

# The Jasper News

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## A squealing event



The 2012 Hamilton County Fair started just after 1 p.m. in the rodeo arena in Jasper on Thursday, Oct. 4 with the Swine Show. Local students from 4-H and FFA worked hard to present the best hog in the show. See more photos, page 7A. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

## Erich Marzolf will serve as SRWMD's division director for water resources

Dr. Erich Marzolf joined the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) as the new director for the water resources division on Oct. 8. In this capacity he will oversee water resource evaluations including water quality in springs, rivers, and lakes; monitoring/data acquisition; and data management and analysis operations.

Marzolf has nearly 30 years of experience in the field of environmental sciences. Prior to employment with the District, he served at the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) since 1994 in various environmental scientist and supervisory positions. During this time, his focus was on hydrologic and nutrient restoration for lakes,



Erich Marzolf

rivers, springs, and wetlands. A key accomplishment at SJRWMD was his management of a 760 acre treatment wetland designed to remove phosphorus from Lake Apopka.

Marzolf obtained his M.S. and Ph.D. in aquatic ecology from the University of California Davis. He earned his B.A. in biology from the Colorado College.

"The Suwannee District has long been a place for my family's fishing, paddling, and

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# County being sued for negligence and breach of contract



The newly built senior citizens center in Jasper. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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Attorney John McCormick advised the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners at their Oct. 2 meeting that Hamilton County is being sued for over \$75,000 for negligence and breach of contract by plaintiff's Stonington Insurance Company as subrogator of Suwannee River Economic Council in connection with the Dec. 2010 fire at the old

senior citizens center in Jasper.

Stonington out of Plano, Texas was the insurance company for Suwannee River Economic Council at the time of the fire. Stonington filed a complaint in the third judicial circuit court against Hamilton County who was served the papers in September.

The general allegations in the lawsuit state that Hamilton County owned the building and rented

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## Goolsby family named Farm Family of the Year



Clay Goolsby accepts the Outstanding Farm Family of the Year award from Greg Hicks and the county commissioners. (L-R) Greg Hicks, Clay Goolsby, Commissioners Harry "Buster" Oxendine, Ronny Morgan, Lewis Vaughn and Josh Smith. -Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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During a meeting of the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, Oct. 2., Greg Hicks, director of the Hamilton County Extension Office announced that Clay and Gretchen Goolsby were chosen as 2012 Farm Family of the Year. Hicks explained that the extension office is part of the University of Florida and works in conjunction with county governments.

"Since 1977, the Hamilton County Extension Office Agricultural Advisory Committee has selected an outstanding farm family of the year," said Hicks. "This year's farm family is the Clay Goolsby family."

The Goolsby family, Hicks said, has deep roots in Hamilton County and they are proud of their rural lifestyle.

"Clay has two main agricultural operations," said Hicks. "One is the hay business that he works with his father, David Sr. He has approximately 500 acres of planted grass and sells hay to buyers in Texas, Missouri, Arkansas and other midwestern states."

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## Check received from water district for payment in lieu of taxes



SRWMD presents a PILT check to the Hamilton County Commissioners.

- Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor



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On Tuesday, Oct. 2, Steve Minnis from Suwannee River Water Management District presented a check in the amount of \$37,752.42 to the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners as payment in lieu of taxes, otherwise known as PILT funds.

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## Safety Bash set for Oct. 27

The 3rd Annual White Springs Fire Department Fall Safety Bash will be held Saturday, October 27 from 6-9 p.m. at the Ogburn Ball Field in White Springs.

It's hard to believe summer is over and the fall season has descended upon us with cooler temperatures and numerous special events and holidays to look forward to, including the much anticipated Fall Safety Bash in White Springs, which is in its third successful year.

The event is being sponsored this year by Suwannee Hardware and Power Country 102.1. The children of White Springs will converge on the park beginning at 6 p.m. for a fun evening of food, games, a bounce house, an 18 foot slide, a 48 foot obstacle course and more.

Kids will also receive free flashing necklaces, flashing lunitons, reflective trick-or-treat bags, pencils, safety information and candy.

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it out as commercial property to SREC. The suit further states there was a verbal lease agreement between the county and SREC that included regular inspection, maintenance and repair of the premises.

Court papers state that in November or December 2010, an agent of the county performed routine maintenance on the heating system, which was to include replacement of the filter in the heating duct. The plaintiff's state the filter was not replaced, thereby al-

lowing a build-up of debris to accumulate in the ducts. On or about Dec. 9, 2010 a fire occurred in the ductwork above the ceiling as a result of the ignition of debris in the ductwork, which caused damage to the building. SREC filed a claim with Stonington, who

determined it was a covered loss and paid SREC \$75,332.32 for damages. Stonington then brought a cause of action for negligence against SREC, whom they stated had a duty to properly inspect, maintain and repair the premises, including replacing filters in the

heating system and failing to report unsafe conditions.

Now Stonington and SREC are demanding judgment against Hamilton County for the total amount of the covered damages of \$75,332.32 plus prejudgment interest for their failure to

maintain the building, which constitutes a breach of contract.

After McCormick gave the commissioners copies of the complaint against the county, he stated, "I'd rather not discuss it now because it's pending litigation."

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His other operation is Tiger Creek Hunting Preserve, a 450 acre quail hunting business in Jasper that he started in 1998, Hicks continued. He not only hosts the quail hunts, but he raises the quail as well.

His wife Gretchen is the owner of Stitchin' Sisters in Live Oak. Their daughter Leslie

Ann is a junior at Suwannee High School and is an active FFA member. She also works part time for a local veterinarian. The Goolsby family are members of the First Baptist Church in White Springs.

"The Clay Goolsby family is a highly respected, close-knit family who is well deserving of this honor," said Hicks.

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recreation. I look forward to working with the staff to preserve, protect, and improve the District's special aquatic resources," said Marzolf.

"The District welcomes Erich Marzolf to

our team," said District Executive Director Ann Shortelle. "With Erich's leadership, experience, and dedication to north Florida's water resources, I know he will be a valuable asset in our efforts to protect our springs, rivers and lakes."

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"Ann Shortelle, who is our new executive director was called away out of town, so she could not be here and she sends her apologies," said Minnis.

Shortelle, he said, would like to come back at a later date with her presentation to the commissioners. Minnis said he didn't want to hold up the delivery of the check to Hamilton County, which is why he stepped in for Shortelle.

Minnis explained that SRWMD gets the funding from the water

management lands trust fund, which is funded through the state.

"Fortunately, our legislative delegation has been very supportive in getting the water management districts some funding through that trust fund, because without that we could not go back to our community to deliver the PILT check," said Minnis. "Our legislative delegation deserves a lot of credit in ensuring that SRWMD does receive funding. A portion of that goes toward the PILT check and to our community."

