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Wild Azalea Festival begins Friday

The fun continues Saturday beginning with a pancake breakfast

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The Wild Azalea Festival in the historic town of White Springs is this weekend! Everyone is invited to come out for this two-day festival on Friday and Saturday.

Friday events kick off with a guided hike along the Suwannee River from 4-6 p.m. To register please call 386-397-4461.

Friday evening there will be a "Sweets and Eats" tasting party from 5-7 p.m., followed by live music



A scene from a previous Wild Azalea Festival.

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Teachers and school related employees of the year honored



Kathy Griffin accepts her award for District Teacher of the Year from Supt. Tom Moffses.

- Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor

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On Monday, March 11, the Hamilton

County School District held their annual Teachers and School Related Employees of the Year awards ceremony. Kathy Griffin was chosen as District 2014

Teacher of the Year and Phillis Johnson was chosen as District 2013 School Related Employee of the Year.

The J.R.E. Lee Administrative Complex cafeteria was nearly standing room only as family, friends, school district employees and members of the school board gathered together to honor their own.

The ceremonies began with a welcome from Hamilton County Superintendent of Schools Thomas Moffses, followed by posting of the Colors by the HCHS AFJROTC, the pledge to the flag and the singing of the National Anthem. School board chairman Damon Deas led the invocation and Supt. Moffses presented the awards.

2014 Teachers of the Year

- Kathy Griffin, Central Hamilton Elementary
- Doug Clayton, Hamilton County High School
- Kathy Carter, North Hamilton Elementary
- Kimberly Crowder, South Hamilton Elementary
- Annette Daniel, Greenwood

2013 School Related Employees of the Year

- Penelope Henderson, Central Hamilton Elementary
- Samantha Norris, Hamilton County

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Resident complains about early voting polling place

Supervisor of Elections responds

By Joyce Marie Taylor

At the March 5 meeting of the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, an audience member, George Roberson, advised the board there is an issue at the Supervisor of Elections Office regarding early voting booths being set up in the office itself, which he says is a violation of state voting laws.

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HCHS students compete in Tallahassee in solo and ensemble

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Nicholas Winslow, Director of Instrumental and Choral Music and Performing Arts Department Head at Hamilton County High School took six of his students to Florida State University in Tallahassee for the Solo and Ensemble competition on Saturday, Feb. 16. The competition is sponsored by Florida Band Masters Association and is held there every year.

Winslow said HCHS is part of District 3, which is composed of many Tallahassee high schools and any music student is able to attend as long as they meet

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PCS 5 year summary

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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The PCS Phosphate White Springs Five Year Summary Renewal was discussed in great detail at the March 5 meeting of the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners.

In attendance were special hire attorney for the county Scott Shirley and senior associate of Lampl Herbert, Gregory Hitz.

Lampl Herbert, based in Tallahassee, works with clients and communities to develop strategies and solutions for natural resources. Hitz is a professional geologist for the firm who also did the 2008 PCS summary renewal. Hitz, Shirley explained, reviewed a large amount of data over the last five years with regard to the operation of the PCS Phosphate mine before preparing a draft report for the commissioners.

"Based on the results of that report the board would act to renew the per-

mit," said Shirley. "Also the board could include new conditions in that permit renewal relative to the operations of the mine."

The final report will go to the planning and zoning board who will make a recommendation to the board for adoption of the final report and renewal of the permit for PCS.

Hitz said, "Basically, it's about a 100,000 acre mine facility they have with the mining boundaries."

Suwannee River and Swift Creek chemical plants are within those boundaries, as well as two out parcels, the White Springs and Bienville Plantations. Recently the Loncala location was added.

Hitz said he reviewed documents, reports, permits and variances, visited the site twice, as well as had numerous office and telephone interviews with staff and county officials.

PCS, Hitz said, is in compliance with the terms of all the permits, including



(L-R) Attorney Scott Shirley and Gregory M. Hitz of Lampl Herbert. - Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor

water, wetlands resource, air and wastewater treatment.

"There were some non-compliant offenses that PCS corrected," said Hitz.

Offenses

- 1) 2008-09: As part of their surface water management system, Hitz said, PCS was using some of the lakes within their mining boundary to dump sedi-

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Lawn watering: Two days a week is permissible, but conserve as much as possible

Submitted

Sunday, March 10, marked the beginning of Daylight Saving Time (DST) and with it came a change in the number of days lawn and landscape watering is allowed throughout the Suwannee River Water Management District (District).

The District's year-round water conservation measures allow watering two days per week during DST (spring and summer months) and residents may choose which days to water. Irrigation should not occur between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to minimize evaporation.

"As always, we are asking

everyone to do his/her part to conserve water as much as possible," said District Executive Director Ann Shortelle. "We also strongly encourage the use of Florida Friendly Landscaping™ principles and skipping irrigation days when it rains near the time you plan to irrigate."

The limits on landscape irrigation are part of an ongoing effort to help address water needs within the District. The irrigation measures apply to residential landscaping, public or commercial recreation areas, and public and commercial businesses that aren't regulated by a District-issued per-

mit. Farmers follow other conservation measures as part of their water use permits.

The irrigation measures apply to residents within the District's boundaries, which means all of Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union counties, and portions of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Jefferson, Levy and Putnam counties.

For more information about the District's water conservation measures visit www.mysuwanneeriver.com. For information on Florida Friendly Landscaping™ visit www.floridayards.org.

Teachers and school related employees of the year honored

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High School
Lucille Seymore,
North Hamilton Elementary
Jocelyn Smith South
Hamilton Elementary
Teresa Williams,
Greenwood

Dennis Norris, General Services

Phillis Johnson, District Office/FDLRS

After all the awards were presented, everyone was invited to partake of the bounty of food that was prepared

by the HCHS Culinary Arts Department.

Special thanks go out to the following for their help in making the awards ceremony a success: Denise Wofford, Julie Cooper, First Federal Savings Bank of Florida, Mrs. Bell and

Mrs. Udell from HCHS Culinary Arts, Mr. Winslow and the HCHS Music Department, Col. Darrell Davis and HCHS ROTC Cadets, Kathy Combass, D&S Signs, Ms. Missouri Baker, Ms. Bonnie Penner and Mr. Frederick Robinson.



A large crowd gathers for the awards ceremony.

H.O.P.E. program participants go to museum

On Monday, Feb. 18 the White Springs H.O.P.E. after school program went on a field trip to visit a museum in Thomasville, Ga.

Enjoying a school holiday on Presidents' Day, the H.O.P.E. after school program embarked on an educational field trip to the Jack Hadley Black History Museum, located at 214 Alexander St., in Thomasville, Ga.

The mission of the museum is "to preserve and collect historical and cultural artifacts of African-Americans past and present." Toward that goal, the museum's founder and curator Jack Hadley, exhibits over 2,000 artifacts documenting black history in government and politics, the military, business, music, sports, and the struggle for civil rights.

Normally closed on

Mondays, Hadley opened the museum on Monday, Feb. 18 for his guests from White Springs as a special courtesy. He personally welcomed the H.O.P.E. children and the adult chaperones, and conducted a 90 minute tour of the museum's many collections.

On behalf of the town of White Springs, program administrator Anita

Rivers presented Hadley with an Old Fashion Days Brown Family Reunion poster designed by the University of Florida as part of the ongoing "Community Voices" documentary initiative.

The caption on the poster, taken from the Proclamation issued by Mayor Helen Miller on October 28, 2012, reads: "Every year in Oc-



Anita Rivers presents Hadley with an Old Fashion Days Brown Family Reunion poster. - Courtesy photos:

tober, descendants of Annie Lee Brown - the Brown, Dolman, Dowdell, Jefferson, Lumpkin, Rivers, Scipio, White and Young Families - celebrate old fashion values."

