management districts and private entities committed to sustainable building practices, such as FGBC; the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association, which administers the program's professional training component; and the Florida Irrigation Society, which provides technical support on the program's irrigation criteria.

Launched in 2006 by the St. Johns District, Florida Water StarsSM encourages water efficiency in household appliances, plumbing fixtures, irrigation systems and landscapes. Having the Florida Water StarsSM designation can save money on homeowners' utility bills while protecting the state's shared water resources.

Visit floridawater.com/floridawaterstar for more information about the program.

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be re-paved. Wright then asked for an apology from commissioner Vaughn for the way he was treated regarding the erection of the memorial sign. Vaughn stated he had nothing to apologize for.

Recreation center light repair

The recreation center light repair should take two weeks to complete once a material vendor is approved. Pricing for the four panel boxes and other necessary materials from one vendor is \$13,500, per Mr. Mitchell. The board asked Mitchell to get two more quotes and bring them to the next board meeting.

Hospital property

All medical records inside the hospital have been secured in a locked room per County Coordinator Danny Johnson. The board discussed preparations on getting the power

turned on and what insurance coverage was needed. Bailey said he got a quote for replacing the roof on the hospital which is about \$480,000 to \$500,000. Discussion on a stand-alone emergency room, primary care center and/or 24-hour clinic for the facility are ongoing.

White Springs library project

No information on the funding grant for White Springs Library project would be known until at least April per commissioner Randy Ogburn and a discussion he had with Steven Dicks at the USDA. The board voted to utilize the funds they already have to proceed with the project and discontinue pursuit of the grant funding. The pros and cons and costs of sewer versus septic tank for the library were discussed with Bailey. Site plans for the building will be go-

ing out to the town of White Springs for approval soon. It will take until after March that construction bidding can proceed because a special exception needs to be approved by the town council of White Springs, due to the site location being zoned for agriculture.

Signage at courthouse annex

The board agreed to have Johnson look into the cost of erecting one single sign to be placed by the courthouse annex that lists all the offices in the complex instead of all the individual signs currently there.

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Walking a mile in their shoes

By Richard Marshall

Can I walk a mile in your shoes? During the 40s and 50s the United States went through some difficult times. The memory of the great depression was still lingering. Pearl Harbor was fresh in our minds and the threat of the Korean War was looming. At home, there were internal struggles with racial injustices, especially in the South. We were living during a time when inequality was a battle within itself.

Like a newborn baby, we had to crawl before we could walk. We stood up when it came to defending a nation, but we fell down on segregation and racial issues. Looking back, it's easy to see where we had gone wrong. It also allows us to recognize the good in a people. I take pride in telling the stories of those unsung heroes in our African American community.

In spite of slavery, racism and wars, black folks had little more than hope coming out of the abyss of slavery and now segregation. Somehow, there were parents who knew the way up was to trust in God and learn how to read and write. Knowing this, they continued seeking a better life through education. It did not matter that the books were used, nor the fact that local farmers were allowed to come and remove students to work in their fields. This would happen with or without the parents' permission. As a result, the graduating classes often consisted of three or four students. It was not unusual for there to be a graduation class of one.

The White Springs Celebration of African Americans would like to honor people such as the late Mr. Nathan Roberts, Sr. (Feb. 1, 1905-1987), a school bus driver, and the original passenger who rode with him.

The now deceased Roberts was a wavy-haired, fair-skinned man. He was known around White Springs as the local homoeopath. Mr. Nat, as his friends and family referred to him, would treat burns, cuts and illness using natural remedies, sometimes requiring patients to remain in his home as he and his wife nursed them back to health.

If you are from around White



Mr. Nathan Roberts

Springs you may have heard someone refer to the term Black Bay. It refers to a little settlement located about seven miles NW of White Springs, out on CR 25A. That's where it began.

In the mid 40s, early 50s there was no formal busing system for African Americans, which meant the students had to walk to school, some of them up to five miles or more. I was told this by one of the original riders, Mrs. Inez Scippio, the wife of the late Deacon Leon Scippio.

She told me how it was to walk those sandy and dusty roads. She also

gave me the names of some of the other riders.

She said, "My memory isn't what it used to be," but she rattled off the names.

There was her, her sister Vera Lee, Gussy Lee Smith, and Robert Lewis Jones.

Mr. Nathan, the son of the late Mr. Nathan Roberts Jr. would also drive. He was as young as twelve years old when he would help his father by driving the students when his father had to farm.

Children that were able to attend

school did so, in addition to doing chores before and after. You must remember, most African Americans were either sharecroppers, indentured servants or janitors. Not all, mind you, but a disproportionate amount was.

Mr. Nathan Roberts began picking up students in his car and taking them to school. He did so for many years. Then, with help from Reverend Brad Lee and Deacon William Smith, he petitioned the county for a school bus. He was able to contract with the county and they gave him a covered truck. Later he would receive a bus. Roberts drove the bus until 1966 when he retired.

The Roberts' have been driving school buses for three generations. His great-granddaughter told me that she was sure that she, too, could handle driving buses like her parents before her. I am proud to be able to feature one of his original passengers.

In addition to the rider, two of Mr. Nat's grandsons and his great-granddaughter (Johnnie C. Roberts, Tracy M. Roberts and Melvin J. Roberts also rode the bus.

Another passenger was Joseph McKire, our former mayor. McKire told me stories of having to walk to school prior to Mr. Nat busing him, his brother and sister. As a boy, he had to help his father cut down trees before walking to school. His father would remain there all day cutting the logs into cross ties. The younger McKire would walk back after school, in order to help his father bring the logs out of the woods. They would sell them for 10 cents a piece.

McKire went on to have a great career in the Army, where he retired. He has been a valued member of our community, a deacon of the Faith for many years, and, as I mentioned, the former mayor of the town of White Springs.

He was one of many such students that rode Mr. Nat's bus throughout the years. We are proud to celebrate Mr. Nathan Roberts for his contribution to the now parents and grandparents that rode with him. If you see one of his former passengers, stop and ask them, "What do you think about a good education?" and then just listen.

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FRIER FINANCE, INC.,
a Florida Corporation

Plaintiff,

v.

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Defendants.
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Greg Godwin
(Seal) Clerk of the Circuit Court
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Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Agreed Final Judgment of Foreclosure," entered in the above-styled action in the Third Judicial Circuit, in and for Hamilton County, Florida, the Clerk of Hamilton County will sell the property situated in Hamilton County, Florida, as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, at a public sale to the highest bidder, for cash, on March 1, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at the South Front Lobby of the Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 N.E. First Street, Jasper, Florida 32052.
EXHIBIT A
A parcel of land in the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Township 1 North, Range 14 East, Hamilton County, Florida, lying South of Interstate 75 and East of U.S. Highway 129, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at a concrete monument at the Southeast

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