

5th Annual Golf Tournament sponsored by Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition. Friday, April 27 at Suwannee River Valley Golf Course. Registration at 8:30, shotgun start at 9. More information - 386-938-4911 or saynohamco.org.



The incredible edible plant hike. Saturday, April 28. Big Shoals State Park in White Springs will present the fourth annual edible plant hike hosted by Nursery Manager Michael Adler of Gainesville. The hike will offer visitors a chance to learn about edible plant life. More information - 386-867-1639.

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High 88° F



Precip: 10%

A few clouds early, otherwise mostly sunny. High 88F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 10%. For up to the minute weather go to www.nflaonline.com.

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Arrests made in dollar store robberies



Eric Keventay Williams

One juvenile and two adults nabbed

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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The case of a string of recent dollar store armed robberies has been solved and three suspects are behind bars, thanks to the joint efforts of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Of-

fice, White Springs Police Department, Suwannee County Sheriff's Office and the Live Oak Police Department.

The most recent armed robbery took place at the Dollar General Store in Wellborn in

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Eddie Lee Battles



A group of HCHS students leave the town hall meeting after voicing objections to the dress code. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

Students protest school dress code

Board set to look into matter in May

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Hamilton County High School students publicly protested the

countywide school uniform dress code at a town hall meeting of the school board on Monday, April 23. The uniform standardized dress code was approved by the Hamilton County School Board in April 2011 and became effective with the 2011-

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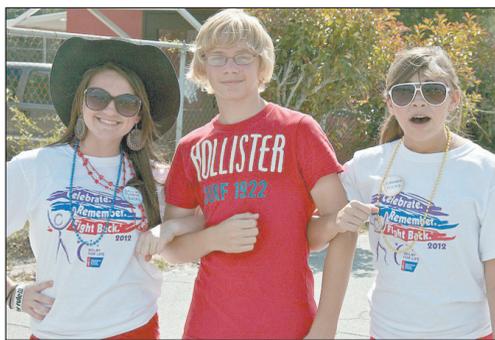


Can you say Hula? - Photos: Tom Moffses

Relay for Life a success

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A large crowd turned out on Saturday, April 14 for a full day of activities to raise money for Relay for Life in Hamilton County. The all-day event was held at the old high school football field behind Central Hamilton Elementary School. Pro-



These young adults came out to show their support.

ceeds are going to the American Cancer Society. "Several hundred participated throughout the event," said emcee Tom Moffses.

The goal this year was a lofty \$25,000. Prior to Saturday's event a total of \$16,000 had already been raised.

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Charter school approved

Application will now be sent to school district for approval

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It was truly a Super Tuesday in the Town of White Springs on April 24 as the charter school ballots were counted in the auditorium of South Hamilton Elementary

School. The majority ruled by a landslide to turn SHE into a charter school after six days of voting.

Ninety-nine percent of the eligible teachers and 87.5 percent of the parents voted YES to convert SHE into a charter school. Out of the 14 teachers who were eligible to vote, 12 voted yes and two abstained from voting, while 100 of 148

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CPA Ken Daniels begins counting the ballots.

-Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

Hamilton Cares shot down by Development Authority

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The Hamilton Cares project to bring quality childcare into Hamilton County by utilizing vacant space in the old high school/courtroom annex was shot down by the

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The Phantom II rolls into town

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Graham White of Lake City recently rolled his Rolls Royce into Hamilton County to the delight of many onlookers.

That's a 1935 Rolls Royce Phantom II mind you.

White said he has known about the car for many years and always had his eye on it.

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Graham White and his 1935 Rolls Royce Phantom II. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

Townsend submits resignation letter

Council tables issue until question over pension can be resolved

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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White Springs Town Manager Robert Townsend submitted his letter of resignation to Mayor Helen Miller Wednesday, April 18, who then presented it to the Town of White Springs at a meeting later that night that was specifically called to determine Townsend's fate. However, the issue was tabled until a ques-



Townsend



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Arrests made in dollar store robberies

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Suwannee County on Wednesday, April 18.

Arrested were Vandell Devonta Dowels Jr., 16, 10826 SW 37th St., Jasper, Eric Kevontay Williams, 20, 706 SW 4th St., Jasper, and Eddie Lee Battles, 24, 3921 Robinhood Rd., Valdosta. All three were booked into the Suwannee County Jail, according to officials.

Records show Williams faces charges of four counts of armed robbery, four counts of false imprisonment, grand theft, possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of ammo by a felon, wearing a mask while committing an offense, as well as Hamilton County charges of violation of probation, possession of a firearm while committing a crime, robbery while armed, kidnapping and theft. His total bond for Suwannee County was set at \$585,000.

His accomplice, Dowels, faces charges of four counts of armed robbery, four counts of false imprisonment and grand theft. He was transferred to a juvenile detention

center. Battles, the reported getaway driver, faces a charge of armed robbery, with a bond set at \$305,000.

The robberies began at the Dollar General Store in White Springs on the night of March 27. According to Chief Ken Brookins of the White Springs Police Department, a black male approximately 6'2"-6'3" and weighing about 230 pounds robbed two clerks and one customer at gunpoint of an undetermined amount of money and then fled the area by unknown means. For White Springs, this incident was the third time in recent months that the store had been robbed.

A similar armed robbery occurred at the Family Dollar Store in Live Oak on Monday, April 2, shortly after the store opened, only this time it was two black males who forced five customers to the back of the store and robbed one employee.

Police officers from White Springs and Live Oak began piecing together evidence in order

to come up with a suspect and on April 17 Brookins announced they were getting closer to making an arrest. WSPD Officer Jason Golub was on duty the night of the robbery in White Springs and he was the first to come up with the name of a potential suspect.

On Wednesday, April 18, the last armed robbery occurred at the Dollar General Store in Wellborn, this time by three black males, according to officials. The Suwannee County Sheriff's Office said two store clerks were preparing to close up around 9 p.m. when Dowels and Williams, both wearing bandanas over their faces, approached the store and told the clerks at gunpoint to get in the store and give them all the money. A man and his 11-year-old daughter had entered the store shortly thereafter and were ordered to the back of the store at gunpoint by Williams. The suspects took cellular phones and wallets from the adults and instructed them not to call the cops. They fled the scene in a

vehicle Battles was driving, which had a Georgia license plate. Reports state a BOLO (be on the look out) was issued for the vehicle.

"After the BOLO was put out, Sergeant Tim McDaniel, (HCSO) who had worked with White Springs on their robbery, had a hunch that it could be Battles," Hamilton County Sheriff J. Harrell Reid stated. "Knowing he lived in Georgia, he figured he would hit I-75 and head north, and he was right. His quick thinking helped apprehend the suspects."

Sgt. McDaniel conducted a traffic stop and upon searching the vehicle he found a .9 mm pistol, two bandanas and a Dollar General bag filled with cash. The suspects' clothing also matched the description of the armed robbers.

Arrest reports state Vandell was read his Miranda rights at the scene and both he and Williams admitted their involvement in the Wellborn robbery. All three suspects were transported to Hamilton County Jail where they were read their Miranda rights

again. Williams is a convicted felon and was in possession of a loaded pistol. Battles admitted he drove the two to the store for the purpose of the robbery and waited in the getaway car while they robbed the store. Although Williams was in possession of the .9 mm pistol, Battles stated it was his and that he allowed it to be used in the commission of the crime. All three suspects were then transported to Suwannee County Jail.

"I would just like to commend Sergeant McDaniel and the other officers for a job well done to take the individuals off the street," Reid said.

Suwannee County Sheriff Tony Cameron thanked HCSO for their assistance.

"When we gave the information to HCSO, they jumped right on the interstate and within three to four minutes they had the vehicle stopped," Cameron said.

"Eddie Lee Battles became a suspect in the White Springs robbery that occurred on March 27, due to a very detailed and thorough investigation performed by Lt.

Tracy Rodriquez and Officer Jay Golub of the White Springs Police Department," said Brookins.

"The officers were waiting on the results from some evidence sent to the FDLE Crime Lab when Battles, along with his co-defendant Eric Williams allegedly robbed the Dollar General in Wellborn."

After the arrests, Brookins said the suspects were interviewed by Officer Golub, who confirmed he had the right suspect.

"Lt. Rodriquez and Officer Golub did an excellent job in conducting this investigation," said Brookins. "I would also like to say what an honor it is to be a police chief in the 3rd Circuit. I have worked all over the state of Florida and I have never enjoyed a brotherhood in law enforcement like we enjoy here. From the sheriffs and the chiefs of police, along with the state agencies to the civilian support personnel, I have never been denied a favor or any assistance I needed to get the job done. It's like working in one giant department."

Students protest school dress code

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12 school year.

For boys it is long or short-sleeved, solid color collared shirts in red, white or black, such as a polo, oxford, or dress shirt. Shirts must be tucked in and can have a manufacturer logo not to exceed 2 inches by 2 inches. Students may wear school logos of any size. Pants, jeans or walking shorts must have belt loops and be a plain solid color in navy blue, black or tan/khaki. Jeans must not have embroidery or decorations.

The dress code for girls is similar with long or short-sleeved solid colored red, white, or black collared blouse or polo shirt, with the same logo policy. Skirts, pants, jeans (no embroidery or decorations), walking shorts, jumpers, or shorts must be a solid color in navy blue, black or tan/khaki, and if belt loops are there, a belt must be worn.

