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Today's Weather

High 92° F



Precip: 60%

Chance for thunderstorms. High 92F. Winds SE at 7 mph. Chance of rain 60%. For up to the minute weather go to www.nflaonline.com.

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Debby a drought buster?

>> Rains 'significantly' increase aquifer level

By Misty A. Ward
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Hamilton, Suwannee and Lafayette counties' aquifer levels have seen "significant improvements" from

Tropical Storm Debby, according to Megan Wetherington, senior professional engineer at Suwannee River Water Management.

Debby's deluge has also ended the drought in much

of the district.

"By most measures the drought is over, but in some areas we still have some lingering effects, like low ground water levels, of the drought," Wethering-

ton said. The district is still assessing ground water levels in areas that did not receive as much rain as Hamilton, Lafayette and Suwannee counties.

Areas in Hamilton Coun-

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Supt. of Schools Martha Butler

School grades released

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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Elementary school grades for the 2011-12 school year were released on July 11 and Hamilton County is celebrating. Superintendent of Schools Martha Butler said there is still work to do and they will be moving

>> CHE gets a C, up two letter grades

>> NHE and SHE get a B

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DEP: Overflow at PCS no cause for concern

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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PCS Phosphate White Springs experienced a processed water overflow incident at their facility on June 26 which may have discharged very small amounts of phosphoric acid. The incident was a result of heavy rainfall and a power outage from Tropical Storm Debby, PCS Public Affairs Manager Mike Williams said.



"Monitoring by the Department last week indicated pH levels were normal and indicate no cause for any immediate concern."

- Dee Ann Miller, spokesperson for Department of Environmental Protection

"Due to extreme rainfall from Tropical Storm Debby, the Suwannee River Chemical Complex (on PCS property), we had an overflow from our process water system on June 26 and that resulted in that processed water entering the complex storm water drainage system," said

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White Springs interim town manager says thanks

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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At the July 3 meeting of the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, White Springs interim town manager Shirley Heath expressed her appreciation to all county officials who offered assistance during and after Tropical Storm Debby's arrival.



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Suspected drug money seized



HCSO DTF Deputy Jeramie Cheshire, Canine Deputy Blitz and HCSO Sheriff J. Harrell Reid with the confiscated money from a routine traffic stop on I-75.

- Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

Thanks to HCSO Canine Deputy Blitz

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A routine traffic stop by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office on I-75 led to the seizure of \$10,000 in suspected drug money and a lot of the credit goes to Canine Deputy Blitz, according to Hamilton County Sheriff J. Harrell Reid.

"Because this is part of a federal investigation now through (the Drug Enforcement Administration), we're not releasing a name at this time of the suspect that we took the money from," said Reid.

During the traffic stop and upon a roadside interview with the unnamed driver of the vehicle, HCSO Drug Task Force Deputy Jeramie Cheshire stated the driver was giving him inconsistent information.

"His stories were a little conflicting, his direction of travel and his state," said Cheshire. "Ultimately, we issued him a written warning for violation."

Cheshire said Canine Deputy Blitz did an exterior sniff of the vehicle and he alerted to the presence of the odor of narcotics.

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Delegation to study high cancer rates

By Joyce Marie Taylor

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The high rate of cancer and cancer deaths in Hamilton



County has county commissioners concerned, and as such, they have adopted a resolution asking for help in an attempt to find answers as to why the cancer rate is so high.

On July 3, the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted to adopt a resolu-

tion requesting the aid of legislative delegations of the county, both state and federal, to assist in assembling data relating to cancer in the county. Then, assuming the data reflects what has been shown by the most current data, they

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ELECTION 2012

Saul Speights seeks school board seat

Submitted

I, Saul D. Speights, would like to announce that I have qualified to run for school board, District 3.

I have proven leadership abilities as a youth motivator. I am a life long resident of Hamilton County, born to Charles and the late Virginia Speights on



Speights

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Obituary



Aletha Webb

Aletha Webb
June 30, 2012

Mrs. Aletha Webb's funeral services were held on June 30, 2012. Mrs. Webb was 53. She was survived by the love of her life and husband of 37 years, Mr. Shenner Webb; five loving daughters: Angela Webb, Toshika (Fabian) Reid, Felisha Webb, Niki Webb, Racheal Webb and many other close relatives and friends.

The family of the late Mrs. Aletha Webb gratefully acknowledges each act of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended during their time of bereavement. They sincerely appreciate and give praises to God for allowing his thoughts of kindness to flow through each of you. Thank you so much from the family of Aletha Webb.

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

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Williams.

According to Dee Ann Miller, spokesperson for the Department of Environmental Protection, the facility had an issue with the available storage in their cooling pond system at the northern part of the facility.

"The cooling pond did overtop a perimeter road internal to the facility," Miller said. "The facility immediately took action to manage the situation and began routine monitoring throughout the event."

The location of the over-flood of the processed water was on CR 137, about one and a half miles north of the

PCS administration building (Suwannee River access road) near Swift Creek.

Miller said the facility worked with its consultant on a plan to divert a portion of the overflow to onsite holding areas, as well as measures to ensure that as little additional water as possible went into the cooling pond system in order to reduce continued overflow.

"More specifically, when the water overtopped it crossed the perimeter road where the water was redirected to emergency diversion areas to reduce any discharges," said Miller. "PCS also installed temporary pumps to move water from the lower pond to the upper pond and then into the emergency diversion area to further reduce the overflow."

Miller went on to say, in addition to direct lime application, PCS also continued to treat process water at the plant prior to discharge in order to better ensure quality of the discharge.

"The facility continues to manage the situation

and has been in constant contact with the Department," said Miller. "The facility conducted initial monitoring for any impacts by measuring pH levels of the discharge due to the very small amounts of phosphoric acid present in the cooling pond. Monitoring by the Department last week indicated pH levels were normal and indicate no cause for any immediate concern."

The DEP and PCS, Miller stated, will continue to monitor the site until all conditions are back to normal and water conditions are stabilized.

"PCS White Springs will continue to assess the impact," said Williams. "It doesn't appear that any drinking water supplies have been negatively impacted. The release has been contained and PCS is continuing to assess any potential impact to the facility, and we are preparing for resumption of normal operations."

PCS continues to cooperate with authorities about the incident, Williams stated.

Debby a drought buster?

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ty received 15 to 30 inches of rain, with nine to 26 inches of it falling during the three day tropical storm.

Wetherington said that parts of Hamilton County exceeded the 0.2 percent (500 year) event. Suwannee County had recorded rainfall from Debby between 15 to 26 inches. For the month of June, some areas soaked up 18 to 33 inches of rain. Areas within Lafayette County had reported rainfalls from Debby of nine to 33 inches, and for the whole month the minimum rain-

fall was 15 inches up to the maximum reported of 33 inches.

