

WHITE SPRINGS ELECTION REMINDER

Charter amendments on ballot

The town of White Springs will be holding an election on Tuesday, April 24 for voters to approve or deny two charter amendments; one for fire protection services and one regarding bond issues. All three town council seats that were up for re-election had no opposition, so the current three will be sworn in again. Be sure to get out and vote.



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Today's Weather

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Political announcements

A note from the editorial board

Any candidate that wishes to publish an announcement on the front page of the newspaper may do so. The first announcement is free. Anything after will be a paid political advertisement.

An announcement is basically a news story, usually written by the candidate, announcing them, their pledges and so on.

We are aware that the political season is upon us and has been. However, if you would like to run an announcement, please email it to editor at jeff.waters@gafnews.com For announcements, please include a photo of yourself. Any questions? Don't hesitate to call the editor at 386-362-1734.



Drug takeback day is April 28

By Joyce Marie Taylor

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Hamilton County law enforcement officials will be participating in National Prescription Drug Takeback Day on Saturday, April 28 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Collection sites will be at the following locations:

- Jasper City Park
- Jennings Public Library
- White Springs Police Department

The U.S. Department of Justice stated that during last October's event a

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As of Wednesday, April 18, FDLE Public Information Officer Keith Kameg stated there has been no change in the status of review on the complaint against White Springs Town Manager Robert Townsend.

Town manager duties discussed

Interim town manager placed

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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Editor's note: A meeting was held in White Springs Wednesday night, after our deadline, to continue discus-

sion on the town manager position. See a story on what happened online at nflaonline.com or pick up the April 26 edition of The Jasper News.

With White Springs Town Manager Robert

Townsend out on paid administrative leave since March 28, the town council at their meeting Tuesday, April 10, discussed the issue of town management and what the duties of the town manager are, as well

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Hall takes Ajax out for a spin. Courtesy Photo

STEAM-POWERED BLISS

Locals lay claim to 1920 tugboat

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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Steve Hall of Live Oak has had a passion for steam-powered engines for many years and he recently showed off his 1920 steam-powered tugboat named Ajax at the 24th Annual Antique Tractor and Engine Show at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park in White Springs recently; a working tugboat no less.

Hall was born and raised in Washington, D.C. and



- Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

Steve Hall shows off a burning wallet trick in front of his prized Ajax.

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Thousands attend tractor show

By Joyce Marie Taylor

The 24th Annual Antique Tractor and Engine Show held April 5, 6 and 7 brought thousands of visitors out to Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park. The show was sponsored by the

Tractor Show Committee, the Erixton family, Stephen Foster Citizen's Support Organization, the town of White Springs and the entire staff of Stephen Foster Folk Culture Cen-

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- Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

Tractors of several brands and which span multiple eras were on display.

Swing into action 'fore' the youth

By Joyce Marie Taylor

The 5th Annual Golf Tournament sponsored by Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition will be held on Friday, April 27 at Suwannee River Valley Golf Course, 8055 US 129 South in Jasper. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided and there will also be door prizes.

If you would like to sponsor a hole, please contact Project Director Grace McDonald at 386-938-4911 or Laura Dees at the supervisor of elections office, 386-792-1426.

"We appreciate all the support we receive every year," said McDonald. "It's what keeps us going."

For more information on the Coalition log on to www.saynohamco.org



Town manager duties discussed

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as the duties of the wastewater plant operator. These two positions were held by Townsend. Currently, Town Clerk Shirley Heath is acting as interim town manager.

The discussion began with Finance Director Pam Tomlinson, who advised the council she was concerned with the wastewater facility account. There are two loans, she said; one with the Department of Environmental Protection and the other with rural development.

Tomlinson said the town recently received a letter from the DEP regarding an analysis they did on the loan, stating that with the current interest earnings and the economic downturn there probably won't be enough money left in that account to satisfy the loan. The loan, which is paid semi-annually, works out to be \$97,000 per year, she said, and the total current balance is \$586,000.

"So, the remaining 12 payments on that loan will have to be incurred by the town," said Tomlinson.

She advised the council that they would need to incorporate that expense into their next budget.

Mayor Helen Miller, chair, advised the board they needed to be sure to factor this expense into the budget when they go through the budget process later in the year, so they don't encounter major problems down the road. Miller said she and the town council welcome the citizens of the town to attend their budget workshop when the time comes.

"We don't have an emergency now, but if we plan properly and are careful in how we al-

locate funds, there won't be a problem, but this was something that was unanticipated," she said.

Tomlinson said, "This is a lot of money to come up with to budget for and I don't know where it is going to come from."

With Townsend out on paid administrative leave and not knowing how long he will be away, Kenneth Hutcherson was appointed interim director of the utilities department by a unanimous vote of the town council.

Miller said the council needs to review the job requirements of the town manager, as well as what is in the charter and the contract agreement for that position.

Councilman Richard Marshall said that since they are looking at contracting with an outside source to assist with the water/wastewater plant, he didn't think it was prudent to continue to pay Townsend for those services while he is out on paid leave, which was agreed to at a previous meeting.

As of Friday, April 17, FDLE Public Information Officer Keith Kameg stated there has been no change in the status of review on the complaint against Townsend.

Tomlinson also advised the board that their auditor will be coming in on May 1 to do the audit.

The next item was to discuss an addendum to a rental agreement between the town and the tenant renting Old Town Hall, Betty's Upholstery Shop. The tenant has been renting the space for years with no increase in rent. Although the council approved the addendum 3-2 to not raise the rent for another year, everyone agreed that they should consider raising the rent when the next cycle comes up

and give the tenant ample notice, or even selling the property.

Vice Mayor Walter McKenzie, who opposed

the motion, stated, "I think she is a valuable tenant and a valuable asset to the town. I just didn't feel like we had an

agreement where she expected us to stay at \$300 a month."

McKenzie said if the tenant stays at the loca-

tion it would be good for the town, as well as the owner of the business because she contributes a lot to the town.

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later moved to western Pennsylvania. He and his wife Darlene now live in Live Oak and can lay claim to something most folks can't - ownership of a steam powered water vessel that was pulled from the bottom of the Baltimore Harbor and restored.

It was during a hurricane the Ajax sank, but Hall wasn't certain which hurricane, or whether it was 1968 or 1969.

After the boat was retrieved from the harbor it was stored in a barn for many years. It was eventually shipped up to New Hampshire Boatwrights for repairs, which included replacing one side and putting a new bottom on the boat.

The Walatka Boat Shop, which is down near Palatka, built the cab for the boat and once it was completed the first test run was done in Silver Springs.

There was still rotted wood in the roof and the fore and aft decks, but overall, Hall said the hull was in excellent shape. The old boiler had unfortunately bitten the dust from age and neglect. In Hall's opinion, the boiler was too small for the boat, anyway, so he installed a larger, more modern one. It was truly a task of love and determination just trying to get the old one out without further damaging the main

structure.

"The tin bucket covering the smokestack had a big hole rotted through the middle and water had been pouring down the stack into the old boiler," Hall wrote in an online journal.

He also said the flue sheet and tubes were shot and rotted out.

"The two cylinder, 10 horsepower compounding steam engine is the original engine that was on the boat when I bought it," said Hall.

Ajax, he said, can get up to 6 knots on the water, but it can't sustain that speed for long. Since the boat has a flat bottom, he said, only the large keel hangs down in the water.

Getting the boat onto the trailer was a challenge at first, but Hall now has it down to a science.

"I can just float it up on there," he said. "I can

load this thing up on my trailer by myself and unload it by myself."

Running the boat literally costs nothing because it runs on steam from burning wood. Hall said he likes to use dried cherry wood because it burns hotter than other types of wood. If cherry wood isn't available he uses hard oak, but he said it doesn't put out as much heat as the cherry.

The big cost is the diesel fuel to trailer the boat back and forth to different events and river excursions.

After all the extensive restoration to Ajax, the Hall's are proud to take their friends out on leisurely trips, usually up and down the Mount Dora Canal and the Dead River. Hall said the sight of the tugboat chugging along the river is reminiscent of scenes from the "African Queen", a 1951 classic

movie starring Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn.

Over the years, Hall has owned steam engines and steam tractors, and at one time he and his wife owned three steam locomotives, so their fascination with the technology is clearly evident and explains why they bought Ajax.

When asked how much he paid for the boat, all Hall would say is, "a lot."

Aside from his fascination with steam engines, Hall indulges in another fun amusement which is burning wallets. You heard it right. Burning wallets. He gets a kick out of demonstrating it to anyone who asks. The novelty wallet, he said, is sold in the U.S., but he buys and sells cheaper ones that he gets from Hong Kong. In fact, he just ordered another dozen of them.



Truly a scene reminiscent of the "African Queen." Courtesy Photo

Police may have suspect in WS dollar store robbery

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gunpoint on the night of March 27 by what is described to be a young black male approximately 6'2"-6'3" and weighing about 230 pounds according to investigators. The suspect robbed two clerks and one customer of an undetermined amount of money and then fled the area.

Officer Jason Golub was on duty the night of the robbery in White Springs and Brookins said he has been doing some excellent investigative work.

A similar armed robbery occurred at the Family Dollar Store in Live Oak on April 2 reportedly by two males shortly after the store

opened. The two suspects forced five customers to the back of the store. Brookins stated that a dollar store in Valdosta was also robbed recently but said it's unclear if all three robberies are related.

"In the three separate robberies, Officer Golub is the only one who has come up with the name of a potential suspect," Brookins said. "Needless to say, it's just a suspect. We haven't found him yet, but that's a far cry from what we had the last time."

