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A fun day at McDonald's after FCATs. - Courtesy photo

By Richard Marshall

Teachers and faculty from South Hamilton Elementary (SHE) in White Springs put on their "I Love South Hamilton" T-shirts on Tuesday evening, Feb. 28 and off they went to work at McDonald's. Working at McDonald's wasn't their second job, though. It was part of a fun fundraiser for the students of SHE.

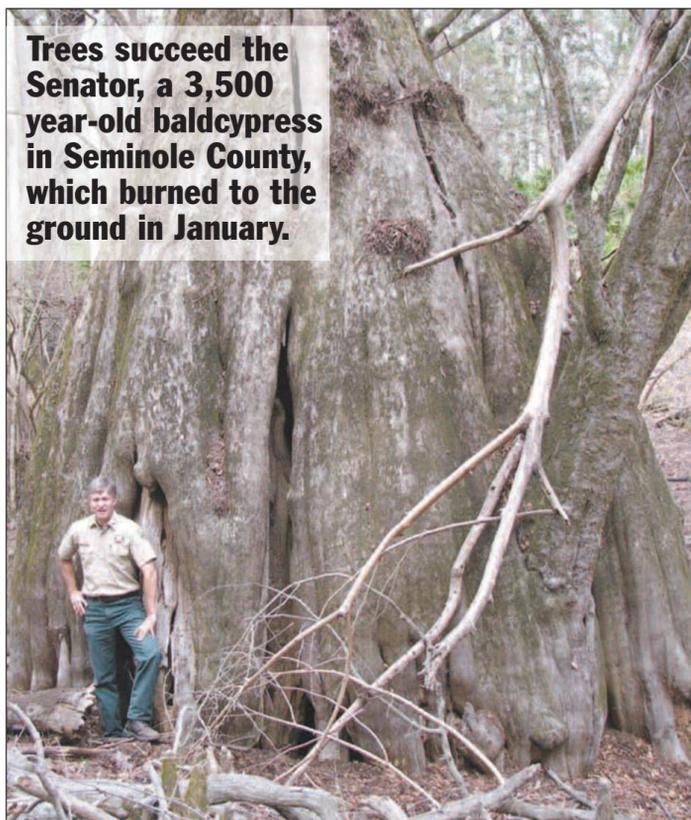
It was a tough day of FCAT testing at SHE and afterwards everyone was ready for some relief. Around 5 p.m. teachers and staff clocked out for the day, but instead of going home they headed over to the local McDonald's at the junction of CR 136 and I-75. Soon after they arrived, an onslaught of anxious dinner crowd customers began pouring in the doors and rolling through the drive-through to place their orders. It was no surprise that many of the patrons were SHE students, their parents and their grandparents.

The kids and their families

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FLORIDA CHAMPION TREE PROGRAM

Two HamCo trees declared co-champions



Trees succeed the Senator, a 3,500 year-old baldcypress in Seminole County, which burned to the ground in January.

Tallahassee, FL – Two baldcypress trees in Hamilton County are experiencing overnight fame after the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service declared them as the new baldcypress co-champion trees for the Florida Champion Tree Program. The trees succeed the Senator, a 3,500 year-old

baldcypress in Seminole County, which burned to the ground in January.

"The department's Florida Champion Tree Program is just one component of our efforts to preserve and honor our state's natural history," said

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Homeless children receive donation



Superintendent Martha Butler, Keith Brown, Lester Scaff, and Federal Programs Coordinator Phyllis Porter. - Courtesy Photo

Submitted

The Hamilton County School District recently received a donation of \$6,250 from S&S Food Stores/BP Petroleum to help homeless children in the district.

At the school board's Feb. 13 business meeting, Lester Scaff and Keith Brown shared that while Hamilton County has a lower overall population than Columbia County, the number of homeless children is relatively equal. This news prompted the company to apply for a grant and allocate funds (from the oil spill) to assist the district in providing the necessities to homeless students.

Thanks go out to S&S/BP for the donation and for the company's commitment to local communities.

Jasper Senior Center underway



It's official! The new Jasper Senior Center ceremoniously broke ground with six gold shovels on Tuesday, March 6. L-R Josh Smith, Kevin Bedenbaugh, Jr. Buster Oxendine, Kevin Bedenbaugh, Sr., Tom Conley, Greg Bailey, Dave Beck, Danny Johnson, Randy Ogburn, Ronny Morgan & Lewis Vaughn. See story page 2A. -Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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Hamilton County Commissioners Josh Smith,

Harry "Buster" Oxendine, Randy Ogburn, Ronny Morgan and Lewis Vaughn, along with County Coordinator Danny Johnson, Engineer Greg Bailey, Kevin Bedenbaugh Sr. and Jr. from Plumb Level Construction, Tom Conley from Florida League of

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Two Hamilton County trees declared co-champions for Florida Champion Tree Program



Hamilton High band receives good reviews at District Assessment



L-R Charlie Cameron, Rachel Bunting, Dixie Boston, Nicholas Winslow, Sarah Jennings & Ryan Plemmons. - Courtesy Photo:

By Joyce Marie Taylor

Hamilton County High School (HCHS) band students were well represented at the District Assessment in Tallahassee on Feb. 18, and they even took time out to pose for a fitting picture with band director Nicholas Winslow at the "Unconquered" statue in front of the FSU football stadium. This is Winslow's first year teaching at HCHS and his official title is Director of Instrumental and Choral Music, as well as

head of the performing arts department.

"A group of students left in a county van to Tallahassee to perform on the campus of Florida State University," said Winslow. "The event that they performed for is called solo and ensemble."

Winslow said the students performed in front of a judge, who is an accomplished musician on whatever instrument the student was playing.

The students who performed solos included

Dixie Boston and Sarah Jennings on flute and Charlie Cameron and Ryan Plemmons on trumpet. Rachel Bunting performed with all of the students as their accompanist.

After each student performed, the judge worked with them on things to improve, and then gave them a grade. The grades given are superior (being the best), through excellent, good, fair, and poor.

"Sarah Jennings received a rating of superior and all of the other students received a rating of excellent," Winslow said. "More importantly than the ratings, all of the students did an amazing job and learned a lot."

Winslow said even more band students are looking forward to going next year.

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Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam. "Not only does it serve as a valuable database of the largest trees located in Florida, but it also provides a way for us to showcase the rich variety of species we have in our state."

The department's Florida Forest Service, which oversees the Florida Champion Tree Program, is responsible for managing more than one million acres of state for-

est lands and protecting over 26 million acres of land and natural resources from wildfire.

"After the Senator burned in January, Florida Forest Service foresters began searching their local communities for baldcypress trees deserving of the 'champion tree' title," said Jim Karels Florida Forest Service Director. "Standing at more than 95 feet tall and 45 feet in circumference, these trees were hard to miss - even in the swamps of Hamilton

County."

Although uncommon, trees are deemed co-champions when total scores differ less than two percent. The new champion trees are located one mile apart on property belonging to the Suwannee River Water Management District, roughly 10 miles southwest of Jasper.

