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## Road paving status doesn't sit well with some

County says they are doing all they can to expedite the project

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It was standing room only in the commission boardroom. -Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

Belleville resident Alberta Young was on the agenda at the Aug. 20 meeting of the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners to speak again about the paving of NW 23rd Blvd. where she resides.

"I'm back again and I'll be back forever, whatever it takes," Young began. "I am very disappointed in our county commissioners."

Young said she doesn't think the commissioners understand how critical the situation is along unpaved NW 23rd Blvd.

"I know you all say you do, but for 20 years it's been on the map and it's never been done," said Young. "Not only has there been death on that

road, but a mother lost her child, a husband lost his wife, and two kids lost their mother because of it."

Just the other day, she said, a car overturned on the road. There is one particular 90 degree curve on the road that is of particular concern, she added, that causes vehicles to slam into a tree.

Engineer Greg Bailey said the safety concern on that curve will be corrected in the new construction plan.

"To try to do something with it now, you would have to basically work on private property because the road kind of cuts in there," said Bailey. "Even mowing it (overgrown brush) down is going to have a limited effect because the road is cut into

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### NOW OPEN

## Jasper Family Restaurant and Pizza



It's official! Jasper Family Restaurant and Pizza is now open!

### Host restaurant of the HCHS Trojans

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A brand new restaurant opened their doors in downtown Jasper with a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, Aug. 16. Members of the Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce were on hand to join in the celebration.

Nancy Thomas is the proprietor of Jasper Family Restaurant and Pizza, located at 104 Central Avenue and she was thrilled with the turnout for the grand opening, especially when

some of her friends arrived all the way from Naples to wish her well.

Guests were treated to door prizes, fun and games, contests and mouthwatering barbecue beginning at 10 a.m. One of the contests was to see how far one could spit a watermelon seed. Thomas said she was unable to get any watermelon seeds, so she improvised with pumpkin seeds, which were a little bit harder to spit, but fun nonetheless.

Thomas is originally from Pasco County and has worked

in the restaurant business her entire life, she said. She was even part-owner of a restaurant in Land-O-Lakes for two years before deciding to go back to college in 2004 to finish her nursing degree.

Thomas said her father Terry Thomas moved to Jasper about 13 years ago and bought a horse ranch in Jennings, which he eventually sold before moving out of state. After a divorce, he came back to Hamilton County and bought a smaller 20 acre

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## Parent upset about dress code at North Hamilton

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Hamilton County resident Amy Norris has a beef with the Hamilton County School District regarding conflicting information on the dress code for her two youngest children who are students at North Hamilton Elementary (NHE) and she plans to file a petition to have it changed.

An upset Norris said she would "go to the Department of Education or to Governor Rick Scott" if she didn't get any satisfaction from the school district.

Norris has three children enrolled in Hamilton County schools; one at the high school and two

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## Jennings racetrack denied addition of go cart racing

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A second and final public hearing on SE 13-03 concerning a modification to an existing special exception for Palm Valley Racing, Inc. (d/b/a Jennings GP) was held on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at the Hamilton County Commissioner's boardroom and was denied by the commissioners immediately following the hearing at their regularly scheduled board meeting.

The original special exception allowed Palm Valley Rac-



Borge Lerner from Palm Valley Racing was denied adding go-carts to his operation. -Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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## Jasper man dies on SR 6 from medical issue

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A Jasper man died in a single vehicle incident as a result of a medical issue Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 21, in Hamilton County, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Reports show that on Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 1:40 p.m., Troy Smith, 77, Jasper, was stopped on the north shoulder of SR 6, about four and a half miles west of I-75 in a 2008 International dump truck when he began to experience a medical issue. The vehicle rolled forward and traveled across the roadway to the south shoulder and came to a stop in a wooded area.

Smith was pronounced deceased on the scene by Hamilton County EMS, FHP said.

## HCSO assists with Union County shooting spree

Five shot, four dead, including gunman

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Hamilton County Sheriff Harrell Reid came to the aid of long time friend Jerry Whitehead, who is also the sheriff of Union County, as soon as he learned of a shooting spree going on at Pritchett Trucking and other locations in Lake Butler Saturday morning.

Reid said, "they were stretched thin and I went there to offer my support."

A press release from the Union County Sheriff's Office (UCSO) states that on Saturday, Aug. 24, around 9 a.m., Hubert Allen, Jr., 72, Lake Butler, went on a shooting spree throughout Union County. Allen was a long time employee of Pritchett Trucking, Inc. and

went to a location owned by Marvin Pritchett (also owner of Pritchett Trucking) off CR 18A. Allen had an encounter with a former coworker, Rolando Gonzalez-Delgado, 28, and shot and killed him. A short distance away, Allen also shot and killed 80-year-old Marvin Pritchett.

The report states that minutes later, Allen confronted another former employee, Lewis Mabrey Jr., 66, driving a farm tractor at the same location. They exchanged words and Allen fired one shot, striking Mabrey in the left arm and side. Mabrey was rushed to Shands UF by Union County Emergency Medical Services and later underwent surgery for a broken arm and other injuries. He was listed in stable and good condition, according to authorities.

Shortly thereafter, Allen went to Pritchett Trucking at 1050 SE 6 Street in Lake Butler and shot a third coworker, David Griffis, 44, in the stomach. Griffis was rushed to Shands UF and was initially listed in critical condition. On Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 7:39 a.m., Griffis died from his injuries, according to Major Garry Seay from UCSO.

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# Road paving status doesn't sit well with some

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the bank there at that location."

Resident Frank Smith said the commissioners don't understand the severity of the issue because they don't go down to NW 23rd Blvd. Another resident questioned why other roads in the county have been getting repaved and NW 23rd Blvd. is being ignored. Even putting down some lime rock, he said, would help and would let the residents along that road know that the commissioners are really concerned about it.

A 73-year-old female

resident of Belleville asked the commissioners, "How many years does it take to do one little ol' dirt road out there in Belleville? Two hundred years? All of us will be dead and gone. What are you waiting on?"

Commission Chair Ogburn simply replied, "Money. We have not had the money to do it. Hopefully it is about to happen."

He reminded everyone that they are in the process of trying to secure rights of way so that the project will be able to start when the funds become available from the Florida Department of Transportation.

Young repeated a previous complaint about the condition of the dirt road that keeps tearing up residents' cars. She also said she wasn't pleased with the 2015 projected date of construction, saying it really needed to be addressed sooner.

Ogburn told Young, "We are working diligently to pave that road."

Commissioner Josh Smith said, "It's not as if the board has sat here and done absolutely nothing. I can tell you it's not in our hands, we can't force the state of Florida to act any quicker. We've asked Mr.

Green (FDOT) to align some of the projects and right now we're at \$900,000 difference from what was estimated and what was actually come up with by Bailey."

Smith told Young that the board has contacted Green at FDOT and given him her request.

"We made it clear to him that this road was probably a little more important than the other ones that needed to be resurfaced," said Smith.

Commissioner Beth Burnam reminded Young that she (Young) left early and didn't hear the entire explanation at the last meeting with Green as to why they

couldn't switch out the resurfacing projects with the NW 23rd Blvd. project. The reason being the NW 23rd Blvd. project is split over two years with split funding.

"If we tried to switch those, we might risk losing the funding for one or both of them," said Burnam.

Burnam then offered an updated list of responses from affected residents along 23rd Blvd. for rights of way. Some still had not made a decision, while others either offered to give the land to the county or offered to sell it to them. The money to buy the land from those resi-

dents will come from the county, not the FDOT, Burnam explained. She said her task is to try to find out how much money the county will have to come up with to purchase those pieces of land.

"I do appreciate that y'all are trying to do something," Young told the board. "I just wanted to let you know what was going on, on that particular road."

Smith told Young that getting rights of way from residents is probably the slowest part of the process in getting the road paved.

## Parent upset about dress code at North Hamilton

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younger children, ages six and eight, who are enrolled at NHE. She said the week before school started she first went online to a saved link on her computer for NHE and clicked on the dress code link where she jotted down the specifications for shirts and bottoms that were allowed according to the school board approved dress code. Then she went shopping for school clothes and school supplies for all three of her children and spent about \$800 total.

The problem is that on the school's website, the dress code for NHE was not updated online to reflect recent changes, so Norris wound up buying the wrong type shirts for her two elementary school kids.

The old dress code for NHE, which was still posted online Monday morning, Aug. 26, allowed any color short or long sleeved shirt. The new dress code states that shirts must be solid colors. Norris said she bought presentable, non-offensive striped polo shirts and she was within the guidelines stated on NHE's dress code link.

The old dress code was removed later Monday morning and replaced with a link to the District home page where the new dress code is posted.

When Norris dropped her kids off at school, she was advised by NHE's assistant principal Peggy Hasty, and later Superintendent Thomas Moffses, that the new dress code was on the school district's website under the "District Home" link and that the new dress code would be enforced.

Norris was informed that her kids would be sent home if their clothing didn't comply with the dress code. She said she can't return the clothes to the store because they've already been worn and she can't afford to go out again and buy more clothes.

"I saved up all year to buy school clothes for my kids," she said. "They're going to wear the clothes that I bought them," she added.

Norris said she should be given some leeway on the dress code because of the conflicting information on the school district's website and if not, she plans on starting a petition to get the dress code changed. If that doesn't work, she said

she will go as high as the Florida Department of Education in Tallahassee and/or the governor.

Moffses told the *Jasper News* by phone, "I met with Ms. Norris and understand her con-

cern, however, the board sets the Hamilton County School District Code of Conduct and dress code for all schools and students. My task as superintendent is to implement the policies as outlined by the board."

## HCSO assists with Union County shooting spree

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When Allen left Pritchett Trucking he returned to his residence off SE 6th Avenue in Lake Butler and took his own life. UCSO believes Allen acted alone in the shootings, according to the press release. Maj. Seay confirmed by phone on Tuesday afternoon that investigators found a note Allen had written and left at his residence. The note listed the names of his targeted victims. One name on the list, which authorities were not divulging, was a person whom Allen was not able to get to.

Seay also stated that investigators are doing a profile of the medications Allen was taking and trying to determine if they played any part in the incident.

"It's a tragic thing for our community," said Seay.