"Lafayette, Suwannee and Hamilton do not need anymore rain," Wetherington said.

She indicated that the area would need to receive inches of rain at a time in order to reverse the trend of the river levels dropping, but she expressed concern for inland flooding.

"My concern for rain would be for more localized flooding. It would take a significant amount of rain to turn the rivers from receding to flooding again," Wetherington said.

White Springs interim town manager says thanks

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"As you all know, White Springs suffered some severe infrastructure damage, especially on three roads, First Street, Jewett Street and Kendrick Street, all three were washed out," said Heath. "The people at the end of First Street were unable to get in and out."

Heath said the county road department graciously came down to offer assistance so those residents could get back and forth to their homes.

"We really appreciate that," Heath said. "We hope that there is some way that FEMA, if we

are declared, that we can upgrade those roads with the drainage, because this is the second time these three roads have washed out. I'd really appreciate any help or advice that you can offer the town of White Springs."

Heath said she wanted to thank the county commission for everything they did during and after Tropical Storm Debby, as well as give a special thanks to commissioner Randy Ogburn for all he did to get the new library project off the ground and in the works.

"I want to thank Mr. Henry Land, your EMS

Director and his staff who kept me informed and helped me to make the right kind of decisions," said Heath.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Heath said, was very valuable to the town of White Springs after the storm, even offering to go into the woods to rescue people and take supplies to those who were stranded in floodwaters at the end of First Street.

"I want to thank County Coordinator Danny Johnson, who called me to offer assistance and give me advice. I really appreciate it," Heath said. "I feel

like Hamilton County and the three municipalities all work together as a family unit and I just wanted to come and express my appreciation for everything that you have done for me and the citizens of White Springs."

Commissioner Ogburn said, "We are here to assist you when we can."

Suspected drug money seized

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"Upon searching the vehicle we recovered \$10,000 in U.S. currency," said Cheshire. "It's all packaged in a fashion consistent with a lot of drug couriers."

Additionally, Cheshire stated, they found a misdemeanor amount of marijuana in the vehicle.

Reid said, "They actually did not make an arrest. They seized his money and gave him a receipt for it, and we notified him it was our intention to try to have this money forfeited because we believed it was drug trafficking money."

Cheshire said in 2009, the suspect was investi-

gated by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration for money laundering and he had prior arrests for trafficking in marijuana.

"So, we're going to turn the case over to the DEA for further investigation in helping us with the seizure and forfeiture," said Cheshire.

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are asking that steps be taken to determine the reason or cause for the high incidence of cancer in Hamilton County.

Current data compiled by the Florida Department of Health, Well-Florida Council, 2011, shows Hamilton County's cancer death rate was 29 percent out of all 10 leading causes of death for all races over

a three-year period from 2007-2009. The overall state statistics for that same time period was 25 percent. The top 10 causes of death that were used in the data gathering were cancer, heart disease, chronic lower respiratory disease, unintentional injuries, stroke, diabetes, influenza and pneumonia, suicide, Alzheimer's and septicemia.

This measure adopted by the county commissioners has been taken to ensure the health, safety and best interest of the citizens of Hamilton County. Clerk of Courts Greg Godwin is forwarding copies of the resolution to the above mentioned officials, and will be asking that written evidence of their findings be sent back to the county commissioners.

Saul Speights seeks school board seat

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April 3, 1963. I am a deacon at St. Luke Freewill Baptist Church in Lake Park, Ga. I have been married to Connie Spencer for 20 years. I have three children; one daughter, Keshia and son-in-law Phillip Shelton; two sons, Saul Jr., a junior at Valdosta State University, and Javon Speights, an honor student and senior at Hamilton County High School; and one grandson, Jordan Shelton. I'm a 24 year employee of PCS Phosphate in White Springs.

I am running for school board to help all of the students of Hamilton County. I will work diligently with all of the employees of the school system to better educate every student. I will also be visibly a part of many school functions.

Accomplishments: I served on the North Florida Planning Council, youth motivator for nine years which involved working with students who are con-

sidered potential high school drop outs; certified emergency medical technician; involved in getting Buddy Parker and Cypress Park back in service for the community; 1982 graduate of Hamilton County High School; Associate of Arts degree in Business at North Florida Junior College; a prior Hamilton County High School substitute teacher and a member of School Improvement Council.

School boards play a unique role in the success of a school district and provide a way for people in the community to have democratic input into local education decisions. An effective school board leader must understand the workings of the school district and have a strong commitment to advancing student outcomes. As a member of the community, working with youth in the community and being involved in Hamilton County schools as a parent, I have a working knowledge of both the

conditions and the challenges facing the district.

Finally, I am very active and committed to my district and to Hamilton County. I am truthful and equal to everyone. As your school board member, I will work for all the students and teachers and to serve you to the best of my ability. Vote and elect Saul Speights for school board, District 3. "A voice for the students and the teachers."

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Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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I'm sorry that there was no column for the last two weeks but, as we often say when we miss an appointment, "something came up". In this case something really did come up, and it was the Suwannee River. Since our Mayor was away at the time, enjoying a well-deserved vacation, it fell upon me to take a good look around town, and to check in with our town hall staff in case something "mayoral" needed to be done. The deadline for the column was long past due when I thought of it!

I've been through two other Suwannee floods but this one was the highest for me and this flood was unique on several fronts. The gage at the bridge on US 41 has been in operation and recording river levels since 1906 and this was the third highest flood in its recorded history at 85.23 feet above sea level. On another front, this flood broke all known records. The 32' rise in two days appears to be the fastest by far in the record, beating a 20' rise in 2 days in 1996. Early morning on the 26th the river was rising 2.4 feet per hour!

What caused the river to come up so high so fast? Well, according to the National Weather Service, the area of highest rainfall from Tropical Storm Debbie in Hamilton and Columbia counties exceeded the

500-year event. That means that much rain in a 24 hour period is only likely to occur on an average of once every 500 years. Debbie rainfall for the area ranged from 6" to 26". The average district rainfall for June was the highest of all Junes since 1932, and the highest of any month.

Our neighbors in Live Oak, Lake City and surrounding areas suffered more than we did from flooding. Hundreds of homes were flooded, businesses were closed and the property damages will probably run in the hundreds of millions of dollars. We will take care of our problems and deal with our losses, but it will be much harder for some areas, they may never be the same.