## Hunter safety Internet-completion course offered in Hamilton County

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is offering a free hunter safety Internet-completion course in Hamilton County.

The class is Oct. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Oct. 27 from 8 a.m. to noon. Students who have taken the online course and wish to complete this classroom portion must bring the online-completion report with them.

The location for this class will be given to those who register in advance by calling the regional FWC office at 386-758-0525 or going to MyFWC.com/Hunter-Safety.

All firearms, ammunition and materials are

provided free of charge. Students should bring a pen or pencil and paper. An adult must accompany children younger than 16 at all times.

People born on or after June 1, 1975, must complete the hunter safety course before purchasing a Florida hunting license. The FWC course satisfies hunter safety training requirements for all other states and Canadian provinces.

Those interested in attending a course can register online and obtain information about future hunter safety classes at MyFWC.com/Hunter-Safety or by calling the FWC's regional office in Lake City at 386-758-0525.

## CHE "Reads for the Record"



Principal Zamora has everyone's attention as she reads to them.

Once again, Central Hamilton Elementary participated in the "Read for the Record" campaign on October 4, 2012. Students and staff members came to school in their pajamas ready to celebrate reading and sharing

books.

"We Give Books" is designed to help build awareness of the importance of early childhood literacy through reading and giving. The chosen book this year is "Ladybug Girl and the

Bug Squad".

Our Principal Mrs. Zamora read this book in the classrooms to our students. Copies of the book will be donated to charities around the world to put books in the hands of children.



Students enjoy Read for the Record day at CHE.



An assortment of jammies for CHE's Read for the Record day. - Courtesy Photos:

## Fall events at Stephen Foster

Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park always has a great lineup of Fall events each year and 2012 is no different. No matter how young or old you are, there is sure to be something going on at the park that strikes your interest.

Here is a preview of upcoming events.

Sep. 29: Big Shoals National Public Lands Day Event-Wiregrass Restoration, 8 a.m.

to 12 p.m.

Oct. 5 & 6: Jeanie and Stephen Auditions

Oct. 6: Coffee House hosted by Sonny & Fran Lyons, 7 p.m.

Oct. 13: Florida Frontier Days, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jacksonville Roadsters 1 p.m.

Olustee 100 year monument rededication

Oct. 19-21: 24th Annual Stephen Foster Quilt Show

(Quilts due by Oct. 5)

Nov. 1-3: Rural Folklife Days

Nov. 9 & 10: Dulcimer Retreat and Concerts

Nov. 11 & 18: Magnetic Jewelry Workshops

Nov. 30-December 30: Festival of Lights!

If you have any questions or need more information about any of these events, call the park at 386-397-2733.



# Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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About four years ago in this column I mentioned that I was going to attend a cane grinding. I said that old cane grinding mills connect us to our past in a tangible way, that they are time machines that, once a year, take us back to a simpler time for a short while. I talked about the Stormant family cane grinding and how Mr. "E.V." Stormant had been grinding cane to make cane syrup every year since he was ten years old, and I believe he was ninety four at the time. I was very sad to hear of his passing this past week. He will be missed not only by his family and friends but also by all folks who revere the things he stood for. He was a tangible, personal connection to our history, our culture and the folk life of our region. Plus that, anyone who knew him will tell you that he was a loving husband, father and a man who loved God and his

creation. Mr. Stormant may be gone now, and he will be sorely missed, but in a way he will live on because he has handed down to his family a love for our traditional ways and, because of that, I suspect that the cane grinding will go on, and when it does, Mr. "E. V." will be there in everyone's heart and mind, making sure it is done right, just the way he did it for almost ninety years. May God bless the Stormant family.

If you revere connections to our traditions and history you will be glad that I am reminding you once again that Florida Frontier Day will take place at the Foster Park on Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 10:00am till 4:00pm. "Old Florida" traditions such as spinning, weaving, rug making, leather crafts, pottery and more will be on display. A more recent connection to our past, the automobile, will be featured also as a group of fourteen vintage and classic cars come to visit the park around 1P.M. as part of the Frontier Day happenings.

Our children are our most important resource, and

with that in mind the Hamilton County School Board, South Hamilton Elementary School and the Town of White Springs are moving quickly towards an interlocal agreement which will allow the Town of White Springs HOPE after school program to take place at South Hamilton Elementary in the very near future. Our thanks in advance to all who worked so hard to come to an agreement to support this program.

My apologies to the White Springs Methodist Church for not mentioning their yard sale in last week's column. I really do want to hear from folks in the area so remember, if you have any news or information about future or past goings on in our town or surrounding community, please share them with me. I would love to hear from you and I hope to see you out and about, enjoying life in White Springs.

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## Police Chief Monthly Report

October is here and hopefully that means the air will be cooling down a bit soon. I for one am ready for some cooler weather.

October also means Halloween and the Annual Fall Safety Bash put on by the fire department. This will be held on Saturday October 27. Please be mindful of children out trick or treating as we will also have extra patrols out for both of these events to strictly enforce traffic laws.

Before I close I want to send out a special thank you to Annie Pinello and Mike Williams for their help with the truck fire we had a couple of weeks ago. The cooperation between public safety personnel and citizens turned a potential disaster into a fairly minor incident. Thanks for your help.

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

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## Safeco Insurance awards United Way of Suwannee Valley \$5,000 – Your votes could help us get \$10,000 more

We are honored to announce that Dale Tompkins has been named a Safeco® Community Hero, which means we will receive a \$5,000 grant from Safeco Insurance!

But the good news doesn't end there: We now have a chance to win up to \$10,000 more! And to get there, we need your help in an online contest.

Please visit the voting site at <http://promoshq.wildfireapp.com/wesite/6/contests/296757>, or go to Safeco.com and click the "Community Hero" link on the home page. You can vote for Dale Tompkins once every 24 hours until 10 a.m. PDT Oct. 29. You already do so much to support United Way of Suwannee Valley; now your votes – just a few quick clicks – could add up to thousands of dollars!

The Safeco Community Hero receiving the most votes wins an additional \$10,000 donation for the charity he or she supports. The charity supported by the runner-up gets \$5,000.

Each year, Safeco celebrates local heroes who make a difference in their community by awarding grants through the Safeco Insurance Agent

Giving Program. Safeco agents are given the opportunity to nominate a community hero who supports organizations that focuses on one or more areas: education, health and safety, and civic engagement.

While this award celebrates Dale Tompkins for his vital work in Lake City, it wouldn't have been possible without our friend John Wheeler at The Wheeler Agency, who submitted the nomination. Dale Tompkins has worked with United Way of Suwannee Valley for years. When United Way of Suwannee Valley's disaster relief effort became necessary in the face of Tropical Storm Debby earlier this year, Pastor Tompkins, a volunteer for the United Way of Suwannee Valley, wasted no time in jumping into a leadership role. He immediately began rallying people, building teams of volunteers, and guiding them in rescuing stranded people from flood waters.