To nominate a tree or to find the GPS coordinates for each of the current champion trees, visit www.floridaforestservice.com.

The city of Jasper did not have their scheduled election on Tuesday, March 6, according to town clerk Jennifer Pomeroy. Ann Lessman, District 3, was unopposed and Mary Kay Dunaway was the only one to qualify in District 4.

Clarification

Supervisor of elections candidates are party affiliated.

District candidates need one percent of registered voters signed petitions in order to qualify.

All local candidates should make their qualifying check payable to the local supervisor of elections.

White Springs: Wild Azalea Festival coming March 17

By Joyce Marie Taylor

Historic downtown White Springs is gearing up for the 12th Annual Wild Azalea Festival to be held on Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Nature and Heritage Tourism Center on US 41. The event is free, so come on out to celebrate spring and the beautiful blooming azaleas along the majestic Suwannee River.

Last year hundreds turned out for the Wild Azalea Festival and many folks even brought along their canine friends to join in the fun, dressing them up in their finest doggy duds. The all-day event is sponsored by the Nature & Heritage Tourism Center and the White Springs Special Events Committee.

There will be numerous activities going on this year, including live entertainment, arts and crafts vendors, lots of scrumptious food, and even a trail hike at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park. There will also be wild azaleas and other native plants on display and for sale.

At 2 p.m. Little Miss Azalea 2012 will be crowned and will take home a \$500 Savings Bond. The second place runner-up will receive a \$200 Savings Bond and third place receives a \$50 Savings Bond. All participants in the contest will go home with a trophy.

Aside from the festival, there will be plenty of other events going on in and

around town. One of them is a swap meet at Suwannee Hardware and Feed Store. Another is a huge family event fundraiser being put on by the H.O.P.E. committee and the White Springs Police Department. There will be bounce houses, a petting zoo and pony rides for the kids.

Be sure to stop in at Florida's Nature and Heritage Tourism Center during the festival to browse the many displays and then venture into the park to experience the beauty of nature. For more information you can call 386-397-4462.

Jasper Senior Center underway

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Cities and Dave Beck from Synergy Recovery Resources, joined together at the site for the official groundbreaking.

The old senior center building at 1509 Martin Luther King Drive was destroyed by fire on Dec. 9, 2010 and since then there has been much debate on several issues like building codes, sewer lines and budget constraints, but the main focus has always been on rebuilding a safe and suitable structure for the area's senior citizens.

Bedenbaugh, Sr. said as soon as he gets the permit, construction will begin and should be completed in four to five months.

South Hamilton invades McDonald's

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were served a delicious McDonald's meal by the teachers and staff of SHE, led by Principal Maceo Howell and president of the Parent Teacher Association, Shirley Aldridge. Teachers and staff could be found doing many different tasks, including pushing brooms and taking orders behind the counters.

Aldridge was taking

orders at the drive-through window and SHE Media Specialist Louis Daniels stayed busy at the fry station, cooking basket after basket of French fries.

"Mr. Daniels looked like a natural," said White Springs town councilman Richard Marshall, who was there to experience the excitement of the evening with his children who attend SHE.

Marshall said a number of residents from

Kelly's R.V. Park also came out to show their support for the students at SHE. The fundraiser, he said, was an effort to raise money in order to do something special to reward the students for being an "A" school.

"I am so proud of the support from the staff and the community. It gives us a chance to let the students know that we appreciate their hard work," Howell stated.

SHE Guidance Counselor Ann Pinello said

this is the second event held at McDonald's, and that it was suggested by a parent of one of the students who is an employee there.

School Board Member and former SHE Principal Johnny Bullard stopped by to show his support by wearing his "I Love South Hamilton" T-shirt, as well.

As part of the fundraiser there were random drawings for door prizes and the featured grand prize was a

brand new bicycle.

"Thanks to this and many such efforts like this by the staff of South Hamilton Elementary School, we feel confident that this year's FCAT result will be just as good, if not better," said Marshall. "My two boys are doing so well in school, and they have told me that due to Mr. Daniels and Mr. Law, they feel as though they're ready for this year's FCAT. Thank you Principal Howell and staff. Keep up the good work."

Reporter Joyce Marie Taylor contributed to this article.

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Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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It's always been interesting to me that, in terms of observing life in general, and life in White Springs in particular, things seem to stay the same on one level, but on many other levels they change. Sometimes the change is dramatic and we notice it right away, but some changes are so subtle that we barely notice them as they are occurring, until one morning we wake up and wonder how this alteration to our daily life managed to sneak up on us. Fortunately, we are an adaptable people and for the most part we survive and move on, but that is not always the best option. Sometimes, when we have the power and resolve to undo an unacceptable event, we need to go back and "change the change." A good example of this is the white sulphur spring that our town was named after. For thousands of years it flowed, unchanged except for the rising and falling of the river it flowed into. Then came cosmetic changes, as the spring was walled in and made available to some folks, while other folks were excluded. We adapted and accepted and the spring flowed on. Then folks began to notice that the volume of water issuing forth from the spring seemed to be gradually diminishing, but we adapted and accepted and

the spring flowed on. Then the spring began to diminish to the point that, on occasion, it did not flow for ever lengthening periods of time. Again, for the most part, we adapted and accepted. Then, on one fateful morning of our awareness, we woke up to the fact that our spring no longer flowed at all, and according to the realities of the day, it perhaps never again would gush out its clear, healing waters. Now the question begs to be asked, "Did this change really sneak up on us?" Well, it did and it didn't. It depends on whether or not you were listening. Even the casual unbiased scientific observer saw the possibility of this coming for a long time and quite a few folks voiced concerns and sounded warnings. And yet, many of us ignored the obvious, and were "surprised" by the terrible results of our ignorance. Some folks say we can fix this, and that we can avoid the nightmare scenario of steadily decreasing water flow from happening to another, and then another, and then yet another spring, until they all run dry. We've been warned, and we can act as we have in the past and ignore the warning, or we can decide that this is one change that we should not and will not be willing to accept. For that reason, we can all be proud of the support that White Springs has given to the founding of the multi-county water protection group, FLOW (Florida Leaders Organized for Water), and that our Mayor, Dr. Helen Miller, has ac-

cepted the position of vice chair of the group. My hope is that a big change is coming to our water policies and this time it will be a change for the better.

Another change was brought to my attention when I ordered the wild azaleas for our upcoming Wild Azalea Festival. Our supplier, a man who has been in the nursery business all his life, told me that due to the unseasonably warm weather, there were no wild azaleas with blooms still on them available from any nursery, that they had all bloomed already. He said he had never experienced this before this early in the year. Perhaps this is a warning too. These may seem like big issues but as we receive news about them and, on a more local basis, about community issues such as our school and other important aspects of our life in White Springs, should we not be on the lookout to embrace positive changes and avoid negative ones. It's time to look to the future, to start paying attention and to quit complaining about being "surprised" by these changes when they seem to sneak up on us. We should see them coming! Be aware, be involved and never doubt that your efforts can make a big difference.

I hope to see you out an about, enjoying Life in White Springs.

