

# The Jasper News

Today's Weather

High  
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## New site manager at HCHS named



HCHS Site Administrator Waylon Bush. -Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

By Joyce Marie Taylor  
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On Wednesday, Feb. 20, Waylon Bush was appointed as Site Administrator for Hamilton County High School (HCHS), replacing former principal Wanda Law, according to Hamilton County Superintendent of Schools Thomas Moffses.

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## Storm impact minor here Rivers swell, but no flooding concerns

Staff

More than half a foot of rain fell in our area from the rain and storms over the weekend and into Tuesday morning. High winds and hail was reported in parts of the county.

No injuries or major damage was reported.

The Suwannee River Water Management rain gauge at Alapaha Tower

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## Professional archaeologist to speak at White Springs Library March 14

By Joyce Marie Taylor  
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The White Springs Public Library-Potash Corp. Building will be hosting a "Native Plants, Native People" presentation on Thursday, March 14 from 4-5 p.m.

Guest speaker will be professional archaeologist Barbara Hines of the Florida Public Archaeology Network, who will explain how plants have been used as medicine and food by both prehistoric people and early settlers to Florida.

The library invites you to come celebrate Viva Florida 500, highlighting 500 years of historic Florida people.

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# Confederate dedication



One of many confederates honored at the cemetery. Courtesy photos:

A Confederate Dedication was held at Swift Creek Historical Church and Ceme-

tery in White Springs on Friday, Feb. 15. See a roll call of Confederate soldiers on

page 2A.

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Ready, aim, fire.

# Veterans park taking shape

By Joyce Marie Taylor  
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Hamilton County Veterans Memorial Park is beginning to take shape. All the trees that were slated to be removed have been chopped down and the land in the center of the park has been cleared.

Work began on the tree clearing just three days after Veterans Service Officer Clay Lambert got the go ahead from the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

The new park is located in front of the courthouse annex on a two and a half acre parcel of county-owned land and will serve nearly 1,300



Construction has begun on the front entrance to the park.

- Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

veterans in the county, as well as the general public.

Construction of the welcome wall and entrance sign out by US 41 has already be-

gun. Additional items still to come are a Wall of Honor, a concrete plaza, flag poles,

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### Top 3 taxpayers in Hamilton County

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For interested citizens of Hamilton County the *Jasper News* decided to print the three highest paying taxpayers in the county and where those funds are distributed.

First off, the 2012 mill-

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## Whistleblower Bob Burton released from prosecution by the state



Bob Burton and Cathy Scott. Courtesy photo:

By Joyce Marie Taylor  
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Robert P. (Bob) Burton whose home was raided in January, 2011 by agents from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), and then arrested five months later and charged with illegal wire-tapping, was released from prosecution by the Third Circuit State Attor-

SEE WHISTLEBLOWER, PAGE 12A

## Feed-a-Family mobile outreach coming to Jasper March 18

By Joyce Marie Taylor  
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Catholic Charities Lake City Feed-a-Family Mobile Outreach will be at the Jasper Civic Center on March 18 at 9 a.m. It will be first come, first served for Hamilton County residents only.

You are eligible to receive food from TEFAP if your household meets the

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# Confederate dedication

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The roll call of Confederate soldiers are:  
 Pvt. Richard A Buckels, 2nd Fla. Cavalry Company F  
 Pvt. Josh Wilcher Carmichael, 26th Ga. Infantry Co. K  
 Capt. Moses L. Duncan Sr., 2nd Fla. Infantry Co. I  
 Pvt. Charles E. W. Gerry, 2nd Fla. Infantry Co. I  
 2nd Lt. James O. A. Gerry, 3rd Fla. Infantry Co. G  
 Pvt. Robert B. C. Gerry, 3rd Fla. Infantry Co. K  
 Pvt. Martin Samuel Hillhouse, 9th Fla. Infantry Co. H  
 Pvt. William Miles Hunter Jr., 10th Fla. Infantry Co. G  
 1st Lt. Wiley Henry Lee Sr., 1st Fla. Cavalry Co. E  
 Corp. James Thomas Lowe Jr., 2nd Fla. Infantry Co. C  
 Pvt. William Wallace McAlpin, 10th Fla. Infantry Co. E  
 Pvt. James H. McDonald, 1st Fla. Infantry Co. D  
 Pvt. James Wesley Mullis, 26th Ga. Infantry Co. K  
 Pvt. David Robarts, 11th Fla. Infantry Co. G  
 Pvt. David Silas Jr., 5th Fla. Infantry Co. D  
 Pvt. William Riley Woods, 10th Fla. Infantry Co. F  
 Pvt. Frank M Smith, 5th Cavalry Co. G



The traditional dress of a confederate soldier. Courtesy photo:

## Veterans park taking shape

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pedestals, walkways, benches, a timber bridge and a large pavilion with a stage.

New fast growing shade trees will eventually be planted and laid out symmetrically to enhance the pavilion and the plaza, according to Lambert.

Anyone who desires to make a donation to the Veterans Park project can do so by contacting

Clay Lambert-VSO or Laura Dees, Supervisor of Elections, or mail a check to 1153 NW US Highway 41, Suite 1, Jasper, FL 32052. There is also an account set up at First Federal Bank where supporters can make donations. Any questions about the new Veterans Memorial Park can be answered by contacting Clay Lambert at 386-792-1272, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Feed-a-Family mobile outreach coming to Jasper March 18

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income guidelines or participates in any of the following programs: Income Eligibility, SNAP

(Food Stamps), TANF, SSI or Medicaid. For more information please call Catholic Charities at 386-754-9180.

## Professional archaeologist to speak at White Springs Library March 14

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places and events with this and other programming.

The new location of the library is 16403 Jewett Street in White Springs. For more information call 386-397-1389.

## Top 3 taxpayers in Hamilton County

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age rates were:

**Board of County Commissioners (BCC)** - 10.00

**Board of Public Instruction (BPI)** - 8.166

**Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD)** - .4143

**Jasper** - 7.1677

**Jennings** - 2.000

**White Springs** - 4.297

The following tax amounts are the gross amount and each taxpayer received a four percent discount.

According to Hamilton County

Tax Collector Mary Sue Adams,

"When taxes are paid in November, the taxpayer gets a four percent discount on the March amount of tax. December is a three percent discount, January is two percent, and February is one percent. The gross amount is due by March 31."

**PotashCorp White Springs**

Total taxable value - \$380,026,442.00.

Total taxes paid in 2012 - \$7,061,005.30.

BCC: \$3,800,264.42  
 BPI: \$3,103,295.93  
 SRWMD: \$157,444.95

**Progress Energy**  
 Total taxable value

\$36,194,389.00.

Total taxes paid in 2012 - \$844,117.78

BCC: \$503,152.86  
 BPI: \$299,022.50  
 SRWMD: \$15,170.83  
 Jasper: \$19,264.69  
 Jennings: \$888.84

**Norfolk Southern Railroad**

Total taxable value - \$18,016,656.00.

Total taxes paid in 2012 - \$344,738.99

BCC: \$180,997.87  
 BPI: \$147,431.92  
 SRWMD: \$7,494.18  
 Jasper: \$5,251.70  
 Jennings: \$1,252.92  
 White Springs: \$2,420.40  
 White Springs - \$6,618.06

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# A hot chili time in Jasper

The 7th Annual Chili Cook-off held Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Jasper Women's Club was a great success again this year. Sponsored by the Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce, this annual event brings members of the community together for a fun day of taste testing different types of chili made by all those who entered the contest, as well as offering a time for neighbors to visit with one another.

