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County roads hit hard by TS Debby



Jewett Street.
- Photo: Courtesy White Springs Volunteer Fire Department



Kendrick Street. (Picture was taken earlier in the day, Tuesday. most of the roadway is now gone.)

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A month long joint investigation between the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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This sinkhole formed under the kindergarten building at South Hamilton Elementary School. Courtesy photo



First Street. Jewett Street. - Photo: Courtesy White Springs Volunteer Fire Department

RIVER RISING: Monitor Forecast closely

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Although many roads are still impassable within Hamilton County due to massive rains from Tropical Storm Debby, there was minimal damage to homes and businesses in the county. No evacuations were ordered, according to Hamilton County Emergency Operations Center Director Henry Land.

Land said there were some residences and businesses that reported to be affected by the flood but nothing major.

"It was only about three to four inches in some homes," Land said. "We had a few businesses affected."

South Hamilton Elementary School did not fare as well through the storm, however. It received major damage when a sinkhole

formed under the kindergarten building. A large tree also fell on the building damaging the roof.

"The extent of the damage is unknown at this time. Fortunately, we didn't experience any damage at our other schools," Hamilton County School District Superintendent Martha Butler said.

Land urges county residents to report any damages to houses, structures and roads to the EOC, 386-792-6647, or to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 386-792-1001.

According to Land, the road crews are out in "full-force" and they are "working diligently" to get the roads open.

"We are working extensively on the roads to regain full access. We are also doing welfare checks on residents affected by the flood wa-

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Swansee River at White Springs. Tuesday night. Picture taken from US 41 bridge, looking down at Wayside Park.

Fallen firefighters remembered on first anniversary

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Firefighters Brett Fulton and Josh Burch, who lost their lives in the line of duty on June 20, 2011 while battling the Blue Ribbon Fire in Hamilton County, were remembered in a beautiful, yet solemn memorial service in White Springs on Wednesday evening, June 20, 2012, one year after their deaths.

A large crowd of family and friends, as well as local officials and guests paid homage to these two brave men. Memorial bricks for the fallen firefighters were unveiled during the service, which was held outside the White Springs Community Center in the Garden Pathway of Faith, Family and Friends. Two beautiful floral wreaths were placed

beside the memorial bricks to honor both men.

White Springs Vice Mayor Walter McKenzie presided over the ceremony and Hamilton County Commissioner Randy Ogburn led the prayer.

"We are here today because we suffered a big loss in this community," said McKenzie. "We are gathered here to pay tribute to the brave souls that

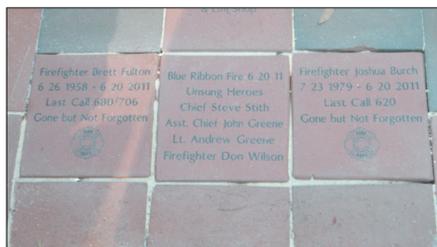


Josh Burch



Brett Fulton

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The memorial bricks that lay in the Garden Pathway of Faith, Family and Friends in White Springs.

Routine traffic stop ends with drug arrest

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The evidence found in the vehicle McDougald was driving.

A Jacksonville Beach man was arrested on Friday, June 22, by the Hamilton County Drug Task Force on I-75 in Hamilton County after a routine traffic stop led to the dis-



Daniel McDougald

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Come celebrate the 4th of July in Jasper

Fireworks, food and family fun

By Joyce Marie Taylor
To celebrate the 4th of July holiday, Hamilton County

Parks and Recreation will be presenting an evening of family fun, food and fireworks on Wednesday

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Family and friends remember firefighters Brett Fulton and Josh Burch who were killed in the line of duty June 20, 2011. -Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor

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we lost and also to pay tribute to the members of the White Springs Fire Department."

After McKenzie's opening remarks Councilman Dennis Price unveiled the memorial brick for Brett Fulton and Councilwoman Tonja Brown unveiled the brick for Josh Burch.

The town of White Springs also paid tribute to the unsung heroes of the tragedy, White Springs Fire Chief Steve Stith, Assistant Chief John Greene, Lieutenant Andrew Greene and firefighter Don Wilson. These four men endured the heartbreaking task of retrieving the bodies of Fulton and Burch from the charred forest that fateful day. A memorial brick with their names was placed be-

tween the two bricks for Fulton and Burch. Chief Stith was moved to tears as he spoke to the crowd, recalling the events of the tragedy and the loss of two fine men.

Light refreshments were provided after the service inside the community center, where family and friends gathered to relate stories of the fallen firefighters with fond remembrance.

The Blue Ribbon Fire on CR 6 in Hamilton County was initially sparked by lightning on Thursday, June 16, 2011 and was declared contained early on Monday, June 20. Extreme fire weather conditions, however, caused it to flare up again and that Monday at 3:13 p.m. a call came in to Hamilton County emergency dispatch that the fire had reignited. Crews were immediately dispatched to

the scene. Fulton and Burch were part of that crew of firefighters and later that day they lost their lives in the battle against nature.

Josh Burch, 31, of Lake City and Brett Fulton, 52, of White Springs, died around 4:45 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2011 as they fought to contain the reignited Blue Ribbon Fire in Hamilton County. Both men worked for the Division of Forestry.

Two other firefighters, Robert Marvin and Stephen Carpenter, were injured after attempting to rescue the two men. Both were treated at an area hospital for smoke-related injuries and released.

Hamilton County Sheriff Harrell Reid had stated that four tractors were plowing fire containment lines as they fought the Blue Ribbon Fire when one of the tractors ap-

parently got stuck on a stump.

"Another tractor went to help and the fire got to them," said Reid. "They were able to run a distance from the fire, but they were consumed."

By mid-afternoon the next day the fire had been contained again.

Burch, a forest ranger from Lake City left behind his wife and two children. He had worked with the forestry division for more than 10 years.

Fulton began with the division as a professional welder and had been a forest ranger for more than nine years. He was also a volunteer firefighter for the town of White Springs. He left behind a wife and two grown children.

Hamilton and the surrounding counties, as well as the entire state of Florida

were shocked and devastated by the events of that day and the loss of two brave men.

Florida Governor Rick Scott issued a press release the day after the tragedy stating, "As Florida faces a significant threat from more than 400 wildfires across our state, we are saddened to learn of the tragic loss of two of our veteran firefighters, Josh Burch and Brett Fulton. We pray for the comfort and strength for their families and fellow firefighters."

Brett Fulton and Josh Burch now have a permanent place at the Garden Pathway of Faith, Family and Friends in the town of White Springs, as well as a permanent place in the hearts of those who loved them. Gone but not forgotten, these two men gave the ultimate sacrifice. May they rest in peace.

Routine traffic stop ends with drug arrest

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covery of drugs and cash, according to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Reports state that at around 2 p.m., HCSO Deputy and Drug Task Force member Cecil Brownfield was on patrol traveling northbound on I-75 when he observed a silver Nissan stopped in the southbound emergency lane near mile marker 463. Concerned that the occupant(s) may need assistance Brownfield turned around and then pulled up behind the vehicle, which had Georgia plates.

Upon making contact with the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, Daniel MacDougald, 35, Jacksonville Beach, Brownfield detected a faint odor of raw marijuana emitting from the vehicle and the driver's eyes were bloodshot and glassy, as if intoxicated on an unknown substance. MacDougald told Brownfield he was tired and had pulled over into the emergency lane to get some rest and he stated he did not have any alcoholic beverages to drink nor had taken any drugs, reports show.

After a warrant and driver's license check, Brownfield was advised by dispatch that MacDougald had been pulled over at 9:30 that morning by the Jennings Police

Department while he was northbound on I-75. Brownfield requested assistance via telephone from HCSO DTF Deputy Jeramie Cheshire and canine Blitz and then asked MacDougald to step out of the vehicle. When Cheshire and Blitz arrived on the scene, Blitz indicated the vehicle and MacDougald was advised a probable search would take place, according to the arrest report.

A search of the inside of the vehicle revealed marijuana, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia and a large amount of cash. Inside the trunk more high grade marijuana was discovered. MacDougald was placed under arrest and transported to Hamilton County Jail. The vehicle and currency were seized and all contraband was placed into evidence. A search of MacDougald's cell phone revealed drug deals being conducted via text messaging, officials said.

MacDougald was charged with possession of over 20 grams of marijuana, possession with intent to sell and possession of narcotics equipment.

"The Hamilton County Drug Task Force did a good job performing this traffic stop and upon further investigation finding evidence and cash from drug deals," said Hamilton County Sheriff J. Harrell Reid.

