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## Wanee 2012

Buddy Guy performs at Wanee Festival 2012 at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak. The event was held April 19-21. See more photos, in Focus.

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## Drowning claims life of child, 2

Boy accidentally drowns in family pool

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An accidental drowning claimed the life of a two-year-old White Springs boy, Braden Cyle Register, on April 24, according to officials from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Reports show that just after 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, law enforcement officers responded to a call with reference to a baby that was unconscious and not breathing at the residence of Ashley Elizabeth Smith, 11847 SE US Hwy. 41, White Springs.

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## Holton seeks office of sheriff

Submitted  
I would like to introduce myself to the people that do not know me. My name is Mike Holton. I was born here in Hamilton County Aug. 1, 1960 to John and Lagran Holton. I started working in law enforcement 28 years ago. I worked for the Jasper Police Department for 14 years working my way up to interim Chief of Police. I worked for the Sheriff's Office for 14 years, working in the jail and as a road deputy. I have been married to Cindy Beaver Holton for eight wonderful years. I have two daughters and one step-daughter, four grandchildren and one on the way. I loved every minute of the 28 years that I served the people of Hamilton County. With the grace of God, and the help of the people of Hamilton County I would love to serve the people again by being your Sheriff. Please vote for and elect Mike Holton for your Sheriff.



Holton



## Library groundbreaking



About 50 people came out Tuesday, May 1 for the library groundbreaking ceremony on US 41 in White Springs, including county and city officials, and State Rep. Elizabeth Porter, (R-Lake City). District 4 County Commissioner Randy Ogburn presided over the ceremony. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

## Field set for Third Circuit races

Jarvis will take on Siegmeister for state attorney  
Circuit judge, public defender also set

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The field for Third Judicial Circuit state attorney, judgeships and public defender are now set.

The deadline to qualify for judge, state attorney and public defender was Friday, April 20.

Third Circuit State Attorney Robert L. "Skip" Jarvis, a Democrat, will seek reelection against Lake City attorney Jeffrey Alan Siegmeister, a Republican.

This race will be decided in the Nov. 6 general election.

In the non-partisan Third Judicial Circuit Judge Group 2 race, Andrew J. Decker III of Live Oak will face Frederick John "Rick" Schutte IV, also of Live Oak. The current judge for Group 2, E. Vernon Douglas, won't seek reelection. Group 3 incumbent Judge David W. Fina of Live

Oak is running unopposed.

Those vying for the Third Judicial Circuit Judge Group 5, which is currently held by James Roy Bean, include Live Oak attorney Angela Cancio, Lake City attorney Wes Douglas and Live Oak attorney James W. Prevatt Jr. of Live Oak. If there are more than two in the race and the top candidate doesn't get 50 percent, plus one vote in the primary, the top two candidates will face each other in the general election.

Bean, of Perry, announced in an April 20 press release that he will not seek another term as Third Judicial Circuit judge. Instead, he intends to seek senior circuit judge status upon concluding his present term in Jan., 2013.

Sonny Scaff is running unopposed for the Lafayette County judgeship.

Morrison Blair Payne, a Democrat and assistant public defender, of Wellborn, is running unopposed for the office of public defender, which is being vacated by C. Dennis Roberts.

Federal, statewide, multi-county, county and district races qualifying is noon, June 4 through noon, June 8.

## Love's Travel Stop moving along



Construction is moving along at a brisk pace for the new Love's Travel Stop at the junction of US 129 and Interstate 75. Love's is scheduled to open on Aug. 23, 2012, according to their project manager and Susan Ramsey from Hamilton County's Economic Development Authority. Ramsey said Love's is planning to have an Arby's Restaurant on the premises, which will be something new for the county and the region. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

Crime rate falls two percent in Hamilton

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The crime rate in Hamilton County fell two percent Sheriff Reid in 2011, as compared to 2010 rates, according to data from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Annual Uniform Crime Report released on April 30.

Murders went down from one to zero, forcible rapes went down from four to one, robberies decreased from 15 to 9, aggravated

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## White Springs

Townsend resignation accepted

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White Springs — The White Springs Town Council, after a week's delay to verify pension benefits, voted to accept the resignation of Town Manager Robert Townsend on Thursday, April 26.

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. Townsend then submitted his letter of resignation to Mayor Helen Miller on Wednesday, April 18. That same evening at the Town Council meeting the board attempted to vote on whether or not to accept the resignation, however, an audience member objected to the acceptance, questioning whether or not Townsend had a right to

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# Drowning claims life of child, 2

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Deputies attempted CPR on the child until Med Unit 90 arrived at the scene. The child was immediately transported to Shands at Lake Shore Hospital in Lake City where he was pronounced deceased at 10:17 p.m. by Dr. William Cross.

HCSO Sheriff J. Harrell Reid stated, "There are no signs of foul play. It was just an unfortunate accident."

Smith told deputies she found the child in the backyard swimming pool unconscious. The pool was only

about two feet deep and it appeared that the child fell in and couldn't get out reports state. Smith told officers there was about a 20 minute timeframe from when she last saw her child and then finding him in the pool. She stated she took the child into the house, called 911 and began CPR.

On Thursday, April 26, the medical examiner's office reported preliminary findings of the manner of death as an accidental drowning.

Braden Register is survived by his parents, Ben Register and Ashely Smith; a brother,

"Lil" Ben Register; his grandparents, Herbert and Penny Register of White Springs; Allen Smith and Lona Baxter of Lake City; and his great-grandmothers, Dorothy Sammons and Gladys Ruh. Numerous other family members also survive.

Funeral services for Braden Register were held Monday, April 30, 2012 in the chapel of the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home with Pastor Veronica Thomas and Rev. Randy Ogburn officiating. Interment followed at Riverside Cemetery in White Springs.

## Townsend resignation accepted

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his pension benefits and if it was going to cost the town money. The issue was tabled until Thursday night, April 26 while Townsend's pension with ICMA could be investigated.

Town Attorney Fred Koberlein looked into the matter and stated that upon contacting ICMA he learned that Townsend's retirement benefits could not be taken away from him, as he was fully vested in the program as a full-time employee of the town. Townsend, he said, paid into the plan at five percent and the town matched that same five percent, which was then paid to ICMA.

"I have learned that employees are 100 percent vested at all times once the pension plan provider receives the payment from the town," stated Koberlein. "Furthermore, the vested benefited that part of the employee's account balance, which belongs

to the employee after ICMA receives the payment, and that belonging to the employee is unconditional. Thus the employee's vested benefit cannot be taken away from the employee. It is not like the Florida Retirement System or any other compensation plan, which does factor in the method and or means of the employee leaving employment."

In addition, Miller pointed out, that Townsend, upon his resignation, had 24 hours of comp time, 232 hours of vacation time, and had accrued over 500 hours of sick leave, however the town cap for sick leave is 240 hours. All of that added up to \$7,573.92 due Townsend.

"He was employed for about 13 years, so that is less than \$600 per year," said Miller.

Miller then asked for a motion and councilman Richard Marshall did so by making a motion to accept Townsend's resignation. Council-

woman Tonja Brown seconded the motion. As the council was about to vote, they were interrupted by local resident Robert Dezendorf, who said the town was in violation of their contract because he said Townsend had to give the town 90 days notice.

The Council continued and unanimously voted to accept Townsend's resignation, after which the meeting was adjourned. Dezendorf and two others were then escorted out of the building by law enforcement after shouting accusations toward the Council.

Regarding accepting Townsend's resignation, Miller stated after the meeting adjourned, "We have a contract, we have a charter and state laws. We followed that."

The FDLE is still reviewing the complaint against Townsend to determine if it warrants a criminal investigation and Town Clerk Shirley Heath continues to act as interim town manager.

## Crime rate falls two percent in Hamilton

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assaults went from 61 to 45 and larcenies decreased from 187 to 169.

Burglaries jumped from 118 to 145 and motor vehicle thefts increased from 15 to 24 over the previous year.

"Our total crime index went down by more than the state average," said Hamilton County Sheriff J. Harrell Reid. "Our violent crimes all went down; murder, rape, aggravated assault, all those were down. Our automobile thefts were up and our burglaries were up, and I think that's due to the economic times that we're having now, but anytime you have a

decrease in crime, that's a good thing."

Statewide the crime rate fell 0.1 percent in 2011 over the previous year.

Around the region the figures vary. Suwannee: -4.5  
Hamilton: -2.0  
Madison: -12.2  
Columbia: +15.2  
Lafayette: +28.8

"I think our people are doing a good job," said Reid. "We are above the state average in the crimes solved and in the clearance rate, and also we're ahead of the state average in the crime index and the percentage in decrease in crime."

## Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Jennings, Fl. WILL NOT hold a city election on June 5, 2012, due to lack of qualifying candidates, according to city clerk Christy Smith.

Out of the five council seats, four

were up for re-election. Since there was no opposition, Charles Barrett, Joe Lock, Mark Prueter and John Prine will simply be sworn in again on June 5 and join the fifth council member Lowell Klepper to serve the town of Jennings.

## Truck crash causes chain reaction



Truck versus two parked cars on Hatley Street in Jasper. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

### No injuries in wreck

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A late morning accident on Hatley Street Friday, April 27, left three vehicles damaged when a 10-wheeler dump truck veered out of the travel lane and caused a chain reaction crash, per officials at the Jasper Police Department.