These family values represent what is truly good about life in the town of White Springs. Hadley graciously ac-

cepted the documentary poster as a new and valued addition to his museum collection.

"The educational field trip to the Jack Hadley museum is part of our H.O.P.E. after school program, which is supported by the Calder Family Giving Fund and Potash Corp, White Springs. We appreciate the support of our local and out-of-town donors who make this program possible," said Miller.

Readers may visit JackHadleyBlackHistoryMuseum.com, or call 229-226-5029 to schedule a tour or obtain more information.

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and a street dance in the center of town by the Adams Country Store.

The main events begin bright and early on Saturday morning at the community center, starting with a pancake breakfast and children's art exhibit from 8-10 a.m. The students from South Hamilton Elementary will have a special surprise for everyone.

The rest of the day from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. an entire lineup of events will keep you entertained. The Suwannee Valley Plein Air Painters will be set up near the Adams Country Store where you can watch them create their individual masterpieces. Also, be sure to check out the original Florida Highwayman Artist R.L. Lewis and all of amazing works of art.

There will be arts and

crafts, a children's area, wild azaleas for sale, a silent auction, a Birds of Prey exhibit, delicious food and live music until 2 p.m., along with other events, so be sure to pick up a schedule when you arrive.

The crowd favorite will be the Little Miss Azalea contest that will wind up a perfect weekend in White Springs. Don't forget to race a duck and win a kayak, too!

The Wild Azalea Festival is brought to you by the town of White Springs Special Event Committee, the State of Florida's Nature and Heritage Tourism Center and Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park, and funded in part by a grant from the Hamilton County Tourist Development Council. For more information call 386-397-2310.

HCHS students compete in Tallahassee in solo and ensemble

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the GPA requirement and can get signed off by their director.

"Solo and ensemble is an opportunity for students to perform for a judge," Winslow explained.

The judge, he said, is someone who is accomplished on their instrument and gives the students insight on their performance. Afterward, the judge gives each student individual items to improve upon, and then gives them a grade.

"The music that students perform is graded, from a grade one solo to a grade seven solo," Winslow explained. "Middle school students are allowed to play any grade solo, while high school students are required to play at least a grade three solo."

Winslow said it is his personal and educational goal to have the students play a level harder solo each year they return to solo and ensemble.

This year six students attended, two more than last year. This year's students were Ja-

cob Bunting, senior, grade three trombone solo, good; Ismelda Alvarez, junior, grade three clarinet solo, excellent; Dixie Boston, sophomore, grade five flute solo, excellent; Rachel Bunting, sophomore, grade four piano solo, excellent; Stephanie Hammock, freshman, grade three oboe solo, good; and Darren Rye, 8th grader, grade two alto saxophone solo, good.

"What I am most impressed with is that all of these students worked on their solos outside of the classroom," said Winslow. "There was no class time used in preparing these solos. This shows the determination of these students."

Winslow said he is also impressed that Rye and Hammock have only been playing their instruments for less than a year, Alvarez and Jacob Bunting for just a year and a half, and Boston and Rachel Bunting have been playing for years.

Winslow said when asked how to describe the experience the students threw out phrases such as "educationally rewarding", "the most stressful event of the year", and "putting in days upon days of rehearsal, all for a three minute performance."

For Winslow, the most rewarding thing about this competition is that all of the students indicated they will be returning next year.

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Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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News in White Springs can range from the exciting to the mundane and this column usually contains some of both. This week we will cover everything from film premiers to garbage collection. If that isn't a big enough spread across

the news spectrum to satisfy you then I suggest you go out and buy a copy of the National Enquirer or the Onion. Of course they take bigger liberties with

the truth than this columnist, although even he likes to spin an occasional yarn, provided that it is humorous and helpful rather than harmful.

So you might say garbage collection is not news, but it is if they come to pick up a day early and you hear about it a day late. So consider yourself forewarned about an important change that is going to be made to your pickup days for garbage (solid waste) and yard waste. Starting the week of 4/01/13, residential pickup will be on Tuesdays. Please remember that yard waste needs to be placed next to your garbage can. And, as a personal favor to

this columnist, your neighbors, and our many guests and visitors, please put your garbage can away and out of sight after pickup. Remember, the only people who really want to see your garbage can are the folks on the garbage truck!

Having said that about things best unseen, there are some things that I think most of you will truly enjoy seeing and three of them are happening this Saturday, March 17. The first is the wild Azalea Festival and if I write any more about that than I already have, my editor will think I am just repeating old news. Suffice it to say that if you miss it, you will miss a really good time that only comes to town once a year. And don't forget about the Street Dance Friday, March 16 at 7PM in front of the Adams Store!

The second thing worth seeing this Saturday is the "World Premier" of a documentary film about White Springs. This film, produced by the University of Florida, features life in rural Florida and White Springs and points out that the old fashioned values that we embrace, the ordinary things of life in White Springs, are extraordinary in the eyes of the film makers. Community, volunteerism, good neighbors, and building close relationships through these everyday happenings is not the norm in the larger world. This film shows that we are a good example of good living and loving and forgiving, and we have a lot to be proud of. The documentary will be shown throughout the day in the old Suwannee Diner building, across the street from the post office. Word is out that this film is likely to be entered in national and international film festivals, so come on out and you will be able to say you saw it first!

The third big news item is; If you like good music and would like to see and hear the finest, The Bullard Brothers and Friends, including Florida Hall of Fame inductee, Frank Thomas, will be performing Saturday at 7:00PM at Sharon's Eatery, Next to the Adams' Store and the Suwannee Bicycle Association. Their music has been featured at acclaimed venues all over Florida and this promises to be an exceptional evening. Donations will be accepted and part of the proceeds will go towards a historical preservation project in White Springs.

Until next week, I hope to see you, along with the many talented artists and visitors who will be in town on Friday and Saturday, out and about enjoying life in White Springs.

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New Hope Baptist Church celebration



Pastor Jeff Cordero and members of New Hope Baptist Church watch as church treasurer Cecil Rowe burns the mortgage taken out to build the new sanctuary. - Courtesy photos:

A special celebration was held at New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday, Feb. 10, as the church retired its debt for the new sanctuary after only five years. In a symbolic act of completion, Cecil Rowe, church treasurer, burned the mortgage as church members watched. Construction on this latest building project began in the spring of 2007 with the help of Campers on Mission (COM). The new sanctuary was dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday, July 13, 2008.

As part of the special day, Ken and Barbara Dykes of Florida Campers on Mission spoke to the church about the various ministries in which COM is involved, including not only construction of churches, but also fair and carnival ministries, seamen's ministry, migrant workers, raceway ministries and crisis pregnancy centers, to name a few. COM was started under the auspices of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1971, originally as a campground outreach and has grown to include the ministries spoken about by the Dykes. A large group represent-



Ken and Barbara Dykes of Florida Campers on Mission discuss the many ministries helped by the Campers on Mission.

ing COM also attended, many of whom had worked at New Hope in the construction of new facilities.

Church members and COM members alike were pleased to be able to share in the festivities.

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OPINION

Educational rot

American education is in a sorry state of affairs, and there's enough blame for all participants to have their fair share. They include students who are hostile and alien to the education process, uninterested parents, teachers and administrators who either are incompetent or have been beaten down by the system, and politicians who've become handmaidens for teachers unions. There's another education issue that's neither flattering nor comfortable to confront and talk about. That's the low academic preparation of many teachers. That's an issue that must be confronted and dealt with if we're to improve the quality of education. Let's look at it.

Schools of education, whether graduate or undergraduate, tend to represent the academic slums of most college campuses. They tend to be home to students who have the lowest acad-

emic achievement test scores when they enter college, such as SAT scores. They have the lowest scores when they graduate and choose to take postgraduate admissions tests -- such as the GRE, the MCAT and the LSAT.