Weather warnings on the go

By Joyce Marie Taylor

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Hamilton County Emergency Management Director Henry Land is advising the public that a new nationwide Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system has been put into place as of June 2012, whereby emergency warnings will be sent directly to a person's cellular phone in the form of a text message with a distinct ringtone. WEA messages will not count towards texting limits on your wireless plan, will not interrupt calls or downloads in progress, and will not identify your location or phone number. The system is similar to Amber Alerts and does not cost the cell phone user anything.

There are three types of wireless emergency alerts in the program: Presidential, Imminent Threat and Amber Alerts.

According to Jeffrey Evans of

the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), FEMA will begin transmitting later this month.

"This program is a free service and is not associated with any existing reverse-911 or CodeRed type of services," said Evans.

Once these alerts begin transmitting, Evans said it will likely generate a lot of calls to local emergency personnel, especially if a tornado warning is issued and everyone's cell phone in a specific affected area goes off at the same time.

Unlike traditional cell phone text messages, these wireless alerts will be sent out to all phones within range of designated cell towers through the Commercial Mobile Alert System (CMAS). Within the message you will see the type of warning, the affected area and the duration, after which you should utilize your TV, radio or

weather radio to obtain even more information about the warning and what you should do.

"For now, only newer phones will receive the messages," Evans said. "Except for iPhones, which will be updated to receive them in the Fall."

Evans stressed it is not a vendor-dependent program and that people can opt out of the messages for civil emergencies or weather, but not for presidential messages regarding nationwide emergencies.

Traditional warning methods like TV, radio and outdoor sirens don't always reach everyone. Since most people today have a cell phone, this is just another way to reach the public with emergency alerts through wireless delivery.

More information about this new service can be found at www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weat/herreadynation/wea.html.

Two arrested for copper theft in joint investigation

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(FDACS) led to the arrest of two White Springs men on Monday, June 18 for the theft of copper wire from PCS Phosphate in White Springs, according to reports.

Arrested and booked into the Hamilton County Jail were Dekeondris Shunquez Taylor, 23, of 11879 3rd St. White Springs, and George Franklin Brown Jr., 20, 16583 SW Jewett St., Apt 602 White Springs, HCSO stated.

According to officials, on several occasions in April and May 2012, the suspects went to PCS and stole copper cable from mining systems on the property. They later removed the rubber insulation from the cable and sold the copper at local scrap yards. PCS suffered a \$70,000 loss of copper cable, and \$30,000 in damages and lost production time to repair the mining systems.

The HCSO called upon the FDACS for assistance in the investigation.

Taylor faces one count of grand theft III, two counts of grand theft II, three counts of trespassing on a construction site, and two counts of felony criminal mischief. His bond was set at \$300,000.

Brown was charged with one count each of grand theft II, trespassing on a construction site and felony criminal mischief. His bond was set at \$100,000, reports state.

The investigation is continuing.

Come celebrate the 4th of July in Jasper

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evening, July 4, from 5 to 10 p.m. The park is located at 4525 SW 107 Avenue in Jasper and the event is being sponsored by Hamilton County TDC and First Federal.

The evening will be filled with activities, including a live concert by "Crooked Shooz", games and water slides for the kids, as well

as vendors and much more.

The grand finale of the evening will be a spectacular fireworks display.

Make plans now to bring the entire family out for this fun and exciting evening of celebration to honor our nation's independence.

For more information please call the Parks Department at 386-792-3098.



FWC, DEP, DACS enhance service to Floridians

On July 1, officers and staff from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services (DACS) will be combined with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) in a move directed by the Florida Legislature and approved by Gov. Rick Scott.

The 145 new sworn officers will don FWC uniforms and integrate completely into the ranks of the FWC, resulting in more efficient service to Floridians and visitors.

"We will have more field-level officers available to respond to calls," said Col. Jim Brown, division director. "New and current FWC officers will be expected to patrol state forests, state parks, wildlife management areas and state waters as a more efficient and effective team."

The reorganization will save the state more than \$3 million over the next five years and \$1.28

million in recurring, annual savings.

"Through rearranging extra management and support positions, the consolidation will establish additional patrol and first-response capabilities and expand law enforcement coverage," Brown said.

The public can expect to see FWC officers in state parks and state forests and call upon them for help.

"We will continue to provide excellent resource protection, boating-and-waterways services and public safety protection," Brown said.

People should report fish and wildlife crimes, boating violations as well as environmental crimes and state park and state forest issues to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline: 888-404-3922.

DEP's Bureau of Emergency Response (BER) will not move to the FWC, but will continue responding to emergency chemical spills and working with law enforcement on environmental crime matters at

DEP. DEP's emergency numbers, #DEP or 877-2-SAVEFL should be used to report environmental emergencies, such as oil and chemical spills.

"The consolidation of officers will provide a more extensive network of environmental crime law enforcement coverage throughout Florida," said BER Chief Gwen Keenan. "DEP's Bureau of Emergency Response will continue to work closely with its law enforcement partners on environmental crime issues as it has done in the past."

In 2011 the Florida Legislature created a Law Enforcement Consolidation Task Force, which met to develop work groups and evaluate functions of several law enforcement agencies. Ultimately, it recommended that DEP's Division of Law Enforcement be integrated into the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement. It also suggested that some personnel from the DACS Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement – the

officers assigned to patrol state forests and the investigator responsible for commercial aquaculture violations – be in-

corporated.

"FWC officers in the field have been working alongside DEP and DACS officers for

years," Brown said. "The consolidation simply provides an official, more efficient method of serving the public."

SRWMD SEEKS SOLUTIONS TO CEDAR KEY SALTWATER INTRUSION PROBLEM

LIVE OAK, FL, June 22, 2012 – The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) is working with the City of Cedar Key and other state and local agencies and officials to address the problem of elevated chloride levels in the local water supply.

"Cedar Key is a very special coastal community, and we recognize the urgency to help them remedy this problem as quickly as possible," said Ann Shortelle, District executive director.

The District is working in cooperation with the Cedar Key Water and Sewer District, Levy County, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to identify the possible reasons for recent saltwater intrusion at the community's wellfield, which has rendered the water unsuitable for drinking.

At the same time, the District is

providing assistance to help develop both short-term and long-term strategies to deal with the situation.

In the short-term, the District has coordinated with Levy County Emergency Management to provide delivery of bottled water for drinking. It also is working with the water and sewer district to identify possible temporary treatment options that would allow the system to get back on line.

In the search for long-term, sustainable solutions, the District is providing technical assistance, including help with assessing potential locations for new wells, and is evaluating potentially available nearby wells for temporary supply to the water treatment facility. In addition, the District's water resource monitoring team will be sampling monitor wells along the coast looking for additional cases of salinity impacts.

OBITUARIES

Charles Franklin Blair

Charles Franklin Blair, 75, died peacefully at his residence on Sunday, June

24th, after a valiant battle with lung disease. He had been a resident of Tallahassee for over 40 years.

Memorial services with Military Honors are scheduled at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26th at Thomasville Road Baptist Church. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment will be private.

Descended from two pioneer Hamilton County families, he was born on October 2, 1936 to the late Pearl McGhin Blair and Roy Lee Blair. Raised on the family farm near Jasper, his parents instilled the values of honesty, integrity, hard work, and Christian faith in their children. Salutatorian of his Jennings High School graduating class, he also served as captain of the football team. An avid Gator, Charles graduated from the University of Florida in June 1958 with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics, and was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. He served his country as an Army Officer, an accomplished

helicopter pilot, and following active duty, he served in the Florida National Guard and Army Reserves for a number of years. He married Marjorie Ward Blair, who survives, on January 24, 1959. Charles began his career with the Florida Farm Bureau, and in 1971, began a long career with the Florida Department of Agriculture, holding the position of Chief Cabinet Aide under the administration of Agriculture Commissioner Doyle Conner. He was an avid fisherman, and enjoyed several fishing trips to Alaska and Canada following retirement.

Charles made his profession of Christian Faith at a young age, and was a long-time active member of Thomasville Road Baptist Church, and the Aaron Sunday School Class. Unostentatious and true, he was an honorable man, husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. His family and friends were extremely important to him, and his granddaughters were the apple of his eye, truly enriching his retirement years. In addition to his wife of 53 years, Marjorie Ward Blair, he is survived by his son, Brian Thomas Blair and his

wife, Marla, of Tallahassee, his daughter, Deborah Blair Davis and husband, Charles, of Cairo, Ga., two granddaughters, Blair Ivey Davis, of Cairo, Ga., and Sydney Nicole Blair, of Tallahassee, two brothers, Alton Blair and wife, Caren, of Jasper, and Jerry Blair and wife, Luanne, of Live Oak, his brother-in-law, Dr. Robert Ward and wife, Joyce, of Grayton Beach, and his 4 special nephews, Stacy Blair, Jacksonville, Greg Blair, Durham, N. C., Alan Blair, Charlotte, N.C., and Chris Blair, Tallahassee, and their families.