"We would like to say thank you to everyone that came out to the 7th Annual Chili Cook-off and we would like to say congratulations to the winners," said chamber member Monica Amer-

son. For best chili entries the winners are: Individual: Edna Wood Business: Another Way, Inc. Youth: Eric and Austin Amerson People's choice: Grant Shattler "We had a good turnout and most of all everyone had fun!" said Chamber President Susan Ramsey.

Each first place winner received a \$25 gift card or \$25 cash.

For more information about the Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce, please call 386-792-1300 or visit: [www.hamiltoncountycoc.org](http://www.hamiltoncountycoc.org).



Ms. Edna Wood won 1st place for Individual entry.



All the contestants lined up for a photo. On the left are the Youth Winners, Austin and Eric Amerson.



Another Way won 1st Place for Group Entry.



Grant Shattler won People's Choice Award. Courtesy photos:



John Cloyd and Sheldon Mitchell were enjoying the day's event.



Grant won the 50/50 cash drawing as well!

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OPINION

Higher minimum wages

In his State of the Union address, President Barack Obama proposed raising the minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$9 an hour. That would be almost a 25 percent increase. Let's look at the president's proposal, but before doing so, let's ask some other economic questions.

Are people responsive to changes in price? For example, if the price of cars rose by 25 percent, would people purchase as many cars? Supposing housing prices rose by 25 percent, what would happen to sales? Those are big-ticket items, but what about smaller-priced items? If a supermarket raised its prices by 25 percent, would people purchase as much? It's not rocket science to conclude that when prices rise, people adjust their behavior by purchasing less.

It's almost childish to do so, but I'm going to ask questions about 25 per-

cent price changes in the other way. What responses would people have if the price of cars or housing fell by 25 percent? What would happen to supermarket sales if prices fell by 25 percent? Again, it doesn't require deep thinking to guess that people would purchase more.

This behavior in economics is known as the first fundamental law of demand. It holds that the higher the price of something the less people will take and that the lower the price the more people will take. There are no known exceptions to the law of demand. Any economist who could prove a real-world exception would

probably be a candidate for the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences and other honors.

Dr. Alan Krueger, an economist, is chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisors. I wonder whether he advised the president that though people surely would be responsive to 25 percent increases in the prices of other goods and services, they would not be responsive to a 25 percent wage increase.



**A MINORITY VIEW**  
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**BY WALTER WILLIAMS**

I'd bet the rent money that you couldn't get Krueger to answer the following statement by saying either true or false: A 25 percent increase in the price of labor would not affect

employment. If anything, his evasive response would be that found in a White House memo, reported in The Wall Street Journal's article titled "The Minority Youth Unemployment Act" (Feb. 15), namely that "a range of economic studies show that modestly raising the minimum wage increases earnings and reduces poverty without measurably reducing employment." The WSJ article questions that statement: "Note the shifty adverbs, 'modestly' and 'measurably,' which can paper over a lot of economic damage." My interpretation of the phrase "without measurably reducing employment" is that only youngsters, mostly black youngsters, would be affected by an increase.

University of California, Irvine economist David Neumark has examined more than 100 major academic studies on the minimum wage. He states that the White House claim "grossly misstates the weight of the evidence." About 85 percent of the studies "find a negative employment effect on low-skilled workers." A 1976 American Economic Association sur-

vey found that 90 percent of its members agreed that increasing the minimum wage raises unemployment among young and unskilled workers. A 1990 survey found that 80 percent of economists agreed with the statement that increases in the minimum wage cause unemployment among the youth and low-skilled. If you're looking for a consensus in most fields of study, examine the introductory and intermediate college textbooks in the field. Economics textbooks that mention the minimum wage say that it increases unemployment for the least skilled worker.

As detailed in my recent book "Race and Economics" (2012), during times of gross racial discrimination, black unemployment was lower than white unemployment and blacks were more active in the labor market. For example, in 1948, black teen unemployment was less than white teen unemployment, and black teens were more active in the labor market. Today black teen unemployment is about 40 percent; for whites, it is about 20 percent. The minimum wage law weighs heavily in this devastating picture. Supporters of higher minimum wages want to index it to inflation so as to avoid its periodic examination.

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Health Department Corner

March is always round up immunizations time for pets in Hamilton County. This year is especially important for immunizing pets due to the increased incidence of human and animal contact with rabid animals.

Everyone should make a special effort to immunize their pets and control their activity toward minimizing an encounter with rabies and insuring resistance to rabies if bitten by a rabid animal.

The health department and cities of Jennings, Jasper and White Springs have scheduled rabies immunization clinics for pets for March, 2013.

On Saturday, March 2, the clinic will be held at Dr. Huston's veterinary clinic in Jasper from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

On Saturday, March 9, Dr. Huston will be at the Jennings fire station from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and the White Springs veterinary clinic from 1-3 p.m.

The pet immunizations clinics have been established as a convenience to pet owners in Hamilton County. There will be a reduced price of \$9 per pet for rabies shots at each clinic. Please use the clinic most convenient to you.

The Healthy Start of North Central Florida Coalition

Will be holding their quarterly Board meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2013 from 12 until 4 p.m. The meeting will be held at WellFlorida Council in the large conference room located at 1785 NW 80th Blvd., Gainesville, Fla. 32606.

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**AGENDA**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,**  
**HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
Room 112 – Courthouse 207 Northeast First Street  
Jasper, Florida  
MEETING DATE: MARCH 5, 2013

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

**LISTED ITEMS**

- 1) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – UNAGENDAED APPEARANCES (\*)
- 2) CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL
- 3) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORTS AND REQUESTS
- 4) FLORIDA LEADERS ORGANIZED FOR WATER (FLOW)
- 5) STATUS OF HOSPITAL PROPERTY/RURAL HEALTH CLINIC
- 6) DISCUSSION OF PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM FOR COUNTY PURCHASES
- 7) VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK – DISCUSSION
- 8) 2006 TAX CERTIFICATES
- 9) APPROVE BILLS
- 10) CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 11) ADJOURN

**TIME CERTAIN ITEMS**

9:00 A.M. – CALL TO ORDER – INVOCATION – PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
9:05 A.M. – LAND USE AND SHIP PROGRAM UPDATES AND REQUESTS  
9:10 A.M. – COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT AND REQUESTS  
A) FY 2016/2017 Florida DOT Co Incentive Grant Program – Project Submissions  
B) FY 2016/2017 Florida DOT Small Co Outreach Program – Project Submissions  
C) FY 2016/2017 Small Co Road Assistance Program – Project Submission  
9:15 A.M. – SENIOR CENTER BOARD – QUESTIONS REGARDING SENIOR CENTER OPERATIONS  
9:20 A.M. – 2ND PUBLIC HEARING – LDR 13-01 – HAMILTON COUNTY  
9:25 A.M. – DRUG COALITION – SWAT PRESENTATION – INFORMATION ON SMOKE FREE WORKPLACES

**DUE TO PUBLICATION DEADLINE THIS AGENDA MAY NOT CONTAIN ALL MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED AFTER 1:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, COURTHOUSE, JASPER, FLORIDA.**

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

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

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

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

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

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CONSENT AGENDA**  
March 5, 2013

- 1) MINUTES – APPROVE:
  - A) February 19, 2013 – Regular Meeting
- 2) DEPARTMENT HEADS – INFORMATION ITEMS:
- 3) DEPARTMENT HEADS – ACTION ITEMS:

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## Wedding Announcement *Selph & Moore*



Misty Selph to Allen Moore

Mr. and Mrs. John Phillip Selph of Valdosta, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Misty Selph to Allen Moore, son of Mrs. Judy Moore and the late Mr. Dorsey Moore of Jennings, Fla.