The California Basic Educational Skills Test, or CBEST, is mandatory for teacher certification in California. It's a joke. Here's a multiple-choice question on its practice math test: "Rob uses 1 box of cat food every 5 days to feed his cats. Approximately how many boxes of cat food does he use per month? A. 2 boxes, B. 4 boxes, C. 5 boxes, D. 6 boxes, E. 7 boxes."

Here's another: "Which of the following is the most appropriate unit for expressing the weight of a pencil? A. pounds, B. ounces, C. quarts, D. pints, E. tons." I'd venture to predict that the average reader's sixth-grader could answer each question. Here's a question that is a bit more challenging: call your eighth-grader: "Solve for y: $y - 2 + 3y = 10$, A. 2, B. 3, C. 4, D. 5, E. 6."

Some years ago, the



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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

Association of Mexican American Educators, the California Association for Asian-Pacific Bilingual Education and the Oakland Alliance of Black Educators brought suit against the state of California and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, charging that the CBEST was racially discriminatory. Plaintiff "evidence" was the fact that the first-time passing rate for whites was 80 percent, about 50 percent for Mexican-Americans, Filipinos and Southeast Asians, and 46 percent for blacks. In 2000, in a stroke of rare common sense, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit found CBEST not to be racial discriminatory.

Poor teacher preparation is not a problem restricted to California. In Massachusetts, only 27 percent of new teachers could pass the math test needed to be certified as a teacher. A 2011 investigation by Atlanta's Channel 2 Action News found that more than 700 Georgia teachers repeatedly failed at least one portion of the certification test they are required to pass before receiving a teaching certificate. Nearly 60 teachers failed the test more than 10 times, and one teacher failed the test 18 times. They also found that there were 297 teachers on the Atlanta school system's payroll even though they had failed the state

certification test five times or more.

Textbooks used in schools of education might explain some teacher ineptitude. A passage in Marilyn Burns' text "About Teaching Mathematics" reads, "There is no place for requiring students to practice tedious calculations that are more efficiently and accurately done by using calculators." "New Designs for Teaching and Learning," by Dennis Adams and Mary Hamm, says, "Content knowledge is not seen to be as important as possessing teaching skills and knowledge about the students being taught." Harvey Daniels and Marilyn Bizar's text "Methods that Matter" reads, "Students can no longer be viewed as cognitive living rooms into which the furniture of knowledge is moved in and arranged by teachers, and teachers cannot invariably act as subject-matter experts." The authors explain, "The main use of standardized tests in America is to justify the distribution of certain goodies to certain people."

With but a few exceptions, schools of education represent the academic slums of most any college. American education could benefit from slum removal, eliminating schools of education.

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Obituaries

Johnny Lee Smith
March 27, 1938
March 8, 2013

Johnny Lee Smith of Jasper, Fla. was born March 27, 1938 in Stockton, Ga. On March 8, 2013 the Lord called Johnny Lee home from his earthly walk of life to eternal rest. Home going celebration for Johnny Lee Smith "Big Cat" will be Satur-

day, March 16, 2013 at Springhill Baptist Church in Jasper, Fla. Rev. Billy Mitchell is the pastor and will officiate. Burial services will follow in West Lake Cemetery. Public viewing will be held Friday, March 15, 2013 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Eric A. Brown & Son Funeral Home. The family will receive other relatives and sorrowing friends Friday, March 15, 2013 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the chapel of Eric A. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Inc. Professional

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Gloria P. Gandy
Sept. 01, 1940
March 09, 2013

Gloria P. Gandy of Jennings, Fla. was born Sept 01, 1940 in Jennings, Fla. On March 09, 2013 at Lake City Medical Center, Gloria answered the heavenly master called and entered into her eternal rest. The home going celebration

for Sis Gloria Gandy will be Saturday, March 16, 2013 at 2 p.m. at the North Hamilton Elementary School in Jennings, Fla. Rev. Al Gandy her son will officiate. Burial will follow in the Sasserland-Cemetery in Jennings, Fla. Public viewing will be held from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at Eric A. Brown & Son Funeral Home. Professional Mortuary Services entrusted to Eric A. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Inc.

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AGENDA

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
Room 112 - Courthouse 207 Northeast First Street
Jasper, Florida
MEETING DATE: MARCH 19, 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) FLORIDA LEADERS ORGANIZED FOR WATER (FLOW)
- 4) STATUS OF HOSPITAL PROPERTY/RURAL HEALTH CLINIC
- 5) 2006 TAX CERTIFICATES
- 6) VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK-STATUS REPORT
- 7) APPROVE BILLS
- 8) CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 9) ADJOURN

TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

- 6:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER - INVOCATION & PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
6:05 P.M. - COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS - STATUS REPORT
6:10 P.M. - JASPER POLICE DEPARTMENT - REQUEST FOR IRC FUNDS & CHIEF JEFF MCGUIRE AND

SGT. MATTHEW MORGAN

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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.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CONSENT AGENDA

March 5, 2013

- 1) MINUTES - APPROVE:

A) March 5, 2013 - Regular Meeting

- 2) COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS - ACTION ITEMS

- 3) COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS - INFORMATION ITEMS

Registry of Persons with Special Needs

According to Chapter 252.355 Florida Statutes, "in order to meet the special needs of persons who would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering because of physical, mental or sensory disabilities, each local emergency management agency in the state shall maintain a registry of persons with special needs located within the jurisdiction of the local agency."

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Obituaries

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Edna Hammack Knapp
Dec. 8, 1918
March 9, 2013

Edna Hammack Knapp, age 94, of Jasper, Fla., passed away on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at Suwannee Valley Nursing Center in Jasper. Mrs. Knapp was born Dec. 8, 1918, in White Springs, Fla. She was married 56 years to her high school sweetheart, Archie Knapp, who preceded her death in Nov. 1993. Mrs. Knapp was also preceded in death by her parents, Willoughby and Leola Connally Hammack, her sisters, Jewell Hammack, Louise Hammack Martin and Myrtle Hammack Lewis, her oldest daughter, Mary Ann Knapp Pinnola and two grandchildren, Betty Kay Wilson and Danny Wayne Wilson, Jr. Mrs. Knapp was a homemaker and caretaker of many. She cared for both her parents and parents-in-law in their later years and also baby sat most of her grandchildren and many other local children in her home day care. Everyone was always welcome in her home and at her table and was known for her great southern cooking. Mrs. Knapp was a member of First United Methodist Church in Jasper.

Mrs. Knapp is survived by four daughters: Linda Knapp Smith (Jimmy), Hazel Knapp Royals (Lamar), and Billie Kathryn Knapp Wilson, all of Jasper, Fla., Louise Knapp Morgan (Ronny), of Jennings, Fla.; 15 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren and 18 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 13, 2013 in the chapel of Harry T. Reid Funeral Home with Pastor Dale Ames officiating, assisted by Pastor Roger Hutto and eulogy by Mr. Bobby Pennington. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1298,

Jasper, Fla. 32052. Harry T. Reid Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Willard Marvin Selph
Sept. 16, 1922
March 7, 2013

Willard Marvin Selph, age 90, of Jasper, Fla., passed away Thursday, March 7, 2013 at Suwannee Valley Nursing Center in Jasper following an extended illness. Marvin was born on Sept. 16, 1922 to the late William Melvin and Mertie Herring Selph. He was a veteran of the United States Navy. Marvin was recognized as a successful farmer in the county but was known far and wide for his passion for fishing. He had a terrific sense of humor and had plenty of fishing stories to share anytime you wanted to sit down and talk fishing. Mr. Selph was preceded in death in Dec. of 2008 by his loving and devoted wife of over 65 years, Dollie Smith Selph and in Dec. of 1972 by a daughter, Ginger Alene Selph. He was also predeceased by his five brothers, Joel, Wallace, Lawrence, Cleveland and H.S. Selph and his two sisters, Eula Herring and Neva Selph.

