

# The Jasper News

Today's Weather

High  
75° F



Precip: 60%

Showers early then scattered thunderstorms developing later in the day. High near 75F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 60%. For up to the minute weather go to www.nflaonline.com.

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## Jasper man nabbed in child-sex Internet sting



Travis Scott Moody

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A Jasper man was one of 21 men arrested during a recent undercover sting operation that used the Internet to identify and arrest online sexual predators, according to the Alachua County Sheriff's Office (ACSO).

Travis Scott Moody, 28, 4913 SE 116 Drive, Jasper, was arrested as

part of Operation Tail Feather, a joint investigation launched by the Gainesville Police Department and ACSO, in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies.

"It was a 7-day operation that involved several law enforcement offices," said ACSO Public Information Officer Art Forgey. "The goal was to identify and arrest online sexual

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## Girl, 4, and mother hospitalized following house fire

Sunday morning fire destroyed home, killed family pets

Staff

An early Sunday morning house fire sent a four-year-old and her mother to Shands UF for smoke inhalation and killed the family's five cats and two dogs, according to Jasper Fire Rescue (JFR) Chief Bill Trinder and fire reports.

Flown to Shands UF were Samantha Drosopoulos and her daughter, whose name is not being released due to her age.

According to reports, the fire started around 2:10 a.m. Sunday morning, Feb. 12, at the home located at 423 Palmetto Ave., in Jasper. When JFR received the call about the structure fire, they were told that the four-year-old was still in the home.

"While enroute, (it was) reported that the child had been removed from the residence but was unresponsive," the fire report states. "First arriving EMS units advised heavy smoke and flames in rear of structure."

JFR set up attack lines and initiated at both sides and rear of the home.

The report states that while fighting the fire, Samantha and her daughter were flown to

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## Snow day in Jasper



Snowball fight at CHE.

Submitted

Just ask any of the students at Central Hamilton Elementary and they will tell you, yes, it actually snowed at CHE.

Adel Ice Company delivered a semi trailer truck and students watched the ice become snow right before their very eyes.

Each student had to work extremely hard over a nine week period to reach their individual reading goals while also



CHE boys pose by their snowman. - Courtesy photos

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## Redistricting gets final nod

Now maps move to the Florida Supreme Court

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After the Florida House of Representatives approved new House, Senate and congressional maps on Feb. 3, the Florida Senate followed suit and approved the measure on Feb. 9.

According to the Florida Senate Majority Office Press Secretary Allison Aubuchon, the Florida Supreme Court now has 30 days to issue their declaratory judgment on the measure.

"Should that determination be that our plans

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## COUNTY COMMISSION First quarter budget scrutinized

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Ruth Allen from the county clerk's office reviewed findings of the first quarter budget with the county commissioners at a board meeting on Feb. 7 and noted that a few items stood out. The county department that garnered the most discussion was the recreation department.

For the first quarter of the fiscal year, Allen said, they are at 40 percent of budget for other current charges. Office supplies are at 66 percent and the football expenditure fund is at 158 percent of budget.

Commissioner Harry "Buster" Oxendine questioned why the department was so over budget.

"I'd like to know what we're purchasing that we need to repurchase every time we have a season," he said. "Because every year it's \$7,000. I know one year it ran way up in



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## Still resigns as water management director



David Still

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David Still's last day as executive director of the Suwannee River Water Management District is May 1, he told the *Jasper News* Tuesday.

At a meeting Tuesday of the SRWMD Govern-

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## Sheriff's office conducts driver license and vehicle inspection checkpoints

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will be conducting driver license and vehicle inspection checkpoints now until March 31 in Hamilton County.

Recognizing the danger presented to the public by defective vehicle equipment, deputies will concentrate their efforts on vehicles being operated with defects such as bad brakes, worn tires and defective lighting equipment. In addition, attention will be directed to drivers who would violate the driver license laws of Florida.

The sheriff's office has found these checkpoints to be an effective means of enforcement the equipment and driver license laws of Florida while ensuring the protection of all motorists.

The checkpoints will be:

US 41, CR 145, NW 16th Avenue, CR 751, CR 25A, SR6 W, SR 6E, CR 141, CR 143, CR 51, CR 249 and SR 129.



## Jasper man nabbed in child-sex Internet sting

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predators, and we used chat rooms where the suspects thought they were coming to have sex with a child."

Reports show that on Feb. 3, the ACSO commenced their investigation targeting suspects who use the Internet to sexually exploit children with the intention of meeting them for sexual conduct. A Bay County Sheriff's detective assisted in the investigation by posting an advertisement on an Internet E-commerce site, posing as the father of a 14-year-old daughter.

Reports show the online conversation went like this:

The ad posted by the undercover detective stated, "lookin for family fun times this weekend. If you got hang-ups don't bother. If you wanna have good times email."

That same day about 8 p.m., Moody responded to the ad using a personal e-mail address.

Moody wrote, "hey, seen your post and would like to know more about you, i'm 28 white male, if interested mail me back."

The undercover detec-

tive responded to Moody, stating, "looking for someone to join family Im 40 step daughter is yung, wife is out of town for the weekend and were lonely. Im straight as hell, she is blond 5-00 103 brown eyes young very pretty, she is 14 but fun."

After more sexually explicit back-and-forth e-mails between Moody and the detective, the detective gave Moody a phone number to call to make arrangements to meet in Gainesville with the expectation of having sex with the 14-year-old, said officials.

At 1:16 a.m. on Feb. 4, Moody arrived at the agreed upon residence in Gainesville in a maroon Nissan pickup. After parking in the driveway, Moody walked to the front door where he was taken into custody, reports state.

Moody was searched and deputies found K-Y Jelly, condoms, rolling papers and a small bag of suspected marijuana, which was field tested as presumptive for cannabis, officials said.

After being read his rights, Moody agreed to speak with a detective and admitted to responding to the online

ad, but stated he thought he was coming to a party with a husband and wife and that they were role playing. He claimed that if there was a child present he would have turned around and left. After the detective showed Moody a copy of the e-mail conversation he had with the undercover officer, Moody asked for an attorney, reports state.

Arrest reports show Moody was charged with using a computer to solicit a parent to consent to a child's involvement in a sex crime, a third degree felony; using a two-way communication device to facilitate a felony, a third degree felony; traveling to meet a child after use of a computer to lure, a second degree felony; and possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana, a first degree misdemeanor.

Moody was arrested and booked into the Alachua County Jail.

According to officials at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Moody has a prior arrest here on March 21, 2003. He was charged with possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and an expired tag.

## Snow day in Jasper

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keeping their accuracy in the Accelerated Reading program. CHE was thrilled that over 80 percent of the students met the Snow Day Challenge.

Snowballs were

thrown in every direction, and several extremely creative snowmen were made. Parents played a large role in helping their children reach their goal, and they too came out to play and celebrate. The majority of the

CHE family shared they had never seen snow. Before returning to class, warm hot chocolate was served. This activity worked so beautifully to reward our students while keeping them motivated to read and succeed.



CHE girls are proud of their snowman. - Courtesy Photo

## Redistricting gets final nod

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are indeed valid, the plans will be sent to the United States Department of Justice," Aubuchon wrote in an email. "Should they find no objection, the districts take effect."

However, democrats contend that the maps violate anti-gerrymandering standards that are part of the Fair Districts amendments. Florida voters approved the amendments in 2010. A lawsuit was filed recently challenging the maps.

Aubuchon also commented that the U.S. Department of Justice will have 60 days to make their determination.

Assuming the changes hold up in the Florida Supreme Court and U.S. Department of Justice, Representative Steve

Southerland will no longer represent Suwannee and Lafayette counties. The reconfigured congressional district map will place these counties in the Third Congressional District, which will be aligned with what is now the Fourth District of Florida. That seat is currently held by Congressman Ander Crenshaw.

Other changes will impact District 11 of the Florida House of Representatives. That seat, which is currently held by State Representative Elizabeth Porter, will be realigned and become House District 10. It will include Suwannee, Hamilton, Columbia and Baker counties. District 10 will also include portions of Alachua County.

According to House Leadership Press Secretary Ryan P. Duffy, the

number of state senate and house seats will not increase.

The majority of what is now Florida's Third Senate District will become Senate District 2. Senator Charlie Dean will continue to represent Suwannee and Lafayette counties, but Hamilton County will join Madison County in Senate District 5 which will be held by Bill Montford.

According to Duffy, the U.S. Constitution (Article I, Section 2) mandates a head count of everyone residing in the United States every 10 years.

The U.S. Constitution also requires the redrawing of congressional seats based on the census, Duffy added.

To view the maps and to learn more, visit <http://www.floridaredistricting.org/>.

## Jennings supports banning candy flavored tobacco

Submitted

The city of Jennings unanimously passed a resolution Feb. 7 supporting a ban on candy flavored tobacco.