Investigators are interviewing Pritchett Trucking employees and witnesses to determine a motive behind the shootings. UCSO had

called in investigators from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to assist with the five different crime scenes, as well as traffic control. Other agencies who assisted were Florida Department of Corrections, Baker, Bradford and Hamilton County Sheriff's Offices, 8th Circuit Medical Examiner's Office, Florida Highway Patrol and Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.

"We ask that you pray for all of the families involved," said UCSO Sheriff Whitehead. "This is a tragic impact on our community and we will update you as more information is available."

Congressman Ted Yoho (R-Fla.) stated on his Facebook page, "Our thoughts and prayers are with the Pritchett family and all the victims of this weekend's terrible shooting. I am very honored to have known and spent time with Marvin. He was a great man and Carolyn and I wish his entire family our sincerest condolences."

## Greater Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church in Jasper

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Church Anniversary  
Sept. 2-6, at 7:30 nightly  
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Rev. Desi Nixon  
Homecoming Service is  
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Speaker will be  
Rev. J.T. (Billy) Simon  
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Lunch will be served  
All are invited to attend....Come  
one, come all....WELCOME!

## Jennings racetrack denied addition of go cart racing

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ing, located at 4960 NW CR 152 in Jennings, to operate a racetrack or speedway in an agricultural zoning district in the city of Jennings, where they currently hold motorcycle races.

The applicant, Borge Larsen, wasn't making any changes to the site itself or adding any buildings, but only asking that he be able to add shifter karts (go-carts) and road racing karts to their operation, in addition to the motorcycles that are already permitted.

The planning and zoning board held a first public hearing on the issue the week prior, and after hearing the applicant's request and listening to public comments, the planning and zoning board unanimously voted to deny the modification to the special exception, based on current noise levels and the applicant being out of compliance with the previously approved special exception.

The county commissioners have final say in such matters, however, they do take into consideration the recommendations of the planning and zoning board.

"Basically, the reason I'm applying for this mainly is because of the downturn in the economic environment and it's really put the squeeze on us," said Larsen. "I'm looking for a broader revenue base, basically to affect the supply and demand, so that we can up our rates a little bit and increase the jobs that we already have."

Lerner admitted that the big sticking point about the current operation with the motorcycles is a noise factor, but he said he believes the go-carts won't be as loud, even performing noise tests that morning to prove his point.

"The carts came in consistently 2-4 decibels below the bikes," said Lerner.

He said he understood the community's concern about the noise level at the raceway and has heard all the complaints from the neighbors, however, he refuted some of their claims, which he said were definitely erroneous.

Lerner said he would offer a solution and get rid of some of the bike events and replace them with go-cart events. He asked for a one year deviation from the existing special exception to allow the go-carts, and then let the neighbors make the decision.

About five more people, Lerner said, would be employed temporarily on a part time basis by the company if they were allowed to add the go-carts. They currently employ about 18 people.

After some back and forth discussion between the board and Lerner on economic advantages to the county that the business could bring in, listening to more noise complaints from the public, as well as pleas from some of the employees of the racetrack, the board closed the public hearing and reopened the regular board meeting. A vote was taken and the board unanimously denied the modification to the special exception.

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# Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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"Life in White Springs", the column, has been missing for a few weeks but not without good reason. Merri and I have been in Keels, Newfoundland, on the east coast of Canada, visiting with Dennis and Dottie Price and with former White Springs residents Doug Leatherbury and Peggy Bulger. Peggy, a world renowned folklorist, led a folkloric tour group on a tour of rural Newfoundland, including Keels, a tiny fishing village, smaller than White Springs if you can believe that, located on the east coast of Newfoundland, right on the North Atlantic ocean. We had a wonderful time but, interestingly enough, it was from the perspective of that tiny fishing village, 2,400 miles away, that I gained a new appreciation for life in White Springs. You see, Keels is in some ways similar to what White Springs was like over a hundred years ago. Keels' population is less than 60 people now, down from almost 400 in 1940, so everybody in town really does know everybody else in town and many of them got to know us and remembered us from previous visits. Since Keels is at the end of the road, there is very little traffic as nobody is just "passing through". Everybody there is there on purpose. Keels is removed from modern technology, there is no cell phone or high speed internet coverage. Yes, they do have electricity, but there is not a single air conditioner in the entire town, and many of the homes still have and use out-houses and wells, some of them hand pumped! The people there are wonderful, indeed, everywhere we visited in Newfoundland we were treated well and made to feel welcome. As a result of treating people well and making them feel welcome, Keels and many other small fishing villages in Newfoundland are enjoying a rebirth. Tourists come to enjoy these places nestled in the unspoiled natural beauty of the Newfoundland coast. Canadians and American alike are visiting and falling in love with the region. Some of them are purchasing and restoring some of the historic old homes that have fallen on hard times. New businesses have sprung up that cater to the

tourism trade. After decades of economic stagnation, there is hope, and you can sense the positive attitude in some of the forward thinking residents, particularly when you are among the newcomers, who recognize what a treasure these small Newfoundland towns really are. Like I said, you don't have to look too hard to see some of the similarities between Rural Newfoundland and Rural North Florida. We enjoyed our visit, but we are oh so glad to be home again, in our beautiful little town of White Springs with its promising future, complete with our family of friends and our one hundred and eight year old house with air conditioning and indoor plumbing! I have come back from "the good old days". It was fun but I'm here to tell you, Life in the here and now of White Springs is good and it's good to be home!

Have you been fishing in the White Springs area lately? I'm told that all the rainfall had been good for fishing, both in our area lake and on the river, especially where the feeder creeks come in. We enjoy excellent fishing in our area. Did you know that Florida is the fishing capital of the world, with 7,700 lakes and 10,550 miles of rivers, not to mention our salt water fishing? We have over three million resident anglers and they contribute a lot to the economy. I hope some of them spend some of that money at our local bait and tackle shops.

There is a lot going on in the upcoming weeks and months and I want to give you a heads up so that you can start to plan on attending some of the exciting goings on around White Springs. For starters, here is what is going on at the Stephen Foster State Folk Culture Center in the upcoming weeks and months.

Come to the River Healing Arts Festival and 5K Run/Walk Sept. 7. The 5K run/walk will start at 8 a.m. For entrée and details please contact Susan at the Craft Store. The Healing Arts Exhibits and Activities will start at 10 a.m. and will include Round Robin Yoga, Subconscious Mind & Hypnosis, The Artist's Way, Healing Herbs, Acupuncture, Massage, Aroma Therapy, Art, Crafts, Education and delicious food. Alternatives to modern health care often yield excellent results. Come and see what is available for your good health.

Also on Saturday, Sept. 7, just outside the gate of the Folk Center at the old White Springs Library building, the kids from the White Springs Hope after school pro-

gram will be offering baked goods, furniture, and some "odds and ends" to raise money for the White Springs after school program. You might find some real treasure here! The Rural Aquifer bus that was hand painted by the kids will be on display too. Stop by and support these wonderful kids and this important program!

If you have some information you want to share about what is happening in White Springs I would love to hear from you. I hope to see you out and about, enjoying life in White Springs.

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## Hamilton County Football Schedule

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Colors: Red, Black, White  
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League: 1A District 5  
Division: FL Class 1A

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 30	Fort White	7:30p
Sept. 6	Suwannee	7:30p
Sept. 13	@Chiefland	7:30p
Sept. 20	@Maclay	7p
Sept. 27	Union County	7:30p
Oct. 4	@Lafayette*	7:30p
Oct. 11	@Dixie County	7:30p
Oct. 18	Branford*	7:30p
Oct. 27	Union County	7:30p
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AGENDA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Room 112 – Courthouse 207 Northeast First Street  
Jasper, Florida  
MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – UNAGENDAED APPEARANCES (\*)  
CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL  
DISCUSSION OF RURAL HEALTH CLINIC  
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK-STATUS REPORT  
APPOINTMENT OF VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD MEMBERS  
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EXTENSION OF THE 2013 TAX ROLL PURSUANT TO SECTION 197.323  
APPROVE BILLS  
CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
ADJOURN

### TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

9:00 A.M. – CALL TO ORDER – INVOCATION – PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
9:05 A.M. - COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT  
9:10 A.M. – SHIP PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

1:30 P.M. – FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET WORKSHOP

5:05 P.M. – 2014 FISCAL YEAR TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

DUE TO PUBLICATION DEADLINE, THIS AGENDA MAY NOT CONTAIN ALL MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED AFTER 1:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2013 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, COURTHOUSE, JASPER, FLORIDA.

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

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CONSENT AGENDA

September 3, 2013

MINUTES – APPROVE:

August 6, 2013 – Regular Meeting  
August 16, 2013 – Budget Workshop

DEPARTMENT HEADS – ACTION ITEMS

DEPARTMENT HEADS – INFORMATION ITEMS

# Hunger Action Month is September, 2013

Get fed up with hunger - \$1 feeds 3 people.

Feed-a-Family Mobile Outreaches will be fighting to end hunger in Hamilton County at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Jasper Civic Center.

How often do you go hungry? One hour, four hours, half a day? Many

people in America battle hunger 365 days a year.

Many of us think about donating to food banks and pantries only during the holiday season, but many families need help fighting hunger every day. It is not just children and

young families struggling with hunger. We see many elderly come through our offices and attending our outreaches that are struggling to fight hunger, as well.

What can you do to help? Donate your time by volunteering at our local food bank or Catholic Charities. Contact Scott Elkins, 386-755-5683 or

Pam Knighton, 386-754-9180.

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Serving together,  
Suzanne M. Edwards  
Chief Operating Officer

## Idle-speed, no-wake zone activated on stretch of Santa Fe River

A 32-mile segment of the Santa Fe River is once again an idle-speed, no-wake zone, according to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officials.

Zone 5, which runs from River Rise within O'Leno State Park west to the confluence of the Suwannee River, was activated as an idle-speed, no-wake zone Friday because of rising water levels.

This area of the river becomes an idle-speed, no-wake zone when the Santa Fe River reaches 17 feet as indicated on the Three Rivers gauge, where flood stage is 19 feet.

"The Santa Fe reached that level Friday. This is the fourth time this year we've had to activate this zone," said Capt. Martin Redmond, area supervisor at the FWC's Lake City office.