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White Springs Police Chief Report March 2012

Submitted

Well, here it is March and we have a lot going on here in White Springs for this month. On March 17 we have the Wild Azalea Festival. We will have something going on from one end of town to the other in an effort to offer something for everyone.

To start, there is the actual Festival which will be held downtown, as usual. Then you have the Suwannee Hardware swap meet in the middle of town. Last, but certainly not least, the H.O.P.E. committee with the assistance of your Police Dept. will be sponsoring a large family area with bouncy houses, a petting zoo and pony rides, just to name a few.

This event is being held as a fundraiser for the H.O.P.E. Committee, so be sure to invite all of your family and friends, and have them come spend the day with us. There is a rumor going around that you might even get to dunk the Police Chief in a dunking booth. Now, what could be more

fun than that?

We here at the Police Dept. have not only been busy working on festivals, but have accomplished quite a bit of progress for the department. We have begun testing online citation and traffic crash submission software provided by grant funding through Florida State University. We will also be starting back the Neighborhood Watch meetings every quarter, beginning Thursday, March 8 at 6 p.m. This will be a good platform for anyone having specific concerns about problems in your neighborhood to air them and work on plans to have them addressed. I hope to see you all there.

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

Chief Ken Brookins: 386-397-2222 or kbrookins@whitespringsfl.us

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Support troops in Afghanistan with care boxes

VFW Post 8095 Commander Lamar Royals announces that Hamilton County has another opportunity to bless the soldiers and others serving in Afghanistan. Donations for the boxes are being accepted now at the Jasper Library where lists of what the soldiers request can be picked up. Boxes will be packed from 5-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, at the VFW Post on SR 6, East.

The most requested items are jerky and Slim Jim's, hand sanitizers, indi-

vidually-wrapped pieces of hard candy which the soldiers can give to the Afghani children, wet wipes, breakfast bars, individual packs of powdered drink mixes including Propel, apple cider, hot chocolate and chocolate candy.

Jake told Susan and mark that "the boxes our soldiers get from home are some of what keeps them going." Royals urges the people of Hamilton County to join this effort to encourage and support our troops.

Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department

Submitted

A message from Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) President Margaret A. McDonald.

Pancake Breakfast 50/50 Raffle
Saturday March 10 from 8 a.m. until noon at CVFD, 5769 S.W. CR 141 in Jasper. For more information, please call 386-938-4330. Donations accepted.

Tony Smith, along with our executive board, Explorers, firefighters and loyal members cordially invite the public to support our pancake breakfast. On the menu is sausage or bacon, pancakes and juice or coffee.

The fire department is directed by

Laddie, a good leader who knows the way, shows us all the way, and goes all the way to ensure the success of our small community. So, come out to meet your crew, your neighbors, and support them and thank them for all they do to keep us safe.

We need the funds to keep all equipment safe and get ready for our new firehouse to be built soon. We rely on our three elders, Paul Green, Emil Bednarz and Sam Anderson to guide us. Thank you.

The next board meeting will be held March 15 at 7 p.m. at CVFD. Come out and hear what is going on. Public invited.

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The Special Election will be held on April 10, 2012, in Hamilton County, Florida. A request to hold that Special Election in Hamilton County, Florida has been made by Hamilton Downs Horsetrack, LLC to allow slot machines, under Chapter 551, Florida Statutes, at the aforesaid address.

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OPINION

It just ain't so

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that 2011 manufacturing output grew by 11 percent, to nearly \$5 trillion. Were our manufacturing sector considered a nation with its own gross domestic product, it would be the world's fourth-richest economy. Manufacturing productivity has doubled since 1987, and manufacturing output has risen by one-half. However, over the past two decades, manufacturing employment has fallen about 25 percent. For some people, that means our manufacturing sector is sick. By that criterion, our agriculture sector shares that "sickness," only worse and for a longer duration.

In 1790, 90 percent of Americans did agricultural work. Agriculture is now in "shambles" because only 2 percent of Americans have farm jobs. In 1970, the telecommunications industry employed 421,000 well-paid switchboard operators. Today "disaster" has hit the telecommunications industry, because there are fewer than 20,000 operators. That's a 95 percent job loss. The spectacular advances that have raised productivity in the telecommunications industry have made it possible for fewer operators to handle tens of billions of calls at a tiny fraction of the

1970 cost.

For the most part, rising worker productivity and advances in technology are the primary causes of reduced employment and higher output in the manufacturing, agriculture and telecommunications industries. My question is whether Congress should outlaw these productivity gains in the name of job creation. It would be easy. Just get rid of those John Deere harvesting machines that do in a day what used to take a thousand men a week, outlaw the robots and automation that eliminated many manufacturing jobs and bring back manually operated PBX telephone switchboards. By the way, if technological advances had not eliminated millions of jobs, where in the world would we have gotten the workers to produce all those goods and services that we now enjoy that weren't even thought of decades ago? The bottom line is that the health of an industry is measured by its output, not by the number of people it employs.

When Americans buy



**A
MINORITY
VIEW**

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

more goods from Canadians, Chinese and Mexicans than they buy from us, it's a problem. Or is it? Let's explore whether buying more from a person than he buys from you is a

problem, and let me give a personal example. I buy more from my grocer than he buys from me. In turn, he buys more from his wholesaler than the wholesaler buys from him. But sticking to my grocer and me, let's see whether there's a problem -- what some people might call a trade deficit.

When I spend \$100 at the grocery, my capital account (money) goes down by \$100, but my goods account (groceries) increases by \$100. My grocer's goods account decreases by \$100, while his capital account increases by \$100. There's a trade balance, whether my grocer is down the street, in another state or in another country.

Say Japan's Sony Corp. sells me a \$1,000 television. My capital account goes down by \$1,000, but my goods account rises by \$1,000. Suppose Sony doesn't buy any wheat, corn, cotton or cars from Americans. People are

tempted to say that there's a trade deficit. Not true. Instead of using that \$1,000 to buy goods from us, Sony might purchase stocks and U.S. Treasury bonds from us -- in other words, invest in America. When Sony sells me a television, the corporation's goods account (called "current account" in international trade) goes down by \$1,000, but its capital account (stocks and bonds) rises by \$1,000. Lo and behold, again a balance of trade.

By the way, it would be great if foreigners didn't buy anything from us and just gave us cars, computers, televisions, clothing and other goods in exchange for slips of paper with pictures of past presidents such as George Washington, Andrew Jackson and Ulysses Grant. We could live the life of Riley. The world would bestow all manner of goods and services upon us, and all we'd have to do is have a few Americans employed printing dollars that foreigners would hold precious and keep.

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Healthy Living

Frustrated with weight loss

Losing weight can be a frustrating battle. Getting in physical activity and eating healthy can be conflicting to other priorities--most importantly, time and money. Many of you have, to my delight, begun incorporating healthier lifestyle behaviors. For those of you who haven't let's review.