Reports show that Earl D. Williams, 42, Starke, was traveling east on Hatley Street at 11:09 a.m. in a 2012 Volvo dump truck when he became distracted by paperwork. Williams veered to the right out of the travel lane near the intersection of SW 1st Avenue and

struck a properly parallel-parked 2011 Lincoln Continental owned by Caroleen Buchanan Blair of Jennings. The force of the impact pushed the Lincoln into the rear of a 2011 Chevy Cruz owned by Bonnie Lee Lawson of Mayo, which caused further damage to the front of the Lincoln. All three vehicles came to a final rest about 10 feet from the point of impact on the shoulder of Hatley Street near Central Avenue West.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$1,000, damage to the Lincoln was estimated at \$5,000 and damage to the Chevy was estimated at \$3,000. No injuries were reported. Williams was cited for careless driving by the Jasper Police Department, reports state.

## Obituaries

**John Clovis Gause, Jr.**  
Nov. 18, 1953 -  
April 27, 2012

**J**ohn Clovis Gause, Jr., 58, of Middleburg, FL passed away on April 27, 2012. He was born to parents John Clovis and Betty Jean (Harris) Gause, Sr. on November 18, 1953 in Lake City, FL. Mr. Gause served his country honorably in the United States Military and worked as a mechanic. Mr. Gause was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Marvin "Bud" Gause and the love of his life Mary Baker who passed away on February 2, 2012 and they are now together again for eternity. He is survived by his daughters, Angela Brisbane and Joy Hernandez; brothers, Jeff Gause (Sue) and Andy Gause; sister, Karan Gwynn

(Jack); Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring Street, Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000

**Lanora Thelma Mathis Law**  
Sept. 5, 1933 -  
April 29, 2012

**L**anora Thelma Mathis Law, age 78, of Jennings, Fla. passed away, Sunday, April 29, 2012 at Haven Hospice in Lake City, Fla. following an extended illness. Ms. Law was born on Sept. 5, 1933 to the late Roy and Sallie Morgan Mathis. She was a homemaker.

Ms. Law was preceded in death by her husband, Charlton N. Law, Sr. and a son, Anthony Todd Law. Survivors include two sons, Charlton Law, Jr. (Belinda), Jennings, Fla.

and Lowell Law (Lisa), Live Oak, Fla.; daughter-in-law, Donna Law, Jennings, Fla.; three brothers, Thomas Mathis and Lynwood Mathis, both of Echols County, Ga. and Gary Mathis, Jennings, Fla.; three sisters, Fay Law, Jennings, Fla., RoyAnn Swindell, Alachua, Fla. and Evelyn Carter, Lowndes County, Ga.; 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 2, 2012 in the chapel of Harry T. Reid Funeral Home with Mr. Jacob Gwen and Mr. Nick Law officiating. Interment followed in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Haven Hospice, 6037 West US Hwy 90, Lake City, FL 32055.

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

## White Springs swears in council members



(L-R) Vice Mayor Walter McKenzie, Mayor Helen Miller and councilman Richard Marshall.  
- Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

By Joyce Marie Taylor

Three White Springs Town Council members were sworn in by interim town clerk Shirley Heath on April 26. Mayor Helen Miller, Vice Mayor Walter McKenzie and Councilman Richard Marshall ran unopposed this year and

all three took the oath of office on Thursday, April 26, swearing to serve the town of White Springs in their duties as council members.

The council then nominated Miller as mayor and McKenzie as vice mayor and approval by the council was unanimous.

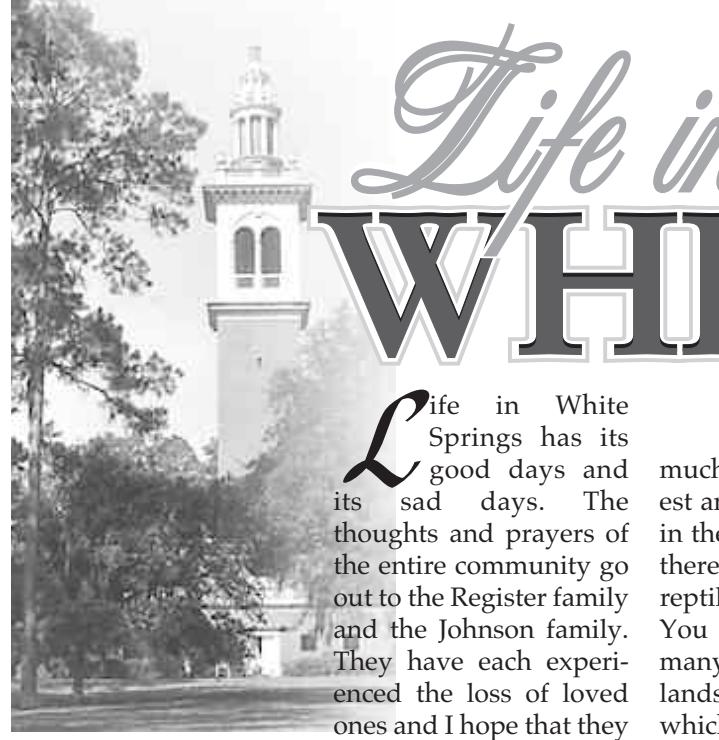
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# *Life in* **WHITE SPRINGS**

**L**ife in White Springs has its good days and its sad days. The thoughts and prayers of the entire community go out to the Register family and the Johnson family. They have each experienced the loss of loved ones and I hope that they take some small comfort in our shared concern for their losses.

There is quite a bit of activity at the Stephen Foster State Park this weekend. On Saturday, May 5 from 10AM till 4PM you will have an opportunity to experience "Wild Florida". This will be your opportunity to join nature and wildlife experts from around the state when they come to the Stephen Foster Park to talk about the flora, the fauna and the wonderfully wild animals that make Florida a unique place to live. This is a real family oriented event, the kind that I used to love as a kid, and that I enjoy even more now as, hopefully, an adult. Think about how

much fun you will all have when you meet the oldest and largest known box turtle in Florida, perhaps in the world! If that is not reptilian enough for you there will be opportunities to get up close to local reptiles and even pet a snake if you are so inclined! You will also have an opportunity to learn about many things Floridian, including Florida friendly landscaping from Master Gardeners, discovering which of our native plants are edible, growing your own herb and flower garden, discovering the importance of controlled burns in the forest, and visiting with Florida biologists, archeologists and geologists. There will also be a nature walk with a park ranger and the park's Craft Square will be full of activity too including live demonstrations of jewelry making, pottery, blacksmithing, aromatherapy and more. A food vendor will be there too so I plan to be there for sure.

Then for your Saturday evening entertainment, the First Saturday of the Month Coffee House will be hosted by local Hamilton county couple and considerable musical talents, Jay and Linda Willingham.

By Walter McKenzie

**WHITE SPRINGS**

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Jay and Linda are wonderful performers with a very engaging stage presence and a large amount of talent and enthusiasm. They have also been Florida Folk Festival performers on many occasions and when they show up for the coffee house venue the word gets out amongst the folk festival community, so you never know who might show up. Whoever does, it's mighty fine talent and good entertainment and it's free too, however donations of desserts or cookies are always much appreciated. The Coffee House is Saturday from 7PM to 9PM at the auditorium in the Stephen Foster Park.

Sometimes we gather in sorrow, sometimes in joy. I am so glad to be a part of this community and I hope that, whatever the occasion, we will always strive to gather in peace. In the coming week I hope to see you out and about, enjoying and contributing to life in White Springs.

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## Healthy Living

Many of us have a powerful tool to drastically change our health with very little effort. A way to control weight, improve posture, improve mood, increase muscle and relieve pain. Interested?

What if I told said you could release tension, strengthen your immune system, improve digestion, and strengthen your heart without ever leaving your chair? No way, right? Yes way! All these improvements can be achieved spending a little time everyday focusing on your breathing. Surprise!

If you think about it guys, it only makes sense. Our body functions on oxygen, the more oxygen, the better the function. Every tissue you can possibly think of. All of them benefit from increased oxygen consumption. Breathing in more oxygen, getting more oxygen to your cells=improved function.

Your body is designed to release 70% of its toxins through breathing. Our personal sewage system, the lymphatic system, depends on breathing to regulate flow. At least once a week practice this method of breathing: inhale for a count of 2, hold the inhalation for a count of 4, and exhale for a count of one. Complete this ten times in a row. Ideally you should do this at least three times a week, and as you practice your breathing ratio will increase. After a few weeks try and bump up your ratio to 4/8/2 and enjoy the benefit of an improved immune, digestive, and circulatory system!

Another breathing

technique is to inhale as deeply as possible and as you do image breathing in something that makes you happy. Sunshine, laughter, love, God, anything uplifting; do this for at least 10 seconds. Now as just as you begin to exhale imagine the stress, pain, hurt, or anxiety all exiting your body via exhalation. It works! Deep breathing reduces tension in the body, brings clarity, improves mood, relieve emotional problems and pain.

Weight control, muscle quality, and posture can also be improved with better breathing. How

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what happened? As your lungs expand wide your chest naturally lifts, shoulders elevate, abdomen expands, and posture is improved. The proof is in the pudding!

Breath is life, without it, we die. Take advantage of this God given gift. A tool each of us has control over, and through simply taking deeper breaths can improve our quality of function. Small sacrifices for a big reward-how often do we get an opportunity like that?! Don't just thank God for small favors, capitalize upon them.

Fear less, hope more; eat less chew more; whine less, breathe more; talk less, say more; love more, and all good things will be yours.