The bride-to-be, is the Co-owner of Sylvia's Models & Talent and is self employed as a Licensed Massage Therapist.

Her grandparents are Mrs. Ellis Bamburg, the late Ellis L. Bamburg, Mrs. John W. Selph and the late John W. Selph.

The groom-to-be, is employed by Voigt's Sheet Metal as a Master Welder.

His grandparents are the late Mrs. Juanita A. Small, Mr. Hubert Small and the late Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie B. Moore.

The wedding is set to take place 6:30 p.m. March 23, 2013, at Riverland in Valdosta.

## Heart Matters

By Angie Land

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

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

brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

At first glance, the beginning of this scripture seems to easily apply to the reader...revealing that God equates certain anger to murder. The anger this verse speaks of is unresolved anger, better known as unforgiveness. This subjects us to the consequences of choosing not to forgive such as bitterness, rage and malice. Then there is a twist in the application...verse 23 tells us that when we go to offer our gift at the altar and "there remember that your brother has something against you", we are to go to him and attempt reconciliation. That shoots holes in our theory that if someone has a problem with me, it is their responsibility to fix it! Certain of this, we ignore our spouses "coolness" toward us or the fact that a friend or family member is avoiding us, convincing ourselves we have done nothing wrong. But listen...this ministry of reconciliation is so important to God, He wants us



to tend to this even before we show up to worship! If we took this instruction seriously, what impact would it have on our marriages? Friendships? Family relationships? Work relationships? God is calling us to take responsibility to help heal broken relationships no matter which side we are on...because our hearts really do matter!

Blessings, Angie

*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*

## The church needs revival

Hugh G. Sherrill  
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A few weeks ago I heard a pastor of a local church say that "this year no money was in the church budget for a revival". When asked why, he said he felt led to make that decision because revivals don't work. What a shame. If there is anything in this world that the church of the Lord Jesus Christ needs today, it is revival. The problem with this pastor and many more pastors is they are not willing to lead the church into revival because it takes time and hard work. For a church to experience a successful revival, preparation and prayer must begin months in advance. Prayer meetings must be held regularly. It speaks volumes for the church that allows this to happen. A church that does not want revival is a church that is dead spiritually. Oh, they meet and sing and hear a sermon of some sort and then go their way thinking that they have done God a favor by doing this. Churches that allow these things to happen are the churches that

need revival the most.

What does it mean to experience revival? It means to "flourish anew", or "to live again", "to regain life". It's what the dad said of his son in the Parable of the Lost Son in Luke 15:24. The father said: "For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found".

I know of no one today that does not need revival, including myself; however, most who profess Jesus as their Savior do not think they need revival. They may have been doing the same thing over and over again for years and they do not see the need to change. Many are satisfied in their little world and don't see any need for change. How sad.

Some things that are needed for a church to have revival are first of all, humility. We must realize that we are helpless on our own. We need to put away our pride and seek humility. Unless we are humble, we cannot experience the blessings from God. Second: more prayer. Most, who call themselves Christian, by their own admission, don't pray near enough. A far

as I know that is the best way to communicate with God. We pray to God in the name of Jesus. If today all the churches came together with prayer and confession our city and county would be changed. Jesus said in Luke 18:1 "...men ought to always pray". Jesus spent much time in prayer. When we pray we need to confess our own sins first (Psalms 66:18) "If I regard iniquity in my heart, they Lord will not hear me".

Too many in our churches today have bitterness and a loose tongue. There is nothing that can hold back a church from revival more than bitterness among the members, especially among older members. Where there is bitterness in one's heart it most always leads to a sharp tongue. Nothing in the history of man has brought more sorrow than an uncontrolled tongue. An old proverb states "He that thinketh by the inch, and speaketh by the yard, should be kicketh by the foot". I suggest a study of James chapter 3.

We ALL need revival!

## Special Olympics is set for March 16

This year's Special Olympics competition will be held at Hamilton County High School on Saturday, March 16 beginning at 9 a.m. Hamilton County is hosting the area competition that will bring folks in from Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Columbia and Marion counties, as well as from Hamilton. Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information, or if you would like to volunteer your time for this special event, contact Helen Udell at 386-397-2563 or 904-504-5632.

## Thank you

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# SRWMD recognizes upcoming retirement



District Director of Administrative Services Joe Flanagan, far left, District Executive Director Ann Shortelle, second from left, and District Governing Board Chairman Don Quincey, far right, recognize Vern Roberts for his upcoming retirement.

## Central Hamilton Elementary Florida Assessment for Instruction on Reading (FAIR) data 2012-13

Grade	Reading Comprehension % scoring above 60th percentile		MAZE % scoring above 30th percentile		Word Analysis % scoring above 30th percentile	
	AP1	AP2	AP1	AP2	AP1	AP2
3rd	10%	16%	52%	78%	54%	45%
4th	3%	28%	73%	73%	69%	77%
5th	20%	33%	78%	91%	84%	58%
6th	9%	27%	64%	74%	46%	47%

The majority of our students are able to decode (word analysis), read fluently and answer basic level questions (MAZE). All grade levels showed improvement in Reading Comprehension and coming closer to the 60th percentile. All grade levels are still struggling with comprehension at a higher level. The passages and questions on FAIR mirror FCAT 2.0 passages and questions. Our reading instruction will provide strategies which proficient readers use as they analyze complex texts and answer higher order questions. The students will be supported as they develop critical thinking skills and develop strategies to engage in the critical analysis of text.

In order to have substantial increases in reading achievement we will ensure that reading instruction for all students follow these guidelines:

Making close reading and rereading of texts and complex questions essential to all reading lessons.

Providing scaffolding and support strategies to help students unlock text. Asking text dependent questions utilizing a range of question types.

Developing students' ability to support or prove their answers based upon evidence from the text.

Providing extensive research and writing opportunities across the curriculum.

Thank you to our students who are working very diligently for success and to our parents and community members for your support as we stay focused on our goal of becoming a "B" school!!

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Vern Roberts, of the Suwannee River Water Management District (District), was recognized for 37 years of public service and commitment to the District at a Governing Board meeting on Feb. 12. Roberts will be retiring at the end of February.

Roberts began work with the District in 1976 as a fiscal assistant and later was promoted to the position of finance officer. He is responsible for day to day financial activities including banking, posting of ledgers and journals, invoicing and collecting state revenues, generating monthly financial statements and collecting ad valorem taxes. He also assists with budget preparation, Truth in Millage (TRIM) compliance, and annual audits.

Roberts holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Florida State University.

"I am pleased with Vern's faithful public service to the District over the last 30-plus years, and I congratulate him on his upcoming retirement," said Executive Director Ann Shortelle.

"My time at the District has been both rewarding and fulfilling," Roberts said. "I will truly miss the many colleagues and friends I have made over the last 37 years."

# Healthy Living

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

## Exercise!

By Beth Harris

The American College of Sports Medicine Southeast Chapter's 41st Annual Meeting, second annual for me, was recently in Greenville, South Carolina. On the ride home from Greenville while finding delight with each degree of temperature increase, I also digested all the information thrown at me over three days of research coming down the pike from brightest minds in the country.

