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**Today's Weather**  
**High 91° F**  
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A mix of clouds and sun with the chance of an isolated thunderstorm in the afternoon. High 91F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%. For up to the minute weather go to www.nflaonline.com.

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**Beryl brings much needed rain**

River levels rise temporarily

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Tropical Storm Beryl weakened to a tropical depression before reaching Hamilton County over the Memorial Day weekend and causing a few downed trees and short duration power outages, according to Emergency Management Director Henry Land.  
"It was very minor," he said.

According to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Hamilton County received a little more than four inches of rain near PCS.  
The tropical storm, which formed off the Atlantic Coast of the southeastern United States late last week, slowly

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Graduation is June 8.

Hamilton County High School recently named its valedictorian and salutatorian. The valedictorian is Chineeta Jackson. The salutatorian is Raven Weise.

**Valedictorian**



Chineeta Jackson

**Salutatorian**



Raven Weise

**Andrew J. "Andy" Decker seeks Third Circuit Group 2 judgeship**

Submitted Attorney Andrew J. "Andy" Decker III of Live Oak is officially announcing he is seeking the office of circuit judge that will Decker open in the Third Judicial Circuit with the retirement of Judge E. Vernon Douglas next year. In announcing his candidacy, Andy said, "I am a candidate for the position of circuit judge because I have a strong desire to serve the people of Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor



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**FCAT 2.0 math and reading results**

Results from FCAT 2.0 math and reading show that Hamilton students fall below state averages.

The numbers were released Thursday, May 24, less than a week after the writing scores.

The state increased proficiency levels last year on both the tests. A test-taker must score at least a 3 on a 5-point scale to be deemed proficient. However, it was tougher this year to achieve.

In math, 48 percent of Hamilton students scored at a 3 or above which is below the state average of 58 percent.

In reading, 38 percent of Hamilton students scored at a 3 or above.

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**Thousands converge for Folk Fest**



Thousands of folk lovers turned out and braved the sweltering heat for the 60th Annual Florida Folk Festival held at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park in the town of White Springs held May 25 through 27. Here, a vendor shows off her weaving skills. See more photos, pages 7&8A. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

**330 pounds netted on Drug Takeback Day**

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National Prescription Drug Takeback Day was held recently in Hamilton County.

Officer Jeramie Cheshire of the Hamilton County Drug Task Force stated they received about 330 pounds of expired/unused prescription drugs from local citizens.

The town of White Springs collected 10 pounds and Jasper and Jennings collected a total of 320 pounds.

"This included 300 pounds of medication removed from the old Trinity Hospital," said Cheshire.

This nationwide program helps to prevent prescription medications from being flushed down the toilet and potentially getting into our

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**Monument unveiled for deputy slain in 1916**



The new memorial for slain HCSO Deputy W. Raiford Royals. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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Nearly 100 folks, including law enforcement officers, local dignitaries and family members of slain officer W. Raiford Royals, turned out recently for Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony and monument unveiling dedicated to Deputy W. Raiford Royals, who died in the line of duty in 1916. Current Hamilton County Sheriff J. Harrell Reid presided over the day's ceremonies.

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**Have a ball Wild Blackberry Masquerade Ball is Friday**

Event is prelude to Wild Blackberry Festival

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

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# Beryl brings much needed rain

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churned toward Florida's coast before making landfall Sunday night. Beryl packed near hurricane strength winds, but after making landfall its intensity weakened. However, the storm dispersed generous amounts of rainfall over a drought stricken North Florida.

SRWMD's Megan Wetherington said the most rain fell between Cooks Hammock in

Lafayette County and O'Brien in Suwannee County; some 14 inches or more.

Wetherington said the much needed rainfall improved base flows of the rivers, but that's about it.

"There was a rise of about a foot in Branford, but that was very localized," said Wetherington. "I think it's going to drop down a little."

Wetherington said the rainfall improved base flows so we hopefully

won't see the severe record lows we have been witnessing.

The Suwannee River at White Springs rose from 49.95 feet above mean sea level Sunday to 50.76 feet Tuesday. The river at Suwannee Springs rose from 36.09 feet above mean sea level on Sunday to 36.72 feet Tuesday.

The most impressive increase was the Suwannee River near the town of Suwannee at the Gulf which rose from -.02 feet

above mean sea level on Saturday to 3.3 feet on Tuesday.

Weather concerns remained Tuesday morning as the National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning for Branford, that was in effect until shortly after 8 a.m.

Power outages were an issue that Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative dealt with quickly.

SVEC had a total of 93 power outages for Monday and into Tuesday

morning, affecting 7,965 consumers. The average outage duration was 72 minutes, Community Relations Manager Tom Tuckey said.

"The majority of power outages were attributed to trees and tree limbs knocking out the service to these consumer members," said Tuckey. "We did experience one outage due to a high voltage transmission line which caused a loss of power to one of our distribution substa-

tions. It was resolved by re-routing the transmission voltage from another transmission source."

Tuckey said that due to the storm, power outages were experienced in all four counties in their service area: Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette and Suwannee.

"On both days, we had eight line crews working day and night in an effort to restore power to our consumer members," said Tuckey.

## FCAT 2.0 math and reading results

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The state average is 56 percent.

In reading, students must reach achievement level 2 or higher to be promoted. However, teachers and principals have options such as looking at the overall portfolio of a student's work to keep the student from being retained. Twenty-seven percent of Hamilton students scored at level 1;

34 percent at level 2; 21 percent at level 3; 13 percent at level 4 and five percent at level 5.

### Regional:

#### Math

State	58 percent at 3 or above
Columbia	59 percent
Lafayette	45 percent
Suwannee	56 percent

#### Reading

State	56 percent at 3 or above
Columbia	60 percent
Lafayette	39 percent
Suwannee	59 percent

## 330 pounds netted in Drug Takeback Day

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drinking water or being tossed into the trash where children could gain access.

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

"I spoke with DEA and they are in the final stages of completing the take-back/collection initiative at all pharmacies in the nation," Cheshire said. "There is no set date as to when this will be in effect."

Cheshire stated it is unknown at this time as to when or if there will be another scheduled Drug Takeback Day, but he will keep us advised.

## Wild Blackberry Masquerade Ball is Friday

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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 Wild Blackberry Festival will be held on Saturday, June 9 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Central Avenue downtown

Jasper. In the event of rain, a backup date for the event will be June 10.

Bring the whole family out to the festival 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 Leg-

ends 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.

## Monument unveiled for deputy slain in 1916

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The *Jasper News* published the story of Royals' death on the front page of the newspaper on April 14, 1916. The article stated that "Deputy Sheriff Raiford Royals, 42, was shot and killed on April 10 by Walter Durham of Hahira, Ga. on the front steps of Joe Cox's colored rooming house near the G.S. & F. Depot."

Royals, who was born in 1874, died instantly from a gunshot wound on April 10, 1916 while

serving as a Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy and jailer. He was survived by his wife Vinnie Sapp Royals and their six children, Ollie, Verdie, Ruby, Ovella, Willie and Dennis.

Walter Durham was found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to death by hanging, which was carried out Sept. 8, 1916 by order of the governor of the state of Florida.

Congress designated the month of May as a time to recognize fallen law enforcement officers.

As such, HCSO Sergeant Ken Benton took it upon himself to get things rolling and he encouraged everyone in the community to get involved in helping to organize the memorial ceremony for Deputy Royals.

Hamilton County High School's AFJROTC Color Guard proudly presented the colors to begin the ceremony, followed by a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem sung by Correctional Probation Senior Officer Mrs. Jessie Bristol.