When the board voted to adopt the dress code, they felt that standardized dress was necessary for the safety and welfare of students and school personnel. They encouraged students to express their individuality through personality and achievements, rather than outward appearance.

Superintendent of Schools Martha Butler stated that she has a group of students who belong to the Superintendent's Cabinet. There are three members from each grade level 9-12 and Butler said they are great kids and leaders in the high school. She also said at her last meeting with them she listened to their concerns about the dress code. Several were there at the town hall meeting.

"I value their opinion," said Butler. "While it has worked really well at the elementary level, we've spent a lot of our time at the high school level enforcing it. All in all it has been very successful, but our students want a voice and what happens at the high school, and they wanted

to address the board," said Butler.

HCHS students Abraham Perez and Winston Crosby came up to the podium.

Perez began, "We understand that we have to have a dress code and a dress code policy for us, but what we don't like is the dress code we have now."

The red, black and white polo shirts seemed to be the biggest objection. The rule about no saggy pants and having to wear belts was not an issue.

"We have to have belts on our waists," said Perez. "I can't stand saggy, either, so I understand that."

Perez said when students are not complying to the dress code they get written up, sent to the dean and sometimes suspended. He said all of this time spent enforcing the dress code takes away from class time for both students and teachers.

Sweat pants was another thing Perez complained about because they are not allowed. He also said students are not given a pass to go back to class after a visit to the dean's office. Additionally, if they have to wait for a parent or family member to bring them a change of clothes it could take hours, depending on where the student lives.

"We don't really agree with the dress code we have now," Perez repeated. "We'd like it more lenient."

A student in the audience said, "We want it to express individuality."

"When we get into high school we're trying to express ourselves," Perez went on. "We're trying to find ourselves."

Crosby said he had done his own research on the subject of uniform dress codes in other parts of the country. He said that students who don't like the dress code at their school simply opt to attend a different school. With Hamilton County having only one high school, enrolling in a different school with less stringent dress

codes is not really an option, he said.

"In order to go to an out-of-county school, you have to get approval from not only this school board, but another school board, which, as Mr. (Johnny) Bullard (school board member) has pointed out, may not accept you because of behavior issues," Crosby said.

Crosby said if students decide to leave HCHS because they don't agree with the dress code, in his opinion, they are usually the ones who object the most to the dress code and therefore, get written up more often.

"While it may raise the grades in one school who have a larger district, or decrease violence or sexual offenses, it won't work for us because they can't leave...the people causing these problems," said Crosby. "There is still violence in our schools. There were several fights or threats of fights last week. There's still sexual offenses in our schools. There have been several this year."

Crosby stated that when you institute more rules, it just gives more rules for people to break.

"And people will break them," he said.

Both Crosby and Perez said high school staff aren't being consistent when they send kids to the office for not adhering to the dress code. Some kids get reprimanded, while others get off scott free.

Crosby said he rarely sees any of the school board members out at the high school, other than Jeanie Daniels and once in a while Damon Deas.

"It makes me wonder, are you really informed of what's going on out there?" he asked the board. "Have you really walked around and seen all these people who are out of dress code and not getting in trouble? How your staff is treating it? How the students are treating it? How the dress code in general is not working?"

"We don't want to be a senior and have to wear

red, black or white polos everyday," Perez piped up.

When a parent stood up and asked the board how the dress code has improved the high school, Bullard replied, "The board is not here tonight to defend its stance. We are here to get your information and we received that."

The parent countered, "The board is also here to give us information."

Deas said, "We really can't answer you whether or not it has improved our schools. It sounds like, to me, it has not been enforced. Had it been enforced, maybe it would have improved it."

Another student said, "If we have to go by a certain dress code, the teachers also should go by a dress code, because you can't tell me what to wear if you're coming in with sweat pants or different types of shirts like we have," which was met with loud applause from the audience.

Board member Gary Godwin replied that they looked at that issue last year, but said they couldn't enforce it with the teachers, because they are governed by the teachers union.

Perez said if the teachers dressed professionally, the students would follow suit.

"If you come in wearing sweats and a jogging shirt, that's not professional," said Perez.

Another parent said that there is concern the dress code is going to be even more restricted next year, to the point of banning jeans. The board said they had not discussed that.

Another student suggested the dress code be changed where collared shirts aren't restricted to just solid red, white or black. Another student, who had on a plaid collared shirt said he dresses properly all the time and it makes him feel better. Deas told them they were the minority.

A parent stated he felt the school board should institute disciplinary actions against the teachers who are picking and

choosing which students to write up for dress code violations.

"It's causing dissension," he said.

One student said, "I'm tired of looking like the person next to me."

A parent suggested changing the dress code to what the students suggested for next year and if they didn't follow it, then the board could revert back to the standardized uniform policy.

Butler said discussions about student conduct and dress code will be coming up in May and she hoped to have a forum with student representation present as those discussions take place.

"You have been heard," said Butler.

Deas said, "We heard your comments. I won't

promise anything. I can only answer for myself. I can't speak for the rest of the board. We instituted a dress code to help discipline issues and we're hearing now that it's not being enforced. We've heard that from time to time throughout the year."

Deas went on to say that the board has no jurisdiction in the schools.

"The superintendent and their administration takes care of that," said Deas. "By state law, we make policies and they enforce them."

Deas thanked the students for attending and said, "It's a testament that there are some great students in our schools. Y'all came in the right way and presented your case and we do thank you for that."

Hamilton Cares shot down by Development Authority

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Hamilton County Economic Development Authority recently, according to Director Susan Ramsey.

Ramsey told the Board of County Commissioners on April 3 that Hamilton Cares will not be receiving a grant from the development authority.

"The board voted that down in the last meeting," said Ramsey.

A few months ago, Thomas Logan, Ph.D, who is the executive director of the Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway, presented the project to the board. Logan was hoping for grant approval from the development authority so that the childcare center could open in January of 2013.

Commissioner Josh Smith asked, "How many jobs did they just turn away?"

"I believe they were going to hire 13 in the Center," Ramsey said.

"So, apparently, we don't need jobs around here, do we?" Smith asked.

Ramsey said she does not vote, but the board

looked at the application from Hamilton Cares and based their decision on the criteria needed for economic development.

"We don't fund any project 100 percent," she said.

The board, she said, has to stay within state guidelines and the application from Hamilton Cares did not meet the necessary criteria.

County Coordinator Danny Johnson said the department of employment opportunity contacted him and they asked if the county would be interested in going forward with the project. Johnson said there is \$700,000 available, so the project is not dead yet. These funds would be through a CDBG grant, which the county is eligible for, according to Engineer Greg Bailey.

"They said they felt very good about awarding a grant to the Coalition," said Johnson.

Ramsey said she offered to assist the Coalition in applying for other grants.

"We are aware there are more grant opportunities out there," said Ramsey.



Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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Many folks who contribute to our life in White Springs are a strong part of our community even though they don't live within our city limits. I think that it is important that we all be informed of the jewels we discover when we look right in our own back yard. John and Roberta Lacefield are wonderful examples. John and Roberta own and live on Lacefield Farms, located several miles out on the Woodpecker Route. Even though they don't live "in town" they are an important part of our community in many ways, seen and unseen. John and Roberta are both retired educators, but they are not retired from life. They are members of the Stephen Foster Citizen Support Organization where they came up with a fundraising idea that has helped raise money for special events at Big Shoals State Park. Roberta has been active with the White Springs Adult Education program and currently is involved with tutoring mathematics at South Hamilton Elementary.

Their farm, Lacefield Farms, is their passion. Lacefield Farms is not your ordinary farm but is rather an outgrowth of John and Roberta's philosophy of sustainability which is, "The ability to meet the needs of the present while living within the carrying capacity of supporting ecosystems and without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." They practice what they preach by using nature as a guide. For example, they

planted blackberries and grapes where the wild blackberries and grapes grow and they planted blueberries near sweet bays. They limit their use of pesticides and herbicides. They believe nature often offers the solution. For example, their free-range chickens eat the grasshoppers and native grasses crowd out weeds. They believe in organic practices but they don't believe organic goes far enough. For example, they do not have an irrigation system for their fields and gardens. Instead they experiment to find plants that can adapt to the climate we have. We should all be encouraged by their example to consider these life strategies. Reuse/Recycle... Consume less. Use things until they wear out; buy second-hand. Renew... Repurpose old things into something new. Rethink... Question assumptions. Sometimes the current way is best; sometimes older ways are better.

"U pick 'em" season for blueberries will be coming up soon at Lacefield Farms. If you are interested in blueberries, beef, chickens, agriculture, or their blacksmithing and math tutoring, or if you just want to learn more about sustainable farming, give them a call at 386-397-1827.

Heads up motorists! On Friday, May 4th through Sunday, May 6th, we are going to have a lot of cyclists on our roads. The Spring Bicycle Festival that weekend offers many wonderful outdoor experiences around White Springs and Suwannee River Valley. In addition to great on-road and off-road rides, the festival offers canoe, kayak and eco-adventures. Also on that weekend, the fine folks at Suwannee Bicycle Association will be donating a patrol bike

to the White Springs Police Department. Let's show our appreciation to these bicycling visitors by giving them a friendly wave and plenty of room when we pass them on the road.