First and foremost make sure you're eating nutrient dense foods. Sodas, refined sugars (cupcakes, cookies, cakes) and processed foods (frozen meals and fast food), are very energy dense (lots of calories), but very nutritionally deficient. If you are consuming mostly frozen dinners and fast food, the food you are eating contains very little nutrients. So not only are you tipping your energy balance equation to the positive (favoring weight gain), you are depriving yourself of vital nutrients your body needs.

Second, be more active. Physical activity is the single most important determining factor in risk of chronic disease and prediction of longevity. It's simple, if you don't want to live very long and don't want to be healthy then don't be physically active. But who wants that?!

What if you've done all these things and still are not losing weight? Start by defining your caloric profile. Remember to define your caloric intake by your goals: Do I want to gain weight, lose weight, or maintain my weight? To define how many calories you need to maintain weight try this equation: For men: $9.99 \times \text{weight (kilograms)} \div \text{your weight by } 2.2 + 6.25 \times \text{height (in centimeters)} - 1\text{inch} = 2.54\text{cm} - 4.92 \times \text{age} + 5$. For women: $9.99 \times \text{wt (kg)} + 6.25 \times \text{ht (cm)} - 4.92 \times \text{age (yrs)} - 161$. Take me for example. I'm 5'5" which is 60 inches $\times 2.54 = 152.4$ cm. I weigh

$116 / 2.2 = 52.73\text{kg}$. So- $9.99 \times 52.73 + 6.25 \times 152.4 - 4.92 \times 29 - 161 = 1,175.59$ resting metabolic rate (RMR), the calories my body expends just living and breathing. Now I'm going to multiply mine by 1.7 to account for my physical activity (very active for me, if you're not active skip this part, moderately active multiply by 1.5; and slightly active by 1.2), so my final number to maintain my weight would be 1998.5 calories per day. Here's where you play around with energy balance. If you are wanting to lose 1 pound per week (healthy weight loss is 1-2 pounds per week), that's 3,500 calories per week. Divide that number by 7 giving you 500. I would need a 500 daily caloric deficit (1998.5-500) or negative balance, to lose a pound a week. If you need help figuring yours out email me!

Calorie counting is not healthy when it becomes an obsession, however it is necessary to define for yourself your daily caloric needs and goals. Awareness is always the first step! Be patient and loving with yourself throughout this process. Weight loss for many of us means battling lifetime habits and engrained behaviors and beliefs. It takes time to acclimate and adjust to a new lifestyle, so don't rush yourself. Realize the beauty and perfection in your own transformation into a healthier, happier you. And let the transformation begin!



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Share Saturday

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Some of the items already donated include a TV, microwave, household goods and clothes. There will be no charge for anything; everything will be free. The point is to share with others.

New Hope is located at 6592 NW 48th Street in Jennings, just off of State Road 6 West. The public is invited to attend.

VOTE 2012

Hamilton County Referendum

Special Election to Approve or Reject Slot Machine Wagering License

April 10, 2012

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Under Chapter 551, Florida Statutes, a Special Election will be held
April 10, 2012. All Hamilton County registered voters will be eligible to vote.

Early voting dates are March 31st - April 5th

8:30AM - 5:00PM

Hamilton County Supervisor of Elections Office Located in the Courthouse Annex.

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Obituary Heart Matters

Jerry Otis Burnham
March 8, 1941 -
Feb. 18, 2012

Jerry Otis Burnham, 70, of Fort Myers, Fla., passed away Feb. 18, 2012. He was preceded in death by his parents O.C. Burnham and Doris Coleman, and brother Charles Burnham of Jasper, Fla.

Survivors include three children; Otis (April) Burnham, Frank (Nancy) Burnham, both of Ft. Myers, and Yvonne (Kenny) Williams, Ft. Payne, Ala. Also surviving are three sisters; Anabelle Burnham, Lake City, Fla., Ethel Oxendine, Ft. Myers, Linda Cason, Jasper, Fla., sister-in-law Edna Burnham, also of Jasper, six grandchildren, and one great grandchild.



Shenner M. Webb Jr.
Feb. 29, 2012

Mr. Shenner M. Webb Jr., a resident of White Springs, Florida, passed away Feb. 29, 2012 in Shands Gainesville, Florida.

Mr. Webb is survived by his father, Mr. Shenner M. Webb Sr.; mother, Mrs. Aletha Webb; siblings, Angela Webb, Toshika Reid, Felisha Webb, Niki Webb and Racheal Webb.

Funeral services for Mr. Shenner M. Webb will be Saturday, March 10, 2012 in the Zion Temple Holiness Church of White Springs, Florida at 1 p.m.

Interment will be at Swift Creek Cemetery, White Springs, Florida.

Visitation for family and friends will be Friday, March 9, 2012 from 5-7 p.m. at Zion Temple Holiness Church, White Springs, Florida.

D.M. Udell and Sons of D.M. Udell Funeral Home are in charge of all arrangements. Contact D.M. Udell and Sons at 386-362-4189 or by cellular device at 386-209-0223.

Linda Joyce Hawkins

Ms. Linda Joyce Hawkins 54, of Jasper, Florida answered the heavenly master call Friday, March 02, 2012 at Haven Hospice in Lake City. The Home going celebration for Ms. Hawkins will be 11:00 A.M. Saturday, March 10, 2012 at Jesus the Living Word Deliverance Church. Kathy Hawkins is the pastor and Bishop Vivian Hawkins Thompson will officiate. Following the Home going celebration for Ms. Hawkins, her earthen vessel along with family members and friends will be escorted to Friendship Cemetery for Burial in Jasper, Florida. A time to visit with Ms. Hawkins and her family will be Friday, March 09, 2012 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Jesus the Living Word of Deliverance Church. Professional Mortuary Services are entrusted to Eric A. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Inc.

By Angie Land

Everything in our world revolves around time. In fact, a sense of timing is one of the most important elements determining the success or failure of a project or the resolution of a conflict. We see examples of timing in public issues such as the release of a new movie or album, investing in the stock market, or even a politician announcing his or her candidacy for a public office. However, personal issues are also at the mercy of timing. Consider a marriage proposal, a job application, or even a difficult confrontation with a spouse or family member...timing is definitely a consideration in these situations as well!

As we rejoice in Nehemiah this week, let's look at how God answered Nehemiah's prayer for favor with a dose of perfect timing! Chapter 2 begins with an encounter between Nehemiah and King Artaxerxes occurring in the

month of Nisan, which coincides with the month of March on our calendar. A glance back at chapter one reminds us Nehemiah fasted and prayed for "some days" during the month of Kislev, what we know as November. Although we aren't given the specific details during Nehemiah's four-month wait, one factor could be the law forbidding anyone to come into the King's presence without being invited, upon penalty of death. (See Esther 4:11) It is also possible King Artaxerxes was traveling and Nehemiah did not serve him during this period, or perhaps the King and Queen were entertaining guests and Nehemiah had no opportunity to speak to them privately.