This non-binding resolution shows support by the city for a ban on flavored tobacco products in Jennings in an effort to protect the health of all citizens, especially youth.

Jennings is the second municipality in Hamilton County to pass a resolution of this kind. White Springs passed a similar resolution in November.

Auriel Griffith, a Students Working Against Tobacco member at Hamilton County High School, presented the measure to the council and asked for their support.

"I see my peers showing off their flavored tobacco because it smells just like candy," said Griffith. "They tell me they get it from older friends or family members because they aren't old enough to buy it. Flavored tobacco is definitely going to get a bunch of kids to start using tobacco and to

become addicts for life."

Also in attendance supporting this resolution were former Jennings Mayor Charles Barrett, Achiever's Christian Academy teacher and SWAT Advisor Stacie Barrett, Hamilton County High School SWAT member Jasmine Johnson, Achiever's Christian Academy SWAT member ZaKeria Pierce, and Hamilton County Tobacco-Free Partnership staff.

Tobacco industry documents show flavors are added to tobacco products in order to mask the harshness of the products that young mouths are not accustomed to.

In 2009, the US Congress outlawed candy flavored cigarettes through the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. However, Congress left out an important product category: smokeless.

According to the 2010 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey, 13.3 percent of middle schoolers and 15.9 percent of high schoolers used

smokeless tobacco products in the last 30 days compared to the state average of 3 percent and 6.4 percent, respectively.

If stores voluntarily stop selling flavored tobacco products as this resolution urges, we anticipate a reduction of tobacco initiation rates amongst youth since they could not get their hands on these starter products. Any reduction in tobacco rates would be a positive step forward in reducing disease and increasing longevity.

Hamilton County residents who wish to seek treatment for a tobacco addiction can call the Florida Quit-Line at 1-877-U-CAN-NOW (877-882-6669). The QuitLine provides counseling and nicotine replacement therapy (patches, gum, lozenges) free of charge.

For more information, please contact Ashlie Wolbert, Tobacco-Free Partnership coordinator, at [ashlie@roseconsultation.com](mailto:ashlie@roseconsultation.com) or at 904.626.2542.

## Still resigns

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ing Board, it was learned that Still had spoken with individual board members recently about his intentions to resign, board member Dr. George Cole said.

At the meeting, the board discussed the matter and ultimately voted 5-2 not to ask Still to stay on as executive director.

When asked by the *Jasper News* if he would be giving a reason for his departure, Still simply stated "no I'm not."

Still said he has no plans as of yet following his executive director post.

## Girl, 4, and mother hospitalized following house fire

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Shands UF for smoke inhalation.

According to the report, the State Fire Marshals Office ruled the cause of the fire to be electrical in nature in the attic area by the kitchen wall.

Those home at the time and uninjured were Willie Futch and his wife Cynda. Their daughter is Samantha who had one other child in the home as well, but was uninjured.

The home was considered to be a total loss.

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**"Breka"**

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Breka, there isn't a day that goes by that we don't think about you and you will never be forgotten, because memories of you will be here forever in our hearts.

**We all Love and Miss you!**

Papa, Doola, Patricia, Ada Dean, Ricky, Sylvester, Tamara, Britonja, Lil Rick, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, God-Parents and Friends

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## Hamilton County High School Honor Roll 2nd 9 Weeks

All A's	Allison Lee	Jose Alvarez	Maisia Daniels	Amber Laffoon	Joshua Redman
Courtney Allen	Sabrina McClain	Dawson Adams	Alfred Deas	Cyler Lambert	Tiffani Register
Hannah Altman	James Mitchell	Douglas Barker	Raven Devers	Kassie Land	Garren Richardson
Dixie Boston	Asa Newsome	Maelin Bass	Alyssa Dodson	Shannan Leutner	Kaleb Sadler
Rachel Bunting	Kaleigh Norris	Sierra Beck	Seth Dyke	Tarrah Leveille	Emily Scaff
Angela Cameron	Jordan Perez	Shakira Blackshear	Kaley Fenneman	Elizabeth Lewis	William Scaff
Regina Carson	Cheyenne Rice	Dylan Brantley	Garien Franklin	Andrew Manalis	Ethan Shackelford
Lashawn Claridy	Jestyn Roberts	Madison Brantley	Joseph Gallegos	Amber Manley	Niyah Sheppard
Whitney Crosby	Darren Rye	Taylor Brooks	Tra'Kivin Gandy	Kaylan Marcano	Braxton Stewart
Winston Crosby	Hetal Thakor	Jacob Bunting	Gina Giannantonio	Richard McCoy	Rachel Sullivan
Kaitlyn Curry	Madihah Tomoney	Elizabeth Burnam	Kathryn Godwin	Jaylon McElwain	Tiffany Vickers
Hallie Davis	A/B	Cassidy Byrd	Santiago Granados	Tamiera Mobley	Jamice Wallace
Zachary Deas		Michael Cannon	Lance Griner	Kaelin Monds	Tyler Warfel
Josefina Diaz	Tyshawn Adkins	Bianca Capozzi	Stephanie Hammock	Catherine Mofsses	Shavontay Whetstone
Andrew Graham	Everett Alford	Tyler Carter	Bryce Harrell	Wyatt Mulkey	Jonathan Whittington
Austin Graham	Audrey Allen	Autumn Cole	Hunter Hill	Trey Norris	Jayla Williams
Auriel Griffith	Ismelda Alvarez	Josmein Collins	Yaseen Iqbal	Joanna Padgett	Jristen Smith
Lisa Hill	Chasity Arnold	Madison Cox	Chineeta Jackson	Taylor Pittman	Malik Wallace
Rebecca Jackson	Kelondra Ash	Darren Crider	Alyssa Jones	Ryan Plemmons	
		Holly Crutchfield	Austin King	Shawanda Prentice	

## 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

## Accepting FSASE Scholarship Applications

Hamilton County, FL-Supervisor of Elections Laura Dees, is now accepting applications for the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) Scholarship. Applications and guidelines can be accessed online at [www.hamiltonvotes.com](http://www.hamiltonvotes.com), by selecting the FSASE Scholarship Application link on our homepage or by contacting the office at 386-792-1426. Applicants must be a registered voter, completed junior college/undergraduate work

and be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student in a Florida University. Applications are due in the Hamilton County Supervisor's office by March 19, 2012. Supervisor Dees will personally interview applicants; she will then select one finalist from Hamilton County. That application will be sent to the FSASE Scholarship Committee to be considered. Application guidelines are set by the FSASE Committee not the local Supervisor of Elections office.

## A warm offering



Pastor Edgar and Sis. Bonnie Wood of Pentecostal Deliverance Center of Jennings Florida shown with 14 homemade Love Knott Blankets made by their Women's Ministry for Live Oak nursing home residents. - Photo: Johnnie Philman

## Jasper Headstart & Early Headstart Registration

Ages 0-5 yrs.

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Time: 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Where: Jasper Learning Center

Bring proof of birth and proof of income.

Contact Sheila Cole or Maria Gallegos.

386-792-2552

## LEGAL NOTICE DEADLINE, MARCH 1, 2012

THE DEADLINE FOR FILING APPLICATION FOR 1ST TIME HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AND AGRICULTURE CLASSIFICATION IS MARCH 1, 2012. If you have not filed your NEW APPLICATION WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE, YOU MUST DO SO BETWEEN NOW AND MARCH 1ST TO QUALIFY FOR YOUR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AND/OR AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION.

### .....WHAT IS NEEDED TO APPLY FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION?

- (1) FL DRIVER'S LICENSE
- (2) FL VEHICLE REGISTRATION RECEIPT OR TAG NUMBER(S)
- (3) SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER(S)
- (4) HAMILTON COUNTY VOTER CARD (IF REGISTERED)
- (5) MOBILE HOME REGISTRATION RECEIPT(S)
- (6) COST OF DECALS (MOBILE HOME ONLY) \$7.85 PER SIDE.

WE MUST HAVE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FOR EACH PERSON CLAIMING HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ON YOUR PROPERTY. FAILURE TO SUPPLY YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER WILL RESULT IN DENIAL OF YOUR HOMESTEAD.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: THE HAMILTON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE DAVID GOOLSBY, JR., HAMILTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE; OFFICE HOURS ARE 8:30am until 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. (386) 792-2791.

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

Room 112 - Courthouse 207 Northeast First Street  
Jasper, Florida

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2012

THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BY NUMBER WILL BE TAKEN IN ORDER FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING REGARDLESS OF TIME. HOWEVER, THE TIME CERTAIN ITEMS LISTED WITH SPECIFIC TIMES WILL COMMENCE AT THE SPECIFIED TIME.

