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FESTIVAL AND PARADE THIS SATURDAY

Sweets N the Streets

By Correspondent
 Johnny Bullard

The Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Jasper will celebrate their Sweets N the Streets Festival on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012, in downtown Jasper. Many offerings of "holiday goodies" and all kinds

of homemade cakes, pies, cookies, and other confections will be on sale and "for sample" for festival goers. This is sure to be a truly "sweet" way to start your holiday season. Festivities get underway at 10 a.m. that morning. Lots of musical entertainment, arts and crafts and all

kinds of holiday items will be featured at this event. The Festival will be "topped off" with the Jasper Christmas Parade commencing about dusk. Come out and celebrate a truly sumptuous and sweet holiday event in Jasper on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012.

Festival of Lights sponsors honored



The Stephen Foster Museum in all its splendor. - Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor

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The 2012 Festival of Lights at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park started off with a sponsor's reception on Thursday evening, Nov. 29 inside the Stephen Foster Museum, followed by a visit from Santa, a serenade of songs by the South Hamilton Elementary (SHE) choir and a sneak preview of the amazing holiday light displays throughout the park.

A large crowd of invited

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Santa came bearing a sweet surprise.

Sheriff's Explorers first Toy Run Dec. 8

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The Hamilton County Sheriff's Explorers will be holding their first ever toy run on Saturday, Dec. 8, according to Sergeant Emily Lumpkin. The event coincides with the all day Sweets N the Street festival and the evening Christmas parade.

The Toy Run will begin at 12 noon at the old high school at 1153 U.S. Hwy.

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Holiday on a budget

"The biggest thing about taking the stress out of Christmas and budgeting your time is to plan."

- Beth Kerr

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White Springs Public Library Adult Programming Coordinator Beth Kerr delivered an informative presentation Tuesday, Nov. 27 on how to manage time and money during the holidays by sticking to a budget, whereby you can actually enjoy the Christmas



Beth Kerr has a captive audience as she explains how to save time and money during the holidays. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

season.

"When Christmas rolls around I almost dread it," said Kerr. "About six weeks ago I told my friend, ohhh, I don't want Christmas to get here because there's so much extra food, extra baking, gifts for the kids and Christmas cards to mail."

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Porter's new hats

State rep. appointed to 5 committees

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State Representative District 10, Elizabeth Porter, R-Lake City, is pleased to announce that Speaker Will Weatherford has appointed her to the following committees for the upcoming term in the Florida House of Representatives. The Democrat asked Rep. Porter what these new positions entailed.

In addition, Porter and State Senator Charlie

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Christmas parade in White Springs kicked off the holidays



No Christmas parade is complete without the arrival of Santa and his reindeer. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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The Annual Christmas Parade in White Springs Friday night, Nov. 30, had hundreds of folks lining the streets who were anxious to get into the holiday spirit.

Leading off the parade behind the AJROTC Color Guard were the Riding Ranchers from the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Following the Riding Ranchers was White Springs Mayor Helen Miller and her chauffeur (husband) Ed Miller.

After a procession of floats that included the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners entry, and a fine showing of various fire and law enforcement vehicles, Santa Claus brought up the rear of the parade to the squeals of delight from all the children along the street.

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Avid students learn from master geologist

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Hamilton County High School 7th, 8th and 9th grade AVID students, in their royal blue T-shirts displaying the AVID logo, were treated to an exciting and educational presentation during third period recently by Michael S. Ramsey, Associate Professor of Geology and Planetary Science at the University of Pittsburgh.

Planned guest speakers like Ramsey are just one component of the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program at HCHS, according to Guidance Chair Paula Williams. Ramsey has



Professor Ramsey arrives at HCHS to give a presentation to AVID students. - Courtesy Photo:

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Porter's new hats

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Dean, R-Inverness, will hold their legislative delegation hearing on Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Live Oak City Hall on White Avenue in Live Oak.

"These hearings will provide our fellow citizens the opportunity to express their concerns, share legislative ideas and have personal input into the legislative process," said Porter.

Any member of the public wishing to address the delegation, please contact Koby Adams in Rep. Porter's office at 386-719-4600 or koby.adams@myflorida-house.gov to be placed on the agenda. Appearance cards will be available at the hearing for anyone who wishes to be heard.

Education Committee

Vice Chair

"This is the full committee over Choice and Innovation, Higher Education, and K-12 Subcommittees," said Porter. "All proposed bills that pass through those subcommittees are eventually heard by the Education Committee and must pass in this committee before being heard on the floor during session."

Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee - Vice Chair

"The Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee considers matters related to economic and community development, workforce development, unemployment compensation, tourism, affordable housing, growth management and emergency management," said

Porter.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee

"This considers matters related to Florida's agriculture and citrus industries, environmental protection, and the conservation of Florida's natural resources, said Porter. "It includes issues related to water quality and supply."

Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee

"It prepares the budget of the following departments for submittal to the full Appropriations Committee," said Porter. "It includes The Dept. of Transportation, Dept. of State, the Dept. of Economic Opportunity, Dept. of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, and the Department of Military Affairs."

K-12 Education Subcommittee

"This addresses topics pertaining to public schools, grades K-12," said Porter. "Specifically, the subcommittee considers issues related to compliance with and implementation of Federal law, student curriculum, conduct and attendance requirements, and student performance and services."

Porter said the appointments will provide our district with a voice on committees that directly affect our area.

"I am pleased with the leadership's confidence in me and our continued commitment to work hard to help create an environment that will bring good jobs to this district," said Porter.

Committee meetings began this week.

Christmas parade in White Springs kicked off the holidays

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According to White Springs correspondent Johnny Bullard the float winners were Divonia Baptist Church, South Hamilton Elementary and the Hamilton County School Board Transportation Department's Bus Barn.

After the parade everyone was invited into Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park for the official un-

veiling of the Festival of Lights, which will run through the month of December.

There are more photos online and photos are available for purchase. Go to suwanneedemocrat.com (or nflaonline.com) and click the photo gallery link on the left navigation bar.

More photos will be printed in a future edition of the *Jasper News*.

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an extensive educational background with a Ph.D. in Geosciences from Arizona State University and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Drexel University.

He is currently at the University of Pittsburgh where he formed the Image Visualization and Infrared Spectroscopy (IVIS) Laboratory, which is a state-of-the-art image analysis, infrared spectroscopy, and GPS facility supported over the past decade by more than \$3 million dollars in grants from National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). His research interests are varied, but focus mainly on physical volcanology, eolian dynamics, hazard mitigation, and planetary processes using thermal infrared imaging analysis, spectroscopy, and remote sensing.

His research group consists of two post-doctoral researchers, six graduate and several undergraduate students. He teaches six courses for the Department, including lower-level classes in Natural Disasters and Remote Sensing and graduate-level classes in Remote Exploration of Mars and Advanced GeoHazards & Risk Management.

As he spoke to the AVID students about his volcanic research in other countries, he demonstrated how his high-powered \$50,000 camera helps him with his work.

Williams said the students were fascinated and asked him tons of questions such as: "How did you react to lava in Hawaii?" "Have you been on a crew when someone was hurt around the volcano?" "Are you happy with your career?" "Tell us about the countries you have been to and why is it other

countries have major storms that kill thousands at a time and we have not?"

"Why do storms cost more in the United States?"

Ramsey's work has been featured in local and national newspapers, television and radio, as well as NPR, CNN, and the Discovery Channel. He has 35 peer-reviewed papers and over 160 conference abstract publications.

From 2006-2009 Ramsey was appointed by the NASA Administrator as a member of the Earth Science Subcommittee. He also serves as science team member on three thermal infrared NASA instruments: the Earth-orbiting Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflectance Radiometer (ASTER), the Mars-orbiting Thermal Emission Imaging System (THEMIS), and the airborne Mineral and Gas Identified (MAGI).

Using ASTER data, he is researching explosive volcanic hazards and integrative monitoring in the north around the world. That research also involves NSF funded laboratory studies of the thermal emission of molten materials.

His Mars-based research is focused on crater, eolian, and volcanic processes using new image processing techniques for enhancing the spatial and thermal resolution of THEMIS data, which allows better mapping of the compositional and thermal variations on the surface.

After Ramsey's presentation and after answering all the kids' questions, he had to rush off to Jacksonville to catch a flight to his next speaking engagement.

"We were fortunate to have him visit our school at no cost to us," said Williams. "This was a wonderful exposure for the students we serve."

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guests that included all the valued sponsors who made the event possible, converged on Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park Thursday, Nov. 29 for a reception and first glimpse of over five million lights and holiday displays decorating the park for the 2012 Festival of Lights in the town of White Springs.

Stephen Foster Museum was the perfect elegant venue for the event. Guests were greeted at the entrance by a string trio singing a medley of holiday favorites and then treated to a variety of hors d'oeuvres and cocktails inside the museum. The program was given by Park Manager Michelle Waterman, who thanked everyone

responsible for making the annual event a possibility and even bigger than last year.

Santa Claus arrived with a special treat for everyone, and as he opened the rear doors of the museum, he invited everyone out to listen to the SHE choir sing a delightful medley of Christmas songs. Then it was time to explore the

park and enjoy all the lights, including the Carillon Bell Tower with its golden lights reaching into the night sky.

Inside the auditorium the Lake City Train Club had a large working train display that delighted the adults even more than the kids.

The Festival of Lights runs through the month of December from dusk

until 9 p.m. with the exception of Christmas night when the park will be closed.

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The SHE choir amazed everyone with their medley of songs. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

Holiday on a budget - How to manage time and money

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Kerr has adjusted that train of thought and came up with a list of do's and don'ts for the holidays. First and foremost, Kerr suggests pruning your "to-do" list down to the absolute essentials that would truly be missed if you eliminated them, and also to get rid of the activities or chores that make you feel rushed. One thing she stressed was honesty.

"Be honest with your neighbors and friends," she said. "Say, you know what? I'm trying to trim my budget. This year I really am trying to stay within a certain budget and I have to cut some things. I want to spend time with you instead. Let's have lunch at my house next week or after the holidays."

She also said to plan activities with friends and family that don't cost anything to do like visiting a local park.

One of the most stressful things about the holidays is gift giving, so Kerr suggested eliminating those habitual gift

exchanges that really hold no meaning other than it's what has always been done in the past. She said chances are others will appreciate your honesty and feel relieved to do the same.

If you have children, Kerr said to be honest with them, as well, and let them know you have to set spending limits for whatever they have on their wish lists.

Kerr said that giving small meaningful gifts to friends, teachers, and others on your list that don't cost a lot are appreciated just as much, if not more than big, expensive gifts. Again, she stressed staying within your budget.

Another thing to scale back on, Kerr said, is to trim your Christmas card list and/or hand deliver cards to friends and family to save on postage. Another way to trim costs is to take advantage of free Internet e-cards or better yet, make a personal phone call to express your holiday wishes.

As for holiday decorating, Kerr said you can

relieve a lot of stress by focusing on the "Big Three", meaning the front door (or whatever door your guests use), the Christmas tree and the main room of the house where you will be doing your entertaining, rather than trying to decorate your entire home.

"Some people can decorate every room and it's relaxing and exciting for them," said Kerr.

She spoke about her mother, who decorates her home for every single holiday that comes around, including St. Patrick's Day.

"She's got clovers everywhere," Kerr said. "She has linens and shower curtains because she can afford it. I can't, so I'm not going to try to imitate what she does."

Kerr said to get your family, especially your kids involved in the decorating process by setting up a time beforehand so that they all know to be there to help.

"You don't have to decorate the whole house because guess what? After December 25th somebody's got to take that stuff down and pack it back up," she said. "I guarantee that those kids who helped you decorate are going to be skeddaddling."

Spending time with your extended family can oftentimes be tense if you share different views or habits, Kerr went on, so her sugges-

tion is to limit your visiting time and avoid three major topics of discussion; religion, politics and sports.

"Unless you know you're rooting for the same team, politics, religion and sports will get you in trouble quicker than anything at social gatherings," said Kerr. "So, try to leave those out of the conversation or make an excuse and go get some punch."

Pre-planning meals for the entire holiday season, including quick and easy ones for busy nights, is another tip to reduce stress, as well as to stay within your budget. Having your meal list ready and all the necessary ingredients in the pantry will save time and keep you from ordering in all those last minute pizzas to feed your family. Crock pot meals are another time-saver, as well as freezing meals ahead of time.