What we observe in Nehemiah's four-month wait is the dependence on the sovereignty of God as well as a respect for those in authority over him. Four months gave Nehemiah time to move past an emotional

response to the plight of the exiles living in Jerusalem, and also for God to unfold His plan in Nehemiah's heart and mind. Only when the timing was right did Nehemiah have the ear of the King, and a close look at their conversation reveals God's favor in this encounter:

First, note the King's attentiveness to Nehemiah's countenance. The Persian Empire was vast and riddled with constant threats of war. Despite this, Artaxerxes was not so distracted with obligations or duties that he overlooked Nehemiah's presence. On the contrary, he observed Nehemiah closely and determined that he was not ill, but grieved.

Second, it was Persian law that no one would come into the King's presence while mourning. Perhaps this law was to keep the reality of suffering outside the palace walls. Regardless, it was dangerous for Nehemiah to display a sad

appearance, but as God intervened, the King responded with compassion instead of anger to Nehemiah's sadness of heart.

Third, because verse 6 makes a point to record the presence of the Queen, I believe we can ascribe significance to her influence. History records that King Artaxerxes ruled from 465-424 B.C. His predecessor was King Xerxes, who ruled from 486-465 B.C. and was the husband to Queen Esther, a Jewess who risked her life to protect her people from destruction. Surely Esther's legacy of wisdom and bravery promoted good will toward the Jews among the Persians, and Artaxerxes' queen would have been highly influenced by Esther's example. Can't you picture her giving the King the slightest of nods across the table?

Personally, I believe that authority is one of the biggest elements God uses in our lives concerning timing, and



Nehemiah showed great wisdom in waiting for God's favor to manifest. So, when we ask God to give us favor, especially through another person, let's trust His timing to be perfect, and be ready to move when He opens the door...

Because Every Heart Matters, Angie

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

Benefit sing for the Yeoman's family



Benefit gospel sing for The Yeoman's Family, a southern gospel group who has touched lives in this community spreading God's love in song in many churches across this great nation. Due to sickness and death in their family, a benefit gospel sing/love offering will be held. We can give back to them

what they gave to us. LifeSong will be concert this Saturday night March 10 in Jennings, Florida at Pentecostal Deliverance Center starting at 6 p.m. The concert is free. The church is located across from the school in downtown Jennings, Florida on McCall Street. For more information call 386-590-6267.

Freedom is Here "It is I; Don't Be Afraid!"



By Pastor John Whittington

down to the bottom of the lake.

But it was Jesus!

John 6:20b "It is I; don't be afraid."

Notice what Jesus doesn't say: Jesus doesn't say, "I have the latest NOAA weather report, so don't be afraid!" He doesn't say, "There's a shallow spot right over here, so don't be afraid!" "You're almost to the other side, so don't be afraid!" That's What people

will do. They will try to minimize the storm. Maybe they'll ignore the storm: "Every cloud has a silver lining!" "The sun will come out tomorrow!" "It's always darkest just before you drown... I mean just before the dawn!" We've all been conveyers of cold comfort. Fortunately, that's not how God encourages.

God doesn't minimize

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Keeping close tabs on my investments

by Rev. James L. Snyder

I find it quite amusing that some of the brightest and richest people in our country do not seem to have a clue as to what they are doing. Most do not have the common sense that God gave to a caterpillar. As Abraham Lincoln used to say, common sense is not as common as it used to be. Amen, to that one.

The financial experts are telling us that we need to buy gold or silver to safeguard our investments. I am way ahead of the game. Several years ago, I got a gold tooth. Fortunately, for me, I got it before the financial crisis in our country. I cannot tell you what a remarkable feeling it is to walk around with your fortune in your mouth.

I hear about all of the investment schemes that are supposed to make me rich. I have a sneaking suspicion that the only people getting rich are those with the investment schemes. They want us to buy stocks

and bonds and futures. I never heard of anything so silly in all my life.

What would I do with stocks, bonds and futures, whatever in the world they are, in my portfolio. I have no idea what a portfolio is but I am certain it has something to do with these investment schemes. I just do not want anybody following around with my port, thank you very much, sir.

If I got my facts right, and I looked it up in the dictionary, port has something to do with wine. Why would I want to put a bottle of port into my folio and pretend it is some kind of an investment?

I really have to give it to these investment schemers. They really know how to pull the wool over our eyes. I want to go on record as saying that they are not pulling any wool over my eyes. Just leave my wool pulled, it certainly will not be over my eyes,

SEE KEEPING, PAGE 8A

Church & Family Go Together

ADVENT CHRISTIAN	BAPTIST (Southern)	METHODIST	PRESBYTERIAN
FIRST ADVENT CHRISTIAN NW 15th Avenue, Jasper Rev. Wayne Sullivan Sunday Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. 717860F	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH "Where Friends Become a Family" 207NE 2nd St, Jasper 32052 Pastor Roger Hub Sunday Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Supper 6:00 p.m. Children, Youth & Adult Programs 6:30 p.m. 717850F	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 405 Central Ave, Jasper, FL Pastor David Ames Phone 386-792-1122 Sunday Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Church Social Saturday 1:00 p.m. 717823F	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 204NW 3rd Avenue, Jasper 32052 Pastor Alexander Hedek SUNDAY Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Prayer Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. 717818F
BAPTIST (Southern) NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH SRW 6652NW 48th St Jennings, FL 32053 939-6611 Pastor Ed Cordao Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship, Youth Happening, RA's, G.A's 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Supper 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Discipleship class for adults, Youth activities, Children's Choirs 6:30 p.m. Van pick-up upon request 717856F	CATHOLIC CHURCH ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH Thee #30 North Jasper St 41 PO Box 890, Jasper, FL 32052 Rectory 939-6611-1108 888-364-1108 Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m. 717846F	NON-DENOMINATIONAL BURNHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH 4520NW CR 146, Jennings, FL 32053 938-1265 Pastor Johnny Brown Sunday Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Kids Program 6:00 p.m. 717819F	
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH 12th Ave SW, Jasper, FL 32052 792-2275 Pastor Steve Shaw Sunday Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Church Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m. 717852F	CHURCH OF CHRIST CHURCH OF CHRIST NW 3rd St, Jasper Bldg 792-2277 Sunday Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m. 717824F	<p style="text-align: center;"> To list your church on our church directory, please call Brenda at 1-800-525-4182 </p>	



Sports

Pollock named First Team All-Conference



Malcolm Pollock goes in for a dunk versus Jamestown College, back on December 17th, in Lakeland.

Senior helped Fire to a 10-6 Conference record

Editor's note: Malcolm Pollock is a Hamilton County High School graduate.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.--Southeastern University closed out their NAIA Sun Conference season, Thursday night, Feb. 23, with their annual conference banquet which was hosted this year by Northwood University.

Senior, Malcolm Pollock, was named First Team All-Conference, and becomes the first player in program history to achieve First Team All-Conference honors.

Pollock averaged 13.8 points, 5.1 rebounds, and 2.2 assists per game this season, in one of the toughest NAIA D-II conferences in America. Currently four conference schools are ranked

in the NAIA's Top 25, with Northwood sitting No. 1 in the latest polls.

Pollock was second in the conference with a 59 percent shooting percentage, while often defending his competitor's top offensive player.