#### LISTED ITEMS

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

#### TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

- 9:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - INVOCATION - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
9:05 A.M. - 2010 CDBG GRANT PROGRAM UPDATES AND REQUESTS  
9:10 A.M. - LAND USE AND SHIP PROGRAM UPDATES AND REQUESTS  
9:15 A.M. - COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS - STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS  
A) Speed Limit - SW 69th Boulevard  
9:20 A.M. - PUBLIC HEARING (Continuation from last meeting) - LDR 11-01 - AMENDMENT TO LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

DUE TO PUBLICATION DEADLINE, THIS AGENDA MAY NOT CONTAIN ALL MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE AGENDA MAY OBTAINED AFTER 1:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, COURTHOUSE, JASPER, FLORIDA.

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

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

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

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012 AT 8:00 P.M.

### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CONSENT AGENDA MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2012

- 1) MINUTES - APPROVE:
  - A) Regular Meeting
- 2) DEPARTMENT HEADS - INFORMATION ITEMS:
- 3) DEPARTMENT HEADS - ACTION ITEMS:
- 4) APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING INVOICES FROM NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:
  - A) Invoice No. 14220 - Operator Services - January 2012 - \$5,066.25
  - B) Invoice No. 14221 - County Road 6 Paving Project - \$34,885.48
  - C) Invoice No. 14222 - Gibson Park Boat Ramp - \$8,810.83
  - D) Invoice No. 14223 - CR Bridge Replacements - \$3,500.00
  - E) Invoice No. 14224 - Land Use & Zoning Administration - January 2012 - \$1,000
  - F) Invoice No. 14225 - SHP Administration Services - \$2,416.67
  - G) Invoice No. 14226 - Loves Street/SW 61st Way - \$3,027.60
- 5) APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING INVOICE FROM ANDERSON COLUMBIA AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:
  - A) Invoice No. 63014A - SCRAP Projects in Jasper, Jennings, White Springs - Retainage Release - \$45,586.25

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OPINION

# Rising black social pathology

The Philadelphia Inquirer's big story Feb. 4 was about how a budget crunch at the Philadelphia School District had caused the district to lay off 91 school police officers. Over the years, there's been no discussion of what has happened to our youth that makes a school police force necessary in the first place. The Inquirer's series "Assault on Learning" (March 2011) reported that in the 2010 school year, "690 teachers were assaulted; in the last five years, 4,000 were." The newspaper reported that in Philadelphia's 268 schools, "on an average day 25 students, teachers, or other staff members were beaten, robbed, sexually assaulted, or victims of other violent crimes. That doesn't even include thousands more who are extorted, threatened, or bullied in a school year."

I graduated from Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin High School in 1954. Franklin's students were from the poorest North Philadelphia neighborhoods -- such as the Richard Allen housing project, where I lived -- but there were no policemen patrolling the hallways. There were occasional after-school fights -- rumbles, we called them -- but within the school,

there was order. Students didn't use foul language to teachers, much less assault them.

How might one explain the greater civility of Philadelphia and other big-city, predominantly black schools during earlier periods compared with today? Would anyone argue that during the '40s and '50s, back when Williams attended Philadelphia schools, there was less racial discrimination and poverty and there were greater opportunities for blacks and that's why academic performance was higher and there was greater civility? Or how about "in earlier periods, there was more funding for predominantly black schools"? Or how about "in earlier periods, black students had more black role models in the forms of black principals, teachers and guidance counselors"? If such arguments were to be made, it would be sheer lunacy. If white and black liberals and civil rights leaders want to make such arguments, they'd best wait until those of us who lived during the '40s and '50s have departed the



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**BY WALTER WILLIAMS**

scene. Over the past couple of decades, I've attended neighborhood reunions. I've asked whether any of us recall classmates who couldn't read, write or perform simple calculations, and none of us does. Back in those days, most Philadelphia school principals, teachers and counselors were white. At Stoddard-Fleisher junior high school, where I attended, I recall that only one teacher was black, and at Benjamin Franklin, there might have been two. What does that say about the role model theory? By the way, Asian-Americans are at the top of the academic ladder, and, at least historically, they rarely experience an Asian-American teacher during their K-through-12 schooling.

Many black students are alien and hostile to the education process. They are permitted to make education impossible for other students. Their misbehavior and violence require schools to divert resources away from education and spend them on security, such as hiring school police and purchasing metal detectors, all of which does little for school safety. The violent

school climate discourages the highest-skilled teachers from teaching at schools where they risk assaults, intimidation and theft. At a bare minimum, part of the solution to school violence and poor academic performance should be the expulsion of students who engage in assaults and disrespectful behavior. You say, "What's to be done for these students?" Even if we don't know what to do with them, how compassionate and intelligent is it to permit them to make education impossible for other students?

The fact that black parents, teachers, politicians and civil rights organizations tolerate and make excuses for the despicable and destructive behavior of so many young blacks is a gross betrayal of the memory, struggle, sacrifice, sweat and blood of our ancestors. The sorry and tragic state of black education is not going to be turned around until there's a change in what's acceptable and unacceptable behavior by young people. That change has to come from within the black community.

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## Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent Johnny Bullard

"Backward turn backward, O time in your flight. Make me a child again just for the night." (Elizabeth Akers Allen)

The above line invokes for many, including me, a sense of well-being and nostalgia. Such was the feeling when, not too long ago, I made a trip out to Suwannee Springs. During recent days I've read and heard a lot about the resurgence of interest

in this beautiful and natural treasure nestled on the banks of the Suwannee River in Suwannee County.

Suwannee Springs holds fond memories for many who grew up in Suwannee and Hamilton counties. So many people have written on the Friends of Suwannee Springs Facebook page describing wonderful times spent in the spring's amber colored waters. Reading many of these posts, one can practically smell the pungent sulfur infused waters, as well as the baby oil and iodine. One can just about hear the lilted laughter and childish squeals as young boys and girls expressed excitedly — "This water is so cccccc-cold!!!!".

So many people I have known for a lifetime shared treasured family photos of happy times spent at Suwannee Springs on Facebook. Photos that tell stories of ice cold watermelons, hand churned homemade ice cream, playing card until late in the night, roasting marshmallows and hot dogs over a blazing bonfire and getting a bottle of ice cold coke from the refrigerator. Suwannee Springs was the center of social life for so many people from our area, and that

is one of the primary reasons there is so much interest in the restoration of the area around Suwannee Springs—an interest for which I give thanks.

On a personal note, I can recall going to Suwannee Springs on an infrequent basis when I visited my maternal grandparents, the late Boman and Annie Taylor, near Live Oak. My Grandma Taylor grew up near the springs where she was "raised" by her maternal aunt and uncle, the late Claude and Lily Turman Jones. My memories of the springs, like those of many in our area, are pleasant ones.

Not far from Suwannee Springs is Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park. Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park provides music and entertainment for many in our area today. I appreciate the hard work done by the Cornett family and the staff at Spirit of the Suwannee. They have been instrumental in the perpetuation of so much that is "right" with our part of the world—music, family gatherings, and I could go on and on. I have attended concerts there, visited with friends there, taken school groups on excursions there, lunched there, dined there, and,

even once judged an Elvis Impersonation Contest there— and LOVED IT! I have an affinity with the Cornett family, maybe part of it is they "hail" from the Commonwealth of Kentucky — "The Bluegrass State" and Stephen Foster penned the lyrics and music to their state song, "My Old Kentucky Home", as he penned the lyrics and music to Florida's state song "Old Folks at Home". But much more than that, even though I do love Stephen Foster, the Cornett family and their staff at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park have demonstrated through their sensitivity to our beloved north Florida that they truly care. That means a lot to me.

During this month when we celebrate the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and we think about the "good ole U.S.A"—the red, white, and blue—and all that is wonderful about America and "Americana". I am so pleased that so many in our area, including me, have wonderful memories of a place that was a "happy place", and, hopefully, one day will be again.

I am glad, too, that not very far Suwannee Springs there is a place, that for many, including me, is a very "happy place" and that so much happiness continues to be celebrated "Way down upon the Suwannee River".

From the Eight Mile Still, on the Woodpecker Route, north of White Springs, I wish you all a wonderful day filled with joy, peace, and, above all, lots of love and laughter.

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# Obituary

**Charles "Al" Waters**  
Jan. 25, 1928-Feb. 7, 2012  
Resident of San Jose

Al was born in Jasper, Florida and passed away peacefully at the age of 84. Al was devoted to his family.

He was survived by children Steve Waters, Timothy Waters, Dennis (Kelly) Waters, and Dorinda Waters, grandfather to Melissa, Jacque, Charlie, Monica, Kimberly, and Nicholas and two great grandchildren, David and James. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Bev.

A viewing/visitation of Al will be Sunday, February 12, 2012 from 4 PM - 7 PM at Darling Fischer, Chapel of the Hills, Santa Cruz Ave., Los Gatos. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be held Monday, February 13, 2012, at 10 AM. Interment will follow at Los Gatos Memorial Park in San Jose.