Floods are one of the things in life that we should be aware of, that we may or may not experience, depending on how lucky we are and where we live, that we may or may not survive, depending on how smart we are and how well prepared we are. It amazes me how some of us worry more about things that may or may not occur than we do about things that are certain to occur if we don't prevent them. This came to mind because at a recent gathering I saw some folks that I had not seen in a few years and almost didn't recognize them. It wasn't that old age had caught up to them, but inactivity, a lack of good habits, and perhaps a few bad habits certainly had taken their toll. Reflecting on this experience, I'll share with you that little voice in my head, or perhaps it's my wife in the other room, that

says "Get up! Get off the couch! Take a hike or ride a bike or take a swim or join the gym! Arm yourself with healthy food and exercise and life giving laughter and life extending good thoughts and deeds" It is never too late. As the folks at the shoe company say...Just Do It!

In that spirit a group comprised of John and Roberta Lacefield, Randy Madison and Melissa Russell, Dennis Price and myself put in the river at State Road 6 last weekend and did a four hour inspection trip of the river. It was moving along at a pretty good clip and I can assure you we wore our life vests, sun tan lotion and mosquito spray! I don't recommend this trip at high water for any but the most experienced canoeists and kayakers. We stayed well into the channel, away from the trees and were rewarded by not having to paddle near as hard as we do when the water is lower. There are almost no places to get out of the river at high water like this without being eaten alive by mosquitos so we made the trip straight through. It was a good trip to experience, but we were all pretty glad to end it too! 2677835-903633

The granddaughter of Doris Redic and the late Flozel Redic is in the news. Tyonna Mack, the daughter of Tyrone and Laquita Mack, formerly of White Springs, is competing in the Long Jump event at the National Hershey Track & Field Program in Hershey, Pennsylvania in early August. She has won a spot in the event by winning several regional competitions. Congratulations Tyonna! Keep up the good work and we bid you God's grace and speed! The Hershey track and field program introduces children between the ages of 9 and 14 to physical fitness through basic track and field events, encouraging them to be the best they possibly can be. It has become the largest youth sports program of its kind in North America. Over 400,000 children participate in the program yearly, representing over 3,000 communities across the United States and Canada. Are we doing this in Hamilton County? Somebody let me know.

So, I hope that you survived the flood with little damage, and if Debby did dump some misery on you, that you are now on the road to recovery and that soon we will see you out and about in White Springs, enjoying and contributing. I would love to hear from you!

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POLICE CHIEF MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE

Wow, what a month June was. For those of you that read my report, you may have noticed that I started last month's report with the same beginning statement about May. That being said, I could not come up with a better way to start it.

June was rough, no doubt. I hope by now most of you are in the recovering mode and I am happy to say we suffered no serious injuries or deaths. We did have some tense moments and put in some long hours, but other than that we came through pretty good.

A lot of this was due to the quick and responsible actions of your local government. From the state Hurricane Center who kept us with updated information, to the County Sheriff's Office, E.O.C. and Commissioner Randy Ogburn, right down to the White Springs Town Council and staff. Everyone was pulling together and putting in long hours to provide for the needs of the people.

While on that note, I want to send out a special thanks to Councilman Richard Marshall. Richard was right there with us in the rain blocking off roads, trying to

evacuate people and then providing aid to those that were stranded. It has really been a blessing for me to get to know him.

Before I close I want to take this opportunity to remind each of you that we are all ultimately responsible for ourselves. If you discovered weaknesses in your emergency plan, such as not enough food and water set aside or a proper

evacuation plan, now is the time to correct it.

Also be mindful of your neighbors. If you have a disabled or elderly neighbor get with them and come up with a plan to take them in or help them get to a shelter or family member where they can be properly cared for. There is no doubt that we went through a bad time, but trust me when I say it could have been a whole

lot worse. Plan for it now.

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

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



Hamilton County
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It's time for voters to get ready for the upcoming Primary Election, August 14, 2012 and the General Election November 6, 2012. Book closing for the Primary is Monday July 16th and then EARLY VOTING begins Saturday, August 4th in the SOE office. In addition to voting on election day or voting early, all voters have the option of requesting a Vote-by-mail(Absentee) ballot. Just call this office today. 792-1426.

Early Voting starts-Aug. 4, 2012 8:30am-5:00 thru Aug. 11th

Absentee Call today 792-1426

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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.

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OPINION

Difficult economics lessons

One of the more difficult lessons to teach economics neophytes -- and, many times, trained economists -- is that economic theory cannot say anything definitive about subjective statements, such as what's better, good, bad or worse. Let's try a few examples to make the point.

Cabernet sauvignon wine is better than fume blanc. Turkey is better than pork. Matter in the solid state is better than the plasma state. Each of those statements begs the question: Where's the proof? With subjective statements such as those, disagreements can go on forever. It's simply a matter of personal opinion. One person's opinion of what's better or worse is just as good as another's.

Contrast those statements with objective ones, such as: Water is 2 parts hydrogen and 1 part oxygen. Scientists cannot split the atom. The distance in degrees from the equator to the North Pole is 90. With positive statements such as those, if there's any disagreement, there are facts to which one can appeal to settle the disagreement. For ex-



A MINORITY VIEW

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ample, if one person says scientists can split the atom and another says they cannot, a trip to Stanford's linear accelerator to watch atoms being split settles the matter. However, if you say fume blanc is better than cabernet sauvignon and I say cabernet sauvignon is better, our disagreement can go on forever because there are no facts or figures to which we can appeal.

A useful clue as to whether a statement is subjective is the use of words such as should, ought, better and worse. I tell my students that though it's important for thinking properly to know whether a statement is subjective or not, by no means do I suggest they purge their vocabulary of subjective statements. Subjective statements are very useful in fooling others into doing something you want them to do; however, in the process of fooling others, one need not fool himself. For example, President Barack Obama said that college is "an economic imperative that every family in America should be able to afford." There's absolutely no evidence to support such a claim, but it's a good way to trick others into paying for someone else's education.

How about the statement that people should not engage in race or sex discrimination? Whatever the emotional worth of such a statement, it's a value judgment, with no facts or evidence to back it

up, plus interpreted literally, it's nonsense. Think about it. Discrimination is simply the act of choice. Whenever we choose, we discriminate. When we choose one person for a mate, we discriminate most of the time by race and sex. Would we want a society in which there are penalties for such discrimination?

I've had students argue that discrimination by race and sex in marriage is trivial and of little consequence but that there should be equal opportunity in employment. But what is equal opportunity, and how could you tell whether it existed? I've asked students whether upon college completion they will give every employer an equal opportunity to hire them. Most often, with a puzzled look on their faces, they answer no. Then I ask, "If you are not going to give every employer an equal opportunity to hire you, why should employers be forced to give you an equal opportunity to be hired?"

When the class discussion turns to the law of demand, sometimes the term "need" arises. A student might say a car, a cellphone and running water are essential needs. My response is that cars, cellphones and running water can't be essential needs, because people have managed to do without those items for a longer period than they've done with them. There's nothing that people cannot do without, but the consequences might not be very pleasant.