In relation to treasures in our own back yard, you have often heard me talk about the Florida Folk Festival and I'm not about to stop now! I thought that you would like to know this is your chance to score some tickets at a real savings! Since 1953, folk artists have come together for this event. It is the oldest, continuous state folk festival in America. This year is the 60th anniversary and the event will continue a grand tradition of celebrating Florida's land, people and diverse cultural heritage. With more than 300 performances by Florida's greatest folk and roots artists, including national recording artists, songwriters and musicians of swing, folk, blues, gospel, country, Latin, jazz, bluegrass, Caribbean and zydeco music, it is truly an event not to be missed. This year's headliners include the legendary John Anderson, Billy Dean, Arlo Guthrie, Ben Prestage, Hannah Dean, Rachel Carrick, Bob Patterson & Friends, The Young & The Old String Band, Clyde Walker, Amy Carol Webb, Frank Thomas, Doug Gauss and more.

Compared to the prices for other festivals in our area, the Florida Folk Festival is an amazing bargain! If you act now, advance tickets are \$20.00 per day or \$40.00 for the entire weekend for adults. Children under six years of age are admitted free of charge. Ticket prices for children between the ages of six and 16 for the entire weekend are \$4.00 in advance or \$5.00 at the gate. Credit card purchases can be made by calling (877) 635-3655, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To order by mail, send a check or money order to: Florida Folk Festival, Post Office Drawer G White Springs, Florida 32096. Checks should be made payable to Florida Folk Festival. Discounted advance tickets will be on sale through May 20, 2012.

We ask that you remember Penny Register's son, Benjamin Register, in your thoughts and prayers. Benjamin has been in intensive care in Gainesville since January 29th and is on the waiting list for a heart transplant. Benjamin, folks here in White Springs care about you and we hope to see you back home and healthy soon!

So once again there is plenty going on in our little town. I hope to see you out and about, enjoying life in White Springs.

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Police Chief Monthly Report

Submitted

I want to start off this report reminding you of some upcoming dates. Saturday, April 28 is National Drug Takeback Day. This is the day you can bring all old prescriptions to the police department from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. and have them properly disposed of.

Then we have Saturday, May 19, which is the annual May Day Festival.

tival.

Last, but not least, is Friday May 25 through Sunday May 27, the Annual Folk Festival. I want to invite everyone to participate in these events and take advantage of the springtime fun we have to offer here in White Springs.

Now I would like to brag a little bit. By now, most of you have heard about the arrests made resulting from the robbery of the Dollar General in March. What you may not know is that before these arrests were made, two of our officers, Lt. Rodriquez and Officer Golub had done an outstanding job of locating a suspect in the robbery. It was while waiting for some evidence to come back from the crime lab that the suspect was arrested for his participation in another robbery that led to

his capture. We really have a lot of talent in the Department and it is indeed an honor to work with them.

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

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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Submitted

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announces National Prevention Week, May 20 through 26, 2012.

SAMHSA encourages communities to host events during National Prevention Week 2012 that: Celebrate the power of prevention; Raise awareness about substance abuse and mental health issues;

Build support for wellness and prevention practices; and Promote mental, emotional, and behavioral well-being.

For more information contact Grace McDonald Executive Director of Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition at 386-938-4911 or visit www.samhsa.gov/preventionweek to learn more about National Prevention Week.

National Prevention Week 2012 Themes

- Monday, May 21
Prevention of Underage Drinking
- Tuesday, May 22
Prevention of Prescription Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Use
- Wednesday, May 23
Prevention of Alcohol Abuse
- Thursday, May 24
Suicide Prevention
- Friday, May 25
Promotion of Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Well-Being

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AGENDA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
Room 112 - Courthouse 207 Northeast First Street Jasper, Florida
MEETING DATE: APRIL 17, 2012

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

LISTED ITEMS

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - UNAGENDAED APPEARANCES (*)
CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL
FLORIDA LEADERS ORGANIZED FOR WATER (FLOW)
WHITE SPRINGS LIBRARY PROJECT
APPROVE BILLS
CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
ADJOURN

TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

6:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER - INVOCATION - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
6:05 P.M. - 2010 CDBG PROGRAM
6:10 P.M. - COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS - STATUS REPORT
6:15 P.M. - LAND USE AND SHIP PROGRAM UPDATES AND REQUESTS

THIS AGENDA MAY NOT CONTAIN ALL MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED AFTER 1:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, COURTHOUSE, JASPER, FLORIDA.

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

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

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

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD: TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012 AT 9:00 A.M.

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OPINION

Devious taxation

The Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation does a yeoman's job of keeping track of how much we're paying in taxes and who's paying what. It turns out that American taxpayers worked this year from Jan. 1 to April 17, 107 days, to earn enough money to pay their federal, state and local tax bills. That statistic requires some clarification, and I ask my readers to help me examine it.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, Congress will spend \$3.8 trillion this year, about 24 percent of our \$15 trillion gross domestic product. But federal tax revenue will be much less, only \$2.5 trillion, or 16 percent of the GDP. That means there's a shortfall of \$1.3 trillion. Some people, including economists, say there's a deficit. That's true, but only in an accounting sense, not in any meaningful economic sense. Let's look at it.

If Congress spends \$3.8 trillion out of this year's \$15 trillion GDP, what must it

do to accomplish that goal? If you said it must "find a way to force us not to spend \$3.8 trillion privately," go to the head of the class. One way to force us to spend \$3.8 trillion less is to tax us that amount, but we're being taxed only \$2.5 trillion. Where does the extra \$1.3 trillion come from? It surely doesn't come from the tooth fairy, Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny.

The fact of business is that if Congress spends \$3.8 trillion of what we produce this year, it necessarily must force us to spend \$3.8 trillion less privately this year. The most honest way to force us to do that is through taxation. Another way is to enter the bond market and make interest rates higher than they otherwise would be, thereby forcing us to spend less on private investment in homes and businesses. Then there is debasement of the currency through inflation, which is taxation by stealth.

A common but misleading argument is that future gen-



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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

erations of Americans will pay for today's spending. Think about it. Is it possible for someone who has yet to be born to pick up the tab for what we do today? Pose the question another way. When we fought World War II, were the resources used and the sacrifices made to fight the war produced between 1941 and 1945, or were they produced and sacrificed in 1980, 1990 or 2000? Subsequent generations benefited from our fighting the war by being born into a free nation. Congresses profligate spending will burden future generations through making them heirs to less capital and, hence, less wealth.

The bottom line is that whatever Congress consumes this year is produced this year, not in 2020, 2030 or 2040. That means, in the real economic sense, the federal budget is always balanced.

Instead of focusing on how the federal government has grown from 3 or 4 percent of our GDP -- as it was from 1787 to 1920 -- to today's 24 percent, our attention has been diverted to tax fairness demagoguery. Let's look at tax fairness.

According to Internal Revenue Service data for 2009, available at <http://www.ntu.org/tax-basics/who-pays-income-taxes.html>, the top 1 percent of American income earners paid almost 37 percent of federal income taxes. The top 10 percent paid about 70 percent of federal income taxes, and the top 50 percent paid nearly 98 percent. Roughly 47 percent of Americans pay no federal income tax. Here's my fairness question to you: What standard of fairness dictates that the top 10 percent of income earners pay 70 percent of the income tax burden while 47 percent of Americans pay nothing?

The fact that the income tax burden is distributed so unevenly produces great politically borne fiscal problems. People who pay little or no income taxes become natural constituents for big-spending politicians. After all, if you pay no income taxes, what do you care if income taxes are raised? Also, you won't be enthusiastic about tax cuts; you'll see them as a threat to your handouts.

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Healthy Living

Making the most of your movement

You're standing in the dairy section of the grocery store trying to decide between one percent and no fat greek yogurt when you hear it: shhhhhht..shhhhhht..shhhhhht. The sound penetrates the silence as it nears you and getting louder and louder... SHHHHTTTT...SHHHHTTTT. You turn, and slinking down the aisle is the flip-flop foot slider. Every grocery store has one, the flip flop doting individual who refuses to pick up their feet sounding some-

thing akin to a mummy dragging towards its next victim.

Our bodies are designed for amazing physical feats. Because of technology and innovation we are required less and less utilize our physical capabilities as a function of survival. Thus we are all guilty of not making the most of our movement. Without the need to run and jump and hide from predators or spear dinner for later; we must be consciously aware of our need to become bet-

ter movement masters.

Take the hamstring group for example. Every untrained individual exhibits signs of weak hamstrings to one degree or another. Our hamstrings group includes three muscles on the back of your upper leg when contracting concentrically initiate hip extension. When you step if you allow gravity to act upon your leg and do all the work, which most people do you are not utilizing the powerful capabilities of your hamstring group.

~Beth Harris, CSCS, CHFS
bethharrisfitness@gmail.com



Remember, your body is a functional and dynamic entity. Just as any exercise routine should not consist of isolated concentric movements only, your movement throughout time and space should be as fluid and dynamic as possible. Our focus should be on increasing muscle activation throughout our day, during our activities of daily living. This will take some functional mind/body work on your part. Think about your movements while you are performing them. Walking to and through the grocery store can turn into a butt burning, calorie killing extravaganza if you want it to.

