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## FWC visits with gator



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officer D. Mobley stopped by *The Jasper News* offices recently with this alligator that he caught in a Hamilton County pond that same day.

- Staff photo

## Charges filed in Lake City shooting death of SHE student

Staff

Charges have been filed against a 26-year-old babysitter for the accidental shooting death of South Hamilton Elementary student Jarvin Jackson, 11, in Lake City on May 12, ac-

cording to the Lake City Police Department. Michael S. Norman was babysitting a group of children in the Lake City apartment

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## Huge turnout for 61st Florida Folk Festival



This colorful person posed for a photo for a *Jasper News* photographer. See more photos, page 8A.

- Photo: Andrew McGee

By Andrew McGee

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The 61st Florida Folk Festival was held through Memorial Day weekend at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park in White Springs.

"Since 1953, folk artists have come together to celebrate Florida's rich arts, culture and history," said Florida Park Service Director Donald Forgione.

The event celebrated Florida's land, people and diverse cultural heritage. Folk artists and tradition-bearers presented each year in the Folklife Area reflect research and field documentation conducted by the Florida Department of State's Folklife Program.

SFFCC State Park Media Specialist, Andrea Thomas, said about 20,000 attended throughout the weekend.

"It's beautiful weather and looks like it was a great turnout," said Thomas.

## Jax meteorologist: F-5 tornadoes not impossible here

"Not only do you have to have all of the ingredients, but they have to come together at the proper time as well (to form a tornado). Across the Suwannee Valley, thankfully, that combination of events is quite rare (for an EF/F-5 tornado), but not impossible."

- Al Sandrik, NOAA warning coordinator meteorologist

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Although the perfect storm can happen anywhere at any time, a Jacksonville meteorologist believes Florida's weather conditions are not likely to produce a devastating EF/F-5 tornado similar to the one that ripped through Oklahoma last week which killed 24 people including seven children. Although the chances are unlikely, the fact is it can still happen.

Florida and Georgia do not have a rich history of torna-

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## FCAT 2.0 Hamilton top 5 in state for improving scores in grades 4, 8 writing

By Amber Vann, intern  
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The Hamilton County School District has placed in the top five for most improved for both fourth and eighth grade writing, according to Department of Education findings released Friday.

Fourth graders scored 15 percentage points higher

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## Honors night packs auditorium

Val, Sal announced



Valedictorian Lisa Danielle Hill and salutatorian Winston Crosby. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

By Joyce Marie Taylor

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Hamilton County High School held their annual honors night on Tuesday, May 21, to a packed auditorium of family, friends, staff and members of the community.

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## May Day festivities drew thousands



This little guy was number one atop the water slide. Photo courtesy of Joseph McKire

By Joyce Marie Taylor

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On Saturday, May 18, thousands of folks from near and far converged on the town of White Springs to celebrate May Day at the old Carver School property and the Bailey F. Ogburn Recreational Facility.

"It started with me back in 1946," said Lawrence "Jim" Udell of White Springs.

When asked why people call him Jim, Udell

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# Blackberry Festival is Saturday

It's time for the annual Blackberry Festival in downtown Jasper this Saturday, June 1, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come out and enjoy a fun-filled day chock full of exciting activities for folks of all ages. There will be arts and crafts, entertainment, amusements, children's games, carriage rides, and an antique car show and small engine exhibits.

A blackberry festival wouldn't be complete without lots and lots of blackberries, and this year, as in years

past, you can enjoy the world famous blackberry pancake breakfast, which will be served at the Woman's Club from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. There will also be plenty of food and bake-off's at the festival, as well as blackberry jams, jellies and cobbler.

Tickets for the pancake breakfast are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. Call Margie McDonald for tickets at 386-938-3076.

Come out and celebrate the joy of blackberries in downtown Jasper.

# Blackberry mixer is tonight!

The Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a free Blackberry Mixer tonight, Thursday, May 30, from 5-7 p.m. at the Jasper Woman's Club.

The event is sponsored by First Federal Bank of Florida and Suwannee Valley Electric. The public is invited to come out and mingle, enjoy good food and good times.

For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce or check with any chamber member.

Remember, the event is free and open to the public, so come out and have some fun.

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while their mother was away and, according to a LCPD report, brought along a Rugar 9mm handgun because he thought the apartment complex, where he didn't normally reside, was dangerous.

Norman told investigators that he went to sleep around 3 a.m. May 12 and that all children were asleep. He reportedly left the handgun on the kitchen table where it was "unsecured, visible and accessible by others in the apartment, including children," the report states.

Norman stated he awoke around 8 a.m. to the sound of a gunshot. He said he rushed to the front room of the apartment where he saw a two-year-old female and a four-year-old female

standing in the living room.

"He then began checking other children in the room and found Jackson unresponsive," the report states.

Investigators determined that the four-year-old awoke to see the two-year-old playing with the handgun. While playing with the gun, it discharged and shot Jackson in the neck, the report states.

A neighbor reportedly heard the gunshot and according to witness statements, Norman was seen fleeing the apartment screaming for help moments after the gunshot was heard.

"(The neighbor) also stated that Norman kept repeating, 'I'm gonna go to prison for this, I'm gonna go to prison for this.'"

LCPD states the four-

year-old was treated for injuries to her face sustained from recoil when the handgun discharged.

Investigators learned that Norman is a convicted felon and that he purchased the gun, with an altered serial number, "from a guy in White Springs a few weeks ago."

Charges were filed against Norman for one count each of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a firearm with altered serial numbers and aggravated manslaughter.

The charges were filed with the State Attorney's Office. Norman has not been arrested as of press deadline Wednesday.

According to LCPD, the four-year-old is Norman's daughter, and Jackson and the four-year-old were cousins.

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# Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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Stephen Foster understood the power and allure of life's dreams and often referred to them in his music, with songs such as "Beautiful Dreamer" and "I Dream of Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair." Life is full of dreams and some people

turn their dreams into actions, and if they put as much effort into their actions as they do their dreaming, their dreams become a reality. Right here in

White Springs there are plenty of examples. The Stephen Foster Park was once just a dream. The spring house that thrived and brought commerce and tourism to town was once just a dream. The restoration of the historic Adams Country Store was a seemingly impossible dream. Our new library, our historic preservation district, our parks, our festivals, our public lands that protect and preserve the Suwannee River, all were once just dreams. All these dreams remind me of the saying that there are just three kinds of people; those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who

wonder, "What happened?" We are fortunate that we have folks among us who make good things happen for White Springs. There are some new dreams being turned into action on the horizon. The old motel on the north end of town has been purchased by someone who shall remain anonymous for now, someone who loves this town and has big dreams for it. Heritage tourism is a growing activity pursued by folks who want to travel the old roads rather than the interstates, who want to see the real America, complete with all its local history and heritage. They want to see the "real" Florida too, and part of that experience is seeing what is left of the old roadside attractions and staying in restored historic roadside motels. We are fortunate to have some of these old motels left in town. In 2014 the dream is this old motel will be open for business. I think that the dreamer of this dream is someone who will make it happen. More later on this story and other "dreams" that may soon come true.