After Sheriff Reid's opening remarks, Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners Chairman Randy Ogburn gave the invocation, and County Judge Sonny Scaff welcomed everyone to the memorial ceremony.

Gary Helm, great-grandson of W. Raiford Royals related a few family memories of his great-grandfather and added some humor to lighten the mood.

"This man had an influence on everybody here," said Helm. "There's one thing I know for sure, and all of us can say that. If it hadn't been for him there'd have been no Ruby Royals, and if it hadn't been for Ruby Royals there'd have been no Elmer Helm, and if there hadn't



HCSO Sheriff J. Harrell Reid gives opening remarks. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

been no Elmer Helm there wouldn't be a Gary Helm."

He went on to say that his great-grandfather gave the ultimate sacrifice.

"You can't ask for any more than that," he said. "A man is his life and if he dies, as long as he is never forgotten, then he will be here. As long as somebody remembers him, he will be here. I think my great-grandfather is definitely going to be one of those men."

Helm said he and his brother were in law enforcement for about 30 years for the city of Lake Wales, so he suspected his great-grandfather had an influence over them.

Sheriff Reid then led

the unveiling of the beautiful monument which stated, "In memory of those who so unselfishly gave their lives in the line of duty on behalf of the citizens of Hamilton County."

On the backside of the monument are the words of scripture John 15:13; "Greater love hath no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

A solemn hush fell over the crowd as "Taps" was played and the quiet continued as Rev. Roger Hutto gave the benediction, which was followed by retiring of the Colors.

Sheriff Reid thanked local VFW Post 8095 for supplying the tent, chairs and podium, and the Hamilton County Auxil-

iary and Martha Ard from HCSO for all their hard work in ensuring everything went off without a hitch.

After the ceremony, Sheriff Reid invited everyone inside to the courthouse where a bountiful feast of food and refreshments were served.

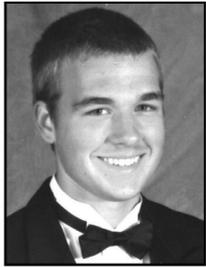
Aside from this new memorial on the lawn of the courthouse in Hamilton County, Royals' name is already on the memorial wall in Tallahassee and Reid hopes to have his name added to the wall in Washington, D.C. soon.

Sheriff Reid said, "I'm happy to say I live in a county that recognizes heroes and Raiford Royals was a hero."





**Kyle,**  
**We are so**  
**proud of**  
**you!!!**



**Love,**  
**Daddy, Mama,**  
**Craig & Amber**



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# Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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Last weekend was the biggest event of the year for White Springs, a weekend full of visitors, events, happenings and wonderful experiences. So much happens on a weekend like this that much of it soon becomes a blur and your mind distills the myriad of experiences down to the "pot likker", the true essence of what the weekend was all about. Long after some of the more fleeting moments fade away, here are some of the things that I know I will always remember. First of all, amidst all the fun and celebration, I will remember the Ameri-

can flags that flew so proudly throughout our little town and the wounded warriors project at the old Adams Country Store. We may have a lot of fun on Memorial Day weekend, but we never lose sight of what it really is all about. I will remember the greetings and smiles exchanged between friends and strangers, even between some folks who hardly ever speak to each other. People being helpful and hopeful. The food, an abundance of it everywhere I went, much of it prepared home-style with love and care. The music! Music touches the heart and soul in ways that are mystical and magic, it brings us together in a shared experience and it showcases what a magnificent creation human beings can be when they are creative rather than destructive. I will remember the

heat, and the Thursday night wind and fire but, weather wise, my most favorite memory will be the rain! Six or seven inches of blessed, wonderful wet water rained down on us as Beryl, seeming to know that we were so desperate, practically stalled right on top of us and gave us just what we had all been praying for, RAIN!

I will remember the volunteers who showed up early before the rest of us to prepare for each day's activities and stayed late to clean up after we had all gone home. I will remember our kids from South Hamilton Elementary singing wonderful traditional folk songs and dancing nimbly between the clacking poles on the floor, (you had to be there, I can't explain it) guided for perhaps the last time under the watchful loving eye of our own Deloris Howell. I will remember our kids and volunteers from the White Springs Hope Program, working all weekend selling water and soft drinks to raise money for the program. We have the best school, the best kids, the best teachers, parents, volunteers and children's programs that any town could hope for! Let's stand tall and work hard to make sure we don't have it all taken away from us!

I will remember the folklife area of the festival where I learned about lassoing cattle, grunting worms, making leather chaps and shoes, heard many a tall tale told, and experienced many other aspects of our wonderful Florida folk heritage. I will remember looking at the crowds and seeing so many young and fresh young faces mixed in with those of us who are perhaps a little older and greyer than we admit, a wonderful infusion of youth and they were all having a wonderful time! All in all, it was a wonderful White Springs Memorial Day weekend for me and I'm sure you all have your favorite memories to treasure too.

On a separate note, Janie Yvonne Bryant wishes to express her sincere thanks for the love and support shown by family and many friends during the loss of her dear and devoted friend Early Johnson. Your kindness was greatly appreciated. Yvonne, we love you and we will always treasure our great memories of Mister Early.

So, once again there was a lot happening in our little town and next week I hope to see you out and about again, enjoying and contributing to life in White Springs.

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## Police Chief Report

Submitted

Wow, what a month May was. I don't know if you got the chance to attend the May Day Festival, but there must have been well over 1,000 people there. That being said, the PD only handled three serious calls. One was a fight at the ball field, a subject firing shots in the air on Mill St. and the front door was kicked in at the library. There was one ar-

rest made. That is a fantastic stat for a crowd this large.

I would like to send out a special thanks to Sheriff Harrell Reid and Sheriff Mark Hunter for providing the PD with extra officers. You will probably notice I mention this sort of thing often in my reports, but believe me when I say this type of cooperation is not all that common around the state and bearing such a small depart-

ment I really appreciate the help.

Well, we got through May Day and went right in to the Folk Festival. Again there was a large crowd and no problems. Even with the heat and a tropical storm bearing down on us we breezed right through it. I think these two reports speak volumes about the citizens of White Springs and the people who come to visit us.

I also want to give

credit to our reserve officers. They volunteer their weekends to assist us as fully sworn Police Officers and work every bit as hard as the full time Officers. I really appreciate them and I don't know what we would do without them.

Just a quick reminder that summer is here and if you are planning to go out of town, let us know so we can keep an extra lookout for you while you are gone.

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

Chief Ken Brookins  
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CRIME STOPPERS:  
386-792-8477

Traffic Safety Checks will be held: Camp St. CR 135, Roberts St. and Sunrise Bv.

## Prescription drug abuse and newborns

Submitted

The Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition supports a new Statewide Task Force on Prescription Drug Abuse and Newborns.

"We are very concerned about the increase of prescription drug abuse," said Director Grace McDonald. "We are addressing this problem through Town Hall meetings, partnering with law enforcement for the Prescription Drug Take Back Days, the Annual Nope Vigil each fall, and funding the community policing program, which has increased law enforcement that deals with all types of drug and alcohol abuse. We also disseminate information at various events held in the county throughout the year."

The Coalition also partners with the healthcare and mental health/substance abuse providers in the county in addressing the problem.

McDonald said all citizens need to be alert to the dangers of prescription drug abuse.

"This is just as serious an addiction that can enslave you as any other drug, whether legal or illegal," she said. "Much pain and misery can result from the enslavement of drugs. We need to try to help anyone that is in trouble to get assistance in overcoming this condition. We also need to be aware of the danger of becoming addicted to pain medication."

Caution, McDonald said, should be taken in the use of pain relievers.