The time we have in life is obviously not unlimited. Put some thought into the context and usefulness of all of your movements. Do what gives you the most benefit. Many have a habit of being fooled into exercise fads or buying quick fix products just because they are currently in vogue. Why do this when you have the most useful tool available-the ability to move. Natural movements encompass the full range of physicality that the human species has exhibited for a million years.

So next time you walk into the grocery store-lift those knees to hip level, pull your foot down and back, and squeeze that bottom all the way to the door. Granted your gait may look a little funny, but outside awkward glances from nearby on-lookers what have you got to lose but immobility, calories, and a flabby bottom? There's a first for everything, but I've never heard anyone complain of losing any of these.

"Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you."
 ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Obituary Heart Matters Nehemiah #9



Catherlene Johnson
July 9, 1945 -
April 24, 2012

Ms. Catherlene Johnson, a resident of White Springs, Fla., age 57, passed away Tuesday, April 24, 2012 in White Springs, Florida.

Ms. Catherlene Johnson leaves to cherish her memory: daughter Monique B. Byrant; siblings: Sherry Johnson, Windy Gale Johnson, Tereja Thomas (Alonzo Thomas), Deborah Fay Johnson, Teresa Poke, Dottie Johnson, Louis Dean Johnson and Louis Johnson; nieces, nephews, a special friend, Arthur Bryant and many other close relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Ms. Catherlene Johnson will be Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church in White Springs, Florida. Viewing for family and friends will be Friday, April 27, 2012 at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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

Death notice

Oceanus McCall
April 22, 2012

Mr. Oceanus McCall, 76, a resident of Live Oak, Fla., passed away Sunday, April 22, 2012 at his home.

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

By Angie Land

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words...well they can really hurt too, can't they? Careless words have the potential to wound, but nothing is felt more deeply than words spoken with the intention to destroy. While our first response is to deny or defend against words like these, deep inside we often tend to agree with them. How can we argue with someone who calls us a failure when we have felt that way many times?

No doubt the Jews who were working with Nehemiah to rebuild the wall could relate. By Chapter 4, the names of Sanballat and Tobiah are familiar, our resident bad guys...and as usual, they are up to no good. The mode of operation this time is ridicule.

Sanballat "ridiculed the Jews, and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, 'What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble-burned as they are?'" (Nehemiah 4:1-2)

The Hebrew word for "ridicule" is la'ag which means to mock, scoff, to stammer, or speak as a foreigner. This gives a clearer picture of what was happening...Sanballat had an audience and he put on a show at the Jew's expense, perhaps even to the point of using Hebrew words or accent. Note some of the words he used to intentionally wound:

He called them "feeble" Jews. Wouldn't a "lack of strength" be obvious in the face of the task at hand...by hand? We can agree with that one. Check

Will they restore the wall? A question that had run through every mind at some point during this work. Could it be done? Check.

Will they offer sacrifices? The temple was already restored under Ezra's leadership some 70 years prior, so this wasn't a question about being able to offer sacri-

fices after the wall was rebuilt. Perhaps Sanballat was attempting to plant doubt in their minds by mocking the heart of the Jew's worship service, suggesting they offer a sacrifice to see if God would help them. Would He? Check.

Will they finish in a day? How many times have we started a project only to discourage ourselves by thinking, "This is going to take forever," or "We will never finish!" Check

Can they bring the stones back to life...? For crying out loud, even the materials we are using are damaged...how will this work? Check, check and check!!

Tobiah the Ammonite also threw his two cents in to join Sanballat's attack: "What they are building-if even a fox climbed up on it, he would break down their wall of stones!" (v.3) See how opposition works? By wearing you down with the goal of getting



you to quit!

The source of all opposition to the work of God is the devil, referred to in Revelation 12:10 as the Accuser. Scripture also calls him a liar, and the father of lies. However, by adding just a touch of truth to his lies, he can often get us to agree with him. Yes, we are all feeble...BUT our weakness, God makes us strong (2 Cor. 12:10) Hold out for the whole truth!

So, what are you ready to quit on? Your marriage...a relationship with your teenager...finding a better job...finishing college...a closer walk with God? Listen closely to the ridicule, and recognize the voice of the accuser...the liar. Disagree with his half-truths. Then roll up your sleeves and get back to it.

Because Every Heart Matters, Angie

80th Birthday's



Gerald & Helen Scott Gamble

Saturday, April 28. 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Luraville Baptist Church Social Hall
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Live Oak, FL 32060
Home address: 18393 168th St.

Word walls



Word walls help to increase vocabulary and language skills. Elementary schools have been using them for years and you can find them in almost every classroom. A recent study showed test gains were contributed to having an interactive word walls in the hallways of a middle school. Students began using the words more frequently, thus increasing their vocabulary, word usage and spelling. Su-

perintendent Martha Butler and Hamilton County High School principal Wanda Law wanted the same gains for the middle school students at HCHS. The Key Club took on this project and made interactive word walls for science, math and language arts in the middle school building at HCHS. Pictured from left: Sadarius Joseph, Tynechia White, Madiah Tomoney & Hetal Thakor.

Miss Carrot Queen Pageant

Saturday, April 28
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For ages 0-20!

Prize list includes: Beautiful rhinestone tiara, sash and trophy. Optional winners and runners-up will also receive awesome awards! One contestant with the highest total score will be crowned with the Supreme title. (There will be no double

crowning) Participation awards will be given to contestants not placing. There will also PEOPLE'S CHOICE winner. Goody bags for everyone.

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The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new White Springs Public Library will take place on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at the construction site for the new building located on US 41 North in White Springs and will begin at 1:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Church & Family Go Together

<p>ADVENT CHRISTIAN FIRST ADVENT CHRISTIAN N.W. 15th Avenue Jasper Rev. Wayne Sullivan Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. 717860-F</p>	<p>BAPTIST (Southern) FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH "Where Friends become Family" 207 N.E. 2nd Street, Jasper 792-2658 Pastor: Roger Hutto Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Supper.....6:00 p.m. Children, Youth & Adult Programs:6:30 p.m. 717850-F</p>	<p>METHODIST FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 405 Central Ave., Jasper, FL Pastor - Dale Ames Phone - 386-792-1122 Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wednesday Family Night Dinner 3rd Wednesday Clothes Closet 4th Saturday 1-5pm 717823-F</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 204 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Jasper, 792-2258 Pastor: Alexandra Hedrick SUNDAY Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Choir Practice.....7:00 p.m. 732122</p>
<p>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. R&A & GA.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting, Teen Kids, Youth.....6:00 p.m. Van pick-up upon request 732119</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Building On FAITH</p>
<p>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.....6:00 p.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</p>	<p>CHURCH OF CHRIST CHURCH OF CHRIST N.W. 3rd St., Jasper Bldg.: 792-2277 Sunday Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening.....6:00 p.m. 717824-F</p>	<p>To list your church on our church directory, please call Virginia at 386-362-1734</p>	

Norris Notes

By Lillian Norris

A big THANK YOU to all of you who helped make the Purlieu Dinner/Yard Sale at the Woman's Club last week, a great success. Your presence and contributions to our budget are appreciated. It was good to see all of you, many I had not seen for a while and it was a fun time, as well as a profitable one. We hope you will remember that the Woman's Club House is available for rental. The cost for a rental is \$225., with 100.00 of the rental fee refundable on return of key if the Club House is left in as good condition as when rented. Reservations may be made by calling 386-855-5670.

If you are interested in joining Woman's Club get in touch with any Club Member, almost anyone in the County can tell you someone to contact.

We do not have any report on the Trail Ride that was held on Saturday, hope you

will be able to get some news of it soon.

The community has been saddened at the loss of the life of Ercel Camp last week, she was a lovely lady, a blessing to her family, her friends and the entire community, she came to the County to teach and contributed in many ways over the years, she will be missed.

It has been a cool (almost cold) month of April so far, maybe May will be better (however I like the cool weather) not a hot weather person, probably because I do not have to be out in the cold. Having lived in places where it was COLD, that is not good either, but it seems easier to get warm than to get cool. But most places I lived it would be just as hot in the summertime as it was in the wintertime, we never seem to be satisfied, but I do think we have the most stable weather, glad we do not have extremes of any kind. I did not intend to 'talk about the weather' but sometimes, as you know, I write as if I were talking with you.

Have you noticed the

changes in the JASPER NEWS, some new additions, etc, it is good to get a variety of items, especially since we do not get a daily paper delivered, the T.V. listings, comics, etc., and they certainly did not know I was going to say this, and I personally thank those involved for allowing me to be a part of the paper. You folks know how important it is to me, has always been of great interest to me.

I really want you to be a part of the paper also, let me hear from you.

The program at Sisterhood was Very Special, and I will get more information to pass on to you. Of course the ladies had prepared a feast, all bringing their specials, and the program was so very inspirational. Will let you know when and where the next will be held, it is a great time for women to get together, share thoughts and enjoy food and fellowship.

Until next week,

Call me at
386-792-2151 or
email at - norrislw@windstream.net



Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent
Johnny Bullard

Memories, memories. This time of the year triggers the old memory mechanism, and my mind travels to a pretty big deal. In one of our neighboring counties, one elementary school had the May Court, the May Queen and, of course, as a part of the celebrations the winding of the maypole.