Kerr summarized by saying, "The biggest thing about taking the stress out of Christmas and budgeting your time is to plan."

Kerr's list of time and money saving tips for the holidays is priceless, so stop by the library and ask for a copy. While you're there, have a look around at all the wonderful holiday decorations and maybe check out a seasonal book to read. Now there's a true stress reliever!

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Life in WHITE SPRINGS

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We are all connected. Let me start by extending belated condolences to the families of Thomas Newsome Sr. and Wendell Hannum. These two gentlemen were a part of the White Springs community and they will be missed. We are all affected by different peoples passing in different ways. I didn't know Thomas well but I often heard his sister speak of him and I know many in his family and I know how difficult this has been for them. So, I am affected by their grief, and my concern for them connects me to Thomas, and that in turn reminds me, we are all connected. I knew Wendell somewhat better but still not well. But I did know him well enough to remember his enthusiasm for White Springs and his appreciation of the beauty of the Suwannee River. I shared and still share that enthusiasm and appreciation and that reminds me once again, we are all connected. Even though they have passed, the life and death of these two men re-

mind me that, whether we know each other well or not, all of us in one way or another share friends and families, appreciations and concerns, and hopes and dreams that we can and should build on as a community because, in ways both great and small, in life and in death, we are all connected.

The White Springs Christmas Parade took place last week and it was a wonderful sight to behold. For years I have encouraged people to come out and see the parade. Yet, despite my encouragement, there is a small, core group of folks that have not been to the White Springs Christmas Parade in years and I am glad! No, I am not about to go on a rant about not wanting certain folks to show up at the parade. To the contrary, I would even welcome the Grinch if he showed up, but I am still glad that this aforementioned group of folks has not seen the parade in years and did not show up this year either. If you have ever gone into the park for the free hot dogs, soft drinks and delicious cookies and hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows that are served after the parade, you have probably seen but taken little notice of these folks. They and many others don't come to the parade because they are busy volunteers, getting ready to serve the hundreds of people who

watched the parade and were in it. So I am glad for all the folks who had fun watching the parade and I am glad for that small group of people who never watch it. They, and all the folks who work to make our Christmas festivities happen, are the true spirit of Christmas. If you have not yet been to the park, do go soon. It is a spectacular, breathtaking, yet very affordable Christmas experience that you and your family will remember for years to come.

As Christmas approaches, the excitement of the children in White Springs is a tangible thing. You can see it in their faces, you can hear it in their laughter and you can feel what most of them believe, that something wonderful is about to happen! I hope that none of them will be disappointed, that we all will reach out to all the children to make their Christmas wishes come true. Even better, I hope that we will give them our love and encouragement and guidance and support all year long so that a nice toy at Christmas will just be the icing on the year long cake!

So, go forth with an attitude of gratitude for all the good people and good things that are part of your life in White Springs. Happy Holidays everyone!

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SRWMD LiDAR mapping efforts progresses

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) is using light detection and ranging (LiDAR) technology to map ground elevations. "Our goal is to map the entire District using LiDAR to enhance our ability to identify flood prone areas, plan land management activities and develop water storage and recharge projects" said Erich Marzolf, Water Resource Division Director for the District.

LiDAR is an optical remote sensing technology that measures the ground elevation using an airplane. A rapid collection of light points (more than 150,000 per second) are aimed at the ground surface, which, in turn, reflects the light back to an emitter. A digital elevation model is created of the ground surface from the data that greatly improves ground level elevation accuracy from old elevation data of 10 feet and 5 feet to 2 or less feet elevation data using LiDAR.

About 70 percent or 5,510 square miles of the District have been mapped using LiDAR technology. The District's partnership with United States Geological Survey (USGS) will add 373 square miles of LiDAR mapping in

2013. Once this work is completed as planned, 78 percent of the District will have been mapped, leaving 1,695 square miles for future years' efforts.

LiDAR measures the time that it takes a laser pulse to strike an object and return to the aircraft. It then records the laser angle and determines the distance using the travel time. From this information, the data is constructed where the reflecting object is located and then converted into three dimensions. These flights can only occur during the winter when leaves are less dense thus allowing the laser pulses to reflect off the ground.

The District has also previously partnered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Florida Department of Emergency Management, St. Johns River Water Management District, South West Florida Water Management District, Northwest Florida Water Management District and Alachua County to save its taxpayers money and to provide the best available mapping data for its communities.

Teachers and school-related employees of the year announced

District selections to be announced Dec. 12

The Hamilton County School District is pleased to announce the nominees for 2014 Teacher of the Year and 2013 School-Related Employee of the Year. Peer groups at each work site selected their respective nominees by ballot earlier today, and those chosen are now candidates to represent the district.

A selection committee will meet on Dec. 12 for interviews and to review the application packets. Superintendent Thomas Moffses will announce the district selections that afternoon. We congratulate this year's nominees and thank them for their hard work and dedication to the school system. A reception to honor all nominees will be held at a later date.

Location	Teacher	School-Related Employee
Central Hamilton Elem	Kathy Griffin	Penny Henderson
North Hamilton Elem	Kathy Carter	Lucille Seymore
South Hamilton Elem	Kimberly Crowder	Jocelyn Smith
Hamilton County HS	Doug Clayton	Samantha Norris
Greenwood School	Annette Daniel	Teresa Williams
General Services	N/A	Dennis Norris
Administrative Complex	N/A	Phillis Johnson

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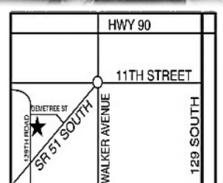
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF INTENT TO GRANT A VARIANCE

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) gives notice of its intent to grant a variance (File No. 0144913-020-EV-VE) to PCS Phosphate - White Springs (PCS), Post Office Box 300, White Springs, Florida 32096, under subsection 373.414(17) and paragraph 403.201(1)(a), Florida Statutes, (F.S.), from the provisions of rule 62302.530(30), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), which provides minimum standards for dissolved oxygen levels in surface waters. This variance will only apply to dissolved oxygen levels in the hypolimnia (the deepest layer) of reclaimed phosphate mine pit lakes within the Hamilton County Mine.

On November 22, 2011, PCS applied for a modification to the conceptual reclamation plan for its Hamilton County Mine in Hamilton County, Florida. The conceptual reclamation plan modification addresses the following: changes to the mining boundaries, changes to the waste disposal plan to eliminate three clay settling areas, changes to post-reclamation land use, changes to post-reclamation topography and drainage, changes in timing of activities, and a decrease of post-reclamation lakes at the Hamilton County Mine from 7,715 acres to 7,562.0 acres. On November 22, 2011, PCS submitted a petition for a variance, under subsection 373.414(17) and paragraph 403.201(1)(a), F.S., from the provisions of rule 62302.530(30), F.A.C., which provides minimum standards for dissolved oxygen levels in surface waters. The variance will be permanent.

The dissolved oxygen levels in the hypolimnia of the reclaimed phosphate mine pit lakes are expected to drop below the mandatory minimum concentration of 5.0 mg/L at times. Stratification and the associated reduction of dissolved oxygen in lake hypolimnia are natural phenomena in deepwater bodies, especially during warmer parts of the year. This condition is well documented in the limnological literature and recognized in paragraph 373.414(6)(a), F.S., which states, "The Legislature recognizes that some mining activities that may occur in waters of the state must leave a deep pit as part of the reclamation. Such deep pits may not meet the established water quality standard for dissolved oxygen below the surficial layers. Where such mining activities otherwise meet the permitting criteria contained in this section, such activities may be eligible for a variance from the established water quality standard for dissolved oxygen within the lower layers of the reclaimed pit."

The low dissolved oxygen levels in the hypolimnia of the reclaimed phosphate mine pit lakes are not expected to result in any on-site or off-site impacts. Oxygen levels in the upper layers of the reclaimed phosphate mine pit lakes are expected to meet the requirements of rule 62-302.530, F.A.C., and be adequate to support healthy fish populations. Existing reclaimed phosphate mine pit lakes support healthy populations of fish. Several reclaimed phosphate mine pit lakes are currently being managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to provide the public with recreational fishing opportunities. Once reclamation is completed, these reclaimed phosphate mine pit lakes will be connected to reclaimed and/or preserved wetlands and streams. Water exiting these reclaimed phosphate mine pit lakes is expected to meet the requirements for dissolved oxygen and other water quality criteria of rule 62-302.530, F.A.C. The water will exit from the upper surfaces of the reclaimed phosphate mine pit lakes and will flow through shallow conveyances that will provide further aeration.

There is no practicable means known or available to achieve the required dissolved oxygen levels within the hypolimnia of the reclaimed phosphate mine pit lakes. Therefore, the Department intends to grant a variance pursuant to paragraph 403.201(1)(a), F.S., for dissolved oxygen in the hypolimnia of the reclaimed phosphate mine pit lakes at the Hamilton County Mine.

Under this intent to grant, this variance is hereby granted subject to the applicant's compliance with any requirement in this intent to publish notice of this intent in a newspaper of general circulation and to provide proof of such publication in accordance with section 50.051, F.S. This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., as provided below. If a sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed, this intent to grant automatically becomes only proposed agency action on the application, subject to the result of the administrative review process. Therefore, on the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until further order of the Department. When proof of publication is provided, if required by this intent, and if a sufficient petition is not timely filed, the variance will be granted as a ministerial action. Before the Department grants or denies the requested variance, the applicant is advised not to commence construction or other activities until the deadlines noted below for filing a petition for an administrative hearing or request for an extension of time have expired and until the variance has been executed and delivered. Mediation is not available.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

Under rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, before the applicable deadline. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon. If a request is filed late, the Department may still grant it upon a motion by the requesting party showing that the failure to file a request for an extension of time before the deadline was the result of excusable neglect. If a timely and sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is filed, other persons whose substantial interests will be affected by the outcome of the administrative process have the right to petition to intervene in the proceeding. Intervention will be permitted only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

In accordance with Section 403.201, F.S., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 14 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under subsection 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the notice or within 14 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information: (a) the name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination; (c) a statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision; (d) a statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) a concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) a statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and (g) a statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by rule 28-106.301, F.A.C. Under Sections 120.569(2)(c) and (d), F.S., a petition for administrative hearing must be dismissed by the agency if the petition does not substantially comply with the above requirements or is untimely filed.

This intent to grant a variance constitutes an order of the Department. Subject to the provisions of Section 120.68(7)(a), F.S., which may require a remand for an administrative hearing, the applicant has the right to seek judicial review of the order under Section 120.68, F.S., by the filing of a notice of appeal under Rule 9.110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-3000; and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date when the order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

The Department's file on this matter is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays at the Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, Telephone 850.488.8217.

OPINION

Future generations

Is there any reason for today's Americans to care about what happens to tomorrow's Americans? After all, what have tomorrow's Americans done for today's Americans? Moreover, since tomorrow's Americans don't vote, we can dump on them with impunity. That's a vision that describes the actual behavior of today's Americans. It would be seen as selfish, callous and ruth-

less only if it were actually articulated. Let's look at it.

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**A
MINORITY
VIEW**
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that include all of their present and expected future liabilities. On top of that, they are required to hold reserves against future liabilities such as employee retirement.

By contrast, the federal government gets by without having to provide transparent and honest financial statements. The U.S. Treasury's "balance sheet" does list liabilities such as public debt, but it does not include the massive unfunded liabilities of Social Security, Medicare and other federal future obligations. A conservative estimate of Washington's unfunded liabilities for the year ending in 2011 is \$87 trillion. That's more than 500 percent of our 2011 GDP of \$15 trillion.

Former Congressmen Chris Cox and Bill Archer have written an article -- "Why \$16 Trillion Only Hints at the True U.S. Debt," The Wall Street Journal (No-

ember 26, 2012) -- pointing out our dire economic straits. They say, "When the accrued expenses of the government's entitlement programs are counted, it becomes clear that to collect enough tax revenue just to avoid going deeper into debt would require over \$8 trillion in tax collections annually. That is the total of the average annual accrued liabilities of just the two largest entitlement programs, plus the annual cash deficit." Let's analyze that.

Washington would have to collect \$8 trillion in tax revenue, not to pay off our national debt and have reserves against unfunded liabilities, but just to avoid accumulating more debt. Recent IRS data show that individuals earning \$66,000 and more a year have a total adjusted gross income of \$5.1 trillion. In 2011, corporate profit came to \$1.6 trillion. That means if Congress simply confiscated the entire earnings of taxpayers earning more than \$66,000 and all corporate profits, it wouldn't be enough to cover the \$8 trillion per year growth of U.S. liabilities.