The investigation is ongoing at this time. Anyone with information is asked to call the Hamilton County Crime Stoppers at 386-792-8477 or Officer Jason Golub at 386-397-2222.

Slots referendum passes

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General Pam Bondi gave a formal opinion on the issue of county referendum authorizations to allow slot machines.

In a lengthy letter to the Secretary of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations, Ken Lawson, Bondi summed up her opinion stating, "The Department is not authorized to issue a slot machine license to a pari-mutuel facility in a county which, pursuant to the third clause of section 551.102(4), Florida Statutes, holds a county-wide referendum to approve such machines, absent a statutory or constitutional provision enacted after July 1, 2010, authorizing such referendum."

Bondi further stated,

"It is important to note that at the time the Legislature considered the 2009 amendments to the definition of 'eligible facility', no constitutional or statutory provision of Florida law provided for a referendum to approve slots in any county other than Miami-Dade and Broward. Those counties - and only those counties - gained the approval to hold slots-approval referenda when the voters in 2004 adopted what is now Article X, section 23 of the Florida Constitution."

Ken Lawson said his department will be following Bondi's opinion.

"We are still in the process of reviewing the opinion received from the Attorney General, but it appears that a county referendum to

authorize slot machines that is held without specific legislative or constitutional authority will not serve as qualification for a facility to become eligible to apply for a slot machine license. We intend to follow the guidance outlined in the opinion," said Lawson.

That isn't stopping the excitement of the man who brought the referendum to the forefront, however.

"All I can say is great!" said Hamilton Jai Alai & Poker/Hamilton Downs Race Track owner, Robert Glenn Richards, who paid for the election.

There are still things to be worked out, he said, but he is in the process of getting plans drawn up for the hotel/casino that he says will eventually be constructed on the horse track property. Barrel racing, he said, will begin at the end of this year and continue into 2013.

"It's a huge thing and a lot of tax money for the county," said Richards.

Of the 7,793 registered voters in Hamilton County, only 25 percent chose to place their vote on the issue of allowing a slot machine wagering license. There were 1,168 yes votes and 744 who voted no, for a total of 1,912 votes that were

counted by the supervisor of elections office.

Hamilton County Supervisor of Elections, Laura Dees said, "The poll workers did an excellent job and the voters were very mannerly. There were no incidents."

Dees also stated she was pleased with the election process and appreciated the voters using their right to vote and make their voices heard.

"Hopefully, we will have a much larger percentage turnout in the August 14 election," said Dees.

According to news sources, Administrative Law Judge Cathy Sellers recently heard three days of testimony on the legality of pari-mutuel wagering on quarter horse barrel racing. Those proceedings are set to resume on June 26.

The controversy began last year when traditional quarter horse racing interests challenged the state's decision to allow Gretna Horse Track in Gadsden County to hold barrel racing events as the first step toward gaining a slot machine wagering license. Hamilton County followed suit and voters passed a slots referendum vote on April 10. Meanwhile, the debate continues.

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ter State Park and Big Shoals State Park. A special thank you goes out to Claude and Sandra Starling for their immeasurable help in organizing the event.

The schedule of events spanning the three days was extensive and included exhibits, demonstrations, tractor pulls and races, children's games and contests, and an antique car show, along with an assortment of foods and crafts, and ending with an antique tractor parade.

For photos from the event, please visit our online photo gallery at nflaonline.com.

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total of almost 380,000 pounds of unwanted or expired prescription drugs were collected nationwide for safe and proper disposal.

Rather than flushing unwanted medications down the sink or toilet where they may get into our drinking water, or

tossing them into the trash where children could have access to them, citizens are encouraged to bring their unwanted or expired prescription drugs to the collection sites, no questions asked. They will then be turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration for proper disposal.



Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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Let's talk about this week's announcement of the Pulitzer Prize winners. "What on earth does that have to do with Life in White Springs?" you might ask. Well bear with me, there is a connection, a loose one, but still a connection. For one thing, our town is located on US41, a highway that used to have a wealth of roadside attractions and older, more traditional theme parks, including the still standing Stephen Foster Memorial Park. Also, this column often speaks of the wealth of Florida literature, including state, regional and local authors and books. One such book, "Swamplandia" by Florida author Karen Russell, was on the short list for a Pulitzer Prize this year but, much to the publishing world's surprise, for the first time since 1977, the Pulitzer board hasn't given an award for American fiction writing. In my opinion, they really missed the boat on this one.

Russell's novel is about a roadside theme park like many of us "old timers" remember seeing and visiting as we traveled the old roads at a slower, more intimate pace in the days before the interstate highways caused us to turn a societal blind eye to our regional cultural identities and our Mom and Pop stores and roadside attractions. "Swamplandia" is a fictional, fading coastal Florida theme park from which the book takes its title. The park is inhabited by a clan of "Bigtrees," a self-invented

showbiz tribe who has no Seminole or Miccosukee blood but adopt many of the traditions and Native American costumes and adornments of these tribes for commercial purposes. There is even some alligator wrestling included in this extraordinarily well written adventure tale of an eccentric family's struggles to maintain their lives and their failing theme park in the face of "progress", all told from the perspective of a thirteen year old girl. Its good reading, Pulitzer Prize winner or not, and it made me think of White Springs.

I thought of White Springs because we certainly have experienced the economic and cultural upheaval that the interstate highways brought to so many small towns in America. After experiencing over one hundred years of steady tourism, fueled at first by the railroad and then by the growing automobile traffic on US41, White Springs tourism was thriving until I75 was completed in 1969. After that White Springs was largely bypassed by the tourists as they flew by us at 70 MPH just three short miles away. As there often is, there was a silver lining to this cloud, because as Central Florida built massive theme parks and paved over much of its regional and cultural identity, White Springs remained culturally and historically intact and many of its older buildings and customs survived Florida's explosive growth. Nowadays there is a renewed interest in nature and heritage tourism and we are in a position to take advantage of that growing market if we plan wisely and boldly for the future while retaining and protecting the important parts of our natural surroundings, traditions, culture and architecture that make us such a natural and wonderful historic destination. This takes money too. Think about this when you go to the polls next week.

Speaking of traditions let me tell you about one of White Springs more recent traditions and how it has grown. Back in the 80s Merri McKenzie and Yvonne Bryant both worked at the Florida Folklife program and started to get together to celebrate each other's birthdays. This was the genesis of

the "birthday club" which today is a gathering of a remarkable and culturally diverse group of women that spans several generations. What they in common is that they know that there is much in life that should be celebrated and that certainly includes birthdays. So this past week Dottie Price, Yvonne Bryant, Doris Redic, Patricia Herrington, Pam Pettyjohn-Nettles, Melissa Spurlock, Sabrina Marshall, Kim Miller, Vicki Elmore, Jamyla Marshall and Jamyra Marshall all got together to celebrate life and the birthday of this month's birthday girl, Merri McKenzie. I'm told that they had a wonderful time. It is so good to hear news of positive, happy, celebrations and gatherings in our town!

Lots of things going on in White Springs this week and I pass on a few tidbits for your consideration.

There will be the monthly Swap Meet and Beulah Baptist church will be selling hot dogs, barbecue chicken and ribs, fried fish and french fries at Suwannee Hardware on Saturday April 21st from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Also on Saturday, the White Springs Congregational Holiness Church will be sponsoring a youth car wash and bake sale at the Baily Ogburn ball field from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

And, as if there wasn't already enough to do, consider this special opportunity. Sunday is Earth Day and Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park will host an Earth Day Clean-up from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. They invite you to join them on Earth Day for ranger led family fun activities and help clean up Mother Earth. Take a ranger led hike and while learning about the flora and fauna and help clean up nature. Please remember to wear comfortable shoes. There will also be a ranger led canoe trip, please come prepared and be ready to paddle the Suwannee clean. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Pre- registration for these activities is required due to limited space so please call the ranger station at (386) 397-4331 to sign up. Please register by Friday April 20th! Craft Square will also be participating by hosting crafters, demonstrators and family fun kid's activities like sun print photos and raffles! Come play and craft with nature!

Once again there is ample opportunity for the positive pursuit of worthwhile happiness in our little community. I hope to see you out and about, enjoying life in White Springs.

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Celebrate Earth Day at Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

What have you done for your planet today? Join us at our annual Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge Earth Day Celebration Saturday, April 21 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.! This year marks a special milestone for the Refuge as we celebrate our 75th anniversary of conserving, protecting, and enhancing wildlife and their habitats! To help us reflect on this special occasion we celebrate with the theme, "Mobilize the Earth: Connecting the Past to the Future."

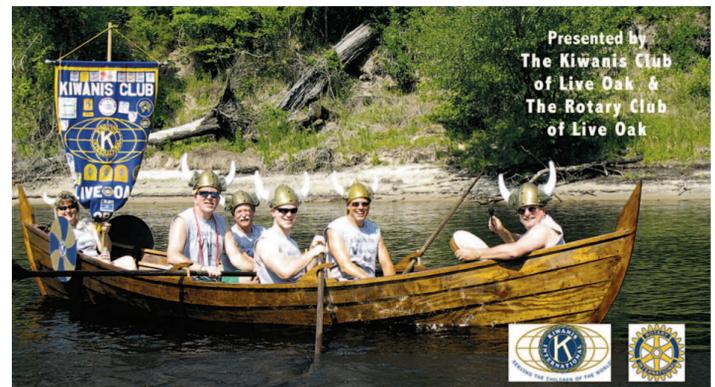
To help us mobilize our conservation efforts, we are having a litter pick-up along Highway 121/23 and the entrance road from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. The festivities continue with presenters from around the state to help raise our awareness and appreciation for the planet from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Presentations feature live animals, water conservation, recycling, Leave No Trace wilderness ethics, kid's fire education table, solar power, live music, and Earth Day themed arts and crafts. A recreational opportunities passport will help visitors enjoy all the fun activities they can do at a Refuge and appreciate the world around them. Don't

miss our Refuge birthday celebration with a special message from our Refuge Manager, Curt McCasland, and awards ceremony as we recognize local youth for their efforts in the Earth Day Art Contest and our Solar Car Sprint winners.