Should I share the amazing results being seen from High Intensity Interval Training on sedentary and even diseased populations? Or the amazing effects of aerobic exercise for preservation of arteries into late life? Or the strong relationship between body fat and muscle quality and its implications for disability and immobility as we age? I could go on and on-the major lesson here remains the same. Exercise.

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Sure you could take a pill full of promises. But regardless of what "next best thing" you buy into there is only one thing that is certain to work for every single person regardless of gender, age, race. One thing that improves everything across the board, that is the best medicine. One thing you can take that is free. Your God given right. Not packaged, boxed, or bagged. Exercise.

So the next time you're looking for that quick fix. Promises in a pill, a wrap, or a drink; take a second and listen to that voice inside your head quietly reminding you what's screaming within every fiber of your being: exercise. It's the end to the end. The light at the end of the tunnel. The fountain of youth. The secret that's there for anyone at anytime. What are you waiting for? Exercise.

Lack of activity destroys the good condition of every human being, while movement and methodical physical exercise save it and preserve it.

-Plato  
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The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. will hold a Planning and Evaluation Committee Meeting on **Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 9:30 A.M.** at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., Administration Office located at 1171 Nobles Ferry Road NW, Live Oak, Florida. 02/28

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Board of Directors will hold a meeting for the Executive Committee Members on **Wednesday, March 13, 2013, 10:00 A.M.** at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., Administration Office located at 1171 Nobles Ferry Road, Live Oak, Florida. 02/28

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Board of Directors will hold a Finance & Audit Committee Meeting on **Wednesday, March 13, 2013, 9:00 A.M.** at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., Administration Office located at 1171 Nobles Ferry Road NW, Live Oak, Florida. 02/28

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION**

**CASE # 2011-CA-000549**

**Springleaf Home Equity f/k/a American General Home Equity, Inc.**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**Regina Alexander; Hamilton County, Florida; Sabrina Marshall**

**Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 12, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 2011-CA-000549 of the Circuit Court of the 3rd Judicial Circuit in and for Hamilton County, Florida, wherein Springleaf Home Equity f/k/a American General Home Equity, Inc. Plaintiff and Regina Alexander are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, GREG GODWIN, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN THE SOUTH FRONT LOBBY IN HAMILTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 207 NORTHEAST 1ST STREET, JASPER, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on March 13, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT NINE (9) OF BLOCK NINETY (90), ACCORDING TO CALDWELL'S SURVEY OF THE CITY OF JASPER, FLORIDA, AND LOCATED IN THE NORTH-

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EAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST.

**ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.**

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 the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 173 Northeast Hernando Street, Room 408, Lake City, Florida 32056; (386) 719-7576 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

(Court Seal) GREG GODWIN  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Hamilton County, Florida

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson  
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

02/21, 28

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that a proposed Ordinance which titles hereinafter appears will be considered for enactment on the second and final reading by the Town Council of The Town of White Springs, FL, **Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, White Springs, FL. A Public Hearing will begin at 6:45 p.m. Copy of said Ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of The Clerk, Town Hall, on the date, time and place first above mentioned. All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at this public hearing they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

**ORDINANCE 13-01**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF DOG, CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION, CONTROL AND BEHAVIOR OF DOGS, CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND EFFECTIVE DATE. 02/28

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

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3215, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Hamilton County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the Special Exception, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of Hamilton County, Florida, serving also as the Local Planning Agency of Hamilton County, Florida, at a public hearing on **March 12, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, County Courthouse located at 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida.

**SE 13-01**, a petition by Suwannee River Valley Golf and Country Club, requesting exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.2.5 of the Land Development Regulations to allow for a alcohol sales and consumption on premises in AGRICULTURE-1 (Ag-1) and AGRICULTURE 4 (Ag-4) zoning districts submitted as part of a petition dated February 15, 2013, to be located on property described as follows:

PART OF SECTIONS, 8, 17 AND 18 OF TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE N.W. CORNER OF SAID SECTION 17; THENCE N. 89°55'08"E. ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 17, ALSO BEING THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 8, A DISTANCE OF 1331.39 FEET TO A 2 INCH IRON PIPE ON THE WEST LINE OF LANDS DEEDED TO OCCIDENTAL EMPLOYEES' RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC. AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK (ORB) 162 PAGES 890-891 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND SHOWN ON A SURVEY BY LLOYD REGISTER RECORDED IN ORB 70 PAGES 535-536 OF SAID OFFICIAL RECORDS AND SAID SURVEY BEING SPECIFICALLY REFERENCED AS AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF LANDS CONVEYED IN ORB 162 PAGES 890-891; THENCE N.00°05'31"W. ALONG SAID WEST LINE, SAID LINE BEING SHOWN AS THE WEST LINE OF THE S.E. 1/4 OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 8 ON SAID PREVIOUSLY REFERENCED SURVEY, A DISTANCE OF 660.88 FEET TO A FENCE CORNER SHOWN AS THE N.W. CORNER OF SAID CONVEYED LANDS; THENCE ALONG THE FOLLOWING TWO (2)

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CALLS DESCRIBING SAID FENCE LINE, AS PER SAID SURVEY, S. 87°21'37"E., 221.51 FEET; N.89°55'23"E., 151.00 FEET TO A SMALL BRANCH; THENCE THE FOLLOWING CALLS ALONG THE MEANDER OF THE CENTERLINE OF A BRANCH; S. 64°31'37"E., 43.25 FEET; N. 45°27'23"E., 174.24 FEET; N.35°30'23"E., 65.49 FEET; N.49°16'23"E., 71.31 FEET; N.71°43'23"E., 119.01 FEET; S. 87°06'37"E., 31.38 FEET; N. 69°00'23"E., 46.22 FEET; S.81°47'37"E., 62.24 FEET; S.62°34'37"E., 99.78 FEET; S.79°32'37"E., 50.35 FEET; S.63°17'37"E., 86.73 FEET; S.47°57'37"E., 86.38 FEET; S.69°21'37"E., 108.66 FEET; N. 73°40'23"E., 101.19 FEET; N. 86°04'23"E., 59.50 FEET; S. 71°14'37"E., 121.27 FEET; S.48°44'37"E., 61.08 FEET; S.60°38'37"E., 82.51 FEET; S. 54°26'37" FEET; S.40°26'37" E., 60.95 FEET; S.35°15'37"E., 104.12 FEET; S.24°29'37"E., 46.03 FEET; S.81°52'37"E., 37.31 FEET; N.71°01'23" E., 154.17 FEET; N.52°38'23"E., 84.06 FEET; N.81°51'23"E., 96.84 FEET; S. 69°26'37" E., 127.65 FEET; S. 77°03'37"E., 126.60 FEET; S.84°25'37"E., 110.50 FEET; TO A POINT ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 129, THENCE S.04°11'19" W. ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE AND DEPARTING FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED BRANCH, A DISTANCE OF 138.79 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE EAST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 8654.37 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 62°55'58" AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF S.00°58'20"W AND A LENGTH OF 971.13 FEET, THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 971.64 FEET TO THE END OF SAID CURVE. THENCE S.02°14'10" E, 554.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE WEST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 2231.83 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 6°52'53" AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF S.01°12'16" W. AND A LENGTH OF 267.89 FEET, THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 268.05 FEET TO A POINT MARKING A CHANGE IN RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH THENCE N.85°21'17"W, 40.00 FEET, TO A POINT OF CURVE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE WEST, (SAID CURVE NOT BEING TANGENT TO THIS CALL) AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 2191.83 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 11°11'50"7" AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF S. 10°16'16" W AND A LENGTH OF 429.75 FEET, THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE IF 430.44 FEET TO A POINT MARKING A CHANGE IN RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH, THENCE S. 74°06'10"E., 10.00 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE WEST (SAID CURVE NOT BEING TANGENT TO THIS CALL) AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 2201.83 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 20°54'54" AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD HAVING A