For those desiring, the family respectfully requests donations be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308, or, Thomasville Road Baptist Church, 3131 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308, or a charity of your choice.

Beggs Funeral Home, 3322 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32311, (850) 942-2929 is in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Lee McDaniel

Ronald Lee McDaniel, age 61, of Jasper, FL, died June 22, 2012 at Haven Hospice in Lake

City, Florida. Ronald was born in Live Oak, FL to the late J.L. and Jewell McDaniel. Having worked various jobs, Ronald enjoyed his time at Raymond's Building Supplies, formally known as ESP, before his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.L. and Jewell McDaniel, and his two brothers, Ricky McDaniel and Jerry McDaniel.

Survivors include his loving wife of 36 years, Jean McDaniel, of Jasper, FL; two sisters, Cindy Roberts (John), of Providence, FL, and Tanya "Candy" Fontaine (Michael), of Lake Park, GA; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 26th, 2012 in the chapel of Harry T. Reid Funeral Home. Interment followed at Hebron Cemetery in Jasper, FL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Haven Hospice in Ronald's name.

Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper, FL, was in charge of all arrangements.

Nelson James Lombardi

Nelson James Lombardi, age 71, of Jasper, Florida died Monday, June 18, 2012 at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville, Florida. Nelson was a native of Connecticut where he served 18 years as a police officer for the Guilford Police Department. After moving to Florida he continued his career in law enforcement serving as a deputy for the Hernando County Sheriff's Office. He later went to work for Silver Springs in the public relations department. Nelson was a natural with people and made friends easily. He settled in Jasper and quickly made his mark on the community. He loved antiques and in his spare time enjoyed refinishing furniture.

Survivors include his wife, Dottie G. Lombardi, of Jasper, FL; two sons, Brian Lombardi, of Boynton Beach, FL and Mark Scaff, of Jasper, FL; two daughters, Christine Chaney, Spring Hill, FL, and Susan Lenhart, of Quaker City, OH; one

sister, Susan Blaisdell, of Bar Harbor, Maine; 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 22, 2012 in the chapel of Harry T. Reid Funeral Home.

Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Jasper.

Memorial contributions may be made to Advent Christian Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 1176, Jasper, FL 32052.

Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper, FL, was in charge of arrangements.

Edgar Lamar Taylor Sr.

Homegoing services for Mr. Edgar Lamar Taylor Sr. of Jasper, Florida aka "Skeeter", will be 2 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2012 at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Jasper, Florida, with Elder Phillip Jackson will officiating. Burial will follow in the Friendship Cemetery in Jasper, Florida. Professional Mortuary Services entrusted to Eric A. Brown & Son funeral Home. For the full obituary please visit us www.ericbrownfuneralservices.com

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OPINION

Too much college

In President Barack Obama's 2012 State of the Union address, he said that "higher education can't be a luxury. It is an economic imperative that every family in America should be able to afford." Such talk makes for political points, but there's no evidence that a college education is an economic imperative. A good part of our higher education problem, explaining its spiraling cost, is that a large percentage of students currently attending college are ill-equipped and incapable of doing real college work. They shouldn't be there wasting their own resources and those of their families and taxpayers. Let's look at it.

Robert Samuelson, in his Washington Post article "It's time to drop the college-for-all crusade" (5/27/2012), said that "the college-for-all crusade has outlived its usefulness. Time to ditch it. Like the crusade to make all Americans homeowners, it's now doing more harm than good." Richard Vedder -- professor of economics at Ohio University, adjunct scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and director of The Center for College Affordability & Productivity, or CCAP -- in his article "Ditch ... the College-for-All Crusade," published on The Chronicle of Higher Education's blog, "Innovations" (6/7/2012), points out that the "U.S. Labor Department says the majority of new American jobs over the

next decade do not need a college degree. We have a six-digit number of college-educated janitors in the U.S." Another CCAP essay by Vedder and his colleagues, titled "From Wall Street to Wal-Mart," reports that there are "one-third of a million waiters and waitresses with college degrees." More than one-third of currently working college graduates are in jobs that do not require a degree, such as flight attendants, taxi drivers and salesmen. Was college attendance a wise use of these students' time and the resources of their parents and taxpayers?

There's a recent study published by the Raleigh, N.C.-based Pope Center titled "Pell Grants: Where Does All the Money Go?" Authors Jenna Ashley Robinson and Duke Cheston report that about 60 percent of undergraduate students in the country are Pell Grant recipients, and at some schools, upward of 80 percent are. Pell Grants are the biggest expenditure of the Department of Education, totaling nearly \$42 billion in 2012.

The original focus of Pell Grants was to



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facilitate college access for low-income students. Since 1972, when the program began, the number of students from the lowest income quartile going to college has increased by more than 50 percent.

However, Robinson and Cheston report that the percentage of low-income students who completed college by age 24 decreased from 21.9 percent in 1972 to 19.9 percent today.

Richard Arum and Josipa Roksa, authors of "Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses" (2011), report on their analysis of more than 2,300 undergraduates at 24 institutions. Forty-five percent of these students demonstrated no significant improvement in a range of skills - including critical thinking, complex reasoning and writing -- during their first two years of college.

Citing the research of AEI scholar Charles Murray's book "Real Education" (2008), Professor Vedder says: "The number going to college exceeds the number capable of mastering higher levels of intellectual inquiry. This leads colleges to alter

their mission, watering down the intellectual content of what they do." Up to 45 percent of incoming freshmen require remedial courses in math, writing or reading. That's despite the fact that colleges have dumbed down courses so that the students they admit can pass them. Let's face it; as Murray argues, only a modest proportion of our population has the cognitive skills, work discipline, drive, maturity and integrity to master truly higher education.

Primary and secondary school education is in shambles. Colleges are increasingly in academic decline as they endeavor to make comfortable environments for the educationally incompetent. Colleges should refuse admission to students who are unprepared to do real college work. That would not only help reveal shoddy primary and secondary education but also reduce the number of young people making unwise career choices. Sadly, that won't happen. College administrators want warm bodies to bring in money.

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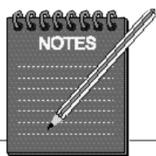
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Norris Notes

By Lillian Norris



Didn't it rain! When my telephone rang a friend asked if I needed her to come to get me, I did not understand until she told me to look outside. I had been awake during the night hearing rain but certainly did not realize the extent - the lower units of the complex were flooded and the water was coming my way. Fortunately for me, at least, it did not quite reach my apartment. Cars from other areas are still parked in our area from other apartments. For this I am thankful. My son took me to their home, but I returned as the flooding had stopped below my area, after the rain, others were not so fortunate, which you will be learning from other parts of the JASPER NEWS. My

son took me to their home but I returned as soon as the rain stopped. A friend brings me a newspaper and leaves it each morning, called Tuesday morning to say they had not been able to get here, but when I returned home last evening there was one on my porch, he called to say they came late. My thoughts and prayers go to all those in our area, and everywhere, who have suffered losses, so far I have not heard of any deaths around here. Many friends have suffered great losses and we are so sorry, we cannot even imagine the devastation felt. Our prayers are with you all.

On a light note, Alice Jones has returned home after spending several days in Atlanta visiting

with her daughter, Joni, and having a wonderful time. Alice and Joni had a wonderful time together, her son took her to Atlanta and returned to bring her home. While there Alice and Joni enjoyed seeing the sights, shopping and eating. One of the special events was dining at SOUTHERN ART, a restaurant owned by Art Smith off Jasper, a wonderful evening at a very special place; they visited the Titanic exhibit, among other things, we are glad to have Alice back with us but thankful that she had a special time with Joni.

Trey Norris, son of Dr. Ben and Leigh Ann Norris ran Saturday at an Amateur Athletic Union (AAI) meet in Jacksonville. He came in 3rd place in the 15-16 age group, this qualifies him to go to Nationals in Houston, Texas at the end of July.