"Educate yourself about any medications you may consider using for healthcare purposes," said McDonald. "Medicines are prescribed to assist us

in the healing process. Misuse can be very dangerous to our health and well being."

Attorney General Pam Bondi convened the first Statewide Task Force on Prescription Drug Abuse and Newborns on April 24 in the Cabinet meeting room at the the Capitol in Tallahassee. Gil Kerlikowske, Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, attended the meeting as a special guest. Secretary David Wilkins, Department of Children and Families is a member of the task force.

In October 2011, Attorney General Pam Bondi, Senator Joe Negron, and Representative Kelli Stargel announced a legislative proposal to create a Statewide Task Force on Prescription Drug Abuse and Newborns. The task force is charged with examining the scope of the problem, the costs associated with caring for babies with neonatal withdrawal syndrome, the long-term effects of the syndrome, and strategies for preventing prescription drug abuse by expectant mothers.

Neonatal withdrawal syndrome is a collection of problems that will occur in a newborn that has been exposed to addictive drugs while in the womb.

Symptoms of withdrawal include fever, seizures, blotchy skin, incessant shrill cries, respiratory problems, and extreme sensitivity to sounds and light. Since Florida is the epicenter of prescription drug abuse, a state-level response is needed. If this epidemic is not slowed, and then

reversed, the risk to the well-being of women and their children, and medical costs associated with expectant mothers and newborns will continue to rise.

## White Springs HOPE summer program registration

Submitted

An Open House registration for the White Springs HOPE summer enrichment program for K-12 students is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2012, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration will take place at the HOPE Center at 17025 Sunrise Drive in White Springs.

While parents complete the registration forms, children are invited to enjoy a Bounce House, compliments of the HOPE staff. Also available are hot dogs, drinks and Ices for \$1 each.

The summer program capacity is 60 children, with no fee payment required. A \$20 donation is being requested to cover the cost of two T-shirts for each child. The major staff expenses are being covered by HOPE's memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Boys and Girls Club of Tabula Rasa, Inc. (BGC TR), which has

a 21st CCLC grant from the Florida Department of Education. White Springs is a new site for the BGC TR 21st CCLC grant which will also cover next year's HOPE after school program.

This year's program is based on a weekly camp format. The first week is theatre camp with Kids4Broadway providing direction, the second week is a music camp with financial support provided by Spirit of the Suwannee. Additional weekly themes are tennis and soccer camps, nutrition and health camp, NASA STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) camp, and academic camps.

Field trips for swimming, skating and museum visits are also planned to round out the 8-week summer program.

For more information, please contact the HOPE Center at 386-397-1333.

# Blueberry Festival

**19th Annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival  
Wellborn's Weekend of Summer Fun  
Andrews Square, downtown Wellborn**

**June 1 & 2, 2012**  
Rain Date June 3rd

No Admission Fee \* Family Fun \* Bring Your Lawn Chair  
\* No Alcohol

**Friday Open 2pm to 9pm – Saturday Open 7am to 5pm**  
Arts & Crafts Vendors \* Food Vendors  
Live Entertainment by the Willow Creek Band \* Karaoke all day  
Ponies, Petting Zoo, Water Walkers and more  
Country Store featuring blueberry pies, cobbler, jelly, syrup,  
and more  
Big-Ticket Item Raffle (do not have to be present to win)

**Friday Special Events**  
Bake-Off Contest begins 4:00 pm \* Tasting Party (\$3.00)  
6:30 pm Children's Talent Contest 6:00 pm (Cash Awards)

**Saturday Special Events**  
Blueberry Pancake Breakfast 7am to 10am  
(\$5 adults; \$3 children)  
Last Breakfast Ticket Sold at 9:30am\* Three Stations Open  
Parade at 10:30 am (Prizes and awards for best entries)  
Parade Theme: *Think Green* \* Grand Marshall: T. L. Andrews, Jr.  
Artist R.L. Lewis, one of the original Highwaymen  
Talent Contest 1:30 pm (1st Place \$500; 2nd Place \$300;  
3rd Place \$200)

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OPINION

Our nation's future

Our nation is rapidly approaching a point from which there's little chance to avoid a financial collapse. The heart of our problem can be seen as a tragedy of the commons. That's a set of circumstances when something is commonly owned and individuals acting rationally in their own self-interest produce a set of results that's inimical to everyone's long-term interest. Let's look at an example of the tragedy of the commons phenomenon and then apply it to our national problem.

Imagine there are 100 cattlemen all having an equal right to graze their herds on 1,000 acres of commonly owned grassland. The rational self-interested response of each cattleman is to have the largest herd that he can afford. Each cattleman pursuing similar self-interests will produce results not in any of the cattlemen's long-term interest -- overgrazing, soil erosion and

destruction of the land's usefulness. Even if they all recognize the dangers, does it pay for any one cattleman to cut the size of his herd? The short answer is no because he would bear the cost of having a smaller herd while the other cattlemen gain at his expense. In the long term, they all lose because the land will be overgrazed and made useless.

We can think of the federal budget as a commons to which each of our 535 congressmen and the president have access. Like the cattlemen, each congressman and the president want to get as much out of the federal budget as possible for their constituents. Political success depends upon

"bringing home the bacon." Spending is popular, but taxes to finance the spending are not. The tendency is for spending to rise and its financing to be concealed through borrowing and inflation.

Does it pay for an individual congressman to say, "This spending is unconstitutional and ru-

A MINORITY VIEW



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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

ining our nation, and I'll have no part of it; I will refuse a \$500 million federal grant to my congressional district?" The answer is no because he would gain little or nothing, plus the federal budget wouldn't be reduced by \$500 million. Other congressmen would benefit by having \$500 million more for their districts.

What about the constituents of a principled congressman? If their congressman refuses unconstitutional spending, it doesn't mean that they pay lower federal income taxes. All that it means is constituents of some other congressmen get the money while the nation spirals toward financial ruin, and they wouldn't be spared from that ruin because their congressman refused to participate in unconstitutional spending.

What we're witnessing in Greece, Italy, Ireland, Portugal and other parts of Europe is a direct result of their massive spending to accommodate the welfare state. A greater number of people are living off government welfare programs than are paying taxes. Government debt in Greece is 160 percent of gross domestic product. The other percentages of GDP are

120 in Italy, 104 in Ireland and 106 in Portugal. As a result of this debt and the improbability of their ever paying it, their credit ratings either have reached or are close to reaching junk bond status.

Here's the question for us: Is the U.S. moving in a direction toward or away from the troubled EU nations? It turns out that our national debt, which was 35 percent of GDP during the 1970s, is now 106 percent of GDP, a level not seen since World War II's 122 percent. That debt, plus our more than \$100 trillion in unfunded liabilities, has led Standard & Poor's to downgrade our credit rating from AAA to AA+, and the agency is keeping the outlook at "negative" as a result of its having little confidence that Congress will take on the politically sensitive job of tackling the same type of entitlement that has turned Europe into a basket case.

I am all too afraid that Benjamin Franklin correctly saw our nation's destiny when he said, "When the people find that they can vote themselves money, that will herald the end of the republic."

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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.

Interested in North Florida Community College?

Doug Brown, Director of Advising, Recruitment and Retention at NFCC will be at the Hamilton County Adult Education class on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 11 a.m. If you are interested in attending or curious about North Florida Community College, Mr.

Brown will inform individuals on how to apply to the college, what services and programs the college has to offer. If you have questions please contact the Hamilton County VTAE program at 386-792-7834 or [leslie.carter@hamiltonfl.com](mailto:leslie.carter@hamiltonfl.com).