And when you go to the voting site, be sure to click each hero's name to read about the great work they do. They all deserve to be celebrated!

Thanks for your support!

## Hamilton School District Cooking Up a Weeklong Celebration for School Lunch

Jasper, Florida -September 26, 2012 – Each year, there are more than 500 billion school lunches served nationwide via the National School Lunch Program. In recognition of the positive changes Hamilton County Schools has made to its own school lunch program, Hamilton County School District will celebrate National School Lunch Week (NSLW) from October 15-19. The 2012 theme, "School Lunch – What's Cooking?" will include events and activities that promote the benefits of healthy school lunches.

The campaign will put a spotlight on the healthy foods and positive changes that Hamilton School District schools have incorporated into their menus. Parents will recognize the increase offerings of fruits and vegetables complementing healthy meals. Students will have an opportunity to participate in fun activities that will test their knowledge of healthy foods.

Below are the menus planned for the week – a variety of low-fat milk and fat free milk is served daily:

Monday – Chicken Filet Sandwich, Leafy Spinach, Whole Kernel Corn, Fresh Strawberries.

Tuesday – Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Breadstick, Green Beans, Peaches.

Wednesday – Baked Chicken, Black-eyed Peas, Brown Rice, Whole Wheat Yeast Roll, Orange.

Thursday – BBQ Pull Pork, Sweet Potato Fries or Sweet Potato Tots, Celery Stick, Cole Slaw, Fresh Pears.

Friday – Cheese Quesadilla, Black Bean Salsa, Baby Carrots, Fresh Banana.

You will notice in our district that our menus have changed to include brown rice, sweet potato products, an

added variety of dark green vegetables, and more fresh fruits and vegetables daily. Students recognize their all-time favorites and we will continue to introduce new items such as the Black Bean Salsa with an opportunity to share the benefit of eating healthy.

Serving more than 31 million children every school day, the federally-funded National School Lunch Program (NSLP) provides nutritionally balanced, healthy meals. The program, which has been serving the nation's children for over 60 years, requires school meals to meet the USDA's new nutrition standards by:

Ensuring students are offered both fruits and vegetables every day of the week;

Substantially increasing offerings of whole grain-rich foods;

Offering only fat-free or low-fat milk varieties;

Limiting calories based on the age of children being served to ensure proper portion size; and

Increasing the focus on reducing the amounts of saturated fat, trans fats and sodium.

The "School Lunch – What's Cooking?" campaign is sponsored by the non-profit School Nutrition Association and the Milk Processors Education Program (MilkPEP) to highlight all the components of well-balanced school meals.

For more information about healthy school meals, visit [www.TrayTalk.org](http://www.TrayTalk.org).

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For the last 50 years, we've enjoyed giving back to our communities. To celebrate our 50th Anniversary, we're asking you to participate by choosing a local organization that you think deserves a \$500 donation from us. Voting will be open from October 1st - 13th. Go to our website to choose one of these great organizations in your county:

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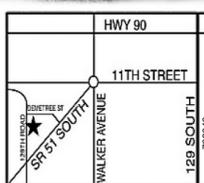
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OPINION

# A modest proposal

## A MINORITY VIEW



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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

California was once the land of opportunity, but it is going down the tubes. Several of California's prominent cities have declared bankruptcy, such as Vallejo, Stockton, Mammoth Lakes and San Bernardino. Others are on the precipice, and that includes Los Angeles, California's largest city. California's 2012 budget deficit is expected to top \$28 billion, and its state debt is \$618 billion. That's more than twice the size of New York's state debt, which itself is the second-highest in the nation.

Democrats control California's Legislature, and its governor, Jerry Brown, is a Democrat. California is home to some of America's richest people and companies. It would then appear that the liberals' solution to deficit and debt would be easy. They need only to raise taxes on California's rich to balance the budget and pay down the debt -- or, as President Barack Obama would say, make the rich pay their fair share.

The downside to such a tax strategy is the fact that people are already leaving California in great numbers. According to a Manhattan Institute study, "The Great California Exodus: A Closer Look," by Thomas Gray and Robert Scardamalia (October 2012), roughly 225,000 residents leave California each year -- and have done so for the past 10 years. They take their money with them. Using census and Internal Revenue Service data, Gray and Scardamalia estimate that California's out-migration results in large shares of income going to other states, mostly to Nevada (\$5.67 billion), Arizona (\$4.96 billion), Texas (\$4.07 billion) and Oregon (\$3.85 billion). That's the problem. California politicians can fleece people in 2012, but there's no guarantee that they can do the same in 2013 and later years; people can leave. Also, keep in mind that rich people didn't become rich by being stupid. They have ingenious ways to hide their money.

California has one-eighth

of the nation's population but one-third of its welfare recipients. According to Businessweek, "it is one of the few states that continue to provide welfare checks for children once their parents are no longer eligible."

There's nothing new about the handout strategy. As far back as 140 B.C., Roman politicians found that the way to win votes is to give out cheap food and entertainment, what came to be known as "bread and circuses."

Given the widespread contempt for personal liberty and constitutional values, there might be a way for California politicians to solve their fiscal mess. They can simply stop wealthy people from leaving the state or, alternatively, like some Third World nations, set limits on the amount of assets a resident can take out of the state. This would surely be within their jurisdiction and would not raise any constitutional issues, because it would serve a compelling state purpose. In other words, if California were to set up border controls to stop people, as East Germans did at Checkpoint Charlie, before they cross the state line, such action would be protected by the 10th Amendment.

The fact that many Californians have managed to get their assets out of the state complicates the issue. Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution authorizes Congress "To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes." This is known as the commerce clause. There's no question that people who pull up stakes and leave California affect interstate commerce; California has less tax revenue, and recipient states have more. What California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris might do is sue Nevada, Arizona, Texas and Oregon in the federal courts for enticing, through lower taxes and less onerous regulations, wealthy California taxpayers.

Were California to take such measures and have a modicum of success, one wonders how many Americans would be offended by such an encroachment on personal liberty. After all, how would forcing an American to remain in a state differ in principle from forcing him to purchase health insurance?

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## National Family Partnership and DEA join forces for 2012 Red Ribbon Week

- 10 schools across the U.S. will win \$1,000 grant for drug prevention -

- 10 families will win an iPad for the home -

The National Family Partnership® (NFP) announces the national contest for its 27th annual Red Ribbon Week®, Oct. 23-31. Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. In 1985 after the murder of a DEA agent, parents, youth and teachers in commu-

nities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the destruction caused by drugs. This year, families can get involved by entering a contest to promote awareness in their neighborhoods and win a drug prevention grant for their schools.