An idle-speed, no-wake zone means a vessel must proceed at a speed no greater than required to maintain steerage and headway. At no time is any vessel

required to proceed so slowly the operator is unable to control it or anything it may be towing.

FWC officers will be patrolling this area of the river to ensure the idle-speed, no-wake zone is enforced, Redmond said.

"The higher water levels can create navigational hazards, such as floating debris, rocks, stumps and shoaling conditions for unsuspecting boaters. We want everyone to be safe," Redmond said.

The idle-speed, no-wake zone will stay in effect until the water level recedes below 17 feet.

The other four zones are:

Zone 1 - from the U.S. 90 Bridge at Ellaville south to the State Road 51 Bridge at

Luraville. This 39-mile segment becomes an idle-speed, no-wake zone when the Suwannee River reaches 47 feet or more above mean sea level at the Ellaville gauge, where flood stage is 54 feet.

Zone 2 - from the S.R. 51 Bridge at Luraville to

Little River Spring. This 18-mile segment becomes an idle-speed, no-wake zone when the Suwannee River reaches 26 feet or more above mean sea level at the Branford gauge, where flood stage is 29 feet.

Zone 3 - from Little River Spring to the County Road 340 Bridge at Rock Bluff. This 23-mile segment becomes an idle-speed, no-wake zone when the Suwannee River reaches 24 feet or more above mean sea level at the Branford gauge.

Zone 4 - from the C.R. 340 Bridge at Rock Bluff to one mile below the Fowler Bluff Boat Ramp. This 51-mile segment will be an idle-speed, no-wake zone when the Suwannee River reaches 9 feet or more above mean sea level at the Wilcox gauge, where flood stage is 11 feet.

For more information about the flood zones, please call 386-758-0525. To report violations, please call 888-404-3922.

To obtain real-time river levels, visit [www.mysuwanneeriver.com](http://www.mysuwanneeriver.com).

## Gov. Scott and FWC Announce Saltwater License-Free Fishing Day

TALLAHASSEE - Today, Governor Rick Scott and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announced a saltwater license-free fishing day for September 1. On this day, Florida residents and visitors can experience Florida's unique saltwater fishing opportunities first hand without being required to have a recreational saltwater fishing license.

Governor Scott said, "The license-free fishing day on September 1 is a great way for families to enjoy Florida's incredible saltwater fishing opportunities during the Labor Day holiday. Florida is the Fishing Capital of the World and this license-free weekend is a great opportunity to introduce friends and family who may have never experienced Florida saltwater fishing to enjoy the Sunshine States' bountiful waters and historic fishing communities."

License-free fishing days, including

freshwater days, were held earlier this year on April 13 and June 8 for freshwater and June 1 for saltwater. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will consider adding four additional license-free fishing days to the calendar at the Sept. 5 meeting in Pensacola. If approved, there will be two more saltwater and two more freshwater license-free fishing days before the end of 2013. All other regulations still apply.

An annual license for residents can be purchased at 1-888-FISH-Florida or at [License.MyFWC.com](http://License.MyFWC.com). All fishing license fees are used to support Florida fish and wildlife conservation and help attain additional funding for Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration projects.

All bag limits, seasons and size restrictions apply on these dates. For fishing tips, locations and rules, visit [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing).

## Tarpon, bonefish become catch-and-release only beginning Sept. 1

Two premier recreational fisheries will soon have new protections in place, a measure aimed at ensuring that tarpon and bonefish's economic and fishing value remain for generations to come. Tarpon and bonefish become catch-and-release only fisheries beginning Sept. 1.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved these proactive management measures at its June 12 meeting in Lakeland. The catch-and-release proposal was adopted in recognition of the fact that the economic and fishing values of bonefish and tarpon greatly exceed their value as food fishes.

The following changes will go into effect Sept. 1 in state and federal waters off Florida:

All harvest of tarpon will be eliminated, with the exception of the harvest or possession of a single tarpon when in pursuit of an International Game Fish Association record and in conjunction with a tarpon tag.

Tarpon tags will be limited to one per person, per year except for properly licensed charter boat captains and

fishing guides.

Transport or shipment of tarpon becomes limited to one fish per person.

There will be a one-fish-per-vessel limit for tarpon.

Gear used for tarpon will be limited to hook-and-line only.

Multiple hooks in conjunction with live or dead natural bait cannot be used to target or harvest tarpon, or to target bonefish.

People will be allowed to temporarily possess a tarpon for photography, measurement of length and girth and scientific sampling, with the stipulation that tarpon more than 40 inches must remain in the water.

Tarpon regulations will extend into federal waters.

The bonefish tournament exemption permit is eliminated. This exemption allowed tournament anglers with the proper permit to temporarily possess bonefish for transport to a tournament scale.

To learn more about tarpon and bonefish, visit [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing) and click on "Saltwater" and "Recreational Regulations."

## Old fashion revival

"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

Sept. 9-13, 7 p.m. nightly with

Pastor Steve Redman at Bible Baptist Church, 4786 US 41 S, Jasper, FL 32052, phone is 386-792-0720.

## Pharmacy Technology



**Pharmacy Technology** offers a broad foundation of knowledge and skills to become a registered and certified pharmacy technician. The program prepares students for entry level employment as a pharmacy technician. The content of the program includes:

90 hours Basic Healthcare Worker  
360 hours Pharmacy Technician 1  
300 hours Pharmacy Technician 2  
300 hours Pharmacy Technician 3

### Job Opportunities

Certified Pharmacy Technicians will assist pharmacists in preparing and dispensing pharmaceutical drugs. Technicians will work under a licensed pharmacist in various setting - retail, hospital or correctional institutions.

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration. The deposit will be applied to the tuition and fees of the student.

**ENROLLMENT DEADLINE SEPT. 10TH**

For further information please contact us:

Main Office: 386-647-4200 | Student Services: 386-647-4210 | Financial Aid: 386-647-4214



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The Orchard  
is Expanding...

## Just For You!

Jasper Campus Officially Launches  
September 15, 2013

Hamilton County Courthouse Annex,  
1153 US Hwy 41, Jasper  
Service begins 10 a.m.

## Come to the River Healing Arts Festival & 5K

Saturday September 7, 2013  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

5K Run/Walk begins at 8 a.m. Festival begins after 5K

Events, Workshops, Demonstrations,  
Children's Area, Food, Yoga, Art,  
Acupuncture, Aroma Therapy,  
Hypnosis and much more!

Register for the 5K at [active.com](http://active.com) and  
for more information or to register as  
a vendor call Susan at Stephen  
Foster Folk Culture Center State  
Park (386) 397-1920

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Board of Directors will hold a meeting for the Executive Committee Members on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, 10:00 A.M. at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Administration Office located at 1171 Nobles Ferry Road NW Live Oak, Florida. 08/29

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Board of Directors will hold a Finance & Audit Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, 9:30 A.M. at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Administration Office located at 1171 Nobles Ferry Road NW in Live Oak, Florida. 08/29

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Town of White Springs will hold a public meeting on **September 10, 2013 at 6:00 PM**. The meeting will be held at Town Hall, 10363 Bridge Street W., White Springs, FL 32096, for the sole purpose of discussing a grant application to be submitted to the Department or Environmental Protection, Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program for the further development of Willie Guy Turner Park located off of US 41 South (near the intersection of Spring Street and Adams Memorial Circle), White Springs, FL. The Public or any interested persons are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Shirley Heath, Town Clerk, at (386) 397-2310. 08/29

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Town of White Springs will hold a public meeting on **September 10, 2013 at 6:15 PM**. The meeting will be held at Town Hall, 10363 Bridge Street W., White Springs, FL 32096, for the sole purpose of discussing a grant application to be submitted to the Department or Environmental Protection, Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program for the further development of Veterans Park located at 16609 Spring Street, White Springs, FL. The Public or any interested persons are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Shirley Heath, Town Clerk, at (386) 397-2310. 08/29

**NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3215, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Town of White Springs Comprehensive Plan, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Town Council of White Springs, Florida, at a public hearing on September 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Council Meeting Room, Town Hall located at **10363 Bridge Street**, White Springs, Florida.

**CPA13-01**, a petition by the Town of White Springs, Florida, requesting an amendment to the Town of White Springs Comprehensive Plan based on findings of the Town's Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR).

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

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

Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the Land Use Administrator, located at **10363 Bridge Street**, White Springs, Florida, during regular business hours.

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All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 08/29

**NOTICE OF PERMIT REVISION**

**Florida Department of Environmental Protection Northeast District Office  
File Number FL0000655-007-IW1S  
PCS Phosphate-White Springs  
Hamilton County, Florida**

Enclosed is a permit revision for Permit Number FL0000655, issued under Chapter 403, Florida Statutes. The revision is to close the Dorr Oliver Cooling Pond and to reduce the toxicity monitoring frequency from quarterly to semi-annually for outfalls D-001, D-002 and I-C41. The revised DMR is attached for use effective September 2013. The facility is located at latitude 30 degrees, 24' 40.37" N, longitude 82 degrees 46' 59.57" W on CR-137, North of White Springs, White Springs, Florida 32096 in Hamilton County.

The Department's proposed agency action shall become final unless a petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, within fourteen days of receipt of notice. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below.

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

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), Florida Administrative Code, a person may request an extension of the time for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. The request must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel before the end of the time period for filing a petition for an administrative hearing.

Petitions by the applicant or any of the persons listed below must be filed within fourteen days of receipt of this written notice.

Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, must be filed within fourteen days of publication of the notice or within fourteen days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, however, also allows that any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within fourteen days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

The failure of any person to file a petition or request for an extension of time within fourteen days of receipt of notice shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information, as indicated in Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code:  
(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;  
(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the determination;  
(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the Department's decision;  
(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;

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(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department's proposed action;  
(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Department's proposed action; and  
(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the Department to take with respect to the Department's proposed action.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Department have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

In addition to requesting an administrative hearing, any petitioner may elect to pursue mediation. The election may be accomplished by filing with the Department a mediation agreement with all parties to the proceeding (i.e., the applicant, the Department, and any person who has filed a timely and sufficient petition for a hearing). The agreement must contain all the information required by Rule 28-106.404, Florida Administrative Code. The agreement must be received by the Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, within ten days after the deadline for filing a petition, as set forth above. Choosing mediation will not adversely affect the right to a hearing if mediation does not result in a settlement.