Survivors include two sons, Marvin "Buddy" Selph, Jasper, Fla. and Don Selph (Cathy) of Franklin, Arkansas; two daughters, Elaine Perez and Cheryl Clayton, both of Jasper, Fla.; 14 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and 3 great great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 10, 2013 at Burnham Christian Church near Jennings with Pastor Avery Kelly and Pastor Johnny Brown officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery with military rites at the graveside provided by the United States Navy.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Suwannee Valley Nursing Center, 427 NW 15th Ave, Jasper, Fla. 32052

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Heart Matters

By Angie Land

I was thinking today about how much we value "real" love in our relationships. Or do we? I believe this is a question worth asking, because our values work as boundaries to bring good things into our relationships and keep bad things out...so what we value is what we will have. In the same way, if we do not see something as valuable, we will not protect it, nor will we fight to gain or keep it.

From the time we are children and can understand the storyline in a fairy tale, we get it: all of us want to love and be loved. Unfortunately, we often settle for a counterfeit version of love because we aren't sure what the real thing looks like. In I Corinthians 13:4-8, the Bible gives us God's definition of love:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy,

it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Love never fails."

Let's look at this description of love and establish the boundaries it sets (the good things it brings into a relationship and the bad things it keeps out.)

Real love is patient and kind, willing to give others a second chance and forgive mistakes. Real love takes responsibility and does not blame others. It is not quick to anger, nor is it controlling and judgmental.

It does not make room for jealousy of the good things that come the way of others, nor is it prideful and "one-up" others over our own blessings.

Love looks out for the

best interest of others and doesn't hold grudges.

Love rejoices in the truth, even when it is difficult to hear because even the worst conflicts can be resolved when everything is out in the open. It always protects, not by lying or covering an offense, but for the best interest of those involved. Love also helps us do the right thing to protect someone we love, even when it may risk the relationship.

Love always hopes the best is yet to come, and that there is always room to grow and change. It lets us understand that people will fail us because they are not perfect, but neither are we, and that love can help us move past those failures.

This kind of love is not easy. It takes work, but when put into practice in any relationship it will do a great job keeping good things in and bad things out...it is valuable



and worth fighting for, because our hearts matter.

Blessings, Angie

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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 Holy Spirit gives gifts

By Hugh G. Sherrill
ems-hugh43@comcast.net

Ephesians 4:7-11 NKJ: (7) But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. (8) Therefore He says: 'When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.' (9) Now this, "He ascended"--what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? (10) He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might

fill all things.) (11) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers.

It will be a glorious day in the lives of many believers when they acknowledge the Bible truth that God is the One who appoints spiritual leaders in the New Testament Church, and it is God who gives gifts to individuals according to the measure of their ability. Much of church division and unrest among believers would not exist if all believers in the church

would allow the Holy Spirit to lead them in what they should do; and allow the Holy Spirit to appoint spiritual leaders in the local assembly. There is entirely too much politics in the church today. Many times people are put in leadership roles because of their social, educational, or monetary standing rather than because of their spiritual standing. I do not mean to judge, but in many churches the man who has money and social position holds offices when some spiritually mind-

ed brother who could do the job much better sits idle. I sometimes wonder what the Lord Jesus thinks when He sees these situations happening.

We should always bear in mind that it is not the quantity (how much you are doing) but the "sort" (the quality) of stewardship and the spirit which you discharge your responsibilities. God looks at the heart.

Verses 8-10 tells us that Jesus has the perfect right to bestow gifts

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Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent
Johnny Bullard

"What has that got to do with the price of tea in China?"

"It's wet enough to bog a buzzard's shadow."

"He's as crooked as a barrel of fish hooks."

"He's faster than greased lightning."

"She's as slow as Christmas or cream rising."

"It's hotter than a two dollar pistol."

How many times have you heard "old sayings", "witticisms", or "colloquialisms", expressed in conversations by many citizens "Around the Banks of the Suwannee"? Most families have at least one member who is adept with such expressions and who can and does often use them freely.

We had a number in

our family, and, then, there were those commonly used each and every day.

If someone had a terrible thirst, drank a lot of water, iced tea, or bonded beverages, my Grandma Bullard would often say, "They could drink Jordan dry and 'winker' at Jerusalem." For those of you who are not familiar with southern expressions or that of the "equine" crowd "winker" means turn a blind eye, or a horse with blinders, in other words, more interesting in drink than even looking at a prize or, in this case, "the Holy City".

Of course disparaging remarks made about the looks of another were often greeted with the response "pretty is as pretty does", or if you wondered why someone had chosen a certain person to date or marry, the response would often be "He or she was like the old man or woman who kissed the cow. Everyone to his or her own notion."

There were others. If someone was intoxicated "They were drunk as Cooter Brown." I don't know who "Cooter Brown" is, but his name has often been bandied around in relation to a state of intoxication. If

someone was a little on the homely side, "They were as ugly as mud fence", or, "Ugly as homemade sin."

If someone was pretty or attractive they might be referred to as being "Pretty as a speckled pup." Now, there's a simile for you.

If a person had a great appetite, my Daddy would often say "So and so could eat a dish rag if you fried it" or "He had a 'coming' appetite" or "That boy could eat a fried jackass and an acre of collards". Now that's hungry.

Someone's financial good fortune might be referred to as: "She's as rich as cream" or "He has enough money to burn a wet mule".

The weather elicited other "sayings":

"It's colder than a well digger's rear end (here I am using the more sanitized version for the sake of publication).

"It's hotter than a two dollar pistol."

"It's wet enough to bog a buzzard's shadow."

A friend of mine who grew up in south Alabama stated she had an aunt and uncle who often had marital "snafus" and reconciliation. She said when her Daddy saw them driving together in their automobile after a "blow up", he would say "Well they're back together, and they'll be eating wedding cake now."

If someone was smart they were said to be "As smart as cricket."

If someone screamed or yelled in loud voice, someone might say "She screamed like a banshee or a scalded dog."

A visually impaired person might be referred to as being "Blind as a bat."

One who had trouble hearing might be said to be "Deaf as a post."

If someone were not too financially prosperous, it might be said that they were "As poor as Job's turkey".

If it was terribly dark, you might be told, be careful walking around outside "It's as dark as Egypt", this referring to one of the plagues when the locusts descended upon Egypt and all was dark.

One of my principals and mentor, the late Mr. Hal Worth had a couple I remember related to school life. If he doubted a story someone told he would say:

"That's your tale. I'll sit on mine."

If you nodded your

head to answer rather than answering "Yes sir", or "No sir", he would say "Cows and horses shake their heads, people answer." I always loved that one.

If someone was very old the person might say, "So and so is as old as Methuselah" or "Older than dirt."

For someone with an elevated opinion of self, I've often heard it said "If you bought him for what he was worth and sold him for what he thought he was worth, you would make a devil of a profit." or "He is proud as a lord."

If you would wanted to convince someone to do something for you, you would often be told "You draw a lot more flies with sugar than vinegar."

If a person had a nice personality, especially a lady, she was often said to be "As sweet as sugar."

If something tasted sour it might be said to be so sour it would "lock your jaws" or to be "Bitter as gall."

If a person had teeth that kind of protruded or was "buck toothed", someone might say "He could spear peanuts out of long necked soda water bottle with those teeth."

If a lady was wearing a slip, and her slip was showing from under her skirt or dress, I have often heard others whisper behind their hands and say "It's snowing down south." meaning the slip was showing.