Journey to the future of conservation and energy use in our Solar Car Sprint Competition from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.! Local youth were challenged to create a car that is completely powered by solar energy. Help come cheer and support our future green engineers! This event is made possible from a generous donation from Waste Management.

We hope you can join us for this special event with presentations from the U.S. Forest Service, Stephen C Foster State Park, Tabby Power, Keep Charlton Beautiful, and Bass Masters among others. The event is also made possible by the Okefenokee Wildlife League.

The event takes place inside the East Entrance located seven miles southwest of Folkston, Georgia along Georgia State Highway 121/23. For more information please call us at (912) 496-7836 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.



The Great Suwannee River Race

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Race From Little River Spring to Ivey Park, Branford
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- Rafts - \$45 per vessel
No size requirements, but must have 6 team members wholly on the raft with no parts of the members in the water at the start and at the finish.
 - 2-Man Canoes or Kayaks - \$25 per boat
 - 1-Man Kayaks - \$15 per boat
- No vessel requirements/no crew requirements.

Entry forms and complete rules available at
The Suwannee Democrat 211 Howard St. East, Live Oak and
JW Hill and Associates 1105 Howard St. West, Live Oak.

Or
see any Kiwanian or Rotarian for information.

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Information: 386-362-3300

Area - Wide Revival



Churches in Hamilton and Suwannee County would like to encourage our communities to seek God for revival.

Let's join together at New Hope Baptist Church off of State Road 6 in Hamilton County
Sunday, April 19th - Wednesday, May 2nd

Sunday service begins at 6pm -
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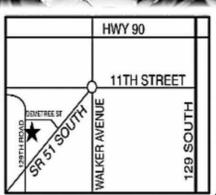


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OPINION

Good economists

It's difficult to be a good economist and simultaneously be perceived as compassionate. To be a good economist, one has to deal with reality. To appear compassionate, often one has to avoid unpleasant questions, use "caring" terminology and view reality as optional.

Affordable housing and health care costs are terms with considerable emotional appeal that politicians exploit but have absolutely no useful meaning or analytical worth. For example, can anyone tell me in actual dollars and cents the price of an affordable car, house or myomectomy? It's probably more pleasant to pretend that there is universal agreement about what is or is not affordable.

If you think my criticism of affordability is unpleasant, you'll hate my vision of harm. A good economist recognizes that harm is not a one-way street; it's reciprocal. For example, if I own a lot and erect a house in front of your house and block your view of a beautiful scene, I've harmed you; however, if I am prevented from building my house in front of yours, I'm harmed. Whose harm is more important? You say, "Williams, you can't tell." You can stop me from harming

you by persuading some government thugs to stop me from building. It's the same thing with smoking. If I smoke a cigarette, you're harmed -- or at least bothered. If I'm prevented from smoking a cigarette, I'm harmed by reduced pleasure. Whose harm is more important? Again, you can't tell. But as in the building example, the person who is harmed can use government thugs to have things his way.

How many times have we heard that "if it will save just one human life, it's worth it" or that "human life is priceless"? Both are nonsense statements. If either statement were true, we'd see lower speed limits, bans on auto racing and fewer airplanes in the sky. We can always be safer than we are. For example, cars could be produced such that occupants could survive unscathed in a 50-mph head-on collision, but how many of us could buy such a car? Don't get me wrong; I might think my life is priceless, but I don't view yours in the same light. I admire Greta Garbo's objectivity



**A
MINORITY
VIEW**
BY WALTER WILLIAMS

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about her life. She said, "I'm a completely worthless woman, and no man should risk his life for me."

Speaking of worthlessness, I'd be worthless as an adviser to either the White House or Congress because if they asked me what they should do to get the economy going, I'd answer, "Do nothing!" Let's look at it. Between 1787 and 1930, our nation suffered both mild and severe economic downturns. There was no intervention to stimulate the economy, but the economy always recovered.

During the 1930s, there were massive interventions, starting with President Herbert Hoover and later with President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Their actions turned what would have been a sharp three- or four-year economic downturn into a 10-year affair. In 1930, when Hoover began to "fix" the economy, unemployment was 6 percent. FDR did even more to "fix" the economy. As a result, unemployment remained in double digits throughout the decade and reached 20 percent in 1939. President Roosevelt blamed the high unemployment on his predecessor.

Presidential blaming of predecessors is a practice that continues to this day.

You say, "Williams, the White House and Congress should do something." The track record of doing nothing is pretty good compared with doing something. None of our economic downturns in the century and a half prior to 1930 lasted as long as the Great Depression.

It would be political suicide for a politician to follow my counsel -- and for good reason. Americans have been miseducated into thinking that Roosevelt's New Deal saved our economy. That miseducation extends to most academics, including economists, at our universities, who are arrogant enough to believe that it's possible for a few people in Washington to have the information and knowledge necessary to manage the economic lives of 313 million people. Good economists recognize our limitations, making us not nice people to be around.

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Guest commentary

I appreciate the trust that has been placed in me by allowing me to serve as your state senator. I cherish and respect our way of life and am truly humbled that you have entrusted this job to me. I will always do my best to be a Senator you can be proud of.

Part of my job as your senator is to help ensure that bills that may have a negative impact are fully scrutinized and prevented from passing if they are detrimental to the citizens of Florida.

The following are examples that some of my colleagues and I helped prevent from passing:

- **Closing Jefferson County Correctional Facility.** Thankfully, crime is down in Florida and for that we should all be very grateful. However, the sudden and unanticipated closing of a local prison in a small town can have devastating consequences. We held

off this closure for at least a year, but there is no doubt that this fight will return again in 2013.

- **Privatizing Prisons.** I believe it is bad public policy to entrust public safety to the lowest bidder. I also believe that turning over many of our state's prisons to private companies would hurt the workers in those facilities. Thankfully, we defeated -- in very close vote -- a measure that would have privatized 30 south Florida prisons and would have also created massive worker displacement of local correctional officers in North Florida. This would have hurt local jobs and local families.

- **Allowing private companies to shut down/take over our public schools.** Mislabeled as the so-called, "parent trigger" bill, this measure would have allowed private compa-

nies to come in and lobby parents to take over -- not fix -- a troubled school. This was not true parent empowerment and could have caused the shut down or privatization of many of our local public schools.

- **More harm to state public employees.** The past few years have been very tough on state employees. This year, we fought hard to make sure that the legislature did not cut salaries, benefits or pensions -- and I am thankful we were able to kill those bad ideas. Unfortunately, we were unable to stop what I believe is an unconstitutional invasion of privacy with the requirement that all state employees be subject to expensive random drug tests.

However, through the combined efforts of a lot of people we were able to make some significant accomplishments. Some of them are:

- **A balanced approach to septic tanks.** In 2010, the Legislature passed an over-reaching program related to septic tank regulations that unfairly hit rural communities the hardest. This year, we were able to repeal that law and replace it with a more balanced and more sensible approach that protects precious water sources while scaling back the unnecessary and expensive evaluations and repairs. Additionally, we put more power into the hands of local communities to allow for more local control of the implementation of septic tank assessment programs.

- **Education Accountability.** I sponsored and we passed a bill to improve Florida's educational accountability standards that clears up conflicts with the federal

government. Such conflicts could have cost our state millions of dollars for our schools.

- **More money for our schools.** While I opposed many of the cuts to badly needed programs, I am pleased that our state added back \$1 billion in money for public schools. While these cuts only help repair some of many years of setbacks, I want to commend my legislative colleagues for recognizing that public schools cannot continue cutting educational programs at the expense of our children and I hope this trend will continue for many years to come.

- **Rural Economic development.** Our Big Bend will be a major part of this effort, which will benefit the hard working people and their families throughout North Florida.

- **Redistricting.** As required by the Florida Constitution, we passed maps for Senate, House and Congressional Districts. I am very disappointed that Jackson County will not be a part of our district, but look forward to working with Senator Gaetz to make sure we take care of North Florida. The people of Jackson County have always been a vital part of our district. We are fortunate to have all of Leon, Jefferson and Madison counties added to our district, as well as all of Taylor and Hamilton counties.

In closing, I thank those who contacted me to share their concerns and ideas as to how I can be of greater service to the citizens. I value every contact and am grateful that so many of you care enough about our state and to have your voice heard. I am especially grateful to those community leaders who spent many hours working the halls to help us pass good bills for North Florida. I value and appreciate your confidence in me.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and if I can ever be of service please call me at: (850)487-5004.

Sincerely,

Sen. Bill Montford

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Obituary

Ercel Anderson Camp
Dec. 18, 1918 -
April 15, 2012

Ercel Anderson Camp passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 15, 2012, at her residence in Jasper, Fla. She was 93-years-old at the time of her death. She was born in Lane, South Dakota on Dec. 18, 1918, to Oliver Wendell Anderson and Delia Wheeler Anderson. Her parents and her brothers, Oliver, Lloyd, Elwood and Dewey Anderson pre-deceased her. Her beloved husband, John Council (Buddy) Camp, of Jasper, Fla., passed away on Jan. 23, 2008. They were married in 1939 and shared their lives together for 67 years.