As provided in Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, the timely agreement of all parties to mediate will toll the time limitations imposed by Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, for holding an administrative hearing and issuing a final order. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the mediation must be concluded within sixty days of the execution of the agreement.

If mediation results in settlement of the administrative dispute, the Department must enter a final order incorporating the agreement of the parties. Persons seeking to protect their substantial interests that would be affected by such a modified final decision must file their petitions within fourteen days of receipt of this notice, or they shall be deemed to have waived their right to a proceeding under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes.

If mediation terminates without settlement of the dispute, the Department shall notify all parties in writing that the administrative hearing processes under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, remain available for disposition of the dispute, and the notice will specify the deadlines that then will apply for challenging the agency action and electing remedies under those two statutes.

This permit action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition (or request for an extension of time) is filed in accordance with the above. Upon the timely filing of a petition (or request for an extension of time), this permit will not be effective until further order of the Department.

Any party to this permit has the right to seek judicial review of the permit action under Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by the filing of a notice of appeal under Rules 9.110 and 9.190, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-3000, and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date when this permit action is filed with the Clerk of the Department. Executed in Jacksonville, Florida. STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION Melissa M. Long, P.E. Program Administrator Water and Environmental Resource Permitting 08/29

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Steve Suty or Darla Brown the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year(s) of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

**CERTIFICATE NO.:  
107 Issued May 31, 2006**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
Parcel No. 2780-080  
Section 1 Township 1N Range 13E  
1689C11 Lot 11  
Meadow Brook Woods**

**NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:  
Florida Land Group**

All of said property being in the County of Hamilton, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Front Door of the Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida at **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2013**.

Pursuant to Chapter 197.542(2), Florida Statutes, the highest bidder is required to post a non-refundable cash deposit of \$200 with the Clerk of Court at the time of the sale, to be applied to the sale price at the time of full payment. The Clerk may require bidders to show their willingness and ability to post the cost deposit.

/s/ Kristy Morgan  
Greg Godwin  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
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08/08, 15, 22, 29

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**CERTIFICATE NO.:  
168 Issued May 31, 2006**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
Parcel No. 3139-400  
Section 7 Township 2N Range 13E  
2034-40 Lot 40 Fox Hollow Subd  
ORB 319-163**

**NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:  
Michele Lieberman**

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**CERTIFICATE NO.:  
17 Issued May 31, 2006**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
Parcel No. 1382-000  
Section 8 Township 1N Range 15E  
362 NW/4 OF NE/4 AND N/2 OF NW/4 ORB 270-225 ORB 3352-21  
LESS PART OF ORB 458-321**

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**NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:  
Deborah W Jones**

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**CERTIFICATE NO.:  
196 Issued May 31, 2006**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
Parcel No. 3478-290  
Section 10 Township 1N Range 12E  
2407A28 Lot 28 West Lake Farms  
ORB 416-48 2.00AC**

**NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:  
Donald Charles Riley and  
Lorrie Ausburn**

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**CERTIFICATE NO.:  
229 Issued May 31, 2006**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
Parcel No. 3599-408  
Section 30 Township 1N Range 12E  
2580B5 LotsJ Three River Plantation  
West ORB 573-94 40.01AC**

**NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:  
Joseph Alix and  
Luna Voyard**

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**CERTIFICATE NO.:  
576 Issued May 31, 2006**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
Parcel No. 6515-010  
Section 6 Township 1N Range 14E  
1-519A Lots 4 Block 108 Langs  
Survey Town Jasper  
ORB 471-55 ORB 597-390**

**NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:  
HC Healthcare Inc**

All of said property being in the County of Hamilton, State of Florida.

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**CERTIFICATE NO.:  
577 Issued May 31, 2006**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
Parcel No. 6516-000  
Section 6 Township 1N Range 14E  
1-520 Lots 2 & 3 Block 108 Langs  
Survey Town Jasper  
ORB 471-55 ORB 597-390**

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

- The following abbreviations are used below:
- DAC - Department of Agriculture Commission
- DOA - Department of Agriculture
- DOT - Department of Transportation
- FDLE - Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- FHP - Florida Highway Patrol
- FWC - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- HCDTF - 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
- Aug. 19, Leon Cordell McCloud, 27, 10590 Willie Johnson St., White Springs, Fla., vop, fraudulent use of credit card, HCSO-Walls
- Aug. 19, Jason Thanh Nguyen, 20, 11716 Hoyt Ave., tampa, Fla., poss. of marijuana, less than 20 grams, poss. of drug paraphernalia, FHP-Hughes
- Aug. 20, Douglas W. Namin, 50, W5 175 #14 Rd., Wallace, Mi., warrant on kidnap, inflict bodily harm or terrorize victim, HCSO-Williams
- Aug. 20, Christopher Nathaniel Seymour, 29, 10760 NW 27 Trail, Jasper, Fla., dwls, 1st offense, HCDTF-McDaniel
- Aug. 20, Letavia Caroyle Gowdy, 22, 1339 Pine Ridge Ct., Forrest Park, Ga., dwls, reckless driving, poss. drug paraphernalia, FHP-Hughes
- Aug. 30, Alex Omar Segarra, 24, 1817 E. Memorial Blvd., Lakeland, Fla., warrant for dui manslaughter, dui serious bodily injury, dui damage to person/property,

- HCSO-Cox
- Aug. 21, William Louis Brown, 28, 506 NW 1 Ave., Jasper, Fla., larceny \$300 or more, less than \$5,000, HCSO-Thomas
- Aug. 21, Pedro Hernandez Perez, 24, 6495 NW 27, Jennings, Fla.,

- attach tag not assigned, JNPD-Meeks
- Aug. 22, Leland Roy Sharpe, 73, agg. assault w/ weapon, poss. of weapon-short barreled gun, HCSO-Howell
- Aug. 22, Fidel Bartolon Velasquez, 32, 1203 Plum St., Apt. A-1,

- Jennings, Fla., disorderly conduct, hold for ICE, JNPD-Meeks
- Aug. 23, Enrique Galber Gonzalez, 19, 2933 NW 67 St., Jennings, Fla., no valid DL, HCSO-Murphy
- Aug. 24, Brad Edward Hawkins, 37, 1270 Bee

- Street, Jasper, Fla., burglary of occupied dwelling unarmed, HCSO-Griffin
- Aug. 24, Arichika Janae Lewis, 25, 2512 Sherida Ave., Des Moines, IA, no valid DL, WSPD-Norris



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## Obituaries



Allan Joseph Fedor, "A.J."  
June 3, 1949  
Aug. 9, 2013

Allan Joseph Fedor, "A.J.", 64, passed away on Aug. 9, 2013. He was born June 3, 1949. A.J. was preceded in death by his father, Joe Fedor and is survived by his wife of 21 years, Tracy; son, John Flynn and his wife, Julie; daughter, Jennifer Fedor; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren; his mother, Gladys Fedor Ferry, and brother, Donald Fedor.

He arrived in Fla. from his birth state of Ohio in 1979, where he made his home in Pinellas County and later retired to White Springs. He was a self-employed innovative modifier of motorized vehicles "extraordinary". His friends and family remember him as someone whose loves were simple: his mother, wife, friends and family, making things in his shop, NASCAR and racing in general, Harley's Western music, Daniel Boone, his Rottweiler's good parties, fishing and the Suwannee.

A memorial service will be held at Haven Hospice Suwannee Valley Care Center located on 6036 W. US Hwy 90, Lake City on Saturday, Aug. 31, 2013 at 10 a.m.

Donations can be made to Haven Hospice at the address listed above.

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AND FUNERAL HOME, 357 NW WILKS LANE, LAKE CITY, FL 32005 PHONE: 386-755-9292 in charge of arrangements.

Robert "Robbie" Walter Fish, II  
Sept. 3, 1973  
Aug. 20, 2013

Robert "Robbie" Walter Fish, II, age 39 of White Springs, Florida passed away unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013.

A memorial celebration was held for Robbie on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013 at Longbranch Congregational Methodist Church with Pastor Tommy Lindsey officiated.

Robbie was born in Lake City, Fla. on Sept. 3, 1973. He grew up in Hamilton County, graduated from Hamilton County High School and completed his education with a Bachelors Degree at Valdosta State. Robbie was a former resident of Atlanta, GA and Lake City, Fla. where he worked in the industrial construction industry.

Survivors include his parents, Robert and Sharon Tomlinson Fish, Lake City, Fla.; his sister and brother-in-law, Niki and Larry Martin, Lake City, Fla.; niece and nephew, Ashton and Grayson Martin of Lake City; maternal grandparents, Lura and Sam Stinchcomb.

The family request in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to CARC-Advocates for Citizens with Disabilities, which is an organization very close to Robbie's heart and a place he volunteered when he was able. Contributions may be mailed to CARC 512 S.W. Sisters Welcome Road, Lake City, Fla. 32025.

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

# Join United Way of Suwannee Valley for its 2013 Annual

## Community Fundraising Campaign Kick off at Florida Gateway College

United Way of Suwannee Valley cordially invites all business leaders and community members to attend its annual community fundraising campaign kick-off event. The event will be conducted at the Florida Gateway College Howard Conference Center at 8:15 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 13. Breakfast will be catered by The Rose Mary Catering Company and will include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, assorted muffins, fruit, coffee, and juice. The cost of the event is \$7 per person. SiTEL is sponsoring the facility fee.

The program will feature a video produced by the Florida Gateway College Audio-Visual Department and sponsored by TD Bank. The video projects this year's annual community fundraising campaign theme of "Imagine Me" and depicts the impacts on the lives of community residents benefitting from services received from United Way affiliated agencies. The event will feature guest speakers who are representatives of local companies which support our community through United Way by conducting a Pacesetter campaign, concluding their company's employee giving campaign prior to the kick-off event and setting the pace for the campaign. Among the Pacesetter companies which will feature their campaign representatives as speakers are Target Distribution Center and Potash-Corp-White Springs.