## South Hamilton Elementary School Choir performs at Walt Disney World Resort

The South Hamilton Elementary School Choir members became stars of their own Disney show on Monday, April 29, when they entertained visitors at Walt Disney World Resort. They traveled from White Springs to the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida to take part in a Disney Performing Arts Program. Dance groups, choirs, ensembles and marching

bands from around the world apply to perform each year as part of Disney Performing Arts at both the Disneyland and the Walt Disney World Resorts. Once selected, they are given the opportunity to perform at the resort for an international audience of theme park guests. Millions of performers have graced the stages of the Disney Resorts in the more than 25-year history of the

program. Disney Performing Arts offers band, choral, dance and auxiliary performers the opportunity to learn, perform and compete at the Walt Disney World Resort. For more information, visit [www.DisneyPerformingArts.com](http://www.DisneyPerformingArts.com) or call 1-800-603-0552.

About the Disney Performing Arts Program  
Disney Performing

Arts Workshops, available at Disneyland Resort and Walt Disney World Resort, are an exciting way to sharpen performance skills by exposing groups to different teaching styles, interpretations, and instructional techniques, taught by Disney professionals. Festival Disney, at Walt Disney World Resort, is an exhilarating Disney-produced music festival where middle, junior, and senior high school choirs, bands, orchestras, and auxiliary ensembles compete for top awards on select weekends from March through May. The Disney Honors, at Walt Disney World Resort, is a pinnacle event established to showcase, educate and celebrate the nation's foremost high school instrumental and choral ensembles in March.

The Folk Festival was wonderful, as it always is, the weather was much kinder than it had been in recent past years and the food, art, crafts, workshops, storytelling, dance and music, oh, the wonderful, wonderful music, was all superb! Over 12,000 people were in attendance over the weekend. I went to the Monday morning wrap up meeting and was very pleased with the Florida Park Service management's enthusiasm and support for this historic event. There are some "Dreamers" in that crowd too, who want to see this event continue and grow. I believe that they can do it.

A Veterans Day ceremony was held Monday at the Veterans Memorial Park by the old water tower. There was a small crowd in attendance but there was a big dream there too, that the sleepy little incomplete project could be turned into a real tribute to our veterans, law enforcement and first responders. There is big, no, huge news in the immediate future on this project and a hint of it was given at the gathering. If you were not there, I'll just tell you to look for news coming soon from our Mayor, Helen Miller about it. She is another "dreamer" who gets things done.

I hope you had a good Memorial Day weekend and I look forward to seeing you out and about, dreaming of and enjoying life in White Springs.

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## CRP sign-up ends June 14

USDA is conducting a four-week general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) ending on June 14. CRP protects the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States.

Currently, about 27 million acres are enrolled in CRP. Producers that are accepted in the program can receive cost-share assistance to plant long-term, resource-conserving covers and re-

ceive an annual rental payment for the length of the contract which is 10-15 years.

Contracts on 3.3 million acres of CRP are set to expire on Sept. 30, 2013. Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

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OPINION

# Americans deserve the IRS

Individually, Americans do not deserve to be subservient to such a fear-mongering, intimidating and powerful agency as the Internal Revenue Service; but collectively, we do. Let's look at it.

Since the 1791 ratification of our Constitution, until well into the 1920s, federal spending as a percentage of gross domestic product never exceeded 5 percent, except during war. Today federal spending is 25 percent of our GDP. State and local government spending is about 15 percent of the GDP. That means government spends more than 40 cents of each dollar we earn. If we add government's regulatory burden, which is simply a disguised form of taxation, the government take is more than 50 percent of what we produce.

In order to squeeze out of us half of what we produce, a government tax

collection agency must be ruthless and able to put the fear of God into its citizens. The IRS has mastered that task.

Congress has given it powers that would be deemed criminal if used by others. For example, the Constitution's Fifth Amendment protects Americans against self-incrimination and being forced to bear witness against oneself. That's precisely what one does when he is compelled to sign his income tax form. However, a Fifth Amendment argument can't be used as a defense in a court of law. The IRS will counter that you voluntarily provided the information on your tax return.

If you're in debt to Bank of America, Wells Fargo or any other private creditor, in order for it to garnish your wages as a means of collecting debt, it must first get a court order. By contrast, the IRS can garnish your wages without having to get a court order first. If your employer doesn't obey the IRS and send it a portion of your wages,

## Congressman Yoho votes to authorize Keystone Pipeline construction

WASHINGTON—Congressman Ted Yoho (FL-03) voted May 22 in favor of H.R. 3, the Northern Route Approval Act. H.R. 3 removes the need for a presidential permit to build the Keystone XL Pipeline.

After the vote, Congressman Yoho said, "The Keystone XL Pipeline is the Transcontinental Railroad of our time. It unlocks 20,000 much-needed jobs and pumps \$20 billion

## A MINORITY VIEW



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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

equally to individuals (and other private entities) and the government (and its officials and agents).

Our Founding Fathers feared the emergence of an agency such as the IRS and its potential for abuse. That's why they gave us Article 1, Section 9 of the Constitution, which reads: "No Capitation, or other direct, Tax shall be laid, unless in Proportion to the Census or Enumeration herein before directed to be taken." A capitation is a tax placed directly on an individual. That's what an income tax is. The founders feared the abuse and the government power inherent in a direct tax. In Section 8 of Article 1, they added, "But all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States." These protections the founders gave us were undone by the Progressive era's 16th Amendment, which reads, "The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportion-

ment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration."

If federal spending were only 5 percent of our GDP (\$750 billion) -- instead of 25 percent (\$3.8 trillion) -- there would be no need for today's oppressive and complicated tax system. You might ask, "How could we be a great nation without all the government spending?" When our Constitution was ratified in 1791, we were a weak and poor nation. One hundred forty years later, with federal spending a mere pittance of what it is today, we became the world's richest and most powerful nation. No small part of this miracle was limited and unintrusive government.

The bottom line is that members of Congress need such a ruthless tax collection agency as the IRS because of the charge we Americans have given them. We want what the IRS does -- namely, to take the earnings of one American so Congress can create a benefit for some other American. Don't get angry with IRS agents. They are just following orders.

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You may fax letters/submissions to 386-364-5578.

## Representative Porter receives an "A" grade from the Florida Chamber of Commerce

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*"I believe the citizens of this district sent me to Tallahassee to improve the atmosphere for businesses here in Florida and I was proud to stand with each of the districts Chambers of Commerce to work for that purpose. This is just a reflection of our work for more jobs for North Florida." Rep. Porter (R-Lake City)*

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You made it!!!! Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2013! Graduation marks the celebration of a long-awaited accomplishment, and you now stand at one of the biggest crossroads of your life. Graduation is the end of a path that began years ago as you left Mom and Dad to climb onto the school bus and walk into the classroom on your own. Now is the time to celebrate the end of that chapter...and begin a new one with a new challenge: "What will I do with my life?" Some of you have carefully mapped out plans, while others are still struggling for answers. In your search, consider the words of Jeremiah 6:16:

"This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look: ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls..."