You will be having some events going on with you this summer, let us help you spread the news - you would not believe how many people tell me they enjoy reading what is happening with our people here, summer vacations can be interesting reading, we are fortunate to still have

a local paper in which we can share our happiness, as well as our sad times, we are fortunate to have the JASPER NEWS to help keep us up to date, it isn't always easy with times like these to keep local papers going, help us to continue to enjoy being able to enjoy a weekly paper.

At one time we could receive a number of daily papers, from Gainesville, Jacksonville, two a day from Valdosta, and I remember getting a Sunday Atlanta Journal at the bus station here in Jasper, that was a treat to me as I had been getting an AJ on Sunday after Church in Franklin.

It is good to get the news from television, but I still enjoy reading the daily paper and discussing it around the table over an extra cup of coffee, then working puzzles, bringing back memories. 'Thanks for the Memories', how many of you remember that song?

Hope to hear from you soon!

Lillian Norris
NORRIS NOTES
norrislw@windstream.net
386-792-2151

"CARES" DINNER POSTPONED DUE TO FLOOD CONDITIONS

LIVE OAK, FL, June 26, 2012 - The Suwannee River Partnership's Annual CARES Dinner, scheduled for this Thursday evening in Live Oak, has been cancelled due to flood conditions from Tropical Storm Debby.

This is the first-ever cancellation of the annual event that honors farmers and producers for their environmental stewardship. The dinner will be rescheduled later this summer and award recipients and

their guests soon will be notified of the new date.

"Our honored guests, families and friends will be busy dealing with the aftermath of Debby," explains Hugh Thomas, SRP spokesman. "We don't want Debby to dampen this important annual event that honors the agriculture community so we've decided to postpone until conditions improve."

For more information contact Hugh Thomas at 352.317.0504.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Jasper will hold a public hearing on the final reading of the following ordinance:

Ordinance 2012-06-01, An ordinance of the City of Jasper, Florida, permanently closing and vacating a portion of a street in the City of Jasper, Florida; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

The Public Hearing will be held at the regular City Council meeting on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 208 W. Hatley Street, Jasper, Florida 32052.

All concerned citizens are invited to attend and be heard.

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NEW HOPE WOMEN PACK SHOEBOXES



Women with the Women's Missionary Union at New Hope Baptist Church assemble boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a Samaritan's Purse project. The women have been meeting since early March to decorate and pack boxes with toys, hygiene products, and school supplies. The boxes, which will be collected in November, will be distributed to needy children throughout the world through Samaritan's Purse. From Left: Evelyn Williams, Diane Smith, Marie Warner, Marie Goolsby, Faye Culbreth, Nancy Walker (hidden), Gayle Marable, and Becky Jo Adams.

County roads hit hard by tropical storm

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ters," Land said.

Right now, EOC is watching and waiting on the Suwannee River for further flooding. The Suwannee River at White Springs was reported at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, to be at 84.38 feet, by the National Weather Service. The minor flood stage at White Springs is 77 feet. The highest recorded level for the Suwannee River at White Springs was on April 10, 1973, where it measured at 88 feet.

"We are watching the downstream gauges carefully to maintain awareness," Land said.

There is an emergency shelter open at the Jasper Civic Center if needed. For questions, please call

(386) 792-6647. For other questions visit the EOC website at Ham-CoEM.com.

Flood warnings are in effect for the Suwannee River at White Springs, the Suwannee at Suwannee Springs, the Aucilla at Lamont, and the Santa Fe gages. Rainfall in excess of 15 inches has fallen in Hamilton and northern Columbia counties, causing a rapid rise of the Suwannee at White Springs and major flooding.

The rising water at the Suwannee at White Springs will take several days to get downstream to the middle- and lower-Suwannee.

Monitor your nearest gage and forecast frequently, because forecasts can change significantly as the situation unfolds.

Heart Matters



By Angie Land

Who was your favorite superhero when you were growing up? With the Avengers, Iron Man, and many more newcomers, it might be hard to pick a favorite! When I was a little girl, there was really only one choice: Wonder Woman! She had her own TV show, the coolest outfit, and an invisible jet...but these were just added benefits. What really caught my attention were her remarkable silver bracelets that doubled as defensive weapons against a villain's bullet. (I suppose a bulletproof vest didn't quite work with her outfit) To me, it just didn't get any better than life-saving protection that also happened to be a fashion accessory...and let's just say my cousin and I went through numerous rolls of aluminum foil in order to fight crime in Wonder Woman style!

As children, we loved the idea of being invincible. The longer we live, however, it becomes more and more obvious that our greatest hurts aren't caused by bullets or villains with super powers. Instead, they are usually the result of relationships that have taken a turn for the worst...and how we respond to them. In 2 Corinthians 10:3-4, the Bible records the Apostle

Paul's reminder to us that we have a critical decision to make:

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."

This passage acknowledges that because we live in this world, even as believers in Christ, we still have the opportunity to fight like the world does, with the same weapons. Think about what those weapons are in connection to relationship conflicts: unforgiveness, retaliation, slander, sarcasm, angry outbursts, silent treatments, contempt...just to name a few. The problem with using these weapons is two-fold: first, the more we use them, the better we get at using them, and two, the better we get at using them, the more likely we are to end up...alone. Correct me if I have this all wrong, but it is not the goal in any given relationship to end up alone...right? In fact, according to Genesis 2:18, being alone is the only thing in all six days of creation that God said was NOT good!

According to the rest of this passage, we have other weapons to choose from...weapons with divine power. Divine power implies that these weapons were not founded upon human reasoning, but by the wisdom of God, which gives them the authority to demolish strongholds. What better to battle unforgiveness than to forgive even when nothing in you feels like it? Could anything take the sting out of sarcasm like an apology... or render

the silent treatment useless by saying "I love you and I want to make this right"...and what remedies slander better than humbling yourself and finding something positive to say about someone who has dealt you a low blow?

Yes...these weapons have the divine power to demolish destructive patterns of behavior but we have to intentionally be willing to wield them. Chances are good these weapons can get rusty from time to time, but with regular use they bring relief and healing to hurting relationships, and that is way more impressive than an invisible jet...still I wouldn't mind having a set of those bracelets...

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



From left: Senior Vice Commander Billy Jackson, Frank Iverson, and Jim Allen hold award for First Place in Americanism given to VFW Post 8095 at the state convention.

Award for VFW Post 8095

Senior Vice Commander Billy Jackson, Frank Iverson, and Jim Allen represented Hamilton County Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8095 at the 82nd annual state convention held in Orlando June 14-17th. A big surprise to the Hamilton County delegates was the presentation of a trophy to the Post for First Place in Americanism. This award is given for observation of patriotic events such as the recent Flag Day ceremony, educational programs relative to Americanism/patriotism, and support of our veterans and troops.

"It is quite an honor to have been chosen first place in the State of Florida for this award. VFW Post 8095 recognizes that this could not have been possible without so many friends in the community who have helped with various patriotic events, and especially all the donations and assistance with our "care packages" to the troops serving in harm's way," commented Post Commander Lamar Royals. "Once again, the members of VFW Post 8095 offer their sincere and heartfelt appreciation for your support."

Church & Family Go Together

ADVENT CHRISTIAN	BAPTIST (Southern)	METHODIST	PRESBYTERIAN
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 Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. 717860-F	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. 717850-F	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 405 Central Ave., Jasper, FL Pastor - Dale Ames Phone - 386-792-1122 Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wednesday 732122	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 204 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Jasper, 792-2258 Pastor: Alexandra Hedrick SUNDAY Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Choir Practice.....7:00 p.m. 732122
BAPTIST (Southern) NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH 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	CATHOLIC CHURCH ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH Three miles north of Jasper U.S. 41 P.O. Box 890, Jasper, FL 32052 Rectory U.S. 90 E., Live Oak, FL (386) 364-1108 Saturday MASS 4:00 p.m. 717846-F	NON-DENOMINATIONAL BURNHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH 4520 NW CR 146, Jennings, FL 32053 938-1265 Pastor: Johnny Brown Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Youth Program.....5:30 p.m. 732115	CHURCH OF CHRIST CHURCH OF CHRIST N.W. 3rd St., Jasper Bldg.: 792-2277 Sunday Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening.....6:00 p.m. 717824-F

Our office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th

Have a safe and happy

July 4th

We will re-open Thursday, July 5 at 8:00 a.m.

Jasper News

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Vote for me, I create lots of jobs

By Rev. James L. Snyder

I have always thought about what it would be like to be wealthy. Unless I win the lottery somewhere, of which I never play, the opportunity for me to become wealthy is absolutely remote. I have a better chance of being elected President of the United States than to become wealthy.