Healthy Living

Mom on a mission

~Beth Harris, CSCS, CHFS  
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Consistently I receive emails and message via Facebook of questions regarding health, wellness, and fitness. Please feel free to email me, Facebook message, or visit my website to contact me to have your question answered!

(The following is exactly how it was sent)  
*Dear Beth,*

I hope you can help me, my 15yr old son is overweight and very active, but just cant seem to shed the pounds. He does not eat a lot of "junk food" or eats all the time, but he is a big eater. I try to get him to "portion control" but its very hard for him to do.

When I say big eater, what mean if its dinner time, he will eat "one " plate but it is piled on... and if we have sandwiches he will eat 2, and makes a sandwich out of everything he eats. For example, if we have spaghetti, he makes a sandwich. What I mean by very active, he plays football so he is at practice a lot, but when he is at home he is outside playing basketball, football and baseball. Oh... need to mention he does drink a lot of Pepsi but has cut down a lot. Help!

Sincerely,  
Mom on a Mission

Dear Mom on a Mission,

First we have to remember with children and youth we focus less on specifics, and more on the overall big picture. Behaviors learned as children research tells do carry over into adulthood, even those as early as in the womb! As a first step focus on meeting basic nutritional requirements: make half your plate fresh fruits and veggies that you varyiate daily; eat plenty of whole grains while minimized refined grains like white bread and rice(make sure the sandwiches he makes are with whole grain wheat bread for example); eat lean protein, and consume calcium rich foods like dairy.

Remember, just like adults, kids need treats too; so still allow them to have their favorite snacks like chips or sodas, but emphasize we keep these to a minimum because they are not good for us, and keep these "treat" days to certain times or for specific rewards. Especially emphasize the need for water daily water intake. My son is 10, and I have to stay on him constantly about drinking enough water, espe-

cially during exercise; which brings me to my next point: anyone physically active must consume the additional calories needed to support the additional physical activity-child or adult.

With growing boys (or girls) you want to focus less on calorie counting (they need lots of nutrient dense food to support healthy growth), more on the focal points mentioned above, and also smaller frequent meals every 2-3 hours (this will prevent overeating and portion control-which always happens with three or less meals a day), take a multi vitamin, cut down

the sodas, plenty of rest, and shan't we forget-breakfast is the most important meal-can't stress that enough.

If he starts following these tenets of healthy living the weight loss will occur naturally over time while developing healthy dietary behaviors he will continue throughout his life. So you can relax and smile in silent satisfaction at another mission accomplished!

Gospel Sing and Chicken Pilau supper

The Long Branch Congregational Methodist Church located on County Road 135 in White Springs will be hosting a Gospel Sing and Chicken Pilau supper on Saturday, June 2. The pilau will be served starting at 5 p.m. Donations will be taken. The sing will start at 7 p.m. The singing will be sponsored by local singers instead of a guest group. Everyone is invited. For more information call 386-397-2673.

Public Notice

Genoa Volunteer Fire Department, located on SE 137th Blvd, White Springs, Florida, will hold their Annual Business meeting Thursday, May 31, 2012 @ 7 p.m.

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# Obituary

**William C. Johnson**  
July 28, 1954 -  
May 24, 2012

Mr. William C. Johnson, affectionately known as "PeePee" of Jasper, Florida, passed from this walk of life Thursday, May 24, 2012 at his residence in Jasper, Florida. William was born July 28, 1954 to the late Mr. William C. Johnson Sr. who preceded him death, and Ms. Betty Johnson of Jasper, Florida. He leaves to cherish his memories; his wife Louvenia Johnson, five children; Willie Cooper (Annie) of Jasper, Florida. Lavern Morgan (Anthony), of Gainesville, Florida; Barbara Gernigan (Willie), of Lake City, Florida. Margaret Brown (Michael), of Lake City, Florida. Ida Gee(Robert). One brother; Harold Johnson, of Sarasota, Florida. Sisters; Gwendolyn Walker of Lake City, Florida. Jacqueline Wilson of Bradenton,

Florida. Phillis and Gayle Johnson of Jasper, Florida. A host of uncles, aunts, grands, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and sorrowing friends.

The homegoing celebration for "PeePee" is to be held 10 a.m. Saturday, from the sanctuary of Word In Season Deliverance Church in Jasper, Florida. Pastor Ida Gee is the pastor is pastor and will officiate. The family will receive other relatives and sorrowing friends, Friday, June 01, 2012 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Chapel of Eric A. Brown & Son Funeral Home. Professional Mortuary services entrusted to Eric A. Brown & Son funeral Home, Inc.

**William Joseph Gritz**  
May 20, 2012

William Joseph Gritz, age 77, Jasper, Fla., passed away Sunday, May 20, 2012 at his home in Jasper. Bill was a for-

mer mail handler with the United States Postal Service. He also worked for a time as an electrician with Florida Power and retired from Occidental. Bill was a hard worker and was well respected by those that knew him. He was predeceased by his son Kelly Gritz.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Joan Gritz, Jasper; one son, Jeffrey Gritz (Caroline), Jasper; two daughters, Maureen Daniels (Jimmy), Jasper and Virginia Hunter (Michael), Live Oak, Fla.; six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Per his wishes, Bill will be cremated. A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 8, 2012 at 10 a.m. at St. Therese Catholic Church.

A celebration of his life will be held at the home of his daughter Maureen on Friday evening, June 8 beginning at 6 p.m.

Harry T. Reid Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.

# Heart Matters Nehemiah #14

By Angie Land

They said it couldn't be done...the damage was too great, the opposition too strong, and the people too weak. But God is greater, stronger, and willing to use weak vessels to do some of His best work! So, get ready to stand, celebrate, and give God glory as we read Chapter 6, verse 15: "So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days."

In less than two months, what seemed a truly impossible task was complete! It seems only fitting that after we have spent so much time with Nehemiah that we should also stop to celebrate. Since work doesn't end with the completion of a project, it can be tempting to maintain the momentum... simply shift gears and keep going. Celebration is necessary though, to stop, give thanks and show appreciation for all who contributed to the success of the finished project. I'm not necessarily talking about throwing a party, (though the option is yours) but doling

out a little appreciation can feel like a celebration, even without the balloons and cake.

Recently, I was a part of a huge project that culminated in a very successful event. Being so busy in the days leading up and including the day of the event, there was little time to think about the contributions of everyone involved. Afterward, as I took a few moments to think about all that was invested, I was overwhelmed by the team effort that took place. In that moment of thanksgiving, I truly celebrated. So today, celebrate an accomplishment in your life, big or small, by remembering how someone has invested in you or helped you out and make sure not to let them go unappreciated.

As we wrap up our series on Nehemiah, notice that we are only half way through the book. This testifies that Nehemiah's work does continue with a shift of emphasis from the wall to other necessary reforms. As governor, Nehemiah is the political leader, and now he includes



Ezra, the priest and scribe, as the religious leader into the upcoming events. First, Ezra assembled everyone together and read the entire Law of Moses. The Israelites confessed their sins, and their covenant with God was renewed. In Chapter 12, the Israelites dedicate the Wall with singing and thanksgiving. The story of Nehemiah ends with final reforms being put into place, and we find that Nehemiah has not lost his focus, zeal or determination as a leader. However, in his parting words, we realize he also has not lost his understanding of the origin of success: "Remember me with favor, O my God." What a fitting ending of our example of a godly leader...because every heart matters!

Blessings, Angie

# Thank you for donating to the Postal Carriers Food Drive

The National Association of Letter Carriers and local rural letter carriers held their annual national "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive on Saturday, May 12, and collected thousands of pounds of non-perishable food in Hamilton County. The letter carriers are proud of their history of conducting a very successful food drive at the Jasper, Jennings and White Springs Post Offices. They thank their customers for their continued support and donations.