Stand at this crossroad and look. An intersection is a place where you must make a decision about which way to go based on where you want to end up. Consider what you have learned about life and about yourself, and look for the good way that leads to your future. The right path for living

is marked out by God, but it requires a careful search to uncover. Taking the "easy" path will always be an option and it will often be tempting, but know that it leads to a dead-end life...when we ignore God's map, we lose our way.

Walk in it. Once you get a glimpse of that good way, don't get frustrated if you can't see the whole plan right now...start with one step...it may be that you find the directions for the next step on the way. Get going...a tiny rudder can turn a huge ship, but only if it is moving. Be confident that God has a plan for your life. In Ephesians 2:10 the Bible tells us "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." That word "workmanship" also means "masterpiece"...one of a kind! God created you uniquely for a specific purpose...to do good works. The kicker is that He has prepared them "in advance" for you to do. All we have to do is follow His map to find them!

Find rest for your souls...Of all the things I could hope and pray for you...this is it. In a world full of unrest, strife and lack of peace, having rest for your soul



is priceless, and it only comes from being in right standing with the One who created you. Notice that this rest comes as a result of standing, looking, asking, and walking...with Him. Your life consists of the time between your appointed birth and death...how will you spend it? Choose carefully...because your heart and your life matters!

*Congratulations and Blessings! Angie*

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## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT Wilson & Woodham to wed



Tara Wilson and Chris Woodham of Live Oak would like to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Tara graduated from Suwannee High School in 2002 and is currently an operations specialist 3rd class petty officer serving in the USCG. She is the daughter of Dovie Wilson and the late Glen Wilson.

Chris currently works as a mechanic and is the father of his eight-year-old son, Masson. He is the son of Susie Roberson and Randy Woodham and the grandson of Felton and Mary Lou Roberson.

The wedding will take place in Mayo, Fla., on June 8, 2013 at 6 p.m. All friends and family are invited to attend.

## Love Ministry to hold spiritual revival

Submitted

Revival is here! Are you sick or hurting? Do you want deliverance and breakthrough? Are you ready for the next dimension in God? Do you need a personal sure word from God? Well, God has a word for you!

From Saturday, June 22, through Monday, June 24, every night at 7:30 p.m. the Love Ministry of Live Oak located on the corner of Duval St. and Walker Ave. will be holding a spiritual revival. The event will be overseen by Marlene

Boyd Spencer of Higher Dimension Praise and Deliverance Ministries, Inc. in Fort Lauderdale. Spencer will act as the 'anointed messenger of God' for the revival.

For more information,

please contact Prophetess Dr. Linda Simpson, Senior Pastor of Healing, Deliverance, Perfecting the Saints International Ministries, Inc. at (386) 364-1607 or (386) 344-4192.

## Living for Jesus

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Far too few people today who profess Jesus as their Savior live for Him. They don't live for Him because they know very little about Him and His word. I saw a news letter from a local church that stated "Americans love the Bible but don't read it much". It gave some statistics that explains why God's people don't know much about God. It said "of all those who were polled 57 percent of the people read the Bible four times or less a year". It said "preachers only read it to prepare a message", no personal study.

Our background scripture Philippians 3:7-14. Please read! Verse 10: "That I may know Him". Paul wanted and had an intimate relationship with Christ Jesus. Nothing else mattered. Paul said for my determined purpose is "that I may know Him, and that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the

wonder of His person more strongly and more clearly". Paul remembered that the day on the road to Damascus; he knew he was on the road to hell that day. He knew if he found any men or women that believed in Jesus, he would bring them bound to Jerusalem (Acts 9:1-2). He knew that after he met Jesus his life changed, and he wanted to know all he could about this man Jesus, who saved him from an eternity in Hell.

Why aren't we the same way? Why don't we remember that when we were saved the same thing happened to us? God sent His amazing grace to us. We all ought to sing out "I once was lost but now I'm found; was blind but now I see".

Paul wanted to understand better the power of His resurrection. He wanted to know how to share that power with others. You see when Jesus died on the cross, that was for our sins. When God raised Him up the third day, that was the proof that God accepted His (Jesus) death as payment for your sin and mine. Paul wanted

"the fellowship of His suffering'. He wanted to be able to understand more the suffering of Christ, although he would get a small taste of it himself. Paul served the Lord for 31 years. He spent over 15 years in prison, was beaten with 195 lashes with an inch of his life; He was ship-wrecked, stoned, and in despair of his life often. Yet he never stopped serving the Lord. He wanted to "be conformed to His death". He wanted his carnal self to die so his spiritual self could live for Christ.

Verse 11 says that "If by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead". Paul wrote more about the resurrection than any one. He knew about it and knew he was going to be part of the resurrection unto life.

Verse 12 lets us know that Paul knew he had not been made perfect yet, but that he is pressing on that he may lay hold of the fact that Christ Jesus had laid hold on him. If Paul felt this way, shouldn't we? Church is where we learn and understand more about Jesus. (Some quotes from Amplified Bible.)



# Church & Family Go Together

<p><b>ADVENT CHRISTIAN</b> <b>FIRST ADVENT CHRISTIAN</b> N.W. 15th Avenue Jasper Rev. Wayne Sullivan Sunday Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. 784022</p>	<p><b>BAPTIST (Southern)</b> <b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> "Where Friends become Family" 207 N.E. 2nd Street, Jasper 792-2658 Pastor: Roger Hutto Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Supper.....6:00 p.m. Children, Youth &amp; Adult Programs 6:30 p.m. 784012</p>	<p><b>METHODIST</b> <b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 405 Central Ave., Jasper, FL Pastor - Dale Ames Phone - 386-792-1122 Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wednesday Family Night Dinner 3rd Wednesday Clothes Closet 4th Saturday 1-5pm 783995</p>	<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN</b> <b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 204 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Jasper, 792-2258 Pastor: Alexandra Hedrick SUNDAY Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Choir Practice.....7:00 p.m. 783982</p>
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# Honors night packs auditorium

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Assistant Principal Marjorie Cooks presided over the ceremony and one by one, a chorus of HCHS students came front and center to accept their special awards in a variety of categories; BETA, Sunshine State Scholar, Girls' State, Yoho's Advisory Council, Industry Certifications, Perfect Atten-

dance, Spelling Bee, NFCC Art Show and the Heisman Principal's Award.

More awards for Special Testing, Academic Honors and Departmental Awards followed.

Numerous scholarships were given out to a large group of seniors and many of the students walked away with more than one.

At the end of the near-

ly two hour program, came the much anticipated announcement of this year's valedictorian and salutatorian.

Lisa Danielle Hill was selected as valedictorian and Winston Crosby was selected as salutatorian.

Congratulations to all the HCHS seniors, as well as the freshmen, sophomores and juniors who also received awards.



These students were proud to accept their awards. -Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor



Trophies to celebrate achievements.



Proud to wear the uniform.



Awards were coming left and right.



Amber Lafoon and Hetal Thakor accept awards.



One can't have too many awards.

# May Day festivities drew thousands

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said so many of his relatives were named Lawrence that his family decided when he was just a youngster to simply call him Jim and it has stuck to this day.

May Day in White Springs, he explained, is a day for African Americans to come together and celebrate their emancipation. There was a lapse of a few years, Udell said, but then the celebration started up again in the mid 50s and continues today. Udell and his family have been deeply involved in the event and its planning for the last 14 years.