Some might say, "Williams, this thinking of yours is not very compassionate!" That's right. I believe that being compassionate toward one's fellow man requires dispassionate thinking and analysis. In other words, we need to think with our brains, not with our hearts.

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Red snapper season closes July 17 in Gulf state, federal waters

The 2012 Gulf of Mexico red snapper recreational harvest season will close July 17 in state and federal waters; the last day of harvest is July 16. More information about red snapper fishing is available online at MyFWC.com/Fishing (click on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and then "Gulf Red Snapper").

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

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

LISTED ITEMS

- 1) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - UNAGENDAED APPEARANCES (*)
- 2) CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL
- 3) FLORIDA LEADERS ORGANIZED FOR WATER (FLOW)
- 4) PCS PHOSPHATE WHITE SPRINGS - FIVE YEAR REVIEW
- 5) APPROVE BILLS
- 6) CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 7) ADJOURN

TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

- 6:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER - INVOCATION - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
- 6:05 P.M. - 2010 CDBG PROGRAM
- 6:10 P.M. - COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS - STATUS REPORT
- 6:15 P.M. - FLORIDA GATEWAY RESORT - MILLING OF SE 113RD BLVD
- 6:20 P.M. - LAND USE AND SHIP PROGRAM - UPDATES AND REQUESTS
- 6:25 P.M. - 2ND (FINAL) PUBLIC HEARING - LDR 11-1 - CEMETERY REGULATIONS - PLANNING & ZONING BOARD
- 6:30 P.M. - INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT - HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD - USE OF BUILDING 10 AT COURTHOUSE ANNEX (F/K/A HAMILTON CO HIGH SCHOOL) FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER
- 6:25 P.M. - 2011 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT AND 2012 ESTIMATES - PCS PHOSPHATE WHITE SPRINGS

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, JULY 11, 2012 FROM THE OFFICE OF CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, COURTHOUSE, JASPER, FLORIDA.

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

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

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

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD: TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012 AT 9:00 A.M.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CONSENT AGENDA

July 17, 2012

- 1) MINUTES - APPROVE:
 - A) July 3, 2012 - Regular Meeting
- 2) DEPARTMENT HEAD - ACTION ITEMS:
- 3) DEPARTMENT HEAD - INFORMATION ITEMS:

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NOTICE
Bible Baptist Church
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SPECIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION
The City of Jasper will hold a special budget work session on Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.
The work session will be held at City Hall, 208 W. Hatley Street, Jasper, FL.
All interested parties are encourage to attend.
SPECIAL WORKSHOP
The City of Jasper will hold a special workshop on Thursday, July 26, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss a proposed personnel manual.
The workshop will be held at City Hall, 208 W. Hatley Street, Jasper, FL.
All interested citizens are invited to attend

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Wedding announcements

Giddens and Cone to marry Nov. 3



Gary Dustin Cone and Lydia Elizabeth Giddens

Genese Conine and Dennis Giddens of Lakeland announce the engagement of their daughter, Lydia Elizabeth Giddens of Lake Park to Gary Dustin Cone of Lake Park. He is the son of Gary and Sylvia Cone of Jennings, Fla.

The future bride is a graduate of Lanier County High School in Lakeland and Valdosta State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Broadcast Journalism. She is employed by Farmers and Merchants Bank in Lakeland.

Her maternal grandparents are the late Chester and Ruth Conine of Lakeland. Her

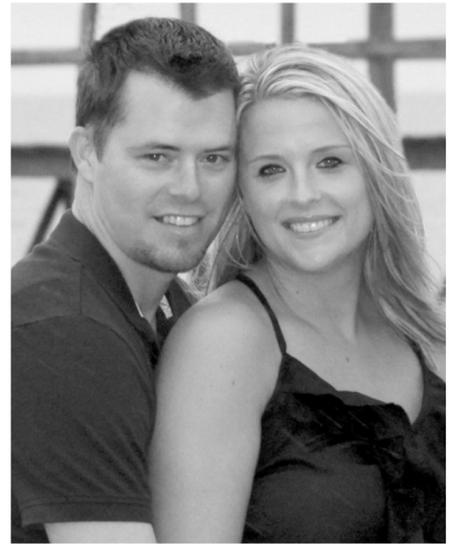
paternal grandparents are Oleta Giddens and the late Clarence Giddens also of Lakeland.

The future groom is a graduate of Hamilton County High School in Jasper, Fla. He is self-employed at Cone Farms, Inc. in Jennings, Fla.

His maternal grandparents are James and Marian Deas of Jennings, Fla. His paternal grandparents are Henry Cone and the late Cassie Cone of Valdosta.

The wedding is planned for 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012 at the Ford Farm in Lakeland, Ga.

All family and friends are invited to attend.



Lee Black and Kary Waters

Waters and Black to marry Nov. 17

Kelly Waters, of Live Oak, Fla., and Randy Waters, of Mayo, Fla., would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kary Waters, to Lee Black, son of James and Marolyn Black of Live Oak.

Kary Waters is a graduate of Lafayette High School and Florida State University and is currently employed at Taylor County High School. Her maternal grandparents are Gary and Shirley Heath of White Springs.

Lee Black is a graduate of Suwannee High School and is currently employed at Suwannee Correctional Institution. His maternal grandparents are Mary-Elizabeth Brock and the late Charles Brock, of Mayo, Fla. and his paternal grandparents are Austin and Ada Black of Live Oak, Fla.

The ceremony will take place Nov. 17, 2012 at 4 p.m. at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park in White Springs. A reception will follow.

Local invitations will not be sent. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Calling all artists for Autumn Artfest 2012

Submitted by Marilyn Jones, Autumn Artfest Publicity Chair

The Live Oak Artists Guild, in partnership with the Suwannee River Regional Library, will be presenting their annual fine arts exhibition Sept. 10-21, 2012. All artists, age 18 or older, are eligible and invited to submit an application.

Applications, and with an entry fee of \$25 for members or \$35 for

non-members, must be submitted by Aug. 21, 2012. A photo or digital image must be submitted with the application. Applications are available at the following locations: The Frame Shop & Gallery, Rainbow's End, and the Suwannee River Regional Library. Or, artists may download/print the application from our website: LiveOakArtists-Guild.org. If you have any ques-

tions, please contact Suzanne Marcil at 386-362-7308.

Autumn Artfest 2012 awards will be determined by the entries and donations received. A minimum of \$3,000 will be awarded. Artwork selected for these awards will be exhibited at a special "Featured Exhibition" at the Suwannee River Regional Library, from Sept. 22, 2012 until Oct. 5, 2012.