Left to cherish her memory are her four daughters, Sally C. Moritz, Valdosta, Ga., Ellen C. Batchelder (Dr. George D.), Taylors, S.C., Ann C. Roberts (Pete), Marietta, Ga., and Bette C. Conine (Jim) Kennesaw, Ga.; 10 grandchildren, Julie Ann Moritz Hubner, (Doug), Beth Moritz Howell (Mark), Jud Moritz (Anna), Jennifer Batchelder Rexford, (Cory), Amy Batchelder Brockwell (Jeff), Beth Batchelder, Camp Roberts (Sherrie), Suzanne Roberts Perce (Shawn), Jamie Conine, and Ben Conine (Brittney); 14 great-grandchildren; Trey Hubner, Sally Hubner, Adrian Howell, Sarah Ann Howell, Wilkin Moritz, Sydney Rexford, Cole Rexford, Molly Brockwell, Carson Brockwell, Brooke Roberts, Connor Roberts, Talory Perce, Kate Perce, and Jack Perce. Also surviving is sister-in-law, Sara Camp Abel, Charlotte, N.C.

This remarkable and gracious lady will be greatly missed by those whose lives she has touched. Her family and friends will remember her as a loving wife, a dear mother, an "electric grandmother", and a dear friend. She was a devoted mother and created many wonderful memories for her family. She will be remembered by her family for her steadfast love and loyalty, her fun loving personality, her

wonderful cooking skills, her beautiful smile, and for the fact that she never raised her voice! She earned and enjoyed the love and respect of all those whose lives she brightened.

Ercel graduated from Pasco High School in Dade City, Fla. She attended Florida State University and was awarded a teaching certificate. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta Fraternity. Her first teaching job was in White Springs, Fla. While teaching school in White Springs, she met and married John C. (Buddy) Camp. She lived with her family in White Springs, Suwannee Springs, and in 1956 moved to Jasper, Fla. where she resided for the rest of her life.

Ercel was an avid Gator fan who for years followed them to both home and away games. She spent her summers at her mountain home located in Land Harbor, N.C. She and Buddy traveled throughout the United States in the family motor home. She was a wonderful bridge player. She was a charter member of the Ladies Golf Association at the Hamilton County Country Club. She won the Ladies Championship Golf Tournament at Land Harbor Club when she was in her late 70s. She was a member of the Jasper First Baptist Church.

Ercel was fortunate to have dedicated caregivers which provided her with and the opportunity to live in the comfort of her own home. The family would like to sincerely thank Martha Morgan, Kathy Boone, Alma Paul, Rhonda Chapman, and Marcella Temple for taking such wonderful care of our precious mother.

Services were held Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at Riverside Cemetery with Pastor Justin Young officiating.

Memorial contributions in Ercel's honor may be made to the charity of your choice or Haven Hospice 6037 US Hwy 90 W, Lake City, FL 32055.

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

Happy 80th Birthday



Gerald and Helen Scott Gamble

An 80th Birthday is not so alarming for Gerald and Helen Scott Gamble, especially when they have been farming. Please join the children of Gerald & Helen, Paul Gamble, Jane Moore & Angela Hurst, in celebrating their parents 80th Birthday Saturday, April 28 from 2:30-4:30 Luraville Baptist Church Social Hall 20309108th St., Live Oak, FL 32060 No presents please, your presence is God's gift to us. If you can't attend, a card we'll hope you'll send! 18393168th St., Live Oak, FL 32060

Heart Matters Nehemiah #8

Nobody is good at everything. Aren't you glad? Observation of human nature might even allow us to suppose the better a person is at some things, the fewer those things are. Overall, this is likely because in order to truly excel in an area, time and commitment to that one area will be essential, allowing minimal experience in other areas. Following a counseling session recently, someone several years older than I commented that it was a shame to seek help from a younger person. I disagree. In fact, I was certain our roles would be reversed concerning most any other topic than the one we were discussing. It occurs to me that we often assume age, education, and/or experience automatically equips a person to be ready for anything, but that is not the case. While all three of those certainly equip us for some things, we often

require the experience and knowledge of others in order to succeed. It is a wise person who is willing to accept and incorporate this truth in their life.

This week we find Nehemiah and many of Jerusalem's residents rolling up their sleeves and beginning the "good work" of rebuilding the wall. In fact, Chapter 3 is a tribute to the collective nature of this work...a task not achievable by any person working alone. Forty-two different sections of the wall and its gates are mentioned, and described by Nehemiah in a counter-clockwise direction. As you read the names of those working on each section, note that Nehemiah's name is conspicuously absent. As the overseer, his job was to move from one section to the other, encouraging and guiding each group to see that the work continued. He often is credited as the one who rebuilt the wall,

but in this chapter, his own words testify to a much different scenario. Although God burdened his heart with the task, Nehemiah depended on the skill and labor of many others to see it through.

After listing each gate, and those involved in the repairs, we find that each priest was responsible to repair the wall in front of his own house. This was an excellent approach on Nehemiah's part to ensure success. Appointing each man to be responsible for his section of the wall would guarantee that the wall would not only be repaired quickly, but properly as well, since this work would stand as protection for his family. Likewise, if the wall were attacked while they were working, no one would fight more vigorously than a man defending his family in close proximity. By blending self-interest with the group's objectives, Nehemiah capital-



ized on the strength of everyone present. What a great example to us as we approach any task: be willing to seek wisdom and accept help from others in order to succeed...

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

The Jasper First Methodist Clothes Closet is open to everyone every 4th Saturday of the month from 1 p.m. To 5 p.m. If the weekend falls on a holiday it is pushed back a week. There is no charge for the clothing. Donations for men's and children's clothing are a particular need at this time. Because we do not have the resources to wash and mend clothing, we ask that the clothes be clean and in good condition. For information call 386-792-0904.

REMINDER

The town of White Springs will be holding an election on Tuesday, April 24 Be sure to get out and vote.

Lowe's Kitchen Open House

Lowe's Live Oak will be having a Kitchen Open House at the store on Thursday, April 19 from 4-8 p.m. This is free to all. Expert advice, product demos, refreshments and door prizes. Get the latest information on kitchen and appliance updates and decor ideas. See you there!

Death notice

Mildred T. Smith
April 15, 2012

Mildred T. Smith passed away April 15, 2012 at Shands University of Florida Hospi-

tal, Gainesville, Florida. Cooks & Cooper Funeral Home, Madison, Florida in charge of arrangements. 162 SW Third Avenue, Madison, Florida 32340. 850-973-6666.

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BAPTIST (Southern) NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH SR 6 West, 6592 NW 48th St., Jennings, FL 32053 938-5511 Pastor: Jeff Cordero Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Youth Happening, Mission Friends, R&A & GA.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting, Teen Kids, Youth.....6:00 p.m. Van pick-up upon request 732119	CATHOLIC CHURCH ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH Three miles north of Jasper U.S. 41 P.O. Box 890, Jasper, FL 32052 Rectory U.S. 90 E., Live Oak, FL (386) 364-1108 Saturday MASS 4:00 p.m. 717846-F	NON-DENOMINATIONAL BURNHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH 4520 NW CR 146, Jennings, FL 32053 938-1265 Pastor: Johnny Brown Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Youth Program.....5:30 p.m. 732115	Building On FAITH
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH 1/2 mile East on Hwy. 6, Jasper, FL 32052 792-2275 Pastor: Steve Shaw Sunday Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Children's Church.....11:00 a.m. Church Training.....6:00 p.m. Evening Worship.....7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m. Youth Ignited/Youth Ministry 7:00 p.m. 717852-F	CHURCH OF CHRIST CHURCH OF CHRIST N.W. 3rd St., Jasper Bldg.: 792-2277 Sunday Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening.....6:00 p.m. 717824-F	To list your church on our church directory, please call Virginia at 386-362-1734 7312	

Is time a friend or an enemy?

By Rev. James L. Snyder

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and me were locked in a hopeless Mexican standoff. She was effectively arguing her side of the issue and I was, well, let's say I was not agreeing. I will not say who won, just that it wasn't me.

She then looked at me, put both hands on her hips and said, "Time will tell that I'm right."

I cannot wait. The problem is, time is never on my side. I simply do not know what it is about time, but it never does me any favors. Always, and I mean always, time proves my wife was right. I hate it.

I thought it was supposed to be "Father Time" we are dealing with. If it is, he certainly does not have the male side of the issue in good grips. Why does time always prove my wife right? Perhaps Mother Nature has so bullied Father Time that he always takes up the side of my wife.

The past week I have been thinking about this aspect of life; time. It seems that for the most part, we have put a lot of pressure upon time. For example, my wife keeps reminding me that time heals all wounds. If it was not for time I would have no wounds, I retorted.

I got in trouble just this past week because I was running out of time. I had to get across town for an appointment and believe me; time was not on my side. It would have been nice if I could just sit down with Father Time and negotiate a little bit. Would it be that hard for him to press the pause button and suspend time in order for me to catch up? Why is it so important that time keeps marching on? Why can't it, at least on the weekends, just take a slow stroll down memory lane?

Often I look at my watch to determine if I have enough time to do a certain project. Time has become an austere taskmaster, refusing to give up one second.

Think with me a little bit. Wouldn't it be nice to have every week just one "do over" moment? How hard would that be? Father Time insists on perfection always. He does not allow for screw-ups, which is rather pressing for me. If I could just have one 15-minute period during the week that I could do over, I might be able to catch up a little.

He wants me to be "on time" every time. When it is 2:00 PM, it is only 2:00 PM for one second, that is all. I believe there is an error here somewhere. If time is so valuable, why can't I enjoy 2:00 PM for say, 15 minutes? But no, by the time I acknowledge that it is 2:00 PM Father Time is tapping his finger on his watch and

saying, "Let's keep moving because time waits for no man."