Chris Boyd, Jennings Postmaster, reports 2,300 pounds of food collected and would like to thank letter carriers

Bill Butler, Peyton Wisenbaker and Myra Lehman for a safe and successful food drive.

Pamela Pettyjohn, White Springs postmaster, reports over 500 pounds of food collected and even more food was dropped off at the post office. Pamela thanks letter carriers Glenn Brock, Pam Thomas and Margaret Cason for another successful food drive.

Stephanie Reynolds, Officer in Charge, Jasper Post Office, would like to thank all the rural carriers and all Rural Carrier Associates for their hard work and dedication during the food drive.

All three post offices

worked with United Way to coordinate this annual event.

The food drive comes at a crucial time of year for food needs in our community. It comes at a time of year when the holiday donations are depleted, yet the summer is coming, and the many children who depend on the school lunch program are out of school for the summer, increasing the demands on the food pantries.

Food collected is donated to local agencies and churches that have food pantries which, in turn, make the food available to residents in need.

United Way of Suwannee Valley is a community impact and fundraising organization which, utilizing volunteers on all levels, advances the common good by identifying unmet community needs and seeking to alleviate those needs through United Way of Suwannee Valley initiatives and the funding of 22 affiliated health and human service agencies.

# Publix earns national recognition for community support

United Way recognizes Publix Super Markets, Inc. with top national award for corporate citizenship and community impact

United Way Worldwide recognized Publix Super Markets, Inc. with two Summit awards for philanthropic engagement and community impact. Publix's 2011 United Way campaign raised \$45.6 million – a 12 percent increase over 2010 despite a challenging economy – plus associates' per capita gifts exceeded the food industry average by 398 percent. Publix associates also volunteered 900,000 hours, including more than 1,500 Publix associates serving on United Way and non-profit boards. The awards were presented at the United Way Worldwide annual meeting conducted in Nashville.

Publix further leverages its 1,051 stores by communicating United Way on 220 million grocery bags, reaching 40 million customers. Publix also shares education messages with parents by featuring Born Learning education tips on store shelf signs and including in customer newsletters like Baby Club and Preschool Pals. Further, Publix Super Markets Charities Chairman and CEO Carol Barnett worked with United Way of Central Florida to bring the Success By 6 national model

to central Florida and helped grow it from one county to many more throughout Florida and the Southeast. Success by 6 is a United Way communitywide early childhood initiative that ensures children are ready to succeed in school and life by age six. Publix also is involved in Let's Grow, an early literacy effort that has demonstrated up to 76 percent improvement in state assessment scores at childcare centers.

Publix ranks #1 on the Corporate Social Responsibility Index as determined by the Center for Corporate Citizenship at Boston College plus Publix has been among Fortune's "Most Admired Companies" for 17 years. The Spirit of America and Summit Awards program, celebrating its 25th year, is United Way's highest national honor for corporations, recognizing United Way Global Corporate Leaders with the most comprehensive commitments to strengthening communities. Applicants are evaluated by corporate peers and local United Ways. Join the conversation on Twitter using hash tag #SpiritofAmerica or visit [unitedway.org/SOA](http://unitedway.org/SOA).

**COME AND ENJOY 2 EVENINGS OF FUN, FRIED FISH, AND FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JUNE 8TH AND 9TH 2012**  
at the Park across from the courthouse in Downtown Jasper

## Followers of Christ

Preaching : Heaven/Eternal Life or Hell/Lake of Fire

JESUS OUR HELP FOR TODAY  
JESUS OUR HOPE FOR TOMMORROW

For whosoever shall call  
For God so loved the world,  
upon the name of the Lord  
that he gave His only begotten  
shall be saved. How then shall  
Son, that whosoever believeth  
they call on Him in whom  
in Him should not perish, but  
they have not believed? And how  
have everlasting life.  
shall they believe in Him of whom  
they have not heard? And how  
shall they hear without a  
preacher? And how shall they preach,  
except they be sent? As it is written,  
How beautiful are the feet of them that  
preach the gospel of peace, and bring  
Glad tidings of good things!

BIBLE- Best Selling Book in History  
BIBLE- Historical Accuracy, proven by the findings  
BIBLE=TRUTH  
of the Dead Sea Scrolls. (copper scrolls found in a cave near Qumran)  
...Faith cometh by hearing  
BIBLE- Endured the Test of Time, Generations, and is and hearing by the the Word of God

Word of God

BE RECONCILED TO GOD  
START YOUR NEW LIFE TODAY  
AND BE FREE



# Church & Family Go Together

ADVENT CHRISTIAN	BAPTIST (Southern)	METHODIST	PRESBYTERIAN
<b>FIRST ADVENT CHRISTIAN</b> N.W. 15th Avenue Jasper Rev. Wayne Sullivan Sunday Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. 717860-F	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> "Where Friends become Family" 207 N.E. 2nd Street, Jasper. 792-2658 Pastor: Roger Hutto Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Supper.....6:00 p.m. Children, Youth & Adult Programs 6:30 p.m. 717850-F	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 405 Central Ave., Jasper, FL Pastor - Dale Ames Phone - 386-792-1122 Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wednesday Family Night Dinner 3rd Wednesday Clothes Closet 4th Saturday 1-5pm 717823-F	<b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 204 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Jasper, 792-2258 Pastor: Alexandra Hedrick SUNDAY Sunday School .....10:00 a.m. Worship Service .....11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Choir Practice.....7:00 p.m. 732122
<b>BAPTIST (Southern)</b> <b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> SR 6 West, 6592 NW 48th St., Jennings, FL 32053 938-5611 Pastor: Jeff Cordero Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Youth Happening, Mission Friends, R&A & GA .....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting, Teen Kids, Youth.....6:00 p.m. Van pick-up upon request 732119	<b>CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> <b>ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Three miles north of Jasper U.S. 41 P.O. Box 890, Jasper, FL 32052 Rectory U.S. 90 E., Live Oak, FL (386) 364-1108 Saturday MASS 4:00 p.m. 717846-F	<b>NON-DENOMINATIONAL</b> <b>BURNHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> 4520 NW CR 146, Jennings, FL 32053 938-1285 Pastor: Johnny Brown Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Youth Program.....5:30 p.m. 732115	
<b>CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1/2 mile East on Hwy. 6, Jasper, FL 32052 792-2275 Pastor: Steve Shaw Sunday Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Children's Church.....11:00 a.m. Church Training.....6:00 p.m. Evening Worship.....7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m. Youth Ignited/Youth Ministry 7:00 p.m. 717852-F	<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> <b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> N.W. 3rd St., Jasper Bldg.: 792-2277 Sunday Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening.....6:00 p.m. 717824-F	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>To list your church on our church directory, please call Virginia at 386-362-1734</b></p>	

# Arrest Records

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

The following abbreviations are used below:

DAC - Department

of Agriculture Commission  
DOA - Department of Agriculture  
DOT - Department of Transportation  
FDLE - Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
FHP - Florida Highway Patrol  
FWC - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
HCDF - Hamilton County Drug Task Force  
HCSO - Hamilton County Sheriff's Office  
ICE - Immigration and Custom Enforcement  
JAPD - Jasper Police Department

JNPD - Jennings Police Department  
OALE - Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement  
P&P - Probation and Parole  
SCSO - Suwannee County Sheriff's Office  
WSPD - White Springs Police Department  
  
May 20, Barrett Leonard, 54, 12518 Rte 38, Berkshire, N.Y., poss. of less than 20 grams marijuana, poss. of drug parap.: DOA-Kesko  
  
May 21, Benjamin Leonard Robinson, 34, 10944 36th Drive, Apt.