If a person was not known for their veracity, as in telling the truth, it would often be said "They don't let the truth stand in the way of a good story." Or one time Daddy told me about someone "I knew he was telling a lie. He knew he was telling a lie, and, yet, I wanted to hear it." That was giving accolades to someone's story telling ability.

There are more of these expressions than a "dog has fleas" but I am going to bring to a close so that I don't "Wear out my welcome" with you with this week. You might be tempted to tell me to "Go fly and kite", and it is the weather for it.

So until next time "From the Eight Mile Still on the Woodpecker Route, north of White Springs, I wish you all a day filled with joy, peace, and, above all, lots of love and laughter."



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PCS 5 year summary

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ment. Purvis Lake was one of them.

"There was a consent order," said Hitz. "PCS removed 100 percent of the sediment."

PCS installed a sediment trap and provided the Florida Department of Environmental Protection with monthly reports during the removal process. Part of the agreement, Hitz said, is that future plans are for PCS to permanently isolate Purvis Lake from the surface water management system.

"It hasn't officially been signed off on, but they're in compliance with the terms of the consent order," said Hitz.

2) In 2008 PCS was using some of the wastewater on top of the gypsum stack within their cooling system, which was generating new hazardous waste, according to the EPA, who later reversed their decision.

3) The third enforcement action began in 2010 with regard to management of the phosphogypsum stack (gyp stacks) systems. According to the EPA's website, phosphorous is inserted into man-made fertilizer through a process that leaves behind a radioactive waste called phosphogypsum. Phosphate ore – the source for phosphorous – is recovered by open pit mining. The rock is transported to a washing facility, separated from accompanying soil, and processed. To get the phosphorous into a water-soluble form that plants will absorb, the phosphate is converted into phosphoric acid.

Phosphogypsum, the EPA states, is virtually useless, and is disposed of in large, above-ground stacks, or piles. A total of 63 gyp stacks were identified nationwide in 1989, in 12 dif-

ferent states. Two-thirds were located in Florida, Texas, Illinois, and Louisiana. In Central Florida, one of the major phosphoric acid producing areas, the industry generates about 32 million metric tons of phosphogypsum each year, which equals the combined weight of approximately 6.4 million elephants.

Phosphogypsum contains uranium and radium, which is of particular concern because it decays to form radon, a radioactive gas. It also contains arsenic, lead, cadmium, chromium, fluoride, zinc, antimony, acid water and copper, according to the EPA's website.

PCS, Hitz said, agreed to evaluate alternatives for the future management of the phosphogypsum and process water from the manufacturing of phosphoric acid.

"There's three stack systems there within the two chemical complexes," said Hitz.

The three stack systems are currently unlined, Hitz explained. EPA requested that PCS confer with their engineers and science staff to come up with a plan to create new lined systems and cover up the old systems.

"Consequently, there is a sinkhole in the Swift Creek plant gyp stack," said Hitz.

The problem is that process water will go down into the Floridan Aquifer if there is a sinkhole event in the gyp stack, Hitz said. There was a national initiative to eliminate the opportunity for process water to get into the aquifer. Thus, the plan to line the gyp stacks. The unlined gyp stacks will eventually be de-commissioned and two new lined systems will be created. PCS submitted a plan to the EPA who agreed to the terms, Hitz added. The whole process should be completed by

2030-32.

"It's a very long process," said Hitz. "EPA has allowed for engineering considerations and also PCS operational considerations as they move around and try to figure out where to put the water and the chemical plants of the gyp stacks."

4) The December, 2009 sinkhole at Swift Creek caused about 84 million gallons of wastewater to empty into the Floridan Aquifer, which violated a discharge permit and water quality standards. Hitz said there were recoverable costs involved but there were no fines imposed against PCS.

"PCS has implemented the conditions of the consent order, or the terms of it, for all four consent orders," said Hitz.

Landowner concerns

Additionally, Hitz said, there were some landowner concerns and two sinkhole repair issues. PCS, he said, successfully repaired and plugged the first sinkhole.

"The second sinkhole, unfortunately, occurred over settling area three and the 84 million gallons of water went into the Floridan Aquifer," said Hitz.

That sinkhole, he said, has been repaired and it is not leaking as of today. The monitor wells never showed any huge spikes, he added. The water, he said, was diluted and buffered from the limestone or just washed out from the amount of water in the aquifer.

It was noted that PCS agreed to share their surface water monitoring data with the concerned land owners.

Mike Williams from PCS said, "That information has been shared. We have shared information with them, but unfortunately they have not shared information with us."

Bienville Plantation

land owner Dock Clawson said, "That is not correct."

Williams said the day prior to the meeting Stan Posey from PCS sent Clawson the surface water monitoring data, but had not heard back from him. Clawson said he only received data that was taken in 2013. He had asked for data from the last five years.

"I asked them to sample specific places on my property that they did not do," said Clawson.

Clawson said he has seen them taking samples on his property, but he has not received the data results.

The land in Hamilton County, post reclamation, if it's managed right through the mining process, Clawson said, could be something special. Surface water monitoring is the key, he said.

Clawson has three lakes down gradient of settling area 12 that used to be some of his best fishing, he said. Now, he said, these lakes have high algae blooms and

there's hardly any fish in them, other than trash fish and mud fish. The north end of Purvis Lake, he said, is something no one would want to live on, but the south end is great.

"That's the difference in taking good care of a spot and not taking care of one," he said. "And that is the future of this county 15, 20 or 30 years from now."

This particular issue, Hitz said, will be incorporated into the final resolution on the permit renewal for PCS.

Clawson added that he advised PCS he has found high ammonia levels in his water wells. On two different occasions, he said, it killed all the fish in his tanks.

"I've asked PCS to come out and test my wells on three different occasions, again yesterday, and they have not done that. I've sent them the results. That is a concern of mine. I don't know where that level of ammonia is coming from in the groundwater, but I know that I

can't pump out of my wells to support the fish because the ammonia will kill them.

"That's my biggest problem," Clawson said. "I'm having to beg them to do something and I shouldn't."

"That's a concern we haven't even heard about until right now," said Shirley.

"Quarterly technical work group meetings, Shirley said, are essential so there can be a forum of exchange of information and a group decision on how to properly investigate problems such as this. That's the only way changes can be made and remediation can be started," he added.

Hitz stated he was going to recommend yearly reviews, rather than five year reviews and also that there be one point of contact the public can call to report issues or concerns.

The final draft summary review will be brought before the board at their April 16 meeting.

The Holy Spirit gives gifts

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on who He will because He is the only One that is that triumphant over death and hell.

Another real shame in the local assembly is those that God has given these precious gifts and they will not for one reason or another use them. Many men cause the church to fail in its ministries because they will not use the spiritual gifts that God

has given them. In some cases they force women into roles that they should not be in, just to keep the church going; especially in the smaller churches. If there has ever been a times for men to step up and take their place as spiritual leaders in the church and allow the ladies to utilize the gifts that God has given them, it is today. God has never called a woman to be a spiritual

head or leader in any church. I know that in this day and age many will not agree with that, but I'm simply stating what the Bible has to say. I Timothy 2:12 NKJ says: And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. And let me say right here that the role of a woman is no less important than the role of a man in the church, but different.