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# Moore and Moody engagement announcement

Mrs. Lauranell Bryan Thomas and Mr. Berry Thomas of Atlanta, Ga. announce the engagement of their daughter Cassandra Rowena Moore to George Eaton Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moody of Dawson, Ga.

Cassandra is the granddaughter of Rowena Clayton Bryan and the late Mr. Orton Bryan of Jasper, Fla. The bride elect is finishing her nursing degree.

The groom will graduate from Valdosta State University in May 2012. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bowen and the late Mr. and Mrs. George Moody of Dawson, Ga.



Cassandra Rowena Moore and George Eaton Moody

# Butler - Bontrager wedding reminder

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 p.m. at Madison Church of God, Madison, Fla.

# Valentine's Day

By Tim Seaton  
Preacher, Northside Church of Christ, Mayo

According to Wikipedia, Valentine's Day evolved from a Catholic tradition that remembered not romance, but martyrdom. It so appears that there were many martyrs named Valentinus (Latin) who were remembered on a few different days. Attempts to explain the modern evolution from martyrdom to romance on Feb. 14 include a misunderstanding of Geoffrey Chaucer's poem Parliament of Fowles, cited: "For this was Saint Valentine's Day, when every bird cometh there to choose his mate" (Chaucer, 1382). This poem, written for the anniversary celebration of King Richard II and Anne of Bohemia, likely in the spring given the birds' mating season, is not otherwise referring to Feb. 14 necessarily. Nor does it suggest undoubtedly that romance was a tradition of this



particular Valentine's commemoration given the celebration of a wedding anniversary. Other theories have contributed to the modern evolution, now wholly secular to many Americans.

The evolution of this commemoration is not my issue, but what has it now become? I fear it has become unholy as many relationships are now unholy and against God's will. If I am being realistic, I see this as a day of sexual immorality and idolatry to a lot of people. What does Valentine's Day mean to you? Is it a day of wholesome romance, or is it a day of unholy lust

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# Heart Matters

## What is God asking of you?

By Angie Land

Last year, our family had the profound blessing of having two little girls from Uganda, Africa visit in our home. Miriam, 8, and Gertrude, 10, along with about fifteen other children traveled to America as part of a children's choir called "Ugandan Thunder." These two precious little girls loved

peanut butter, had infectious giggles, and begged to stay up till the last second before bedtime. Their interest in literally everything produced tons of questions, until their eyes landed on an album full of pictures my husband and I took on a mission trip to Guatemala. Most of the pictures were of children living at the malnutrition center we visited.

Miriam and Gertrude poured over and over these pictures asking about each child. I saw compassion and concern in their faces beyond any that I have ever witnessed in children their age. As we talked, they began to share with me struggles they have faced: friends who have died, family members that were sick, and conditions that were a chal-



lenge. Every motherly instinct in my body kicked into overdrive and I so wanted to protect them from such suffering...

It makes you won-

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# Freedom is Here

## Joy in the Holy Spirit

By Pastor John Whittington

Have you ever experienced pure joy? Maybe the sun was shining as a breeze kissed your face under a blue sky. Or, listening to crickets while gazing at starry heavens you realized that you had a feeling of peace, security and contentment. Maybe the joy in your heart expressed itself as a smile on your face.

When Paul witnessed to the curious people of

Lystra, he testified about God, "... He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy" (Acts 14:17). Even these pagan people, who tried to worship the apostles, had experienced God's blessings. He loves us all, and has poured out enough food and joy for everyone on the planet. (Sadly, we throw our own resources out of balance through person-

al laziness, greed, or our own governments.)

There is a direct connection between the presence of God and His joy (Acts 2:28). If God fills pagan hearts with a degree of joy, what does He do for His own people? Jesus promised His disciples a joy that would be full, or complete. Others don't know



the Presence from which they derive their joy. As believers, our knowledge of the source of joy affects us in a couple of ways:

1. We know who to

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

# Stephen Foster State Park announces spring workshops

-Participant registration now underway-

WHITE SPRINGS – The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park will host photography and Photoshop workshops in Feb. and March, including a new three series Digital Photography workshop taught by Don Williams.

Digital Photography Level One will be held Feb. 20, March 19 and April 16, from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. This workshop teaches participants how to plan good photography, create photographic composition and the shooting effects of both color and black and white. Students will learn when to use fill flash, depth of field, linear perspective and also the effect on a two dimensional photograph. Instruction includes macro photography for close ups plus exposure priorities and settings. A hands-on outdoor photography session is also planned. Students will need to bring their own camera; either film or digital is acceptable.

Digital Photography Level Two will take place

Feb. 20, March 19 and April 16, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Level Two extends the basic skills learned in Level One. You will learn how to work with ISO settings, studio set up and lighting, lens differences and the eleven guidelines for awesome photography. A hands-on outdoor session is also planned. Students need to bring their own camera.

Photoshop Class Level One will take place Feb. 20, March 19 and April 16, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Photoshop Level One will take your photography to the next level with hands-on experience in creating amazing photographs with Photoshop software. You will learn to enhance your photographs using lighting and color adjustment. Experience how to use clone and eraser tools, work with layers and add text. A laptop computer with Photoshop or Photoshop Elements is recommended but not required.

Photoshop Class Level Two will be held Feb. 21, March 20 and April 17, at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This is great follow up after Photoshop Level One to extend your skills and learn the use of Photoshop tools,

work with hue and saturation, continue into advanced layers, filters and other artistic features. Students need a laptop with Photoshop software.

All classes are \$30 with a limit of 10 students per class. Price includes park admission. Classes will be held in the Jeanie room. For more information on the workshop or to register, please call the park Gift Shop at (386) 397-1920 or visit [www.stephenfosterC-SO.org](http://www.stephenfosterC-SO.org). To learn more about the park, visit [www.FloridaStateParks.org/stephenfoster](http://www.FloridaStateParks.org/stephenfoster).

These events will take place:

Feb. 20, March 19, April 16, 2012

Digital Photography Level One- 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Digital Photography Level Two- 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Photoshop Level One- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 21, March 20, April 17, 2012

Photoshop Level Two- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park  
Jeanie Room  
White Springs, Florida

## Hamilton & Lafayette latest counties in Florida to join Nationwide Smart911 Network

Smart911 now helping to keep more citizens safer in Florida

Hamilton & Lafayette Counties, FL –February 2, 2012 – Hamilton and Lafayette Counties today announce that they have implemented the national safety database, Smart911, in order to improve 9-1-1 services for citizens. Already being used in Dixie County, Smart911 will allow citizens to create a Safety Profile of vital personal and household data, including household members, photos, medications or medical conditions and even pets, which will be displayed to 9-1-1 call takers immediately when a citizen places an emergency call. This safety profile provides much richer information than is currently available on incoming calls and can contain the specific details that first responders need in order to save lives.

"Having additional information at the time of an emergency is always a benefit to our call takers and response teams" said Sheriff Reid of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

"Smart911 allows us to not only enhance communication with our citizens, but it also assists us in locating them." Lafayette County Public Safety Director Donnie Land further elaborated by adding, "From knowing who is living in the house, to the medications they may be on or even pets that may be in the residence allows us to respond to emergencies much more

effectively. In times of duress it can be difficult for a citizen to provide us with all the information we may need. Now, if they have a Smart911 profile, that information will be available immediately".

Smart911 is a free service available to all citizens and is 100% private and secure. Safety profiles can be created through the Smart911 website at [www.Smart911.com](http://www.Smart911.com). Smart911 has the added benefit of being a National Safety Database, giving citizens the ability to have their information travel with them. While they may create their profile in their hometown, if they dial 9-1-1 anywhere in the country where the Smart911 service is active, their profile will be available to 9-1-1 call takers. Smart911 has experienced rapid adoption over the last year and is not being used in over 20 states, protecting over 5 million citizens.

"Smart911 adoption continues to grow rapidly," said Tom Axbey, President and CEO, Rave Mobile Safety.

"Municipalities are realizing how citizen information can dramatically improve emergency outcomes. We're excited to welcome both Hamilton and Lafayette Counties as Smart911 clients." Counties in Florida are continuing to see the value of Safety Profiles in emergency response and Smart911 service areas across the state are increasing every month.

**About Hamilton County Sheriff's Office**

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Communication Center is the only Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for Hamilton County, which receives all area 9-1-1 calls. Hamilton County receives over 10,000 calls annually. The Sheriff's Office Dispatch has the responsibility of handling communications for all law enforcement, Emergency Medical Services, and Fire Departments for Hamilton County including the City of Jasper and the Towns of White Springs and Jennings.