Given this impossible picture, the message coming out of Washington, especially from our leftist politicians and the news media, is that we solve our budget problems by raising taxes on the rich. If Americans were more informed, such a message would be insulting to our rich people to satisfy Congress' appetite.

In 2011, Congress spent \$3.7 trillion. That turns out to be about \$10

billion per day. According to IRS statistics, roughly 2 percent of U.S. households have an income of \$250,000 and above. By the way, \$250,000 per year hardly qualifies as being rich. It can't even buy a Learjet.

Households earning \$250,000 and above account for 25 percent, or \$1.97 trillion, of the nearly \$8 trillion of total household income. If Congress imposed a 100 percent tax, taking all earnings above \$250,000 per year, it would bring in about \$1.9 trillion. That would keep Washington running for 190 days, but there's a problem because there are 175 more days left in the year.

The profits of the Fortune 500 richest companies come to \$400 billion. That would keep the government running for another 40 days, to mid-July.

America has 400 billionaires with a combined net worth of \$1.3 trillion. If Congress fleeced them of their assets, stocks, bonds, yachts, airplanes, mansions and jewelry, it would get us to at least late fall.

The fact of the matter is there are not enough rich people to come anywhere close to satisfying Congress' voracious spending appetite. The true tragedy for our future is that there are millions of uninformed Americans who will buy the political demagoguery and treachery that our problems can be solved by taxing the rich.

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF WETLAND RESOURCE PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department), gives notice of its approval of Wetland Resource Permit No. 0144913-021 to PCS Phosphate, Post Office Box 300, White Springs, Florida 32096 (PCS), under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 62-312, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

The activities authorized by this permit are located within a 1,155-acre project site known as the Loncala Tract, which lies approximately three miles south of the city of Jasper, Florida between Interstate 75 (I-75) and United States (US) Highway 41, and along both sides of US Highway 129 in Hamilton County, Florida. The project includes all or portions of Sections 19, 20, 21, 29, and 30, Township 1 North, Range 14 East, and includes wetlands and other surface waters associated with Cat Creek (Class III waters). The project is located entirely within the Upper Suwannee River Basin (Class III Waters).

On November 22, 2011, PCS submitted an application to the Department for a Wetland Resource Permit for the Loncala Tract. The permit application was reviewed by Department staff. Under this permit, PCS is authorized to disturb approximately 370.6 acres of jurisdictional wetlands to conduct phosphate mining and reclamation activities within the approximately 1,155-acre Loncala Tract. The wetlands and other surface waters to be disturbed include approximately 312.4 acres of forested wetlands, approximately 43.3 acres of herbaceous wetlands, approximately 7.0 acres of ditches through wetlands, and approximately 8.0 acres of upland-cut ditches.

To offset unavoidable impacts that will occur from these authorized activities, the permittee shall create approximately 606.2 acres of wetlands, consisting of 553.5 acres of forested wetlands and 52.7 acres of herbaceous wetlands within the Loncala Tract following the completion of mining activities. The permittee shall also enhance approximately 2.6 acres of stream channel within the Loncala Tract prior to the initiation of mining within the application area.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

Under rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, before the applicable deadline. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon. If a request is filed late, the Department may still grant it upon a motion by the requesting party showing that the failure to file a request for an extension of time before the deadline was the result of excusable neglect. If a timely and sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is filed, other persons whose substantial interests will be affected by the outcome of the administrative process have the right to petition to intervene in the proceeding. Intervention will be permitted only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

In accordance with Section 403.201, F.S., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 21 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under subsection 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice or within 21 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 21 days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information: (a) the name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination; (c) a statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision; (d) a statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) a concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) a statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and (g) a statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by rule 28-106.301, F.A.C. Under Sections 120.569(2)(c) and (d), F.S., a petition for administrative hearing must be dismissed by the agency if the petition does not substantially comply with the above requirements or is untimely filed.

This permit approval constitutes an order of the Department. Subject to the provisions of Section 120.68(7)(a), F.S., which may require a remand for an administrative hearing, the applicant has the right to seek judicial review of the order under Section 120.68, F.S., by the filing of a notice of appeal under Rule 9.110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida, 323993000; and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date when the order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

The Department's file on this matter is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays at the Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 715, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, Telephone 850.488.8217.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF A CONCEPTUAL RECLAMATION PLAN MODIFICATION

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) gives notice of its issuance of a conceptual reclamation plan modification (PCS-HC-CPD) (File No. 0144913-019) to PCS Phosphate - White Springs (PCS), Post Office Box 300, White Springs, Florida 32096, under Chapter 378, Part II, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 62C-16, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The conceptual reclamation plan modification is for PCS's Hamilton County Mine, which is an approximately 99,588-acre site located in Hamilton County, Florida approximately eight miles north of White Springs. The project site is located to the west and north of the Suwannee River, along both the east and west sides of Interstate 75, and south of the Georgia border. The mine area is located in Sections 1, 2, 11 - 15, 22 28, and 33 - 36, Township 1 North, Range 14 East; Sections 1 - 5, and 10 - 14, Township 1 South, Range 14 East; Sections 19 - 21, and 28 - 34, Township 2 North, Range 15 East; Sections 1 - 36, Township 1 North, Range 15 East; Sections 1 - 27, 35, and 36, Township 1 South, Range 15 East; Section 1, Township 2 South, Range 15 East; Sections 5 - 8, 16 - 23, 26 - 35, Township 1 North, Range 16 East; Sections 1 - 35, Township 1 South, Range 16 East; and Sections 7 and 8, Township 1 South, Range 17 East. The Hamilton County Mine lies entirely within the watershed of the Upper Suwannee River, an Outstanding Florida Water (OFW), and Class III waters. The site has been mined by PCS and is subject to mandatory phosphate reclamation requirements under Chapter 378, F.S. and Chapter 62C-16, F.A.C.

This conceptual reclamation plan modification addresses the following: changes to the conceptual plan boundary, mining areas, waste disposal plan, time schedule, post-reclamation drainage, wetland restoration, post-reclamation topography, and post-reclamation land use. This conceptual reclamation plan modification includes elimination of three clay settling areas (CSAs).

The Department's file on this matter is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays at the Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 715, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, Telephone: 850.488.8217.

The conceptual reclamation plan modification is granted unless a sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., as provided below.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Mediation is not available.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to redetermine final agency action on the application, the filing of a petition for an administrative hearing may result in a modification of the agency action or even a denial of the application. If a sufficient petition for an administrative hearing or request for an extension of time to file a petition is timely filed, this agency action automatically becomes only proposed agency action on the application, subject to the result of the administrative review process. Accordingly, the applicant is advised not to commence construction or other activities in accordance with this conceptual reclamation plan modification until the deadlines noted below for filing a petition for an administrative hearing, or request for an extension of time has expired.

Under rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, before the applicable deadline. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

If a timely and sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is filed, other persons whose substantial interests will be affected by the outcome of the administrative process have the right to petition to intervene in the proceeding. Intervention will be permitted only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

In accordance with subsection 378.212(3), F.S., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 21 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under subsection 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice or within 21 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under subsection 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 21 days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information: (a) the name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination; (c) a statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision; (d) a statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) a concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) a statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and (g) a statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by rule 28-106.301, F.A.C. Under paragraphs 120.569(2)(c) and (d), F.S., a petition for administrative hearing must be dismissed by the agency if the petition does not substantially comply with the above requirements or is untimely filed.

This conceptual reclamation plan modification constitutes an order of the Department. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 120.68(7)(a), F.S., which may require a remand for an administrative hearing, the applicant has the right to seek judicial review of the order under section 120.68, F.S., by the filing of a notice of appeal under Rule 9.110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 323993000; and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date when the order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

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James Alfred Williams
Sept. 22, 1935
Nov. 28, 2012

James Alfred Williams, Sr., age 77, of Jasper, Fla. passed away Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012 at his home. Mr. Williams was born Sept. 22, 1935 in Fargo, Ga. to the late Alec and Arti C Griffis. He retired from PCS where he worked for a number of years. Mr. Williams moved to the Jasper area in 1968 from Fargo. He was a member and past master of the John M. Caldwell Masonic Lodge #70 and was a member of Corinth Baptist Church near Jasper. Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his wife, Cora Dell Williams and twin daughters, Carol Ann and Cheryl Jan.

Survivors include one son, Al Williams and his wife Tessy of Jasper, Fla.; one daughter, Gayle Trinder and her husband Bill of Jasper, Fla.; five grandchildren, Stephanie Zipperer, Sue Thornbury (Glen), Will Harvey (Brandi), Shirley Smith (Jay) and Jenna Zeigler (Jami); ten great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012 at Corinth Baptist Church. Interment followed at Fargo Cemetery in Fargo, Georgia.

Memorial contributions may be made to Haven Hospice, 6037 U.S. 90 West, Lake City, Fla. 32055.

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

Ms. Lenora Akins
Dec. 1, 2012

Ms. Lenora Akins age 70, of Jasper, Florida passed from this earthly walk of life Saturday, Dec. 01, 2012 at The Lake Park of Madison Health Care Center in Madison, Florida. The Home Going Celebration for Ms. Akins is to be held 11:00 Saturday, Dec. 07, 2012 at Greater Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. J.T. Billy Simon is the pastor and Rev. Joseph Simmons will officiate. Burial will follow in the Friendship Cemetery in Jasper, Florida. The family will receive other relatives and sorrowing friends Friday, Dec. 06, 2012 from 6 to 8 P.M. at Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Jasper, Florida. Professional Mortuary Services entrusted to Eric A. Brown & Son Funeral Home.

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By Angie Land

Everyone has a perspective...all you need to do in order to be convinced of this fact is to ask two or three different people to describe the same thing to you. For example, the most effective way to get "the whole story" in marriage counseling is to talk to the husband and wife separately, and then put the pieces together to form one picture of what is really happening. Generally, our perspectives are formed as we look through the lens of our own understanding, experiences, values, and beliefs. If we remember this, it is much easier to understand someone else's perspective, especially when it is in opposition to our own.

In John 4:1-3, the Bible records the following situation:

"The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John (the Baptist), although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee."

In order to understand

all that was going on in these few verses, let's check out the perspectives of everyone involved:

Pharisees: We often label the Pharisees as "bad guys" but from their perspective, they were serving God and following tradition. However, tradition can sometimes keep us from recognizing God at work right in front of us. These religious leaders resented Jesus' popularity almost as much as they resented the fact that His message challenged much of their teachings. It is possible they thought that Jesus left Judea because He heard of their displeasure and was afraid of them. In any case, they were probably very glad that He left and hoped that would be the end of their trouble.

Jesus: Although Jesus was gaining disciples, it was actually the disciples who were baptizing, and not Jesus himself. According to many verses in the four gospels, Jesus did not challenge the Pharisees opposition because it was not yet the right time. He was confident of His mission and as we read in John 4:4, Jesus left Judea because He

had a very important meeting with a Samaritan woman.

John the Baptist: After reading John 4:1-3, if anyone should be concerned over Jesus gaining and baptizing more disciples than John, wouldn't it would be John? However, the Bible records John's answer to this very question when some of his own disciples seemed concerned about the same issue: "He (Jesus) must become greater; I must become less." (John 3:30) John the Baptist was able to answer this with confidence because he was very clear about the purpose of his ministry. John 1:29 reveals this purpose: "...the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." John understood that Jesus was here on a mission much bigger than simply competing with ministry numbers!

Jesus' Disciples: Re-

member these were the ones actually doing the baptizing. They understood what was going on very clearly because they had left everything to follow Jesus. In John 1:35-42 we find that two of Jesus' disciples actually started out as disciples of John: "...John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!' When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus." One of the two was Andrew and, "The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and bring him to Jesus. Jesus immediately changed Simon's name to Peter and then proceeded to change his life! No wonder these disciples were baptizing...they had experienced the power of God through a relationship with Jesus and they wanted others to know! The different perspectives found in these vers-



es give us the big picture and the whole truth: Only Jesus can change a life...the rest of us have the option of pointing the way or standing in the way. What is your perspective?