~Swedish Proverb

Beth Harris, CSCS,  
HFS, LWMC

## Jasper First Baptist Church to hold Revival May 6-9

The First Baptist Church of Jasper will be holding a revival services from Sunday, May 6 thru Wednesday, May 9. The guest speaker is going to be Dr. Jim Parker, Associate Professor of Biblical Interpretation from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Parker will be preaching at the 11 a.m.

and 6 p.m. services on Sunday, May 6, as well as 6:30 p.m. on Monday thru Wednesday evening, May 7, 8 and 9.

Everyone is invited to attend. The church is located at 207 2nd Street NE, Jasper, Florida 32052. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 386-792-2658.

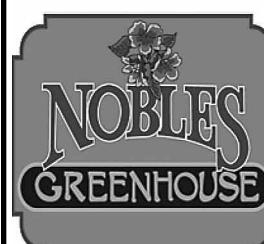


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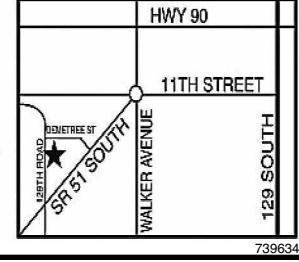
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## Local woman wins at 2012 NPC Gateway Classic



Jaye Elizabeth Harris, better known as Beth Harris, CSCS, CHFS, LWMC, won the figure medium winner and overall figure winner at the 2012 NPC Gateway Classic Level 4A on April 21. Congratulations Beth. - Courtesy photo

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### SR-6/I-75 Hamilton County Water System Has Committed a Monitoring Violation of Florida Drinking Waters Rules

#### What happened?

Our Community public water system recently violated a drinking water rule. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We did not sample from the correct location for Disinfection Byproducts (DBPs), including Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5s) during October - December 2011 and were therefore in violation of monitoring and reporting requirements. Because we did not take the required samples from the correct location, we did not know whether the contaminants were present in your drinking water, and we are unable to tell you whether your health was at risk during that time.

#### What should I do?

*Some people who drink water containing TTHMs in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

*Some people who drink water containing HAA5s in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

*Any customers who are concerned about their exposure to DBPs may choose alternative sources of water for ingestin.*

#### What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.

#### What is being done?

*The utility has resampled in accordance with FDEP requirements (Chapter 62-550, F.A.C.) and have submitted the new samples of FDEP.*

For more information, please contact Danny Johnson at (386) 792-6639 or contact the Department of Environmental Protection, Potable Water Section at 904-256-1700.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being sent to you by our water system: **SR-6/I-75 Hamilton County Water System**

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## OPINION

**America's two-faced liberals**

President Barack Obama and Wall Street occupiers, along with their allies in the mainstream media and on college campuses, have maintained an ongoing attack on high-income earners, people they call 1 percenters. Listening to their deceitful demagoguery, you would naturally think of them as 99 percenters, but you'd be dead-wrong.

Last week, MSN Money posted a report titled "The richest counties in America." According to the report, residents of those 15 wealthiest counties "have median household incomes that are double the national average." Three of those counties have a median income of more than \$100,000. The report goes on to say, "While many Americans struggle to find jobs, balance their budgets and get by with less, some folks are living high on the hog." Let's look at some of those

counties.

Loudoun County, Va., has a median household income of \$119,540, making it the nation's richest county. Virginia's Fairfax County is next, with a median

household income of \$103,010; the median price of a house is \$507,800. Third is Howard County, Md., where the median household income is \$101,771. These three richest counties have seven nearby high-income neighbors, which include Arlington and Montgomery counties. The nation's richest counties are close to Washington, D.C., where people come to do good and wind up doing well for themselves.

These 1 percenters are not wealthy right-wing Republicans; they are Obama's liberals. How can one tell? It turns out that seven of the 10 wealthiest counties in the Washington area voted overwhelmingly for Obama in 2008. These liberals portray themselves as 99 percenters when they are really 1 percenters. They're simply running a deceitful rope-a-dope, aided by the mainstream media, on the American people.

**A MINORITY VIEW**

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

During last year's Occupy movement, truly seedy-looking characters camped out on the streets and in the parks of several of our cities, causing millions of dollars of prop-

erty damage. They committed robberies, thefts and sex crimes. Some of their lowlife acts, such as defecating and urinating in public and on police vehicles, were filmed. These people also portrayed themselves as 99 percenters. It turns out that they weren't that at all.

Will Rahn, deputy editor for The Daily Caller, wrote an article titled "NYC arrest records: Many Occupy Wall Street protesters live in luxury" (Nov. 2, 2011). Nearly 1,000 protesters were arrested in New York between Sept. 18 and Oct. 15. Police collected information on each arrestee's name, age, sex, criminal charge, home address and -- in most cases -- race. The median value of the homes of the arrestees was \$305,000 -- a far higher number than the \$185,400 median value of owner-occupied homes of the rest of us. Ninety-five of the arrestees lived in homes valued at more than \$500,000. Those who rented paid a median rent of \$1,850 per month. Of the 984 protesters arrested, at least 797 are white. One Occupy Wall Street protester arrested -- presumably, if you listen to the mainstream

media, penniless and from a blue-collar family -- lived in an \$850,000 home in the nation's capital.

Recall that while on the campaign trail, Obama promised, "We will stand up in this election to bring about the change that won't just win an election but will transform America." Along with progressives, who formerly called themselves liberals, Obama wants to transform America into a European-like socialist nation. The Occupy protesters and their useful idiots in the media and on college campuses proudly display signs and banners revealing their preferences and affiliations, such as "Communist Party USA," "Democratic Socialists of America" and "Fight for Socialism." The American Nazi Party has issued an official endorsement of Occupy. The movement is also supported by White House leftist allies such as the Working Families Party, the Service Employees International Union -- as well as most other labor unions -- ACORN, the New Party and the Democratic National Committee.

During the forthcoming elections, we can be assured that these people will do all they can, including violent protests, to help Obama have an additional four years to continue his transformation of our nation.

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

**Group reviews SRWMD's land management practices**

On April 17, a group of 15 landowners, biologists, foresters, parks and recreation specialists, and environmentalists met to tour Suwannee River Water Management District (District) conservation lands and to evaluate the District's land management practices.

The group, referred to

as the land management review team, met at District headquarters to hear a presentation about the land management goals and objectives approved by the District's Governing Board in April of 2011.

The group then toured two sites where they got to see firsthand what the District does to make

lands available to the public and how the natural resources are managed, protected, and restored as required by state laws.

At the District's Big Shoals Tract in Hamilton County the group learned about public use opportunities on District lands; efforts to monitor rare species to determine

the effects of land management activities on such species; and cooperative agreements in which the District partners with other agencies to manage lands to maximize public benefit and reduce management costs. This site is managed by the state parks on behalf of the District.

At the District's Bay Creek Tract in Columbia County the group heard about how the District protects and restores natural communities. They discussed the benefits of prescribed fire to restore and enhance wildlife habitat and natural plant communities. They got to see firsthand what the District does for site preparation, selective harvesting, and reforestation and how those activities fit in with land management goals.

The land management review team tours District property annually, reviews land management objectives, and scores the District on its management practices. Their comments are compiled by staff and presented to the governing board.

The purpose of the land management review team is to determine whether the District is fulfilling its statutory obligations, complying with governing board policy and meeting specific land management objectives. The District is statutorily required to get feedback from local citizens and state agencies on its land management practices each year. Invitations are sent to local governments, agencies, organizations and citizens in order to form a land management review team.

Anyone interested in joining the land management review team may contact Gwen Lord at the District at 386.362.1001 or 800.226.1066 (FL only).

**PURINA Grand Opening!****Jasper Hardware & Supply Co Inc.**

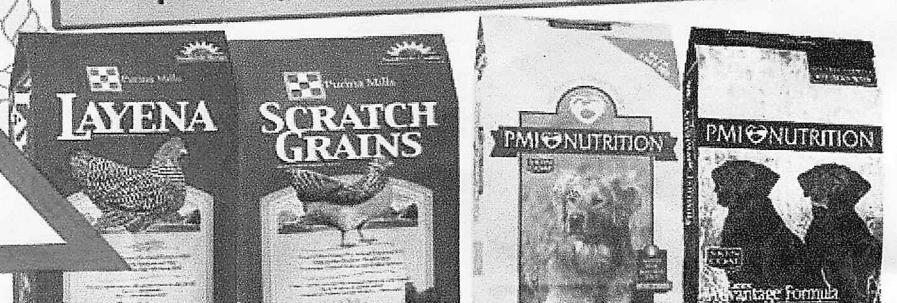
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**Saturday May 5, 2012 8am-Noon**

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## Obituaries

**Freddie Dancer**  
May 20, 1949 –  
April 28, 2012

**S**unrise: Freddie was the third child born to the late Fred and Annie Bell Sowell Dancer on May 20, 1949 in Lake Wales, Florida. Freddie was always very charismatic; people of all ages were drawn to him.

Freddie was educated in the Hamilton County schools and went on to further his education in Hillsborough County, where he earned certification in Horticulture and Landscape Design. He was the owner of a successful landscape business in Tampa, Fla. Until his health began to fail. He continued to work part time at his beloved Mosque until he could no longer work.

Freddie attended New Bethel A.M.E. Church, Jasper, Fla., throughout his childhood. He converted to Islam as an adult and was lovely embraced by the brothers and sisters of Al-Masjid Al-Jami of Tampa Bay. Freddie served as liaison for the prison support group, faith based programs and Salvation Army volunteers at Al-Jami. His popularity with all of the children led him to organize a summer garden program to teach horticulture to the next generation. Freddie was devoted to his faith until his death. He is lovely remembered as an inspiration to others, as well as a humble and gentle spirit.