**About Lafayette County Public Safety**

Lafayette County Public Safety Office is responsible for Emergency Management, 9-1-1 addressing and mapping, management of the Lafayette Industrial Park and acts as liaison between the Board of County Commissioners and the Volunteer fire Departments. The department works closely with the Lafayette County Sheriff Department's dispatch which serves as the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and whose job responsibilities include dispatching law enforcement, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), local Fire Departments and other emergency responders to calls for

service. Lafayette 911 covers approximately 549 square miles and serves a population of 8,500 citizens. In Fiscal year 2010-11 they received over 5,000 9-1-1 calls.

**About Rave Mobile Safety**

Rave Mobile Safety is the leading provider of software safety solutions. Rave designs, sells and supports an award-winning suite of safety applications including Rave Alert, a multi-modal emergency notification system; Rave Guardian, a GPS-enabled personal safety tool; and Smart911, a software solution for more effective 9-1-1 responses. Hundreds of organizations and millions of individuals nationwide rely on Rave Mobile Safety technologies for improved safety in communities, at schools, in the home, and at work. Rave Mobile Safety is headquartered in Framingham, Massachusetts. For further information, please visit [www.ravemobilesafety.com](http://www.ravemobilesafety.com).

<p><b>Must-See Features</b></p> <p>Coming Next Week</p>	<p><b>North Florida Focus</b></p> <p>Featuring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 pages of full color syndicated comics</li> <li>• Crossword puzzle</li> <li>• TV LISTINGS</li> </ul> <p>Appearing in</p> <p><b>The Jasper News</b></p>

### Norris Notes

By Lillian Norris

It seems to have taken it a long time to get here, but winter has arrived. Had just thought about how little cold weather we have had, when, bang, it is here. A saying came to mind, had wondered if it were an old 'mountain saying from N.C.' but anyhow found it on Google, 'In like a lion, out like a lamb', but it seems it is for March rather than February, hopefully it will be true for February, it is about time for cold weather, though.

It seems so strange, even now to think of cold weather here, after spending many winters in N.C., Ohio and Kentucky, NOW, There is some cold weather, with snow and ice included. I loved the snow then, do not want it now. Those states are mostly prepared for that weather. In N.C. where the minute the snow starts to fall the state trucks and equipment are out clearing the roads, especially the highways, when I was young we just did not have school as many of the children rode buses and they could not operate, so we just played in the snow at home, although I could see the school from our back lot, it was just fun to us.

In Ohio it was rough sometimes, I had to

catch a bus at the corner of the block (we were in the middle) but you learn to sort of figure how early or late the bus would arrive, if I was a little late the bus driver would hold for a few minutes for me. In Kentucky we were sent home from work, working in and near the city, that would be necessary as they did not get all the people away when it piled up so quickly.

You may not even care about this, but sometimes it just seems good to remember how it was to live elsewhere, to think of all the good things wherever we are (makes one appreciate the good and in whatever state I am in to be content), I can truthfully say I still love and cherish memories of everywhere I have lived, especially when we hear of the worst things, realizing that we have to look for the good things we have, try to make an effort to make the troublesome matters to be better.

Most of my friends will know that they have heard me say that what I would enjoy about a nice winter snow, would be to go to a snow lodge, sit by the fire, watch the snow, read a good book, drink hot chocolate, and not have to go out into the cold weather. Right now I can sit where it is warm, read a good book, take a nap, write to you folks, feel like I have had a visit with you. Being content in whatever lot

befalls me, therein to be content.

Hope you will struggle through this, we will get down to business now. At Woman's Club last week we were fortunate to have as speaker, Mark Johnson, PhD, Director of Development with Meridian Behavior Healthcare, Inc., Inc (some of you may remember North Florida Mental Health) which offers many opportunities for help in the health behavior community, through the Virgie Cone Center in Jasper. Sharon Gay is a very capable representative for our county, she is doing a good job connecting with the community and Meridian and will be glad to offer any assistance in helping you to understand what is available. We will try to keep you informed, to help you know of help available and you may talk with Sharon, we hope you will remember how helpful Sharon has been in the past as a nurse at the hospital and at the Health Department.

The Woman's Club is planning a chicken purlieu dinner later, we look forward to this, it was so good last year, we will keep you informed.

Hope you had a Happy Valentine's Day! Mine had already begun on some happy notes.

Until next week!  
Lillian Norris -  
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## Healthy Living

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### ACSM leading the way

For those not familiar with the ACSM, they are the largest sports medicine and exercise science organization in the world. ACSM's mission? To promote and integrate scientific research, education and practical applications of sports medicine and exercise science to maintain and enhance physical performance, fitness, health and quality of life. Through ACSM's body of research and position stands we are given the standards all Health and Fitness Professionals follow, including recommendations set forth by the CDC.

Recently I returned from the Southeast chapter meeting of the ACSM. After three days of tutorials, presentations, and lectures on cumulative years of research condensed and presented with excitement and vigor; I am rejuvenated with a new enthusiasm to set forth armed with powerful and potent information.

No surprise obesity was a popular topic, as it should be. The growing trend of obesity is quickly becoming a health crisis with national implications. Being obese seriously increases your risk not only for Cardiovascular Disease, but also for all other chronic diseases.

An interesting phenomenon occurs with the addition of physical activity, even if you are obese-body fat become less of a critical issue. The 'fit and fat' hypothesis states: not only will participating in physical activity reduce many health risks associated with being obese; active obese individuals have lower morbidity and mortality rates than normal weight individuals who are sedentary-wow!! Inactivity and low cardio-respiratory fitness are as important as obesity in predicting mortality.

Even still we want to continue focusing on maintaining healthy body weight; remembering however, healthy body weight follows healthy

lifestyle choices. As long as you are active you're improving your health by leaps and bounds, thin or not. Begin making small changes, incorporate physical activity increasing over time at a pace comfortable to you; eliminate less healthy foods from your diet; eat small, frequent, nutrient packed meals; drink lots of water; avoid processed foods and refined sugars, sodas, fried food. Take these small but very potent steps and you'll feel better, and losing weight will naturally result.

Another frequented topic last week-our country's aging population. The stage is being set for a "perfect storm". Little old ladies aren't so little anymore; disability (not being able to perform daily tasks of living) is not only a pending health concern, but financial burden that quite possibility our already over taxed health care system may not be prepared to bear.

We all need to carefully reevaluate our priorities and place our health at the top of the list. Make it important to exercise, important for your friends, neighbors, and family. 50 days-the amount of time it takes to become addicted to anything. Take the 60 challenge: exercise at least 30 minutes everyday, or at least 150 minutes a week (minimum amount of exercise to see significant health benefit). Do this for 60 days and you'll find you feel bad if you don't! You'll be addicted, to exercise!

\*BMI =kg/m<sup>2</sup>, convert height into meters, weight into kilograms, find your number. If it is 30or above you are categorized in the obese category. For more information email me at [jbethharristraining@gmail.com](mailto:jbethharristraining@gmail.com)

~Beth Harris, CSCS, CHFS



## 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  
Feb. 5, Kimberly Danielle Dixon, 20, 305 NE 1st Street, Jasper, Fla., battery (domestic violence): HCSO-Howell  
Feb. 6, Kyle Matthew Tanner, 19, 7191 SW 79th Drive, Jasper, Fla., burglary, larceny: HCSO-Fouraker  
Feb. 6, Kaneshia F. Owens, 1255 SW 3rd Street, Jasper, Fla., VOP: HCSO-Howell  
Feb. 7, Robert Foster, 58, 3968 102nd Street, Wellborn, Fla., DUI: FHP-Clark  
Feb. 8, Ricardo De-wayne Lee, 30, PO Box 102, Jasper, Fla., DTF poss. marij more than 20 grams, poss. marij, w/i sell w/i 1,000 feet of

church, poss. coc w/i sell: HCSO DTF-Cheshire  
Feb. 8, Clarence Lemar Dye Jr., 34, 1116 SW Second Street, Jasper, Fla., poss. marij. more than 20 grams, poss. marij. w/i sell w/i 1,000 feet of church: HCSO DTF-Cheshire  
Feb. 8, James Lamar Whitaker, 39, 10772 NW 37th Trail, Jasper, Fla., withhold support two counts, Ham. Co. warrant, hold for Sumter County: HCSO DTF-Brownfield  
Feb. 8, Michael H. Carnet, 40, 1034 Spears Road, Graceville, Fla., VOP DWLS felony: HCSO-M. Cribbs  
Feb. 9, Samantha Lyon Simmons, 20, 4348 NW 57th Blvd., Jennings, Fla., hold for Alachua

County warrant: HCSO-Thomas  
Feb. 9, Geramy Ryle Feather, 28, 10427 119th Ave., Largo, Fla., VOP: HCSO-Akins  
Feb. 9, Benito De Oca, 30, 125 Hwy. 119 N., Statenville, Fla., NVDL: JNPD-Davis  
Feb. 10, Cedrick Vonzell Collins, 36, 1175 E 13th Street, Jacksonville, Fla., hold for DEA, hold for Duval County, attempted sale of cocaine, grand theft: DOA-Edenfield  
Feb. 10, Jeddiah Sampson Rickey, 26, 6105 SW CR 751, Jasper, Fla., in to serve 1st weekend: HCSO-Moody  
Feb. 10, Antonio D. Thomas, 25, 2939 NW Falling Creek Road, Lake City, Fla., hold for

Columbia County: JAPD-Vickers  
Feb. 11, Lamar Jerome Brown Jr., 31, 505 SW 5th Street, Jasper, Fla., in to serve 15 weekends: HCSO-Moody  
Feb. 11, Skylynn Elaine Coupe, 23, 9433 147th Road, Live Oak, Fla., DWLS, hold for CCSO on FTA: HCSO-Murphy  
Feb. 11, Jerrod C. Jones, 24, 1085 SW 5th Street, Jasper, Fla. DWLS, resisting w/o violence: JAPD  
Feb. 12, Tamara M. Dawson, 36, 540 NE 58th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., VOP grand theft: HCSO-Walk-in  
Feb. 12, Willie Roy McClain, 43, PO Box 302, Jasper, Fla., out of state fugitive: JNPD-Glover

## First quarter budget scrutinized

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the thousands."