Each month throughout the campaign season, report luncheons will be rotated to Suwannee, Hamilton and Columbia counties. These events will provide an opportunity for various United Way community impact initiatives and affiliated agencies to be featured in light of the

theme. Representatives of companies which have completed their employee giving campaigns will be featured as they announce their community support.

The local United Way Communications Committee shifted the campaign kick-off event to a morning function several years ago. "Families are so busy with extracurricular activities. The breakfast event is intended to be a beginning to the work day," said Rob Wolfe, chair of the Communications Committee, which is responsible for planning the campaign events. The 8:15 a.m. time is a deliberate effort to enable parents to get children off to school or day care before attending the program. All are invited and encouraged to join our community in celebrating our local United Way and in supporting

our annual community fundraising campaign."

Reservations are required and may be made by contacting the United Way office at 386-752-5604 x 102 by Sept. 6. Tables of eight can be reserved by either families or businesses. Make checks payable to United Way of Suwannee Valley, Inc. 325 NE Hernando Avenue, Lake City, FL 32055.

United Way of Suwannee Valley is a community impact and fundraising organization which, utilizing volunteers on all levels, advances the common good by identifying unmet community needs and seeking to alleviate those needs through United Way of Suwannee Valley initiatives and the funding of 22 affiliated health and human service agencies.

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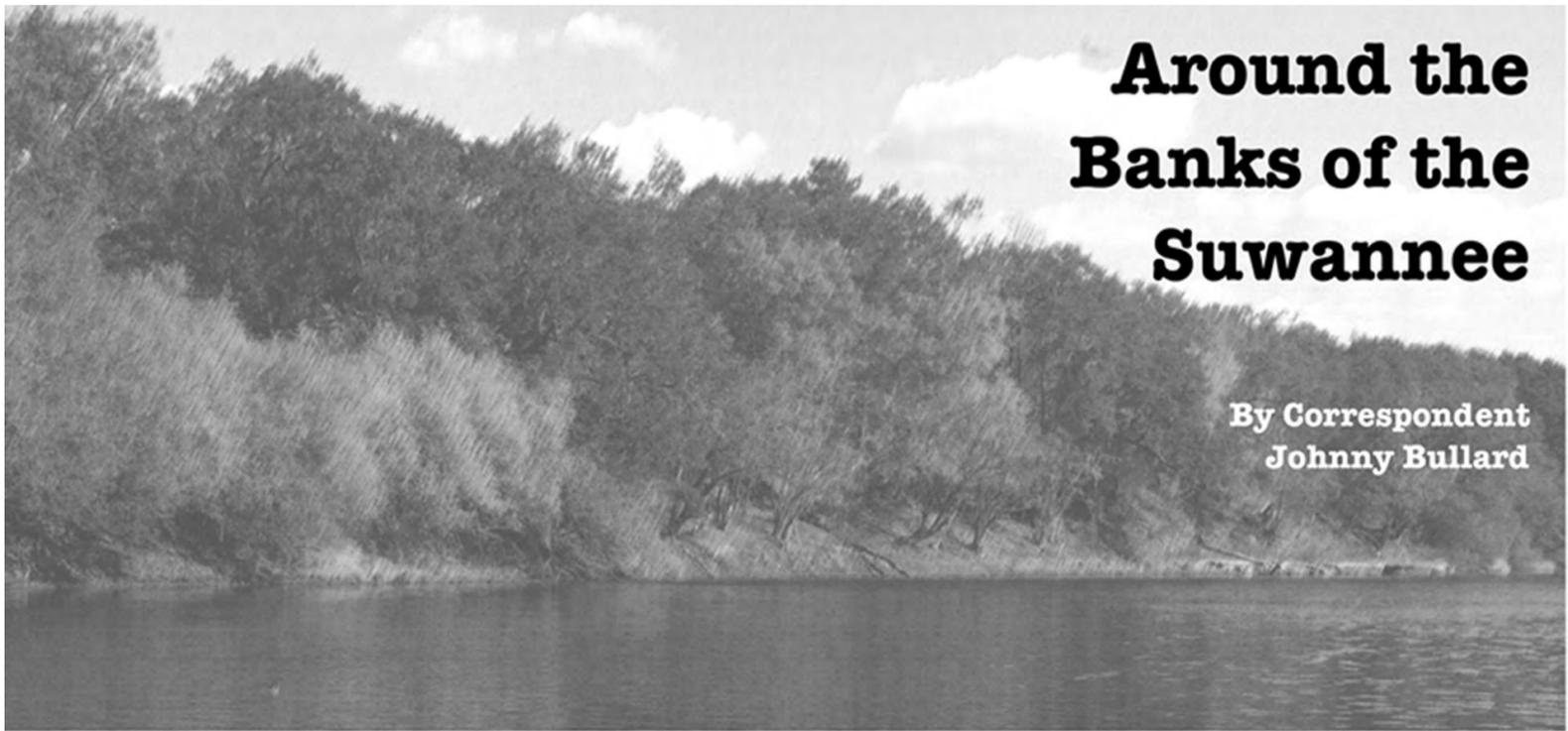
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# Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent  
Johnny Bullard

"Backward turn backward, O time in your flight..."

Make a child again, just for the night."

We all know that you can't "unwind" the clock. Some quotations remind us about time, such as the one seen briefly in the movie "Gone with the Wind":

"Do Not Squander Time, It is the Stuff life is made of."

At least visually, and in reading, as in local history. I took a trip back in time, 55 years ago to be exact, the year I was born, 1958.

A dear friend of mine in Wellborn gave me a copy of a program that was published in 1958 for the Centennial Celebration of Live Oak, Florida. Since my column appears in both the Suwannee Democrat and the Jasper News, I attempt in my feeble way to write something of interest for readers in both counties. This week, I am devoting most of my column to Live Oak, Suwannee County. and I know a lot of my Hamilton County readers will have an interest as well.

The Souvenir Program for the Live Oak Centennial was well prepared and organized, and there was a lot of wonderful information. For the sake of time and space I am going to include in this column a list of some of the businesses and public officials who were a part of Live Oak and Suwannee County in 1958, as well as, what I considered to be, a very wonderful and timeless letter to Live Oak, Florida, from then, Governor Leroy Collins, who was governor of the state of Florida. As an aside his wife's great-grandfather, Richard Keith Call was one of Florida's first territorial governors, and Mrs. Mary Call Collins was largely responsible for the design and original furnishing of the current Governor's mansion at 700 North Adams Street, Tallahassee. Her ancestral home, "The Grove", which as the manor house for the Call Plantation that once covered most of present day Tallahassee is still situated across the street from the governor's mansion. Now, I promise not to go down any more "pig trails", stick to the subject, Johnny.

A partial list of businesses that advertised in the Live Oak Centennial Souvenir Program of 1958.:

- Suwannee Democrat
- North Florida Telephone Company,
- Kent's Grocery and Market
- C.O. Palmer, Painting, Flooring, Sanding, and Finishing
- Live Oak Stone Company
- Sharples
- Suwannee Valley Dairies
- R & V Furniture Company
- Suwannee Sheet Metal Works
- Harry's Food Store
- Howland Feed Mill
- Mrs. Delores Carter, Beautician
- Nehi Bottling Company, Troy Cook, Manager
- McCall's Department Store
- Suwannee Valley Livestock Market
- Dunn Furniture Company
- Otis Brown's Tractor and Implement Company
- L.H. Gill Company
- C.L. Johns and Son
- T&T Grocery and Market (In Front of the Hospital)
- Sweet Peas Café
- Live Oak Bakery
- Parker's Shoe Shop
- Farmer's Hardware
- Blur Front Grocery
- Ratliff Motor Company
- Green's Fuel of Live Oak
- A and W Root Beer Drive In
- Suwannee Warehouse

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The Surprise Store, Elsie and Dave Kruger

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Live Oak Gas Company

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First National Bank of Live Oak

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Live Oak Laundry

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Branford State Bank

Gilmore's Department Store

County Elected Officials for Suwannee County in 1958

Honorable J.M. Hearn, County Judge

Honorable Hugh Lewis, Sheriff,

Honorable Rees Mills, Superintendent of Schools

Honorable William Hubbard Gray, Tax Assessor

Honorable, Horry Hair, State Senator

Honorable Houston Roberts, State Representative

Honorable, W.M. Randall Slaughter, States Attorney

Honorable John Rowland, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Honorable Jack M. Cross, Supervisor of Registration (Elections)

Honorable Lavaughn Green, Tax Collector

The governor of Florida at that time was Leroy Collins. He wrote a letter to the people of Suwannee County that was published in the souvenir program, and I thought the "wording" of the letter was wonderful and is still so timely.

"I have been informed that Suwannee County is planning a splendid celebration in honor of its Centennial during the week of September 26, 1958. It is my pleasure to send along to you the best wishes from the people of the State of Florida on this occasion.

Suwannee County, bordered on three sides by the immortal Suwannee River, made famous by Stephen Collins Foster's song, has steadily progressed during the past 100 years along with the State of Florida. Its agriculture, timber products, live stock

and poultry contribute materially to the high economic standards of the Sunshine State. So long as the haunting refrain of our State song "Way down upon the Swanee River", is heard throughout the world, Florida may proudly point to Suwannee County as the focal point for this world-wide recognition.

I should like to add my personal congratulations to Suwannee County for 100 years well spent and best wishes as Suwannee County begins its second 100 years of progress. "

Sincerely,  
Leroy Collins  
Governor

Suwannee County is now over half way into that next 100 years; 155 years old this year. I just thought there might be an interest to "look back" at that year and time and reminisce for just a bit. If we know where we've been, we can know better where we are going.

I had a wonderful time taking a trip down "memory lane".

Just as a side note to the "Swanee River" and the state song. I noted over twice in a recent publication from the

Suwannee Democrat, a paper and a staff that I hold in high regard that "Old Folks at Home", "Way down upon the Swanee River" written and composed by the famous American songwriter, the late Stephen C. Foster, was replaced by the Florida Legislature in 2008 as the state song of Florida. NOT true. "Where the Sawgrass Meets the Sky" became the state anthem in 2008, but "Old Folks at Home" remains the official state song of Florida, and is today. Just as another reminder regarding Suwannee County, the bill to make "Old Folks at Home" the state song of Florida was sponsored by a Suwannee Countian, the late Senator Clayton Bass who later became Superintendent of Schools for Suwannee County. He sponsored the bill in the state senate for "Old Folks at Home" to become the state song of Florida.. the year was 1935.