People from all over the state of Florida, as

well as folks from other states join together in White Springs in the month of May to enjoy food, fellowship, music and fun activities for the children, while reflecting on their past history. PotashCorp White Springs and Publix are just two of the sponsors who helped out with the event this year.

Last year, Udell said, the event drew about 3,000 people. This year it was almost as many.

The food everyone brings or makes at the event varies from barbecued chicken and ribs to rice, beans, corn, greens and a generous selection of desserts and drinks.

"I do boiled peanuts and lemonade," said

Udell.

Fifty gallons of lemonade and 10 gallons of boiled peanuts was Udell's contribution, he said.

"We enjoy the event," said Udell. "As I've said, we don't know where we're coming from, we don't know where we're going, but we'll know when we get there and we need to know our roots."

Udell said his wife Jeanette has Cherokee Indian roots and the two of them have been married for 59 years. The Udell's parented five girls and five boys, and they have too many grandchildren to count. Their motto is live happy and don't be grumpy.



Bailey Field was jammed with folks playing a game of ball. - Photos courtesy of Joseph McKire



Thousands of folks turned out for May Day.



Grills were fired up and smokin'!



The kids had plenty to keep them busy.



Bounce houses are fun!



**Around the Banks of the Suwannee**

By Correspondent Johnny Bullard

'Pomp and Circumstance.'

The address by the class valedictorian.

The address by the class salutatorian.

The announcement by the county superintendent that you are now a graduating senior.

A cap and gown.

A diploma.

Commencement.

All Around the Banks of the Suwannee, hundreds of young people will be marching to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" over the next couple of weeks in commencement exercises. Commencement. What does it mean? A start, a beginning, a step into a new world, a change,

and, oh, how things do change.

As I thought about high school commencement exercises, my mind went back to the late spring of 1976, 37-years-ago, and all the changes we have seen in the world in the past nearly four decades.

The year 1976:

The United States celebrated its 200th anniversary of independence from Great Britain. All over the United States, there were huge celebrations on the Fourth of July. There was even a major musical composed entitled "1776", and it was presented at the amphitheater stage of the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park.

That year was the year that the voting age in the United States was

moved from 21 to 18, and, in the state of Florida in that year, those who were 18-years-of-age were given the right to purchase alcoholic beverages by the bottle and the drink.

It was the era of disco, mirror encrusted disco balls lit the dance floors across the nation, and young people in various sizes and shapes of polyester, Nik Nik shirts and platform shoes danced the night away to Donna Summer, the Commodores, the Bee Gees, and K.C. and the Sunshine Band. It was the summer when many of us did put on "My, My, My, My, My Boogie Shoes".

The nation had not long come off the devastation of the resignation of a president, President Richard M. Nixon. Gerald Ford became president but was defeated in the 1976 election by a virtual unknown to national politics, the governor of Georgia, Jimmy Carter.

So many did not believe that a former peanut farmer, state legislator and governor of Georgia could be elected president of the United States, but he was.

A wonderful bluegrass group, Red, Henry, and Company, who performed at the Florida Folk Festival penned a song entitled "Grits in the White House".

When I began Valdosta State College in the fall of 1976, we typed all our own term papers on typewriters. You re-

searched, and I mean re-searched your papers and research projects in the college library with a fist full of 3x5 index cards, and you carefully typed.

There were no cell phones, no computers, no fax machines, and the only major computer of which I knew was in the library at Valdosta State College where you, could, for a pretty good fee, ask the librarian to run a research search for you on certain subjects. It took a day or two, and you couldn't do it for each term paper, because it was fairly expensive.

In most of our hometowns, there were no Walgreens, no major chain stores and very few fast food restaurants in our part of the world. The world, at that time, was much slower paced and "hometown", truly meant "hometown". There were no DVD's, no VCR's, and we thought an Eight Track tape with music was "something to write home about". Still, I had a great collection of albums and 45s even when I went off to college.

In the public schools of this area, we were taught to write cursive. We were raised to write "thank you" notes to those who were kind enough to purchase a graduation present, and you wrote those "thank you" notes in cursive.

When you registered to vote, you also registered for the draft when

you turned 18. There were no major wars during that era, but, the nation had not been that long out of Vietnam, and selective service was still in place.

There was a lot of modern technological conveniences we did not have, but we had a lot of hope at that time, hope in our nation, hope in our region, and hope that we would find a job when we completed our educations. At that time in our area "Around the Banks of the Suwannee", a person could find a good job with just a high school education.

As the class of 2013 steps into the larger world, they can Tweet on Twitter till their thumbs are numb, they can text their hearts out, and, at the touch of a computer button, one can find out about anything and everything, except the mind of the Creator.

There are more people going to college than ever, BUT, today's graduates are in competition for jobs with those their own age from around the world. Most American manufacturing jobs are overseas as well as a lot of opportunities in technology.

Gone are the days when a college degree, a bachelor's in about any-

thing would land you a job. Today, you must be specific and study the job market before deciding upon your degree or career path.

Still, I do believe that our young people today do have hope, hope in themselves, hope in their abilities, and hope in the nation, or at least, I HOPE they do. I sure have a lot of hope in them and for them.

As they march into a larger world in a few days, they must know their lives will be forever altered. The friendships of high school will change just as the world changes, and just as we know we change if we look into the mirror.

To me, at nearly 55-years-of-age now, the world seems a bit more frightening. I don't live in fear, and I am truly thankful I live in a beautiful and peaceful place "Around the Banks of the Suwannee".

Sometimes we have a tendency to look at the world and be a pragmatist and, maybe sometimes even a pessimist, and, it seems to be true, this pragmatism and pessimism increases with age.

We have concerns for our children who are graduating from high school, but the one thing we must remember is

they are YOUNG, and they see the world through the hopeful eyes of youth, and, as Martha Stewart says "That's a good thing."

As the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" play and as mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, aunts and uncles, wipe their eyes wondering where did the time go, as they watch their babies graduate from high school, let's remember to wish all the graduating seniors and, to thank God, that we are still living in a free America, a nation, with all of its flaws and faults, where opportunity still abounds.

I do wish all the high school graduates all the best for the future. May God Bless you, as you take your own steps into "your" future.

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

And to one very special high school graduate, my niece, Laura Leigh Bullard, who will be graduating with the class of 2013 at Suwannee High School, I love you and am so proud of you.

**NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS**

The Word In Season Christian School For Exceptional Students, Inc admits students of any race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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**Garden revival**



A Snip-n-drip soaker system. - Photo: Courtesy Gardener's Supply

By Melinda Myers

Spring floods, summer droughts and temperature extremes take their toll on gardens and the gardeners who tend them. Help your gardens recover from the crazy temperature and moisture extremes that seem to occur each year.

Start by assessing the current condition of your landscape. Remove dead plants as soon as possible. They can harbor insect and disease organisms that can infest your healthy plantings. Consider replacing struggling plants with healthy plants better suited to the space, growing conditions and landscape design. You often achieve better results in less time by starting over rather than trying to nurse a sick plant back to health.