7, Jasper, Fla., bond revoked (Drug offense within 1,000 feet of church)  
  
May 21, Dondi Sue Carlisle, 30, 1818 West Hill Apt. 61, Valdosta, Ga., VOP manf. meth, poss. listed chemicals: HCSO-D. Williams  
  
May 21, Donildo Cifuentes Godinez, 3359 Hood Ave., 23, Atlanta, Ga., no valid DL: FHP-A. Creech  
  
May 21, Vargas L. Octavio-David, 31, 824 NW 21st Ct., Miami, Fla., no valid DL, failure to stop for inspection: DOA-Stalvey

May 22, Kelton Gerrod Johnson, 20, 518 Lincoln Ave., Live Oak, Fla., FTA 09-190CFMA burg structure, dealing stolen property, trafficking: HCSO-D. Williams  
  
May 23, Johnathan Oliver, 30, 1212 Georgia St., Jennings, Fla., VOP Columbia County: HCSO-Sgt. Hughes  
  
May 23, Geramy Ryle Feathers, 30, 5839 62nd Ave., #112, Pinellas Park, Fla., VOP: HCSO-B Akins  
  
May 24, Anthony Dye, 47, 10876 NW 38th Way, Jasper, Fla., VOP: JAPD- M. Morgan  
  
May 24, John Arthur Stout, 31, 10884 129th Road, Live Oak, Fla., hold for Suwannee County: SCSO-Ford  
  
May 24, Angela R. Johnson, 33, 506 SW Dexter Circle, # 204, Lake City, Fla., harmful chemicals, narcotic equipment possession, attempt to use ID w/o consent: DTF-C. Brownsfield  
  
May 25, Sammy D. Wetherington, 23, 8371 SE 137 Blvd., Jasper, Fla., DUI: FHP-Hughes  
  
May 25, Devon Demorris Morning, 23, VOP 09-186CF felony battery: HCSO-W.

Jackson  
  
May 26, Kenneth E. Holder, 41, 503 Pochontas Ave., Tampa, Fla., DWLS: JNPD-Davis  
  
May 26, Blake Bradford Buchanan, 20, 6672 NE Dusty Miller Ave., Pinetta, Fla, resisting without violence, poss. alcohol under 21: JNPD-Ptl. J. Davis  
  
May 26, DiLeun DeCoal Vanderbilt, 19, 407 NW 2nd Ave., Jasper, Fla., JAPD 2012-0132-05 1. poss. F/A conv. felon, grand theft, burg., crim. mischief: JAPD-R. Akins  
  
May 27, Jose Rufino Diaz, 22, 252 Mary Street, Jennings, Fla., NVDL: HCSO- Burnam  
  
May 27, Johnny Ray Charles II, 24, 559 SW Lamboy Circle, Lake City, Fla., DUI: FHP-Barge  
  
May 27, Jason Edward Olivas, 21, 11499 SW CR 249, Jasper, Fla., affray, resisting arrest without violence disorderly conduct: HCSO-Burnam  
  
May 27, Kendrick L. Manning, 36, 4217 Shadowwood Drive, Valdosta, Ga., DWLS: FHP-Tillie

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Jasper WTP has committed a monitoring violation of Florida Drinking Water Rules

### What happened?

The City of Jasper 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 for the required contaminants at the required interval and were therefore in violation of monitoring and reporting requirements. The table below indicates the contaminants which we failed to sample and when we should have sampled for these contaminants. Because we did not take the required samples, 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?

Contaminant <sup>(a)</sup>	Required Sampling Frequency	Number of Samples Taken	When All Samples Should Have Been Taken	When Samples Were Taken
Synthetic Organics	Quarterly	none	January – March 2012	April 17, 2012
Volatile Organics	Quarterly	none	January – March 2012	April 17, 2012
Radionuclides	Quarterly	none	January – March 2012	April 17, 2012

<sup>(a)</sup> please see the attached Drinking Water Contaminants list for all individual parameters in each category.

Some people who drink water containing the above listed contaminants could become seriously ill.

Any customers who are concerned about their exposure to these contaminants can choose alternative sources of water for ingestion.

### What does this mean?

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

### What is being done?

Immediately upon discovery of our oversight, we sampled for the specified contaminants. There were no detectable levels of Synthetic or Volatile Organics in our samples. The levels of Radionuclides were well below maximum contaminant levels.

For more information, please contact Harry Davis at (386)792-1212 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 the City of Jasper water system  
Potable Water System ID: 2240570  
Date distributed: July 1, 2012

## Drinking Water Contaminants

**Note: All Contaminants listed below were sampled for on April 17, 2012. All were undetectable with the exception of the radionuclides, which were well below maximum contaminant levels.**

Volatile Organic Contaminants (21 parameters)	
ID #	Name
2378	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene
2380	cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene
2955	Total Xylenes
2964	Dichloromethane
2968	1,2-Dichlorobenzene
2969	1,4-Dichlorobenzene
2976	Vinyl Chloride
2977	1,1-Dichloroethene
2979	trans-1,2-Dichloroethene
2980	1,2-Dichloroethane
2981	1,1,1-Trichloroethane
2982	Carbon Tetrachloride
2983	1,2-Dichloropropane
2984	Trichloroethylene
2985	1,1,2-Trichloroethane
2987	Tetrachloroethylene
2989	Chlorobenzene
2990	Benzene
2991	Toluene
2992	Ethylbenzene
2996	Styrene

**If you have any questions about these sampling results, please feel free to contact Harry Davis at (386) 792-1212**

Synthetic Organic Contaminants (30 parameters)	
ID #	Name
2005	Endrin
2010	Lindane
2015	Methoxychlor
2020	Toxaphene
2031	Dalapon
2032	Diquat
2033	Endothall
2034	Glyphosate
2035	Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate
2036	Oxamyl
2037	Simazine
2039	Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate
2040	Picloram
2041	Dinoseb
2042	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene
2046	Carbofuran
2050	Atrazine
2051	Alachlor
2063	Dioxin
2065	Heptachlor
2067	Heptachlor Epoxide
2105	2,4-D
2110	2,4,5-TP
2274	Hexachlorobenzene
2306	Benzo(a)pyrene
2326	Pentachlorophenol
2383	Polychlorinated Biphenyls
2931	Dibromochloropropane
2946	Ethylene Dibromide

Radionuclides	
ID #	Name
4000	Gross Alpha
4006	Uranium
4020	Radium 226
4030	Radium 228

### Jasper Legals

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

The Hamilton County School Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 11, 2012. It will begin at 5:45 p.m. in the Board Room of the school district administration building in Jasper, Florida. The purpose of the hearing is to consider changes to the following board policies:

- 1.01 Vision- Revise
- 1.02 Scope of the School District- Revise

Reason for changes: various

Authority: 1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.

Estimated economic impact: minimum

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

HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

By: /s/ Martha Butler  
Martha Butler, Superintendent

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board, with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, that person will need a record of the proceedings; and for such purpose that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.  
05/31

#### 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@hamiltonfl.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, IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2012CA000143

PALMETTO HOLDINGS, L.L.L.P.  
Plaintiff,

vs.

RONALD EUGENE CLELAND,  
and all his heirs or assigns.  
Defendant.

#### NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: RONALD EUGENE CLELAND, and all his heirs or assigns.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action foreclosure on the following property in Hamilton County, Florida:

A tract of land in Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 12 East, Hamilton County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Commerce at a P.R.M. At the S.W. Corner of S.E. 1/4 of Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 12 East, Hamilton County, Florida; thence run in a Northwesterly direction along the West right-of-way line of Oak Forest Circle West a distance of 200.00 feet to an iron bar; thence run in a Northerly direction along the West right-of-way line 199.80 feet to an iron bar for P.O.B. Thence continue along the West right-of-way line of Oak Forest Circle West, a distance of 200.00 feet to an iron bar; then run South 85 degrees 14'08" W a distance of 455.00 feet to an iron bar; thence run South 08 degrees 22'09" West, a distance of 200.00 feet to an iron bar; thence run North 85 degrees 14'08" East, a distance of

### Jasper Legals

455.00 to P.O.B.  
Subject to an easement for purposes of utilities in width of 20 feet along any side thereof fronting a road and 10 feet along any other side thereof.

has been filed against you and all your heirs or assigns, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Donald K. Ruder, Esquire, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 948, Jasper, Florida 32052, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's Attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2012.

(Court Seal) Greg Godwin  
As Clerk of the Courthouse

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson  
As Deputy Clerk  
05/31, 06/07

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000073

TD BANK, N.A., a national banking association,

Plaintiff,

v.

SKIERSKI INVESTMENTS, INC., a dissolved Florida corporation,  
THOMAS J. SKIERSKI, JESSIE L. SKIERSKI, and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION,  
Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 14, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2012 CA 00073 of the Circuit Court of the 3rd Judicial Circuit in and for Hamilton County, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 N.E. 1st Street, Jasper, Florida 32052 at 11:00 a.m. on the 11th day of June, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 15, Township 1 North, Range 12 East, Hamilton County, Florida being more particularly described as follows: For point of reference commence at the Northeast corner of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, thence run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 18 seconds West along the North line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 a distance of 40.00 to the West right of way line of County Road No. 751; thence run South 00 degrees 38 minutes 49 seconds West along said West right of way line a distance of 100.00 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 18 seconds West, a distance of 348.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run South 00 degrees 38 minutes 49 seconds West, a distance of 271.73 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 18 seconds West, a distance of 141.65 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 38 minutes 49 seconds East, a distance of 311.40 feet to the South right of way line of an existing county graded road; thence run South 87 degrees 06 minutes 39 seconds East along said South right of way line, a distance of 141.74 feet; thence run South 00 degrees 38 minutes 49 seconds West, a distance of 32.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Property address: 5349 751 CR SW, Jasper, Florida 32052

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 17th day of May, 2012.

(Court Seal) GREG GODWIN  
As Clerk of the COURT

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson  
Deputy Clerk  
05/31, 06/07

# 60th Annual Florida Folk Festival

By Joyce Marie Taylor  
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Thousands of folk lovers turned out and braved the sweltering heat for the 60th Annual Florida Folk Festival held at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park in the town of White Springs on Saturday, May 26, 2012...day two of the event.

Here is just a small snippet of the entertainers, craftsmen, vendors and the crowd who truly enjoyed all the reverie of the festival which ran from May 25 through 27.



One of many courtesy golf cart limos throughout the park gives the banjo playing puppet a ride.



A very large puppet greets the youngsters as they enter the Children's craft tent.



Author Tom Levine was one of many vendors selling his wares.



Bullard Brothers and Friends were a huge hit performing on the Old Marble stage



A young girl tests her skills on a handmade xylophone.



Customers line up for for icy treats to beat the heat



Rows of vendors among the shady oak trees.



Soothing Celtic music was for sale on CD.



A-weaving she does go...



Precision pottery making demonstration.



Hot roasted corn anyone? -Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor

# 60th Annual Florida Folk Festival



A crowd favorite, the Root Beer truck.



The main Amphitheater stage where legendary musicians like Arlo Guthrie, Billy Dean and John Anderson performed throughout the 3-day event.



Another crowd favorite was the Beer Garden.



Several exhibits promoted environmental awareness and cultural heritage.



Relaxing under a shade tree this woman peruses the program.



Mean Mary and friend perform on the Song & Story stage.



Storytime inside the air conditioned Carillon Bell Tower.



The staple instruments of folk music were on display.



Some of the winners of the children's fiddle contest. -Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor

# USTA Junior Tennis Team from Lake City Country Club takes on the White Springs Snap Dragons



Ethan and Matt Gill playing Joey Carter and Que'Sean Gibbons



Drew Evans and Caitlyn Rutter (LCCC Good Vibrations) and Azaria Tompkins and Issac Carter (WS Snap Dragons)



After play, all had a good time eating hot dogs, brownies and pink lemonade. Courtesy Photos:



Que'Sean and Caitlyn (Good Vibrations) playing Joey Carter and Azaria Tompkins (Snap Dragons)

*Submitted*

The USTA Junior Tennis team from Lake City Country Club came to the White Springs Children's Tennis Court to play a match against the Snap Dragons tennis team. The LCCC tennis team is a registered Junior Tennis Team through the United States Tennis Association as a 12 and under Beginners team and competes with other tennis clubs in Lake City and

Gainesville. They are known as the Good Vibrations.

Tom Moore, co-captain of the Good Vibrations, is also the instructor of the Snap Dragons of White Springs each Saturday morning.

"It was hard for me not to root for one team over the other," said Moore. "I just wanted the Snap Dragons to have some outside competition and everyone have a good time."

The parents of the Snap Dragons were able to see their children in action for the first time. The players on the Snap Dragons team were Issac Carter, Joey Carter, Darnell Dye, Jamario Dye, Azaria Tompkins and Ayanna New-some.

On the Good Vibrations team the players were Matthew Gill, Ethan Gill,

Caitlyn Rutter and Drew Evans. Que'Sean Gibbons, a team member of the Good Vibrations, was allowed to play on both teams since he is also a resident of White Springs and learned to play tennis with the Snap Dragons.

After the competition, both teams enjoyed hot dogs, brownies and pink lemonade served by Maddie Moore.

**AGENDA**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
 Room 112 – Courthouse 207 Northeast First Street • Jasper, Florida  
 MEETING DATE: JUNE 5, 2012

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

**LISTED ITEMS**

- 1) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – UNAGENDAED APPEARANCES (\*)
- 2) CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL
- 3) REPORT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORTS AND REQUESTS
- 4) FLORIDA LEADERS ORGANIZED FOR WATER (FLOW)
- 5) RESOLUTION – OPTING OUT OF REQUIREMENT OF A LOCAL SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM UNDER CHAPTER 2012-184, LAWS OF FLORIDA
- 6) APPROVE BILLS
- 7) CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 8) ADJOURN

**TIME CERTAIN ITEMS**

9:00 A.M. – CALL TO ORDER – INVOCATION – PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
 9:05 A.M. – 2010 CDBG GRANT PROGRAM UPDATES AND REQUESTS  
 9:10 A.M. – LAND USE AND SHIP PROGRAM UPDATES AND REQUESTS  
 9:15 A.M. – COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS  
     A) SE 113th Boulevard – Re-alignment  
 9:20 A.M. – PUBLIC HEARING – SETTING SPEED LIMIT ON SW 40TH AVENUE  
 9:30 A.M. – WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE – STEVE MINNIS – SRWMD

**DUE TO PUBLICATION DEADLINE, THIS AGENDA MAY NOT CONTAIN ALL MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED AFTER 1:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2012, FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT, COUNTY COURTHOUSE, JASPER, FLORIDA.**