Freddie met the love of his life, Dana Katherine and was married January, 2000. Dana and Freddie remained devoted to each other throughout the remainder of his life. They lovingly shared their lives with their three children, 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Sunset: Freddie slept peacefully away on Saturday, April 28, 2012. He leaves to cherish his memory, brothers, Morris Sowell, Dr. Jimmie Dancer, sisters, Sandra Thomas, Sharon Mathis, Aunts, Uncles, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Homegoing service 11 a.m. Thursday, May 3 at New Bethel A.M.E. Church in Jasper, Florida. Rev. Michael Ward Pastor and officiating. Internment, Sunset Gardens Tampa, Florida. Professional Mortuary service was entrusted to

Eric A. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Inc.

**Earnest Harden Sr.**  
Aug. 23, 1938

**E**arnest Harden Sr. was born in Millen, Georgia on Aug. 23, 1938 to Howard and Tena Harden who preceded him in death. He was the oldest child born to this union and was affectionately called "Buddy" by his siblings.

He attended the Roger School in Millen, Georgia in the 1930s and 1940s which was a one room school and all ages attended.

At the age of six he joined William Grove Baptist Church in Millen, Georgia. At the age of 17 he moved to Savannah, Georgia where he worked in produce. He later moved to Jacksonville, Florida where he worked as a labor foreman with W.W. Gay Construction until he retired in 1991.

He was married to Alfreda Smith who preceded him in death. Unto this union two children were born.

After moving to White Springs, Florida he met and married Magdalene Scott. Although no children were born he loved her children as his own.

He joined New Bethel A.M.E. Church, White Springs, Florida where he served on the Usher Board dutifully until his health failed him. He continued to pay his tithes and offerings and take part in the Lord's Supper at his home with the Pastor and Stewards. He would visit William Grove Baptist Church when he went home to visit his family and friends back in Millen, Georgia.

He leaves to mourn his passing a devoted wife: Magdalene M. Harden; two children; Ernest James (Pearlie) Harden Jr., of Missouri City, Texas, and Gloria (Robert) Hudson of Enterprise, Alabama. Four grandchildren; Ericka (Keith) Dews of Keller, Texas, Bryan (Dawn) Harden of Orlando, Fla., Malaika (Cory) Williams of Goldsboro, N.C. and Robert Hudson of Savannah, Ga., three great grandchildren; Myles, Makayla, and Amarah; Siblings: four brothers, one preceded him in death; Howard Harden Jr., Robert (Irene) Harden of Live Oak, Fla., Julius (Catherine) Harden of Starke, Fla., Paul

Harden of Atlanta, Ga., six sisters; Mariah (Frank) Lee of Savannah, Ga., Annie V. Harden Lewis of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Juanita (Carlton) Fleming of Orlando, Fla., Willie Mae (John) Johnson of Trenton, N.J., Lucretia Miller of Augusta, Ga., and Tena (Ricardo) Barnes of Beltsville, Md., seven stepchildren; Robert Lee (Lydia) Roberson Jr., of Miami, Fla., Fredrick (Waddie) Robinson, Phillip (Myra) Kannady of White Springs, Fla., Charlene Robinson of Jasper, Fla., Timothy (Allison) Scott, Cynthia Johnson, William (Carmen) Scott of Lake City, Fla., four sisters-in-law: Lovely M. Williams, Laura Wilde and Versie McCallum of White Springs, Fla., Marylene LeBan of Miami, Fla., two brothers-in-law; Lonnie Johnson of White Springs, Fla., and Edmond Johnson of Lawtey, Fla., 20 Step-grandchildren and 14 Step great grandchildren.

A very special nephew; Elliot Johnson better known as Mike who was there for him in every way. A host of nieces, nephews and sorrowing friends.

Home going celebration for Mr. Harden is to be held 11 a.m. Saturday, May 5, 2012 at New Bethel A.M.E. Church in White Springs, Fla., Rev. Victoria Smith is the pastor and will officiate. Professional Mortuary services were entrusted to Eric A. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Inc.

**Chester James Bristol Sr.**  
Feb. 10, 1953 -  
April 28, 2012

**O**n Feb. 10, 1953, Chester James Bristol Sr. was born to the late Lucious Sr. and Millie Bristol in Jasper, Florida. He loved sports and at a young age it was evident he would excel in them.

Starting at the 50 yard line of life, Chester attended school at J.R.E. Lee High School before migrating to Hamilton High School as a junior in 1971. While at HCHS, he continued as a great football player gaining yards each day. Easily coached, Chester excelled all over the field. He was full of jokes and fun and admired by his classmates. The graduating class of 1972 will be well remembered for being catalyst for change.

Cherishing his memories are his four children:

as they were the first to graduate as Hamilton County High School TROJANS.

Shortly after graduation, Chester had a very short stint in the United States Army due to an injury. Adding more yards, he moved to Philadelphia before deciding there is no place like home. He moved back to Jasper gaining work experience with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, The Forestry Department and Taylor Enterprises. He kicked a few field goals as an entrepreneur, running his Barbecue Pitt and Social Club.

When he was not hitting homeruns on the community softball team, The Junkyard Dogs, Chester worked many volunteer hours, gaining more yards for the children of Hamilton County. One would find him with the grills behind the truck and putting his cooking expertise in place for before and after game activities along with Saturday Slams for the Basketball Program. He was one of the founding members of the Basketball Booster Club where he gave untiringly each week. This club soared, making great things happen for children and coaches. He did so many things for the football program and continued to volunteer until his health failed.

To know Chester was to also know May Day. He loved May Day and would gear up each year to make it happen. He worked hand in hand with the committee and sick or well, he had to be there.

He always said, "this was a way to give back and help get everyone together in the community."

As he neared the last yard in this life, it was a struggle in and out of the hospital. Chester hung in there, fighting a good fight surrounded by those who love him.

Two siblings: Pearl and Lucious (Dime) Bristol preceded him in death.

On April 28, 2012 at Shands of Gainesville, he ran for the last time. He ran for the touchdown and this game of life would be no more. He was able to cross the finish line and reap his just reward.

Cherishing his memories are his four children:

Stephanie R. Davis, Toni Grant, Crystal (Curtis) Royal and Chester Bristol Jr.; seven grandchildren: Kianna Bristol, Bryce Harrell, Meia Wakeley, Layla Marsh, Brea Davis, Camaryn and Curtis Royal II; Siblings: Willeen Bristol, Kelly, Charles (Essie) Bristol, Philadelphia, Pa., Ralph (Esther) Bristol, New Jersey, Johnny Ray (Alma), Lonnie, (Betty), Alphonso (Cynthia), Gerald (Jessie) Bristol all of Jasper; Sister-in-law: Corine Bristol, Philadelphia, Pa.; Aunts: Rosabell Lee, Jasper, Elizabeth Perry, Orlando and Mary Bristol Cummings, Dothan Alabama; Uncle: Sumpter B. Bristol, Ft. Lauderdale; Devoted nieces: Brenda M. Johnson and Connie B. Lovett; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Special friends: Greg Taylor, George Curry, Bobbie Joe Robinson, Isaac (JJ) Johnson and the May Day Crew. The home going celebration for Chester is to be held, 3 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2012 from the sanctuary of the Greater Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. J.T. Billy Simon is the pastor and will officiate. Burial will follow in the Friendship Cemetery. The family will receive other relatives and sorrowing friends Friday, May 4, 2012 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Eric Brown & Son Funeral Home, Inc.

**James Bell**  
April 6, 2012

**H**ome going services for Mr. James Bell, 59, of Jasper, Florida, departed from this walk of life Friday, April 6, 2012 in Gainesville, Florida, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14, 2012 at Jesus the Living Word of Deliverance Church. Kathy Hawkins is the pastor

and Rev. William J. Hawkins and will officiate. Burial service will follow in the Friendship Cemetery in Jasper, Florida. The family will receive other relatives and friends Friday, April 13, 2012 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Eric A. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Inc.

Professional Mortuary services entrusted to Eric A. Brown & Son funeral Home, Inc.

## Death Notices

**Timothy Brown**  
April 28, 2012

**M**r. Timothy Brown, resident of Live Oak, Fla., passed away on Saturday, April 28, 2012. Mr. Timothy Brown was 46.

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

**JohnQuavius Gandy**  
April 9, 2012

"Little Master" JohnQuavius Gandy age 3, of Jennings, Florida, answered the heavenly master call earlier Monday morning, April 9, 2012 at the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon, Georgia. The funeral arrangements are presently incomplete and will be announced later. Professional Mortuary Services entrusted to Eric A. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Inc.

## Driver license and vehicle inspection checkpoints

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will be conducting driver license and vehicle inspection checkpoints until June 30, 2012, in Hamilton County.

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

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

The checkpoints will be:

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

## LOST DOGS-REWARDS OFFERED

1 blonde female Yorkie-mix w/tags, 1 brown female Yorkie-mix w/no tail. Approx. 7 lbs. ea. Last seen off Hwy 6, Jasper, FL, 2.5 mi W of Crossroads (Wynn Farms). Reward offered for each if found and returned. **386-938-3706**

## Church & Family Go Together

### ADVENT CHRISTIAN

**FIRST ADVENT CHRISTIAN**  
N.W. 15th Avenue Jasper  
Rev. Wayne Sullivan  
Sunday

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday.....6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

717860-F

Pastor: Jeff Cordero

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Youth Happening, Mission Friends, R&A & GA.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday.....6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting, Teen Kids, Youth.....6:00 p.m.