It was the second straight year Pollock was recognized by the coaches within the conference, as last season he was named a Second Team All-Con-

ference player. He averaged 15.1 points, 5.1 rebounds, and 2.5 assists per game during the 2010-2011 season.

Senior, Arthur Jackson, received the Champions of Character award, which is given to a student athlete who represents the NAIA's five core values exceptionally on and off the court.

Story courtesy of the Southeastern University Fire.

Malcolm Pollock

#11

Position: F Ht.: 6-4 Wt.: 195

Hometown: Jasper, Fla.

Previous School: Hamilton County HS

Eligibility: Sr. Major: Psychology

AT SOUTHEASTERN

JUNIOR (2010-2011): Played in 37 games...Led the team in scoring with 15.14 points per game...Averaged 5.14 rebounds, 2.57 assists, and 1.19 steals blocks... Named Second Team NCCAA D1 and NAIA Second Team All-Conference...Recipient of the MVP and Male Athlete of the Year Awards...Scored 22 points and grabbed five rebounds against Ave Maria University on 12/1/2011...Game high 25 points in a loss against Edward Waters College on 1/5/2011...Scored 25 points and grabbed six rebounds in a win over St. Thomas University on 1/31/2011...Contributed 22 points in a win over Truett-McConnell at the NCCAA D1 South Regional Tournament on 3/7/2011...Scored season high 27 points, dished out seven assists, and grabbed six rebounds in a win over North Greenville University at the NCCAA D1 South Region Championship.

SOPHOMORE (2009-2010): Appeared in 36 games...Named 2010 NCCAA II Second Team All-American...Named 2010 First Team South Region...Averaged 14.4 points, 8.1 rebounds, 2.7 assists, and 1.4 steals per game...Scored season high 26 points versus Trinity College on 1/12/2010...Scored 24 points versus Florida Christian College on 11/17/2009...Grabbed a season high 17 rebounds and added a season high five blocks versus Southeastern Bible College on 11/24/2009...Dished out eight assists three times in 2009-2010, which is a career high.

FRESHMAN (2008-2009): Appeared in 37 games...Led the Fire with a 53.5% shooting percentage...Averaged 10.0 points, 5.4 rebounds, and 1.0 steals per game...Primarily the Fire's sixth man coming off the bench as a freshman...Named team's 'Most Improved Player' by Coach Dunlap... Scored a career high 22 points and grabbed seven rebounds in a loss to Valley Forge Christian College on 1/16/09...Scored 12 points and grabbed four rebounds in 2009 NCCAA II National Tournament game versus Southwestern Christian University on 3/12/09...Scored 12 points in first round victory over Southwestern College on 3/10/09...Had 13 points in victory over Trinity College in first round of South Region Tournament on 2/26/09...Scored a game high 17 points on Homecoming night in victory over Piedmont Baptist Bible College on 2/6/09...Scored 13 points and had nine rebounds in a loss to St. Thomas University on 12/5/08...Scored 13 points and added eight rebounds in loss to Southeastern Bible College on 11/20/08.

HIGH SCHOOL: Named his team's Most Valuable Player his senior year...Averaged 12 points and five rebounds per game his senior year.

PERSONAL: Son of Dwight and Jackie Pollock...Psychology major...Went on a mission trip to Columbia this past summer...Also, volunteered as a camp counselor at Kids Across America in Missouri.



Malcolm Pollock

Suwannee Chapter of the Florida Trail Assn. meeting

The Suwannee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 12, 2012, at the Suwannee River Water Management District Office, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. (The office is located on the corner of US 90 and CR 49, 2 miles east of Live Oak.)

The program this month will feature a presentation by Jeanne Van Arsdall, wildlife photographer from Lake City. She will be sharing a slideshow on "Wildlife of Africa". Jeanne spent twelve days on safari in Tanzania, photographing big game, the Ngorongoro Crater, the Great Rift Valley, mountains and scenery around Mount Kilimanjaro and the Serengeti Plains.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Suwannee Chapter of the Florida Trails Association has the responsibility of maintaining trails that includes the Foley and Econfina sections from the Econfina River in the Big Bend, east to the Suwannee River State Park at Ellaville. The Ellaville sections include river front hiking along the Suwannee and Withlacoochee Rivers. The chapter keeps these trails that are located in Madison, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties, maintained for the hiking public as well as chapter members.

For more information contact: Sylvia Dunam, Chapter Chair 386-362-3256, Irv Chance, 386-330-2424.

Sportsman's Banquet AND Outdoorsman's Extravaganza!

March 17, 2012

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Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent Johnny Bullard

Front porches and rocking chairs--So much of my childhood was spent sitting on the front steps of my paternal grandmother's home on Mill Street in White Springs, as the "grown folks" rocked in rocking chairs on the front porch and visited.

When the adults made the decision to discuss a subject "for adults only", the pronouncement, not the pleading question, from Grandma Bullard was very clearly stated "Go out in the yard and play now--grown people are talking." That meant for you to move away, way away, from where the adults were visiting. She didn't repeat it twice.

During the seven or eight months of mildly warm to scorchingly hot weather with with we are blessed in north Florida, the front porch served as a place where family members and friends gathered to share memories, stories, and, in the case of my family, a lot of humor and laughter. In the days

of my childhood, a visit meant something to the host, as well as to the visitor. In the White Springs, Florida, of my childhood, most visits were impromptu. Friends, family members, and neighbors "dropped in". Each was greeted warmly, and in the case of my Grandma Bullard, a visit wasn't complete unless the visitor was offered a cool drink, a cup of coffee, and, in many instances, a piece of homemade pound cake, or some other homemade dessert--I especially remember her bread pudding.

Visits were an opportunity to hear about what was going in the lives of those who visited, as well as the host, and to share other community news, as well as to reminisce about "days gone by" and to tell stories. I loved the stories the best. People knew "how to" converse, and conversation, good conversation, is an "art" that is sadly becoming very rare.

At this time of year when the banks

of the Suwannee take on "new life" in various shades of green, folks seemed to naturally navigate to the front porch. If the temperature proved to be a little warm or humid, someone was sent into the house to bring out some extra fan "hand fans" so visitors could leisurely "fan themselves", as they visited. The hand fans were valued in a couple of ways--they kept the warm air circulating around one's face and head, and the motion of the fan at least temporarily "addled" pesky insects.

At times, too, depending on the scenes printed on the hand fans, an opportunity was afforded, at least in the case of my grandma, for a mini scripture lesson. Scenes on the covers of the hand fans often depicted "Jesus Praying in the Garden", or "Jesus Standing at the Door and Knocking" or "Jesus Feeding the Lambs". The hand fans usually advertised local funeral homes and "B.A.C." --"Before Air Conditioning", the hand fans were used with gusto by church goers and those who attended funerals, weddings, and other special events.

In my case, the funeral home hand fans were, more often than not, used to point out my "errant ways" or some action I had taken that proved disappointing to my grandma or one of my great aunts.

During my childhood, the sign that a verbal and/or physical disagreement "between" or, at times "among", you and your friends, had reached the point of "no reconciliation" (in other words you'd been in "a devil of a row")--The words would issue forth "You can go home!! You go home!! " This going home, in most instances, might last for the most severe disagreements, no more than a few hours--then all was forgotten and you were "playing"

together again.