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

(\*) NOTICE: Persons appearing before the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, not having given notice in time to be included and shown on the Agenda, and desiring to make a presentation, will be limited to five (5) minutes, in the interest of meeting time. The Board of County Commissioners will hear and listen to persons appearing whose subject has not been shown on the agenda; however, action by the Board on any such matter can only be taken upon determination of an emergency situation. Any identifiable group of three (3) persons or more shall be limited to a total of ten (10) minutes per topic. In accordance with Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, notice is given that if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board, agency or commission, with respect to proceedings and that, for such purpose, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD: TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012 AT 6:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CONSENT AGENDA**  
 May 15, 2012

- 1) MINUTES – APPROVE:
  - A) May 1, 2012 – Regular Meeting
  - B) May 8, 2012 – Planning Board
- 2) REPORT OF ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2012 – FILE.
- 3) APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING INVOICE FROM ARD, SHIRLEY & RUDOLPH P.A.:
  - A) Invoice No. 8159 – Phosphate Mining – \$287.50

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**  
 Florida House of Representatives  
 District 10

**LEONARD L. BEMBRY**

Dear Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the Florida House of Representatives. These past four years have been rewarding, fulfilling and some of the most meaningful years of my life. It has truly been an honor to work for the people of House District 10. There have been many opportunities to serve you this past term. This past session, I filed an amendment to the Budget Appropriations Bill to provide \$10.3 million to keep Jefferson Correctional Institute open and operating in order to save 158 jobs. With the support of my colleagues in the Florida House, I had the honor to sponsor successful legislation during my 2011/2012 term that:

- Creates true rural economic opportunities under the newly formed Department of Economic Opportunity.
- Waives state park fees for immediate family members of fallen veterans, police officers, and firefighters.
- Clarifies the environmental permitting exemptions farmers have for bona fide agricultural activities.
- Authorizes continuing care retirement communities to offer continuing care at-home contracts to residents living at home or in the facility.
- Provides an exemption from regulation as public lodging establishments for all rooming houses and any apartment buildings inspected by HUD that are designated primarily as housing for persons age 62 or older.
- Provides more private lands to become available to the public for outdoor recreational activities by providing additional incentives to private landowners than what currently exist in law.

The 2012 Legislative Session presented many opportunities and challenges as this was the fourth consecutive year of revenue estimate shortfalls and budget cuts. The \$70 billion budget cut spending in many areas that will touch all of our lives. There were cuts to: County Clerks, Medicaid reimbursement, state employees, rural health departments, rural hospitals and nursing homes, and many other areas that will affect working people. In some cases, there are spending increases in the budget that I do not think will benefit our state. I was among several House members who opposed the budget because we could not agree on the necessity of the cuts, nor the budget increases.

*Throughout the Session, there were many controversial issues:*

- Prison Privatization, which failed in the Senate, could have had unforeseen negative economic consequences for the State of Florida.
- The Septic Tank Regulation was repealed and replaced with a more balanced approach.
- Redistricting maps for Senate, House and Congressional districts were passed.
- A School Privatization Bill, which I voted against, also failed in the Florida Senate.

I look forward to continue working for you. We must keep up the fight for more jobs and to bring more good-paying private sector employment to our region. I believe that a vibrant small business community is what will bring prosperity to our state and nation.

Again, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you!

State Representative

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**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Appropriations • Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations - Ranking Member  
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LEGAL NOTICE

# Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

## *Economic and Property Damages Settlement*

Providing Money to Individuals and Businesses

If you have economic loss or property damage because of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, you could get money from a class action settlement with BP Exploration & Production Inc. and BP America Production Company ("BP"). Go to [DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com](http://DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com) for more information, including information on how to file a claim.

### **WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT?**

The Economic and Property Damages ("E&PD") Settlement Class includes people, businesses, and other entities in the states of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, and certain counties in Texas and Florida, that were harmed by the oil spill. The website [DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com](http://DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com) has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in the E&PD Settlement. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail [questions@DeepwaterHorizonEconomicSettlement.com](mailto:questions@DeepwaterHorizonEconomicSettlement.com) to find out if a geographic location is included.

### **WHAT DOES THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?**

The E&PD Settlement makes payments for the following types of claims: (1) Seafood Compensation, (2) Economic Damage, (3) Loss of Subsistence, (4) Vessel Physical Damage, (5) Vessels of Opportunity Charter Payment, (6) Coastal Real Property Damage, (7) Wetlands Real Property Damage, and (8) Real Property Sales Damage. There is no limit on the total dollar amount of the E&PD Settlement; all qualified claims will be paid.

### **HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT**

You need to submit a Claim Form to request a payment. You can get a copy of the various Claim Forms by visiting the website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can be submitted online or by mail. If you have questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline to submit most E&PD claims will be April 22, 2014 or six months after the E&PD Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved), whichever is later. There will be an earlier deadline to submit E&PD Seafood Compensation claims. The earlier deadline to submit Seafood Compensation claims will be 30 days after final approval of the Settlement by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (regardless of appeals). Actual claim filing deadlines will be posted on the website as they become available. Valid claims will be paid as they are approved, beginning shortly after the Court-Supervised Settlement Program commences. It is highly recommended that E&PD Settlement Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Medical Benefits Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for benefits from that settlement.

### **YOUR OTHER OPTIONS**

If you do not want to be legally bound by the E&PD Settlement, you must Opt Out or exclude yourself by **October 1, 2012** or you won't be able to sue BP over certain economic and property damage claims. If you stay in the E&PD Settlement, you may object to it by **August 31, 2012**. The Detailed Notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the E&PD Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. The Court will also consider Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses including an interim payment of \$75 million and additional awards equal to 6% of class claims and benefits paid. Class Counsel fees, costs and expenses under the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement and the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed \$600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

## *Medical Benefits Settlement*

Providing Benefits to Clean-Up Workers and Certain Gulf Coast Residents

If you have a medical claim related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, you could get benefits from a class action settlement with BP Exploration & Production Inc. and BP America Production Company ("BP"). Go to [DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com](http://DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com) for more information, including information on how to file a claim.

### **WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT?**

The Medical Class includes (1) clean-up workers and (2) certain people who resided in specific geographic areas in coastal and wetlands areas along the Gulf Coast during specific periods in 2010. The website [DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com](http://DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com) has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in one of these zones. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail [info@DeepwaterHorizonMedicalSettlement.com](mailto:info@DeepwaterHorizonMedicalSettlement.com) to find out if a geographic location is included.

### **WHAT DOES THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?**

The benefits of the Medical Benefits Settlement include: (1) payments to qualifying people for certain acute (short-term) and chronic (ongoing) medical conditions occurring after exposure to oil or chemical dispersants; (2) provision of periodic medical examinations to qualifying people; and (3) creation of a Gulf Region Health Outreach Program, consisting of projects to strengthen the healthcare system. Benefits (1) and (2) will be provided only after the Court grants final approval and any appeals are resolved.

### **HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT**

You need to submit a Claim Form to request benefits. You can get a copy of the Claim

Form by visiting the website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can be submitted by mail. If you have questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline for filing a Claim Form is one year after the Medical Benefits Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved). The exact date of the claim filing deadline will be posted on the website. It is highly recommended that Medical Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Economic and Property Damages Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for a payment from that settlement.

### **YOUR OTHER OPTIONS**

If you do not want to be legally bound by the Medical Benefits Settlement, you must Opt Out or exclude yourself by **October 1, 2012** or you won't be able to sue BP over certain medical claims. If you stay in the Medical Benefits Settlement, you may object to it by **August 31, 2012**. The Detailed Notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the Medical Benefits Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. Class Counsel will ask the Court to consider an award of fees, costs, and expenses of 6% of the value of the benefits actually provided under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement and the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed \$600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

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