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BEARING OF S.26°21'17" W., AND A LENGTH OF 799.29 FEET, THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 803.74 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 17 AS MONUMENTED. THENCE S.89°51'31"W. NOW DEPARTING FROM SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE AND ALONG THE SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE S.W. 1/4 OF THE N.E. 1/4 AND ITS WESTERLY EXTENSION, A DISTANCE OF 2004.88 FEET TO A 2 INCH IRON PIPE MARKING THE S.W. CORNER OF THE S.E. 1/4 OF THEN.W. 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 17 AND ALSO BEING ON THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 OF "SUWANNEE WOODS" A SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 50 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE N.08°10'49"E., ALONG SAID EAST LINE AND ITS NORTHERLY EXTENSION 281.57 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF A PUBLIC ROAD SHOWN AS STEPHEN FOSTER ROAD ON SAID PLAT, ALONG THE NORTH AND EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINES OF SAID ROAD (ALSO BEING THE NORTH AND EAST BOUNDARIES OF SAID RECORDED SUBDIVISION) THE FOLLOWING CALLS; THENCE NORTH 81°58'04" WEST, 1739.90 FEET; THENCE NORTH 26°10'07" EAST, 158.50 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE WESTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 354.37 FEET, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG AND WITH THE ARC OF SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 31°31'03" AN ARC DISTANCE OF 194.93 FEET TO THE END OF SAID CURVE, THENCE NORTH 05°20'56" WEST, 254.20 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 321.54 FEET, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG AND WITH THE ARC OF SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 50°01'05" AN ARCH DISTANCE OF 280.70 FEET TO THE END OF SAID CURVE, THENCE NORTH 44°40'10" EAST, 363.07 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHWESTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 304.81 FEET, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG AND WITH THE ARC OF SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 36°19'32" AN ARC DISTANCE OF 193.26 FEET TO THE END OF SAID CURVE, THENCE NORTH 08°20'38" EAST, 228.15 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHWESTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 242.50 FEET, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG AND WITH THE ARCH OF SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 63°28'44" AN ARCH DISTANCE OF 268.67 FEET TO THE END OF SAID CURVE, THENCE NORTH 55°08'06" WEST 171.73 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 17, THENCE N.00°10'31"W. ALONG SAID SECTION LINE AND DEPARTING FROM SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF

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STEPHEN FOSTER ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 297.45 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONTAINING 254.92 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO EXISTING COUNTY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STEPHEN FOSTER ROAD AS LAYS EAST OF "SUWANNEE WOODS" SUBDIVISION AS PER AFOREMENTIONED PLAT.

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

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

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

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 02/28

**POSITION: SENIOR SERVICES CASE MANAGER PART TIME LOCATION: HAMILTON COUNTY**

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**Healthy alternatives to potentially unhealthy ingredients**

When trying to get healthy, men and women rightfully place great emphasis on diet and exercise. A healthy diet and routine exercise make a great team. Many people don't exactly jump for joy when adopting a healthy diet because they may feel the diet must be devoid of their favorite foods to prove effective. But a healthy diet isn't necessarily one that lacks taste. In fact, changing a few ingredients is a great way to make some of your favorite dishes healthier while ensuring you still get to eat them. The following are a few ways to substitute healthy ingredients in some your favorite recipes, courtesy of the American Heart Association.

- Instead of whole milk, use fat-free or low-fat milk.
- Replace heavy cream with evaporated skim milk or a combination of low-fat yogurt and plain low-fat unsalted cottage cheese.
- Replace sour cream with low-fat unsalted cottage cheese or fat-free yogurt; fat-free sour cream is also a healthier choice than regular sour cream.
- Swap cream cheese with soft margarine that is low in saturated fat and free of trans fats and blend the margarine with unsalted fat-free cottage cheese.
- Use margarine that is low in saturated fats and free of trans fats when a recipe calls for butter.
- Choose egg whites instead of regular eggs.

But healthy eating goes beyond ingredients. Many people find it difficult to avoid all of those delicious yet typically unhealthy snacks. But even snacks can be healthy and provide an energy boost throughout the day. All it takes is choosing the right snacks as opposed to those most readily available, which are often the most unhealthy.

- Replace potato or corn chips with pretzels or reduced sodium low-fat potato chips.
- Avoid high-fat cookies and crackers in favor of fat-free or low-fat options, including graham crackers, rice cakes, and fig or fruit bars.
- Choose angel food cake over devil's food cake.
- Replace ice cream bars on hot afternoons with frozen fruit bars.
- When making pudding, make it with fat-free or low-fat milk instead of whole milk.
- Opt for toast instead of a doughnut or bagel.

Fortunately, many restaurants have started informing customers about the ingredients in their offerings, and some establishments are even obligated by law to share calorie information with their customers. Still, the AHA notes that there are ways for customers to go one step further and make the meals they enjoy when dining out even healthier.



- Replace cream-based soups with broths that boast lots of vegetables.
  - Request melba toast, pita bread or whole-grain rolls in lieu of bread, muffins or croissants.
  - Choose a baked potato or brown rice instead of french fries.
  - Request that your chicken be grilled instead of fried.
  - End you meal with nonfat yogurt, sherbet or fruit ice instead of a sundae or ice cream.
- A healthy diet doesn't have to be bland. To learn more about how to enjoy the foods you love without putting your health at risk, visit the American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org).

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# Hamilton County Schools Put the Spotlight on School Breakfast

## School District Celebrates National School Breakfast Week 2013

Hamilton County Superintendent of Schools Thomas Moffses has proclaimed the week of March 4-8, 2013 as National School Breakfast Week.

"I encourage all residents to become aware and concerned about their children's and their own nutrition habits, in hope of achieving a more healthy citizenry for today and the future," said Moffses.

The school breakfast program was established in 1975 and is dedicated to the health and well-being of the nation's children.

"There is evidence of continued need for nutrition education and awareness of the value of school nutrition programs," Moffses stated in his proclamation.

Studies indicate that students who eat school breakfast increase their math and reading scores and improve their cognitive speed and memory, according to the Food Research and Action Center. However, fewer than half of the children that receive lunch at school also receive breakfast.

To garner increased participation in the School Breakfast Program, Hamilton County schools will recognize National

School Breakfast Week. Slated for March 4-8, National School Breakfast Week is a weeklong celebration aimed at increasing awareness of the School Breakfast Program among students and parents.

The 2013 theme, "Be a Star with School Breakfast," highlights how eating a balanced breakfast at school can help students shine like their favorite stars in the movies, on the field, and on TV. The campaign will be appearing in school cafeterias from January to March, culminating in National School Breakfast Week, March 4-8 2013.

Cafeterias will celebrate school breakfast week with special menus and decorations, activities, and school breakfast related brainteasers to help students warm up their brains before they head to class.