Van pick-up upon request

732119

Pastor: Steve Shaw

Sunday

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Children's Church.....11:00 a.m.

Church Training.....6:00 p.m.

Evening Worship.....7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

Youth Ignited/Youth Ministry.....7:00 p.m.

717852-F

### 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.....3:00 p.m.

717850-F

Pastor: Jeff Cordero

Sunday

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Supper.....6:00 p.m.

717846-F

Pastor: Jeff Cordero

Sunday

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Supper.....6:00 p.m.

717846-F

Pastor: Jeff Cordero

Sunday

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Supper.....6:00 p.m.

717846-F

Pastor: Jeff Cordero

Sunday

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Supper.....6:00 p.m.

717846-F

Pastor: Jeff Cordero

Sunday

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.

**Quality Report****2011 Annual Drinking Water**

**City of Jasper, FL**  
**PWS ID# 2240570**

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. The wells draw water from the Floridian Aquifer.

In 2011 the Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system. The assessment was conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. There is one potential source of contamination identified for this system with moderate susceptibility levels. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at [www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp).

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Mr. Harry Davis of the City of Jasper Public Works Department at (386) 792-1212 from 8 am to 4 pm. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Monday of each month at City Hall.

The City of Jasper Water System routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period January 1 to December 31, 2011. Data obtained before January 1, 2011 and presented in this report are from the most recent testing, done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

In the table below, you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions.

**Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE):** An important part of the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR). The IDSE is a one-time study conducted by water systems to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Water systems will use results from the IDSE, in conjunction with their Stage 1 DBPR compliance monitoring data, to select compliance monitoring locations for the Stage 2 DBPR.

**Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits to the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** – one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

**Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l)** – one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

**Picocurie per liter (pCi/L)** – measure of the radioactivity in water.

**NON-SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS TABLE**

\*\* Results in the Level Detected column for radiological contaminants, inorganic contaminants, synthetic organic contaminants including pesticides and herbicides, and volatile organic contaminants are the highest average at any of the sampling points or the highest detected level at any sampling point, depending on the sampling frequency.

| Contaminant and Unit of Measurement | Dates of sampling (mo./yr.) | MCL Violation Y/N | Level Detected | Range of Results | MCLG | MCL | Likely Source of Contamination |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------|-----|--------------------------------|
| Alpha emitters (pCi/L)              | 7/2008                      | N                 | 3.5            | NA               | 0    | 15  | Erosion of natural deposits    |
| Radium 226 + 228 (pCi/L)            | 7/2008                      | N                 | 2.4            | NA               | 0    | 5   | Erosion of natural deposits    |

**INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS**

|                |        |   |        |    |     |     |  |
|----------------|--------|---|--------|----|-----|-----|--|
| Barium (ppm)   | 8/2011 | N | 0.0272 | NA | 2   | 2   | Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries, erosion of natural deposits                       |
| Chromium (ppb) | 8/2011 | N | 5.7    | NA | 100 | 100 | Discharge from steel & pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits   |
| Fluoride (ppm) | 8/2011 | N | 0.332  | NA | 4   | 4.0 | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes teeth; discharge from fertilizer & aluminum factories |
| Nickel (ppb)   | 8/2011 | N | 3.4    | NA | NA  | 100 | Pollution from mining and refining operations; natural occurrence in soil  |
| Sodium (ppm)   | 8/2011 | N | 8.66   | NA | NA  | 100 | Salt water intrusion; leaching from soil   |

**TTHMs and Stage 1 Disinfectant/Disinfection By-Product (D/DBP) Parameters**

For bromate, chloramines, or chlorine, the level detected is the highest running annual average (RAA), computed quarterly, of monthly averages of all samples collected. For haloacetic acids or TTHM, the level detected is the highest RAA, computed quarterly, of quarterly averages of all samples collected if the system is monitoring quarterly or is the average of all samples taken during the year if the system monitors less frequently than quarterly. Range of Results is the range of individual sample results (lowest to highest) for all monitoring locations, including Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE) results as well as Stage 1 compliance results.

| Contaminant and Unit of Measurement  | Dates of sampling (mo./yr.) | MCL Violation Y/N | Level Detected | Range of Results | MCLG or MRDLG | MCL or MRDL | Likely Source of Contamination            |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|---|
| Chlorine (ppm)                       | 2011                        | N                 | 1.4            | 0.89-2.46        | MRDLG = 4     | MRDL = 4.0  | Water additive to control microbes        |
| Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (ppb) | 8/2011                      | N                 | 39.55          | 29.9-49.2        | NA            | MCL = 60    | By-product of drinking water disinfection |
| TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)   | 8/2011                      | N                 | 58.1           | 24.1-92.1        | NA            | MCL = 80    | By-product of drinking water disinfection |

| Contaminant and Unit of Measurement | Dates of sampling (mo./yr.) | AL Violation Y/N | 90th Percentile Result | No. of Sampling sites exceeding the AL | MCLG | AL (Action Level) | Likely Source of Contamination   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|--|------|-------------------|--|
| Copper (tap water) (ppm)            | 10/2011                     | N                | 0.038                  | 0                                      | 1.3  | 1.3               | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives |
| Lead (tap water) (ppb)              | 10/2011                     | N                | 1.0                    | 0                                      | 0    | 15                | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits                                   |

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Jasper is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Sage Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

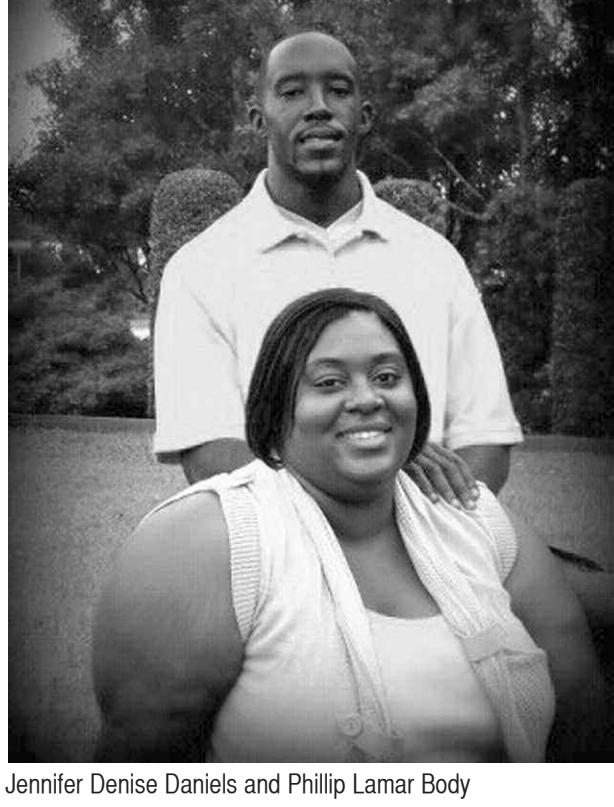
Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

We at City of Jasper would like you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to insuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, please feel free to call any of the numbers listed.

# Weddings

## Daniels & Body



Jennifer Denise Daniels and Phillip Lamar Body

Jennifer Denise Daniels and Phillip Lamar Body are pleased to announce their engagement. Jennifer is the daughter of Janice (Billy) Tolbert and Dennis Jenkins, Sr. of Homerville, Ga. Phillip is the son of the late Doretha B. Hill and the late Jessie Body. A wedding is planned for May 26, 2012 in Homerville, Ga. at 4 p.m.

## Jackson & Erickson



Zearah and Betty Jackson are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jamia Eles Jackson to Karl Christian Erickson of Zumbro Falls, Minnesota, the son of Tyrone and Sharon Erickson of Zumbro Falls, Minnesota.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Columbia High and a 2004 graduate of the University of South Florida with a degree in Exercise Science. Currently employed with the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities as an Assistant Director of Strength & Conditioning, she works with Women's Track & Field, Cross Country, Tennis and Gymnastics. She is also a former member of the USA Women's Bobsled Team & two-time Olympic Weightlifting National Champion. She is the granddaughter of Zeffie Daniels and the Late Willis Daniels and the Late Zearah Sr. and Lillie Jackson of Jasper.

The future groom is a graduate of the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities with a degree in Kinesiology. He is the Director of Sports Performance at 1st Athlete Training Center in Edina, MN. Karl was a 7-time All-American in Shot Put and Discus at the U of MN and former Resident Athlete of the US Olympic Training Center.

The wedding is planned for Sunday, May 27, 2012, at the Crowne Plaza Northstar Hotel Rooftop Sky Graden, followed by a reception at Windows of Minnesota in Downtown Minneapolis.

## Cooper & King wedding reminder

Andy and Julia Cooper of Jasper would like to remind you of the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Kylie Anna Cooper to Benjamin James King, son of Denise King of Live Oak and the late Sam King.

The wedding is planned for May 5, 2012 at 3 p.m. at Divonia Baptist Church in Jasper.

A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

All friends and family are invited.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Jasper will hold a public hearing on the final reading or Ordinance 12-04-01:

An Ordinance of the City of Jasper, Florida, amending Ordinance #06-03-02, which authorizes the operation of golf carts on certain streets within the municipal boundaries of the City of Jasper; designating the streets wherein said operation is allowed; providing definitions; providing for hours of operation and equipment necessary to operate said golf carts to comply with all safety rules and regulations; and providing for an effective date.

The public hearing will be held at the regular City Council meeting on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 208 W. Hatley Street.

All concerned citizens are invited to attend and be heard.