I know, at times, Grandma Bullard or one of her sisters, and she had eight, my beloved Joyner "great aunts"--overheard me in my childish disagreements and arguments. They didn't just have eyes in the back of their heads--they had them all the way around their heads, and ears that heard A LOT." I have to admit, they were the masters at "dime store psychology"--they would wait a while after my infraction and, then, as they sipped a glass of iced tea, and fanned, they would call me over and say "Look here at this fan", and then would issue forth the lesson about the goodness, kindness, and patience of the Master and the Beatitudes, hitting hard upon "Blessed are the peacemakers".

I wish I could relate that I always listened to these lessons--Sadly, I did not, but at times I would and, at times, the tears would flow, and, then, at other times, I would inwardly, not outwardly, I wasn't that stupid, roll my eyes and think "When will this come to an end?", as they told the story. I wish I had taken them all to heart.

In the present day, we face many challenges and changes, but here in the Suwannee River Valley as real as those changes are--We do have constancy and consistency--once again, the dogwood and redbud trees are in full bloom, bumble bees are buzzing through the humid air, and azaleas are displaying their full glory.

From my own rocking chair on a screened front porch, not too far from the banks of the Suwannee, I know the world is full of the click, click, clicking of text messages and lightning speed internet, but, as I close my eyes, I am transported to more leisurely time and to the scene of my Grandma Bullard's front porch lined with rocking chairs--and, in those chairs, friends and relatives laughing, talking, and enjoying each other...It's a good memory and a time and place for which I am thankful.

Children and young people today have many wonderful, high tech toys, but I would trade them "all" for one more afternoon rocking and visiting on that front porch. During this season of "rebirth" and "renewal", my spirit is truly refreshed by the precious memories of the "front porch" and the "rocking chair".

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

Jasper Legals

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Hamilton County School Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 12, 2012. It will begin immediately following the regular business meeting, which begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the school district administration building in Jasper, Florida. The purpose of the hearing is to consider changes to the following board policies:

- 3.18 School Calendar-Adopt
- 3.20 Visitor Identification Measure-Revise
- 3.41 Service Animals-Adopt
- 4.71 Participation of Home Education & Private School Students in Extracurricular Activities-Revise
- 5.20 Directory Information-Revise
- 5.40 Children of Military Families-Adopt
- 7.01 School Budget System-Revise
- 7.121 Antifraud-Revise
- 8.33 Telecommunication Plan, FIRN2 and Internet Use-Revise

Reason for changes: various

Authority: 1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.

Estimated economic impact: minimum

A complete copy of these rules are available for review at the office of the Superintendent of Schools; Jasper, Florida.

HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

By: /s/ Martha Butler
Martha Butler, Superintendent

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board, with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, that person will need a record of the proceedings; and for such purpose that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

HAMILTON COUNTY WILL RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

WHITE SPRINGS BRANCH LIBRARY
WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA
NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC. PROJECT NO.: L100715HAM

Date & Time for Receiving Bids:
11:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME, MARCH 27, 2012

Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting:
4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, HAMILTON COUNTY ANNEX, MARCH 8, 2012

Place for Receiving Bids:
Hamilton County Clerk of Courts, 207 NE First Street, Jasper, FL 32052 (386) 792-1288

Bid Documents Prepared By:
NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC., P.O. Box 3823, Lake City, Florida 32056 (386) 752-4675, FAX (386) 755-4674

Bid Documents Available from:
The Engineer's Office

Deposit for Bid Documents:
Prime Contractors for payment of \$250.00 per set with a two (2) set maximum. Payments of Contractors are non-refundable. Bidders using partial sets of Documents are fully responsible for any errors or omissions made due to not reviewing the entire set of Construction Documents.

Project Description:
Construction of a 3,854 SF conventional frame building with lap siding/brick veneer and metal roofing. Site work, including a paved parking area, a storm water facility and ingress/egress elements will be constructed by others.

Date of Advertisement:
March 1 & March 8, 2012

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
207 NORTHEAST FIRST STREET,
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JASPER, FLORIDA 32052
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. 12-6-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF

FRED BASS, JR.
a/k/a FRED JUNIOR BASS

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Fred Bass, Jr. a.k.a. Fred Junior Bass, deceased, whose date of death was April 22, 2011, and whose social security

Jasper Legals

number is 262-72-5363, is pending in the Circuit Court for HAMILTON County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 207 NE 1st Street, Room 106, Jasper, Florida 32052. The name and address of the personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is March 8, 2012.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Kevin MacWilliam
Florida Bar No. 0991790
MacWilliam, McCain & Hill
1826 14th Avenue, Suite 201
Vero Beach, Florida 32960
Telephone: (772) 564-6112
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2011-CA-358

GLORIA J. McGAULEY, individually and as the surviving spouse of LEON C. McGAULEY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS NOVOTASKY, a/k/a THOMAS FRANCES NOVOTASKY, a/k/a THOMAS F. NOVOTASKY, deceased, and DEANNA RENE NOVOTASKY, and all unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant; and other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 23, 2012 in the above referenced case in which Gloria J. McGauley, individually and as the surviving spouse of Leon C. McGauley is Plaintiff, and Thomas Novotasky, a/k/a Thomas Frances Novotasky, a/k/a Thomas F. Novotasky, deceased, and Deanna Rene Novotasky; 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, are Defendants, I, GREG GODWIN, Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Hamilton County Courthouse or such other location in the Hamilton County Courthouse in Jasper, Florida, as I as the Clerk of the Court may designate at the time of sale, at 11:00 o'clock A. M. on the 22nd day of March, 2012, the following described property set forth in the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

A piece or parcel of land in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Township 1 North, Range 12 East, Hamilton County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 22 run South 89 degrees 32'08" West along the 40 line a distance of 1737.42 feet; thence North 01 degrees 02'52" West a distance of 453.20 feet to Point of Beginning; thence North 86 degrees 40'08" East a distance of 180.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 02'52" West a distance of 420.00 feet; thence South 86 degrees 40'08" West a distance of 180.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees

Jasper Legals

0252" East, a distance of 420.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with an easement described as follows: Commence at the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 1 North, Range 12 East run S 89 degrees 32'08" West along the 40 line a distance of 1,737.42 feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence North 01 degrees 02'52" West along the East side 40 foot easement a distance of 453.20 feet; Thence South 86 degrees 40'08" West a distance of 40 feet to the West side of said 40 foot easement; Thence South 01 degrees 02'52" East along said West side of easement a distance of 453.20 feet; Thence North 89 degrees 32'08" East a distance of 40 feet to Point of Beginning.

Together with a 2003 Double Wide Mobile Home, VIN: JACFL23434A and JACFL23434B.

Together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto and appertaining unto the said Mortgage, its successors and assigns forever.

Any and all bidders, parties or other interested persons shall contact the information desk of the Clerk of the Court prior to the scheduled foreclosure sale who will advise of the exact location in the Hamilton County Courthouse for the foreclosure sale.