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**Third Through Sixth Grade
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Third Grade
"A" Honor Roll
Mrs. Week's Class
Hannah Sparks
Mrs. Willmont's Class
Mel'lesha Jones
Corrin Pulliam
Jenna Tolle

Fourth Grade
"A" Honor Roll
Mrs. Carter's Class
Jesse Mcelwain
Miguel Tomas
Mrs. Parks' Class
Brooklynn Beam
Zachary Driggers
Carson Norris
Joshua Welch

Fifth Grade
"A" Honor Roll
Hannah Law
Elizabeth Smith

**Third Through Sixth Grade
First Semester School Honor Roll
"A-B" Honor Roll**

Third Grade
"A-B" Honor Roll
Mrs Register's Class
Sarai Aldama-Vaquero
Jordan Beck
Chloe Carter
Samuel Cruce
Derrick Gerth-Damron
Vidal Lanier
Omar Lopez
Prestyn Smith
Mrs. Weeks' Class
Emily Bernard
Summer Register
Harley Squires
Nora Thurmond
Mrs. Willmont's Class
Jesus Castro
Justin Reynolds
Zane Sadler
Fourth Grade

"A-B" Honor Roll
Mrs. Carter's Class
Nathan Brenton
Destiny Brevig
Isabella Brown
Diamond Byrd

Fourth Grade
"A-B" Honor Roll Con't
Anna Calderon
Logan Cox
Madison Fowler
William Griner
Shameria Lanier
William "Kade" Lanier
Mia Muscarella
Dalia Ortiz
Jerel Tolle Jr
Tyler Whetstone
Mrs. Parks' Class
Landon Adkins
Dylan Blakely
Devin Cherry
Brittany Dorminey
Logan Cox
Kayla Marshall
Blake Selph
Jewels Trouille
Toni "Lexi" Williams

Fifth Grade
"A-B" Honor Roll
Luke Adkins
Kaylee Boatwright
Zackery Carter
Javier Cazarez
Elijah Cohen
Logan Mcculley
Mark Prueter Jr
Brayden White

Sixth Grade
"A-B" Honor Roll
Elizabeth Cheshire
Jeremy Law
Hunter Mcculley
Ethan Rye
Victoria Franklin
Jacob Ray
Beatris Santana
Jeny Santos
Stephanie Whetstone

**D. Combass
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**
Kimmy Ervine
Lilly Law

**Progressing Toward
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**

Ethan Barron
Caleb Boatwright
Kaylin Cheshire
Ayla Cruce
Trevione Curry
Bella Fowler
Gabriel Garcia
Joseline Garcia
Cristofer Mendez
Quinton Vankirk
Harold Yeomans

**Scaff
Progressing Toward
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**

Dylan Barnhart
Haidley Clark
Mason Coleman
Kaden Crider
Jakayden Flourmoy
"Nikki" Andrea
Holbrook
"Addie" Addison
Morgan
Isabelle Riley
Camden Wright

**Boatwright
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**

Mercedes Bautista
Alyssa Griffith
Diana Gutierrez-Basilio
Kaitlynn Spires
Sonny Terrell
Antonio Vincente

**Progressing Toward
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**

Travon Dukes
Gabriela Gomez-Luna
Kanece Johnson
K'shara McClain
Angel Sanchez
Aaliyah Tumblyn

**L. Combass
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**

Jonathan Boatwright
Kasey Carter
Ayden Cortina
Caleb Curry

Paris Johnson
Lilah Lyles
Sebastian Reyes

**Progressing Toward
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**

Dakota Duke
Za'mya Duncan
T'asia Houston
Tamoryia Hughes
Jace Kreyling
Oscar Lugo
Maya Mallet
Osmar Ponce De Leon
Guadalupe Santana
Dallas Smith
Amy Traywick

**Green
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**

Mason Deas
Jaylen Duran
Joana Garcia
Catalena Gonzalez
Jaiden Gunning
Jalexia Howell
Ny'kerria Jones
Jacob Knighton
Riley Knighton
Leila Strawder
Michael West

**Progressing Toward
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**

Lakota Lindrose
Angel Lopez
Abaldo Mendosa
Juan Perez
Michael Pineda
Ricky Smith
Alfonso Trejo

**Mccall
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**

Annalyse Deas
Haley Glavich
Mia Macheca
Johnathan Mendiola

**Progressing Toward
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**

Michelle Castro-Rios
Yarissa Cerda

Lillie Cruce
Mauricio Diaz-Ruiz
Aaliyah Gandy
Juan Gomez
Larry Lopez
Linnea Mcdaniel
Sterlin Norris
Chase Tyre

**Adams/ Keen
Progressing Toward
Mastery Of Standards**

Kinleigh Bembry
Karleigh Bembry
Jackson Combass
Bailey Driggers
Branzin Palacios
Sarah Welch

**Atkinson
Progressing Toward
Mastery Of Standards**

Maddox Brady
Jaden Deas
Neil Gandhi
Chance Johnson
Brianna Marine
Alanna Marshall
Ashlynn Newsome
Emily Peacock
Logan Thompson

**O'cain
Progressing Toward
Mastery Of Standards**

Graciela Concepcion
Ella Deas
Erica Lopez-Roja
Henry Love
Bri'asja Marshall
Cynthia Reyes?
Suzzanna Terrell?
Anthony Wright?

**Tolle
Progressing Toward
Mastery Of Standards**

Cooper Copeland
Blaine Hall
Lanie Herndon
Anna Morgan
Caroline Pulliam
Asumcion Riveras
Christian Spires
Hailey Weeks

**Dean
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**

Ashton Deas
Heet Patel
Victor Perez

**Progressing Toward
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**

Chase Dorminey
Julian Garcia
Khmya Johnson
Jasmine Griffith
Erick Merine
Maria Roja
Annabelle Selph
Jaxon Smith
Jocelyn Urzua

**Driggers
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**

Kenley Brady
Chase Law
J.T. Law
Malyiah Marcano
Desmond McClain
Lance Mcculley

**Progressing Toward
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**

Araceli Garcia
Yesenia Gomez
Rhykell Hancock
Mikayela Pedro

**Mccoy
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**

Leanna Adkins
Rilee Gallegos
Morgan Griffin
Kyndal Lanier
Lilly Marshall
Eric Mcquay

**Progressing Toward
Mastery Of
Covered Skills**

Jaiden Coleman
Maria Diego

Gospel sing

The Long Branch Congregational Methodist Church located on County Road 135 in White Springs will be hosting a Gospel Sing on Saturday, March 16th, at 7 p.m. The guest singers will be Don Lemleys and group. Refreshments will be served after the sing. Everyone is invited to come worship. If you would like more information please call 386-397-2673.

New Hope To Host Share Saturday

New Hope Baptist Church will host Share Saturday on Saturday, March 23, from 8 a.m. until noon at the church. This annual event, originally titled "Share Because We Care", began in 2007. It offers everything from household goods and babies and children's clothing to furniture, and it is all free of charge. Cash donations are accepted but no payment required. Any money donated will go to help with benevolent activities within the community. New Hope is located at 6592 NW 48th Street, Jennings, Fla., or just one mile North from State Road 6 West. The public is invited.

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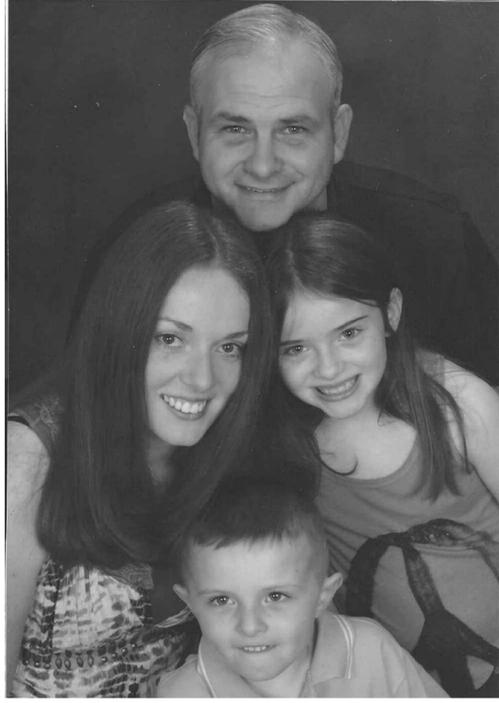
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Master Sergeant Moore retirement

Submitted

A native of Jennings and son to Nancy and Doodle Bug Burnham and Glenn Moore, will retire after 21 years of military service in a ceremony at Ft. Belvoir, Va. on June 13, 2013



Moore with his wife Ann and children Sadie and Glenn.

with an official retirement date of October 1, 2013.