## Birth Announcement

Luke and Brittany Selph are proud to introduce their precious daughter, Rilyn Grace Selph. Rilyn was born March 26, 2012 weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz. Proud grandparents are David & Angie Altman and Clevie & Susan Selph, all of Jennings.

Maternal great-grandparents are Estes & Frances Altman of Jasper and James & Juanita Dees, of White Springs. Paternal great-grandparents are Sudie Selph of Jennings and Willene LeFevre of Live Oak.



Rilyn Grace Selph

## Heart Matters Nehemiah #10

By Angie Land

*"So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart."* (Nehemiah 4:6)

What on earth could we accomplish if we worked with all our hearts? When we last saw Nehemiah and the workers, they were being covered with an endless barrage of insults and ridicule. They were called names, their efforts mocked, and their goals questioned. So what happened in the meantime to bring about such motivation? Prayer. Prayer is our most effective and yet least utilized weapon. A simple, honest, pour-your-heart-out prayer like Nehemiah recorded in verses 4 & 5:

*"Hear us, O our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders"*

Would you feel guilty for praying like this? It definitely is not your typical bedtime prayer for God to bless everyone, is it? But, it is honest...and real. It does voice the offense felt in the heart, so that they heart is then free to move forward and completely focus on the task at hand. Remember,

what happened next: "...for all the people worked with all their heart." Sadly, by the time our prayers are voiced, they do not even resemble the reality of what is going on in our hearts, as if we have to "pretty them up" for God. Then, all the left-overs stay behind to burden us down and we go about life "half-hearted." My question is why? If we believe in prayer at all, don't we also understand that our God knows what we need before we ask? And that He already knows the thoughts and intentions of our hearts...even before we make them sound nicer? I wonder if we fear a prayer like the one above because we think God can't handle our honesty. I suspect He would love it!

An amazing thing happens when we pray honestly, especially about how someone has hurt us. As we pray for God to repay them for an offense, over time, our heart will often begin to change concerning the offender. I believe this is one of the Holy Spirit's finest works, to reveal our own need for mercy at the moments we most want to withhold it from others. However, if we refuse to get honest in our prayers, we deny Him access to what is really going on in our hearts.

We find another key element concerning



prayer in Nehemiah's strategy in verse 9: *"But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night..."* Our tendency is to swing one-way or the other in cases like this: we post our guard and trust in our own strength, or we pray and do nothing else in order to prove our faith. I like the order in which Nehemiah operates. Pray first, and then do what you know to do. Again, I believe this gives the Holy Spirit freedom to convict or confirm our actions and motives as we seek to please God and accomplish His will...

*Because Every Heart Matters, Angie*

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## Norris Notes

By Lillian Norris

It is hoped that many of you had a chance at the Florida Times Union on Sunday (I know it is hard to do), but when I returned from a great weekend spent in Jacksonville with Nan and Tommy Hamm and Jo Coe I had a paper left for me by a friend, and the first thing I really saw was a picture on the front page of the Parade section (think that is what it is called still) and I said "That's Art" although I was alone in the apartment. He really looks good, has lost weight and looks healthy - of course I couldn't wait to call Addie and we had a great telephone visit.

What an interesting conversation, Art is really busy and staying on the go from coast to coast and places in between. The visit with Addie was very special, I did not realize she had retired, she is able to do a lot of travelling and see many interesting places. spending much time with Art.

The Hamilton County Republican Party is proud to host the 2nd Annual Lincoln Day Dinner this Thursday, May 3rd, 2012, beginning at 5:30 PM, located at the Jasper FVW. Meet and Greet will be from 5:30-6:00 pm, with dinner beginning at 6 pm. Featured guest is Rep. Steve Southerland (CD2). Additional guests include all congressional candidates for the new district serving Hamilton County. They include Rep. Cliff Stearns, State Senator Steve Oelrich, James Jett and Dr. Ted Yoho. Also attending is Government Gone Wild founder, Blaise In-

goglia. Tickets for the event are \$25.00.

It certainly sounds as if it will prove to be a great evening.

This Saturday, May 5th is a weekend I always look forward to, a big day at St. Therese Catholic Church on 41 North, just a few miles from downtown Jasper and not far from anywhere in our area, it is something to look forward every year. Lots of homemade goodies, candies, cakes, cookies, jams and jellies and many handmade pieces, all nice to have for yourself or for gifts and you can see and visit with a lot of people. Plates of barbecue are available to eat there or take out, prepared right there, and it is always delicious, with all the trimmings, serving 11AM - 2:00 P.M.. Go eat and Fellowship. Barbecue plates ate \$6.00 each. I love the barbecue and the homemade jams and jellies.

A message to the lady who called me about the picture of the flowers on the front page of the Jasper News, during azalea festival, I have been doing some research, as we had honeysuckle in the mountains of NC where I lived and I saw the resemblance, and I learned that they are of the same family, different varieties in different climates and areas, Something that I remembered in talking with others, regarding the honeysuckle, children would break open the inside and sip the juice. The mountain azaleas we had around our home where I lived for years came from Franklin NC. They include

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here, probably because they were acclimated to cold weather.

I wrote your name and number down but misplaced it so if you have more information you want to talk about, give me a ring, thank you for your interest, for reading the JASPER NEWS, and for reading my column.

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Miss Casandra Rowena Moore, bride-elect of George Moody, Dawson, Georgia, was honored at a tea/shower in March at the home of her grandmother, Rowena Bryan, in Jasper, Fla. Lisa Capelli was co-host.

Special guests included Lisa's mother Lauranell Bryan Thomas of Lawrenceville, Ga., and Sybil Moody, mother of the groom-to-be, of Dawson, Ga.

The tea was held on March 17, the same date as the wedding anniversary of Rowena and the late Orton Bryan, and the anniversary of the mother of the bride.

Arrangements of fresh flowers, white hydrangeas, white and lavender azaleas were throughout the house, with shamrocks added to the arrangements.

Other special guests included Rowena's sister, Lauranell Tidwell of Orlando, and other relatives, friends of Rowena, members of the Woman's Club of Jasper, Rowena's church family and Bridge Club were also guests.

Jan Hunter was caterer for the occasion, with Stephanie Honeycutt, friend of mother of the bride of Atlanta, providing desserts.

The wedding will be a special event in May.