Families can enter Red Ribbon Week's® contest to win a \$1,000 grant for their school and a new iPad for their home. To participate in the contest families and students will decorate the front of their homes with this year's message: "The Best Me Is Drug Free™." Studies show that substance abuse risks lessen when parents talk to their children about the dangers of drugs, and that is the goal of this year's contest: to encourage families to talk about prevention.

Here's how students and their families can enter to win \$1,000 for their K-12 school and a new iPad:

Students bring the Red Ribbon Week® message home by working alongside parents to decorate their front door, mailbox, fence, etc. with this year's theme "The Best Me Is Drug Free™."

Take a photo with the family and their Red Ribbon Week® decoration, then upload to [www.redribbon.org/contest](http://www.redribbon.org/contest) or [www.facebook.com/RedRibbonWeek](http://www.facebook.com/RedRibbonWeek) by Nov. 2 (must be parents or 18+ to up-

load photos). Together with this year's Red Ribbon theme, families carry the message to their communities." The nation's oldest and largest drug prevention campaign reaches more than 80 million people nationwide.



load photos).

The voting begins! Ask family and friends to vote for your entry at [www.redribbon.org/vote](http://www.redribbon.org/vote) Nov. 2-16. Ten lucky winners from regions across the U.S. will win. Winners will be announced at events at their winning schools in December.

"Students will once again take Red Ribbon Week's® message of prevention home to their neighborhoods with this national contest," said the NFP's Volunteer President Peggy Sapp. "By decorating their homes to-

The DEA is co-sponsoring this year's national contest. "DEA is excited to partner with the National Family Partnership® on this contest that empowers communities to come together to talk about the drug problem," said DEA Administrator Michele M. Leonhart. "Red Ribbon Week® is also when we honor DEA Special Agent Enrique 'Kiki' Camarena, who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our communities safe."

Adds the NFP's Peggy Sapp: "Take the Red Ribbon Week® pledge across America to help children grow up safe, healthy and drug free." Visit [www.redribbon.org/contest](http://www.redribbon.org/contest) for contest information.

About the NFP and Red Ribbon Week® The NFP was established in 1980, and is a national leader in drug prevention, education and advocacy. Its mission is to lead our nation's families and communities in nurturing the full potential of healthy, drug-free youth. Red Ribbon Week® is the nation's largest and oldest drug prevention campaign, reaching 80 million people. NFP created the campaign in response to the 1985 abduction and murder of DEA agent Enrique 'Kiki' Camarena.

AGENDA

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Room 112 - Courthouse 207 Northeast First Street  
Jasper, Florida

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 2, 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) WHITE SPRINGS LIBRARY - BID AWARD - LIFT STATION
- 4) ANNUAL MONITORING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATORS - NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
- 5) REPORT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORTS AND REQUESTS
- 6) HEALTH DEPARTMENT ROOF PROJECT
- 7) FLORIDA LEADERS ORGANIZED FOR WATER (FLOW)
- 8) APPROVE BILLS
- 9) CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 10) ADJOURN

TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

9:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - INVOCATION - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
9:05 A.M. - LAND USE AND SHIP PROGRAM UPDATES AND REQUESTS  
9:10 A.M. - DISCUSSION OF PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO COURTHOUSE  
9:15 A.M. - COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS - STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS  
9:20 A.M. - SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR - ANN SHORTELE, EXEC. DIRECTOR - INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTOR; PRESENTATION STATE OF THE RESOURCE AND PRESENTATION OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES CHECK  
9:25 A.M. - HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT - MARK LANDER, INTERMIN ADMINISTRATOR - PRESENTATION OF 2013-14 COUNTY CONTRACT  
9:30 A.M. - PRESENTATION OF 2012 FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR - GREG HICKS

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, OCTOBER 16, 2012 AT 6:00 P.M.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CONSENT AGENDA

October 16, 2012

- 1) MINUTES - APPROVE:
  - A) October 2, 2012 - Regular Meeting
- 2) DEPARTMENT HEADS - ACTION ITEMS
- 3) DEPARTMENT HEADS - INFORMATION ITEMS
- 4) APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING INVOICE FROM NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:
  - A) Invoice No. 14350 - Resurfacing CR 135 - \$25,930.53

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**Hamilton County**  
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The Hamilton County Supervisor of Elections web site: [hamiltonvotes.com](http://hamiltonvotes.com) has a lot of information to keep you, the voter, up-to-date on elections.

The newest feature is the "Voter Status Lookup". This feature allows a voter to look up his/her voter status for Hamilton county.

You can go on the state web page and check out all of Florida. This will allow you to check your status, apply for an absentee ballot, view a sample ballot, check out your polling place location, view your office holders and view stats for your precinct.

Go ahead, give it a try!

Link available for the 11 Amendments that will be on the ballot.

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# Obituary

**OBITUARY INFORMATION**  
All obituaries are paid notices and are placed by the funeral home or crematorium handling the arrangements as a service to the family.  
For more information:  
Phone: 386-362-1734  
Fax: 386-364-5578  
email: nf.obits@gafnews.com  
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**E.V. Stormant**  
Oct. 10, 1914  
Oct. 3, 2012

E.V. Stormant, of White Springs, Fla. passed away early on Oct. 3, 2012 at the age of 97. He was born on Oct. 10, 1914 in White Springs, FL. to the late Edmond and Addie Lee Stormant. Mr. E.V. worked full time as an Agricultural Inspector with the State of Florida Department of Agriculture. Following his retirement in 1979, he enjoyed farming, raising livestock and holding an annual "cane grinding and syrup making" event on his small farm located about one mile from his birthplace. Mr. Stormant was well respected on his job, in his community and in his church. He served an eight year term on the Hamilton County School Board during a pivotal time in Hamilton County. Mr. E.V. was concerned about the students and the future of White Springs, Jasper and Jennings. He was also an active member, deacon, teacher and elder at Long Branch Con-

gregational Methodist Church where he attended most of his life. He was predeceased by a daughter, Patricia Marion Cox and a grandson, Jason Harrell.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Doris Williams Stormant; three sons, Ted Wayne Stormant (Phyllis), Ft. White, Fla., John Francis Stormant (Susan), Alachua, Fla., and Charlie Vernon Stormant (Donna), Douglas, Ga.; two daughters, Linda Ellen Tomlinson, Lake City, Fla. and Judith Elaine Harrell, Alachua, Fla.; one brother, Willie Stormant, Weirsdale, Fla.; 19 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 3 great great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012 at Long Branch Congregational Methodist Church with the Reverend Tommy Lindsey and Rev. Veronica Thomas officiating. Interment followed at Prospect Cemetery near White Springs. Pallbearers were grandsons, William Cox, Thomas Tomlinson, Gary Cox, Daren Stormant, Glenn Harrell, Michael Stormant, Steven Stormant, Shad Stormant and Drake Stormant.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Long Branch Congregational Methodist Church (Building Fund) P.O. Box 453, White Springs, Fla. 32096