As always, select plants suited to the growing environment and that includes normal rainfall. Every season is different, but selecting plants suited to the average conditions will minimize the care needed and increase your odds for success. Roses, coneflowers, sedums and zinnias are just a few drought tolerant plants. Elderberry, ligularia, Siberian iris and marsh marigold are a few moisture tolerant plants.

Be prepared for worse case scenario. Install an irrigation system, such as the Snip-n-drip soaker system, in the garden. It allows you to apply water directly to the soil alongside plants. This means less water wasted to evaporation, wind and overhead watering. You'll also reduce the risk of disease by keeping water off the plant leaves.

A properly installed and managed irrigation system will help save

water. The convenience makes it easy to water thoroughly, encouraging deep roots, and only when needed. Turn the system on early in the day while you tend to other gardening and household chores. You'll waste less water to evaporation and save time since the system does the watering for you.

Capture rainwater and use it to water container and in-ground gardens. Rain barrels and cisterns have long been used for this purpose and are experiencing renewed interest. Look for these features when buying or making your own rain barrel. Make sure the spigot is located close to the bottom so less water collects and stagnates. Select one that has a screen over the opening to keep out debris. And look for an overflow that directs the water into another barrel or away from the house.

Add a bit of paint to turn your rain barrel into a piece of art. Or tuck it behind some containers, shrubs or a decorative trellis. Just make sure it is easy to access.

Be sure to mulch trees and shrubs with shredded bark or woodchips to conserve moisture, suppress weeds and reduce competition from nearby grass. You'll eliminate hand trimming while protecting trunks and stems from damaging weed whips and mowers.

Invigorate weather worn perennials with compost and an auger bit. Spread an inch of compost over the soil surface. Then use an auger bit, often used for planting bulbs, and drill the compost into the soil in open areas throughout the garden. You'll help move the compost to the root zone of the plants and aerate the soil with this one activity.

A little advance planning and preparation can reduce your workload and increase your gardening enjoyment.

Gardening expert, TV/ radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including *Can't Miss Small Space Gardening*. She hosts the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV and radio segments* and is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers' web site is [www.melindamyers.com](http://www.melindamyers.com)

**NOTICE**

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Rule 12D-16.002 Florida Administrative Code

**TAX IMPACT OF VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD**

Hamilton County Tax Year 2012

**Members of the Board**

Honorable	RANDY OGBURN	Board of County Commissioners, District No. 4
Honorable	BUSTER OXENDINE	Board of County Commissioners, District No. 5
Honorable	JEANNIE DANIELS	School Board, District No. 3
Citizen Member	Greg Taylor	Business owner within the school district
Citizen Member	Bill Hunter	Homestead property owner

The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) meets each year to hear petitions and make decisions relating to property tax assessments, exemptions, classifications, and tax deferrals.

**Summary of Year's Actions**

Type of Property	Number of Parcels					Reduction in County Taxable Value	Shift in Taxes
	Exemptions		Assessments*		Both		
	Granted	Requested	Reduced	Requested	Withdrawn or settled	Due to Board Actions	Due to Board Actions
Residential	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Commercial	0	0	0	1	1	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Industrial and miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Agricultural or classified use	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
High-water recharge	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Historic commercial or nonprofit	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Business machinery and equipment	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Vacant lots and acreage	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	0	0	0	1	1	\$ 0	\$ 0.00

All values should be county taxable values. School and other taxing authority values may differ. \*Include transfer of assessment difference (portability) requests.

**If you have a question about these actions, contact the Chair or the Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board.**

Chair's name	RANDY OGBURN	Phone	386-792-1288	ext.
Clerk's name	GREG GODWIN	Phone	386-792-1288	ext.

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# Celebrating Florida's folk heritage



Folks enjoying a performance by the South Hamilton Elementary Chorus.



Taking a break between the numerous events.



The ice cream man was very busy the entire weekend.



Quite a few folks took advantage using bikes for their mode of transportation.



And more bikers.



What could be better than lunchtime at the park?



But dad, it's root beer.



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Check out the pretty octopus. - Photos: Andrew McGee



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# Veterans of Foreign Wars and volunteers commended



Commander of VFW Post 8095 Lamar Royals displays the award recently presented to the VFW, JROTC members and community volunteers by the 2nd Law Enforcement Battalion Marines, as Emmett Mathis and Senior Vice Commander Billy Jackson look on. - Courtesy photo:

VFW Post 8095 Commander Lamar Royals recently received a commendation award from the 2nd Law Enforcement Battalion Marines for boxes sent to them in Afghanistan recently. On behalf of the members of VFW Post 8095 and their wives, community volunteers and JROTC members, Royals accepted the award. It reads:

"On behalf of the Marines of 2nd Law Enforcement Battalion, we greatly appreciate the support and thoughts from home. The care packages were enjoyed by all and lifted our spirits. It is nice to know people in the United States support us and the tasks we must complete here. If we could thank each and every one of your personally we would, without hesitation.

For those that are in the JROTC program, you have made a decision few Americans choose to make. This

makes us proud you will become the next generation of military members working side by side with us. Never think you have taken an easy path in life for there have been many great people who are taking the exact same path that you are taking in life.

We thank you again for the gifts and letters we received. We will never forget the generosity you have given to us. Keep us in your prayers. Semper Fidelis."

Royals stated, "This award is for everyone who donated items for the boxes we mailed, as well as those who gave money towards the postage, and for those who volunteered to pack the boxes. We could not have done this without the wonderful community participation we received. This award is a 'Thank you' to the generous people of Hamilton County."

## ARREST RECORDS

*Editor's note: The Jasper News prints the entire arrest record. 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

May 11, Anthony Car-

men Vainisi, 32, 1450

Gables Ave, Spring Hill, FL, DWL/R, poss of drug para: DOA-

Everett

May 13, Eric Shawn

Busby, 37, 470 W 1st

Ave, Windermere, FL, DWL: DOA- J. Jenkins

May 13, Josh Hand,

39, 2125 NW 36th Rd,

Jennings, FL, out of

court warrant (Madison

Co so. child support):

HCSO- Hughes

May 13, John Walter

Temple, 29, 3600 NW

104th Ave, Jasper, FL,

disorderly intox, simple

assault, RWJV: HCSO-

B. Burnam

May 14, Jonathan

Lamar Howell, 31, 902

Carrol Rd, Lake Park,

GA, child support: FHP-

mestic violence): WSPD-

Berry

May 16, Domingo

Francisco, 39, 1136

Suwannee St, Jennings,

FL, battery: JNPD-

Meeks

May 16, Kenneth C.

Locke, 45, 4231 NW 13th

Dr, Jennings, FL, VOP,

MCSO: P&P- Bristol

May 16, Cory Jeffery

Crispell, 24, 4688 NW

60th Dr, Jennings, FL,

grand theft, burglary of

conveyance, warrant:

JNPD- Meeks

May 16, Bertha Lee

Daniels, 48, 1451 Berry

St, Jennings, FL, VOP,

obtain controlled sub by

fraud (MCSO): P&P-

Bristol

May 17, David

Gomez, 18, 4054 CR 150,

Jennings, FL, trespass

after warnings school: 1

SRI- Williams

May 17, Donald Mari-

on Lockwood, 27, 6631

N Church Ave, Tampa,

FL, operating while li-

cence suspended w

knowledge, failure to

stop aggro: DOA- Kus-

sler

May 18, William Ed-

ward Miller, 36, 1884

Rawwood Dr W, Maple-

wood, FL, hold For U.S.