At the very center of my life, and everybody else's as well, is the infamous clock representing time. And what a harsh, demanding element this invention has become. Who invented that clock in the first place? Why was it not good enough just to look at the sun and guess what time of day it was? If it was dark, it was time to go to sleep. If the sun was up and it was light outside, it was time to get up.

Oh, how I miss those good old days. But no, Father Time tricked somebody into inventing a device that keeps time. Or, so Father Time convinced the unsuspecting inventor.

The joke is on us who wear watches. No watch I have ever owned has ever kept time. All it does is show me that time is passing and I am late for an appointment. Where is that inventor that can invent some mechanism or some technology that can actually keep time? I would be the first one to buy such a contraption.

Why can't Bill Gates come out of retirement and do something useful for humanity and invent the technology that actually keeps time. I would settle for half-hour increments. I could live with that.

For many years now, time has not been on my side and neither has it been involved in the healing of any of my many wounds. Then never, contrary to what my wife says, has time ever told me anything. It just keeps on ticking while giving me a licking.

I am older, but certainly, I am not any wiser. And I blame Father Time. He has not given me enough time to learn everything that I need to know. Every day it seems I am always running out of time. And I cannot believe it is my fault.

Time marches on and I need to make the best of it as best I can.

The apostle Paul understood the urgency of this matter we call time. He writes in his epistle, "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2 KJV).

The only time we really have is now. I never have a "now" to do over so I need to make time my friend and not my enemy.

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Healthy Living

Milk, does it do a body good?

Milk, does it do a body good? I'm sure over time you've heard arguments for both sides-lets start at the beginning, with the calf. Born weighing around 100 pounds, a calf will gain nearly 8 times this weight by the time it's weaned. Once the little mooers are weaned? Never touch the stuff again-along with all other mammals on the planet. Million dollar question-why have humans decided to adopt the habit of drinking milk designed for another species?

Cows milk contains on average around three times the amount of protein contained in human milk. This increase protein content creates disturbances in humans with detrimental consequences. So what is milk good for?

I'm doing to do something crazy right now and read your mind-are you thinking about bones and calcium? Yes! You were I knew it! If I did actually read your mind, you may want to think again. Milk is acidic, and as with any other acidity introduced into the body a biological correction is stimulated counteracting the pH fluctuation by extracting calcium from our bones. Once pH is neutralized these calcium pinch hitters don't go back to the bench, they are excreted in our urine resulting in calcium deficit(the same process that happens when you drink soda).

A 1994 study published in the American Journal of Epidemiology found consumption of dairy products was associated with increased risk of hip fracture. The 12 year Harvard Nurses Study revealed of 77,761 women 34-59, those who consumed the most calcium from dairy broke more bones than those who did not. Countries highest in osteoporosis rates are ones where people drink the most milk and cal-

cium in their diets, highlighting the extremely weak link between calcium consumption and bone health.

Irregardless of the negatives of milk consumption, I'm particularly interested in the growing body of evidence suggesting milk may be just as effective commercial sports drinks in recovery and rehydration. Milk's mix of high protein and carbohydrate refuel exhausted muscles, build lean tissue, reduce exercise induced muscle damage, and provide minerals lost during exercise like calcium, potassium and magnesium..

The goal of a post exercise drink is A-it's easy to prepare-and 2-it provides a large intake of protein very quickly absorbed to capitalize upon the heightened sensitivity of the exercising tissue post workout. Milk consumption seems to stimulate amino acid uptake by skeletal muscles, resulting in a net increase in protein synthesis which means more muscle!

Like a movie with an unclear ending, I'm going to leave you to make the final judgment. I drink milk sparingly, but also use cleanses and detoxifiers to maintain a neutral pH. I will say this-if you're choosing milk over anything artificial or sweetened like sodas-that's a win in my book-all day long. If you're choosing a product to quench your thirst remember nothing is better than some high quality H2O.

"Water not only quenches your thirst, it tastes good too. Now that is some high quality H2O!"

~Bobby Boucher in Water Boy



Woodpecker Race Results – March 24th Bog

The Woodpecker Mud Bog & Race March 24th saw the demise of mother nature again as impending storms were predicted.

The idea of getting muddy from head to toe outweighed the thought of getting wet with 100's of fans coming out for the fun.

To everyone's disbelief by 2:00 the weather had cleared and it was time to bog & race.

The Raulerson family of Lake

City turned up the heat this month and took 1st place in 5 of the 6 classes.

Ten year old Trey grabbed his first win in street legal & Spencer took the doughnut competition with a new track record of 8 in 60 seconds.

Scott Raulerson gave the fans a treat as he did the freestyle mud bog with his alcohol Chevy.

The next mud bog & race will

be April 21 & 22. Saturday hours are 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Sunday 12:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. Weekend passes \$15, Kids 10 & under are admitted FREE. Mud truck drivers & students weekend passes \$10. Enjoy the 500 acres of ATV trails including Hillbilly Hill where you can really get some air. Primitive camping also available. For more info check us out on Facebook. Hope to see you at the Bog!

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Social Security Questions and Answers

By Mary Kate Vang
Social Security District
Manager, Lake City, FL

Question:

How many Social Security numbers have been issued since the program started?

Answer:

Since 1935, we have assigned more than 465 million Social Security numbers and each year we assign about 5.5 million new numbers. With approximately 1 billion combinations of the 9-digit Social Security number, the current system will provide us with enough new numbers for several generations into the future. To learn more about Social Security numbers and cards, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10002.html.

Question:

How do I change my citizenship status on my Social Security record?

Answer:

To change the citizenship shown on our records you need to:

Complete an Application For A Social Security Card (Form SS-5), available at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/ss5.htm; and

Show us documents proving your: Age; Identity; and New or revised citizenship status (We only accept certain documents as proof of citizenship. These include your U.S. passport, a Certificate of Naturalization, or a Certificate of Citizenship. If you are not a U.S. citizen, Social Security will ask to see your current immigration documents.)

Take (or mail) your completed application

and documents to your local Social Security office. All documents must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents. For more information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question:

Can I receive Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits at the same time?

Answer:

You may be able to receive SSI benefits in addition to monthly Social Security benefits if your Social Security benefit amount is low enough for you to qualify. Whether you can get SSI benefits depends on your income and resources (the things you own). Social Security benefits you receive can make a difference in SSI eligibility and the amount you may be entitled to. You can find out more about the SSI program by going to www.socialsecurity.gov and selecting the SSI tab.

Question:

I have never worked but my spouse has. What will my benefits be?

Answer:

As a spouse, you may be entitled to one-half of a retired worker's benefit amount when you reach full retirement age. If you want to get a Social Security retirement benefit as early as age 62, the amount of your benefit is reduced. The amount of reduction depends on when you will reach full retirement age.

Water quality improvement project enhances public use at Aucilla River



New vegetation and steps at the Mt. Gilead Tract.

Fishermen and canoers will have better access to three areas along the Upper Aucilla River thanks to a water quality improvement project. The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) recently completed the improvements on its Cabbage Grove Tract in Taylor County and Mt. Gilead Tract in Madison County.

Improvements were made to offset erosion problems along the river,

which was causing water quality issues.

"Storm water runoff and vehicular traffic on the river bank was causing erosion, and the introduction of sediment into the river was creating water quality issues," said Patrick Webster, District senior professional engineer.

The areas were regraded to alter stormwater flow patterns to prevent further erosion into the river. Parking areas were

relocated away from the river bank. Native vegetation was planted to stabilize the areas. Steps were added for easy access to the river.

Edwin McCook, District land management specialist, called the project a win-win for water quality and recreational enhancement.

"Not only does this project have the benefit of mitigating erosion, it will improve public use of the river at the Flat

Rock Boat Launch at Cabbage Grove, at Reams Boat Ramp at Mt. Gilead, and at another access point at Mt. Gilead for the long term," said McCook.

The District paid for the \$46,640 project with funds provided by the Florida Department of Transportation to mitigate for water quality impacts associated with the FDOT bridge replacement on US 98 over the Aucilla River.

Be a SHINE volunteer Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee counties

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs invites you to join the award-winning SHINE Program team of Volunteers. The SHINE Program helps Medicare beneficiaries make informed decisions about Medicare and health insurance.

SHINE Volunteers provide free, unbiased individual counseling on Medicare, Medicare Prescription Drug Plans, discounted or free drug programs, related health insurance and help some clients apply for low income programs. Volunteers may also make educational presentations to community groups or participate in local health fairs or senior outreach events.

Comprehensive training is provided with

meals and travel related expenses reimbursed. The next scheduled Training Class is

June 1h-1h, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Basic computer skills are required. A one day Orientation class will be held the end of May.

If you would like more information about this exciting opportunity, and to receive an application, please call Elder Helpline 1-800-963-5337 and ask for Margaret Shaw, SHINE liaison. Applications must be submitted before May 1.

SHINE's mission is to provide free and unbiased health insurance counseling through a dedicated network of volunteers, empowering Florida Seniors to make informed healthcare choices.

All about disability

By Mary Kate Vang
Social Security District Manager, Lake City, FL

Disability is something most people do not like to think about. But if you're not able to work because you have a medical condition that is expected to last at least one year or result in death, you may be able to get Social Security disability benefits. Here's what you need to know.

You should apply for disability benefits as soon as you become disabled. It can take months to obtain all your medical records and process an application for disability benefits (three to

five months, on average).