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

## Wedding Announcement

### Kyla Bispham and Tyler Ogburn

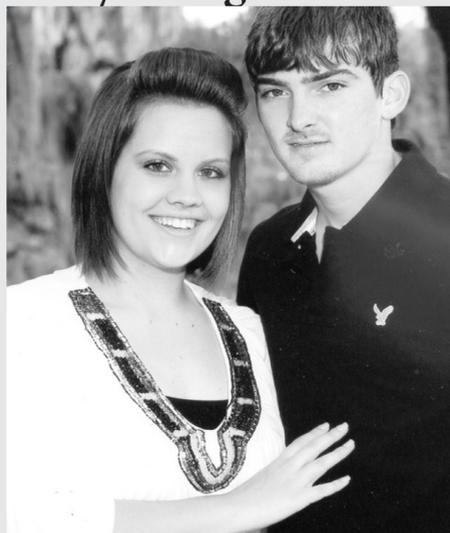
Dale and Tammie Williams of Live Oak are pleased to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Kyla Lynn Bispham to Tyler Dale Ogburn son of Larry and Angela Ogburn of White Springs, Fla.

The bride elect's maternal grandparents are Jerry and Pauline Corbett of Live Oak, Fla. Paternal grandparents are Carol Uprichard and the late William Bispham of Live Oak, Fla.

The groom elect's maternal grandparents are Joanne Shotwell and the late Tony Shotwell of White Springs, Fla. Paternal grandparents are Larry and Sherry Ogburn and Mary and Neal Martin of White Springs, Fla.

The ceremony will take place Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012 at 5 p.m. at Pine Grove United Methodist Church in Live Oak (Hwy 136-a). A reception will follow at PCS Conference Center in White Springs, Fla.

All friends and family are invited to attend.



## Heart Matters

Anyone still thinking on the \$1,440 dollars we talked about last week? Or, more importantly, how about the gift of those 1,440 minutes we receive each day? Recall with me that time is the ultimate non-renewable resource, because no matter how we try, once time has passed we simply cannot get it back.

Last week we discussed the importance of making a list of our priorities, as well as setting goals for accomplishing what is important to us. I hope you have taken a few minutes this week to think on these things. It mat-

ters that we do this every so often because the seasons of our lives change and so do our circumstances. In this season of my life, finding time to spend with my family is often a challenge because we are all busy going in different directions. With one son married and a family of his own, another newly graduated from college and pursuing a career in another city, a daughter in high school and another in middle school, we have to be intentional about spending time together. Because it is often difficult, we have to make it a priority! Reminding yourself regularly of what is important will help you find time in the midst of busy days.

Next, we need to create a flexible, yet realistic schedule. We often complain, "I just don't have enough hours in the day!" Perhaps our problem is not that we don't have enough time, but that our time is not being used effectively. As you consider your schedule, consider the amount of time spent on your daily commitments. Are there too many obligations for you to accomplish them all well? Are there some activities that need to be reconsidered or dropped completely? Next, evaluate the amount of time that can be dedicated to your priority list. Relationships and recreation are important aspects of life that we may need to

write into our schedule if we don't seem to find enough time. Above all, a realistic schedule must be flexible because we never know what a day may bring, and if our schedule is too rigid we will get discouraged and give up trying to have a plan.

Finally, resist the urge to procrastinate. According to Webster's dictionary, the word procrastinate means "to put off; delay." It is a natural tendency to avoid things that we don't enjoy. However, delaying tasks only cause them to multiply as other ones add to the list. Then, we find ourselves with way too many things to do and not nearly enough time to complete them. Moreover, if all we are able to do is "get them done" some tasks probably do not reflect our best efforts. Being reminded of your priorities and creating a workable schedule can help you curb the temptation to procrastinate.

One suggestion if you know procrastinating is a problem for you is to give yourself deadlines that are considerably earlier than the actual deadline. This can help put the pressure on to complete a task and have a little extra time if absolutely necessary. Another idea is to recognize there are times that you just are not in the mood to tackle certain tasks. However, you can still stay on track if you use that time to accomplish another goal



on your list that would clear some time later...this will keep your schedule flexible...and you will perform your tasks well. Because most of us live at a pretty busy pace, making the most of every moment ensures that we can do all the things we have to do. More importantly, it also allows us the time to spend on what is important...those things that we want to do. So...what will you do with your gift of 1440 minutes today?

*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 at angieland3@windstream.net.*

## 112th homecoming

First Baptist Church, White Springs, will celebrate its 112th homecoming Oct. 14. Dr. Fritz Fountain will preach at the 10:30 a.m. service and special music will be provided by Bullard Brothers and Friends. A covered dish lunch will follow in the fellowship hall.

**HOMECOMING SUPPER** Please come and join the 11th grade class for homecoming supper October 12, from 4-7 p.m. at the Lafayette High School cafeteria. We will be serving turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, peach cobbler and tea. \$6 GO HORNETS!

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## Oxendine & Frost

Jana Elizabeth Oxendine & Ronald Wayne Frost II are happy to Announce their Engagement & upcoming Wedding!

Jana is the daughter of Buster and BaDonna Oxendine of Jasper, and the granddaughter of Hugh & Jan Hunter of White Springs and Cabin Graves of Crawfordville, FL and Bettie Oxendine of Jasper. She is a 2009 Graduate of Hamilton High, and is currently employed with Olin Marler Charters in Destin FL.

Ronald is the son of Sharon Frost Sterling and Deaker Sterling of Lake City FL. And the grandson of Joseph and Doris Szalay of Rogersville, TN. He is a 2008 Graduate of Columbia High. Ronald is employed by the United States Air Force and Currently stationed at Hurlbert field AFB.

The upcoming Wedding will be planned for December 29,th 2012 in Jasper, FL.

# Church & Family Go Together

<p><b>ADVENT CHRISTIAN</b> <b>FIRST ADVENT CHRISTIAN</b> N.W. 15th Avenue Jasper Rev. Wayne Sullivan Sunday Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. 717860-F</p>	<p><b>BAPTIST (Southern)</b> <b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> "Where Friends become Family" 207 N.E. 2nd Street, Jasper. 792-2658 Pastor: Roger Hutto Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Supper.....6:00 p.m. Children, Youth &amp; Adult Programs 6:30 p.m. 717850-F</p>	<p><b>METHODIST</b> <b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 405 Central Ave., Jasper, FL Pastor - Dale Arnes Phone - 386-792-1122 Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wednesday Family Night Dinner 3rd Wednesday Clothes Closet 4th Saturday 1-5pm 717823-F</p>	<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN</b> <b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 204 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Jasper, 792-2258 Pastor: Alexandra Hedrick SUNDAY Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Choir Practice.....7:00 p.m. 732122</p>
<p><b>CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> <b>ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Three miles north of Jasper U.S. 41 P.O. Box 890, Jasper, FL 32052 Rectory U.S. 90 E., Live Oak, FL (386) 364-1108 Saturday MASS 4:00 p.m. 717846-F</p>	<p><b>NON-DENOMINATIONAL</b> <b>BURNHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> 4520 NW CR 146, Jennings, FL 32053 938-1255 Pastor: Johnny Brown Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Youth Program.....5:30 p.m. 732115</p>	<p><b>GREATER DASMASCUS CHURCH</b> Jesus, Family, Community Pastor Horace Brown Jr. 229-469-6812 Morning Worship.....9am to 11am Weekly Bible Tuesdays.....7pm Noon Day Prayer Fridays.....12pm to 1pm 320 9th SW Ave Jasper, FL 32052 768117</p>	

**To list your church in our directory, please call Treena at 386-362-1734**

# Healthy Living

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

## Ten tips to live by

Let's demystify weight loss & maintenance. By popular demand I've put together ten tips to live for maintaining healthy body weight.