Marshall's service, VOP:

HCSO- T. Griffin

May 18, Stephen

Tyae Hill, 3600 NW

104th Ave Lot 3, Jasper,

FL, armed robbery:

JAPD- Vickers

May 18, Louie Leroy

Felmar, 30, 10558 Moore

St, White Springs, FL,

disorderly conduct:

WSPD- Jason Golub

May 19, Anthony

Joseph Barron, 58, 34092

Cherry Dr, Pinellas

Park, FL, failure to stop

and submit for inspec-

tion, no valid DL: DOA-

J. Merritt

May 19, Michael H.

Suber III, 30, 711 Cordell

Rd, Albany, GA, VOP

on possession of co-

caine: HCSO- Harris

May 19, Daniel Byers

Davis, 56, 11849 Baker

Rd, St. Louisville, OH,

failure to stop and sub-

mit for inspection, pos-

session less than 20

gram: DOA- Allen

May 19, Sedrick J.

Williams, 37, 314 Bartow

St, Thomasville, GA,

driving with an expired

driver's license over 6

months: DOA- Bissen-

ger

May 19, Sedrick T.

Williams, 37, 314 Bartow

Street, Thomasville, GA,

Driving with an Expired

Driver's License over 6

months: DOA- Kissen-

ger

May 20, Gregory

Patrick Tyre Jr., 32, 6800

West State Road 6,

Jasper, FL, Agg Battery

(O/V), Felony Battery,

over 18 yrs old / under

18, contact with Body

Fluid: HCSO- J.

Cheshire

May 21, Chantal

Akins, 33, 8505 N Ira

Martin Ave, Crystal Riv-

er, FL, VOP Suwannee

12-351: P&P- J. Bristol

May 21, Jaqvera N.

Tarrance White, 18, 101

SE Way, White Springs,

FL, poss less than 20

grams marijuana:

HCSO- Williams A.

May 22, Roxanne Eliz-

abeth Amerson, 21,

11416 SE CR 132, Jasper,

FL, VOP O/C Conspira-

cy to Commit Grand

Theft, Grand Theft III:

HCSO- Murphy

May 24, William

David Harris, 47, 1286

NW 84th Ave, Jasper,

FL, Grand Theft is \$300

or More But Less than

\$5000.00: HCSO- T.

Murphy

May 24, Avery Bobby

Williams, 29, 10816 NW

38th Terrace, Jasper, FL,

Agg. Assault, Poss of

F/A by Convicted

Felon, Impro. Exhib of

F/A, Discharging

firearm in public 2 cts:

JAPD- T. Rickerson

May 24, Courtney

Dwayne McCloud, 22,

3831 NW CR 141, Jen-

nings, FL, Attempted

Murder 2 cts., Criminal

Mischief, Discharging

a firearm in public 7 cts,

Shooting into occupied

vehicle 7 cts.: JAPD-

Rickerson

May 25, Brett Allen

McDowell, 22, 1919 Ra-

fuse Circle, Jacksonville,

FL, Trespassing on post-

ed Construction Site:

HCSO- Cheshire

May 25, Scott Alan

Maas, 49, 335 N Myrtle

Ave, Starke, FL, Disor-

derly Intox.: FWNC- T.

Nichols

May 26, Jontue Fre-

dron McCloud, 21, Agg

Assault, Poss of Firearm

by Convicted Felon, Im-

proper Exhibition of

Firearm in Public, Dis-

charging Firearm in

Public (2 cts): JAPD- T.

Rickerson

### Jasper Legals

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

CASE NO. 24-2009-CA-000206

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff,

vs.

GLORIA H. SEYMORE A/K/A GLORIA H. PAREMORE; FREDERICA BURDEN AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT C. PAREMORE, DECEASED; FREDERICA BURDEN; EARLY PAREMORE; JEFFREY PAREMORE; ULRICA PAREMORE; TERRI PAREMORE; DONNA PAREMORE; CAPITAL ONE BANK; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION; Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 13, 2013, and entered in Case No. 24-2009-CA-000206, of the Circuit Court of the 3rd Judicial Circuit in and for HAMILTON County, Florida. NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC is Plaintiff and GLORIA H. SEYMORE A/K/A GLORIA H. PAREMORE; FREDERICA BURDEN AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT C. PAREMORE, DECEASED; FREDERICA BURDEN; EARLY PAREMORE; JEFFREY PAREMORE; ULRICA PAREMORE; TERRI PAREMORE; DONNA PAREMORE; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION; CAPITAL ONE BANK; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at SOUTH FRONT DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, AT 207 NE 1ST STREET, JASPER IN HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA 32052, at 11:00 A.M., on the 19th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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A 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.

Dated this 14th day of May, 2013.

(Court Seal) GREG GODWIN As Clerk of said Court

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson As Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO.: 2013-CA-0118

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT,

Petitioner,

vs.

DONALD RAY MCALISTER,

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF 2008 18' ALUMINUM TRACKER VESSEL (FL 1749 PG), HIN # BU62781E708, WITH YAMAHA 70 HP OUTBOARD 4 STROKE, WITH 2008 TRAILSTAR TRAILER (ALJV28), VIN # 4TM19CF118B001328

#### NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

TO: ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL PROPERTY:

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NOTICE is given pursuant to Sections 932.703 and 932.704, Florida Statutes (2012) that THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION (COMMISSION), acting by and through the undersigned Assistant Attorney General, seized the above-described personal property on the 27th day of February, 2013, in Madison County, Florida, and is holding the personal property pending the outcome of forfeiture proceedings. All persons or entities who have a legal interest in the subject property may request a hearing concerning the seized property by contacting the undersigned. A complaint has been filed in the Circuit Court of the THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, in and for Hamilton County, On the 7th day of May, 2013, the trail court entered an order finding probable cause. If no claimants appear within 20 days, the COMMISSION will be seeking a final order of forfeiture.

Dated May 10, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

PAMELA JO BONDI ATTORNEY GENERAL

/s/ Alex B. C. Ershock

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## Small coke and a side of sniffles

“Bless you!” If your house is anything like mine, you’ve been hearing a lot of this lately. Sneezing, itchy watery eyes, runny nose, congestion, maybe even a sore throat. As much as I enjoy the glorious ocean of green blossoming around us, my body obviously does not agree! My poor child has it worse than my husband and I put together. For many children, along with rhinoconjunctivitis (itchy watery eyes with sneezing and nasal itching) comes asthma, and even eczema, an inflammatory reaction of the skin. While these ailments may seem inescapable this time of year, there are foods to eat more of and foods to avoid in order to alleviate symptoms.

A set of New Zealand researchers set out to elucidate just how important a player diet becomes when in relation to this particular set of inflammatory reactions in the body. Over a 12 month period researchers looked at food frequencies and intakes; what they discovered you may want to know. First, eating at least three servings per week of fruit had a protective effect on severe asthma. An apple a day really does help keep the doctor away!