Oxendine said the revenues aren't matching the expenditures for that department.

Commissioner Lewis Vaughn interjected that he never hears anything from the recreation board. Commissioner Josh Smith said he didn't know they had a recreation board, nor did he know when and where they meet. Vaughn explained that each commissioner is supposed to appoint someone from their district to head up the recreation board.

Smith said he thought it might be waived fees for children who are unable to pay the dues to play in the sports programs that is causing the department to go over budget.

"We need to look at this a lot closer, where this money is going and what we're actually getting," said Oxendine.

Commissioner Randy Ogburn said the recreation department head

needs to keep County Coordinator Danny Johnson informed on expenditures that are going to exceed the budget.

Oxendine said the general concession line item for the recreation department is budgeted at \$7,000.

"They've already spent \$2,831, which is 40 percent," he said. "Their income off of concessions is \$2,715, so right now they're in the hole for \$116."

Oxendine stated the department estimated they would take in \$14,000 from concessions for the year, but it didn't appear they were going to make that goal unless something changes with the ratio of input versus return.

Allen added that charges for umpires are at 50 percent already.

Other notable budget issues were postage, which is high mainly due to the property appraiser's office submitting requests for postage. Membership dues were up, but Allen

explained they are normally paid at the beginning of the fiscal year, so it should even out for the year. Office supplies within many of the departments is up and legal fees are at 38 percent.

Under government aids and services, the Disabled American Veterans, Allen said, have not requested their \$1,000 budget yet. Allen said she would contact them. Special Olympics, she said, looks like it was not paid out, but it was remitted in January.

The maintenance department is over budget due to repairs to the courthouse. Out of a \$12,000 budget, \$5,000 has already been paid out for the year. Additionally, there were plumbing and air conditioning repairs and repairs to the doctors offices that were paid out, as well as repairs to the Jennings Library. Also \$2,800 was spent on an air quality test at the old high school.

Equipment mainte-

nance is a little bit high, Allen said, with payments going out to Jay's Tires and for computer repairs.

"Under other current charges, there are quite a few way over budget on that," said Allen.

The maintenance department, she said, is 242 percent over budget on that line item.

Fire department calls to Genoa are at 30 percent of budget, which Allen said there wasn't much they could do about it. EMS maintenance of equipment is at 37 percent. Other current charges are at 43 percent and 59 percent for pharmaceutical supplies.

The road department is at 45 percent of budget. Building, maintenance and grounds are at 50 percent, and the tourism budget for marketing is at 71 percent.

Ogburn stressed to Johnson that he needed to get with all department heads to make sure they are staying within their budgets for the year.

## School board establishes dates for 2011-12 furlough days

All schools and departments will be closed

As school systems throughout the state face major budget issues, it has become necessary to implement changes so districts can continue to provide educational services while maintaining balanced budgets.

As a step to ensure that the Hamilton County school system remains fiscally sound, the school board chose to include four (4) furlough days in the 2011-12 budget. Furlough days were scheduled for late in the year in the hopes that either (a) student enrollment would increase, or

(b) funding from the state would improve. Unfortunately, neither has occurred. On Feb. 13, 2012, the Board approved the following dates for the furlough days:

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012  
Friday, March 23, 2012  
Friday, May 25, 2012

Students, school-based employees, and district-level staff will not report on these days. All schools and departments will be closed. As a reminder to employees, leave time cannot be used for furlough days.

(It is noted that the furlough day originally scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2012 has been deleted.)

## Valentine's Day

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and idolatry? Do not answer quickly because everyone will say the first. Do not let your feelings judge what is right and wholesome. Let God judge such things. Therefore seek His word on everything, even this. I want to tell you, though, as a legitimate married man I know how a husband may take even his right wife and debase her to an unholy lust, an object of idolatry. Not only is it possible, but it is a very big struggle for a lot of marriages - I daresay every marriage at some point. So then, "Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church" (Eph.5:25), knowing this, that "Love is patient, kind, does not envy or boast; is not arrogant or rude, does not insist on its own way; is not irritable or resentful; does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth" (1Cor.13:4-6).

Many will say I am being old fashioned, ancient, or traditional when I say that only a legitimate marriage has the right to practice sex. You know, my God is ancient, his virtues are timeless, and His covenant offered by the blood of Christ (and all of the commands held therein), this too is age-old. Does that make any of these things obsolete or does it prove that they endure forever according to His word? And if such things endure then are we not to seek them all the more? Why then is there this

modern condemnation of the older things, especially when we in this generation who have rejected them are like Nineveh? We are like children who don't know our right from our left, or our right from our wrong. We too are ready to be destroyed (I believe because of our moral depravity)! Let the young take heed of the old. Let the things that endure speak. Do not say in your hearts, "These days are unprecedented. The old ways cannot help us." God's covenant in Christ is ir-respective of culture, technology, tradition, or even world view. Yea, it supplants all these. His institution of marriage set for one man and one woman since the foundation of the world is renewed by Christ (Mt.19). It cannot be undone, no matter how much the LGBT rant, no matter what our laws come to say. What and indestructible, authoritative God I claim all because He is ancient! Friends, let the commands of the Ancient of Days sound forth. His Son now speaks to all mankind. Give him your earnest attention, for one day he will judge the world.

- Tim Seaton is the preacher for the Northside Church of Christ on SR51 in Mayo. Meeting times are Wed. 7pm.; Sun. 9:30 am. Come out to edify and be edified with us! We seek no other authority than Christ; no other name than Christian.

## Joy in the Holy Spirit

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thank for what we have!

Some thank their lucky stars for the brief moments of rapture they experience as they grope through the darkness of this world. Believers can thank the Creator of the universe, the LORD God Almighty for the joy he has given us! I've no-

ticed that gratitude to the source usually results in more and more helpings of that for which you are grateful!

2. We know where to go get more!

Those who worship the Lord have the opportunity to continually tap into the source of their joy: The ever-available supply from the

Holy Spirit! I encourage you to go from pagan joy to believer joy; and from believer joy to Spirit-filled believer joy!

Acts 13:52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of right-

eousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit...

1Thessalonians 1:6b ...in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

Pastor John Whittington  
Lighthouse Christian Center  
Mayo, FL  
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## What is God asking of you?

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der...why? Why are there so many hungry children in the world? Why so much sickness in places where medical help is not accessible? Why do parents struggle to feed their children while we struggle not to give ours too much? A visit with someone Miriam and Gertrude or a trip out of the country can give a much needed tune-up to our limited perspective on life, and while God isn't obligated to answer our "why" questions, the Bible records a conversation Jesus held with his disciples that sheds some light on this dilemma:

"As he (Jesus) went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life." John 9:1-3

Often we, like the disciples, assume that when suffering is present, there must be someone to blame, and since the Bible is clear in Romans 3:23 that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," we feel fairly safe to conclude that suffering must be the result of some wrong-doing. In Jesus' response, however, we find a different analysis...probably because if this line of thinking were correct, we would all be blind! Foolishly, we may also be tempted to blame God for the suffering we see around us, or even what we experience. Instead, Jesus declared the

reason for this man's blindness was so that he and others could experience God at work in his life.

The verse following this passage gives further clarity... "As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me..." Perhaps we ask our "why" questions because we know that God could easily fix the suffering around us, but according to this verse, we may be the wrong ones to do the asking. It seems that God has ordained for us to work with Him for as long as we are here...so could it be that He has more of a right to ask us why there are so many hungry children in the world...why we don't reach out our hands to serve them and allow Him to work in their lives...through us. Perhaps the next time a "why" question comes

to our mind, we should consider that He is asking it of us...and wonders what we plan to do about it. It is imperative not as much how or where we take action, but that we do...because every heart really does matter! (For more info about the Ugandan Thunder ministry, go to [www.penniesforposho.org](http://www.penniesforposho.org))

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](mailto:angieland3@windstream.net)

# Central, North, and South Hamilton Elementary 3rd Graders Plant Trees in Celebration of Florida Arbor Day



Central Hamilton Elementary.