Healthy Living

-Beth Harris, CSCS, HFS, LWMC
www.jayeelizabethharris.com

The silent killer

By Beth Harris

When I think of 'the silent killer', I think of Jason crawling silently from under a bed towards his next unsuspecting victim. Or a thousand snakes on a plane coiled, lying in wait to crush the life out of unassuming prey. But no, The Silent Killer is nothing exciting or out of the ordinary. Nothing to highlight on 48 hours on a Saturday night. Nope, The Silent Killer is nothing more than high blood pressure (HBP). That's right folks. Nearly 1 in 3 adults in the U.S. (that's about 68 million), suffer from HBP. It's so common we've all become desensitized to the perils that await its victims: increased risk for heart disease, stroke, congestive heart failure, renal failure, kidney disease-AND-is the leading cause of death in the United States.

HBP is coined the silent killer because it often has no warning signs or symptoms, most people don't even realize they have it. Blood pressure is simply systolic pressure over diastolic pressure. Systolic pressure is the heart pressure of the heart during contraction, and diastolic pressure is during relaxation heart with normal readings lying under 120/80 mmHg, with high readings above 140/90 mmHg. Seventy percent of first time stroke victims, 69 percent of first time heart attack victims, and 74 percent of first time congestive heart failure victims all have blood pressure above 140/90 mmHg.

High blood pressure may not be as glamorous as the prom night killer, but it's just as scary. Unlike those screaming coeds who seem to run right into the hands of the knife wielding psy-

chos, there is hope for those of you trapped in the clutches of HBP.

When HBP is diagnosed the first approach is usually the prescription of dietary changes resulting in reduced sodium consumption. In three to six months if BP remains high then a diuretic is typically prescribed to reduce fluid volume. Talk to your doctor. Depending on your current situation your Doctor can help you develop a plan to address your blood pressure levels. For right now little changes can help ensure you don't join the 1 in 3 Americans who currently suffer from HBP.

Eat plenty of fresh fruits and veges loaded with potassium and fiber. Try to consume foods low in saturated fat and cholesterol. Avoid Sodium, processed foods contain about 77 percent of



American total sodium intake-this includes fast food AND restaurant foods. Maintain a healthy bodyweight; being overweight can raise your blood pressure. Finally, as always, be physically active at least 30 minutes per day on most days of the week-especially cardiovascular exercise. Exercise is the BEST medicine.

They say a good scare's good for the soul. Let's leave the dramatics to Hollywood and ensure our health for a lifetime. Know the importance of a healthy circulatory system. Blood pressure does matter; try your best to stay on top of it! If you don't... "The next scream you hear may be your own." -The Birds, 1963

FWC lifts restrictions on Zone 4 of Suwannee River

When Suwannee River floodwaters at Wilcox fell below 9 feet Sunday, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) deactivated boating restrictions in Zone 4.

Zone 4 is the section from the County Road 340 Bridge at Rock Bluff to one mile below the Fowler Bluff boat ramp. This 51-mile segment falls under the boating restrictions as long as the Suwannee is at 9 feet or more at the Wilcox gauge, where flood stage is 11 feet.

The FWC activated restrictions in this zone July 4.

"We verified with the Suwannee River Water Management District that the water level has fallen below the required 9 feet at Wilcox," said Capt. Martin Redmond, area supervisor at the FWC's Lake City office.

"Even though the restrictions have been lifted on this zone, we highly recommend people avoid boating on the Suwannee and Santa Fe rivers until normal conditions and water levels return. There are many navigational hazards along the rivers at this time," Redmond said.

Dangers include floating debris, submerged navigational hazards and extremely strong currents on these rivers. There is also the potential for public safety issues and the increased possibility of property damage from vessel wakes, the captain explained.

"FWC officers are patrolling the rivers and continuing to assist local communities to help people dealing with the aftermath of Tropical Storm Debby," Redmond said.

Zone 5 on the Santa Fe River remains an idle-speed, no-wake zone. It was activated June 29.

FWC officers are still enforcing that zone. This zone is a 32-mile segment from River Rise in O'Leno State Park west to the confluence of the Suwannee River. It was activated when the Santa Fe River reached 17 feet on the Three Rivers gauge, where flood stage is 19 feet. That zone remains in effect.

An idle-speed, no-wake restriction means a vessel must proceed at a speed no greater than what is required to maintain steerage and headway in that river zone. At no time is any vessel required to proceed so slowly that the operator is unable to control it or anything it may be towing.

The Suwannee and Santa Fe rivers are divided into five flood zones. The other three zones are:

- **Zone 1** is from the U.S. 90 Bridge at Ellaville south to the State Road 51 Bridge at Luraville. This 39-mile segment becomes an idle-speed, no-wake zone when the Suwannee River is at 47 feet or more, as indicated on the Ellaville gauge, where flood stage is 54 feet.

- **Zone 2** stretches from the S.R. 51 Bridge at Luraville to Little River Spring. This 18-mile segment becomes an idle-speed, no-wake zone when the Suwannee River is at 26 feet or more at the Bradford gauge, where flood stage is 29 feet.

- **Zone 3** runs from Little River Spring to the County Road 340 Bridge at Rock Bluff. This 23-mile segment is an idle-speed, no-wake zone as long as the Suwannee River is at 24 feet or more at the Bradford gauge.

To obtain real-time river level information, visit www.mysuwanneeriver.com.

WHAT A GOURD!

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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George and Shawn Burke of Jennings grew this gigantic banana squash that weighed in at

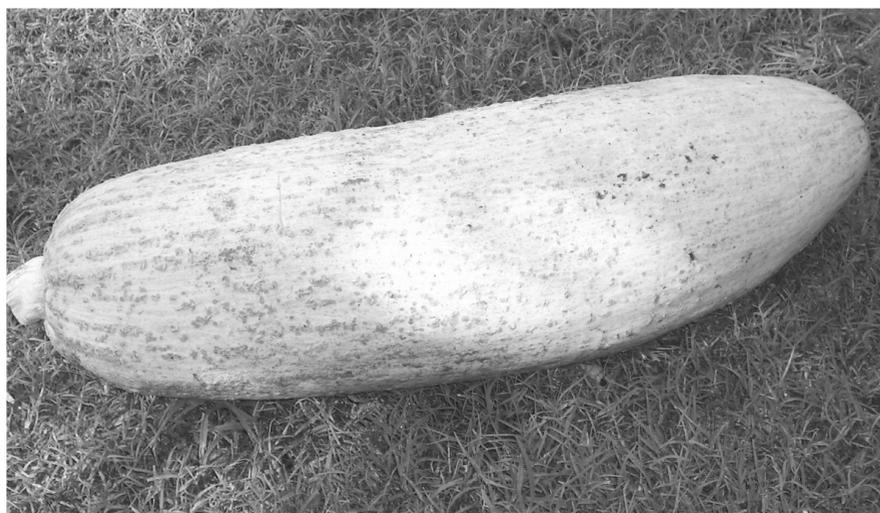
about 20 pounds when they clipped it from the vine recently, according to Dorris Burke.