Every school day, Hamilton County School District breakfast program offers students the healthy foods they need to get set for a busy school day. Please join your child for breakfast - please visit the Hamilton School District website to view the daily menu. Price for an adult breakfast is \$2.

Every school breakfast served meets

federal nutrition standards limiting fat and portion size.

Healthy school breakfasts can be a lifesaver for busy parents too.

"It's a race for any family to get their kids ready, fed and out the door in time for school," said Ida Daniels, Food & Nutrition Services Coordinator. "Knowing that their children can eat a healthy breakfast at school can be a huge relief for parents."

"Be a Star with School Breakfast" was created by the non-profit School Nutrition Association with support from Kellogg's Foodservice. This national campaign recognizes National School Breakfast Week, launched in 1989 to raise awareness of the availability of the School Breakfast Program (SBP) to all children and the links between eating a good breakfast, academic achievement and healthy lifestyles.

## ARREST RECORDS

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

The following abbreviations are used below:

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

Police Department

Feb. 17, Victor Lavarish Brown, 29, 16325 SE 101 Trail, White Springs, Fla., dwls/r habitual, WSPD-Golub

Feb. 18, Daniel Joseph Anderson, 29, 5332 SE US 41, Jasper, Fla., vop warrant, forgery, utter forgery, P&P-Hart, Jackson

Feb. 19, Ronnie Mitchell, 47, 185 SE Baya Dr., Lake City, Fla., vop burglary of structure, HCSO-Cribbs

Feb. 19, Stadius Lorenza Brown, 25, 696 SW Georgetown Ave., Madison, Fla., fleeing police officer high speed, HCSO-Boone

Feb. 20, Daphedron Lamar Allen, 33, 1312 SW 2 St., Jasper, Fla., 6 cts. vop, HCSO-Howell

Feb. 20, Kelvin Charles Smith, 26, 10359 Kendrick St., White Springs, Fla., out of county warrant, contempt of court, no DL, WSPD-Raulerson

Feb. 20, Guadalupe Garcia, 40, 1447 McCall St., Jennings, Fla., dwls, JNPD-Meeks

Feb. 20, Frank Prince, 35, in transit, hold for Orange County, OCSO-Rutfield

Feb. 20, James Stewart,

28, in transit, hold for Orange County, OCSO-Rutfield

Feb. 21, Antonio Lorenzo Boone, 41, 13697 3rd St., White Springs, Fla., Orange County warrant child support, WSPD-Golub

Feb. 21, Crystal Lane Brister, 22, 3600 NW 104 Ave, Apt. 4, Jasper, Fla., fraud, utter false instrument, larceny, theft more than \$300 less than \$5,000, HCSO-Murphy

Feb. 22, Juan Leonardo Martinez-Hernandez, 36, 109 Margie Lane, Jasper, Fla., no valid DL, HCSO-Burnam

Feb. 22, Douglas Jay Carlsen, 36, 6742 S. 8 St., Kalamazoo, Mi., transportation of drug para, poss. of cannabis under 20 grams, DOA-Jones

Feb. 22, Michael Glen Reed, 34, 6742 s. 8 St., Kalamazoo, Mi., transportation of drug para, failure to stop for ag inspection, DOA-Jones

Feb. 22, Lori A. Kingdom, 50, 3725 NW 108 Ave., Jasper, Fla., battery, HCSO-Griffin

Feb. 25, Brandy M. Beyce, 30, 225 N. Beville Ave., Indianapolis, In., poss. w/intent to sell-2 cts, poss. of controlled substance Alprazolam, PTS American-Dupree

# New site manager at HCHS named

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Moffses explained that Law has transitioned to Central Hamilton Elementary to provide instructional assistance under Principal Lee Wetherington Zamora. Bush, he said, has been contracted through June 30 of this year and will be in charge of staff, discipline, and students at the high school.

"This is a short-term, contracted position ending June 30, 2013," said Moffses. "Mr. Bush is a highly qualified educator/administrator that has stepped out of retirement momentarily to help better the Hamilton County school system." He went on to say, "Additionally, the 2013-14 principal position at HCHS is now posted through March 21, 2013."

Bush's first day at HCHS was Wednesday afternoon, Feb 20, and on Thursday, Feb. 21, he spent his first full day meeting with staff and students.

Bush has an impressive professional educational background. He holds a BS degree in education and a major in both social sciences and psychology from Troy University. He went on to receive another masters degree from Troy State University Montgomery in counseling and human development, as well as a certification in administration and supervision from Auburn University Montgomery (AUM).

"I've been a principal for about 10 years, I've been an administrative assistant, I served on the school board here in Hamilton County for eight years, I taught school for over 20 years, I coached for 25, and I've driven a bus a time or two," said Bush.

He began his teaching career in Hamilton County in 1971.

"I came here straight out of Troy in 1971 and spent 21 years," he said. "My mother was visiting her brother who lived in Lake City and I put in an application (with Hamilton County Schools). The day I put in the application, the history teacher resigned and I got hired that day."

In 1972 Bush transferred to South Hamil-

ton Elementary where he taught until 1978. Then he taught and coached at the high school at its old location in downtown Jasper from 1978-82 and again from 1983-84. In 1984 he was elected to the Hamilton County School Board where he served for eight years, while working at Occidental Chemical (now PotashCorp White Springs).

After his term on the school board ended Bush went back to his home town in Alabama where he taught at an alternative school for a year, before teaching and coaching at his alma mater for 12 years.

"During that time we went to three state championships and won two of them," he said. "Then, I became the principal there."

Bush returned to Hamilton County and from 2005 to 2011 he was principal at South Hamilton Elementary in White Springs, which is where he now resides with his wife Sherry and their two chihuahuas, Baby and Special Agent Dundee. They have two grown children and one grandson. He retired from the Hamilton County School system in 2011.

"Eighteen months later, here I am," he said from behind his desk at HCHS.

While he was in retirement, Bush was a member of the White Springs Charter School Governing Board, hoping to be their principal. After the governing board's two attempts applying for a conversion charter school and being turned down by the Hamilton County School District, Bush decided to resign from that board.

"At the last meeting I told the board not to consider me anymore as a principal," he said. "As a matter of fact, I said, this ex-officio member of this unofficial board and this unofficial charter school is giving his official notice to the unofficial board that I no longer wish to be considered as principal."

Bush said if the charter school governing board decides to move forward with their plan to convert South Hamilton into a charter school,

it won't be able to happen until the 2014-15 school year.

"That was limiting the opportunities that could have come my way that I might have been interested in," said Bush. "There was no school, there was no contract, there was nothing. I thought, I don't know where I'll be a year from now. I might be back in Alabama."

When asked why he came out of retirement, Bush laughed and said, "Because I can." He went on to say, "Under the current situation, the responsibilities I have now are such that I feel like I can pursue my vision until the end of the school year."

When asked what was next in his future come June 30, Bush said, "We'll see. I don't know. That will be the end of my contract. I do like retirement," he added, laughing.

Bush said there are some great kids at HCHS, some very bright kids, he added.

"That story has not been told as much as some of the damaging stories have been told," he said. "There's some excellent teachers here, there's some committed staff here, and I'm saying this out of my heart, who are really working hard and they've been beaten around and knocked around by situations that they don't always have a great deal of control over. I'm just saying there is a great deal of potential here and there's a lot going on that's very, very positive that just didn't get told."

Bush said he spent all day last Thursday visiting every classroom and meeting a lot of the students. He also said he has examined many of the personal, team and school accomplishments over the years.