I once thought being a bank robber would be the pathway to riches and fame. After some thought, I decided I would not make a very good bank robber. I hate wearing masks. Years ago, I had the opportunity to choose between intelligence and good looks and as anybody can see who has looked at me, I chose the latter. If I were a bank robber, I would have to hide my most valuable asset. What kind of nonsense would that be?

Another avenue to riches and fame, at least in my thinking, was to become one of those preachers on TV. Those old boys on TV must be wealthy; after all, all they talk about is money, money, money. Listening to some of them, you would think you were listening to a religious Donald Trump.

A television preacher rakes in quite a bit of money but then I thought about what's involved and I have ruled myself out. I cannot week after week talk about nothing but money, money, money. From my perspective, there is more to life than money. When you listen to most of these TV preachers all they can talk about is money. Specifically, sending them my mon-

ey.

I would feel terrible getting on television and begging people to send me money and then promising God will bless them. I have been a Christian, after all, for over 50 years and I know that is not what the Bible says. To be a successful television preacher I would have to stretch the truth and at my age, I am not up for that kind of exercise.

My thoughts then turned to politics. If only I could be elected as a senator, governor or even president of the United States, I would be on my way to riches and fame. I hear these politicians on TV and all they do is talk, talk, talk. They talk so much my ears are thumping and they never get around to saying anything. I do not know any group of people who can talk so much for so long and say so little. I see that they spent money as if it is not theirs. Wait a minute! It is not theirs. In fact, a slice of that is my money.

I do not want to be a bank robber, nor do I want to be a TV preacher robbing people of money, and especially I do not want to be a politician who spends everybody's money but theirs. I was deeply thinking about this the other night and concluded none of these areas are worth my pursuing. It looks as though I will end my days as poor as I started them.

While watching TV there was some politician talking about if he was elected he would create so many jobs for people. I nodded, almost asleep, when the Gracious Mistress of the Par-

sonage startled me with a comment. Occasionally she does something like this and usually, I am never prepared for it. Such was the case here.

"You know," she said rather gravely, "you should run for some political office. You'd make a good politician."

Well, this puts a different light on things. Maybe my better half has come up with a better idea. For all the years I have known her, she has never been wrong, much to my chagrin at times. Maybe she is seeing something in me I have overlooked all these years. She actually said, "You'd make a good politician."

Well the smile on my face hit the walls on both sides of the room we were sitting in.

It was then that I did something to ruin the whole aura of the evening. I said something. I have been a husband long enough to realize that when a husband opens his mouth nothing good will ever come out of it.

"So," I said rather arrogantly, "you think I would make a good politician?"

So far, so good. If I only had stopped here, it would not have been so bad. But no, I had to push the envelope further.

"Why do you think I would make a good politician?"

There is one thing you need to understand about my wife. She will always tell the truth no matter whom it hurts, even if it is me.

"All these politicians are promising they are going to create jobs. Not one of them makes good

on their promise. But you," and she paused here a little too dramatically for my liking, "have them all beat on this issue. Nobody creates more jobs around this house than you do. If you could take that skill to Washington DC you could put the entire country to work."

Jesus said a lot about

work. In one place He said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4 KJV).

Some people work for riches. Some people work for recognition and honor. Jesus worked for his Father in heaven. An example we should fol-

low.

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Jasper Legals

PUBLIC AUCTION

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

Date: 07-12-12
Time: 8:00A.M.

1998 Honda
Vin# 2HGEJ864XWH527125

1995 Plymouth
Vin# 3P3AA46K2ST571772

Date: 07-16-12
Time: 8:00A.M.

2001 Dodge
Vin# 2B8GP543X1R242969

Date: 07-20-12
Time: 8:00A.M.

1988 Ford
Vin# 1FABP6246JH123432

Date: 08-03-12
Time: 8:00A.M.

2011 Dodge
Vin# 1B3BD4FB6BN608948
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NOTICE OF SALE

We will sell the contents of the following units:

Unit #111 James Singletary
Unit #213 Tammy Jones
Unit #317 Yonna White
All listed as general household items.

At White Springs Self Storage, 12467 SE US Hwy 41, White Springs, FL 32096 on July 7, 2012 at 10 a.m. Phone 386-397 1020.

Cash only, remove goods the day of sale. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids.
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Date: 06/21, 28

Jasper Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2009 CA 000548

EASTERN SAVINGS BANK, FSB,
Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTOPHER A. TYRE, et al,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Order setting Foreclosure Sale Date entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of the 3rd Judicial Circuit in and for Hamilton County, Florida, wherein Eastern Savings Bank, FSB, Plaintiff, and Christopher A. Tyre, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, Florida 32052, at 11 a.m. on the 6th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36, RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 11'18" WEST ALONG CENTERLINE OF STATE ROAD 25 (US ROUTE 41) A DISTANCE OF 318.66 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 03'16" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 481.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 03'16" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 318.60 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 16'09" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 212.77 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 03'16" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 318.60 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 16'09" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 212.77 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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WITNESS my hand and Seal of the Court on 8th day of June, 2012.

Greg Godwin, Clerk

/s/ Cynthia Johnson
As Deputy Clerk

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CERTIFICATE NO.:
294 Issued May 26, 2005

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 3770-280 Section 22 & 27
Township 2N Range 12E Lot 4
Lakewood Forest East ORB 305-77

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
Gary Dinkins

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

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CERTIFICATE NO.:
589 Issued May 26, 2005

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 6013-000 Section 6
Township 1N Range 14E Part of Lot 6
Blk 1 desc in ORB 461-123 Caldwell
Survey Town of Jasper

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
RNCLK, Inc.

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CERTIFICATE NO.:
585 Issued May 26, 2005

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 6259-000 Section 6
Township 1N Range 14E 92 1/2 ft E & W 91 N & S in Block 76 ORB 449-307
Caldwell Survey Town of Jasper

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CERTIFICATE NO.:
589 Issued May 26, 2005

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 6287-000 Section 6
Township 1N Range 14E W/2 of Lot 5 & Lot 6 Blk 83 ORB 449-307
Caldwell Survey Town of Jasper

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
SR-6/I-75 Hamilton County Water System Has Levels of Disinfection
By-Products Above Drinking Water Standards

What happened?
Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. 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 routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received from samples taken February 20, 2012 and April 17, 2012 show that our system exceeds the standards, or maximum contaminant levels (MCL), for Disinfection By-Products (DBPs), which includes Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and Haloacetic Acids [Five] (HAA5s). The standard for TTHMs is 80 micrograms per liter (µg/L) and the average level of TTHMs over the last year was 142 µg/L. The standard for HAA5s is 60 µg/L, the average level of HAA5s over the last year was 97.4 µg/L.

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 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?
This is what we are doing to lower the DBPs levels: We are flushing the system and we are reducing chlorine residuals to reduce DBPs.

We anticipate resolving the problem within this time frame: The next 45 days.

For more information, please contact Danny Johnson, at 386-792-6639.

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.

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SR-6/I-75 Hamilton County Water System
State Public Water System ID#: **2244150**
Date distributed: **June 28, 2012**

My family and I would like for you to join us as we celebrate our Nation's Independence.

Sincerely,
Samantha Pruetter

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Hurricane Awareness



In recent years, hurricanes have almost become synonymous with Florida in the thoughts of many across the country. Close to the tropics and surrounded on three sides by warm water, Florida can be particularly vulnerable to these systems as they develop and move generally westward across the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Sea. During a typical year, one or more tropical storms or hurricanes threaten to impact portions of the state.

The Atlantic hurricane season begins on June 1 and continues through November 30. Although the number of tropical storms and hurricanes typically peaks during August and September, it is important to remember that Florida can be impacted by tropical weather systems any time during the six-month-long season.

A recent example is Hurricane Wilma, which struck Florida during late October 2005, bringing damaging winds, flooding rains, and tornadoes to the southern half of the state. Residents and visitors need to plan ahead and remain ready for possible hurricane impacts as early as June and as late as November.

When a cyclonic (counter-clockwise flow) circulation develops at sea level, coincident with persistent thunderstorm activity, the weather system is designated a Tropical Depression. Once sustained winds in the weather system reach 39 mph, they system is classified as a Tropical Storm. If winds increase further and reach 74 mph or greater, the system is declared a hurricane. Hurricanes with winds 111 mph or greater are designated Major Hurricanes, and are capable of catastrophic damage.

Hurricane Hazards

Hurricanes and tropical storms bring storm surge and coastal flooding, flooding from heavy rain, and tornadoes. For those away from the immediate coastline, inland flooding and tornadoes are often the most hazardous impacts from these systems.