"We gathered 15 squash," she said. "They are so nutritional that a person can make baby

food from them."

All the squash they picked, she said, ranged from 10 to 23 pounds.

"They're so delicious," she added.



Courtesy photo: Banana squash

2011-12 Honor Roll 4th Nine Weeks

Westwood Christian School

<p>Elementary 2nd Grade</p> <p>A Emma Rae Byers Lillian Cunningham Kaylin Lee Ali McMillan Dillon Norris Natalie Robinson Kenzie Wilson</p> <p>B Jon'Naisha Brown Savannah Hagan Brent Howard Jeremy Kramer Aaron Lawhon Sydney Morgan Foster Swain</p> <p>3rd Grade</p> <p>A Rachel Armstrong Lindsey Martin Justin Wilson</p> <p>B Madison Allbritton Seth Metts Logan Glover Brian Selph Hanna Stout</p>	<p>4th Grade</p> <p>A Hunter Allbritton Hannah Gamble Joseph Mickler Chullain Norris Todd Odom</p> <p>B Andrew Bozeman Kelli Corbett Brent Cribbs Taylor Galloway Makenzie Greaves Blake Howard Hayden Law Will Spradley Brandon Stephens Braxton Thomas Joseph Townsend</p> <p>5th grade</p> <p>A Destiny Fennell Mallory Fernald Christian Fletcher Ronnie Layton Peyton Musgrove Shayla Smith Sarah Swindell Joshua Wharton Breanna Fernald</p>	<p>B Madison Crain Jacob Morgan J.P. O'Donnell Kara Rogers</p> <p>Hamilton County students</p> <p>A Joseph Mickler</p> <p>6th Grade</p> <p>A Natalie Allbritton Hunter Hawthorne Kaleb Lane Stephanie Lawrence Zoey Layton Jenifer Phelps Julia Robinson Cara Seaman Shelby Smith John Stout Jarrett Wilson</p> <p>B Joshua Selph Katy Shattler</p> <p>7th Grade</p> <p>A Nathan Barker</p>	<p>Elizabeth Goolsby Miranda Hill Abby Mickler Colt Seaman Lauren Thompson Matthew Tucker</p> <p>B Will Bozeman David Lashley Hannah O'Donnell Brooke Townsend Elizabeth Young Logan Zimmerman</p> <p>8th Grade</p> <p>A Rachel McCoy Ryan McCoy Kayla Wilson</p> <p>B Chase Hawthorne Sean Price Christopher Russell</p> <p>Hamilton County students</p> <p>A Elizabeth Goolsby Abby Mickler</p>
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HEART MATTERS 'Am I my brother's keeper?'

"Am I my brother's keeper?" A familiar quote to many, and one that we either say aloud or at least think from time to time when we are expected to be responsible for another person. Still, it is a strange comment when we remember that these words originated from the mouth of the world's first murderer. (see Genesis 4:1-10) Killing someone is not the way to avoid taking responsibility for them... in fact, it does just the opposite. Cain was the first of many who found out the hard way!



We don't have to go as far as murder to realize that sin always causes us to blur the lines of responsibility in relationships. Jesus addressed this issue of responsibility to others in Matthew 5:21-24: "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment. But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment...therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

has something against you", we are to go to him and attempt reconciliation. That shoots holes in our theory that if someone has a problem with me, it is their responsibility to fix it! Certain of this, we ignore our spouses "coolness" toward us or the fact that a friend or family member is avoiding us, convincing ourselves we have done nothing wrong. But listen...this ministry of reconciliation is so important to God, He wants us to tend to this even before we show up to worship! If we took this instruction seriously, what impact would it have on our marriages? Friendships? Family relationships? Work relationships? God is calling us to take responsibility to help heal broken relationships no matter which side we are on...because our hearts really do matter!

Blessings, Angie

At first glance, the beginning of this scripture seems to easily apply to the reader...revealing that God equates certain anger to murder. The anger this verse speaks of is unresolved anger, better known as unforgiveness. This subjects us to the consequences of choosing not to forgive such as bitterness, rage and malice. Then there is a twist in the application...verse 23 tells us that when we go to offer our gift at the altar and "there remember that your brother

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

WS receives new fire fighting vehicle

Polaris Ranger will be able to go places other vehicles can't

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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The White Springs Volunteer Fire Department received a grant from Fire House Subs in the amount of \$23,491 for a Polaris Ranger 6x6 in April. The unit, which just recently arrived, is equipped with a RKO Fire Rescue Slip In Unit and it has a 95 gallon water tank, along with a 5 gallon foam cell with a 9HP Briggs Pump and a stokes basket to rescue civilians from areas where normal vehicles cannot access.

"The new Polaris will be used at special events around town to assist Florida Forest Service and other agencies," said White Springs Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Green.

To be eligible for the grant you have to be located within 30 miles of a Fire House Subs restaurant, Green said, and the average awarded grant amount is between \$10,000 - \$20,000.

The WSVFD received the en-



PSN Here is a stock photo of the WSVFD new Polaris.

tire \$23,491.

Green said, "It is in the shop having equipment installed."

White Springs Fire Chief Steve Stith stated in the grant application that the Polaris would greatly enhance their ability to gain access to strand-

ed civilians with medical emergencies, as well as help in gaining access to wildland fires.

Previously, the town had to borrow this type of equipment when the need arose during medical emergencies and special events.



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HISTORY

- 1863: DRAFT RIOTS PROTESTING AGAINST CONSCRIPTION FOR THE CIVIL WAR BEGIN IN NYC.
- 1973: THE "NIXON TAPES" ARE REVEALED TO THE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE WATERGATE BREAK-IN.
- 1977: A NEARLY DAYLONG BLACKOUT HITS NEW YORK CITY, RESULTING IN WIDESPREAD RIOTING AND LOOTING.

New word

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How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Talk
- SPANISH:** Hablar
- ITALIAN:** Parlare
- FRENCH:** Parler
- GERMAN:** Gespräch

Did you know?

DO NOT GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION ON A CELL PHONE YOU CAN BE OVERHEARD OR THE SIGNAL CAN BE INTERCEPTED.