Drink lots of water. If you don't give your body water it holds onto it tenaciously so it doesn't run out. Water suppresses appetite, reduces sodium buildup, aids in waste and toxin elimination, helps maintain muscle tone, and even reduces fat deposits in the body. If your kidneys don't get enough water your liver becomes overloaded and can't perform efficiently, namely-metabolizing fat! Try to drink at least a gallon per day, that's

128oz. Spread your consumption throughout the day, drink 8oz before each meal, and drink every time you feel hungry instead of grabbing food. Trust me-it works!

Avoid sugar and highly processed foods. Ever experience frequent fatigue, depression, bloating, high blood pressure, brain fogginess, problems with weight loss, high triglycerides, low blood sugar? If so, chances are excess carbs and sugar partially to blame. We need some carbs for healthy function, but our body's storage capacity for carbs is limited; with excess being converted via insulin into fat and stored. To

add insult to injury, high insulin levels suppress hormones responsible for burning fat, sugar, and promoting muscle development. So simply stated-fat storage is enhanced and fat mobilization for energy is minimized. When I am trying to drop that last 2 lbs I avoid sugar at all costs.

Eat frequently. Waiting more than a few hours between meals causes blood sugar levels to dip, releasing the infamous stress hormone cortisol; increasing cravings, belly fat, screwing with your hormone homeostasis, and decreasing immunity. Most of our calories we burn just being alive, or

our Basal Metabolic Rate-the cost of energy to live and breath. With increased time between meals our metabolism slows to conserve energy instead of burning it, decreasing our BMR's. We can all attest how remarkably resistant our body's are to fat loss. If you don't eat often your body looks at muscle as prime real estate for energy, called catabolism. Eating frequently will preserve our precious muscle.

Look at food as fuel. Back in the day when I played softball my dad's favorite line was-it's all between your ears. Meaning-it's all in our heads. Most of our bat-

tle with making change in our life is mental-learning to modify behaviors. It's ok to look at food as a fun treat now and again, but any other time- food is fuel. Only give your body what it needs when it needs it ensuring no energy is stored from each meal. Then when you exercise fat stores will be mobilized for energy. Next time your mischievous brain tells you order a sweet tea not water, just repeat your new mantra- food is fuel, food is fuel.

Hope these tips help, stay tuned next week for the completion of the ten tips to live by.

~You have brains in your head and feet in



your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own, and you know what you know.

And you are the guy who'll decide where to go.

~Dr. Seuss

~Beth Harris, CSCS, HFS, CHC  
www.jayeeizabeth-harris.com

## McDonalds fundraiser

Please plan to dine at McDonald's in White Springs on Thurs., Oct. 11 and Tues., Oct. 23 from 5-8 p.m. You will see some Hamilton County High School staff and parents working there as part of a fundraiser.

McDonald's will help sponsor a raffle and you will hear more about the prize later, but tickets will be \$1.

The drawing will be held at McDonald's just in time for Christmas near the beginning of December.

Spread the word to your friends and family in and around White Springs.

## FDOT Road and Lane Closures for Oct. 6 - 12, 2012

### SUWANNEE COUNTY:

- US 90 Daytime lane closures between Goldkist Boulevard near the Farmer's Co-op and Walker Avenue Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to clean the ditches.

- State Road 51 Daytime lane closures between the Lafayette County line and the southern Live Oak city limits Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to take roadway samples.

- US 90 The road will be closed between US 129 and Houston Avenue Friday, October 12 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. for the Suwannee High School homecoming parade.

Live Oak Police and Suwannee County Sheriff's officers will detour traffic.

- US 129 (South Ohio Avenue) The road will be closed between Suwannee Elementary School and US 90 Friday, October 12 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. for the Suwannee High School homecoming parade. Live Oak Police and Suwannee County Sheriff's officers will detour traffic.

### HAMILTON COUNTY:

- Interstate 75 Nighttime lane closures at the Suwannee River bridges between US 129 (Exit 451) and the Suwannee County line (Suwannee

River bridges) Tuesday from 9 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. to reseal the bridge joints. Nighttime lane closures in both directions at the Weigh-in-Motion Stations Sunday from 9 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. to install traffic control devices in the asphalt. The speed limit is reduced to 60 mph during lane closures.

- US 129 Daytime lane closures at the Interstate 75 interchange Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. to place the final layer of asphalt. Also, daytime lane closures between the western city limits of Jasper and the

Georgia line after 8:30 a.m. for work on the shoulders in preparation for resurfacing.

- US 129 The road will be closed between the Bank of America and Northwest 15th Avenue Saturday, October 6 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. for the First Saturday Market Day, Antique Tractor Show and Parade. Jasper Police will detour traffic.

### LAFAYETTE COUNTY:

- County Road 354 Possible daytime lane closures between US 27 and State Road 51 (Hal Adams Bridge) for construction of a new bike

trail on the north and east side of the road.

- State Road 51 Possible daytime lane closures between County Road 354 and the Hal Adams Bridge for construction of a new bike trail on the east side of the road.

- US 27 (Main Street) The road will be closed Friday, October 12 between County Road 251A and Hawkins Avenue from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. for the Lafayette High School homecoming parade. Lafayette County Sheriff's officers will detour traffic.

## THE RACE FOR U.S. SENATE

Florida voters face an important decision in the race for U.S. Senate. Read continuing coverage in this newspaper and tune-in to the statewide debate to learn more about the candidates and where they stand on the issues that matter the most to you. For more information visit [www.beforeyouvote.org](http://www.beforeyouvote.org).

### ★ General Election Debate ★

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**Connie Mack**  
(R)

**Bill Nelson**  
(D)

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## The real purpose of the church

In the four Gospels, the word church is only found three times: Matthew 16:18 and two times in Matthew 18:17.