Moore, a graduate of Hamilton County High School, enlisted into the U.S. Army on July 9, 1992. He attended basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. with advance training as a Financial Manager at Ft. Benjamin Harris, Ind.

While serving in the military Moore was stationed at Fort Stewart, Ga., Baumholder, Germany, Vicenza, Italy, Fort Jackson, S.C., Seoul, Korea, and Fort Belvoir, Virginia. His deployments include Mogadishu, Somalia, Lukavac, Bosnia, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. Moore has been awarded the De-

fense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal two times, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal four times, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Accommodation Medal five times, Army Superior Unit Award two times, Army Good Conduct Medal seven times, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal two times, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal three times, NATO Medal three times, Armed Forces Service Medal two times, Korea Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Kosovo Campaign Medal two times.

While in the military Moore completed his BSBA and MBA from Trident University, both with honors, Comptrollership from Syracuse University, and holds certifications as a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, Certified Defense Financial Manager - Acquisitions and a Level IV DoD Comptroller. Military courses include three Non-Commissioned Officer leadership courses, SERE, Battle Staff, Combatives Level I, Green Belt Jujitsu, Combat Life Savers, Advance Driving, Advance Medical, Fiscal Law, RMBC, PPBS, Disbursement course, Instructors course, Supervisors Development course, and the Army Retention course.

Moore is married to the former Ann Nolan from Avoca, Ireland. They have two children, Sadie who is eight and Glenn who is five. Following his retirement they will relocate to Texarkana, TX.



Moore during basic training in 1992.



Moore preparing to deploy.

Kids across Hamilton County are fighting back against big tobacco

~Kick Butts Day is Wednesday, March 20~

Kids in Hamilton County want you to know that tobacco kills no matter how big tobacco sugarcoats it.

Hamilton County Alcohol & Other Drug Prevention Coalition, Hamilton County Tobacco Free Partnership, and Hamilton County SWAT kids are speaking up and taking action against flavored tobacco for Kick Butts Day, the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids national day of activism that empowers youth to fight back against Big Tobacco.

On March 20, you will notice some visual aids in town and at the high school campus that will make our community aware of the threats of tobacco use on our lives.

"I can't wait to see how people react," said Madihah Tomoney, member of Hamilton High School SWAT. "This is definitely going to catch people's attention."

Sweet Deception

Nationally, the issue of flavored tobacco products has not gone unnoticed. Fruit- and candy-flavored cigarettes were banned under the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act in 2009. However, menthol cigarettes, flavored cigars, cigarillos and smokeless products were not included.

With cigarette smoking rates on the decline in the United States, the tobacco industry helps ensure its livelihood by

marketing products like flavored tobacco to attract a new generation of tobacco users. Many children and teens mistakenly believe flavored tobacco products are less harmful than their non-flavored counterparts. Once youth start using one tobacco product, they are more likely to experiment with others.

The tobacco industry also loses customers because 1,200 people in the U.S. die from smoking every day. Yet every day, 3,800 young people under 18 years of age smoke their first cigarette. In fact, nearly nine out of 10 smokers started by age 18.

The younger youth are when they start using tobacco, the more likely they'll be addicted. Nicotine addiction prolongs tobacco use and can lead to severe health consequences.

"Youth have always been a target for the tobacco industry," said State Surgeon General Dr. John Armstrong. "Numerous internal tobacco industry documents reveal that the tobacco companies perceive youth as an important target. In light of big tobacco tactics, we are redoubling tobacco free collaboration across Florida."

Protecting Youth

Cities and counties across Florida have taken on flavored tobacco. As of October 2012, Hamilton County passed a resolution urg-

ing tobacco retailers to restrict the sale and marketing of flavored tobacco products.

Learn more about the dangers of flavored tobacco at www.tobaccofreeflorida.com/flavoredtobacco.

About Kick Butts Day

Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up and seize control against Big Tobacco. Kick Butts Day is organized by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and sponsored by the United Health Foundation. The first Kick Butts Day was held in 1996.

About Tobacco Free Florida

The Department of Health's Tobacco Free Florida campaign is a statewide cessation and prevention campaign funded by Florida's tobacco settlement fund.

Tobacco users interested in quitting are encouraged to use one of the state's three ways to quit. To learn about Tobacco Free Florida and the state's free quit resources, visit www.tobaccofreeflorida.com or follow the campaign on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TobaccoFreeFlorida or Twitter at www.twitter.com/tobaccofreefla.

DOH works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Board of Directors will hold a meeting of the Board of Directors on **Monday, March 25, 2013, 7:00 P.M.** at the Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Senior Center located at 1171 Nobles Ferry Rd NW in Live Oak, Florida.

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **L75 Internet Center**, located at **8224 State Road 6** in the County of **Hamilton**, in the City of **Jasper**, Florida **32052** intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at **Jasper**, Florida, this **6th** day of **March**, 2013.

Owner's name: **DQ Enterprises, LLC**
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 24-2009-CA-000551

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-13

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID GELON CLARK; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID GELON CLARK; LINDA CLARK; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LIND CLARK; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVICES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;

Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Hamilton County, Florida, described as:

SURVEY OF A PART OF BLOCK 88 CALDWELL'S SURVEY IN THE CITY OF JASPER, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING START AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 88 RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 49 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SOUTHWEST 4TH STREET 118.53 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES WEST 110.18 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 58

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MINUTES WEST 118.53 FEET TO THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTHWEST 3RD AVENUE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID EAST BOUNDARY LINE 116.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the South Front Door of the Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 NE First Street, Jasper, FL 32052 at 11:00 A.M. on March 27, 2013.

DATED THIS 22nd DAY OF February, 2013.

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.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 22nd day of February, 2013.

(Court Seal) **GREG GODWIN**
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: **Is/ Cynthia Johnson**
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2008-CA 000293

CRYSTAL BARKER,

Plaintiff,

vs.

D & R HAMILTON COUNTY HOLDING ENTERPRISE LLC, et al,

Defendants.

JERRY HARDIN, JUDY HARDIN JULIE HARDIN-HIRSCH, JOY ANN CAPO, AND JILL ANN BOOMHOWER,

Third Party Plaintiffs,

vs.

KARAMCHAND DOOBAY a/k/a RAJ DOOBAY, individually and D & R HAMILTON COUNTY HOLDING ENTERPRISE LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, and SIERRA TITLE LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company,

Third Party Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Amended Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 26, 2013, in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at

Jasper Legals

the Hamilton County Courthouse, located at 207 1st Street NE, Jasper, Hamilton County, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on March 27, 2013, the following described property:

A tract of land in Section 15, Township 1 South, Range 15 East, Hamilton County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

For a point of reference begin at the NE corner of said Section 15; thence run South 88 degrees 17 minutes 07 seconds West along the North line of the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of said Section 15, a distance of 1328.60 feet to the NW corner of said NE 1/4 of NE 1/4; thence South 01 degrees 05 minutes 18 seconds East along the West line of said NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, a distance of 1332.93 feet to the SW corner of said NE 1/4 of NE 1/4; thence South 35 degrees 17 minutes 44 seconds East, a distance of 2354.17 feet to a point on the East line of said Section 15, said point being 37.00 feet North of the NE corner of the South 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 15; thence North 00 degrees 58 minutes 10 seconds West along said East line 629.36 feet to the NE corner of the SE 1/4 of said Section 15; thence North 01 degrees 00 minutes 29 seconds West, along said East line of Section 15, a distance of 2665.01 feet to the Point of Beginning.