Second, the risk of all the three allergic reactions - eczema, asthma, and rhinoconjunctivitis, increased when fast food was consumed at least three times weekly. Let me repeat that for you so it can sink in a lit-

tle - eat fast food three times per week or more and enjoy an increase in all the sneezing, wheezing, and snot!

Forgive me for stepping onto my fast food soap box for a moment, but I’ve discovered yet another reason fast food is hazardous to your health. It seems the research agrees with me; studies are rolling out one behind the other in staunch agreement: the effects of a high-fat, high-calorie fast food diet are similar to those of cocaine or heroin on the body. Research reveals feeding rats a diet high in saturated fat, calories and sugar - the typical make-up for a fast-food menu item - lowered the rats ability to respond to leptin, a hormone that helps regulate eating behavior by controlling how full one feels. As the rats grew, so did the amount of leptin in their bodies, signaling that they were dangerously close to starvation. They continued to overeat and gain weight.

As if that wasn’t scary enough, living close to fast food restaurants can even increase your chances of obesity. The National Bureau of Economic Research studied obesity rates of 3 million school children and 3 million pregnant women and found that for 9th grade kids, a fast food restaurant within a tenth of a mile from school was associated with a 5.2 increase in obesity rates. For pregnant women, fast food within a half mile resulted in a 1.6 increase in the probability of gaining over 45 pounds and was found to be significantly higher for African American women and less educated women.

As more and more evidence mounts against fast food restaurants my hope is more and more people can hop on board the anti-fast food bandwagon. Not only will you enjoy less non-nutrient dense, useless food that is slowly poisoning your body, but you can alleviate chronic inflammatory conditions like asthma and allergies.



## Bear Creek announces line-up, tickets

Bear Creek Music & Art Festival announces The Roots, Bootsy Collins and the Funk Unity Band, Karl Denson’s Tiny Universe, Lettuce, The New Mastersounds, Antibalas, Galactic x 2, Ivan Neville’s Dumpstaphunk x2, Bonobo Live Band and more

Big IV Productions and Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park announce the line-up for the 7th Annual Bear Creek Music & Art Festival taking place Nov. 14-17.

Bear Creek will feature The Roots, Bootsy Collins and the Funk Unity Band, Galactic x2, Karl Denson’s Tiny Universe x2, Lettuce x 2, Bonobo Live Band, Ivan Neville’s Dumpstaphunk x2, The New Mastersounds x2, Antibalas, Lee Fields & The Expressions, Zach Deputy x2, Toubab Krewe x2, George Porter Jr’s Runnin Partners, The Motet x2, Jennifer Hartswick Band x2, Break Science, Mike Dillon Band, Pimps of Joytime x2, Robert Walter’s 20th Congress x2, Bernie Worrell Orchestra, Roosevelt Collier Band, Dr. Klaw, Kung Fu x2, The Werks, The Malah x2, Space Capone x2, Nth Power, Dopapod, The Legendary

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Bear Creek is steeped in the tradition of funk music and the exceptional line-up reflects the eclectic nature of the scene.

Returning to its home at the famous Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak, Bear Creek is the ultimate destination for music fans as the summer festival season comes to an end. Festival goers may enjoy four days of camping, live music and art at one of the most beautiful live music venues in the country. In addition to primitive camping, fans can upgrade their experience with VIP tickets, RV hook ups, cabin rentals and golf cart

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Bear Creek tickets are now sale at [www.BearCreekMusicFestival.com](http://www.BearCreekMusicFestival.com). Hurry and get your tickets as prices go up June 3. To get on the cabin wait list, call Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park at 386-364-1683 or go to [spirit@musicliveshere.com](mailto:spirit@musicliveshere.com).

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Bear Creek Music & Art Festival Links: [www.BearCreekMusicFestival.com](http://www.BearCreekMusicFestival.com); [www.facebook.com/BearCreekFest](http://www.facebook.com/BearCreekFest), Twitter + Instagram: @BearCreekFest; [www.MusicLivesHere.com](http://www.MusicLivesHere.com)

## Understanding Allergy Treatments

Millions of people across the globe suffer from allergies, many of which rear their ugly heads during the spring season. Such a reality can quickly spoil the excitement of the nice weather. Although there is no cure for allergies, individuals who do suffer from allergies have a host of treatment options at their disposals. Some are over-the-counter medications while others require prescriptions. Each type of medication works differently, and allergy sufferers may find it interesting and beneficial to understand the different ways some of the more common allergy treatments work.

### Antihistamines

Some of the more well-known over-the-counter antihistamines include Benadryl, Claritin and Zyrtec. Prescription antihistamines include Clarinex and Livostin.

When an allergy sufferer is exposed to an allergen, cells within the body’s immune system release a substance called histamine, which then attaches to receptors in the blood vessels as well as additional receptors. As a result, the blood vessels enlarge and histamine’s attachment to other receptors causes swelling, itching, changes in secretions, and redness. However, when an allergy sufferer takes an antihistamine, the medication blocks the histamine receptors, preventing the symptoms in the process.

Though antihistamines are effective, they can also cause drowsiness. Allergy sufferers should look for non-sedating antihistamines, which may require a prescription.

### Decongestants

Some of the more recognizable decongestants are Visine eye drops, Sudafed tablets or liquid, and Zyrtec-D. Each of these is an over-the-counter decongestant. Prescription decongestants like Claritin-D are often combination medications, which means they contain both an antihistamine and a decongestant.

When an individual is having an allergic reaction, the tissues in the nose swell as a result of contact with the allergen. This swelling results in fluid and mucous production, and swelling in

the blood vessels of the eyes also occurs, which causes the redness of the eyes many allergy sufferers experience during spring.

Decongestants work by shrinking the swollen nasal tissues and blood vessels. This helps relieve the swelling, mucous secretion, redness, and congestion.

Many allergy sufferers prefer nasal sprays and eye drops to relieve symptoms. However, such medications, which often require a prescription, can only be used for a few days. Use beyond a few days can actually make allergy symptoms worse.

Not all men and women can use decongestants to relieve their allergy symptoms. That’s because decongestants may raise blood pressure, essentially making them off limits to those who already have high blood pressure. Additional potential side effects of decongestants are insomnia, irritability and restricted urinary flow. When considering a decongestant to relieve allergy symptoms, men and women should consult their physician before buying any products.

### Steroids

Thanks to professional sports, many people shudder at the mere mention of the word “steroids.” However, steroids used to treat allergies are corticosteroids and not the anabolic steroids athletes use to build muscle. Steroids used to treat allergies can be nasal (Flonase, Nasonex), inhaled (Flovent, Alvesco), eye drops (Alrex and Dexamethasone), or oral (Prednisone).

Steroids work by reducing inflammation and swelling. Steroids can be highly effective in treating allergies, and work for seasonal and year-round allergies as well as skin allergies. When prescribed a steroid to treat an allergy, it’s important for men and women to continue to take the medication daily as directed, even if the symptoms of the allergy have disappeared. This can be as long as two weeks.