In Matthew 16:18 we are given the foundation of the church. When Jesus asked Peter in 16:15 "Who do you say I am" Peter replied "You are Christ, the Son of the Living God". Jesus told him in verse 18 upon this confession He would build His church. The English word church comes from the Greek "kuriakos" (belonging to The Lord); but it stands for another Greek word "ekklesia" (denoting an assembly). The word church is found 115 times in the New Testament; 92 of those times it refers to the local assembly. In other words "ekklesia" is when the "kuriakos" come together.

The place we call the church should be a place where those belonging to God come together for worship, Bible study, and seeing souls saved. I am concerned that in this day it has lost much

of its purpose. I fear the Devil has succeeded in getting the world in the church so it will lose its real purpose.

The position of the church should be as it was with Israel. They had been called out and were to separate themselves from the surrounding nations; yet they were as we are, to testify for God among the nations. The church is called a peculiar people (Titus 2:14 and I Peter 2:9 KJV). The word peculiar in its Biblical sense never means odd; it comes from a Latin term meaning "private property".

So if the church is the private property of God we ought to act the part. The church where God's people gather for worship ought to be special. It ought not to be a place of entertainment. It ought not to be a social club. It ought not to be a place where the world and all its stuff comes in. Jesus, in His high-priestly prayer in John 17, tells the Father He has to leave us in the world but



He asked for protection for us from the world. The church is where God's people meet, study, worship, and find power to go into the world with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the first obligation of the church. The church today is failing in its most important ministry. It spends so much time planning events, programs, etc; it as a whole, doesn't have time to think about a lost and dying world on its way to a devil's Hell. Of course that's what the Devil wants us to do; keep the Gospel to ourselves, don't share it. Someone has said "To build a church all you need is people who know Christ to tell people who don't know Him about Him". Most never share their belief with anyone.

The growth or the decline of the church depends upon each member of the "body of Christ". Each member can either help or hinder the growth. We are to live separated lives. We are to demand the church stays separated from the world. We are to remember that Christ may call His church home at any time. So let not the church be caught unaware.

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**Hamilton County**  
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**The Hamilton County Supervisor of Elections Office will hold its Logic & Accuracy Public testing on October 26, 2012 at 9:30 am at the Courthouse Annex in the Elections Office. F. S. 101.657**

**The reviewing and preparing for the Absentee ballots is set for Oct. 6, 2012 at 9:30 am.**

# A squealing event

The 2012 Hamilton County Fair started just after 1 p.m. in the rodeo arena in Jasper on Thursday, Oct. 4 with the Swine Show. Local students from 4-H and FFA worked hard to present the best hog in the show.



Time to powder the pig.



These hogs are fast asleep as they await the show.



This young girl is struggling to her hog under control.



These young men are all business.



This little guy looks thirsty.



Hogs, hogs and more hogs.



The calm before the storm.



Refreshments were available at the fair.



Which hog will it be?



Showmanship Judge Ed Sapp. - Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor



Time to break up a hog fight.



One of many contestants for the dog show.



# Sports



## Hornets down Trojans, 30-14



Battling for the ball. - Photo: Jack Howdeshell

By Jack Howdeshell

The Lafayette Hornets traveled to Hamilton County on Oct. 5 to face the Trojans in a key district match-up. The game was not clearly decided until the Hornets scored 10 unanswered points at the end of the third and beginning of the fourth quarters. While Lafayette went into halftime leading 20-6, Hamilton County cut the margin to six halfway through the third quarter to the delight of the hometown crowd.

Shortly before the third quarter expired Josue Diaz added three with his field goal to make it a two score game again for the Trojans. In just a little more than two minutes after the beginning of the fourth quarter, Jajuan Commacho went the distance to score and put the game out of reach and give the Hornets a 1-0 district record and move them to 3-2 overall on the season. The final score was 30-14.

The Trojans travel to Crescent City Friday. Kickoff is at 7:30.

## Trojan Force Drill Team competition

By Joyce Marie Taylor  
joycemarie.taylor@gafnews.com

Hamilton County High School Air Force Junior ROTC Unit FL-943 will be hosting their 15th Annual Trojan Force Drill Team Competition on October 20 at 9 a.m. at the HCHS football field.

This event is free to the community and there will be concessions. There will be eight schools from Georgia and Florida, including our own

Unit. They will be competing in Unarmed Regulation, Armed Regulation, Color Guard, Special Color Guard, Armed and Unarmed Exhibition and Individual Drill Routine.

Trophies will be awarded for 1st - 3rd place for each event. Judges will be coming from recruiting service and retired military. Please come to enjoy this event and watch the cadets from your community that are involved in AFJROTC!

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# Hamilton County homecoming parade

A look at the parade that was held Friday, Sept. 28.



The parade begins with the ROTC color guard.



HCHS marching band gets the beat going.



Boom! The Trojans declared war on the Bears.



The theme this year, "Can you bear the fight?"



Miss North Hamilton Elementary and her court wave to the crowd.



Army National Guard proudly displays the flag.



Yikes! There's more than one way to kill a bear.



This little bear goes screaming down the street.



Central Hamilton Elementary students float by.



Miss HCHS Madinah Tomoney waves to everyone.



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## Suwannee River Partnership discusses programs to assist farmers in conserving water and protecting water quality



Partners of the SRP are pictured from left: Jon Dingus, SRWMD; Darrell Smith, FDACS; Charles Gauthier, DEP; Rich Budell, FDACS; Staci Braswell, Farm Bureau; Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk Inc.; Carolyn Saft, UF/IFAS; Drew Bartlett, DEP; Frankie Hall, Farm Bureau; Joan Dusky, UF/IFAS; Terry Hansen, DEP; Joel Love, SRP; Ann Shortelle, SRWMD; Kevin Wright, SRWMD; Hugh Thomas, SRP; and John Stubblefield, SRP.

## SRWMD Executive Director will serve as new SRP Chair

The Suwannee River Partnership (SRP) held a quarterly meeting recently to update its partners of upcoming projects for the next program year, which will assist farmers within the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) in conserving water and protecting water quality. The group also decided that SRWMD Executive Director Ann Shortelle will serve as the new SRP Chair.

Four key programs budgeted for the next program year follow:

Mobile Irrigation Lab: \$165,000 will be designated to identify the need for water efficiency of existing center

pivot irrigation systems. The funds will pay for about 180 systems to be evaluated and recommendations made to reduce water use on these systems. To date, nearly 8 billion gallons of water have been saved through the program.

Irrigation Retrofit Program: \$100,000 in cost-share funds will be used to help improve water efficiency of about 20 existing center pivot systems. Funds will pay for various tasks, such as converting systems from high pressure to low pressure, retrofitting systems with more efficient spray nozzles, repairing leaks, and installing endgun shutoffs. The program saved 1 billion gallons of water last year.