Tornadoes associated with tropical systems typically form in the right-front quadrant of the circulation, relative to the direction of forward motion. If viewing the tropical system as a clock, this would be the area from noon to three o'clock in the direction that the storm is traveling. While normally not as intense as tornadoes produced by non-tropical severe thunderstorms, these tornadoes often move at speeds of 50 mph or greater. Regardless of origin, all tornadoes have the potential to be damaging and deadly. Another common area for tornado development is within the far outer rain bands, often hundreds of miles away from the tropical cyclone center. These tornadoes can affect locations that otherwise would not experience direct impacts from the tropical storm or hurricane.

Flooding from tropical cyclones is not correlated with the intensity of the system, but instead is related to the speed of forward motion. Slow moving tropical storms and hurricanes often produce large amounts of rain, which can lead to significant inland flooding. As with tornadoes, flooding impacts can occur hundreds of miles away from the cyclone center, or from the remnants of a former tropical system.

Flooding from torrential rains can produce a lot of damage. In fact, Florida's record for the most rainfall in a 24-hour period came from a hurricane. Hurricane Easy in 1950 dumped more than three feet of rain in Yankeetown along the northern Gulf Coast in Levy County.

Other recent storms, such as Hurricane Irene in 1999, Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in 2004 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005, caused extensive flooding of many streets and neighborhoods across Florida. In some cases, streets and towns were flooded for days after the storm.

Storm surge is the term used to describe the wall of water that is pushed toward the shoreline as a hurricane moves onshore. Storm surge combines with the local tide and the battering, wind-driven waves to push a tremendous volume of water onto the shore, often resulting in significant damage. In the strongest hurricanes, this storm surge can be as high as 15 to 20 feet above normal water levels. The combination of rising water and pounding waves is often deadly. Worldwide, approximately 90 percent of all deaths in hurricanes are caused by drowning in either storm surge or rainfall flooding. Those living in coastal and near coastal communities should know if or in which evacuation zone they reside, as well as the elevation of their property. When local officials declare an

evacuation for your area, move to the nearest evacuation destination outside of the danger zone. You may choose to stay with friends or relatives, at a hotel/motel, or at an evacuation shelter.

Winds are the most well-known impact of tropical storms and hurricanes. The highest winds occur just outside the eye (or center), within a region referred to as the eye-wall. Hurricane force winds can easily damage or destroy mobile homes and other non-permanent structures, often moving them well away from their foundations. Roofs, pool enclosures, trees, and power lines are also frequently damaged by hurricane force winds. Although the winds of a hurricane typically weaken rapidly following landfall, Florida's flat terrain and narrow width allow strong winds to survive farther inland than other parts of the country.

In August 2004, Hurricane Charley made landfall in southwest Florida, exhibiting a fast forward motion of 25 mph (nearly twice the typical speed for Florida hurricanes) and brought hurricane force winds to the Orlando Metro area – over 100 miles inland from the point of landfall.

The strongest hurricanes can have winds in excess of 155 miles per hour. Storms of such strength are classified as Category 5 hurricanes on the Saffir-Simpson hurricane scale. Hurricane Andrew, which struck South Florida in 1992, was the last Category 5 hurricane to make landfall in the United States, causing almost \$30-billion in damage and killing a total of 40 people.

Detecting and Forecasting Hurricanes

The National Hurricane Center in Miami tracks tropical systems from their birth until they make landfall and dissipate, or move out over cold waters. Meteorologists use several data sources to observe and track developing tropical storms and hurricanes. When systems are developing very far from land, satellite imagery is used to locate the center and estimate the strength of the winds.

Other data sources, such as ocean buoys, ships and remote sensing instruments aboard satellites, are also used. When storms begin to threaten land areas, planes are flown into the center of the systems and release instruments known as dropsondes onto the ocean surface below in order to accurately determine the storm's location and strength. These planes are known as hurricane hunter planes, and are flown by United States Air Force Reserve and NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) personnel. The planes fly at altitudes of 5,000 to 10,000 feet, often encountering a lot of turbulence as they enter the center of the storm.

Once meteorologists know a storm's location and strength, the next step is to predict its track and strength out to five days. To do this, meteorologists use very sophisticated aids known as computer models, which take in numerous amounts of data and produce their own forecasts. One of the most important jobs of the hurricane forecaster is to determine which model is the best for a particular forecast. The official forecast is then issued by the National Hurricane Center, and National Weather Service offices all across Florida step in to provide locally specific information on the storm's potential effects in your neighborhood.

Planning for a Hurricane

Planning in advance for possible impacts will go a long way toward keeping your family safe when a tropical storm or hurricane affects your area. Be prepared before the hurricane season begins by having a family emergency plan, as well as an disaster supply kit. Review and update your family emergency plan prior to each season. When a storm threatens, the National Hurricane Center, together with your local National Weather Service forecast office, will issue Tropical Storm and Hurricane Watches and Warnings in plenty of time for you to prepare for a storm. Watches are issued 48 hours in advance of the time damaging winds are possible within the specified area. Warnings are issued 36 hours prior to the time when damaging winds are expected. Remain informed of possible threats throughout the season, and put your plan into action when the time comes. Following this advice will help keep you and your family weather-safe.

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Definitions

HURRICANE SEASON - June through November for the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea & Gulf of Mexico. Peak threat to United States is from the middle of August through late October.

HURRICANE - maximum sustained winds of 74 mph or greater.

TROPICAL DEPRESSION - an organized area of low pressure where sustained surface winds are 38 mph or less.

TROPICAL STORM - a strong area of low pressure associated with maximum sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph. It is at this point a tropical cyclone gets a name.

SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE - The scale provides examples of the type of damages and impacts in the United States associated with winds of the indicated intensity.

Watches/Warnings

HURRICANE WARNING - issued by the National Hurricane Center when hurricane conditions are expected in coastal areas within 36 hours or less.

HURRICANE WATCH - issued by the National Hurricane Center when hurricane conditions are possible in coastal areas generally within 48 hours.

TROPICAL STORM WARNING - issued by the National Hurricane Center when tropical storm conditions are expected in coastal areas within 36 hours or less.

TROPICAL STORM WATCH - issued by the National Hurricane Center when tropical storm conditions are possible in coastal areas generally within 48 hours.

HURRICANE LOCAL STATEMENT - issued by your local National Weather Service Office.

TROPICAL CYCLONE IMPACTS - Graphical Hurricane Local Statement

A history haunted by hurricanes

When we think of Florida several things come to mind: sunshine, beautiful beaches, orange juice and hurricanes. Vulnerable to storms that arise in the Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico, there is a good reason why hurricanes come to the forefront of people's memories.

Florida has a history of hurricanes that goes all the way back to the original Spanish exploration of "La Florida." The Spanish exploration fleets encountered several hurricanes between 1545 and 1554, but our first true Florida hurricane occurred in 1559 when a Spanish fleet and the newly emerging port town of Ochusa was destroyed by a hurricane in what is now Pensacola Bay. If not for this hurricane, Ochusa, now present-day Pensacola, may have been the first city established in America. The founding of the city of Saint Augustine owes much to the 1559 hurricane and a hurricane in the fall of 1565 when the French Huguenots and Spanish were battling for control of northeast Florida. The French, under Jean Ribault, had established Fort Caroline, along the banks of the St. Johns River in modern day Jacksonville and the Spanish, under Pedro Menendez de Aviles, established a base in present day Saint Augustine. During a howling hurricane, both sides attempted to surprise the other. The Spanish marched from Saint Augustine to Fort Caroline while Jean Ribault's French fleet was utterly destroyed by the storm. Thus, the Spanish secured control of not just Florida but the southeastern states as well.

Hurricanes were frequent visitors through the 1600s and 1700s, sinking an island in Saint Augustine's harbor, damaging many forts and Spanish settlements along the Panhandle and Florida East Coast. On July 31st of 1715 a Spanish Treasure fleet was destroyed near Fort Pierce by a hurricane, which is why that part of Florida

coastline is known as the "Treasure Coast." Millions of dollars in treasure were lost and Spanish coins are still found along the beaches to this day.

One of the biggest hurricanes in the nineteenth century occurred in October of 1846. A hurricane, estimated by some to be a category 5 storm, moved over Havana, Cuba and then just west of Key West. Much of the island was submerged and some believe it is the worst hurricane ever experienced on that island. In the 1850s, the Florida Panhandle was hit by many big hurricanes with strong storms in 1837, 1841, 1843, 1850, 1851 and 1856, causing a lot of damage to the area.