Because Every Heart Matters, Angie

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

You Can Have Assurance of Salvation

By Hugh G. Sherrill



These days in which we live are filled with uncertainty. We have an economy that is uncertain, a government that is uncertain, world peace is certainly an uncertainty; especially with the things going on with Israel. There is so much uncertainty going on we could not record them all.

Today with so much uncertainty where can one find some assurance? The place to turn for assurance is God's Word. I John 5:13 says "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God".

As I visit from church to church and talk to people, almost daily I hear someone say "I hope I am saved", "I hope I make it", "I am trying to get to heaven", etc, etc. Many have no assurance of their salvation. Webster defines "assurance" as meaning a pledge or guarantee: the state of being sure or certain; insure against risk; security, servitude; confidence. In the realm of salvation, the word "assurance" occurring six times in the Bible, means "full of confidence", and expresses the guarantee the believer has that he is forever secure. As Dr. Scofield expresses it, "Assurance is the believer's full conviction that, through the work of Christ alone, received by faith, he is in possession of a salvation in which he will be eternally kept. And this assurance rests only upon the Scripture promise to him who believes." The Biblical statement of this vital Bible truth is given by Isaiah - The "work" of righteousness shall be peace; and the "effect" of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

This assurance of salvation is plainly written

over the pages of the New Testament. Christ and His apostles lived in the air of certainty. Doubt in a regenerated heart is everywhere condemned. The epistles glow with the truth that we may "know" we possess salvation. They present a tenor of joy in a present experience, but the tragedy is that, while all who are saved have the right to assurance, all do not experience it. As a letter can be written, and yet now sealed, so grace may be written within the heart, but faith is not strong enough to set the seal of assurance to the accomplishment of the Holy Spirit. Faith in the heart,

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- Early Childhood Education
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
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 - Web Production Specialization

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- Emergency Medical Services (A.S. Degree)
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- CompTIA A+
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Healthy Living P.A.D.S.

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P.A.D.S., an acronym I coined to describe how we feel after our huge holiday meals: Post Ate-too-much Depression Syndrome. Funny but true-eat a light breakfast in anticipation of the Smorgasbord to come. Sit down starving to death, eat till we're about to pop, and then head to the couch for a nap and some foosball. Hours later Grandma insists we make room for that pumpkin pie we just couldn't stuff down at lunch, soon after we hit it for round two!

Unfortunately, this kind of eating wreaks havoc on our metabolism, in more ways than one. First, eating only one very large meal in a day is catastrophic in and of itself. When you don't feed yourself small frequent portions you tell your body to store, store, and store some more; slowing down your metabolism and therefore your fat burning fire. Secondly, eating large amounts of simple carbs and very sugary foods causes extreme insulin responses. High insulin levels can cause: high blood pressure, depressed immune function, accelerated aging, ankle swelling, acne, constipation, decreased brain function, depression, fatigue, irritability, sugar cravings, water retention, and weight gain. Finally, testosterone

and growth hormone, our primary building hormones, are disrupted during the process. Increased levels of these two hormones increase muscular size and strength, and are lipolytic, meaning they mobilize fat for use as fuel. Suppression of these hormones does not promote lean tissue maintenance and enhanced fat metabolism in the body.

Enough talk about all they damage we've done, how do we fix it?! The good news one day will not derail you permanently, as long as you jump back on the wagon. Regardless of what your dietary and physical activities were before Thanksgiving, follow these tips in the next week and you'll be back to your Pre-Pig Out(oops)-Thanksgiving state!

1.) Jump back into your small frequent meals as soon as possible.

2.) Increase your cardio. When you decrease your daily caloric intake expect a drop in metabolism; counterbalance this effect by increasing cardio. Try to hit your cardio at least 5 days this week.

3.) Increase your protein intake. Increasing protein will increase growth hormone levels, which will increase the need for protein, which

will increase the absorption of protein producing growth hormone spikes. Taking a hot bath and eating protein before bed will also increase your GH release during sleep.

4.) Increase your intake of fresh veges. It's safe to say our Turkey Day meals were also packed with salt. Salt decreases water outside our cells; potassium increases water inside our cells; veges are the best source of potassium, soooo, grab those dark leafy greens and get to it!

5.) Try higher intensity workouts this week. Always remember the greater the disruption in the homeostasis of an organism, the greater the resulting adaptation. How intense you say? Gauge it by how much damage you did at the dinner table. More food=more intensity.

Follow these steps and you'll have kicked your case of P.A.D.S. just in time for Christmas!

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Suwannee River League of Cities Identifies Water Protection as Top Priority

Tallahassee, FL — The Suwannee River League of Cities is a 10 county region currently representing 15 municipal member governments. During the Nov. 8, 2012 SRLC Board of Directors Meeting in Cross City, members approved the 2013 SRLC legislative priorities including support of the Floridan Aquifer System Sustainability Act (FASSA).

FASSA is designed to return sustainability to Florida's water systems. Building on past legislation, the act addresses statewide water resources on a system-wide basis for the first time by acquiring and utilizing all of the data presently and potentially available, developing a unified Floridan Aquifer System model to be used by all Water Management Districts, developing and implementing mitigation programs where needed, and providing the necessary tools and resources to bring permanent solutions which address our water sustainability needs.

During the SRLC meeting, Dr. Helen Miller, Mayor of White Springs and Vice Chair of Florida Leaders Organized for Water (FLOW), stated, "The

future economic viability of municipalities in the Suwannee River league rests on sustainable supplies of water for households, eco-tourism, agriculture, mining, business and industry. We need a state-wide, systemic framework for dealing with water issues, and we need more cooperation and resources in order to mitigate existing problems. The upcoming legislative session in 2013, the 500th anniversary of Florida, is the time to address our water issues. Celebrating Viva Florida should be more than honoring our 500-year history; we should also be looking forward to our future. What kind of Florida are we willing to leave to the generations that follow us?"

"We are dedicated to working together through the SRLC to support FLOW and this legislation to protect and sustain water for communities throughout Florida," said SRLC President Shirley Clark.

For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the 2013 SRLC Legislative Priorities, please contact Christy Shell at cshell@iog.fsu.edu or 850-487-4184.

Social Security helps veterans

Nov. 11 is more than just a national holiday; Veterans Day is a time to honor the men and women who risk their lives to protect our freedom. We at Social Security ask you to join us in saluting the men and women of the armed forces. Be sure to say "thank you" to a veteran on this important day.

For those who return home with injuries, it will be our turn to help them. If you know any wounded veterans, please let them know about Social Security's Wounded Warriors website. You can find it at

www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

The Wounded Warriors website answers a number of commonly asked questions, and shares other useful infor-

mation about disability benefits, including how veterans can receive expedited processing of disability claims. It is important to note that benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they are unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of mil-

itary pay does not necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security.

A person cannot receive Social Security disability benefits while engaging in substantial work for pay or profit. However, the work activity is the controlling factor and not the amount of pay the person receives or military duty status.

Learn more by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

We at Social Security thank all veterans and members of the armed services for all that they do — not only on Veterans Day, but every day of the year.

You Can Have Assurance of Salvation

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however, should appear in the fruit of assurance.

Do I believe in once saved, always saved? Yes, with all my heart! John 3:16 says for those who believe they would have "everlasting life". If it was not "everlasting" Jesus could not have said it was. If any sin could cause you to lose your salvation, then any sin would. If I did not have assurance of eternal life, then I would have to spend all my

time taking care of me and would have no time for anyone else. I John 1:8 says: we all sin; and if we don't do what I John 1:9 says, then we will suffer the consequences of the sin but never lose our salvation.

I John says that we can know we have eternal life. If you don't know, maybe you don't. Make certain today that you do.

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SRWMD Governing Board meetings

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012, the Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet at 9 a.m. at the District headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060. The meeting is to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory, real estate, and other various matters.

During the Dec. 11, 2012 Board meeting, the District will hold a public hearing on the strate-

gic priorities established in the 2014-18 strategic plan. The strategic priorities are sustainable water supply, water conservation, minimum flows and levels, heartland springs initiative, water management lands, and non-structural flood protection.

A workshop will be held immediately following the meeting.

All meetings, workshops, and hearings are open to the public.

On Nov. 4, First Baptist Church of Jasper dedicated this year's Homecoming to Mrs. Lenora Braswell in appreciation for her many years of service to our Lord and His church here at First Baptist.

Throughout the years, she has served faithfully in many capacities. Presently, she is on the Homecoming Committee and head of the Grievance Committee at our church. She is well loved by many, a loyal member, and has served not only our church, but the Jasper community for many years.

Gettys Braswell, Lenora's son, wrote a loving tribute to his mom, sharing some of his memories and her life here in Jasper:

Mrs. Lenora Braswell, mom, worked for the Florida Power Corporation (now Progress Energy) for 45 years, retiring in 1992. She spent her entire life working in the Jasper office.

She said, "You know, I can't honestly recall what my title was. We all worked downtown in

a little building that was part of Mrs. Addick's Bakery Building. I was the only one in the office for a while."

She was offered an executive position at the company headquarters in St. Pete by the President and CEO, Mr. Andrew Hines, to head a new employee training department, but chose to remain in Jasper where her family and friends are, and also to raise her son in a small town environment. Mr. Hines asked, since she didn't want to move, if he could send all the division managers through the Jasper office so she could train them here!

When she retired, she continued her volunteer work as well as service to her church. She also continued to arrange flowers, which she so enjoyed. We have all enjoyed her flower arrangements, as well, over the years.

It was obvious when Homecoming was drawing near, because her house would be full of flowers and evergreens from yards everywhere as she prepared

all of the decorations. She just drove around, and if she saw something she needed, she procured it for a greater purpose.

I remember walking into her house seeing wall to wall flowers and asking, "Mom, how in the world is this all going to come together?"

We all know the answer to that. Mom had an eye for beauty and could work wonders with whatever was available. How many years have we all experienced and appreciated her work at Homecoming? We walk in and the flowers are arranged, the plants are in their proper places, the tables are set, and all is absolutely perfect and beautiful, just like her. We're all very fortunate to have her. Especially me, Gettys Braswell.

Again, we would like to thank Mrs. Leonora Braswell for all the years of dedication and commitment to the church and the community. She is loved and respected by many. First Baptist of Jasper has a real "gem" in Mrs. Braswell.

Clothes Closet

For the past six years the Jasper First Methodist Church Clothes Closet has been providing free clothing to the citizens of Hamilton County. This year over 1,100 people were served.

Thanks to all who have contributed clothing to this important community outreach. We hope you will continue to support this outreach min-

istry.

The Clothes Closet is currently asking for clothing for men, women and children of all ages. The need for men's and children's clothing is especially acute.

Jasper First Methodist is located at 405 Central Avenue. For further information, please call 386-792-0904.

Okay, that wasn't funny

Rev. James L. Snyder, D.Litt

Let me make it very clear right up front that I am in favor of as many "ha ha moments" as possible. I could not get through a week without my daily dose. I firmly believe that laughter is the appropriate medicine for the soul. Some people, according to their demeanor, need a little more laughter than they are presently getting.

That said, let me quickly point out that some things are not funny.

Of course, most things in my life and about my person are marvelous targets of humor. I do not take myself very seriously. I am not sure any wise person would take me seriously either. In fact, I would highly suspect a person who took me seriously. I can take a joke as well as the next person and I can give it back as well as the next person.

I have had some weeks that if it was not for a little bit of humor I do not know how I would have gotten through. So, if you can't do anything you can at least laugh. I firmly believe that the best laugh is when you can laugh at yourself. You might as well laugh at yourself, everybody else is.

Then, there are those serious moments in life that beg for no laughing. I would recommend that warning signs are put around these areas reading, "Positively No Laughing Zone." With this sign should come a severe penalty for those who violate it.

That said; let me explain an area in my life where the sign should be permanently erected.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were having supper with another couple. We try to do this at least once a month and keep up with each other's progress or lack thereof.

We were having a great meal and as we came to the end, I stopped the waitress and said, "I would like some ice cream for dessert." As far as I am concerned, that is a rather reasonable request and quite in keeping with the environment I was in.

"What kind of ice cream," she queried, "would you like?"

When it comes to ice cream, ice cream is simply ice cream to me. If there is a flavor of ice cream I do not like, it has yet to be invented. I love ice cream. My favorite song is, "I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream." In my date book, there is no better ending to a wonderful meal than ice cream.