At South Hamilton, I can still see Mrs. Ruby Williams, longtime kindergarten teacher at South Hamilton, and her assistant, Mrs. Earnestine Johnson, and Mrs. Barbara Edwards, often accompanied on the piano by longtime elementary educator, Mrs. Dolores Howell who also assisted and produced many programs at South Hamilton, including the annual appearance of students at the Florida Folk Festival.

For those who are not familiar with the maypole dance I shall attempt to explain. A long vertical pole, about 12 to 15 feet in height is anchored on the bottom by a heavy weight of some

type. From the top of the pole, long strips of colored cloth are attached. Students, about 12 to 16, even pairs, take the strips, bow to each other, and, as the music plays, they wind or really plait the strips, as they move in an over and under pattern. Usually the dancers are dressed in outfits that match the strips of fabric. If the strips are red and white, girls wear red dresses with white blouses, and boys wore dark pants, white shirts, and around their necks, a red tie all coordinated to add to the festive air of the maypole. Once the fabric strips are plaited, the dancers reverse and un-plait the maypole. When it is completely unplaited, the dance ends.

Maybe the dance could be taught by consulting the computer, I don't know, but it would require actual participation to do it not just clicking and texting.

I wonder how many modern day P.E. teachers at the elementary level could teach it? I am sure most of the regular elementary teachers would not - no fault of their own - many would like to I am sure, but the May Pole is not a measurable item on the FCAT and we ALL know how important that assessment is (not a criticism, only an observation).

Oh, well, I am glad I lived through an era as a student when the plaiting of the Maypole and May Day festivities was a part of the total educational experience. This year, the Florida Folk Festival will celebrate its 60th birthday, the oldest state sponsored Folk Festival in the nation. I recently found in one of my buried boxes, a program from the very first All Florida Folk Festival held in May of 1953.

As part of the opening ceremonies, there it was, the traditional maypole Dance. Sixty years later, I wonder if any student group will dance the maypole, probably not. There is no truer quote in the world than "Life is Change". I don't have to buy a T-shirt with that emblazoned across the front to know that quote is true. All I need to do is look at my reflection in the mirror each morning to validate that quote. Most of the time I laugh out loud to keep from crying but, as the lyrics to the Stephen Sondheim song "go"--"I'm Still Here", and, for that, I am very thankful. And, I am thankful that, once again, a wonderful time has arrived along the banks of the Suwannee, brightly colored pink and lavender phlox bloom along the roadsides. Honeysuckle winding on fences sends out a heavenly fragrance through the North Florida air, the lemony fragrance of huge, white, magnolia blossoms provides pleasure for those who love the sight and the smell of these seasonal natural gifts, the cool waters of the Suwannee beckon those who love it and memories of dancing the maypole to the steady beat of a tune being played on the upright piano provides precious memories.

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

Swing into action 'fore' the youth

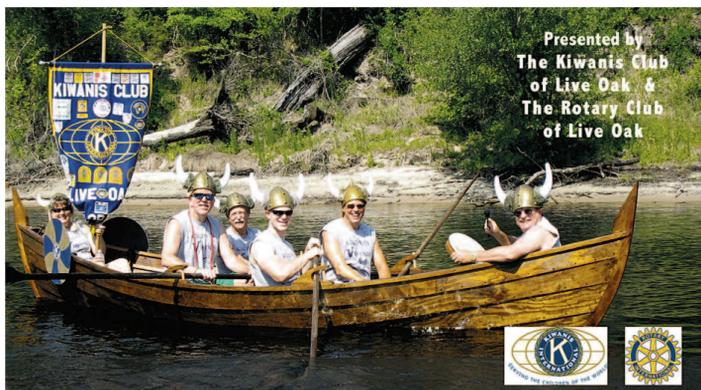
By Joyce Marie Taylor

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.



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NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Jennings, Florida WILL NOT hold a City Election, June 5, 2012, due to lack of number of candidates qualifying.

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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 - Monday through Wednesday at 7pm

Dr. Greg Douglas, pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church in Trenton, Fla will be the guest preacher.

Contact Pastor Jeff Cordero for more information at 386-938-5611

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iSay Sí to Cinco de Mayo!

Sandra Lee Celebrates in Style



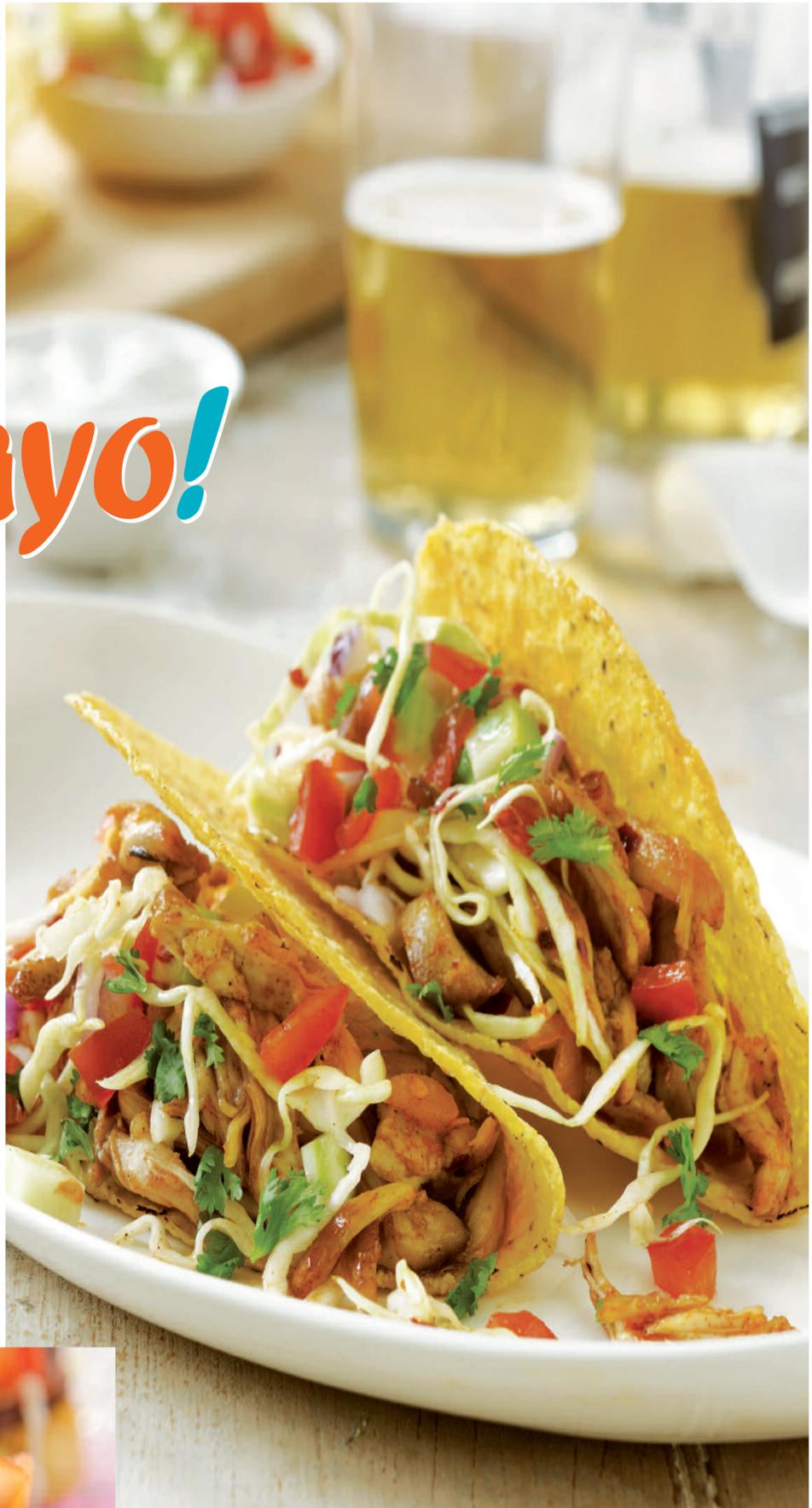
FAMILY FEATURES

Over the years, Cinco de Mayo has become a great way to celebrate the fantastic flavors of Mexico. This year, why not host your own Cinco celebration? With easy recipes and fun tips like these from Ortega and Sandra Lee, you can say sí with style.

Here's how you can set the stage for the perfect fiesta with some creative tips from Sandra Lee:

- **Centerpiece:** Fill a tall can with sunflowers and center it on a large platter. Arrange produce, such as fresh mini sweet peppers, long red peppers, bell peppers, avocados and jalapeños around the can. Once your party is over, you will have fresh ingredients for other meals.
- **Favors:** Tie a length of raffia around small terra-cotta pots, then place a mini cactus into each one. These plants are a nice gift for your guests.
- **Place Cards:** Turn extra votive candles into mood-enhancing place cards. Use a cookie cutter to cut colored paper into ovals. Write the guests' names on the front and punch holes on both sides. Thread a ribbon through the holes and around the votive, tying in the back.

And here are some delicious ways to celebrate Cinco de Mayo from Ortega. Visit www.Facebook.com/OrtegaTacos or www.ortega.com for more great recipes.