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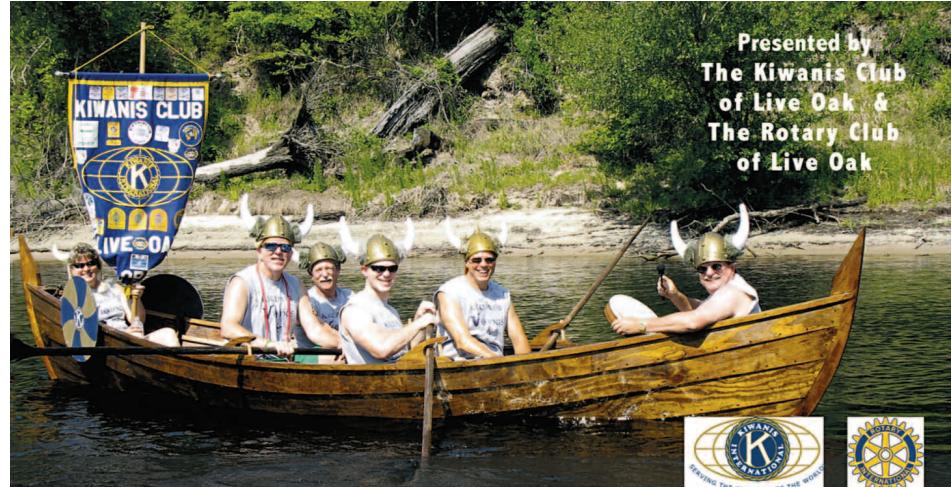
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| <b>Kindergarten</b><br>(Progressing in Skills)  | Amari Arthur<br>Gracie Ball<br>Ahmiya Bell<br>Jacoven Brooker<br>Tyion Cohens<br>Kailey Cribbs<br>Hailey Cribbs<br>Makiyah Daniels<br>Alexis Fennell<br>Russell Fry<br>Aleana Gallegos<br>Shalayah Green<br>Jevon Hawkins<br>Luke Hutto<br>Salimah Iqbal<br>Yusuf Iqbal<br>Nykol Jackson<br>Gabrielle Johnson<br>Ka'Shauna Johnson<br>Adam Jones<br>Alex Kornegay<br>Keondrick McCloud<br>Aaliyah McFadden<br>Natalie Morse<br>Tyra Oliver<br>Jy'kyon Owens<br>Trenton Payne<br>Nigeria Pierce<br>Valery Reynolds<br>Halley Rickey<br>Alexus Robidoux<br>Megan Simpson<br>Jamarius Smith<br>Ta'Von Smith<br>Cassi Taylor<br>Erika Thompsons<br>Kendell Thompson<br>Kajae Vaughn<br>Jeremy Walls<br>Kacy Warren<br>Jaden Welcome<br>Tyanna White<br>Jamiya Wright | <b>Sixth Grade</b><br>A<br>Tori Troy<br>Jenna Whittington   | <b>A-B Honor Roll</b><br>Carrie Putnel<br>Areal Smith<br>Everett Walker  | <b>Mrs. Weeks</b><br>A Honor Roll<br>Nicole Aguero<br>Elizabeth Smith   | All A's & B's<br>Tyshawn Adkins<br>Hannah Altman<br>Chasity Arnold<br>Kelondra Ash<br>Richard Bennett<br>Autumn Cole<br>Maisia Daniels<br>Kaitlyn Curry<br>Josefina Diaz<br>James Gandy<br>Stephanie Hammock<br>Savanna Harper<br>Lasasha Henderson<br>Alyssa Jones<br>Allison Lee<br>Brolynn Miley<br>Tamiera Mobley<br>Catherine Moffses<br>Wyatt Mulkey<br>Benita Morris<br>Alexis Owens<br>Joanna Padgett<br>Adelina Ponce<br>Hunter Smith<br>Jristin Smith<br>Shavontay Whetstone<br>Austin Windham<br>Larissa Wyers<br>Joseph Zipperer |
| <b>First Grade</b>  | <b>NORTH HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>  | <b>Second Grade</b>   | <b>Ms. Dean</b><br>A Honor Roll<br>Zane Sadler<br>Andrea Singletary  | <b>Fifth Grade</b>  | <b>Mrs. Dillard</b><br>A Honor Roll<br>Daniel Hendrick<br>Hujnter McCulley   |
| A<br>Christian Dye<br>Kyla Johnson<br>Sara Needham<br>Ariana Richardson<br>Shannon Wheeler<br>Jam'ya Williams | A/B<br>Christopher Coulter<br>Kayla Herriot<br>Joe Needham<br>Autumn Register  | <b>Mrs. Adams</b><br>A Honor Roll<br>Leanna Adkins<br>Morgan Griffin<br>Victor Perez<br>Sigifredo Salinas<br>Jaxon Smith                                | <b>Mrs. Driggers</b><br>A Honor Roll<br>Jordan Back<br>Derrick Gerth<br>Julian Garcia<br>Brayan Silverio Chung                           | <b>A-B Honor Roll</b><br>Hunter Byrne<br>Brooke Howell<br>Daisy Jones   | <b>A-B Honor Roll</b><br>Victoria Franklin<br>Raneshia Gunsby<br>Taylor Moffses<br>Jacob Ray<br>Ethan Rye<br>Oriana Urzua<br>Albino Lopez  |
| A/B<br>Kayla Allen<br>Brea Davis<br>Alexander Mondragon<br>Alicia Powers                                      | <b>Third Grade</b><br>A<br>Ashley Hand<br>Noah Kersey<br>Melvin Thompkins  | <b>Mrs. Atkinson</b><br>A Honor Roll<br>Kenley Brady<br>Jacob Gallegos<br>Rilee Gallegos<br>Malyiah Marcano<br>Desmond McClain                          | <b>Mrs. McCoy</b><br>A Honor Roll<br>Emilia Salinas<br>Prestyn Smith   | <b>Mrs. Steedley</b><br>A Honor Roll<br>Elizabeth Cheshire  | <b>9th Grade</b><br>All A's<br>Dixie Boston<br>Rachel Bunting<br>Lashawn Claridy<br>Whitney Crosby<br>Sarra Davis<br>Zachary Hall<br>Richard McCoy<br>Mazey Roberts<br>Kaleb Sadler<br>Jayla Williams  |
| <b>Second Grade</b>   | B<br>Janiria Miles   | <b>Mrs. King</b><br>A Honor Roll<br>Yesenia Gomez<br>Jasmine Griffith<br>JT Law<br>Eric McQuay<br>Heet Patel  | <b>Mrs. Blue</b><br>A Honor Roll<br>Jesse McElwain<br>Tyler Whetstone<br>Lexi Williams   | <b>A-B Honor Roll</b><br>Sarahbeth Adams<br>Shikayla Gandy<br>Angelina Gaspar<br>Luke Hartman<br>Hunter Hotchkiss<br>Reese McLeod<br>Briseida Sanchez-Rios<br>Audrey Selph<br>Stephanie Whetstone | <b>10th Grade</b><br>All A's & B's<br>John Bracewell<br>Justin Culbreth<br>Tylor Deas<br>Michael Lee<br>Elizabeth Lewis<br>Kevin McClain<br>Leah Morgan<br>Aubrey Morris<br>Tiphani Register<br>Garren Richardson<br>Jonathan Whittington  |
|   |  | A-B Honor Roll<br>Elizabeth Barnhart<br>Chase Dorminey<br>Angelica Esparza<br>Brianna James<br>Sylvester Jones<br>Katarina Norris<br>Javarius Whetstone | <b>Third Grade</b>   | <b>Sixth Grade</b>  |  |
|   |  |   | <b>Mrs. Corbett</b><br>A-B Honor Roll<br>Devin Cherry<br>Logan Cox<br>Brittany Dorminey<br>Mia Muscarella<br>Carson Norris<br>Josh Welch | <b>Mr. O'cain And Mrs. Staten</b><br>A Honor Roll<br>Bradley Driggers<br>Jesus Garcia<br>Zaevan Martin<br>Ryan Pittman<br>Mackenzie Pruetter<br>Berry Roberson                                    |  |
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|   |  |   | <b>Mrs. Register</b><br>A Honor Roll<br>Isabella Brown<br>Miguel Thomas  | <b>7th Grade</b>  |  |
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## Randy Travis



Randy Travis

By Jeffry Boatright

One of the most distinctive voices in country music is coming to the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park this weekend. Seven-time Grammy award winner Randy Travis will take the main stage at the Suwannee River Jam at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, May 5.

"I'm very honored to be doing that and it'll be good to be back in the area again, because it's been a little while," Travis said. "The people there are always just wonderful to us and I'm looking forward to it."

Travis has always maintained a unique connection with his fans and now enjoys the elite status of having listeners of several generations. When asked how he is able to stay connected with his fans, Travis acknowledged that airplay really helps.

"Another thing is that I'm still out there playing shows," he explained. "So, it's pretty easy to stay connected. Hopefully, I'll be getting some more airplay on some newer songs as the years go by."

Travis's Suwannee River Jam appearance is part of his 2012 concert tour, which is in celebration of his 25th anniversary in the music business. Over that time, Travis has racked up 18 number one singles, eight platinum albums, 10 gold albums and

eight Dove Awards from the Gospel Music Association. He is a three-time recipient of CMA Award's "Song of the Year" honors with On The Other Hand, Forever and Ever Amen and Three Wooden Crosses.

In addition to his stellar music career, Travis has also enjoyed an impressive acting career. With more than 40 appearances in television and film, he was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2004 and the iconic entertainer shows no sign of slowing down.

"I truly love acting and have fun with it, especially Westerns. I have a new movie project that's in the works," Travis said of his acting career.

While Travis is passionate about his singing and acting careers, he is also very passionate about the Wounded Warrior Project. In May of 2011, Cracker Barrel Old Country Store® released the 11-track CD, Randy Travis, which benefited the national Wounded Warriors Project.

"I try to work with the Wounded Warrior Project every chance that I get" the singer explained. "It is something that means a lot to me. I've been involved with and had the honor of meeting military men and women for a lot of years, spending time with them at Walter

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Reed Hospital, as well as USO tours."

As Travis continues looking toward new projects, he remembers the artists that have influenced him along the way. According to Travis, Merle Haggard, George Jones, Hank Williams Sr. and Lefty Frizzell all had an influence on his music career.

"Those are my main influences," Travis explained. "I learned to sing and also a little about writing from all those guys."

According to Travis, songwriting is something that he really enjoys.

"I really do enjoy songwriting, especially on those good days," Travis began. "Now, there's also a chemistry thing. There are a few people I've written with over the years and we always finish the day with sometimes two or even three songs written, and I love that. You just sit and throw ideas back and forth. Actually, you joke a whole lot too. It's just an wonderful thing for me. But, I promise you that if you had asked any of my teachers in school if I'd ever be a writer, I guarantee that you would have heard, no way will this boy ever write anything."

Another country music icon that Travis enjoyed being around was Roy Acuff. According to Travis, they enjoyed talking about the tradition of country music.

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## Synthetic cannabinoid and bath salt substances illegal

By Joyce Marie Taylor

On March 23, 2012, Governor Rick Scott signed into law House Bill 1175 making it a third degree felony to be in possession of synthetic cannabinoid and bath salt substances, however possession of three grams or less of synthetic cannabinoids is a first degree misdemeanor, unless it is in powder form. The sale, manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver synthetic cannabinoid and bath salt substances is a third degree felony.

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substances to be a significant threat to the health and public safety of citizens within the state of Florida.

These powerful, potentially harmful stimulant drugs were designed to avoid legal prosecution. They were commonly found in specialty smoke shops and convenience stores, as well as on the Internet.

Side-effects of the use of these synthetic drugs can be severe causing kidney failure, seizures, hallucinations and aggression, as well as other symptoms.

Retailers or anyone in possession of these now banned substances who need assistance in disposing of them are asked to contact their local law enforcement agency. Failure to comply with this emergency order can result in a felony arrest.

## Hamilton County High School graduation requirements

By Joyce Marie Taylor

ed 9th grade in 2009-10)

Karen Mitchell, coordinator of students services accountability for Hamilton County schools, recently explained new graduation requirements at a town hall meeting held on Monday, April 23.

"The number of credits required to graduate does not change," Mitchell began. "In the next five or six years, anyway," she added.

There are 24 credits a student must have in order to graduate from high school, however what makes up those 24 credits has changed and everything is based on when the student entered 9th grade this year must take at least one virtual class, which will continue each consecutive year, as well as end-of-course exams that must be taken and passed, which is something else that started this year.

Mitchell said students

can use the computers at the school or at home to take the virtual classes.