BMPs Tools Cost-Share Program: \$100,000 in cost-share funds will be available to about 10 farmers to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs). The funds will pay for new technologies, such as global positioning systems and more efficient fertilizer application equipment to help improve water quality. Through the use of BMP tools, 50 pounds of nitrogen has been saved per acre.

Conservation Technical Assistance: \$300,000 is designated to update poultry conservation plans on about 50 poultry farms. The funds will help improve litter handling practices on poultry operations to help improve water quality. Conservation plans typ-

ically reduce nutrient loading up to 35 percent.

Funding for the programs in the amount of \$1.15 million will be provided by the SRWMD, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"The SRP would like to thank all our partners for providing funding and/or support for these programs," said SRP Coordinator Hugh Thomas. "Their funding and input are vital to the success of our organization."

### Jasper Legals

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

CASE NO.: 12-48-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF

ARTHUR LAVOY PADGETT, JR.,  
Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ARTHUR LAVOY PADGETT, JR., deceased, whose date of death was July 14, 2012; File Number 12-48-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hamilton County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, Florida 32052. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims and demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: October 11, 2012.

Personal Representative:

/s/ Shantell Padgett

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.

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### Jasper Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3215, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Hamilton County Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the Special Exception, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of Hamilton County, Florida, serving also as the Local Planning Agency of Hamilton County, Florida, at public hearing on October 23, 2012 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, County Courthouse located at 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida.

SE 12-02, a petition by Doris Dye, requesting a special exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.2.5 of the Land Development Regulations to allow for a alcohol sales in an AGRICULTURE 4 (A-4) zoning district submitted as part of a petition dated July 12, 2012, to be located on property described as follows:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4, SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST, AND RUN EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 420 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUN SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 420 FEET, THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 210 FEET, THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 420 FEET, THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 210 FEET, THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 420 FEET, CONTAINING 2 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no future notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment.

Copies of the petition for special exception are available for public inspection at the Office of the Land Use Administrator, located at 204 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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## Arrest Records

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

The following abbreviations are used below:

DAC - Department of Agriculture Commission

DOA - Department of Agriculture

DOT - Department of Transportation

FDLE - Florida Department of Law Enforcement

FHP - Florida Highway Patrol

FWC - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

HCDDTF - 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

Sep. 25, Gemica Charmelle Henderson, 24, 5509 W. SR 6, Jennings, FL, Resist w/o violence, Burnam

Sep. 25, Jeffery Eugene Walls, 33, PO Box 967,

Jasper, FL, RWOV, Cheshire

Sep. 25, Raul Hernandez Garcia, 23, 4019 E. Michigan St., Orlando, FL, No valid DL, Hughes

Sep. 25, Willie Charles Zanders, Jr., 1270 Bee St., Jennings, FL, warrant for battery, Murphy

Sep. 26, Lorenzo Lackey, 58, 508 9th Ave., Jasper, FL, vop, Fouraker

Sep. 26, Ronald Lee Wilson, Jr., 34, 7504 S. Red Padgett Rd., Perry, FL, vop, Harris

Sep. 27, Israel Pallares Valdes, 30, 101 Star Ave., Starkville, Ms., No valid DL, Hughes

Sep. 28, Robert Harry Parmeter, 66, 510 S. Brookville Ave., Brooksville, FL, Hamilton warrant, battery on LEO, hold for DOC, Bennett

Sep. 28, Richard Allen MacDonald, 23, Suwannee CI warrant, poss. of contraband, marijuana; poss. of contraband, cell phone; poss. of controlled substance w/intent, Bennett

Sep. 28, Christina Merchell White, 24, 1262 Mary Street, Jennings, FL, Madison warrant, criminal mischief, Harvey

Sep. 29, Jorge Rulz Juarez, 38, 226 Apple Lane, Lake Park, Ga., no valid DL, Davis

Sep. 29, Rosa Isela Balleza, 43, 1226 McCall Street, Jennings, FL, exp.

DL more than 4 mos., Murphy

Sep. 30, Justin Edward Swanson, 24, 10525 Southfield Dr., Zeeland, Mi., fail to stop for inspection, poss. cannabis under 20 grams, poss. drug paraphernalia, Stalvey

Sep. 30, Daniel Storey, 29, 7 No. Stokie Rd., Lake Bluff, Il., poss. cannabis under 20 grams, Heimbuch

Oct. 1, Jared W. Ward, 20, 10650 SW 46 St., Jasper, FL, poss. of weapon, hold DOC, McKire

Oct. 2, Ronnie Moody, 63, 15000 SR 6 E., Jasper, FL, vop, poss. of meth, Tolle

Oct. 2, Jeremiah R. Jones, 27, 1085 SW 57 St., Jasper, FL, poss. of less than 20 grams marijuana, Fouraker

Oct. 2, Jason Lynn Burdett, 32, 5743 Beech Street, Zephyrhills, FL, hold for Polk Co., poss. of marijuana, less than 20 grams, poss. of drug paraphernalia, Altron

Oct. 3, Jerry Don Plair, 61, 1330 John St., Jennings, crim. mischief under \$200, crim. mischief more than \$1,000, resist w/o viol., Burnam

Oct. 3, Cynthia Denise Mays, 52, 511 1st Ave. NE, Jasper, FL, Suw. Cty warrant grand theft, Howell

Oct. 3, Roger Ricardo Alfaro, 48, 1138 Oak St., Jennings, FL, trespass af-

ter warning, Harvey

Oct. 4, Robert Alexander Krasnow, Jr., 38, 9517 SW 34 Lane, Gainesville, FL, in for court, Jackson, Harris

Oct. 4, Gregory Edward Decker, 21, 2490 NW 49 Trail, Jasper, FL, grand theft III, vop, dwls, Jackson

Oct. 4, Christopher Javon Hawkins, 21, 1282 Stephens St., Jennings, FL, resist w/o violence, Harvey

Oct. 5, Matthew Blaine Warren, 42, 445 Murphy Lane, Brownsburg, In., poss. of less than 20 grams cannabis, Kissinger

Oct. 5, Courtney Dwayne McCloud, 21, 3831 NW CR 141, Jennings, FL, battery dom. viol., Griffin

Oct. 5, Naterricka Shantez Valentine, 20, 221 1st Ave., NW, Jasper, FL, battery dom. viol., Griffin

Oct. 6, Thomas Lee Slater, 27, 5743 SR 6, Jasper, FL, battery, Burke

Oct. 6, Wynskia Allen Shuler, 28, 325 SW 7 Ave., Jasper, FL, vop, sale of substance in lieu of controlled substance, Johnson

Oct. 7, Arthur L. Kendrick, 41, 436 Shawnee Lane, Lantana, FL, dwls, Kissinger

Oct. 8, Joseph Franklin Kendall, 22, 1316 Briarcliff Gable Circle, Atlanta, Ga., dwls, Hughes