Chicken Tacos with Cucumber Salsa

Makes: 6 servings
Cook: 10 minutes

- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1/2 red onion, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/2 packet (1.25 ounces) Ortega Reduced Sodium Chili Seasoning Mix
- 2 store-bought cooked chicken thighs (about 1/2 pound), shredded
- 1 cucumber, chopped
- 1/2 can (15 ounces) chopped tomatoes, drained
- 3 tablespoons Ortega Thick and Smooth Taco Sauce (mild, medium or hot), divided
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
- 8 Ortega Yellow Corn or Whole Grain Taco Shells

- 1 cup shredded cabbage
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- Kosher salt, to taste
- Black pepper, to taste

In skillet over medium heat, add oil. Sauté half the onion, red pepper flakes and reduced sodium chili seasoning mix until onions are soft, about 5 minutes. Add chicken and cook until warmed through, about 5 minutes.

For salsa: In bowl, mix together cucumber, tomatoes, 2 tablespoons taco sauce, remaining onion, cilantro, and salt and pepper to taste.

Spoon chicken mixture into taco shells, top with salsa and cabbage.

Mix remaining tablespoon of taco sauce into sour cream and top.

Salsa Sopes

Makes: 12 sopes
Cook: 20 minutes

- 1 package (18 ounces) prepared polenta
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 can (15 ounces) Ortega Black Beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 1/4 cups plus 1 tablespoon Ortega Thick and Chunky Medium Salsa
- 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons Ortega Thick and Smooth Taco Sauce (mild, medium or hot)
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 cup shredded lettuce

Slice polenta in half. Slice each half into six rounds, about 1/2 inch thick, so you have 12 rounds total.

Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Gently slide each polenta round into hot oil using spatula. Fry for 5 minutes per side or until golden brown and cooked through. Remove from oil and drain on paper towel-lined sheet tray.

In medium bowl, combine beans, salsa and 2 teaspoons taco sauce. Mash beans with fork.

In small bowl, combine sour cream, remaining taco sauce and lime juice, and mix until well blended.

Spread 2 tablespoons mashed black beans on top of a fried polenta round. Top with a pinch of shredded lettuce and about 1 tablespoon salsa, and drizzle with some sour cream mixture.

Crunchy Salsa Chicken Bake

Makes: 6 servings
Bake: 25 to 30 minutes

- 1 12-count box Ortega Yellow Corn Taco Shells or Whole Grain Taco Shells, each shell broken into pieces
- 1 bag (20 ounces) cubed, cooked chicken
- 1 packet (1.25 ounces) Ortega Taco Seasoning (or 40% Less Sodium Taco Seasoning)
- 1 jar (16 ounces) Ortega Thick and Chunky Medium Salsa
- 1/4 cup Ortega Thick and Smooth Taco Sauce (mild, medium or hot)
- 1 cup light sour cream
- 1 can (4 ounces) Ortega Fire Roasted Diced Green Chiles
- 1 cup pimiento stuffed olives, rinsed
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- 4 cups Mexican blend shredded cheese, divided use
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth

Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat a 9 x 13-inch baking pan with cooking spray.

Pour broken chips into baking dish and set aside.

In large bowl, toss chicken with taco seasoning. Rub chicken cubes with your fingers to thoroughly distribute seasoning.

In medium bowl, combine salsa, taco sauce and sour cream. Stir in chiles, olives and cilantro. Pour over chicken and combine thoroughly. Stir in 3 cups of cheese and chicken broth.

Pour chicken mixture into baking pan over broken taco shells.

Sprinkle on remaining cup of cheese. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until bubbly.



Charter school approved

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parents also voted yes. Only one parent out of the 101 ballots received voted NO. There were a handful of parent ballots that were invalidated, although no specific reason was given.

At 7:01 p.m., CPA Ken Daniels acting as arbitrator, unlocked the ballot boxes, opened the sealed envelopes, and counted each individual vote out loud, as dead silence prevailed throughout the auditorium during the process. Teacher votes were counted first, followed by raucous applause from the audience when they learned the majority ruled by voting yes.

Counting the parents votes was next as the tension mounted in the auditorium. The silence was almost deafening. A total of 75 yes votes were needed and that threshold was met. Daniels continued opening ballots until the box was empty and declared only a few ballots as invalidated. When the process was completed the crowd roared with excitement.

In a tearful acceptance speech, White Springs Charter School Governing Board Member and SHE parent Shauna Adams-Farries expressed her heartfelt joy and appreciation to the parents and teachers of South

Hamilton Elementary School for their support in voting yes to convert South Hamilton into a charter school.

"God is good all the time," said Adams-Farries through sobbing tears after all the ballots were counted.

She said it all started when her daughter cried tears of sorrow when she learned SHE would be closed if Central Hamilton Elementary fails to exit intervene status by the state for its failing grades. SHE, with a student count of 198, would have been closed and all students transferred to the newer CHE.

"I am so proud to stand here crying tears of joy that we have an alternative for all our children here at South Hamilton," said Adams-Farries.

After thanking the teachers, parents and community members, she said, "This is just the beginning. We have a ways to go, but I can tell you, what a glorious beginning."

The next step in the process is for the governing board to present the Hamilton County School District with their charter school application, which must be done by Aug. 1, 2012. The school district then has 60 days to review the application and either approve or deny the request. If it is approved then the district

and the governing board will work together to come up with an acceptable charter school contract.

Superintendent of Schools Martha Butler said if the application is approved by the school board the rest of the conversion process will take about a year to complete, meaning the charter school could open for the 2013-14 school year.

Should the application

be denied, the charter school governing board can appeal to the Florida Department of Education, whose decision is final.

Mayor Helen Miller, who is on the charter school governing board, stated, "Tuesday night's parent vote of 100 to 1 is a clear signal that parents believe converting SHE into a charter school is in the best interest of their children's education."

The charter school governing board consists of Miller, Fred D. Greene, Waylon Bush, Mattie Fouraker, Charles Graham, Shauna Adams-Farries and Rhett Bullard.

"I think the intent of everybody involved is to maintain a school in White Springs for their children, whether it is a public school, a public charter school or simply a charter school," Rhett Bullard stated by phone.

When asked if SHE would go charter whether or not the school is closed by Hamilton County School Board, Bullard said, "That is a bridge we'll have to cross when we come to it. It's a decision of a group of people that we will have to evaluate later."

Bullard also stated, "If we've got A schools in Hamilton County, we need to keep them open."

Townsend submits resignation letter

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tion surrounding Townsend's pension can be resolved.

Townsend was not in attendance at the meeting.

The Town of White Springs placed Townsend on paid administrative leave on March 28 after it was learned he may be under investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

FDLE Public Information Officer Keith Kameg confirmed on Tuesday, April 3 that the FDLE had received a complaint and they were reviewing it to see if it warrants a criminal investigation. Kameg wouldn't elaborate further. He said by phone that no new information was available.

Mayor Helen Miller be-

gan the meeting stating she had received the letter of resignation from Townsend that same day and she read to all in attendance.

"After much consideration and thought, I am providing my notice of resignation as town manager and public works director with the town of White Springs, effective April 18, 2012. This was not an easy decision to make. I appreciate the opportunity that is given here and wish the town much success in the future," the letter from Townsend stated.

Miller asked the council for a motion to accept the resignation as offered, but was interrupted by Robert Dezendorf, who was sitting in the audience.

"Before you accept it, I question the acceptance,"

he said. "Is he entitled to a pension, where if he's not fired and he resigns, does he get a pension that the town in any way contributes to? Whereas, if he's fired, does he lose that pension?"

Dezendorf said he spoke to Councilman Dennis Price the previous day and Price said he would try to find out the answer to that question.

Miller told Dezendorf he was out of order because she had requested a motion from the council.

Councilman Richard Marshall then made a motion to accept Townsend's resignation and Councilwoman Tonja Brown seconded it.

Town Attorney Fred Koberlein, who said he was just made aware of Townsend's offer to resign, didn't know with whom Townsend had a

pension, whether through the Florida Retirement System (FRS) or through a private organization.

White Springs Finance Director Pam Tomlinson, who was in the audience, said, "It's through ICMA."

Koberlein said he felt that ICMA could answer the question quickly and suggested the council table the vote on whether or not to accept Townsend's resignation until they received an answer from ICMA.

The board then unanimously voted to table the discussion until tonight during their organizational meeting.

Town Clerk Shirley Heath remains interim town manager.

(See next issue for an update)

The Phantom II rolls into town

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He finally purchased it about six years ago and it was a fixer-upper when he bought it. The prior owner, he said, passed away and White bought it from his widow. He has all the original records on the car, including all the customizations, in a file that is about half an inch thick.

"The Phantom II was the top of the line Rolls Royce in the 1930s," said White. "In fact, this is the third from the last Phantom II that was built."

The first owner of the car, White said, lived on Park Avenue in New York; the high-rent district, for sure. The car was shipped over from Liverpool, England in July 1935 on the S.S. Laconia. The body was installed here in the U.S. by a coachbuilder company called Brewster. Everything was hand-built and handmade. It was delivered to the customer in October that same year.

"The engine is an inline 6,500 cubic inch, four-speed, manual transmission," said White. "It's a very com-

plex car, typical of a Rolls Royce product. That's what fascinated me."

White also collects WWII aircraft engines and he has a number of Rolls Royce aircraft engines. Up until WWII, Rolls Royce cars and aircraft engines were designed and built in the same facility in Derby (pronounced Darby), England. After WWII, the car division and aircraft engine division split up, so the whole character of the post WWII cars changed profoundly, White said.