South Florida wasn't heavily populated until the early 1900s, but it didn't take long for hurricanes to make themselves felt there either. Long before Hurricane Andrew came, that area was hit by the Great Miami Hurricane of 1926 and the 1928 Lake Okeechobee Hurricane. The Great Miami Hurricane was a Category 4 storm with winds of 150 mph and unlike Hurricane Andrew, the worst part of the storm struck the core of the City of Miami. Buildings were destroyed, ships sunk and roads torn apart as the strong winds and 15 foot high storm surge raced inland. The storm was so bad that it ended a land boom in South Florida and if a similar storm occurred today it would cause \$140 to \$157 billion dollars in damage.

To give you an idea how much money that is, the cost of running the International Space Station for 30 years is estimated to be \$100 billion dollars. In 1928, Florida's deadliest hurricane, and the second most deadly hurricane in American history, struck the area around Palm Beach and Lake Okeechobee, killing approximately 2,500 people.

While Hurricane Andrew was a Category 5 hurricane, Florida was also stuck by the

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Hurricane Awareness

Now is the Time to Prepare For All of Florida's Weather!

Preparing for severe weather is the theme of **SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK**. Preparedness plans come in all sizes, as dictated by individual and collective needs.

Do you know the basic safety rules?
Would your children know what to do if they were home alone?
Do you have plans in place to move elders or people with disabilities to shelter quickly?

Being Ready for An Emergency is As Easy As . . .

EMERGENCY KIT

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In an emergency you need to be ready to make it on your own. What should you have in your disaster supply kit?

One gallon of water for each person per day. You should have enough water for at least three days. If you have four people in your family, you should store one gallon of water X4 people X3 days = 12 gallons of water.

Canned and dried food – food that is easy to prepare and doesn't need refrigeration

Manual can opener

Sleeping bags or cots

Flashlight or lantern with batteries

First-Aid kit

Bathroom supplies

Medicines

Prescription drugs

Emergency Contact list

Soap and hand sanitizer

Face masks

NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio or battery-powered radio

Credit cards and cash

Duct tape

Heavy garbage bags or tarps

Important documents

Waterproof container

Fire extinguisher

Whistle or airhorn

Tools

Pet supplies

Games

Special needs:

- Baby formula, diapers, bottles, and other infant supplies
- Extra eyeglasses
- Hearing aid batteries
- Special equipment for physically challenged diabetic supplies
- Serial numbers of medical devices such as pacemakers
- Pet supplies such as a cage, leash, food and vaccination papers

Have two kits:

1. A large kit with three days of supplies.
2. A smaller kit if you must evacuate.

MAKE A PLAN

2

Think ahead and create a family emergency plan.

Plan how you will get together in different situations.

Discuss what to do if you must evacuate.

Practice your plans with your family.

Have a contact list.

If phones are down, pick two meeting places:

1. Near your home
2. Somewhere outside the neighborhood

Test smoke/carbon monoxide detectors monthly.

Learn how to turn off gas, electric, water and heater systems at main breaker switches.

Learn First-Aid and CPR.

Discuss basic safety rules.

Make sure children know what to do if they are home alone.

Plan for elders or disabled family members and neighbors.

Include pets in your family emergency plan.

BE INFORMED

Learn about the different threats:

- Severe Weather
- Fire
- Hazardous Materials (biological, chemical, explosive or radiological)
- Nuclear

Discuss the different hazards with your family.

Monitor TV, radio or trusted Internet sites for information.

Stay calm, have plans ready, and listen for instructions from local officials.

If you have questions, call your county emergency management office.

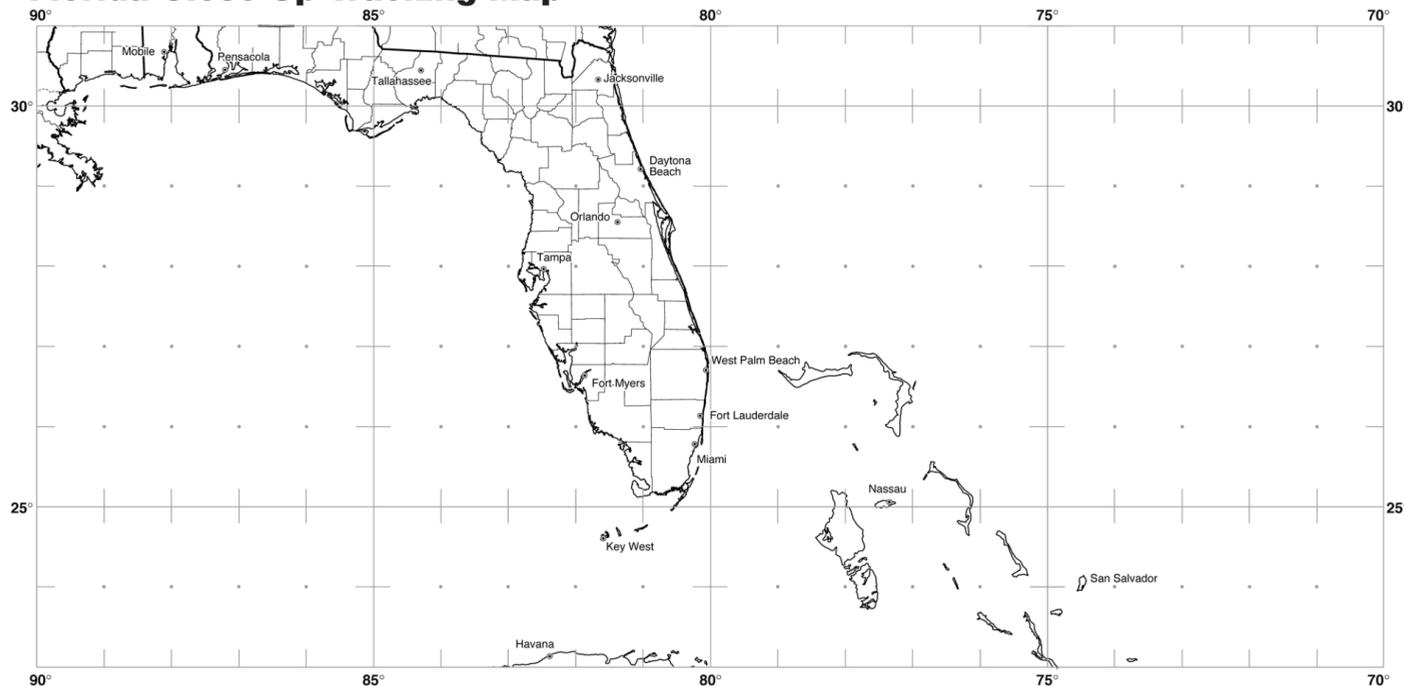
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Florida Close Up Tracking Map



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Caring for Pets During Disasters

Millions of Floridians have pets in their home. Owners of dogs, cats, birds, fish, reptiles, and other animals should develop a disaster plan for their pets. After all, emergencies do not only affect people, they affect our animal friends, too! Below are some guidelines to help Floridians prepare their pets for emergencies.

- **Get A Plan for your pets!** A lot of times, people leave their pets at home when they evacuate for a disaster, but pets can get hurt and lost during disasters. Owners should either take their pets with them or place them in a secure kennel.
- **Have supplies and medical records for your pet.** Animals need food and water just like people do. Be sure to have pet food, bottled water, food dishes, and any prescription medicines that your pet needs in your disaster supply kit. Also, bring all veterinary records for your animal with you if you decide to leave your home. This is really important, since animal medical records can easily get lost or destroyed after a disaster.
- **Check emergency shelters, hotels, and motels for pet policies.** Some shelters, hotels, and motels do not allow owners to keep pets in their facilities. Be sure to locate several pet-friendly places along your evacuation route. If you seek emergency shelter, place your pets in a secure kennel or go to a pet-friendly shelter.



A history haunted by hurricanes

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most intense hurricane to ever strike the United States, the Labor Day Hurricane of 1935. The winds of this hurricane may have been over 200 mph in strength and in some areas of the Keys the islands were wiped clean of all buildings and roads. More than 400 people died in the Keys, primarily World War 1 veterans working in the area on the Overseas Highway.

History Repeats Itself

One thing we can learn from history is that hurricane cycles and paths tend to repeat themselves. In 1837, several hurricanes struck Florida, just like during the 2004 hurricane season, and Florida was even hit by a hurricane, near Jacksonville, on August 6th and then hit by a second hurricane the next day near Pensacola! This occurred again in 2004 when Florida was hit by Tropical Storm Bonnie on August 12th and Hurricane Charley on August 13th.