"That's what we want to focus on," he said. "We want to get that story out because it's a true story."

Bush said it was clear that Supt. Moffses has a vision and the drive to get there.

"I welcome Mr. Bush and look forward to the positive changes he brings to our high school working with our students and personnel," said Moffses.

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# Sports



## Trojans fall to Hornets in playoffs

Take Hilliard prior

By Andrew McGee  
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The Hamilton County High School boys varsity basketball team lost to the Hawthorne Hornets on Feb. 23 with the final score of 63-53.

The first quarter, the Hornets took the lead with 12-8. By the halftime buzzer, they were able to bring the score up to 31-15.

By the third quarter, the Hornets were still knocking them down with 20 points to Trojans 12 bringing the score to 51-27. The fourth and final quarter, The Trojans turned it up bringing in 26 points to The Hornets 12. The Hornets had already secured a safe lead, so the final score was 63-53.

The top Trojan scorers were Antefernee Smith with 13, Jeremiah Lee with 11 and Kevin McCain with 10.

Top in rebounds were Smith with 10, Anthony Claridy with seven and Tyler Chapman with six.

Top assists were Jacquez McCray with four and Smith with three.

### Trojans take Hilliard in playoffs

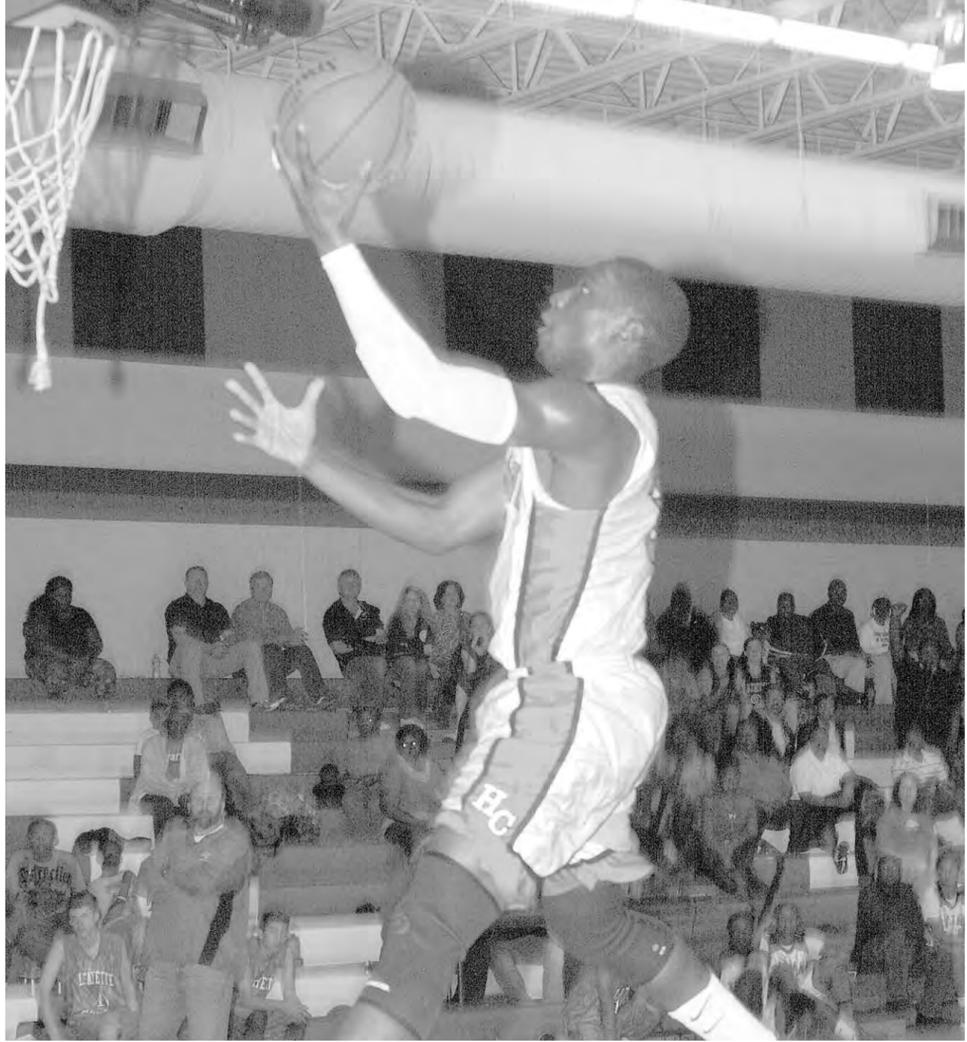
The team took the victory in a playoff game against the Hilliard Red Flashes on Feb. 19 with the final score of 77-69.

The Trojans were able to dominate the court as they held the lead for the entire game.

The first quarter, the score was 15-11, Trojans. Both teams started turning up the heat, so that by the half, the Trojans made 19 to Hilliard's 17 but, still had only a slight lead with the score 34-28, Trojans.

The third quarter, The Trojans made 22 to Hilliard's 17 bringing the score to 56-45. The fourth and final quarter was by far Hilliard's best as they were able to secure 24 to the Trojans 21, but not enough to take the lead, so the final score was 77-69.

Top scorers for the game were Antefernee Smith with 29 points and Kevin McCain with 18.



Nothing but net. - Photos: Ben Daniel/Jasper Studios

## Trojans baseball One win, one loss

By Andrew McGee  
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The Hamilton County High School boys varsity baseball team defeated the Bell Bulldogs on Feb. 15 with the final score of 5-2.

"Kaleb Sadler pitched a three hitter and had 14 strike outs with an outstanding performance," said HCHS baseball coach Bobby Eason.

The leading hitters were Garren Richardson with

three hits, two doubles and and three runs batted in. Trevor Sistrunk had two hits and two runs batted in and Dylan Brantley had two hits. The Trojans had 10 hits total in the game.

### Trojans lose to Atkinson County Rebels

The Hamilton County High School boys varsity baseball team lost to the Atkinson County Rebels on

Feb. 20 with the final score of 5-4.

"Dylan Brantley pitched well giving up two earned runs," said Eason. "And six strikeouts in six innings of work."

Leading hitters were Garren Richardson and Dylan Brantley with two hits each.

"The diamond Trojans have played well during the early part of the season and have been very competitive," said Eason. "Also, Dylan Brantley and Kaleb Sadler have been outstanding on the mound."

## Whistleblower Bob Burton released from prosecution by the state

Continued From Page 1A

ney's Office via a Notice of Nolle Prosequi on Jan. 22, 2013, because the victim in the case had relocated and could not be found.

### The raid

Burton's troubles began at 7:30 a.m. on Jan. 14, 2011 when FDLE officers, assisted by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, raided the home he shared with his wife Kathy Scott on suspicion of illegally taping a telephone conversation with a state legislative aide. No arrests were made at their 7676 S.W. 46 Ave. residence in Jasper at that time, but a camcorder, cell phone and laptop computer were seized by the FDLE.

Burton had made claims that he had information concerning illegal activities by high-ranking state officials in violation of Florida law; information which he reportedly taped during a phone conversation with Ryan Tyson, then chief of staff for state Sen. Charlie Dean, who was chairman of the

Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation. Burton then posted a video with that conversation on YouTube, which was later removed from the site by authorities.

Burton, a deadhead logger at the time, said he happened upon illegal activities by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, specifically the dumping of toxic waste into protected areas. His taped phone conversation with Tyson, he said, contained statements from Tyson implicating state officials.