ARREST RECORD

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

The following abbreviations are used below:

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

Department
 JNPD - Jennings Police Department
 OALE - Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement
 P&P - Probation and Parole
 SCSO - Suwannee County Sheriff's Office
 WSPD - White Springs Police Department
 July 2, Daphedron Lamar Allen, 32, 1310 Hatley Street, Jasper, Fla., criminal mischief: Curry
 July 2, Terrell Rashod Johnson, 24, 116 SW 6th St., Jasper, Fla., VOP: P&P-Bristol
 July 2, John Edwin Caudle, 49, 1643 SW 41st, Topeka, Ks, hold for security transport: Gaines
 July 2, William Terrell Parker, 18, 1643 SW 41st Street, Topeka, Ks, hold for security transport service: Gaines
 July 2, Maurice Alexander Kirk, 34, 1643 SW 41st Street, Topeka, Ks, hold for security transport service: Gaines

July 2, Hersehll Lambert Scott, 32, 5901 Graphite Drive, Killeen, Texas, DWLS: FHP-Creech
 July 2, Stanley B. McCloud Jr., 32, 1310 NW Hatley Street, Jasper, Fla., warrant write of bodily attachment, FTA DWLS: HCSO-Murphy
 July 2, Jeremy Jovan Randolph, 22, 3037 NW 22nd Blvd, Jennings, Fla., FTA poss less than 20 grams: HCSO-T. Murphy
 July 2, Maurice Lenardo Taylor, 48, 1077 NW Trail, Jasper, Fla, warrant fleeing and eluding, DWLS, resisting w/o violence: HCSO-Murphy
 July 3, Rebecca L. Todd, 31, DWLS: HCSO-Murphy
 July 3, Zed Donald Washington, 27, 3523 NW 103rd Place, Jasper, Fla., in for court
 July 3, Robert Allen Mullens, 47, 187 NW Layton Way, Lake City, Fla., VOP (DUI 3rd or more): HCSO-C. Harden
 July 4, Leonardo Vasquez, 34, 7003 NW

22nd Drive, Jennings, Fla., RWOV, NVDL: HCSO-Murphy
 July 5, Andrew Bloom, 79, 6849 31st Circle, Jennings, Fla., 812.014.2a3b (1) count, 810.02.4a (5) counts: HCSO-D. Ehlert
 July 5, Kenneth Cedric Locke, 44, 1117 Ben Bates, Jennings, Fla., burglary: JEPD-Santous
 July 6, Samantha Leigh Lewis, 30, 5485 SR 6 W, Jasper, Fla., no valid D.L.: HCSO-Murphy
 July 6, Charles Billington Jr., 47, 11061 NW 38th Apt., Jasper, Fla., Leon County warrant child support, Jefferson County warrant child support: JAPD-Rickerson
 July 8, Bart Wesley Harvey, 45, 516 SE 2nd Ave., Jasper, Fla., VOP (Resist w/o violence) HCSO-W. Curry
 July 8, Elizabeth Contreras, 19, 3420 Lindsey St., Dover, Florida, introduction of contraband onto state prison, poss. of cannabis under 20 grams, poss. of drug paraphernalia: DOC

Jasper Legals

PUBLIC AUCTION

Location: Dennis Garage
 8109 CR 146 NW
 Jennings, FL 32053
 Date: 07-27-12
 Time: 8:00A.M.
 2001 Ford
 Vin# 1FBSS31L31HA53974
 2001 WABA
 Vin# 1JUV532W01L765243
 1998 International
 Vin# 2HSFBAER5WC068630
 Date: 07-31-12
 Time: 8:00A.M.
 2008 Nissan
 Vin# 1N4AL21E08N480966
 Date: 08-07-12
 Time: 8:00A.M.
 1999 Chevy
 Vin# 1GNK13R9XR149004
 2000 Ford
 Vin# 1FTRX18L9YNA92375
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DENZEL DOCKERY the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year(s) of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

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.

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Front Door of the Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2012.

Pursuant to Chapter 197.542(2), Florida Statutes, the highest bidder is required to post a non-refundable cash deposit of \$200 with the Clerk of Court at the time of the sale, to be applied to the sale price at the time of full payment. The Clerk may require bidders to show their willingness and ability to post the cost deposit.

/s/ Kristy Morgan
 Greg Godwin
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CERTIFICATE NO.:
 569 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
NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
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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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Free Health Screenings!

Are you Elderly or Disabled and on Medicare?
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 on Friday, July 20th from 9am to 1pm at the JRE Lee Complex (Old Middle School)
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SHINE the Light on Health Care will have health care providers there to speak to you about their services. This includes Mental Health Care, Hospital, Home Health Care, Durable Medical Equipment,

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 See the Suwannee River Economic Council table.
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 For more information, contact your Hamilton County Health Dept at (386) 792-1414.
 Sponsored by SHINE and the Hamilton County HealthCare Strategic Planning Committee.

Mosquitoes usher in summer with a sting

The Florida Department of Health reminds Floridians and visitors to take simple preventive measures to protect against contracting mosquito-borne illnesses. The mosquito population grows in the summer which coincides with the time of year many residents and visitors are outdoors enjoying Florida's natural landscape. Floridians can take simple steps to combat mosquitoes and prevent mosquito-borne illness.
 "Mosquito populations are likely to increase after recent rains," said State Public Health Veterinarian Dr. Carina Blackmore. "It's important that Floridians and visitors are informed that the risk of mosquito-borne disease is minimized by implementing precautions."
 DOH encourages three basic precautions to help limit mosquito bites and exposure to mosquito-

borne illness:
 * Drain any standing water to stop mosquitoes from multiplying.
 * Cover skin with clothing or repellent.
 * Cover doors and windows with screens to keep mosquitoes out of your residence.
 If outdoors at dusk or dawn, be cautious as mosquitoes are most active during these times.
 Floridians who are traveling internationally need to remember to use mosquito repellent to avoid mosquito bites, as communicable diseases often return to the United States after traveling abroad. DOH continues to conduct statewide surveillance for mosquito-borne illnesses, including West Nile virus, Eastern equine encephalitis virus, St. Louis encephalitis virus, malaria and dengue.
 Symptoms of mosquito-borne illnesses may include headache, fever, fatigue, dizziness, weak-

ness and confusion. It can take two to 14 days to become sick after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Anyone sus-

pecting they are sick should contact their physician immediately.
 For more information, please call 850-245-4444.