I remember my grandfather's favorite ice cream was vanilla. He would not eat any other ice cream; he thought they were polluting it with colors. To him an ice cream sundae was as close to blasphemy as he ever would get. "Why ruin," he objected, "the ice cream with all that slop?" He wanted nothing coming between him and the purest experience of ice cream he could get.

Me, I love ice cream regardless of the flavor or color or "slop."

I looked at the waitress and simply said, "I don't care what flavor you bring me. Surprise me. As long as it isn't broccoli." That was supposed to be a joke. Ha ha ha.

As the waitress left our table, we resumed our conversation and shortly she returned with the ice cream.

Upon her arrival, I looked at her and then the ice cream she was bringing and almost screamed aloud. Of all the blasphemous things to do to a customer, this has to take the cake.

First, she had an ice cream bowl with three scoops of ice cream, vanilla, strawberry and chocolate. No problem. However, on the side of the dish in plain view for everybody to see, especially me, was a piece of broccoli. Broccoli! The forbidden fruit or whatever it is.

My dining companions thought this was the funniest thing they had ever seen. Particularly, the dining companion that was going to come home with me that night.

Not only did they laugh. The waitress laughed. The table next to us began to laugh. The table next to them began to laugh. It was not long before everybody within 173 miles was laughing at my ice cream/broccoli dessert.

Actually, not everybody was laughing. I was not laughing. Broccoli, no matter the presentation, is no laughing matter in my book.

If matters could not be worse, my wife, through her hilarity spasms, reached over, picked up the broccoli and began eating it in my presence. Talk about adding insult to injury, my injury was vastly insulted.

I may have been smiling on the outside, but I assure you I was more than frowning on the inside. Some things are funny; broccoli is not one of those things.

Driving home amid the muffled chuckles on the other side of the front seat, I thought of what the apostle Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (KJV), "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

I know that when Paul said, "In every thing," it included things like broccoli. I must say that there are some things in life, like broccoli, where the thanksgiving is a matter of faith. I will never learn to love broccoli, but I can muster up enough faith to thank God for all things, including broccoli.

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FSA Closing

Gainesville, Florida – November 27, 2012— Tim Manning, State Executive Director for the Florida State Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced that as of November 30, 2012, the Hamilton County FSA office will be officially closed. From this date forward, all FSA program services will be provided by the Suwannee County FSA office, unless a producer has elected to transfer his/her records to another county. The Suwannee County FSA office is located at 10094 US 129 in Live Oak, FL and the phone number is 386-362-2681.

On May 29, 2012, FSA received approval from Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to proceed with the implementation of the county office consolidation plan, including the 6 county offices in Florida.

Over the past three years, FSA has faced a variety of budget-related chal-

lenges," said Bruce Nelson, Administrator of the Farm Service Agency. "Through a targeted office consolidation effort that includes 125 offices nationwide, FSA is striving to balance significant budget cuts, staff reductions and increasing workloads while focusing the efforts of our staff on high-quality service. There are 2,119 offices remaining in the FSA network to do just that."

Nelson continued, "Although we recognize that change is never easy, we strongly believe that taking this action now is critical to ensuring FSA can continue to serve its customers as it adjusts to budget constraints. FSA can only achieve the high level of service expected through consolidation of our human, financial and technical resources."

For more information, contact the Florida Farm Service Agency office at 352-379-4500.

Freedom is Here

Getting ready For Christmas!

By John Whittington
Lighthouse Christian Center pastor

Christmas stories have happy endings. In the classic, "A Christmas Carol," Tiny Tim has the opportunity to walk again. In "It's a Wonderful Life" George Bailey gets friendship and support. You'd have a hard time finding a Christmas story with a sad ending!

As a matter of fact, when you look at stories throughout history, you find that there are classics that lift you up, take you into their world, and reveal what can only be described as truth. The great stories inspire and encourage, and ignoble us. And I believe that people keep going back to the great stories for that reason.

How do you know that a story is such a classic? Disney makes a movie out of it!

* Sleeping Beauty, where the kiss of the prince awakens the girl from her sleep of death.

* Beauty and the Beast, where someone's self-sacrificing love turns a monster into a prince.

When you read one of the classics, you think, this has such beauty and appeal! The truth must be in here somewhere! It at least makes you wish it could be true. When you watch such a movie, or read a story like this you walk away from it thinking, If only the world could be that way!

But then real life kicks in and 30 minutes later, you're back to the same old - same old. Or, you look at history, you look at reality, and you don't see the sacrificial love, you don't find the prince you breaks your spell. You don't find the beauty whose unfailing love transforms you from a monster to

a prince!

And if you read the Christmas story you get that some wonderful feeling that this is true, or at least it ought to be - because this would change the world! But that's the good news of the story of Christmas. The story of Christmas is that truth, such as you would find in one of these other wonderful stories has become reality!

See, if the Christmas story started, "once upon a time..." If it started, "A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away..." Then it would be like any other story. You would read it, you would love it, and you would feel good for a little while. Then real life would kick in and remind you, it was just a story.

But the Christmas story is not like those other stories. In Matthew One we read the resume', the lineage, the genealogy of the Son of God. The book starts out Matthew chapter one, "A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:"

It traces the human ancestry of the Son of God. It tells us that truth became reality. Jesus really lived! Jesus grew up, and became a man. He told the Good News, he healed the sick, he gave the blind their sight and made the crippled walk again! He was betrayed and even executed. But just when you think it's all over, he rose from the dead and is victorious! As you prepare for Christmas this year, reread the story and remember: In Jesus, all the truth we long for became reality!

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CHE Spelling Bee winners



All of the CHE students who participated in the Spelling Bee. - Courtesy photos:

Central Hamilton Elementary held their annual Spelling Bee contest on Wed., Nov. 28. The winners will go on to compete in the District Spelling Bee on January 11, 2013.

The first place winner is Mykelti White. Emery Mahamery came in second and third place went to Ashley Reynolds. Congratulations to all!



Winners in the Spelling Bee are Mykelti White, Emery Mahamery and Ashley Reynolds.

Central Hamilton Elementary Awards First Quarter

Pre-kindergarten-
Mrs. Kalinowski

- Brandon Atwood
- Mallory Blue
- Jakavious Dubose
- Kyler Hart
- Jacob Johns
- Amari Johnson
- Jadis McFadden
- Katelynn Melvin
- Amelia Montague
- Eshan Patel
- Georgia Perry
- Caleb Steedley

Kindergarten-
Mrs. Goodin

- Allen Bryant
- Shemari Carter
- Christina Combass-Bradford
- Julius Curry
- Jimmy Davis III
- Jhaki Dubose
- Amiya Harris
- Jedarius Hawkins
- Asiya Iqbal
- Karmari Johnson
- Emily Marcum
- Ty'Vion Starling
- Cortaysia Vaughn
- De'Syrius Williams
- Anna-Marie Worthington
- Doyle Worthington III

Mrs. Williams

- Lamaria Brown
- Javier Cohen
- Connor Downing
- Jessica Drosopoulos
- Tqueria Hughes
- Kaliyah Hutherson
- Princess Jackson
- Da'Miya Reed
- Da'Niya Reed
- Kyle Robidoux Jr.
- Ja'marion Smith
- Javen Smith

- Alan Southland III
- Cherish Sutton
- Jaworski Williams Jr.
- Ariel Zipperer

Ms. Shaw

- Izak Burnett
- Lelin Dunaway
- Ka'nece Johnson
- Aiyanna Kennedy
- Kwan McCloud
- Ricky Robinson III
- Johnathen Rowe
- Jalayah Sapp
- Breanna Simone
- Allison Strickland
- Jon'darius Temple
- Charles Walls II
- Jacory Wilkerson
- Markayla Williamson

First Grade -
Ms. Smith

- Gracie Ball
- Hailey Cribbs
- Kailey Cribbs
- Alexis Fennell
- Russell Fry III
- Jevon Hawkins
- Mercedes Hernandez
- Ja'mya Houston
- Luke Hutto
- Gabrielle Johnson
- Kemarion Jones
- Keondrick McCloud
- Tyra Oliver
- Valery Reynolds
- Megan Simpson
- Erika Thompkins
- Tyanna White

Mrs. Whitaker

- Ahmiya Bell
- Jacoven Brooker
- Aleana Gallegos
- Branairah Hill
- Nykol Jackson
- Adam Jones
- Aaliyah McFadden

- Natalie Morse
- Nigeria Pierce
- Traviunna Simmons
- Kajae Vaughn
- Kacy Warren

Mrs. S. Williams

- Amari Arthur
- Tyion Cohens
- Makiyah Daniels
- Shalayah Green
- Salimah Iqbal
- Yusuf Iqbal
- Ka'shauna Johnson
- Jy'kyon Owens
- Halley Rickey
- Alexus Robidoux
- Jamarius Smith
- Ta'von Smith
- Cassi Taylor
- Jeremy Walls II
- Anaya Wright
- Jamiya Wright

Second Grade-
Mrs. Cook

- Kenneth Anthony Jr.
- Brea Davis
- Mo'Naisa Hawkins
- Camya Johnson
- Jordan Johnson
- Tre'vis Johnson
- Darian Moody
- Alicia Powers
- Taylor Simpson
- Iyanna Speights
- Brianna Temple
- Jeffery Walls
- Tiyan White
- Dalton Wiggins
- Ja'mya Williams

Ms. Dempsey

- Julia Bristol
- Key'asia Cole
- Christina Dye
- Andrea Forbes
- Antoine Hawkins
- Timothy Johns

- Kyla Johnson
- Ja'kevionne Lee
- Arianna McClain
- Christopher McDaniel
- Roman Perez
- Joseph Phillips
- Arianna Richardson
- Darnell Stewart Jr.
- Zed Washington Jr.
- Shannon Wheeler

Mrs. Lambert

- Kayla Allen
- Darion Gandy-Smith
- Jeremiah Gibson
- Alissia Harris
- Stephen Hawkins
- Ja'kayla Lanier
- Sarah Needham
- Davon Nixon
- Gracelynn Steedley
- D'marion Tarver
- Kenya Turner
- Alexis Walgamotte
- Erin Walker
- Julian Wynn

Third Grade
Mrs. Blue

- AB Honor Roll
- Ma'kayla Aaron
- Melodi Hernandez
- Orane Hughes
- Matthew Register
- Bailey Swayze
- James Swift

- B Honor Roll
- Kenneth Warren

Mrs. Schneider

- A Honor Roll
- Timothy Warfel

- AB Honor Roll
- Christopher Harris

Mrs. Woodard

- AB Honor Roll

- Elijah Grantham
- James Jackson
- Amaya Johnson
- Tyrese White

Fourth Grade
Ms. Carter

- A Honor Roll
- Autumn Register

- AB Honor Roll
- Caleb Deas
- Morgan Halladay
- Zachary Rainish
- Craig Smith
- Bridgett Wilson

Ms. Griffin

- A Honor Roll
- Rachel Armstrong
- Andrea Cromartie

Fifth Grade
Mrs. Merine

- A Honor Roll
- Kalynda Heck
- Noah Kersey

- AB Honor Roll
- Sarah Godwin
- Emily Johnson
- Charick McClain
- Horacio Perez
- Jacob Simpson
- Mykelti White
- Gary Wright

Ms. Smith

- AB Honor Roll
- Kassondra Carter
- Ashley Hand
- Janiria Miles
- Brianna Mitchell
- Dylan Washington
- Key'Shun Zanders

Sixth Grade
Mrs. McGee

- A Honor Roll

- Caleb Herring
- Logan Hughes

- AB Honor Roll
- Preshanna Drawdy
- Madison Register
- Derrius Sowell

Mr. Perez

- A Honor Roll
- Jeremiah Vaughn
- Logan Register

- AB Honor Roll
- Tanyah Akins

Mrs. Norris

- A Honor Roll
- Jonathan Steedley
- Destiny Perry
- Traevion Sanford
- Cont.
- Mrs. Norris
- AB Honor Roll
- A'lisha Smith
- Tasireous Townsend
- Shatina Young
- Nicholas Williams
- Alisha Lewis
- Dahran Hawkins
- T'Arekia Hart
- Devon Drosopoulos
- Tyrese Brown
- Kalei Bracewell
- Robert Brisbane
- Wynter Weiss
- Dylan Carnley
- Hannah Gaines
- Bititany Cribbs