Generally, the information we need includes:

- Your Social Security number;
- Your birth or baptismal certificate;
- Names, addresses, and phone numbers of the doctors, caseworkers, hospitals, and clinics that took care of you, and dates of your visits;
- Names and dosage of all the medicine you take;
- Medical records from your doctors, therapists, hospitals, clinics, and caseworkers that you already have in your possession;
- Laboratory and test results;
- A summary of where you worked

and the kind of work you did; and

A copy of your most recent W-2 Form (Wage and Tax Statement) or, if you are self-employed, your Federal tax return for the past year.

IMPORTANT--Do not delay filing for disability benefits if you don't have all the above information in your possession. Social Security will assist you in getting the necessary documents, including obtaining your medical records.

The fastest and most convenient way to apply for disability is online at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability. You can save your application as you go, so you can take a break at

any time.

If you prefer, you may call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to make an appointment to apply at your local Social Security office or to set up an appointment for someone to take your application over the phone.

If you are approved for disability benefits, that doesn't mean you'll never return to work. Social Security has special rules called "work incentives" that allow you to test your ability to work.

Learn more about disability benefits and take advantage of the helpful Disability Starter Kit at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

STEPHEN FOSTER FOLK CULTURE CENTER STATE PARK

EARTH DAY

SUNDAY APRIL 22, 2012
1 TO 4 P.M.

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WOMAN'S CLUB OF JASPER

403 NW 6th Ave.

is hosting an

OLD FASHIONED CHICKEN PURLIEU DINNER
with Green Beans, Cole Slaw, & Homemade Pound Cake
(\$5.00 donation)

and **YARD SALE, Great Items & Bountiful Bargains**
(Accepting Donation of Items for Sale)

Chicken Purlieu: Friday, April 20: 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Yard Sale: Friday April 20: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

All proceeds support civic projects, including the Scholarship Fund of the Jasper Woman's Club, as well as maintenance and repairs to the historic building which is available for use by the citizens of the community.



Forget spring cleaning Scrub down your budget instead

By Mary Kate Vang
Social Security District Manager,
Lake City, FL

Spring is officially here. That means it's time for spring cleaning! People everywhere are shedding the effects of fall and winter. But what about dusting off your long-term financial plan? April is National Financial Literacy Month — the perfect time to spring into action when it comes to planning your financial future. And if you already have a plan, this is a great opportunity to take another look.

According to a 2011 survey by the Employee Benefit Research Institute, more than half of workers report they've put away less than \$25,000 in total savings and investments; a whopping 29 percent have less than \$1,000 saved for the future.

If you haven't started already, now is the time to begin saving for your retirement — no matter what your age. If retirement is near, you'll want to jump into the fast lane right away. If you're younger and retirement seems a lifetime away, it's still in your best interest to begin saving now, as compound interest will work to your advantage. Experts agree that saving when you're young will make a world of difference when the time comes to draw on your retirement savings.

Don't take our word for it. You can check out the numbers yourself. A great place to start figuring out how much you will need for retirement is to learn how much you could expect from Social Security. You can do that in minutes with Social Security's online Retirement Estimator.

The Retirement Estimator offers an instant and personalized estimate of your future Social Security retirement benefits based on your earnings record. Try it out at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

We encourage saving for retirement, but there are reasons to save for every stage of life. A great place to go for help is www.mymoney.gov. MyMoney.gov is the U.S. government's website dedicated to teaching Americans the basics about financial education. Whether you are planning to buy a home, balancing your checkbook, or investing in your 401(k) plan, the resources on www.mymoney.gov can help you.

Another excellent resource is the Ballpark E\$timator at www.choosestosave.org/ballpark. This online tool takes complicated issues, like projected Social Security benefits and earnings assumptions on savings, and turns them into language and numbers that are easy to understand.

Spring into action! Get started right now at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Norris Notes

By Lillian Norris

WOW! The days that a many have looked forward to for months finally arrived over the past weekend! It was a perfect day weather-wise, a little warm at times, really no complaints (at least not many). It was an upbeat day for Relay for Life, even though a day of memories of those honored on that day, the survivors were there in force, walking the track, rejoicing in their victories, thankful to be able to be here with families and friends. The reception, with lovely gifts, delicious treats, prepared and served by the school providers and assistants, young people doing a great job seeing that everything and everyone was given service and needs met. As most of you know, I am not usually at a loss for words, even on paper, but you really had to be there to appreciate the day (hope to see you next time) and each person there had a very important part, so many young people, old people, survivors, care givers, there is not enough room, or are not enough words to express the atmosphere that day, you had to be there, we WILL see you next time!

You will be sure to see pictures galore, thanks to Tom Moffses, he is everywhere, does such a good job (even makes everybody look good, thanks Tom) and works seemingly tireless, but we know that can't be true, we do know, too, that his wife and family are there to support him,

at 8 a.m., the ride starts at 9 a.m., Saturday morning, April 21.

Have you heard anyone ask you what you do in a small town? You may have heard me recall a time at a dinner in Jacksonville when a group of young men

you need to realize that he gives of himself, his time and efforts to make us feel and look good.

Now for this weekend, a worthwhile event that has been in the making, hope you have already heard of it, the Woman's Club of Jasper is hosting an Old Fashioned Chicken Purlieu Dinner, with proceeds which include the Scholarship Fund of the Jasper Woman's Club, as well as maintenance and repairs to the historic building, which is available for use by the citizens of the community, can't remember the exact date it was built but anyone who has ever owned a building knows that each year there are needs for upkeep that must be met at all times. This event will take place on Friday, April 20, that is THIS FRIDAY - and from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., you can SHOP. Great items and bargains, accepting donations of items for sale, if you have anything you would like to contribute for sale. Join us for fellowship, fun, visiting and FOOD. There will be homemade pound cake for lunch and we have some of the best CAKE BAKERS in Hamilton County, and Purlieu cooks also.

Another event in the county this weekend is the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch benefit trail ride at Bridges Pasture, the fee is \$25 per person, 12 and under free. A barbecue lunch after the ride, sign up for the ride

at 8 a.m., the ride starts at 9 a.m., Saturday morning, April 21.

Have you heard anyone ask you what you do in a small town? You may have heard me recall a time at a dinner in Jacksonville when a group of young men

from Jax Air Base asked Wade and me what one does in a small town, well our answer was that we try to find a time to just take it easy, one does not have to look far to find some activity in which to be involved, you can enjoy and be of service.

At this writing, it is a beautiful day, our thoughts and prayers are with those people in other parts of our country who have suffered tremendous loss due to horrible weather, fortunately for this one there do not seem to be as many losses of life as in death, but the loss of all belongings and homes and businesses is devastating. Their attitudes amaze me, most seem to say they will clean up, then begin again. Our country IS made of strong and amazing folks.

I had planned to put in my column this week about the Sisterhood, thinking in terms of its being on Thursday, surely I didn't keep you from making it, it was to have been Tuesday at White Springs Baptist, I will try to get in touch with some folks, I know it will be a good program, sorry, please accept my apology if my mistake kept you from knowing, I do know it has been in the Jasper News anyhow, hope you made it.

Look forward to hearing from you during the coming week with some news - Have a good one, and hope to see you Friday, I am looking forward to the day Friday, as we should every day, right?

Blessings.

Lillian Norris 792-2151
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Who is giving out half a million free books all across America?



WHO: From Kodiak, Alaska, to Key West, Florida, in 5,000 towns and cities across America, volunteers will give away half a million free books on one day: April 23, 2012.

WHAT: World Book Night U.S. is an ambitious campaign to give away half a million free, specially printed books across America. Volunteer book lovers will help promote reading by going into their communities and handing out free copies of a book they enjoy to new or light readers.

The Suwannee River Regional Library is proud to be a community partner for the first World Book Night in the U.S., following the impressive launch of this campaign by our bookstore, library, author, and publisher colleagues in the UK and Ireland last year.

WHERE: Library staff will be out in the communities of Live Oak, White Springs, Jennings, Greenville and Lee giving away these free books. Check out the book displays in the library to see some of the titles.

For more information, please go to www.worldbooknight.org

Smith Reunion

The families of Bertos M. Smith and Addie J. Smith are invited to a family reunion on April 21, 2012 at Divonia Baptist Church on 129 south. A meal will be served at 12:30 p.m. All friends and family are encouraged to attend.

Wayside Boat Ramp Closure

By Joyce Marie Taylor
joycemarie.taylor@gaffnews.com

There will be a crew from Universal Engineering on site at the Wayside Park (US 41 and the Suwannee River)

on April 23 and 24 to perform a geological survey for engineering design data for the Boating Improvement Program boat ramp renovations. They will close the ramp during the sampling process.

Hamilton County students honored at NFCC

MADISON, FL – North Florida Community College's brightest students were honored during the college's Honors Convocation ceremony on April 9. Students from various academic areas and student organizations received recognition for outstanding achievement and character during the 2011-12 academic year. NFCC faculty and staff announced each award recipient as NFCC President John Grosskopf and Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Sharon Erle presented the awards.

Selena Phillips received NFCC's prestigious "Student of the Year" award. Phillips serves as the Student Government Association (SGA) President

and is also a tutor and involved in many other organizations on campus. NFCC Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Sharon Erle announced the award and shared insight into why this outstanding student was selected as Student of the Year.

"Selena Phillips, is an incredible young woman who has clearly mastered the art of multitasking," said Erle.

Erle described Phillips as a busy mom of four children, maintains a high grade point average, is very active in multiple student organizations, and has been lead tutor for the College Prep mathematics redesign project.

"She is a care giving person, smart, assertive, and my redesign stu-

dents enjoyed her smile, kindness and laughter," said NFCC College Preparatory Mathematics Instructor Efrain Bonilla. "She has such positive karma, that she is indeed the person you always want to hang out with all the time."