Burton stated at the time, "We're just trying to expose the crime. We put the name to the act."

### The arrest

Five months after the initial raid, Burton was arrested without incident. The arrest came on Sunday, June 5, at 3:07 p.m. on a warrant issued by the FDLE and Burton was charged with one count of unlawful interception of communication and one count of unlawful

disclosure of communication. He was held at the Hamilton County Jail on a \$50,000 bond. He bonded out a few days later and awaited trial. Then, on Saturday, June 25, a handful of supporters rallied around Burton outside former Third Circuit State Attorney Skip Jarvis's office in Live Oak.

The Libertarian Party of Florida, who sponsored the event, said Jarvis had been "relentless in prosecuting Burton on wiretapping charges." Due to pending prosecution on the case at the time, Jarvis refrained from comment.

### Release from prosecution

Fast forward to Jan. 22, 2013. Records show that Assistant State Attorney Karen D. Hatton of the Third Judicial Circuit filed a Notice of Nolle Prosequi with the Hamilton County Clerk's Office for the 2011 wiretapping case against Burton ending his two plus year ordeal. The notice stated that the Office of the State Attorney, to best

serve justice, declined to prosecute Burton because "The victim has relocated and cannot be found."

### County commission meeting

Burton was on the agenda at the Feb. 19, meeting of the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners.

He stated, "Most of y'all know us, my wife and I, as carpenters, but actually we have worked at international trade and building factories and plants all over the world developing businesses."

Burton continued, saying, "What we do has to do with land use and environmental law."

What he and his group are trying to present, Burton said, has to do with the merger of industry and the state, public/private partnerships, regional government, consolidation and inter-governmental workings, all of which he says are illegal doctorates.

Burton said the state's lawsuit against him was being used to

subdue people like him from exposing the international and multinational corporations who are behind these illegal doctorates.

Various news sources reported last year on a study done by a non-profit organization called Integrity Florida, who claim Florida is the most politically corrupt state in the country.

Burton said he is concerned about bid rigging at the county level. He and his small team of people, he added, would like to show the commissioners who they are, what they do, who they're exposing and who they're associated with, as well as what their intentions are.

"How un-American, unconstitutional it is, how unlawful, having to do particularly with Florida Statutes, Chapter 876, which will include your oath and all the way to treason against the state, moving part of the people from part of the state, and that sort of thing," he said.

Burton said he wants to give the commissioners the information and

let each one of them decide if they want to continue taking part in a regional form of government rather than our constitutional form of government.

"At that point we can work from there to decide who we work with to re-establish businesses in this community," Burton said. "What I'm talking about has to do with why Jasper is a ghost town, why every town is a ghost town and why our country is going bankrupt. We believe we can bring economic growth to Hamilton County without having to reach into the pockets of our grandchildren."

Burton said he knows most of the commissioners, other than their duties with the county, and that if they knew all that was going on they would do the right thing for everyone.

"Next time we come in, I'll come in with a team and some documents for all of you to look at," Burton said. "But we're free. They folded the case against me. We'll be getting our information back. That will help a lot."



## Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent Johnny Bullard

"Yes, we'll gather at the river.

The beautiful, the beautiful river.

Gather with the saints at the river.

That flows by the throne of God."

Beautiful, age old lyrics of a classic hymn evoke many memories. Memories of a very special, sacred event in the lives of many individuals "Around the Banks of the Suwannee" - baptism.

Immersion, going under the waters. Death to an old life, buried in baptism, raised to a new and glorious spiritual life. In many churches and denominations, baptism is one of the two major ordinances of the church, the other being communion.

Many of the baptisms held during the years of my childhood were held in the dark waters of the Suwannee River. Baptism services were often dramatic, as the white robed faithful were led into the dark waters. The minister raised his hands towards the heaven and proclaimed "Upon your declaration of faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ, I baptize you my brother or sister in the name of the Father,

Son, and Holy Ghost or Spirit. Amen."

Often when the baptismal candidate "arose" from the waters, he or she was greeted with a chorus of "Amen's or Hallelujahs" by those who came to witness the event and to support those who were being baptized.

Sometimes a hymn would be sung by those who were there for the event and who were gathered on the bank of the river, as the newly baptized believers arose from the water.

"Redeemed!! Redeemed!! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb!! Redeemed!! Redeemed!! His child and forever I am."

In doing a little research for this article, I asked friends if they would share their baptismal experience with me. Here are some of the responses I received.

"I was baptized in the Suwannee River near Suwannee Springs. It was the spring of the year, and the river was full, not overflowing, but full. I can remember my mother, my daddy, aunts and uncles, and a number of cousins, along with members of the congregation singing

'Amazing Grace', as I was led into the water with the minister. I can remember feeling happy when I came up from the water, and it seemed to me that my old life was carried down the river in that swift water."

"I was baptized in the Alapaha River just north of Jasper. There was water in the Alapaha at that time. Many of my family members were there including my parents. I remember the water was cold and I remember feeling happy when I came up from the water."

"I was baptized in a little creek behind the church. I remember it was Easter Sunday and a number of us were baptized that day. We held the regular church service, then the baptismal service, and then we had a huge dinner at the church. I remember changing out of my new Easter dress and putting on the white baptismal robes to be led into the water. My mother even bought me a new pair of white canvas tennis shoes we called them then, because the bottom

was muddy and kind of soggy, and she didn't want me going in with my bare feet. I remember the choir singing on the banks. I can't remember what they sang, but I remember feeling very happy and glad."

"I was baptized up in West Virginia on the Palm Sunday. It was cold. I can remember there was still a little ice around the edges of the creek where the baptism was held. We all wore white robes. Two of cousins were baptized on the same Sunday I was baptized."

"I was baptized in the Suwannee River on Easter Sunday. It was during the afternoon. My father was baptized the same Sunday. He had attended church all his life but had never joined the church. The Sunday I joined, he joined with me, and we were baptized together. That is a precious memory for me."

The old Suwannee River. River of recreation, boating, fishing, swimming, canoeing. River of legend and lore. Supposedly Osceola's

young son was killed from a shot fired near White Springs. The child was playing on his father's chest. Osceola swore vengeance on the white race and thus began Florida's Indian Wars.

River of song, "Old Folks at Home" and "Swanee", and, when one of its children is led through the dark waters, the old stream seems to become almost transcendent and take on a character that is kind of "other worldly" for a moment, somewhat like the holy Ganges in India. It becomes even more spiritual and, perhaps, that is one of the many reasons it is so dear and special to those who live around its banks.

I have so many wonderful memories associated with the Suwannee River and the area in and around it. The natural beauty of the old stream itself and the storied, beautiful land through which it flows. The good hearts and the laughter of its people and their stories. How I love the high regard the good people "Around the Banks of the Suwannee" have always placed upon their dependence upon the Creator of all the universe. I have been privileged so many

times to witness baptisms of those I hold dear, as they were led into the Suwannee's dark waters. I wouldn't trade those wonderful experiences for anything. They are part of my treasure trove of cherished, treasured memories.

I have never visited the Jordan River but, often, as I witnessed the baptismal service in the Suwannee River, I closed my eyes and thought of One who went down into another stream so many, many years ago and as I listened to the waters as they parted for those going down to be baptized. I sometimes closed my eyes and heard the hauntingly beautiful lyrics of an old spiritual often sung at baptisms in African American churches in and around my home.

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