Mrs. Bailey

- A Honor Roll
- Melvin Thompkins

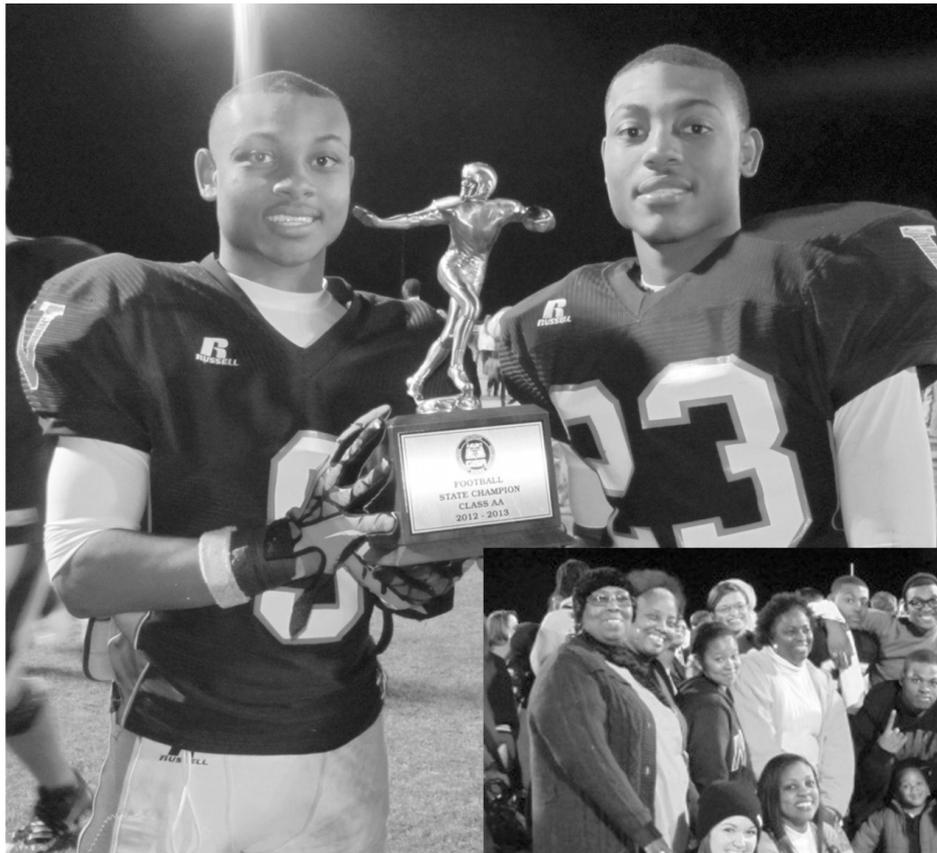
- AB Honor Roll
- Earl Claridy
- Kayla Herriott
- Levaughn Brown



Sports



Championship victory



Two star football players from Hamilton County who attend Valwood School in Valdosta, Ga. claimed victory Friday night in the championship playoff game between Valwood and Westwood at their home field.

After an undefeated 14-0 season, Charvunta (Char) and Charmarik (Marik) Merine, along with their Valiant team members, creamed the Westwood Wildcats in the playoff game Fri., Nov. 30, by a score of 48-13 to claim the state championship trophy for 2012-13.

After the game Char and Marik Merine were surrounded by Hamilton County family and friends who came out to watch the Valwood Valiants win the 2012-2013 Class AA Football Championship game. Congratulations!

Class AA State Football Champs Char and Marik Merine. Courtesy photos:

Community journalists sought for sports

The *Jasper News* is seeking sports news from school games. Photos and information would greatly be appreciated. You can be part of the newspaper as a community journalist. Information and photos will be credited to you. To submit, please email to Jeff Waters at jeff.waters@gafnews.com. Please send two photos maximum at a time. Any questions? Send an email or call 800-525-4182.



Char and Marik Merine are surrounded by Hamilton family and friends after their championship win.

Boys basketball A win against SHS

Staff

The Hamilton County High School Trojan varsity boys basketball season is underway and as of press time, the team had one loss and one win.

The first game of the season for the District 5-1A team was an away game against St. Francis Catholic in Gainesville on Nov. 26. The final score was 77-75 in favor of St. Francis in this overtime game.

In the first quarter, Hamilton put up 12 points to St. Francis Catholic's 15. The second quarter showed Hamilton putting up nine with St. Francis contributing 20. In the third quarter, Hamilton put up 23 with St. Francis putting up 17. The fourth quarter showed Hamilton putting up 27 against St. Francis' 19. In overtime, Hamilton put up four points but was unable to keep St. Francis from putting

up six.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, the Trojans beat the Suwannee County Bulldogs in a home game for the Trojans. The final score was 80-75.

In the first quarter, the Trojans put up 16 points to Suwannee's 12. The second quarter showed Hamilton County with 21 points against the

Bulldog's 17. Hamilton County put up 18 points in the third with Suwannee contributing 20. In the fourth quarter, Suwannee led in scoring with 26 against Hamilton's 25.

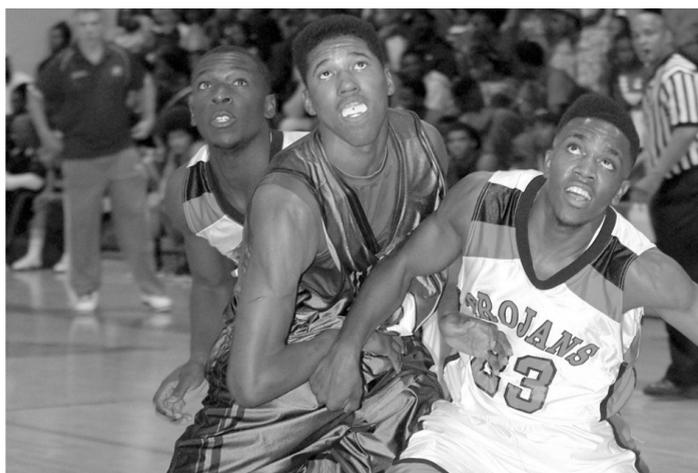
The boys played Branford at Branford Tuesday night, after our deadline. They play Melody Christian Academy tonight in Live Oak at 6 p.m.

Stats against St. Francis Catholic

#	Name	Pts.	2-pts.	3-pts.	Free-throws
3	Antefernee Smith	17	5		7
23	Shaquille Williams	17	5	2	1
11	Kevin McClain	12	2	2	2
15	Jacquez McCray	12	3		6
4	Jeremiah Lee	9	1	2	1
12	Joseph Cooks	6	3		
22	Andrew Manalis	2	1		

Stats against Suwannee

#	Name	Pts.	2-pts.	3-pts.	Free-throws
3	Antefernee Smith	21	5	3	2
4	Jeremiah Lee	18	3	4	
11	Kevin McClain	17	3	3	2
23	Shaquille Williams	7	1	1	2
12	Joseph Cooks	6	3		
15	Jacquez McCray	5	1	1	
22	Andrew Manalis	3		1	
30	Anthony Claridy	2	1		
32	Tyler Chapman	1			1



Senior Trojan Raymond Gardner (#23) in action.



The Trojans and Bulldogs tip off. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

Norris Notes

By Lillian Norris

Yes, I am back, hopefully will be able to keep in touch through the holidays - I NEED YOUR HELP. Let me hear from you. There will be a lot of activity during the coming weeks - your input is needed - let me know what has happened and what is going to happen, sorry I have missed out on some activities - out of town for a few days - am back now and need your input - the computer is available when I am

not. Had a nice visit in Orlando with friends "from way back". Dr. Harold and Jean Coe. Dr. Harold was a friend of Wade's in dental school, they roomed together during the first year of school before Wade and I married, we have remained friends through school, after Wade and I married we got to know Harold and the Coe family as families and friends. Dr. Coe practices in Orlando, they have a son in dental school in Gainesville, finishes specialty there next year. He practiced in the office with his father for several years before returning to school to spe-

cialize. While Ben was working in the area I visited with the Coes and got to spend time with them and with their daughter (who is also Mary Beth) and her three daughters, doing a little shopping and eating. What did you do for Thanksgiving (besides just being thankful)? We, with Marybeth, Kaleb and Jordan; and Leigh Ann's parents, Richard and Ann Shepard, had Thanksgiving with Ben, Leigh Ann, Trey and Kaleigh. We were stuffed, as well as the turkey. Hope you all had a good one, let us know if you traveled or had family traveling to

your house. Now, get ready to share with us your plans for Christmas holiday - it is almost here. We hope to see you in Jasper on Saturday, Dec. 8 for the First Annual Sweets N the Streets Festival, we encourage you to take part in this project, for further information you may call the Chamber of Commerce at 386-792-1300 for a chance to enter this event, then be sure and attend, invite all of your friends and family to come for a great day. The Chamber is asking for your help in making this a success - and offers an incentive to become a sponsor, call the Cham-

ber at 386-792-1300 to help make this event a success, then attend for fun. This opportunity aims to enhance our Christmas atmosphere in downtown Jasper and offer a full day of fun for everyone. We invite our friends from Jennings and White Springs, surrounding areas and from far away. Thank you in advance for your participation, come for a full day of fun. Remember, for more info call 792-1300, start making your plans now to be where the action is on Saturday, Dec. 8, that is THIS Saturday - hope to see you there. Happy Belated Birth-

day on Dec. 4 to Sue Fennell, she is now as old as I am, and Martha Ruth Henderson, I know at least three people who will join us soon, we will remind you when the time comes. As the CHRISTmas season gets closer, please let us know of your activities and plans, it is almost here, remember CHRIST is the reason for the season - we are still able to make known our hope for this special season, and we will be reminding you to have a Happy and Safe Season.
Lillian Norris
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First Federal Bank announces 50th anniversary donation giveaway winner VFW of U.S., Post 8095 receives \$500 donation



First Federal anniversary donation winner - VFW of the U.S. Post 8095. - Courtesy photo

First Federal Bank of Florida is proud to announce that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., Hamilton County Memorial Post 8095, received the most votes in the recent 50th Anniversary Donation Giveaway. In this contest, three local organizations were candidates to receive \$500 from First Federal and the community voted on which organization will receive the donation. "In honor of our 50th Anniversary, we wanted to reiterate our commitment to our community by asking the community to choose an organization that could

benefit from additional funds this year," says Keith Leibfried, President and CEO. "We also hope that our contribution can be an encouragement to other local businesses to donate money to any of these organizations." Voting began Oct. 1 and ended on Oct. 13. During that time, the community voted once a day for their favorite organization. Advisory Councils in each county identified three organizations in their county that they felt could benefit the most from the donation. Each county in First Federal's market area participated in

the contest and the winners were announced on Oct. 15 on First Federal's website. This year First Federal Bank of Florida celebrates 50 years of offering a comprehensive portfolio of products and services for personal and business customers. First Federal prides itself on being committed to helping local communities flourish. Founded in 1962, First Federal has 18 branches located in Amelia Island, Bonifay, Bradenton, Chipley, Dowling Park, Jasper, Lake City, Live Oak, Macclenny, Marianna, Mayo, Sarasota and Yulee, Florida.

Just hang up on robocalls

From Third Circuit State Attorney Robert L. "Skip" Jarvis Jr.

Live telephone solicitation calls from political groups, charities, and businesses are rapidly being replaced by "robocalls". Robocalls are recorded messages, usually solicitations, that consumers receive when they answer their phone. Due to advances in technology, businesses are now able to transmit thousands of recorded phone calls every minute at very little cost. But, as the use of this technology increases, so is the number of complaints. Here is what consumers should know about robocalls. Robocalls are legal, provided that companies check to screen out phone numbers on the Do Not Call Registry. Charities and political organizations are exempt under the Do Not Call policy and are allowed to make robocalls. If you would like to cut down on the number of robocalls from political groups, one solution is to contact your local Supervisor of Elections and ask to have your phone number removed from the Voter Registration list. Businesses cannot solicit individuals on the Do

Not Call Registry either over the phone or through robocalls UNLESS the consumer has granted them permission to do so IN WRITING. Robocalls that violate these rules are generally scams and are often associated with offers such as debt or mortgage relief, and deals to lower interest rates. The best thing to do is to just hang up. Be wary of robocalls that instruct you to press "1" to reach a live operator or to press another number to be taken off the list. This is just a ploy to determine if the phone number is active. Punching ANY number will result in future robocalls. Robocalls are commonly associated with "spoofing", which is information that is falsified on a caller ID to make it appear that the call is from a legitimate business such as a bank or a business known to the consumer. Fake caller ID's may also show the number 123456789 or the caller may appear as "unknown". In response to the overwhelming number of robocall complaints that have been received by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), aggressive action is being taken to identify and shut down a number of businesses that have been in violation. Since 2010, the FTC has stopped over a billion robocalls, largely due to consumer complaints. Consumers can keep the pressure on by lodging a complaint with the FTC online at www.donotcall.gov or call toll free at 1-888-382-1222.