North Hamilton Elementary



South Hamilton Elementary.

By Greg Staten,  
Hamilton County  
Forester

Arbor Day is a tree-planting holiday that started out in 1872 in Nebraska as a proposal to help establish trees on its vast treeless plains. It was the idea of J. Sterling Morton, and over one million trees were planted on that first Arbor Day. It became a national holiday in the 1880's and is now celebrated in many other countries as well. The National Arbor Day in the United States of America is usually recognized later in the spring, while here in Florida it is the third Friday in January.

Florida Arbor Day was celebrated on January 19, 2011 at North Hamilton Elementary School in Jennings. It was also celebrated on January 20, 2011 at Central Hamilton Elementary School in Jasper and at South Hamilton Elementary School in White Springs with the planting of trees on each of the school campuses. These programs were conducted jointly by the Florida Forest Service

and Hamilton County Extension.

A short presentation was made to the third grade classes about the importance of trees in our everyday lives and the many useful benefits and products we get from trees by Florida Forest Service Hamilton County Senior Forester Greg Staten.

After each presentation, the trees were planted by Greg Staten and Greg Hicks, 4H/Ag Agent, along with assistance from some of the students. Two dogwood trees were planted at both Central and North Hamilton Elementary Schools, and two white oaks were planted at South Hamilton Elementary School. The students committed to keep them watered. The students were each given a Slash pine tree seedling donated by the Florida Forest Service to take home and plant along with instructions on how to plant them properly. Special thanks to Heather Futch and Keith Wynn, both with Hamilton County Extension Service, for serving as photographers for the events.

## Retrofit program will help schools save water and money

Representatives from Suwannee, Hamilton, Columbia, and Gilchrist county school districts visited the Suwannee River Water Management District's headquarters on Feb. 2 to hear about how their schools can save water through a facilities retrofit program that the District is offering, in partnership with the Florida Rural Water Association (FRWA).

The FRWA will conduct a water audit at participating schools to identify leaks in bathroom and kitchen facilities and to evaluate landscape irrigation systems, drinking fountains and other equipment. They will determine how much water each school can save, as well as recommend water conservation practices and water efficient upgrades to indoor plumbing fixtures and outdoor equipment.

District Executive Director David Still called the program a win-win.

"You can save money, and we can save water," he said. "If you're spending less money on water, you can spend more on education."

Brian Kauffman, Dis-

trict senior professional engineer, said the District's retrofit program saved one school in the City of Cedar Key nearly 32,000 gallons of water per month through a similar program last year.

"Their water use was reduced by 48 percent, saving taxpayers about \$2,200 annually," Kauffman said.

The District will pay for the water audit and provide a matching grant of up to \$10,000 per school district to pay for the upgrades. Through the grant program, the District will reimburse school districts for the cost of the water saving devices, and school districts will pay installation costs or install the equipment themselves.

Kauffman told school representatives that their investment should pay for itself within a few years.

The program is offered to schools within the District's 15-county region. Schools must sign up for the program by the end of February.

For more information, call the District at 386.362.1001 or 800.226.1066 (FL only).

## County Commission highlights

### Family cemeteries

A public hearing regarding an amendment to LDR 11-01, land development regulations for family cemeteries, continued at the Feb. 7 Hamilton County commission meeting.

Commissioner Harry "Buster" Oxendine made revisions to a proposal that listed 10 requirements for any new family cemeteries in the county, and he asked the board members to review it with the county attorney and the zoning board.

Oxendine stated he had concerns and that he researched the issue of family cemeteries. After speaking with the Department of Financial Services Division of Funeral, Cemetery and Consumer Services, Oxendine learned that the state of Florida does not issue permits for family cemeteries, nor do they oversee them or have guidelines for them.

"The only thing that is issued is a license for a 'for profit' cemetery or a cemetery that is over five acres by a religious organization or LLC," Oxendine said. "They issue a business license. There is no permit to be issued for a private family cemetery."

The state of Florida, Oxendine said, also doesn't require the purchase of a vault.

Maximum size, ingress and egress, buffer zones, proximity to public roadways, monument heights, night lighting, detailed site plans and

maintenance were spelled out in the proposal and discussed by board members.

Oxendine said he couldn't adopt the resolution for family cemeteries as it was currently spelled out in the proposal because it was not doable by any citizen in the county, specifically item number one on the proposal, which stated that a cemetery license must be obtained from the state.

After more discussion the board agreed that the proposal needed further review by legal counsel and the public hearing would be re-advertised and brought back to the board at a later date.

### Recreation department

Repairs to an old Gator tractor that was previously used to drag the field at the recreation center was discussed. Commissioner Josh Smith said he felt the tractor should have been considered for repair before the department bought a new tractor. County Coordinator Danny Johnson stated there is currently no money left in that budget line item for repairs. The tractor either needs a costly new clutch or a less expensive belt replacement. It was agreed to take the tractor to the county road department to see if they could repair the belt if that was the problem, and if they couldn't repair it, the tractor would be taken to a small engine repair

shop in White Springs to get a quote for repairs.

Additionally, the recreation center light repair job will be going out for sealed bids.

### Special election – slot machines

The owner of Hamilton Jai Alai & Poker and Hamilton Downs Race Track, Robert Glenn Richards, stated he intended to move forward with the special election to allow slot machines in Hamilton County even with all the current controversy on the issue going on in Tallahassee. April 10, 2012 is the scheduled date of the election. Board members expressed concern about the legality of holding the election, so for now it is a wait and see approach regarding the proposed bills in the state legislature.

### Hamilton Cares project

Dr. Thomas F. Logan, Ph.D presented site plans to the board for the Hamilton Cares childcare/learning center project utilizing vacant space in the old high school/courtroom annex. Logan is the executive director of the Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway based in Lake City. The finalized lease between the county and Hamilton Cares is dependent on funding from the Economic Development Council. The board asked Logan to get with County Attorney John McCormick and County Co-

ordinator Danny Johnson to come up with a suitable rental amount and start date after credits are used up for capital improvements by Hamilton Cares. That figure would then be included in the final lease agreement and the board agreed that chairman Randy Ogburn's signature would suffice, since all the board members have already placed their signatures on the original lease agreement.

### White Springs Library project

There was a discussion about costs of septic versus sewer for the site. Engineer Greg Bailey said he would have construction plans ready to present at the next board meeting.

## 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 Nature 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.

CELEBRATING

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## Local ministry visits burial sites of slaves and their freed descendants



Swift Creek Cemetery in White Springs. - Courtesy Photo:

Submitted by Richard Marshall

On the northern border of White Springs, just a few miles out of town, one finds the Swift Creek Cemetery. This cemetery is the resting place for many area founders, as well as African American slaves and their descendants. Dating back to the 1820s, it is an important historical site. With its twisting oaks and mossy limbs it looks as though it has been stuck in time. In many ways it has. Its distinct beauty may be found in the twisting metal of the wrought iron gates and the pre-civil war monuments. Each of its features tell a story of days long gone in a small southern town.

Lead by Pastor Joanne Collins and Assistant Pastor Richard Marshall, the Church of God Pentecostal and Deliverance took their congregation to the historical site in honor of Black History Month.

Pastor Marshall, being a lifelong resident, told a story that had been passed on to him by his father, the late Richard Marshall Sr. Although the Black section of the cemetery, once full, had to be relocated to the other side of Highway 41, today there is very little evidence remaining at the original site. As the congregation made their way across and through the monuments they arrived at what appeared to be an open field with little more than a dozen head stones in that section. Some were no longer legible. Nothing to say when or who was buried there.

"That is why it was important for his father to show him the site and pass on the oral history of the place, so that someone would always remember," stated Pastor Marshall. "No lineage, no who's who. Even the stone that was placed there to remind us

have all gone away. We have come today to acknowledge that they were here and they will never be forgotten."

Pastor Marshall explained that it was not customary to bury blacks and whites in the same cemetery. It was more common for there to be a separation, either by a fence or a natural growth. There is a story in the Town of White Springs of a prominent white family member, who had his long time African American servant buried in his family's plot, but later had to remove and re-bury him in the "colored" cemetery. Segregation followed even in death.

Pastor Marshall stated that, "although I can't tell you the names of the first African Americans to have been buried here, nor the years, what I can tell you is they will always be remembered."

With plans to identify other such sites in the greater White Springs area, the final goal is to place a wreath at each site during the month of February. Even though some burial sites are located on private property, the congregation is respectfully seeking access to them.