Well, enough of looking back, but it was fun for a while. I do thank my good friend for the loan of this souvenir booklet.

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## OPINION

## Re-education at George Mason

This week begins my 34th year serving on George Mason University's distinguished economics faculty. You might imagine my surprise when I received a letter from its Office of Equity and Diversity Services notifying me that I was required to "complete the in-person Equal Opportunity and Prevention of Sexual Harassment Policies and Procedures training." This is a leftist agenda for indoctrination, thought control and free speech suppression to which I shall refuse to submit. Let's look at it.

Ideas such as equity and equal opportunity, while having high emotional value, are vacuous analytical concepts. For example, I've asked students whether they plan to give every employer an equal opportunity to hire them when they graduate. To a person, they always answer no. If they aren't going to give every employer an equal opportunity to hire them, what's fair about forcing employers to give them an equal opportunity to be hired?

I'm guilty of gross violation of equality of opportunity, racism and possibly sexism. Back in 1960, when interviewing people to establish a marital contract, every woman wasn't given an equal opportunity. I discriminated against not only white, Indian, Asian, Mexican and handicapped

women but men of any race. My choices were confined to good-looking black women. You say, "Williams, that kind of discrimination doesn't harm anyone!" Nonsense! When I married Mrs. Williams, other women were harmed by having a reduced opportunity set.

George Mason's Office of Equity and Diversity Services has far more challenging equity and diversity work than worrying about the re-education of Professor Williams. They must know that courts have long held that gross racial disparities are probative of a pattern and practice of discrimination. The most notable gross racial disparity on campus, and hence probative of discrimination, can be found on GMU's fabulous men's basketball team. Blacks are less than 9 percent of student enrollment but are 85 percent of our varsity basketball team and dominate its starting five. It's not just GMU. Watch any Saturday afternoon college basketball game and ask yourself the question fixated in the minds of equity, diversity and inclusion hunters: Does this look like America?

A  
MINORITY  
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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

Among the 10 players on the court, at best there might be two white players. In 2010, 61 percent of Division I basketball players were black, and only 31 percent were white.

Allied with the purveyors of equity, diversity and inclusion are the multiculturalists, who call for the celebration of cultures. For them, all cultures are morally equivalent and to deem otherwise is Eurocentrism. That's unbridled nonsense. Ask your multiculturalist: Is forcible female genital mutilation, as practiced in nearly 30 sub-Saharan Africa and Middle Eastern countries, a morally equivalent cultural value? Slavery is practiced in Sudan and Niger; is that a cultural equivalent? In most of the Middle East, there are numerous limits on women -- such as prohibitions on driving, employment, voting and education. Under Islamic law, in some countries, female adulterers face death by stoning, and thieves face the punishment of having their hand severed. Are these cultural values morally equivalent, superior or inferior to those of the West?

Western values are superior to all

others. Why? The greatest achievement of the West was the concept of individual rights. The Western transition from barbarism to civility didn't happen overnight. It emerged feebly -- mainly in England, starting with the Magna Carta of 1215 -- and took centuries to get where it is today.

One need not be a Westerner to hold Western values. A person can be Chinese, Japanese, Jewish, African or Arab and hold Western values. It's no accident that Western values of reason and individual rights have produced unprecedented health, life expectancy, wealth and comfort for the ordinary person.

Western values are under ruthless attack by the academic elite on college campuses across America. They want to replace personal liberty with government control and replace equality before the law with entitlement. The multiculturalism and diversity agenda is a cancer on our society, and our tax dollars and charitable donations are supporting it.

*Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University. To find out more about Walter E. Williams and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).*

## So is it for real, or is it all staged?

Dwain Walden  
The Moultrie Observer

I've written several columns about "reality" television shows, and just yesterday a friend was debating me on whether many of these shows are "staged" and "choreographed." I took the position that they are staged, and my friend didn't think so.

Now it really doesn't matter whether it is or not. What I mean is, it's just a form of entertainment, and whether those people are shooting from the hip or reading their lines off their sleeves between the catsup and mustard stains is purely peripheral to the essence of the nonsense.

But since the discussion had begun, I felt somewhat obligated to substantiate my reasoning.

So I gave my friend the example of the "moonshine" episodes. Well he pointed out that he grew up in a place where there was lots of moonshining



going on, and he could relate to how they made their mash, built their stills and marketed their finished product.

I told him that I did not argue the fine technicalities of the craft, but my point was that this was not a real moonshine operation. He didn't want to buy into that at first and then I explained to him that moonshining, despite its rich heritage here in the South, was illegal and that perhaps he hadn't noticed that there were camera crews following these people around.

In this instance, they were digging a deep hole and installing timbers for an underground operation.

My point to him was that if this was a real event, then the revenuers were watching the same program that we were watching.

I think that's where the light came on for him.

But I felt he needed other examples. I told him that when he watched a

cave explorer squeeze through a tight crevice, just to ask himself where the cameraman was standing.

"He's already in the hole looking back," my friend said, as if he had just had an epiphany of sorts.

"Exactly," I said.

And I noted that the cameraman had a lot more stuff to push through that tight squeeze than did the explorer.

On to other venues of "reality." I asked him if he ever watched those "Axe Men" shows. And he said he did.

Well just notice that their equipment is always breaking down, bogging down or two hotheads are getting into a fight. It was my position that if they went to work every day and just cut down trees and hauled them out, then there would be no show. And if their equipment broke down as often as portrayed, there would be no profits. Thus, they must invent drama.

Now about those "Ice Road Truckers." Just how many tractor-trailer rigs have you ever seen with cameras mounted underneath to show the drive shaft spinning and the wheels!

mired in ice and snow? If you've seen one tractor-trailer rig bogged down, you've pretty much seen them all.

Again, whether it's staged or not, those circumstances aren't all that important. They won't affect the price of gasoline or whether there will be fewer car bombings in the Mideast. We will still have corruption in Congress and 9-inning baseball.

And I must admit that watching a "reality" show is sometimes a better way to spend an evening than watching a congressman on C-Span. For the most part, they are both fiction but at least the slapstick that embodies the "reality" show is fully expected.

Oh well, I can hardly wait for the new series "Basketball Players' Wives." I'm expecting a spinoff from that one titled "Basketball Players' Illegitimate Children." Hey, this one may not be staged!

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## "Protecting Paradise"

By Katie Purcell

## FWC officers-to-be living the recruit life

It's 5 a.m. and Lt. Eric Hall is driving around the wooded grounds of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) training center at the Florida Public Safety Institute, just outside of Tallahassee. He's checking to make sure the running trail is in good condition.

As he approaches the flagpole in front of his office, he sees the group of FWC recruits lined up in formation. Though the sun has yet to rise, it's already steamy and their matching gray T-shirts stick to their backs.

He parks his truck and gets out, calls "Right face" and takes off at a trot. The recruits fall in behind the ex-Navy SEAL for their morning run, the sound of their shoes and their musical cadence calls the only sounds echoing through the quiet campus.

After the 4-mile jaunt, they quickly shower and head to the chow hall for breakfast. The rest of the day is spent in the classroom going over boating laws and boat maintenance, but later in the week they will board a bus and head to the

coast for some hands-on practice behind the wheel of one of their many vessels.

Since FWC officers are responsible for patrolling all of Florida's woods, including public and private lands, as well as its waters, they must be well-versed on a wide variety of information. Protecting our valuable natural resources calls for a broad knowledge of Florida's fish and wildlife and a mastery of a variety of technical skills -- both physical and mental.

Also, due to their jurisdiction and specialized equipment, FWC officers are often the first to be able to respond to boating accidents, missing boaters and lost campers, hikers and hunters. Each year, they save around 1,000 people during search-and-rescue missions.

To prepare for all of that, after obtaining their law enforcement certification in Florida through a 19-week basic law enforcement curriculum, FWC officers have an additional seven weeks of specific training conducted by staff. For officers who have already received their law en-

forcement credentials elsewhere, the FWC periodically conducts academies consisting only of the FWC-specific portion.

They train with their firearms, logging many hours on the range both day and night; meet some fish and wildlife species face to face, including alligators and snakes, and learn how to handle them. They practice loading and unloading boats with a trailer and operating boats in many different weather conditions. Training includes learning safe and efficient tactics for operating all-terrain vehicles and practicing with them in the woods of the academy campus. They also don protective gear and engage in specialized defensive tactic training drills to keep themselves and others safe. They practice detecting when people are boating and driving under the influence and learn how to follow a track left by someone in the woods. Additionally, the classroom time includes a focus on state and federal wildlife, fisheries and environmental laws and learning fish

and wildlife identification.

If that seems like a lot -- it is! FWC officers are some of the most highly trained law enforcement professionals in the country. During their time at the academy, they eat, sleep, work out and study onsite, soaking up as much information as they can from staff and bonding with fellow recruits.

To make it through this rigorous training and become an FWC officer, it takes a highly motivated, hard-working individual who is passionate about protecting Florida's outdoor

paradise and the people in it.

Before being selected to attend the academy, applicants complete a state of Florida application and supplemental FWC application, attend a physical fitness assessment session, must pass a background check and psychological evaluation and complete an interview.

It takes a special kind of person to be a law enforcement officer, and it takes a special kind of law enforcement officer to be an FWC officer. Think you have what it takes?

The FWC is always



looking for enthusiastic new members, especially in south Florida where high population rates make for some increased enforcement challenges. There are recruiters across the state to help you through the process. To learn more, visit [MyFWC.com/GetInvolved](http://MyFWC.com/GetInvolved) and click on "Law Enforcement Officer."

Hoggetowne  
Medieval Faire

AUDITIONS!!! The 2014 Hoggetowne Medieval Faire is looking for actors, singers, dancers and stage combatants for Living Chessboard and cast of characters. Auditions will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7 and Sunday, Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at F. W. Buchholz High School Auditorium located at 5510 NW 27th Ave. Stage combat training will be provided for those interested. Please bring your driver's license or photo ID. Anyone under 18 will need to have their parent or guardian present to sign required paperwork. The Hoggetowne Medieval Faire will be held at the Alachua Fairgrounds on Jan. 25-26 and Jan 31- Feb. 2, 2014. For more information, visit [www.thievesguild.org](http://www.thievesguild.org) or contact the director at [director@thievesguild.org](mailto:director@thievesguild.org).