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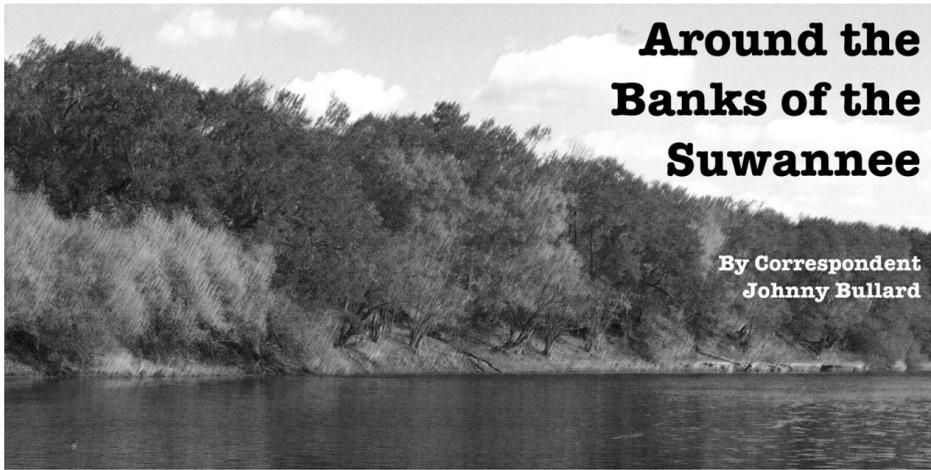
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Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent Johnny Bullard

Recently, as I strolled through one of our area's major grocery stores, I overheard three major topics of conversation several times within about a half hour. First, the flood, and inquiries as to how folks were getting along. Second, the heat, no surprise there. "Tis the Season", and, third, mosquitoes and how bad they are. "And, have you seen the size of some of these mosquitoes?", questioned one lady with an accent that told me after the first couple of words that she was not from "around here". Bless her heart.

These topics of conversation made me think about our own, and I extol it a great deal from my heart

"Beloved"--Suwannee River Valley. Yes, we live in a wonderful place, blessed with natural beauty, wonderful folks, good food and I could go on and on. But no matter where one lives, or where one's heart may be, no matter how wonderful, does have some "bumps and warts". One of the creatures in our area that causes some of those bumps is the mosquito.

When I was a child growing up in sleepy White Springs, Florida, nestled on the banks of the historic Suwannee River, immortalized by Stephen C. Foster, who, according to lore and, I am told historic documentation, never came near the banks of the Suwannee nor saw its dark stream, we had several summer time

happenings that were near and dear to us and as some of the old folks often expressed as "regular as rain".

First, the opening of the sulphur springs after which the town was named. This opening actually took place in the spring, when the owner would have teen aged boys take brooms and brushes and clean the springs and the spring house from top to bottom and get it ready for business. The spring house was the center of social life for those of us who grew up in White Springs, Florida. The springs put out some 32,500 gallons of cold sulphur and other mineral enriched water into the Suwannee each day, and we swam in those waters and enjoyed

those waters for about four and a half to five months out of the year.

Second, was the beginning of the flue cured tobacco season. I won't go into this in detail. Those of my generation and a little older know all about tobacco season and all that it entailed. From sowing the seeds early in the year to selling the last leaf of the crop in late summer and cleaning out the pack houses and getting ready for another season. For decades, school clothes were purchased, and the economy of this area was fueled primarily by flue cured tobacco. Like the springs in White Springs, which are now essentially dead for whatever reason, the days of flue cured tobacco reigning supreme as the founda-

tion for our economy in north Florida is a thing of the past. Now it's governmental services. If you were to pull all jobs unrelated to city, county, state, or federal government out of our area, we'd be in bad shape. Not a lot of private industry or business fueling the economy here. That's not a criticism nor an aspersion, it's just the truth.

Third, and this summer happening in White Springs is still "going on" full force, the "cranking up" of the mosquito fogger. As children, we could hear it when they cranked it up down and Town Hall. It had a distinctive sound, and you knew that the mosquito sprayer was on its way. It was placed on the back of a truck and it emitted a big fog of mosquito spray all over the town of White Springs. I don't know how much poison was in that spray. I think there was a lot of kerosene. As children, when we heard that mosquito sprayer crank up it was exciting. Remember now small town, population, about 750, not a lot of excitement.

As children we played out on the sidewalks or on the dirt streets until the darkness began to fall.

Everyone knew everyone else, as their parents and grandparents had and many were related. When the mosquito sprayer rounded the corner of Mill Street where my Grandma Bullard lived, we were behind it running, riding bicycles, screaming, yelling, and breathing in all that noxious spray we could. Some little mosquito had his or her life saved because of the amount of fog that went in our lungs. And, in my case, it killed a good number of brain cells. Of that I am certain. As stated often here "I don't have much sense, but I have sense enough to know I don't have much."

Oh, well, good memories. As much as things change in our area there are things that remain constant, thank God. Floods don't occur on a regular basis, but in our area of the state, we can still fully expect some "constants" during each summer season - rain, heat, and mosquitoes and, for me, at least, at elicits some wonderful summer time memories.

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



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This column is being written early on the morning of Wednesday, July 4, 2012. We are reminded of how blessed we are to be living in the United States of America, and for those who helped in more ways than one, especially those who fought and died that we might enjoy this freedom.

As I have told you before I am blessed to be able to receive a daily newspaper, thanks to a friend, and on Tuesday morning the first thing I saw was a story of a lady who had received (in Jacksonville) an unusual flag with gold stars that had covered the coffin of her brother who had died in WWII, this is such a special story, and was to me, as it was about a young man who had died, serving with the 1st Marine Division in WWII (which was the unit in which my husband, Wade had served), and this young man had been killed in a battle we had heard Wade speak of in a story written by Judy Small in the Jasper News, only the week before Wade's death. I talked with the columnist who wrote the article, he talked with the sister who had received the flag, she called me and we had an interesting conversation and plan to talk again, she had received many calls from friends in Jacksonville. She related to me that she had been to Jasper several times with Doris Kelly to DAR meetings, this name sounded familiar to me, then I talked

with Sally Sapp and she reminded me of Doris' relationship in Jasper, Odessa Wood Smith and Vonnie Wood, and I plan to call Vonnie and talk with her. I hope you will understand my desire to share this with you, so many of you will also remember this family, I know it is a coincidence but isn't that what life is all about, reminding us of family and friends. Although this young man who gave his life FOR US, can be remembered at this very special time, the 4th of July of this year will be behind us when you read this, but let us never forget those who fought and died for us (and are still doing so).

On a lighter and happier note, the ladies of First Baptist Church, Jasper, honored Amber Cribbs at a bridal shower in the Fellowship Hall of the church last week. The Hall was beautifully decorated and delicious refreshments were served. Kalinda Hughes had made the arrangements for the occasion.

Special guests included Terri Cribbs, mother of Amber and Amber's grandmother Juanita Adams and Lee Ann Norman mother of the groom to be; Mary Lou Wyers, grandmother, and Laressa Wyers.

The wedding and reception will be at First Baptist Church, Jasper, on Saturday, July 7 at 2 p.m., all family and friends are invited to attend.

By the time you read this, it is my hope that you will have had a safe and exciting Fourth of July!!