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.

[NOTE: 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 Court Administrator, Post Office Box 1569, Lake City, Florida 32056-1569, Telephone: (386) 758-2163, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice or pleading. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call: 1-800-955-8771.]

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 23rd day of February, 2012 at Jasper, Hamilton County, Florida.

(Court Seal) HONORABLE GREG GODWIN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By /s/ Cynthia Johnson
As Deputy Clerk

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03/08, 15

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOHN J. KETETAS the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year(s) of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO.: 682
Issued May 30, 2008

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Parcel No. 4837-025
Section 15 Township 2N Range 11E
Lot 16 Horse Country 1 at Oak Woodlands ORB 420-79 ORB 532-480

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
Demetrio & Nora Banaag

All of said property being in the County of Hamilton, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Front Door of the Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2012.

Pursuant to Chapter 197.52(2), Florida Statutes, the highest bidder is required to post a non-refundable cash deposit of \$200 with the Clerk of Court at the time of the sale, to be applied to the sale price at the time of full payment. The Clerk may require bidders to show their willingness and ability to post the cost deposit.

/s/Kristy Morgan
Greg Godwin
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hamilton County, Florida
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**R-U-READY?
Y'ALL COME -YA HEAR?**

Norris Notes

By Lillian Norris

Hello, again - we have escaped the bad weather again, thankfully. At this writing it is a beautiful day!

We hope that the Relay for Life is on your mind, many events are ahead leading up to the BIG WEEKEND. The first weekend in April, as we said it seemed like such a long way off when we started talking about it, but it is almost here and we hope we are all ready for a successful weekend. Barbara Butler informs us that the committee is in need of entertainment, if you are interested please contact her so that preparations can be made for your offering, whatever you are able to contribute. If you have not already volunteered to participate

in the Relay in any way, please contact Barbara to let her know how you would like to contribute. Let's make this the best ever. The Relay will be starting at noon on Saturday, April 14th, ending with a church service at 7 AM, April 15th, if I have used April 7th before, I stand corrected, for some reason I had been thinking it was the first weekend in April, then realized that is Easter weekend, knew it would not have been planned like that.

Last weekend was a special one for Larry and Mary B. Cail, they celebrated the birthdays of their two grandchildren with family get-together. Amy Grace (daughter of Jodi and Philip Gibson) turned three; and Carter (son of Amy and Alan Jacobs) turned 10. Amy and Carter came over from Tallahassee on Friday evening and they all

went to Jacksonville on Saturday for a party and picnic in the park in Jacksonville, Riverside. They had a great time, the weather waited until after the party and all got home safely, after a feast of Pizza and birthday cake.

We are glad to have Sue Fennell back with us. Her son, Rusty and his wife, Vicki (Goolsby) Fennell will be living here, they will be living together and we welcome all of them back to Hamilton County.

The Bullard family will be bringing message in song at First United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 13th - this Sunday the Georgians will be at their Church for a message in song..

Hope to hear from you! Have a good week.

Lillian Norris
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Keeping close tabs on my investments

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I will tell you that right here. This wool pulling sounds more like sheep fleecing to me, and I want nothing to do with it.

For me I have discovered a way of safeguarding my wealth. My basic financial philosophy is simply spend less than I make. I know that is a revolutionary concept in today's world, but it has stood me in good stead for many a year.

We live in a culture that has absolutely no spending control whatsoever. This culture does not know the relationship between saving money and spending money.

For example. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came home the other day and in a very exuberant tone told me how much she saved at the grocery store. "I saved \$119.23 today at the grocery store. Isn't

that terrific?" Being the humble, demure sort of guy that I am, I did not ask her a question that was buzzing around my head at the time. The question was, how much did it cost me to save you that much money?

Having a happy home is more important to me than exploring truth at its core. Especially in this area.

My financial strategy down through the years has been a very regular and wise investment plan. I am not quite sure how I came up with this marvelous plan, but one day it just hit me. Ever since that time, I have been using my financial investment plan.

My investment plan only cost me \$19.79 back in the year of our Lord 1986. Since that time, it has faithfully served me and I have no complaints. I have through the years thought about upgrading my invest-

ment plan, but then what would the purpose be?

Back in 1986, I saw in the men's department of the JCPenney store in our community a very nicely tailored navy blue and gold striped gentleman's vest. It immediately caught my attention and as I examined it, I noticed that inside this vest was a variety of pockets. I looked at them and that is when it hit me.

Down through the years I have often wondered why somebody else did not come up with this idea. I guess I am just a genius.

I bought the vest and brought it home and hung it in my closet after I first labeled each of the inside pockets. There was a pocket for dollar bills, one for five-dollar bills, one for ten-dollar bills and one that I do not use as often for \$20 bills. Every time I have a little bit of change left over I go to my closet turned to my best and invest that money where nobody can find it.

My investment plan is more or less an in and out exchange program. When I have a need, I sometimes divest some money. Through the years, it has been a great blessing in my investment plan and is something that I am rather proud of.

Solomon put it in great perspective concerning wealth when he said, "Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain" (Proverbs 30:8-9 KJV).

My investment plan is well buttoned up for future security.

Freedom is Here

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the storm. God maximizes Himself!

He doesn't say, "It's not as bad as you thought so don't be afraid!"

"It looks like it's clearing up, so don't be afraid!"

"You're almost to the other side, so don't be afraid!"

Jesus says, "It is I - all the reason you need to not be afraid."

"The storm is bad, but it is I! So don't be afraid!"

"You're not getting any closer to land, but

it is I! So don't be afraid!"

"The water is coming over into the boat but it is I! So don't be afraid!"

He is bigger than your storm, greater than any distance and he can keep the most hopeless situation not only floating, but sailing!

Don't try to minimize your storm. Maximize your God!

Pastor John Whittington
Lighthouse Christian Center
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Barton Cemetery Road to be re-opened soon

By Joyce Marie Taylor

PCS Phosphate White Springs announced that Barton Cemetery Road, also known as S.E. 129 Place in Hamilton County will be re-opening soon, seven to eight months ahead of schedule, according to public affairs manager Mike Williams.

"This road is an unpaved dirt connector road approximately 1.6 miles in length," said Williams.

The road (129th Place) starts at CR 137 north of Friendship Baptist Church and runs north-

northwest until connecting into S.E. 120th Road, which is also an unpaved dirt road that runs from CR 137 to SR 6 east of Jasper.

"This road was temporarily closed in early 2009 after several public meetings and board action in late 2008," Williams explained. "The closure was for a period of approximately four years until mining and reclamation was completed."

Williams said that at the time of closure Commissioner Harry "Buster"

Oxendine requested that PCS re-open S.E. 129th Place as soon as feasible. During the time of temporary closure Oxendine has tracked the progress of PCS in the area and kept himself knowledgeable of the status of the issue. PCS anticipates that road construction of 129th place will be completed in approximately one month.

"Following seasoning of the road and inspection and acceptance of the road by county officials, it will be reopened," said Williams.

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