LESS AND EXCEPT that part lying within the rights-of-way of the Georgia Southern Railroad and SE 78th Place, a County Graded road.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: Part of the NE 1/4 and the SE 1/4, Section 15, Township 1 South, Range 15 East, Hamilton County, Florida more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the Southeast corner of said NE 1/4 and run thence N 01 degrees 00'29" W, along the East line of said NE 1/4, 888.30 feet, thence N 82 degrees 50'32" W, 1159.26 feet; thence S 35 degrees 17'36" E, 2036.33 feet to East line of the aforesaid SE 1/4; thence N 00 degrees 58'14" W, along the East line of said SE 1/4, 629.54 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 20.00 acres, more or less.

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 FILED HEREIN MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THIS COURT WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE SALE.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2013.

(Court Seal) **GREG GODWIN**
Clerk of Court

By: **Is/ Cynthia Johnson**
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.
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Suwannee River Regional Library is seeking applicants for the regular full-time position of Library Technician I at the Live Oak Public Library, Live Oak, FL. Applications are available at the Suwannee County Human Resources Department, 224 Pine Ave., Live Oak, FL 32064; 386-362-6869. This position is open until filled. The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex, including pregnancy, age, disability, or marital status. Spanish speaking individuals are encouraged to apply. "Successful completion of a drug test is a condition of employment." EE/AA/V/D.

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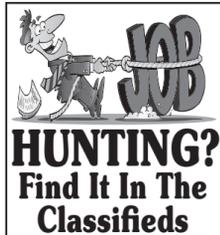
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Suwannee Parks & Recreation
The Suwannee Parks & Recreation Department is seeking applicants for the position of Park Maintenance Worker I. Applications may be obtained at the Administrative Services Department, 224 Pine Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064, (386)362-6869. Position will remain open until filled. The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex, including pregnancy, age, disability, or marital status. Spanish speaking individuals are encouraged to apply. All applicants subject to pre-employment physical. Successful completion of a drug test is a condition of employment. EE/AA/V/D



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Resident complains about early voting polling place

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The *Jasper News* checked with Hamilton County Supervisor of Elections (SOE) Laura Dees to get her opinion on the allegations made at the meeting.

Roberson told the commissioners, "I don't know if this would refer to you or not, but it certainly will in the long run if you look at it from an insurance standpoint and for space that is needed."

Dees stated that according to Florida Statutes (F.S. 101.657), as a convenience to the voter, the SOE shall allow an elector to vote early in the main/branch office (Hamilton County Courthouse Annex).

With more and more days of early voting than in the past Roberson said having the voting booths in the supervisor's office is causing problems, especially if there are a lot of candidates on the ballot who need to conduct business at the elections office.

"Early voting began in 2004 and at that time allowed the voter 14 days before an election to cast a vote at the early voter site (SOE office)," said Dees. "The Legislature shortened the days, allowing only eight days for early voting for the 2012 elections. I am sure the legislators will make more changes again before the 2014 election."

"If a candidate or somebody walks in there, they run 'em out and down the hall somewhere," Roberson continued. "I know because it happened to me."

Candidates, he said, can't go into the elections office if someone is in there voting. When the incumbent supervisor of elections name happens to be on the ballot, Roberson said, the supervisor is violating the law by being in her office where the early voting is going on.

"I know you'll probably be involved in it in the end because I'm sure there will be a lawsuit filed on this particular predicament," Roberson told the board.

Roberson suggested the early voting booths be moved elsewhere, somewhere other than inside the SOE office.

Commission chair Randy Ogburn said the county's attorney would need to look into it and check the Florida Statutes to determine if there is a violation of law.

Ogburn also said he didn't know if the board could tell the SOE where to hold her elections.

"As the early voting site is considered a polling place during these hours, the candidates are allowed to enter to take care of business and leave without speaking to voters voting," said Dees. "Thus, my office has provid-

ed a room that they can enter for privacy and convenience if they have a question or need further assistance. If that room is being used for voting purposes, then the candidate is asked to wait a moment away from the door at least 100 feet in distance, as it is a polling place, per F.S. 102.031 (4)(a)."

"It's definitely a violation and it's going to come to a head sooner or later if it's not already in the making," Roberson told the commissioners. "You need to go ahead and do something about it before it creates problems for the county, if you can do anything about it. I don't know if you can or not, but eventually you will be involved in it."

Commissioner Beth Burnam said she experienced the problem firsthand this past election when she was on the ballot. As a candidate, she said, one has to frequently go into the elections office to file reports, especially as the election gets closer.

"I just came walking in one day, not thinking anything about it, and everything was set up for early voting and they just descended on me not to be in there," said Burnam. "They took me and ushered me in another room real quick."

Another candidate, Burnam said, came in right after her and experienced the

same thing.

County Attorney John McCormick said he hadn't heard of any problems from SOE Dees. It was decided to have Dees placed on the agenda to discuss the matter at the next day meeting of the county commissioners on April 2.

Dees said the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE), which was founded in 1964 states: "Supervisors of Elections are elected officials responsible for administering all elections in their respective counties. The SOE is first and foremost responsible for overseeing, conducting the election, and accommodating all voters and all candidates."

"This is the Supervisor of Elections job and responsibility," said Dees. "This was what I was proudly elected to do. The public is free to come by and address any questions, concerns, or suggestions they may have."

Dees wished to remind everyone that if they are not registered to vote, they have a name or address change, or need to update their signature on file, to come by her office at 1153 US Hwy. 41 NW Suite 1, Jasper (Court House Annex) or visit the SOE's website at hamiltonvotes.com.

"Your vote is your voice," said Dees.

BRIEFS

Hamilton County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees 2013 Meeting schedule

March 26, 2013 6 p.m.

June 25, 2013 6 p.m.

Sept. 24, 2013 6 p.m.

Dec. 10, 2013 6 p.m.

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Shedding Light on Daylight Savings Time

Each spring, regions around the world adjust the clocks to move one hour ahead. This contributes to more sunlight during the evening hours and, theoretically, helps conserve energy.

Daylight savings time (DST) was the brainchild of Benjamin Franklin, who felt it would help increase productivity in the early evening by increasing the hours of sunlight during the warmer months. Franklin also felt DST would be a good way to save on candles, among other energy used to artificially light areas once the sun had set.

Some people have mistakenly thought that DST was created to benefit the farmer. But no studies have proven that more sunlight in the evening positively affects a farmer's schedule or the growing cycle of crops.

DST also doesn't have too great an impact on energy conservation. Many studies have shown little to no energy savings from having more sunlight in the evening. That is because even if the lights are turned off, other things are turned on, such as air

conditioners and pool filters for individuals enjoying the added sunlight hours instead of retiring early to bed.

There have been points throughout history when DST did help conserve energy. This occurred mainly during the World Wars, when conservation of energy helped divert money and fuel sources toward the war effort.

While it may not help save energy, a 2007 study by RAND determined that DST does help reduce vehicular crashes, perhaps due to better visibility when on the road in the spring and summer.

DST is now done largely out of habit. In the United States, from 1986 to 2006, DST began on the first Sunday in April and continued through the last Sunday in October. However, starting in 2007, it is now observed from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November, adding about a month of extra sunlight in the evening.

DST is not required in the U.S., but if states do participate, they must do so according to the federal schedule. Arizona, Hawaii, areas of Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands are among the U.S. areas that do not participate in DST, choosing instead to operate on standard time all year long.

In 2013, DST will occur on March 10 at 2 a.m. Individuals will be "springing ahead," moving the clock an hour forward and losing an hour of sleep. As people hit the snooze alarm another time, they can thank Benjamin Franklin for that lost hour of sleep.



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