Mitchell said if parents or students have questions about graduation requirements they can contact the guidance counselor at the school, or speak with her or Assistant Superintendent Rex Mitchell at the school board office. Information is also available on the school district's website at [www.hamiltonfl.com](http://www.hamiltonfl.com). You can also log on to the Florida Department of Education's website at [www.fl doe.org](http://www.fl doe.org).

Superintendent of Schools Martha Butler said, "It is so important that parents understand what their students will be required to take to get out of high school and be successful in the completion of high school. It's really a challenge."

## NASA Awards SOI Grant to White Springs HOPE

Submitted

The NASA Education Office at the Kennedy Space Center has announced that the White Springs HOPE Program was selected for a Summer of Innovation (SOI) STEM grant for Summer 2012.

The program is part of NASA's outreach to support Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) learning in rural communities in Florida. NASA's Themed Camps for the Summer of Innovation

include Aeronautics, Rocketry, Designing for Space, Mission to Earth, Life Science, Mars Exploration, Robotics Unplugged and Solar System Adventures.

"The NASA SOI program is a perfect fit with our plans for this year's HOPE summer enrichment program," stated Mayor Helen Miller. "We had already decided on week-long themed camps to include concentration on theatre, art and music, tennis and soccer, STEM

and academics. The Summer of Innovation STEM grant will provide \$3,200 for four teachers to deliver 30 hours of STEM programming for 40 student participants in grades four through nine."

Registration for the White Springs HOPE summer enrichment program will open in May. The HOPE summer program operates between June 11 and August 6, 2012.

## Coming soon:

## Wild Blackberry Festival

By Joyce Marie Taylor

Hamilton County is gearing up for their annual Wild Blackberry Festival, which includes several events.

The 2012 Miss Blackberry Pageant will be starting things off on May 19 at 3 p.m. in the auditorium at Hamilton County High School located at 5683 US Highway 129 in Jasper. There will be five age

division categories for contestants; Tiny Miss, Petite Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss. There will also be a Miss Photogenic competition and winners will be announced onstage during the crowning of 2012 Miss Blackberry.

Admission to the pageant is \$5 per person. Ages 3 and under are free. For more information contact pageant coordinators Elizabeth

Mitchell 386-792-9345 or Joanna Griffin 386-938-3873.

Next up is the Wild Blackberry Masquerade Ball which will be held on June 1 at the Telford Hotel in White Springs from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Anyone ages 21 and up

are welcome and tickets are \$30 single and \$50 couple. You can contact Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce for tickets at 386-792-

1300.

The main festival will be held on Saturday, June 9 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Central Avenue downtown in Jasper. In the event of rain, a backup date for the event will be June 10.

Bring the whole family out for a fun-filled day beginning with a blackberry pancake breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m., followed by a bake-off contest from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by Teddy MacElvis and the Legends with karaoke from 10 until 2 p.m.

There will be children's games, arts and crafts, food and amusements, as well as a 50/50 cash raffle drawing. No alcohol is permitted at the event and feel free to bring your own lawn chair or blanket.

For more information contact Cindy Eatmon at 386-792-2725.

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[www.floridastateparks.org/stephenfoster](http://www.floridastateparks.org/stephenfoster)

## Bullards in concert on Mother's Day

The Bullards will be bringing gospel musical worship to Jasper 1st United Methodist Church on Mother's Day May 13 at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome and luncheon will follow. There will be a free will offering.

## Hamilton County High School Class of 1972

Will be celebrating their 40th year  
Reunion on June 30, 2012  
Looking forward to seeing classmates,  
teachers and administrators  
For more information contact: Karen  
Zanders Bristol, 386.792.6551 or  
386.792.3173

## National Prevention Week

### 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 Na-

tional 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.

### 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

**Julie L. Jones**  
Executive Director

2900 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0500  
[www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
MAY 1, 2012



CONTACT: KIRSTEN OLSEN-DOOLAN  
(850) 617-3102

### MOTORCYCLE RIDERS OF ALL AGES SHOULD THINK ABOUT SAFETY

*~ Statistics show fatalities rise for older riders ~*

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Increasingly, Americans over age 45 are climbing on motorcycles. However, national data showing a surge in fatalities in motorcycle drivers in that age group indicate all riders need to be vigilant about safety. In Florida, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' statistics show 44 percent of motorcycle drivers killed in crashes in 2010 were age 45 or older. DHSMSV joins Gov. Rick Scott in proclaiming May *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month* in Florida to highlight the importance of the public safety issue.

"In 2008, Florida lawmakers passed a law that requires training before getting a motorcycle endorsement on a driver license. Since then, we have seen the number of motorcycle crashes fall every year," said DHSMSV Executive Director Julie L. Jones. "Motorcycle riding is an activity that can be enjoyable for a lifetime, and all riders should get endorsed and take steps to ride safely."

Florida law requires a rider to have a motorcycle endorsement on his or her driver license. A rider must successfully complete a basic rider course through the [Florida Rider Trainer Program](#) to apply for the endorsement.

Florida law requires the following for motorcycle drivers:

- Helmet (mandatory for riders age 20 or younger and for riders not covered by an insurance policy providing for at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for injuries incurred as a result of a crash while operating or riding on a motorcycle)
- Eye protection (a windscreen on a motorcycle does not qualify as eye protection)
- Foot pegs for passengers

Riders can take additional protective measures by wearing:

- Proper footwear (protects feet and ankles by giving you a good grip on road surfaces)
- Gloves (keep hands comfortable and protected)
- Jacket and pants (provides protection against sunburn, windburn, dehydration and abrasions)

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMSV, visit [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov), or on our [Facebook](#) page, or follow us on Twitter at [@FDHSMV](#).

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## Randy Travis

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see what was propping him up."

While Randy Travis has enjoyed success in country music, he readily admits the satisfaction that he finds in performing gospel music.

"I've heard preachers and others who sing gospel music speak of an anointing and, maybe, that's exactly what that is. For me, there's also a satisfaction because I have heard so many comments from people through these years of performing gospel songs about how the music has touched their lives so much. So, for me that's very special."

While his music and acting careers keep him busy, Travis still finds a

little time to just watch a movie from time to time, he said. He also enjoys riding horses and still likes to shoot pistols, rifles and shotguns as much as he can.

Although sales of his music exceed 20 million units to date, the North Carolina native continues performing and recording. When asked if he might consider recording more standard songs, Travis acknowledged it is something that has been discussed.

"It's funny that you asked that because me and the guys at Warner Bros. have talked about that very thing for several years now," Travis said. "If we could go back and grab some of

that old Stonewall Jackson, Haggard, Jones, Ernest Tubb, and Hank. Just a whole bunch of songs that I grew up listening to. I would like to do that type of project one day. Every once in awhile, I'll turn on the satellite radio channel that plays all that stuff from the 60s, 70s and into the 80s. It's neat to hear. It really is."

As Travis plans and works on new projects, his timeless hits are sure to flow, allowing listeners of all ages to enjoy more of the traditional sound that has made him a country music icon. In the meantime, he has given fans almost three decades of classics that they too find neat to hear.

### Jasper Legals

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Madison Superstorage, 298 SW Martin Luther King Drive, Madison, Florida and Jasper Superstorage, 1213 US 128 N, Jasper, Florida will have a liquidation sale on delinquent storage units on May 12, 2012. Storage units to be sold will be in Madison are, Meshayla Redding Unit #4E, Cynthia McQuay Unit #12E, Adrienne Jackson Unit #2E and Teleasha Hudson Unit #1D. In Jasper, Unknown Occupant Unit #80, Adam Wetherington Unit #72, Christina Woodson Unit #64, Donika Schrier Unit #1, Cheryl Johnson Unit #41, Erica Jackson Unit #12 & 13, Kimberly Henderson Unit #31 and Fountain of Life Restoration Ministry Unit #38. Contents are believed to be household items. Hickory Hill Auctions will handle the sale. For more information and to check auction times please go to [www.hickoryhillauctions.com](http://www.hickoryhillauctions.com). 05/03, 10

#### GRANT APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

The Hamilton County School Board is in the process of developing a grant application for Exceptional Student Education Federal Entitlement and Discretionary Supplemental Projects, IDEA Part B, for 2012-2013 school year. This grant is for students with disabilities, and who are in need of additional special services, ages 3-21. The grant will also address the needs of preschool children with disabilities, ages 3-5.

Comments will be accepted between May 3, and May 31, 2012. Comments may be submitted in writing to Regina Jordan, Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Coordinator, 4280 SW County Road 152, Jasper, Florida 32052, via email at [regina.jordan@hamilton1fl.com](mailto:regina.jordan@hamilton1fl.com); or via fax at (386) 792-6600. Copies will be available upon request. If you have questions about this document, please contact the ESE Office at 386-792-7837. 05/03, 10, 17, 24, 31

#### 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 MC-CREARY A/K/A SONYA M. MC-CREARY, HEIR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SONYA F. WEAVER MC-CREARY A/K/A SONYA M. MC-CREARY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SONYA F. WEAVER A/K/A SONYA M. MC-CREARY; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF RE-MARRIED, 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 DEFENSE, IF ANY, IN THE ABOVE PROCEEDING WITH THE CLERK OF THIS COURT, AND TO SERVE A COPY THEREUPON UPON THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY, LAW OFFICES OF DANIEL C. CONSEGUERA, 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

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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. Conseguera, 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, 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

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

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

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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 receipt of notice to appear. Individuals who are hearing impaired should call (800) 955-8774. Individuals who are voice impaired should call (800) 955-8770.

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