"That's why the pre-war cars, to my mind, are much nicer cars than the post-war cars, because the same designers and engineers were working on both the cars and the aircraft engines," he said. "So, there's a lot of aircraft engine technology in this car."

White explained that Rolls Royce built a new factory in Crewe in northwest England to build the Rolls Royce Merlin aircraft engine. The Merlin was built under license in this country by a company called Packard.

White said, "The Packard-built Merlins went on to fame to power the P-51 Mustang, the most famous fighter plane of WWII, so a lot of people don't realize that the most famous U.S. built fighter plane of all time was powered by a licensed-built Rolls Royce aircraft engine."

White said his Rolls was road-tested at 92 miles per hour back in 1932.

"I cruise at 60 to 65 on the interstate," he said. "That's as fast as I want to go because it's an old car. It's very

original. It's never really been restored. The engine was rebuilt in 1970 and it's as good as new."

White said when the car gets up to 75 miles per hour it starts running out of steam. Once, he ran it up to 75-78 mph just to make sure everything was in good working condition and it was, although, he finally said. "Enough of this abuse."

There is something about antique cars, he continued, and that is you never own them.

"You're the caretaker," he said.

More scenes of Relay for Life

Event was held on April 14



Fire Divas fight for the cause. - Photos: Tom Moffses



Kiwanis was well represented.



Survivors and supporters alike made the relay a success.



Team Trojans showed their support.



It was a great time for folks of all ages.



Grabbing some shade under the tent.

SHE Honor Roll 3rd 9 Weeks

A's
 Alford, Keandra
 Beauchamp, Elisia
 Bennett, Danielle
 Brown, Renee
 Brown, Taffany
 Cherry, Chance
 Cole, Key'Asia
 Cribbs, Jacob
 Cromartie, Andrea
 Dorminey, Alexander
 Elmore, Angel
 Elmore, Sydney
 Faries, Raylen

Ford, Tyler
 Fouraker, Alex
 Fouraker, Natalie
 Griffis, Alexis
 Haines, Jacob
 Hanes, Levi
 Hawkins, Joshua
 Hunter, Arlie
 Johnson, Michael
 Jordan, Breunna
 McDaniel, Macy
 McGuire, Elora
 Pinello, Alexandria
 Pritchard, Crystal

Small, McKayla
 Smith, Hiedi
 Smith, Logan
 Steedly, Gracelynn
 Steedly, Jonathan
 Stephenson, Bryce
 Thomas, Benjamin
 Thompkins, Azaria
 Townsend, Joshua
 Watson, Jazlyn
 Williams, Morgan
 Young, Leon
 Zanders, Key'Shun

AB's
 Baker, Isaiah
 Bennett, Daniel
 Bristol, Foster
 Bryant, Samuel
 Castro, Anthony
 Castro, Nicholas
 Chambers, Hunter
 Cobbs, Ken
 Cribbs, Devin
 Dyke, Sawyer
 Elmore, Jesse
 Fouraker, Nathan
 Griffin, Malik

Herndon, Ethan
 Hicks, Jacarey
 Hughes, Hayden
 Jones, Diamond
 Jones, Dominique
 Lee, Brandon
 Lee, Madison
 Marvin, Ashley
 McClellan, Jamarius
 Merrill, Samuel
 Ogburn, Allison
 Oliver, Jalen
 Powell, Travis
 Rodriguez, Joshua

Salazar, Daisy
 Shipp, Mckenzie
 Smith, Nyesha
 Stephens, Jennifer
 Stewart, Nathan
 Stirn, Chelsie
 Stirn, Mason
 Webb, Pe'tresse
 Wetherington, Dalton
 Williams, Hailey
 Williams, Hunter
 Zanders, Key'Undrea

40th Annual Championship Rodeo Queen Contest & FFA BBQ Dinner

Monday April 30, 7 p.m. at the Hamilton County Arena
 Sponsored by Bass's Furniture & Appliance and Brown's Flowers & Gifts



Hannah Godwin 2011 Rodeo Queen
 16 year old daughter of Greg & Karen Godwin

Junior Divison:



Anna Barbee
 12 year old daughter of Frank & Tracy Barbee
 Sponsored by Atlon Stapp, Grandfather

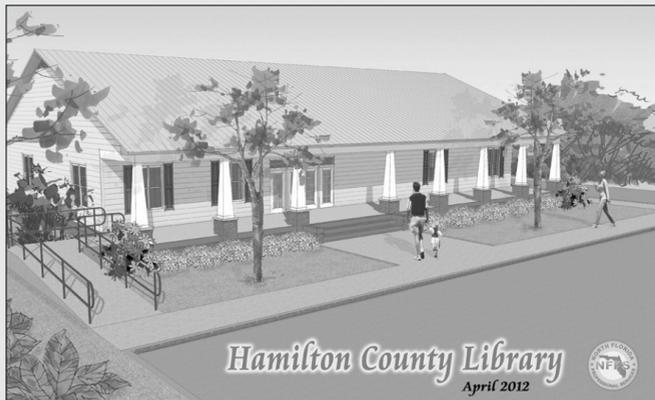


Olivia Cohen
 12 year old daughter of Seth & Kari Cohen
 Sponsored by Seth & Kari Cohen, parents

2011 Rodeo Queen Hannah Godwin is looking forward to crowning the 2012 Rodeo Queen on Monday evening April 30th 7 p.m. at the Hamilton County Arena. The FFA will be selling BBQ Dinners from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. She would also like to encourage girls who are interested in the 2013 rodeo queen contest to join the Hamilton County Riding Club now. The

Hamilton County Riding Club has planned a whole rodeo week of fun. Beginning Saturday, April 28 All around cowboy competition & 4-H pizza. Monday, April 30 Rodeo Queen & FFA BBQ Dinner, Tuesday May 1 Goat Dressing & Stick horse barrel race, Wednesday, May 2 Cowboy Church at the Hog Barn, Thursday, May 3 Parade and Cowboy Up in the park, Friday & Saturday, May 4 and 5, 40th Annual Championship. Gates open at 6 p.m.

Library groundbreaking



Hamilton County officials would like to remind everyone of the official groundbreaking ceremony for the new White Springs Library, which will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1. The site for the new library is located at 16403 Jewett Street off US 41 in White Springs. Courtesy photo

Eagle Lake boat ramps to close temporarily May 1

Access to the three boat ramps at Eagle Lake will be closed temporarily for approximately 90 days due to construction.

PotashCorp-White Springs (PCS) plans to rebuild the culvert at Eagle Lake in Hamilton County. This will be built next to the old structure, which is next to the boat ramp, according to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) freshwater fish biologist Brian Hilton.

"This means the boat ramp area will be used for parking of construction equipment and materials, which necessitates closure of this ramp," Hilton said.

The road that continues around the lake to other boat ramps will also be closed off due to

construction.

"There will be no boat ramp access available at Eagle Lake starting May 1," Hilton said. "The project is expected

to be completed in 90 days."

The ramps at Lang Lake, also at Potash-Corp-White Springs, remain open.

Hamilton County

DINE-OUT Guide

Myra's Hamburgers
 "Home of the Genuine Burger"
 15th Ave. & US Hwy 41
 Jasper, FL
 386-792-2305

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CALL BRENDA to place your ad here
1-800-525-4182

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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ARREST RECORDS

Editor's note: The Jasper News prints the entire arrest record each week. If your name appears here and you are later found not guilty or the charges are dropped, we will be happy to make note of this in the newspaper when judicial proof is presented to us by you or the authorities.

The following abbreviations are used below:

DAC - Department of Agriculture Commission
DOA - Department of Agriculture

DOT - Department of Transportation

FDLE - Florida Department of Law Enforcement

FHP - Florida Highway Patrol

FWC - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

HCDTF - Hamilton County Drug Task Force

HCSO - Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

ICE - Immigration and Custom Enforcement

JAPD - Jasper Police Department

JNPD - Jennings Police Department

OALE - Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement

P&P - Probation and Parole

SCSO - Suwannee County Sheriff's Office

WSPD - White Springs Police Department

April 17, Bart Wesley Harvey, 44, 516 SE 2nd Ave., Jasper, Fla., VOP-Lake City: JAPD-Vickers

April 17, Jimmie Lee Kendry III, 30, 526 Avenue Ivy Home, Live Oak, Fla., VOP: HCSO-Harris

April 17, Thomas Seth Hall, 26, 2437 Old Federal Highway, Chatsworth, Ga., possession of less than 20 grams marijuana: DTF-Brownfield

April 17, Marcos Nathaniel Miranda, 1831 NW Crabapple Drive, Dalton, Ga., poss. of less than 20 grams marijuana: DTF-Brownfield

April 18, Allen Michael Hurst, 23, 4688 NW 60th Drive, Jennings, Fla., petit theft, trespass of property: HCSO-Thomas

April 18, John Michael Thomas, 21, 4407 NW 24th Ave., Jasper, Fla., petit theft, trespass of property: HCSO-Thomas

April 18, Rickey David Maddox, 21, 1803 SW 84th St., Live Oak, Fla., petit theft, trespass of property: HCSO-Thomas

April 18, Natalie Geneva Walheim, 21, 5594 SW Bayshore Drive, Suttons Bay, Mi., poss. less than 20 grams of marijuana, poss. of narcotic equip-

ment: DTF-McDaniel

April 18, Andrew Robert Bork, 20, 17580 Smokey Hollow Road, Traverse City, Mi, poss. of narcotic equipment, poss. less than 20 grams of marijuana: DTF-McDaniel