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North Florida Unknown Leaders Award

The North Florida Soul Food Festival 2013 presents the North Florida Unknown leadership award. Do you know of someone who goes above and beyond the Call of Duty to support their communities? If so, we would like to recognize these individuals from the North Florida Tri-State area for their exceptional community effort in making a difference in other people's lives.

The Unknown leader's awards celebration is design to encourage, activism consist of efforts to promote, impede, or direct social, political, economic, or environmental change in a one sound, one voice in the North Florida communities.

ELIGIBILITY: is open to the public in the North Florida community to all eligible residents. Candidates may between the ages of 13 years old and up. Age, race, creed, religion, or gender will not be disqualified.

CRITERIA: Submit a 500 word Essay on the Topic of "Why he or she deserves to be an Unknown Leaders in your area." Submit Essay to madisonsoulfood.unknownleaders@gmail.com, in a pdf formatted.

- Please add the candidate address, and phone number on the essay.
- The Candidates, must has demonstrated volunteer work, community service projects, and anything that can describe the effort of the candidate of doing services in their communities.
- DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRY IS JANUARY 13th, 2013 12 A.M. MIDNIGHT

The Unknown Leaders Celebration will take place February 28th, 2013 at the newly Madison County Senior Citizens Conference Building, 1161 Harvey Greene drive, Madison, FL 32341 at 6:00 p.m.

For more information email us at: madisonsoulfood.unknownleaders@gmail.com or call Clifford E. Brown Jr. Director 850-673-2751.

Do you have 16 hours a month to help Seniors in your community?

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) needs volunteers in Columbia, Suwannee, Hamilton and Lafayette counties.

Call 1-800-96-ELDER (or 1-800-963-5337) to train as a SHINE volunteer. SHINE is a statewide volunteer-based program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, offering counseling and assistance with Medicare, Medicaid, long-term care planning, prescription drug assistance, supplemental insurance and Medicare fraud. We will train you fully at no cost to you. The upcoming SHINE training consists of: Orientation (two hours) - January 11, 2013 from 1 PM to 3 PM Basic Training (three days) - February 13, 14 + 15, 2013 from 9:30 AM to 4 PM Mentoring (six sessions) scheduled as convenient All training on the dates above takes place at ELDER OPTIONS, 100 SW 75th Street (Tower Rd) in Gainesville. Mentoring will be arranged with an experienced SHINE counselor in the community in which you live. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by December 28, 2012. Meals are provided and mileage reimbursed. If you live more than 50 miles from Gainesville, you have the option of staying in a hotel and receiving full reimbursement during SHINE training. SHINE is dedicated to providing free and unbiased information and counseling through a dedicated network of volunteers, empowering Florida Seniors, their families and caregivers, to make informed healthcare choices. For additional information or to request a SHINE Volunteer Application Packet, call 352-692-5264 or toll free: 1-800-963-5337.

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Central Hamilton Elementary Thanksgiving dinner

Pre-K students in Mrs. Ruby Kalinowski's class at Central Hamilton Elementary enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner dressed as pilgrims and Indians.



Something must have startled this little Indian.



These kids enjoy a yummy Thanksgiving meal.



"Milk is good for you," said the pilgrim.



This young man seems to know what he is thankful for.



Looks like almost an even match of pilgrims and Indians. - Courtesy photos:

Be alert: Avoiding holiday email scams

By Pete Haas

The holiday season is upon us, and for many this means we increase our travel, shopping and charitable donations. Unfortunately, this also opens a door for scammers to take advantage of our additional online activity. Whether you are making flight reservations or purchasing the top gifts of the season, your email and personal accounts can become vulnerable. Before clicking on a deal that seems too good to be true, stop and think. Below is a list of holiday email scams to be alert for this season:

1. 'Tis the season for giving - Emails that come in during the holidays may ask you to support a cause with a monetary donation. We are all a little more generous during this time of year. Before clicking on any links or making your donation, do your research. If this is a legitimate charity, visit their website directly for detailed information. A credible charity will give you information describing its mission, how donations are distributed and proof that your contribution is tax deductible.

2. Heading home for the holidays - If you haven't purchased a flight home for the holi-

days, cautiously look at any email stating that an airline ticket has been purchased in your name. Call the airline immediately, and do not open the email. Hackers may attempt to place malicious software in a link of a fake airline ticket.

3. Thank you for the card - E-cards are a popular and inexpensive way to deliver the season's greetings to family and friends. E-cards are also an easy way for hackers to install viruses and malware on your computer. Be careful when clicking on a link in an e-card as the hackers will often use logos from recognizable brands in order to appear legitimate. If you are concerned, delete the email immediately.

4. Oh wow! A package! - Emails that look like they are coming from familiar delivery services stating that a package can't be delivered tend to increase during the holiday season. The email typically asks the receiver to insure their order so it can be delivered properly. If the receiver enters a credit card, the scammer could be off shopping with your money. If you have made an online purchase and receive an email like this, contact the company

you made the purchase from to inquire about delivery or track your purchase through the delivery website.

5. This year's HOT item - Beware of emails from websites claiming to have the "hot" gift of the season. If the deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. These fake websites will tempt you through an appealing email, directing you to their website, where upon ordering they gain access to your credit card and billing information. You probably won't get your gift, but instead, a very large bill. When shopping online, buy only from a reputable, known site.

6. A new credit card for holiday purchases - Of course, we can all use extra money during the holidays, and many credit card companies see the holidays as the perfect time of year to get new customers. Be cautious of emails from unfamiliar credit card providers. These cards can have high membership fees and interest rates, may only be used at specific stores or online, and can limit the products you are able to purchase. Don't accept these offers, but instead inquire for a card from a notable credit card company.

7. Local holiday events - False local news can be pushed to you via email, highlighting topics of interest like holiday events in your town. Beware when clicking on links as you may begin downloading viruses or malware. If you see a headline you are interested in, visit a trusted local news site rather than click on the link.

8. Holiday spending - We all tend to shop until we drop during the holidays. So, we may not

find it odd if we receive an email from the bank to verify account information. Instead, scammers are sending these emails asking customers to confirm their banking details and passwords. Unfortunately, the bank website is not the actual website. If the email seems suspicious, call your bank directly before sending any information.

If you think you have fallen victim to a scam, change the passwords or PINs on all your online

accounts and place a fraud alert on your credit reports. Contact the bank, online merchant or charity directly to alert them of your concerns. As a best practice, routinely review your bank and credit card statements for any changes that you didn't initiate. Additionally, be sure your computer's antivirus software is up-to-date. This extra defense may help keep spam emails out of your inbox.

Resource Concerns on Your Farm or Ranch?

Apply Now for Conservation Assistance

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Florida encourages farmers and ranchers to submit applications now for several conservation programs. These programs may help eligible participants pay for conservation practices to prevent soil erosion, improve water quality, restore wetlands and provide habitat for wildlife. Participation in all programs is voluntary. Although applications are accepted on a continuous basis, Florida NRCS has established a cut-off date of **November 15, 2012** for the acceptance of applications for the 2013 program year for the following programs:

- ◆ **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)** is a conservation program that provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers who face threats to soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land. Through EQIP, NRCS develops contracts with agricultural producers to voluntarily implement conservation practices to address natural resource problems. Persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production and owners of non-industrial private forestland are eligible for the program.
- ◆ **Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP)** helps with developing or improving high quality habitat that supports fish and wildlife populations of National, State, Tribal, and local significance. Through WHIP, the NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to private and Tribal landowners for the development of upland, wetland, aquatic, and other types of wildlife habitat.
- ◆ **Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)** provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners and Tribes to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands in exchange for retiring eligible land from agriculture.
- ◆ **Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)** is a program for landowners and operators to protect grazing uses and related conservation values by conserving grassland, including rangeland, pastureland, and certain other lands.
- ◆ **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)** is available on Tribal and private agricultural lands and non-industrial private forest land. CSP encourages producers to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner by undertaking additional conservation activities; and improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities.

United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
www.fl.nrcs.usda.gov

For more information on conservation planning assistance and cost share programs in Hamilton County please contact: Jazelle Jusino, District Conservationist (386) 792-1105, Ext.3, 1153 US HWY 41 NW, Suite B Jasper, FL 32052

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The following abbreviations are used below:

DAC - Department of Agriculture Commission
DOA - Department of Agriculture
DOT - Department of Transportation
FDLE - Florida Department of Law Enforcement
FHP - Florida Highway Patrol
FWC - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
HCDF - Hamilton County Drug Task Force
HCSO - Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
ICE - Immigration and Custom Enforcement
JAPD - Jasper Police Department
JNPD - Jennings Police Department
OALE - Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement
P&P - Probation and Parole
SCSO - Suwannee

County Sheriff's Office
WSPD - White Springs Police Department

Nov. 13, Joseph Allen Daughtery, 42, 1153 NE Hwy. 41, Jasper, FL, trespassing, damage property, larceny, Ehlert

Nov. 13, Carlos Geovani Hernandez, 34, 8898 Lyons Rd., Boynton Bch., FL, dwls, more than 4 mos., Hughes

Nov. 14, Clarence B. Ortega, 29, 450 N. Dixie Downs, St. George, UT, dwls knowingly, Hingson

Nov. 14, Shannon Christopher Tisher, 47, 968 Parkwood Dr., Dunedin, FL, out of city, warrant, hold for Pinellas Co. SO, Burke

Nov. 14, Darrell Jerome Bristol, 20, 4155 NW 57 Blvd., Jennings, FL, criminal mischief, Williams

Nov. 14, Danielle Renee Bowles, 34, 16502 Spring St., White Spgs., FL, out of city, warrant, Columbia Co. vop, forgery, Golub

Nov. 14, Lawrence F. Carver, 22, 7891 SE CR 135, White Springs, FL, poss. controlled substance, poss. drug para.,

Golub

Nov. 15, Tasia Phara-zona Vanderbilt, 20, 358 SW 10 Ave, Jasper, FL, disorderly conduct, Price

Nov. 15, Kieandrea Trivona Marshall, 36, PO Box 1844, Jasper, FL, disorderly intoxic, Golub

Nov. 15, Louis Dean Johnson, 55, 15886 CR 25 A, White Spgs., FL, dwls, felony, Golub

Nov. 15, Saul Malderado, 22, 1846 Hamilton Ave., Jennings, FL, no valid DL, Harvey

Nov. 16, Christopher Shane Kaufman, 28, 722 Latehume Town Rd., Canton, Ga., fail to stop and submit for inspection, dwlsr knowingly, false info to LEO, Parsons

Nov. 16, Marcos Tomas, 27, 1318 Mayo St., Jennings, FL, disorderly intoxic, McDonald

Nov. 17, J. Jose Martinez, 28, 1155 W. Main St., Immokalee, FL, driving while license suspended, habitual, Hughes

Nov. 18, Jonathan Berger Bristol, 40, PO Box 865, Jasper, FL, vio-

lation of county ordinance, operating bottle club w/o license, Burnam

Nov. 19, Gail Ann Deas, 38, 11131 NE 38 St., Jasper, FL, 2 cts. grand theft III warrants, Davis

Nov. 19, Cameron Lyndell Cohen, 24, 4219 SW 102 Lane, Jasper, FL, vop warrant drug offense within 1,000 ft. of place of worship, child support, vop warrant drug offense within 1,000 ft. of place of worship, hold for CCSO, Harden

Nov. 20, Jose Samuel Figueroa, 42, 2920 Hidden Hills Rd., West Palm Bch., FL, attached tag not assigned, no valid DL, Howell

Nov. 21, Robert Harry Parmeter, 67, 510 S. Brooksville Ave., Brooksville, FL, in for court, battery on LEO warrant, Cribbs

Nov. 24, Andrew Lee Givens, 20, 209 NW 4 St., Jasper, FL, battery dv, Vickers

Nov. 24, Louis Joe Wax, 34, 3110 Bristol Ave., Jasper, FL, dwlsr, Harvey

Nov. 24, Jimmy Perez Morales, 33, 1846 Hamilton Ave., Jennings, FL, no valid DL, Davis

Nov. 27, D'Mont Rashard Simpkin Jefferson, 32, 2090 Houston Ave., Sanford, FL, dwlsr, Brownfield

Nov. 27, Fabian Maurice Lee, 23, 7268 Roosevelt Rd., West Palm Bch., FL, failure to appear, bond revoked, Cribbs, Cox

Nov. 28, Alvin Lee Estes, 49, PO Box 164, Palmdale, FL, poss. drug para, poss. contr. substance, vop, Cribbs

Nov. 28, Jane Louise Spivey, 50, 5612 107 Ave., Jasper, FL, grand theft III, Murphy

Nov. 28, Venices Alvin Hawkins, 45, McCauley's Trlr. Pk, lot 26, Jasper, FL, retail theft, Cohen

Nov. 28, David Alan Qualls, 46, 160 Sandy Ridge Tr., Fayetteville, Ga., dui, Brownfield

Nov. 30, Al Williams, 32, 1327 3 St. SW, Jasper, FL, hold for Ga. vop, robbery w/gun, agg. assault, kidnapping, Johnson

Nov. 30, Douglas W.