# Jasper Family Restaurant and Pizza

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horse ranch in Jasper. In March of 2009 he suffered a massive stroke and Thomas moved up to Jasper to take care of him and the horses.

"That's what put me here," she said.

About a year later, once she didn't have to take care of her father 24/7, Thomas said she went back to work. Two years ago, she tried to lease the building at 104 Central Avenue when it became available, but it was leased to someone else.

"It's gone through, I think, three owners since then," she said. "Then the day I moved into my new house, about the first week in June, I was at the dollar store and I saw people moving out of the building."

It was late in the evening, she said, but she called the owner anyway and he said he didn't know the tenants were leaving. He told her to call the following morning and he would give her the deal of a lifetime.

"He did," she said. "He gave me a good price on leasing the whole building and here we are."

Thomas said Jasper Family Restaurant is going to be the host restaurant for the Hamilton County High School Trojans Football Team. The restaurant will stay open late on Friday game nights and have sliced pizza ready when everyone arrives after the game concludes.

Noah Morrow is Thomas's 16-year-old son. He is homeschooled and knows how to prioritize doing his schoolwork and working at the restaurant, his mom said. He has also learned the art of line cooking.

"He's a hard worker," said Thomas. "I think



Nancy Thomas with new HCHS head football coach Blair Armstrong.

when he was three, when I had the other restaurant, the girls used to pay him a dollar to roll silverware for them in the afternoons."

Thomas said her son likes to work and he has created his own dessert.

"We call it Dream Crisp," said Thomas. "It's a hot item right now."

The scrumptious Dream Crisp is made from Thomas's own banana pudding recipe, a vanilla wafer crust, and lots of special seasonings and ingredients. Then it is popped in the freezer.

"It doesn't actually freeze to frozen point," she said. "It's just cool enough when you serve it that it's just...ummm...mm. On a hot day, it's just ummmm..."

Noah's girlfriend Ariel Anderson is in training as a waitress and Thomas said she is doing very well at the restaurant.

"My whole staff is wonderful," she said.

Thomas said her father has since had a massive heart attack, plus he suffers from dementia now. Once a week, though, she brings him to town to eat out.

"He's the reason I'm here," she said.

Attendance wasn't all it could have been at the

grand opening because the county was under a flood watch from a no-name storm that was about to strike the area. Many emergency personnel and CERT members who had planned to attend the grand opening had to cancel at the last minute.

"We all got alerts on our phones," said Thomas.

Emergency Management even had a table set up in the vestibule of the restaurant with valuable information about Code Red and other services.

Aside from running the restaurant, Thomas also works for Clay Goolsby, who owns Tiger Creek Preserve Quail Plantation. Thomas handles guest services at the lodge and does the cooking.

"I will still do that this year," she said. "My son will have the restaurant running smoothly by November and I'm part of the team at Tiger Creek so I'll be back."

Jasper Family Restaurant has an extensive breakfast, lunch and dinner menu. They are open Monday-Thursday from 5:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., and from 5:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The restaurant is closed on Sundays.



(L-R) Terry Thomas, Nancy Thomas, Noah Morrow and Ariel Anderson.



The spacious dining area looks inviting. -Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor

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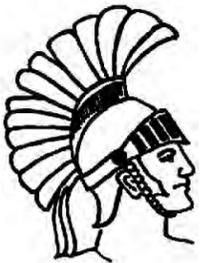
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# Sports



## Trojans lose in pre-season game

By Andrew McGee  
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Hamilton County High School played their pre-season game against Berrien High School out of Georgia on Friday, Aug. 23. The HCHS Trojans fell to Berrien, 7-0.

"We're young and inexperienced as far as our system, but as a whole and the staff after watching the films, the mistakes we made and the problems we had are all fixable," said HCHS Head Football Coach Blair Armstrong. "It's not like we're going to go, 'Golly, we don't have any linebackers, or golly, we don't have any backs or any defense people.'"

Armstrong said they have the personnel and players and it's just a matter of them learning the program and doing it.

The Trojans take on Ft. White in their season opener Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in Jasper.



The Trojans in action Friday night. - Photos: Ben Daniel/Jasper Studios



Some of the Hamilton County cheerleaders.



The Hamilton County Trojans on the field.

## 2nd Annual CMJ Basketball Tournament

submitted

The C.M.J. Foundation is a foundation founded by Mrs. Ledia Jackson and Mr. Phillip Jackson, the parents of the late Corey Maurice Jackson. This foundation is in remembrance of their loving son Corey Maurice Jackson who was killed in a car accident at the age of 20. For the last seven years, various activities have been conducted in keeping the memory of Corey Jackson alive. Not only does the foundation conduct vary activities, but it also provides scholarships to four different counties: Hamilton, Suwannee, Columbia, and Madison. On August 3, 2013 the C.M.J. Foundation held its second Annual Basketball Tournament

at the Hamilton County High School. Teams from Hamilton County, Madison County, and Lowndes County came out to show their support for this movement. First place winners were Hamilton County and second place winners were Lowndes County. During the basketball tournament school supplies were also randomly giving out to youth that were present at the basketball tournament. All funds will be used to continue to provide scholarships for deserving youth in the above counties.

If anyone would like to receive additional information about the C.M.J. Foundation or would like to make donations, please contact Mrs. Ledia Jackson at 386-938-2440.



1st place winners of BB tournament



3 point shoot out winner



1st and 2nd place winners of BB tournament



winners of the school supplies



2nd place winners of BB tournament

## RELIGION

## Heart Matters

Don't you agree that it is wise to take advantage of the learning from other people's successes and failures? It certainly is much easier (and less painful) than having to experience everything first-hand. Likewise, using hindsight can give us a good idea of what eventually turns out to be a good or bad decision...after all it is 20/20.

"In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses proclaimed to the Israelites all that the Lord had commanded him concerning them...See, I have given you this land. Go in and take possession of the land that the Lord swore He would give to your fathers-to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob-and to their descendants after them." (Deut. 1:3,8)

Moses is a great leader whom the Bible gives us a great deal of detail related to his decisions, successes, and failures. This passage includes what Moses considers important elements of his journey leading the Israelites out of Egypt. Interestingly, the first token had to do with the issue of responsibility:

"At that time I said to you, 'You are too heavy a burden for me to carry alone...how can I bear your problems and your burdens and your disputes all by myself? Choose some wise, un-

derstanding and respected men from each of your tribes, and I will set them over you.'" (Deut. 1:9,12-13)

Moses' admission helps us understand how all kinds of experiences can add stress to our already overloaded lives. While not many of us will lead thousands through the desert, Moses' delegation of tasks could be a great stress reducer for anyone going through a difficult season. Perhaps this extra pressure comes in the form of added responsibilities at work, caring for a sick child or parent, financial strain, personal health problems, or even a welcome change like a new baby, building a new home, or getting a new job. Whatever is adding extra stress in your family, could a reassignment of responsibilities help lighten the load?

Perhaps your spouse could use a break from juggling the bills on a tight budget, or your teen would enjoy a weekend pass on their chores while balancing work and school. What about the relative taking care of elderly parents...how much would they enjoy a little help? On the other hand, Moses' example reminds us that it is wise to ask for help when you are the one overwhelmed with responsibility. We



have come to equate asking for help with admitting failure, but as the Israelites answered Moses, "...What you propose to do is good." (Deut. 1:14) I believe they understood it was not only good for Moses, but for them as well. Asking for help during difficult times or crisis may just be the very best thing we can do for those we love...because every heart matters.

*Blessings, Angie*

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

## How to have peace with God

Hugh G. Sherrill  
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The last few months I have had the privilege to preach in several different churches. Visiting with different people in different churches, I realize that so few today in the churches have peace with God. Oh, if you ask them, they will say they do; but they don't and maybe they don't even realize they don't. When one comes to the place where they have peace with God, then everything takes on a different look.

In my studies over the last few weeks, I came upon three things that must happen for one to have peace with God. Philippians 3:20 says that "our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (NKJ). It means that we ought to be living like, acting like, talking like we are on the way to heaven. One can't do that if he does not have peace with God.

Philippians chapter 4 records three things one must do or must have to have peace with God. The first one is found in 4:2: "I implore Euodia and I implore Stntyches to be of the same mind in the Lord". Notice it says "be of the same mind in the Lord". When it comes to the work of the Lord; especially in the church, we must be on the same mind. Revival will not happen til God's people get on the same page and make it about God's business and not our business.

The second thing we must do to have peace with God is to have peace with our self. Verse 6 says "Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God" (NKJ). If one is

not at peace with himself he cannot have peace with God. So many today are so anxious and that means "eagerly wishing" for material goods, they miss the peace of God because their eyes are fixed on earthly things more than spiritual things. Through earnest prayer and thanksgiving we let our requests be known to God and be at peace with what He decides for us to have.

The third thing we must do is to have peace with our circumstances. Verse 11 says "Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content". We have to, after we have made peace with others, and have peace with ourself, be at peace with our circumstances to have peace with God. Paul went through every imaginable circumstance and was at peace with God. We need to be thankful for what we have; instead of coveting what we don't have.

If the local church is to experience revival, we must have peace with God. And remember all the things we should be thankful for, to acknowledge fully what God has done for us. He gave His only Begotten Son to die in our place so we could live forever in heaven with Him, if we trust Him. So remember, the things of this earth will pass away. Only the things that we have done for Jesus will stand the test of time through all of eternity. Trust Him today.



## Some mysteries are tough to solve

Dr. James L. Snyder

For my wife's birthday (I am not allowed to mention which one) I surprised her with round trip tickets to her family reunion in upper New York State. Out of courtesy to her, I elected not to include myself in her little vacation. After all, it is her family and that is just the kind of man I am.

I must say I was looking forward to a week in the house by myself, where I could be the absolute boss. Nobody to tell me what to do. Nobody to tell me where to go. For a week, I would be the king of my castle; the captain of my ship; the pilot of my spacecraft.