April 18, Timothy Gustaf Glassmire, 44, 307 South West St., Couderport, Pa., not more than 20 grams marijuana: DTF-Brownfield

April 18, Ken Allen Kenney, 48, 8450 NW 55th Ave., Chiefland, Fla., DWLS: HCSO-Murphy

April 18, Eric Keven-tay Williams, 20, 706 SW 4th Ave., Jasper, Fla., hold for Suwannee: HCSO-Brownfield

April 18, Eddie Lee Battles III, 24, 3921 Robin Hood Road, Valdosta, Ga., hold for Suwannee: HCSO-Brownfield

April 19, Kadie Lynn Oliver, 24, 7707 SW 11th Ave., Gainesville, Fla., poss less than 20 grams marijuana: JAPD-Rickerson

April 19, Howell Alexander White, 22, 137 Redtip Lane, Albany, Ga., poss. less than 20 grams marijuana: DTF-Cheshire

April 19, Joseph Jerome Moreland, 47, 1350 Davis Hill Road, Middlebry, Pa., DWLS: HCSO-Murphy

April 19, Coleman Stelling Shipley, 19, 4200 54th Ave. S, St. Petersburg, Fla., poss. of alcohol by minor: JNPD-Glover

April 19, Stephen Middleton Langford, 20, 3200 Farmington Drive, Atlanta, Ga., poss of alcohol by minor, poss. less than 20 grams marijuana: JNPD-Glover

April 19, Ian Matthew Lindsay, 19, 1620 Fairway South, St. Petersburg, Fla., poss. alcohol by minor, poss less than 20 grams marijuana, trafficking MDMA, trafficking LSD: JNPD-Glover

April 19, Ray Scott Smith, 20, 4200 54th Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla., poss. alcohol by minor: JNPD-Glover

April 19, Marlene Daniell Greene, 37, 410 Shelby Ave., Live Oak, Fla., uttering a forged check, grand theft: JAPD-Price

April 19, Meridith Talley Miller, 19, 3135 NW Cathart Drive, Huntsville, Ala., marijuana poss. less than 20 grams: HCSO DTF-Cheshire

April 19, Justin L. Ferguson, 28, 3135 Gay Hart Drive, Huntsville, Ala., poss less than 20 grams marijuana, drug possession control substance w/o prescription: HCSO DTF-Cheshire

April 19, Chris Alan Kuchar, 46, 812 W

Prospect, Sprindfield, Ill., narcotic equipment

possess, marijuana poss. less than 20 grams: HCSO- Murphy

April 19, Lorenzo Lee Lewis, 33, PO Box 967, Jasper, Fla., out of county warrant: HCSO-Brownfield

April 19, Pierre Stephone Chatman, 27, 1107 NW 1st St., Jasper, Fla., out of county warrant: HCSO-Brownfield

April 20, Wayne Jerome Whetstone, 45, 1076 Mary St., Jennings, Fla., poss. of drug para.: JNPD-Davis

April 20, Keldric J. Flourmay, 24, 8300 Old Kinds Road, Jax, Fla., poss. less than 20 grams marijuana: DTF-Brownfield

April 20, Ralph Joseph Claudio, 54, 8841 SE 88th Lane, Ocala, Fla., out of state fugitive, introduction of contraband into det. facility, possession of dangerous drugs: JAPD-Rickerson

April 20, Warren Ar-

turo Taylor-White, 49, 5811 Atlantic Blvd. # 235, Jax, Fla., DWLSR (knowingly), hold for St. Johns County: JAPD-Sgt. Price

April 20, Stanley Roy Smith, 32, 8071 W SR 6, Jasper, Fla., battery: HCSO-Cohen

April 20, Kari Spinosa, 38, 6816 Whitetail Ct., Melbourne, Fla., poss. narcotic equip., poss. marijuana over 20 grams, poss. marijuana over 20 grams, poss. marijuana w intent to sell, mfg or deliver: DTF-Brownfield

April 20, David C. Spinosa, 6816 Whitetail Ct., Melbourne, Fla., narcotic equipment poss., poss. marijuana over 20 grams, poss. marijuana w intent to sell, mfg or deliver: DTF-Brownfield

April 21, Benjamin Gustavo Barries, 1205 Windsor Drive, Dalton, Ga., driving with no valid driver license, hold for immigration: FHP-B. Creech

April 21, Johnathan O.

Oliver, 30, 1212 Georgia Street, Jennings, Fla., hold for Columbia County: HCSO-Harris

April 21, Elizabeth Marie Mather, 45, 942 Ave. E, Winter Haven, Fla., aggravated battery, battery on person over the age of 65 (domestic violence): WSPD-Golub

April 22, Robert Ed. Wright, 42, 1900 E. Farmers Road, SeaGoVille, Tx,

expired driver license

more than four months, failure to stop for inspection: DOA-Hingson

April 22, Owen Wade Raulerson, 42, 22185 Beach Road, Perry, Fla., poss. of drug paraphernalia, poss. of control substance: JAPD

April 23, Hechavarría Luis, 3570 Maicon Road, Memphis, Tenn, DWLS: FHP-D.L. Maclaren

Relay for Life a success

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When asked if they were able to meet their goal this year, organizer Barbara Jo Butler said, "Yes, we made goal and exceeded it a little."

Butler said more people stayed much longer this year because the event was held during daylight hours, but having the survivor walk in the middle of the day was one disadvantage and not as many partici-

pated as was hoped.

To sum it up, Butler stated, "A great big thanks to friends and family for helping to make Relay For Life of Hamilton a wonderful success. Relay committee, team captains, team members, supporters of relay, it would not have happened without each of you doing what you do best; giving of yourselves to help make 'more birthdays' possible."

Jasper Legals

PUBLIC AUCTION

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

Date: 05-09-12
Time: 8:00 A.M.

1995 Chevy
Vin# 1GNEC13K0SJA40384

Date: 05-21-12
Time: 8:00 A.M.

1997 Nissan
Vin# JN1CA21D8VM505844
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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on March 30, 2012, for:

PCS Phosphate, PO Box 300, White Springs, FL 32096, has submitted an application for modification for Water Use Permit Number 2-84-00703M, to consolidate permits 2-84-00703R, 2-84-00701R, and 2-05-00091R, for phosphate mining use with an average daily use of 427.9121 million gallons, a maximum daily withdrawal of 618.3473 million gallons, and a maximum annual withdrawal of 156,187.9165 million gallons. The project is located in Township 1 South, Range 14 East, Section 13, Township 1 South, Range 15 East, Sections 01, 02, 05, 07, 08, 10, 11, and 12, Township 1 North, Range 14 East, Sections 24, 25, and 36, Township 1 North, Range 15 East, Sections 29, 31, and 35, in Hamilton County.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Water Supply & Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 12000070CP

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. 12000070CP, 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:

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

Jasper Legals

PROBATE CODE

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

Attorney for Person Giving Notice: James Estes Willingham, Jr., Esquire
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Florida Bar No. 263801

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

CASE NO. 24-2011-CA-000371

FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA
F/K/A FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS
BANK OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES,
GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS,
LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF JANE L. MERCER, DECEASED; THOMAS MERCER, HEIR; DAVID MERCER, HEIR; SONYA F. WEAVER MCCRERY A/K/A SONYA M. MCCREARY, HEIR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SONYA F. WEAVER MCCRERY A/K/A SONYA M. MCCREARY, HEIR; JANICE STOHLMANN, HEIR; SONYA F. WEAVER MCCRERY A/K/A SONYA M. MCCREARY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SONYA F. WEAVER A/K/A SONYA M. MCCREARY; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2:

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF JANE L. MERCER, DECEASED

Whose residence(s) is/are unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

Lot 13, LAKE COUNTRY AT OAK WOODLANDS, subdivision according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 123, of the Public Records of Hamilton County, Florida.

To include a: 2007 SCTB, VIN SBHGA400602062B and CANCELLED

2007 SCTB, VIN SBHGA1400602062A and CANCELLED

If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Dr., Tampa, Florida 33619 1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

DATED at HAMILTON County this 17th day of April, 2012.

(Court Seal) Greg Godwin
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson
Deputy Clerk

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 voice impaired, call 711.

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ceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055, (386) 719-7428, within two (2) business days of receipt of notice to appear.

Individuals who are hearing impaired should call (800) 955-8771.

Individuals who are voice impaired should call (800) 955-8770.

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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 JUSSEAU, et al.,

DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered herein, 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 PARTICULARLY 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 OF 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 00 DEGREES 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. #GEO1287964 AND I.D. #GEO1287965.

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 ADMINISTRATOR'S 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.

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

CASE NO.: 24-2012-000015

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1;

Plaintiff,

vs.

MARCUS ALLEN, et al.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 24-2012-CA-000015 of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for HAMILTON County, Florida, wherein, The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee for CIT Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1, Plaintiff, and, MARCUS ALLEN, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Jasper, Florida, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 15th day of May, 2012, the following described property:

LOT 2, BLOCK 1, SHADY OAK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 AT PAGE 39 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED this 11th day of April, 2012.

GREG GODWIN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Kristy Morgan
Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation to participate should call the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P. O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, 386-719-7428, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770.

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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,