Though highly effective, steroids do come with significant side effects. When taken orally, short-term steroid use can cause weight gain, high blood pressure and fluid retention, while long-term use can result in muscle weakness, bone-thinning osteoporosis and even diabetes. When taking inhaled steroids, men and women might suffer from coughing, hoarseness or even develop a yeast infection in their mouth.

Even though spring is commonly referred to as allergy season, men and women have a host of allergy treatment options to try. Before committing to any treatment, it’s best for a person to examine each option to determine which is the best fit for him or her.



CAPTION: Despite their beauty, spring flowers often trigger allergy season.

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## Hamilton top 5 in state for improving scores in grades 4, 8 writing

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this year than last and eighth graders scored 22 percentage points higher than last year in writing.

Results for FCAT 2.0 Writing are reported on a scale of 1.0 (lowest) to 6.0 (highest) with a 3.5 or above for passing. Level 5 is the highest and Level 1 is the lowest for FCAT 2.0 reading and math; Level 3 indicates satisfactory performance.

However, students that scored an Achievement Level 1 on the reading test, taken in April, can be retained.

Thirty three percent of Central Hamilton Elementary School third graders earned a Level 1 on the reading portion while 46 percent of CHES students earned a 3 or above, up five percent since 2012.

For North Hamilton Elementary School, 18 percent of third graders scored a Level 1, with 50 percent scoring a 3 or above - down three percent since last year.

Seventeen percent of South Hamilton Elementary School third graders scored a Level 1, and 43 percent earned a 3 or above - up five percent from 2012.

The state average of third graders scoring a 3 or above on FCAT 2.0 reading is 57 percent.

All other scores are a mixed bag.

For math, 46 percent of CHE third graders received a 3 or above, an increase of 19 percent since 2012.

Sixty two percent of students scored a 3 or higher at NHE, falling six percentage points from last year.

Thirty two percent of third graders earned a 3 or higher at SHE, down by 21 percent since 2012.

The state average of third graders passing with a 3 or above for the math portion is 58 percent.

For writing, 34 percent of Central Hamilton Elementary School fourth graders scored a 3.5 or above, compared to 12 percent in 2012. Sixty

two percent of North Hamilton Elementary School fourth graders received a 3.5 or above, compared to 43 percent in 2012. Fifty two percent of SHE fourth graders received a 3.5 or above. The state average is 57 percent.

Eighteen percent of Hamilton County High School eighth graders received a 3.5 or above, falling 19 percentage points from last year. These scores are lower than the state average of 54 percent of eighth graders scoring satisfactorily.

Sixty three percent of HCHS 10th graders scored a 3.5 or above, improving by 23 percent since 2012. The Florida state average for 10th grade satisfactory scores is 62 percent.

## Jax meteorologist: F-5 tornadoes not impossible here

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does. In fact, the latest tornadoes recorded happened in 2009 in Suwannee and Madison counties.

"While we are not immune to violent tornadoes (EF/F-3 or greater), to the best of our knowledge, there has never been an EF/F-5 tornado in either Florida or Georgia. That said, they are not impossible either and we have seen EF/F-3 tornadoes in Central Florida with the Groundhog Day tornado outbreak of 2007," said Al Sandrik, NOAA warning coordinator meteorologist.

Sandrik recalled an EF/F-4 tornado that occurred as close as McIntosh County in coastal Georgia in May of 2008.

"That McIntosh Coun-

ty event goes a long way to prove a strong tornado can occur anywhere," Sandrik said.

"Historically, the strongest local tornadoes are EF/F-2 tornadoes that occurred in Jasper (2001) and Lake City (2007), and unfortunately, the Lake City tornado took two lives," Sandrik said.

Since 2000, Suwannee County has witnessed 10 tornadoes, more than any other surrounding county.

According to Sandrik, the combination of weather conditions necessary for violent tornadoes, such as an EF/F-5, to develop in North Florida are quite rare.

"The midwestern tornadoes are driven by a combination of a low level jet stream bringing in warm moist air from

the Gulf of Mexico, dry air in the middle part of the atmosphere coming into the storm from the Great Plains, and a powerful jet stream coming over the top of the storm," Sandrik said. "While it's not impossible for all of these ingredients to come together locally, they also have to do so at the proper time."

Sandrik compared an occurrence of a tornado to baking a cake.

"Creating a violent storm is very similar to baking a cake. Not only do you have to have all of the ingredients, but they have to come together at the proper time as well. Across the Suwannee Valley, thankfully, that combination of events is quite rare, but not impossible," said Sandrik.

## Girl Scout earns Gold Award for improvements on SRWMD lands

The District's Land Management Specialist Edwin McCook, right, is pictured with Delaney Sagul, a girl scout who helped build a fire ring and benches on District lands.



—Photo: Courtesy of Katherine Karpinia

Recreational improvements were made to the Florida National Scenic Trail within the Suwannee River Water Management District's Osteen Tract thanks to a Girl Scout and her friends.

Girl Scout Delaney Sagul, with the help of her Girl Scout troop and several friends, recently installed a fire ring and four benches at the tract where the Alapaha and Suwannee Rivers meet. The District's Land Management Specialist Edwin McCook assisted the group with the project.

Delaney, who is a member of troop 315 in Gainesville, completed the project to earn her gold award, the highest award a Girl Scout can achieve.

Delaney says she's been planning the project since the 8th grade, when she went camping and decided there should be more recreational opportunities for

campers and hikers.

A large amount of time was spent planning and organizing the project, in which Delaney was able to enhance her communication, teamwork, and problem solving skills.

"This project will enhance a camping area within the Florida National Scenic Trail and District conservation lands by providing a place for visitors to build and enjoy a campfire," said McCook. "The District appreciates the hard work and effort these girls put into the project."

The 203-acre Osteen Tract is located in southwestern Hamilton County. It is a prime location for wildlife viewing, biking, hiking, and horseback riding. The Florida National Scenic Trail runs through the property. The trail is approximately 1,400 miles long and runs throughout the entire state of Florida.

## Camp for 6-9th graders explores nursing, science, fitness and nutrition

MADISON, FL – North Florida Community College's Allied Health department is now enrolling 6-9th grade students in its 2013 Health Scholars Camp. The camp will be held June 17-20 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the NFCC Career and Technical Education Center. The four-day camp explores healthcare topics and careers – nursing, science, fitness and nutrition – in engaging, fun and educational ways.

Campers will enjoy games, team building exercises, skills training with state-of-the-art patient simulators, guest speakers and field trips to local healthcare facilities including a trip to the Florida State University College of Medicine in Tallahassee. NFCC registered nursing students and faculty will provide basic first aid skills and first aid training to

participants and share information on how to plan for a chosen career in healthcare, including what classes to take in high school and college.

The camp, sponsored by Big Bend AHEC, the Healthcare Workforce Network and NFCC Allied Health, is a great camp for young students interested in healthcare as a possible career or students who simply want to have fun while learning valuable information this summer. The fee to attend includes meals, snacks and skills lab materials. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited to the first 20 students who pre-register. Deadline to register is Monday, June 10. To pre-register or for additional information, contact Denise Bell at (850) 973-9481 or email CommunityEducation@nfcc.edu.

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