In addition to recognizing outstanding students, NFCC also named its 2011-12 "Friend to the College." John Maultsby Jr. of Madison County was recognized for his many years of dedication and support to NFCC. Maultsby has served on the NFCC District Board of Trustees, representing Madison County, for more than 10 years; beginning his service to the NFCC Board in June 1999.

NFCC's Honors Convocation ceremony is

held annually in April to recognize outstanding students and celebrate student achievement prior to NFCC's Spring Term commencement ceremony in May.

NFCC IS PROUD TO RECOGNIZE THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS:

- HAMILTON COUNTY
- Leslie Smith Carter Outstanding Accounting Student Award
- Winston Crosby Brain Bowl - Team Member Award
- Donna Law Brain Bowl - Team Member Award
- Sarah Scaff Outstanding Economics Student Award



Sarah Scaff Outstanding Economics Student Award.



Leslie Smith Carter - Outstanding Accounting Student Award. Courtesy photos

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NOTICE OF HEARING
P. O. Box 229
Jasper, FL 32052-0229

The Hamilton County School Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, May 14, 2012. It will begin at 5:45 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:

- 2.16 Prohibiting Discrimination, Including Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment/Revised
- 2.25 Strategic Planning-Adopt
- 4.01 Student Progression Plan-Revised
- 4.02 The Curriculum-Revised
- 4.06 Student Clubs and Organizations Revised
- 5.03 Student Assignment-Revised
- 7.14 Purchasing Policies and Bidding Revised
- 8.22 Safety Belts-Revised

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

CASE NO. 2011-CA-000444

FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA, a Banking corporation organized under the laws of the United States of America, f/k/a FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF FLORIDA

Plaintiff,

vs.

MELANIE K. BECK and HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ET AL.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that W. Greg Godwin, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Florida, will on the 3rd day of May, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at the Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, FL 32052, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Hamilton County, Florida, to-wit:

Lot 12, of Lake County Highlands at Oak Woodlands, a subdivision according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 4, public records of Hamilton County, Florida.

Pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is as set out above, and the docket number of which is 2011-CA-000444. 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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 2nd day of April, 2012.

(Seal) W. GREG GODWIN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Hamilton County, Florida

/s/ Cynthia Johnson
By: Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO. 12000007CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF

ULMA M. BRASWELL,

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the Estate of Ulma M. Braswell, Deceased, Case No. 12000007CP, by the Circuit Court for Hamilton County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is: Hamilton County Circuit Court Clerk-W. Greg Godwin, 103 Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 N.E. 1st Street, Jasper, FL 32052

That the Decedent's date of death was June 16, 2011 and the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such Order are:

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Marsha B. Barker
P. O. Box 229
Jasper, FL 32052-0229

Elizabeth B. Taylor
1321 Shady Oak Lane
Jasper, FL 32052-6227

Jeanette B. Strickland
11 Belmeade North
Valdosta, GA 31602

Dana B. Doss
118 19th Avenue SW
Olympia, WA 98501

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED UNDER SECTION 733.710 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 19, 2012.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice: James Estes Willingham, Jr., Esquire
1235 NW U.S. Highway 129
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The St. Johns River Water Management District (District) gives notice of receipt of the following consumptive use permit application(s):

Individual Consumptive Use Permit Application(s)

JEA, 21 W Church Street T-8, Jacksonville, FL 32202, application #88271. This is a modification requesting a change in wellfield allocation distributions with no requested increase in the overall allocations or change in permit duration. The withdrawals used by this proposed project will consist of groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in Duval County, located in Section: 31, Township: 1 South, Range: 27 East, known as Community Hall; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well and 2 proposed wells; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in Duval County, located in Section: 31, Township: 1 South, Range: 27 East, known as Westlake Wellfield; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 1 proposed well and 6 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 13 and 49, Township: 1 South, Range: 26 East, known as Marietta; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 3 active wells and 1 proposed well in Duval County, located in Section: 42, Township: 3 South, Range: 28 East, known as Southeast Wellfield; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 3 active wells in St. Johns County, located in Section: 18, Township: 5 South, Range: 28 East, known as Arlington Wellfield; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 4 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 14 and 15, Township: 2 South, Range: 25 East, known as Marietta; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 proposed well and 3 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 51, Township: 1 South, Range: 28 East, known as Cobblestone; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 1 proposed well and 5 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 32, Township: 3 South, Range: 26 East, known as Lakeshore; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells and 3 proposed wells in St. Johns County, located in Section: 27, Township: 3 South, Range: 29 East, known as Corona Road; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in

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St. Johns County, located in Section: 19, Township: 5 South, Range: 30 East, known as PDL A14 North; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in St. Johns County, located in Section: 31, Township: 5 South, Range: 30 East; Section: 6, Township: 6 South, Range: 30 East, known as PDL A14 South; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 3 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 18 and 7, Township: 3 South, Range: 28 East; Sections: 13 and 24, Township: 3 South, Range: 27 East, known as Deenwood 3; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 33, Township: 1 South, Range: 27 East, known as Woodmere; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in Duval County, located in Section: 25, Township: 3 South, Range: 27 East, known as Royal Lakes; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 6 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 21, Township: 2 South, Range: 26 East, known as McDiff; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 2 proposed wells and 5 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 14 and 15, Township: 3 South, Range: 25 East, known as Southwell Wellfield; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells and 1 proposed well in St. Johns County, located in Section: 20, Township: 6 South, Range: 30 East, known as Ponce de Leon Wellfield; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells in Nassau County, located in Section: 37, Township: 2 North, Range: 28 East, known as Nassau Regional; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well; Groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 5 active wells and 1 proposed well in Duval County, located in Sections: 29 and 33, Township: 2 South, Range: 28 East, known as Oakridge; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 7, Township: 2 South, Range: 28 East, known as Monument Rd.; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 8 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 24, Township: 2 North, Range: 26 East; Sections: 44 and 45, Township: 2 South, Range: 26 East, known as Henriicks; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in Nassau County, located in Section: 38, Township: 2 North, Range: 27 East, known as Lofton Oaks; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 2 proposed wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 45, 7 and 8, Township: 2 North, Range: 27 East, known as West Nassau Regional; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in Duval County, located in Section: 38, Township: 1 South, Range: 29 East, known as Mayport; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 proposed wells in Duval County, located in Section: 39, Township: 5 South, Range: 27 East; Section: 44, Township: 5 South, Range: 26 East, known as Rivertown; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 1 proposed well and 3 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 33 and 34, Township: 2 South, Range: 24 East, known as Cecil Commerce; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 7 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 16 and 39, Township: 2 South, Range: 28 East, known as Ridenour Wellfield; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 3 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 52, Township: 2 South, Range: 27 East, known as Lovegrove; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 4 active wells; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in Duval County, located in Sections: 16 and 56, Township: 3 South, Range: 27 East, known as Briewood; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 4 proposed wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 23, 24, 25 and 26, Township: 1 North, Range: 26 East, known as Northwest; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 8 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 10, 3 and 55, Township: 2 South, Range: 26 East, known as Fairfax Wellfield; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 proposed wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 15 and 22, Township: 4 South, Range: 28 East, known as RA-98; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells in St. Johns County, located in Section: 54, Township: 4 South, Range: 27 East, known as Julington Creek; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells in Nassau County, located in Section: 14, Township: 3 North, Range: 28 East, known as Otter Run; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 4 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 35, Township: 1 South, Range: 26 East, known as Norwood; groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in St. Johns County, located in Section: 43, Township: 3 South, Range: 29 East, known as Ponte Vedra North; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower

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Floridan Aquifer via 4 proposed wells and 7 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 11, 12 and 37, Township: 2 South, Range: 26 East, known as Main Street.

The file(s) containing the permit application(s) are available for inspection Monday through Friday, except for District holidays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the District's Headquarters, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529. You may also view files at one of the District's service centers, but you should call service center staff in advance to make sure that the files are at a specific service center. Service center contact information is available online at floridaswater.com/contactus/offices.html. Additionally, most permit application file documents can be viewed online at floridaswater.com/permitting/index.html. To obtain information on how to find and view permit application file documents, visit floridaswater.com/permitting/index.html and select the topic of choice from the "Find permits and application" heading, and then follow the directions provided under "How to find a Technical Staff Report (TSR) or other application file documents."

Decisions on Standard General permit applications will be made at the District's service center where the application is processed, unless the application is upgraded to an Individual permit application as explained below. A substantial objection to a Standard General permit application must be made in writing and filed with (received by) the Director, Bureau of Regulatory Support, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178-1429, or by e-mail at applicationsupport@sjrwmvmd.com, within 14 days of notification of the application. Please include either the Permit Application Number or the Project Name in the objection. Notification of the application is either the fifth day after the date on which the written notice is deposited in the U.S. mail (for those persons who receive actual notice by U.S. mail), the date on which the notice is e-mailed (for those persons who receive actual notice by e-mail), or the date the notice is published in the newspaper (if actual notice is not provided by U.S. mail or e-mail). A "substantial objection" means a written statement directed to the District that identifies the objector, concerns hydrologic or environmental impacts of the proposed consumptive use, and relates to applicable rule criteria. A timely substantial objection will cause the Standard General consumptive use permit application to be considered an application for an Individual consumptive use permit. If the District receives a timely substantial objection from you, then you will receive written notice of the District's intended decision on the permit application.