Spurlock, 41, 3301 McGhee Rd., Maryville, Tn., vop, poss. contr. substance w/intent to sell or deliver, Cox

Nov. 30, Geralso Luis Maldonado, 31, PO Box 207, Jasper, FL, no valid DL, attached tag not assigned, Burnam

Nov. 30, Patrick Jerrod Johnson, 30, 1307 NW Hatley St., Jasper, FL, poss. of cocaine w/intent to sell, mfg., deliver, poss. of cocaine within 200 ft. of public park, poss. of cocaine, Burnam

Dec. 1, Jonathan Boyer Bristol, 40, 665 Symphony Loop SW, Lake City, FL, operate bottle club w/o license, Griffin

Dec. 1, Joshua Adam Hopkins, 29, 3261 NW 23 Ct., Jennings, FL, Mfr., distribute, sell imitation drug, Burke

Dec. 1, Cardell J. Merrick, 35, 7157 Hazelwood Dr., Jonesboro, Ga., dwlsr, Kussler

Dec. 1, Diana Vanikka McClain, 34, 1373 Mary St., Jennings, FL, domestic violence, criminal mischief, Raggins

Dec. 1, Jonathan Eugene Canady, 26, 316 5th Ave. SW, Jasper, FL, disorderly conduct, Griffin

Jasper Legals

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Hamilton County School Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, December 10, 2012. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the school district administration building in Jasper, Florida. The purpose of the hearing is to consider changes to the following board policies:

2.95 Wellness Program Revise
5.30 Special Dietary Needs Revise
6.52 Suspension and Dismissal Revise
6.53 Suspension with Partial or No Pay Revise
7.06 School Food Service Funds Revise
7.14 Purchasing Policies and Bidding Revise
8.23 General Food Service Requirements Revise
8.24 Meal Patterns Revise
8.25 Free and Reduced Price Meals Revise
8.25.1 Summer Nutrition Program Adopt
8.25.5 School Breakfast Program Revise

Reason for changes: various

Authority: 1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.

Estimated economic impact: minimum

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

HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

By: */s/ Thomas P. Mofsses, Jr.*
Thomas P. Mofsses, Jr.
Superintendent

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

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

CASE NO. 24-2011-CA-000498

FANNIE MAE ("FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION")
Plaintiff,

vs.

MARY F. WRIGHT A/K/A MARY FRANCES WRIGHT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARY F. WRIGHT A/K/A MARY FRANCES WRIGHT; JAMES RICKEY BRADSHAW; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES RICKEY BRADSHAW; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendant(s)

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):

JAMES RICKEY BRADSHAW (RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES RICKEY BRADSHAW (RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A P.R.M. AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HANCOCK CORBETT SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 10, PAGE 431 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN SOUTH 9 DEGREES 09'11" WEST A DISTANCE OF 1349.90 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT

Jasper Legals

AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 437, PAGE 107; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 27'21" WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LANDS A DISTANCE OF 495.23 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LANDS; THENCE SOUTH 83 DEGREES 18'51" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LANDS 141.08 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 3 DEGREES 22'26" EAST 34.64 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 3 DEGREES 22'26" EAST 559.55 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF U.S. HIGHWAY 41, SAID POINT BEING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 1909.86 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE AND RIGHT OF WAY AN ARC DISTANCE OF 42.41 FEET, SAID ARC HAVING A CHORD BEARING SOUTH 47 DEGREES 33'42" EAST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 42.40 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 54'41" WEST 309.12 FEET; THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 41'57" EAST 173.55 FEET; THENCE NORTH 6 DEGREES 21'43" WEST 283.66 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 07'33" WEST 196.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LYING IN THE COUNTY IN SECTION 8 LESS OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 669, PAGE 102, LESS OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 699, PAGE 111 AND LESS OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 701, PAGE 53.

a/k/a 4526 US HIGHWAY 41 S. JASPER, FLORIDA 32052

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Kahane & Associates, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000, Plantation, FLORIDA 33324 on or before 30 days from date of first publication of this Notice in the JASPER NEWS and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2,065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 207 NE 1st Street, Rm. 106, Jasper, FL 32052, Phone No. (386) 792-0857 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 13th day of November, 2012.

(Court Seal) GREG GODWIN
As Clerk of the Court

By: */s/ Cynthia Johnson*
As Deputy Clerk

Kahane & Associates, P.A.
8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000
Plantation, FL 33324
Telephone: (954) 382-3486
Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380
11/29, 12/06

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its preparation of a draft permit to Packaging Corporation of America, Virginia C. Holton, Post Office Box 1048, Valdosta, Georgia 31603 for the Packaging Corporation of America - Valdosta Operations. This renewal permit authorizes the permittee to operate 14 million gallons per day (MGD) average design flow industrial wastewater treatment system for an unbleached kraft liner board production facility which would discharge to Withlacoochee River. Treatment consists of a mechanical bar screen at the influent to the wastewater lift station prior to the primary clarifier, a manual bar screen for the auxiliary wastewater lift station bypass line, and a back-up manual bar screen in the channel downstream from the mechanical bar screen. The wastewater lift station pumps wastewater consisting of process and non-process wastewater from the mill manufacturing operations, and storm water, to a primary clarifier and associated sludge ponds for treatment for settleable solids removal.

Secondary treatment is accomplished in a series of six ponds covering approximately 850 acres, with nutrient addition to the individual ponds as needed, and co-

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agulant/precipitant at the discharge from Pond 6 for incremental emergency color reduction. There are three facultative ponds, followed by an aerated stabilization basin, a 350-acre facultative impoundment, and a final polishing pond (Pond 7), prior to a final effluent pumping station and associated conveyance system which discharges final treated effluent from outfall D-001 to the Withlacoochee River, a class III fresh surface water of the state. The facility is located at latitude 30° 37' 23.1014" N, longitude 83° 16' 10.9894" W on 5495 Lake Park-Clyatville Road, Clyatville, Georgia 31601 in Lowndes County, with discharge location in Hamilton County, Florida.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the Department's draft permit or may submit a written request for a public meeting to Kathryn Jarvis, 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, in accordance with Rule 62-620.555, Florida Administrative Code. The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the information set forth below and must be received in the Department's Northeast District Office within 30 days of publication of this notice. Failure to submit comments or request a public meeting within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to submit comments or request a public meeting under Rule 62-620.555, Florida Administrative Code.

The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the following information:

(a) The commenter's name, address, and telephone number; the applicant's name and address; the Department permit file number; and the county in which the project is proposed;
(b) A statement of how and when notice of the Department's action or proposed action was received;
(c) A statement of the facts the Department should consider in making the final decision;
(d) A statement of which rules or statutes require reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; and
(e) If desired, a request that a public meeting be scheduled including a statement of the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at the meeting.

If a public meeting is scheduled, the public comment period is extended until the close of the public meeting. However, the Department may not always grant a request for a public meeting. Therefore, written comments should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice, even if a public meeting is requested.

If a public meeting is held, any person may submit oral or written statements and data at the public meeting on the Department's proposed action. As a result of significant public comment, the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this draft permit.

The permit application file and supporting data are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the FDEP Northeast District office, 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, at phone number (904) 256 1700.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2012-08-CP

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ALTON M. HENDERSON
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

Within three months from the time of the first publication of this notice, you are required to file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, Florida 32052 a written and verified statement of any claim or demand you may have against the estate of ALTON M. HENDERSON, deceased.

Each claim must be in writing and must indicate the basis for the claim, the name and address of the creditor or his agent or attorney, and the amount claimed. If the claim is not yet due, the date when it will become due shall be stated. If the claim is contingent or unliquidated, the nature of the uncertainty shall be stated. If the claim is secured, the security shall be described. The claimant shall deliver a copy

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of the claim to the clerk who shall furnish a copy to the personal representative.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

Dated this 26th day of November, 2012.

/s/ Donald K. Rudser
Donald K. Rudser
Florida Bar No. 120735
P.O. Box 948
Jasper, Florida 32052
(386) 792-1933
Attorney for the Personal Representative

/s/ William O. Henderson
WILLIAM O. HENDERSON
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IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIRCUIT CIVIL

CASE NO.: 2011-CA-316

PRIME ASSET FUND III, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DOROTHY M. WALLS, RILEY W. WATERS, STATE OF FLORIDA, UNKNOWN OCCUPANT RESIDING AT 310 5TH AVENUE NW, JASPER FL 32052, UNKNOWN OCCUPANT "B" RESIDING AT 310 5TH AVENUE NW, JASPER FL 32052

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 16, 2012, in Case No. 2011-CA-316 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for HAMILTON County, Florida, wherein PRIME ASSET FUND III, LLC is the Plaintiff and DOROTHY M. WALLS, RILEY W. WATERS, STATE OF FLORIDA, are the Defendants, the Clerk shall offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE SOUTH FRONT LOBBY OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 207 NE FIRST STREET ROOM 106 JASPER, FL 32052, at 11AM EST on the 17th day of December, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to wit:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 3, of Block 103, according to the Lang's map of the City of Jasper, Florida, and run North 220 feet along the Western edge of Ancrum's Street for a starting point; from said starting point, run North along the Western edge of Ancrum Street, a distance of 110 feet; thence West at right angles with Ancrum Street, a distance of 260 feet; thence South parallel with Ancrum Street, a distance of 110 feet; thence East to Point of Beginning, a distance of 260 feet, more or less, and being a part of Lot 2, of Block 103, according to Lang's map of the City of Jasper, Florida.

Said land also described as: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 3, of Block 103, according to Lang's map of the City of Jasper, Florida, and run North 220 feet along the Western edge of Ancrum's Street for a starting point; from said starting point, run North along the Western edge of Ancrum Street, a distance of 110 feet; thence West at right angles with Ancrum Street, a distance of 260 feet; thence South parallel with Ancrum Street a distance of 110 feet; thence East to Point of Beginning, a distance of 260 feet, more or less, and being a part of Lot 2, of Block 103, according to Lang's map of the City of Jasper, Florida.

Property address: 310 5th Avenue NW, Jasper, FL 32052

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER 60 DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

DATED AT HAMILTON County, Florida, this 16th day of November, 2012.

W. GREG GODWIN, Clerk HAMILTON County, Florida

By: */s/ Cynthia Johnson*
Deputy Clerk
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Hamilton County has been awarded federal funds made available through the Department Of Homeland Security (Dhs) / Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food And Shelter National Board Program.

Hamilton County has been chosen to receive \$5,424 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; and United Way Worldwide. The National Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the county.

A Local Board made up of a local government official, faith community representative, American Red Cross, Another Way, Catholic Charities, Suwannee River Economic Council, The Salvation Army, United Way of Suwannee Valley, and Vivid Visions will determine how the funds awarded to Hamilton County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds

and any additional funds made available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are private voluntary organizations, have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Hamilton County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Another Way, Catholic Charities, Suwannee River Economic Council, United Way of Suwannee Valley, and Vivid Visions participating. In 2011 these agencies were responsible for providing 121 nights of lodging and assisting with four rent/mortgage payments and five utility bill payments.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Jayne L. Wilson, United Way of Suwannee Valley at 386-752-5604 x 102 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is December 14.