Mr. Marshall went on to say that although the town in which we live is a wonderful place to live, it does not negate the fact that his relatives were slaves. This information is confirmed by the 1860 Florida census. The truth about history is sometimes painful and emotional; however, it is something we can't escape. We must find the courage to face our past, and then learn from it and not allow the past to dictate the future, but to provide a foundation for a better future.

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

Location: Dennis Garage  
8109 CR 146 NW  
Jennings, FL 32053

Date: 03-08-12  
Time: 8:00 A.M.

1995 GMC  
VIN# 2GTEC19K5S1520192  
02/16

**NOTICE**

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The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing regarding that Ordinance beginning at 9:25 A.M. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at Jasper, in Hamilton County, Florida, in the County Commissioners' Board Room (Room 112), Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida 32052; and, the Board will consider the enactment of that Ordinance following that public hearing. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance may be inspected by the public during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Room 106, Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida 32052.

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities

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**NOTICE OF REVISED DATES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY**

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announced the 2012 meeting schedule originally published in January for the NFBA Board of Directors for all interested persons to attend has changed. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and Wakulla Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. The NFBA will hold the following public meetings: NFBA Policy and Operations Committee meetings will meet at 10 a.m. on the last Wednesday of each month of 2012 and the October meeting previously advertised incorrectly as the 12th will be held on the 31st at the Program Management Offices, 164 NW Madison St., Ste. 103, Lake City, Florida. An informational workshop originally scheduled to be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 27, 2012 at Quail Heights Country Club in the Club House Hall, 161 SW Quail Heights Terrace, Lake City, FL. The NFBA Board of Directors meeting will be held to conduct general business of the NFBA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the NFBA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding or have any questions please contact Faith Doyle, Clerk to the NFBA Board at (386) 438-5042 at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the meeting.  
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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Alias Writ of Execution issued in the County Court of Orange County, Florida, on the 25th day of October, 2007, in the cause wherein First Union National Bank of Florida, (order granting motion to substitute Party Plaintiff from First Union National Bank of Florida to Cypress Recovery Corporation) is the Plaintiff, and RICHARD PRINCE AND CARRIE PRINCE, are the Defendants, being Case No. CO91-8097, in the said Court, I, J. Harrell Reid, as Sheriff of Hamilton County, Florida, have this day levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, CARRIE PRINCE, in and to the following described property, to-wit:

**LOT ONE (1) AND LOT TWO (2) IN CORBETTS SUBDIVISION IN NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST A/K/A 3736 108TH AVENUE NORTHWEST. (PARCEL NO. 2461-000)**

and on the 6th day of March, 2012, at the north door of the Hamilton County Courthouse, in the City of Jasper, Hamilton County, at the hour 11:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all the said defendant's, CARRIE PRINCE, right, title and interest in aforesaid property at public outcry and will sell the same, subject to all taxes, prior liens, judgments or encumbrances whatsoever, if any, to the highest and best bidder or bidders for CASH, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the Final Judgments of the above described Execution.

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

J. HARRELL REID, Sheriff  
Hamilton County, Florida

By: /s/ J. Harrell Reid

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

CASE NO: 2010-CA-000471

**FRIER FINANCE, INC.,**  
a Florida Corporation

Plaintiff,

v.

**KAREN L. PENNINGTON** joined by **CHARLES C. PENNINGTON**, her husband; **UNKNOWN TENANTS**; and **other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property, and if a named Defendant is deceased, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the named or described Defendants.**

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiffs Final Summary Judgment Reforming and Foreclosing Mortgage entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Hamilton County, Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

The N 1/2 of the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 2 North, Range 11 East, Hamilton County, Florida. Less and Except any portion of the subject property that may lie within the road right of way. LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCELS: Tract A: A piece or parcel of land in the SW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 2 North, Range 11 East, Hamilton County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the intersection of the EAST line of said SW 1/4 and the Centerline of County Road No. 143 (State Road 143) and run South 0 degrees 19' East, along the East line of said SW 1/4 a distance of 60.29 feet to the Southeastly right of way line of said County Road No. 143 for the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 0 degrees 19' East along said East line a distance of 246.51 feet; thence South 89 degrees 41' West a distance of 365.92 feet to the Southeastly right of way line of said County Road No. 143; thence North 55 degrees 43' East along said right of way line a distance of 441.21 feet to the Point of Beginning. Tract B: A piece or parcel of land in the SW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 2 North, Range 11 East, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the intersection of the East line of said SW 1/4 and the centerline of County Road No. 143 (State Road No. 143) and run South 0 degrees 19' East, along the East boundary line of said SW 1/4, a distance of 306.80 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 0 degrees 19' East a distance of 97.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 41' West a distance of 509.91 feet to the Southeastly right of way line of said County Road No. 143; thence North 55 degrees 43' East, along said right of way line a distance of 173.61 feet; thence North 89 degrees 41' East a distance of

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365.92 feet to the Point of Beginning. Tract C: Commence at the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 2 North, Range 11 East, Hamilton County, Florida and run thence S 89 degrees 14'31" E along the North line of said SW 1/4, 1691.42 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue S 89 degrees 14'31" E still along said North line 795.00 feet to the Northwestly right of way line of County Road No. 143, thence S 66 degrees 07'18" W along said Northwestly right of way line, 567.71 feet to a point of curve, thence Southwesterly along said Northwestly right of way line along said curve concave to the Southeast having a radius of 2914.79 feet and a central angle of 8 degrees 00'54" an arc distance of 407.75 feet; thence N 0 degrees 11'13" W 576.93 feet to the Point of Beginning. ALSO DESCRIBED AS: Part of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Township 2 North, Range 11 East, Hamilton County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: For Point of Beginning Commence at the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 34; thence run South 89 degrees 14'31" East along the North line of said Southwest 1/4, a distance of 1691.45 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11'54" East, a distance of 576.14 feet to a point on the Northerly right of way line of County Road No. 143, said point being in a curve concave Southeastly having a radius of 2914.79 feet; thence run along and around said curve and said Northerly right of way line a chord bearing and distance of South 46 degrees 53'08" West, 123.74 feet to a point on the South line of said North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4; thence run North 89 degrees 14'31" West along said South line a distance of 1600.74 feet to the West line of said Section 34; thence run North 00 degrees 12'17" West along said West line a distance of 661.91 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash at **South Front Lobby of the Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, Florida 32052**, at 11:00 AM (EST), on the 23rd day of February, 2012.

If you are a subordinate lien holder claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk of Court no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Notice to Persons With Disabilities: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator's office not later than seven days prior to the proceeding.

Greg Godwin  
(Seal) Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson  
Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO.: 2011-CA-000508

**PLATINUM BANK, a Florida banking corporation,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**HAMILTON 129, LLC, a Florida limited**

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liability company, **KAJAM, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, BING CHARLES W. KEARNEY, JR., individually, TRACY J. HARRIS, JR., individually, CHARLES V. MAYNARD, individually, and GREGORY L. HENDERSON, individually,**

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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 corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 32 and run South 88 degrees 50'40" West along the Forty Line, 1265.31 feet to the East right of way of U.S. Highway 129, 60 feet from the center thereof, on a curve of radius 5669.578, concave to the East; thence Northerly along said right of way curving to the right through a central angle of 4 degrees 11'16", an arc distance of 414.40 feet to the end of curve at a D.O.T. iron pipe at P.T. Sta. 540+53.54; thence North 04 degrees 44'19" East (Base Bearing) along the East right of way line of U.S. Highway 129 a distance of 1016.62 feet to a D.O.T. iron pipe at P.O.T. Sta. 550+69.90; thence North 08 degrees 18'20" East along said right of way line 320.06 feet to a D.O.T. iron pipe at L-75 End Limited Access (P.T. Sta. 12+33.42 on Base Line "A"); thence North 08 degrees 22'03" East along Limited Access right of way line 18.86 feet to a D.O.T. iron pipe at beginning of a curve of radius 100.00 feet, concave to the Southeast, thence Northerly along said Limited Access right of way curving to the right through a central angle of 57 degrees 54'44" an arc distance of 101.08 feet to a D.O.T. iron pipe at end of curve; thence North 66 degrees 17'28" East along said Limited Access right of way line, 610.55 feet to a D.O.T. iron pipe at the beginning of a curve of radius 348.00 feet, concave to the South; thence Easterly along said Limited Access right of way curving to the right through a central angle of 57 degrees 57'05" an arc distance of 951.98 feet to a D.O.T. iron pipe at the end of curve (Sta. 0+00.00 on Base Line "A"); thence South 55 degrees 36'20" East along the South right of way line of Interstate 75, 150 feet from the center thereof, 141.91 feet to a concrete monument on the East line of said Section 32; thence South 01 degrees 23'00" East along said section line, 596.87 feet to a concrete monument at the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 32; thence South 01 degree 11'25" East along said section line 1351.45 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

W. GREG GODWIN,  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Kristy Morgan  
Deputy Clerk

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**SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE CITY OF JENNINGS**

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

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