Decisions on Individual consumptive use permit applications will be made by the District's Governing Board. Notice of Intended District Decision will be provided to persons who have requested individual notice. A request for individual Notice of Intended District Decision on an application must be received by the Director, Bureau of Regulatory Support prior to the date the Notice of Intended District Decision is generated. For individual permit applications, you are advised to notify the District within 14 days of notification of the application(s) if you have questions, objections, comments, or information regarding the proposed consumptive use. If you make a written request to the District for additional information regarding a specific permit application, you will be provided an opportunity to obtain the available information. Please note that filing a written objection does not entitle you to a Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, administrative hearing.

Victor Castro, Director,
Bureau of Regulatory Support
St. Johns River Water Management District
4049 Reid Street
Palatka, FL 32177-2529
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2011-CA-437

BANK OF THE OZARKS, as successor in interest to and assignee of, THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, as Receiver of The Park Avenue Bank, Valdosta, Georgia,

PLAINTIFF,

vs.

GERARD JUSSAUUME, et al.,

DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered hereon, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the South Lobby of the Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, Florida 32052, at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of May, 2012, the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PAR-

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TICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: AS A POINT OF REFERENCE ONLY COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 34'13" EAST 1115.27 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 152; THENCE RUN ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 152 SOUTH 82 DEGREES 08'22" EAST 1193.77 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 82 DEGREES 54'22" EAST 178.67 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 07 DEGREES 05'38" WEST 80.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, SAID IRON PIN BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 152 SOUTH 82 DEGREES 54'22" EAST 195.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 13'32" WEST 450.80 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN NORTH 82 DEGREES 54'30" WEST 195.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN NORTH 13'32" EAST 450.80 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AND THE AFORESAID POINT OF BEGINNINGS.

SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR PURPOSES OF UTILITIES IN WIDTH 20 FEET ALONG ANY ROAD AND 10 FEET ALONG ANY SIDES THEREOF.

TOGETHER WITH: A 2001 SCHULT DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME, I.D. #GE01287964 AND I.D. #GE01287965.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on April 4, 2012.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) NOTICE: INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATORS OFFICE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TELEPHONE: (386) 792-1288; OR, IF HEARING IMPAIRED, 1-800-955-8771 (TTD); OR 1-800-955-8770 (V), VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE. 04/19, 26

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

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 24-2010-CA-000190

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,

v. BRYAN L. MCLEOD, ET AL., Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated March 30, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 24-2010-CA-000190, of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Hamilton County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff, and BRYAN L. MCLEOD; LINDA L. MCLEOD; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE; WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSIONS are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m. on the May 3, 2012, located at the South Front Door of the Courthouse, 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, Florida 32052, in Hamilton County, Florida, on the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

A PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONTAINING 1.7 ACRES MORE OR LESS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A POINT 14.85 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 2 RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF COUNTY ROAD A DISTANCE OF 607.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 210 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 376.5 FEET; THENCE NORTH 76 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 215.2 FEET TO THE WEST SIDE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST ALONG WEST SIDE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD A DISTANCE OF 328.36 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. SAVING AND EXCEPTING THAT PROPERTY CONVEYED BY DEED RECORDED 08/01/2002 IN BOOK 531, AT PAGE 62. This property is located at the Street address of: 3965 SW 99TH AVE, JASPER, FL 32052.

Witness my hand and he seal of the court on April 2, 2012.

(Court Seal) GREG GODWIN
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson

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Deputy Clerk

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you are a person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Individuals with a disability who require special accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055, (386) 719-7428, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or vision impaired, call 711. 04/19, 26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Hamilton County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the special exception, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Florida, serving also as the Board of Adjustment of Hamilton County, Florida, at public hearing on May 1, 2012 at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, County Courthouse located at 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida.

SE 12-1, a petition by John L. Vassar, Jr., requesting a special exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.5.5.9 of the Land Development Regulations to allow for a consulting business in an AGRICULTURE-4 (A-4) zoning district submitted as part of a petition dated April 3, 2012, to be located on property described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 35; THENCE SOUTH 0°19'46" EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 35, A DISTANCE OF 411.36 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 0°19'46" EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 35 A DISTANCE OF 159.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 73°56'14" EAST, 96.63 FEET; THENCE NORTH 39°43'02" EAST, 446.08 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD 25 (U.S. 41); THENCE NORTH 49°17'36" WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 268.83 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 27°43'24" WEST, 375.80 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no future notice concerning the matter will be published. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the special exception. Copies of the petition for special exception are available for public inspection at the Office of the Land Use Administrator, located at 204 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in the proceeding should contact Greg Godwin, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing. Mr. Godwin may be contacted by telephone at (386) 792-1288 or by Telecommunication Device for Deaf at (386) 792-1288. 04/19

The Hamilton County Trojan varsity softball team fell to Aucilla Christian Academy Thursday, April 12 by a score of 22-2.



- Photo: Richard A. Wright

Boys beat Union, fall to Suwannee



A Trojan in action.

2012 Rodeo Week

Saturday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Fri & Sat

All Around Cowboy Competition
 April 28th, 2012, Saturday will Kick Off our Rodeo Week with the first ever All Around Cowboy Competition. Begins at 12pm. Ham. Co. Denim & Dust 4H Selling Pizza.

Rodeo Queen Competition
 April 30th, 2012, Monday Night is the Rodeo Queen Competition, Local FFA will be selling BBQ Dinners. Begins at 6pm.

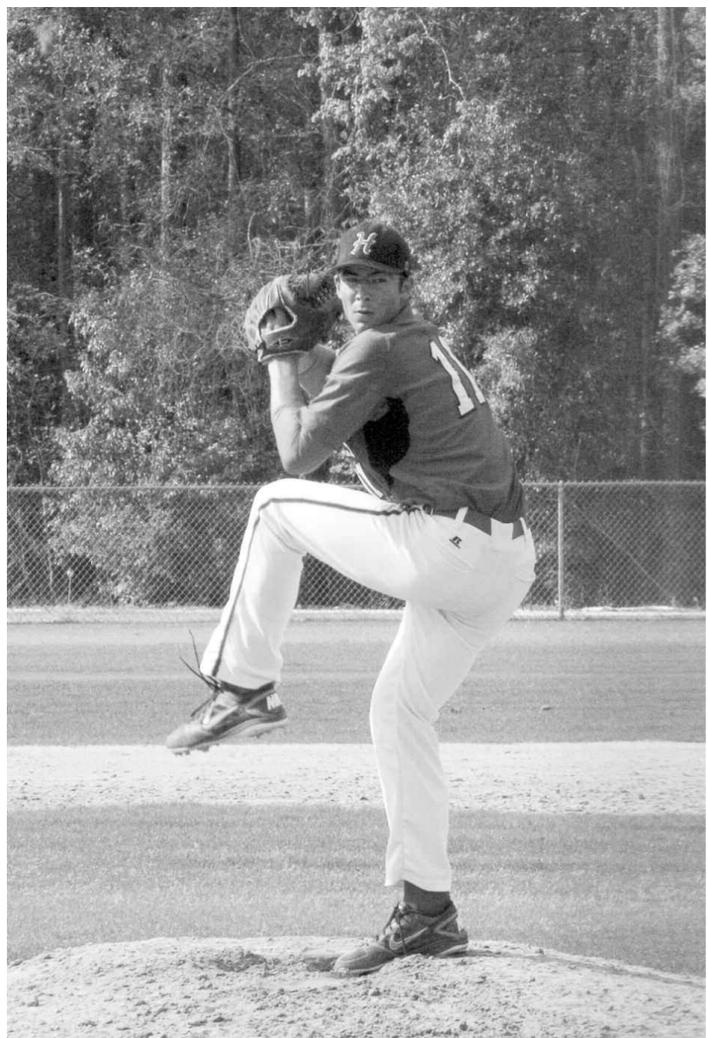
Goat Dressing & Stick Horse Barrel Racing
 May 1st, 2012, Tuesday will be the Goat Dressing Competition and Stick horse Barrel Race for 8 and Under. Don't forget your camera's!

Cowboy Church
 May 2nd, 2012, Wednesday evening Corinth Baptist Church will be hosting Cowboy Church in the Hog Barn. Lots of great fellowship and music! A fantastic dinner will be served. Begins at 6pm.

Parade & Cowboy Up
 May 3rd, 2012, Thursday Parade begins after school at 5pm. This years parade theme is "40 Years of Rodeo Memories" Most creative float award to be given at start of parade. If interested contact carolee_tucker@yahoo.com, come out to the City Park and have some fun! Michael Stacey Band, dancing, Games, Car Show, Face Painting, Photo Booth, Food Vendors hamburgers, hotdogs, BBQ, popcorn, cotton candy and much more. If you'd like to have a booth for your crafts, club, church group etc, contact carolee_tucker@yahoo.com.

40th Annual Rodeo
 May 4th, and May 5th 2012, Friday and Saturday Rodeo gates open at 6pm!

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This Hamilton County Trojan looks for a strike. - Photos: Richard A. Wright

Staff

The Hamilton County Trojan varsity baseball team won one and lost one recently.

On Thursday, April 12, the team hosted the Union County High School Fightin' Tigers baseball team (Lake Butler). The Tigers were overwhelmed 14-

10 in this non-league outing. Union County's record slipped to 14-7 on the season. Hamilton County improved 3-14.

The Hamilton County Trojans next took the field when they traveled to Suwannee for a non-league match on Tuesday, April 17. The Bulldogs left the

Trojans in the dust, shutting out the Trojans 10-0 at Booster Field in Live Oak.

The Trojans record as of this game was 3-14.

The Hamilton County Trojans take on P.K. Yonge on the Trojans home field on Friday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Come out and support the Trojans.