The cycle of storms in the Panhandle during the mid-1800s is very similar to the modern day cycle of hurricanes, with Hurricanes Opal, Dennis, and Ivan all causing extreme damage to the Panhandle area within a few years of each other.

Florida was also hit by a series of extreme hurricanes in the 1890s, with one storm in 1896 making landfall near Cedar Key. This major hurricane raced inland with very strong winds tearing up everything in its path through Gainesville and Lake City all the way north to Savannah, Georgia. A very sim-

ilar storm would strike southwest Florida in August of 2004 and caused tremendous damage across the state through Orlando to near Daytona Beach. We call that storm Hurricane Charley, but we know other storms have behaved the same way as Charley did, such as Hurricane Donna in 1960, which left a path of destruction from the Florida Keys to Daytona Beach

In 1878, a slow-moving hurricane made landfall in the Florida Keys and slowly made its way through the center of the state, similar to Tropical Storm Fay in 2008.

Before hurricanes Frances and Jeanne made landfall along the Treasure Coast in 2004, a pair of hurricanes also struck that same area in 1928 within a few weeks of each other. A Category 4 hurricane made landfall just north of Hobe Sound on September 17, 1928, three weeks after a Category 2 hurricane struck near Ft. Pierce on August 8.

Tampa Bay was struck by a hurricane with a massive storm tide on September 25, 1848 and then a similar storm hit the same area on October 25, 1921. Railroads were torn up and vessels pushed inland all around Tampa Bay. It is only a matter of time before a similar storm strikes that part of the state.

Busy and record-breaking hurricane seasons have also occurred in the past. Before the 2005 season, 1995 was also a very busy year for hurricane activity. However, it has not just been in the past two decades that hurricane activity was very active. The 1933 hurricane season saw 21 named storms

across the Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico. Some researchers believe that the hurricane seasons in the 1930s and 1940s may have had more storms than actually recorded due to the absence of data. Before the first weather satellites were used, the only way to know of a hurricane was if it struck land, a boat or a plane.

Florida Hurricane Statistics

No county in Florida is immune to the dangers of hurricanes. Each of Florida's 67 counties has experienced hurricane force winds at some point in the past 150 years. Of all of the recorded hurricanes to hit the U.S. since 1851, 36 percent have made landfall in Florida, and 60 percent of all Category 4 or higher U.S. hurricane strikes have occurred in either Florida or Texas, including five of the eight most powerful hurricanes on record. Both the earliest and latest hurricanes to strike the U.S. in any hurricane season year have occurred in Florida: Hurricane Alma which struck the Florida Panhandle on

June 9, 1966, and Hurricane Kate, which also struck the Florida Panhandle and Big Bend on November 21, 1985. The latest major hurricane to strike the U.S. during a given year was the Great Tampa Bay Hurricane, which occurred on October 25, 1921. Despite seasonal predictions which give a general picture of the expected activity in a hurricane season, the most intense U.S. hurricane (1935), and the second costliest, Hurricane Andrew in 1992, occurred in years which had much below-average hurricane activity.

Hurricanes over the past decade provide a grim reminder of what can happen in a hurricane landfall. However, sociologists estimate that people only remember the worst effects of a hurricane for about seven years. Without a hurricane landfall since 2005, one of the greatest concerns is that people will be caught off guard and unprepared for the next time a storm threatens their area.

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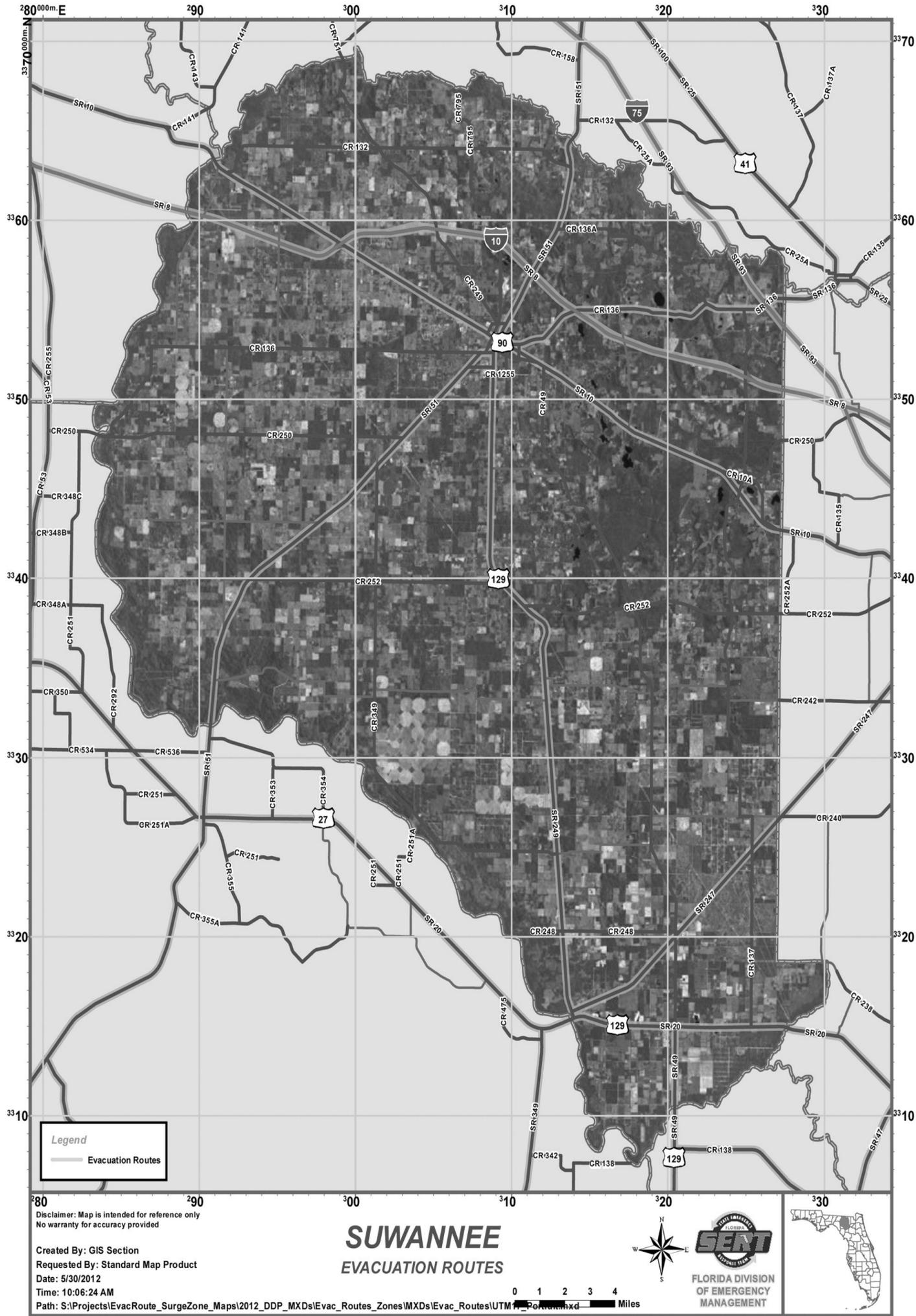
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When operating a generator:

- Always operate a generator in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines and instructions.
- To avoid CO poisoning, never use a generator indoors or in attached garages. Only operate the generator outdoors in a well-ventilated, dry area from air intakes to the home.
- To avoid electrocution, plug individual appliances into the generator using heavy duty, outdoor rated cords with a wire gauge adequate for the appliance load.
- If connecting into the house wiring is necessary on a temporary basis, homes must have a transfer switch installed by a licensed electrician. A transfer switch allows your house to receive power directly from a portable generator as opposed to power normally supplied by SVEC. Transfer switches isolate the circuits supplied by the generator and prevent backfeeding - inadvertently energizing circuits in both systems.
- Backfeeding can most commonly occur when a generator is connected directly to the electric panel or circuit in a home. Feeding power back into the utility system during an outage will energize the transformer serving the house and could pose a serious threat to line and service and tree crews working to restore power in the area who may not know they are working with an energized line.

If you desire to obtain a transfer switch for residential use the cooperative has approved a meter socket based transfer switch by GENERLINK model number MA23-N or S. Member would purchase the transfer switch through GENERLINK (1-800-886-3837 or www.globalpowerproducts.com) and contact the cooperative to schedule installation at no charge.

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