Actually, I need more than one week to do all of these things.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage deserves time off and away from Yours Truly. All year long, she works hard and most of the time has her hands full trying to untangle me from one foil after another. Lately, it has developed into a foil-time job.

The day finally came for me to take her to the airport and see her off. As I kissed her goodbye, my thoughts roved back to the week that lay before me as a freelance husband.

All the way back from the airport I played my Barry Manilow CD. I like Barry Manilow because he can't smile without Me. Believe me, a smile creased my clock all the way home.

One difference between men and women, or maybe I should say husbands and wives, is the notion of cleanliness. Wives have the idea that cleanliness is next to godliness. If true, ours is

the godliest house on the planet. Even God must wipe his feet before coming into our home.

As a man, I see absolutely no connection between cleanliness and godliness. I do my best thinking, not to mention praying, in the midst of clutter. If godliness is related to happiness, then I am in heaven when I am in the midst of hodgepodge — the podgier the better.

Along about Friday afternoon I was absolutely in heaven. The house was a complete wreck and I could not have been happier. About this time, an incident developed that brought me to my senses.

I was about ready to take a shower when I noticed the soap and shampoo in my shower were gone. I knew reserves are somewhere in our house but for the life of me; I could not put my fingers on any of it. This is by my wife's design.

Notwithstanding, and I was standing in my birthday suit, I needed to take a shower. Then a brilliant idea struck me. Since my wife has not been home all week, the shampoo and soap in her shower should be in great supply. Snatching my towel from my shower, I headed for hers.

One thing I noticed in my wife's shower was the variety of bottles. Not wearing my glasses, I could not read the labels on any of them. However, I was not here to read bottles, but to take a shower, and so I disregarded the labels.

I turned on the shower, adjusted the water temperature and began my shower. I reached for the nearest bottle, which I assumed was shampoo. After dousing my hair

with a generous portion, I began scrubbing my head. I noticed, however, no suds. I grabbed another bottle and repeated the procedure with the same results.

After using 17 bottles, I finally found one that produced suds.

I remember thinking to myself, what does my wife do with all these bottles in her shower that do not do anything? Nevertheless, in a moment I forgot the whole incident, stepped out of her shower and toweled off.

I made a cup of coffee and settled into my easy chair to watch a little television. As I sat there, I noticed a strange fragrance. This is the difference between men and women. A man enjoys strange smells. A woman, on the other hand, enjoys fragrant aromas.

I smelled a fragrant aroma with a strong tinge of fruit about it. It smelled as if someone had brought me a bowl of mixed of fruit. I knew for a fact, there was no fruit in the house, so this fruity aroma puzzled me.

I got up and walked around the house looking for this bowl of fruit. No matter what room I was in, I could smell the fruit. It was the strangest thing I ever experienced.

Finally, I went back to my easy chair and cup of coffee not knowing where these fruity fumes were coming from. Some mysteries are tough to solve.

Then something hit me right between the eyes. The fruity bouquet was coming from me! I took several healthy sniffs and discovered I smelled like a bowl of fruit. I could not understand this phenomenon.

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Two guys In Dothan

The story of Joseph has always amazed me. His brothers threw him in a pit, but he ended up ruling Egypt. You've probably heard it this way: From the Pit, to the Prison, to the Palace. We can also remember Potiphar's house without loosing the alliteration.

Joseph's is a story about process. It's the process that God is able to work in your life even when you don't see Him, but rather see the enemy actively at work. When Joseph finally arrived at the palace, he was able to say to his brothers, "What you meant for evil, God meant for good."

Many years later another young man of God was in Dothan. He, like Joseph, was the subject of an enemy's attack. This man was Elisha and when he prayed to God, his frightened servant was allowed to see with spiritual eyes that the LORD had them surrounded and protected with the angel armies of heaven riding chariots of fire!

Maybe you've been to Dothan, to that place where the enemy is moving in close to attack. Maybe you've even prayed a mighty prayer of faith expecting the LORD of Hosts to rescue you any moment. But instead of supernatural rescue in the spirit of Elisha, you went from the frying pan to the fire in more of a Joseph way.

God always answers prayer. The problem, from our perspective, is that it's not always when and how we would like it answered. If you've asked for Elisha's answer, but you seem to be getting Joseph's path, be encouraged. Both of these people were men of God. Both of these people had gifts that gave glory to God. Both of these people were in God's plan that would ultimately lead to fulfilled destiny.

If you cry out from your Dothan experience and the answer seems to come even before you get to "amen," that's great! Rejoice! You have so much for which to be thankful! But if you've prayed in the pit and it seems to be getting worse, remember: Joseph continued to be faithful and serve God in the most miserable circumstances. And ultimately, after being humbled, he was lifted up in eyes of God and man. You can also rejoice, from the pit to the prison... to the palace!

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## Community Calendar

**The Live Oak Art Guild**

Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month (except July and December), at the Suwannee River Regional Library. Each meeting has a business agenda followed by refreshments and a program. We welcome all who are interested to attend.

**Domestic Violence Support Group**

Another Way, Inc. provides a domestic violence support group every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Jasper. If you are a current or former survivor of domestic violence, please call 386-792-2747 for group location and

to schedule an intake appointment. All services are free and confidential.

**Pickin' & Grinnin'**

Every Saturday 6 p.m. Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park  
If you play an acoustic instrument or just like to sit and listen to good Country, Gospel or Blue Grass music, come on out to the Pickin' shed in the loop camping area. Pot luck dinners the third Saturday of each month. Join us --- its fun --- its free! Sponsored by Suwannee River Bluegrass Association.

# Suwannee Spirit Kids Music Camp a big success

More than two dozen drummers and more than 60 fiddlers, singers, guitarists and songwriters participated



The Backporch Fiddler, Trena Gordon of White Springs, taught this large class of fiddlers during the August Kids Music Camp at SOSMP. They sounded great.



This young drummer may be little, but her drum was loud and she gave it all she had.

Nearly 100 enthusiastic children (along with some parents who couldn't resist the urge to play along) participated in the Suwannee Spirit Kids Music Camp Aug. 9-11 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak. After a weekend full of getting their hands on musical instruments and actually learning to play well enough to perform, these bright-eyed, eager music lovers came together on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 11, and played in a concert that amazed and thrilled their parents and friends.

"I just love this," one parent was heard to say as the concert took place. Another, who came just to bring his children to the music camp, happened to bring along his clarinet and got pulled into the action and played all weekend! He was overjoyed and plans to return with his children again and again.

"I want to move here," said another ecstatic parent. All in all, the parents were overjoyed at what their children learned and were so proud, they just could not stop clapping and cheering after each performance their children

produced on the stage of the SOSMP's Music Hall.

The children? Well, the children were so involved in making music they just acted and looked like professionals as they played instruments like fiddles, guitars, banjos, ukuleles, hand drums and sang harmony on old tyme songs they learned during class. Some students even wrote songs they had the opportunity to sing before an excited and proud audience. One mother who attended also wrote a beautiful song about a recent loss that was very touching and was performed by one of the teachers.

The most asked question was when is the next kids' music camp? Answer coming soon!

If your child has not attended one of these wonderful, free events, please consider signing them up for the next one.

For more info on the SOSMP, please go to [www.musicliveshere.com](http://www.musicliveshere.com), email [spirit@musicliveshere.com](mailto:spirit@musicliveshere.com) or call the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) at 386-364-1683.

## Farley presents to Florida Rural Water Association



Robert Farley  
Courtesy photo:

White Springs town manager Bob Farley participated in the 34th Annual Training & Technical Conference of the Florida Rural Water Association (FRWA), held in Daytona Beach on Aug. 13.

Founded in 1979, the FRWA provides technical assistance to the

small water and wastewater systems in the State of Florida. FRWA is an approved provider for Drinking Water, Wastewater, and Distribution License CEUs, and also is a provider of PDHs (professional development hours) for Professional Engineer areas of practice and Laws and Rules #4742.

Farley's theme was, "Work Smarter - Not Harder," as he addressed the topic of Consumer Confidence Reports.

"With more and more being asked of government employees to perform tasks with reduced levels of funding, the NEW procedure for the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) saves tax-

payers in the cost of production (staff time, paper and printing costs, postage), and thus, reduces the overall cost of operations," stated Farley.

Evaluators for the technical speakers rated Farley an overall A plus, noting, "He (Farley) had real stories that we could relate to. Need more of this!"

In 2010, while serving as Live Oak city manager, Farley was presented with the Manager/Administrator of the Year Award by the FRWA. Farley has continued his professional association with FRWA since becoming the town manager for White Springs.

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# \$1,000 grand prize Sept. 7 in the Battle of the Bands contest and a booking date at The SOS Music Park



Sign up now for this great event on the banks of the Suwannee River

Could your band use a little extra cash for travel? Want to be able to say you won over a bunch of great bands in the Battle of the Bands at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak? The Sept. 7 Battle of the Bands at the SOSMP will produce a winning band that will walk away

with bragging rights, a \$1,000 grand prize and a booking date at the SOSMP's Music Hall! It doesn't get much better than this.

How do you win it? First you sign up right away by calling Brittney at the SOSMP at 386-364-1683 or Teena at 386-365-3315! You may also email them at brittney@musicliveshere.com or teena@musicliveshere.com. All entries must include a demo CD or MP3, entry forms completely filled out and signed by all band members and be received by 5 p.m. Sept. 2, 2013. All bands entering must be at the SOSMP by 6 p.m. Sept. 7 and be available from 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. to play. Rules and regulations will be provided to each

band.

If you plan to bring a crowd of friends, fans and relatives to the show to cheer you on, make plans now to rent overnight accommodations and enjoy the SOSMP for the weekend.

For reservations for RVs, campers, to rent beautiful cabins or primitive camping spaces or for more info on the SOSMP, please go to www.musicliveshere.com, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or call the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) at 386-364-1683.

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak.

## Ask a Lawyer

### Disclosing known defects in selling a house

By Pierce Kelley

T. L. of Old Town asks, "I recently purchased a house on five acres and thought I got a pretty good deal. However, a few weeks after I bought the place, I found out that somebody had been murdered in the house and it gave me the creeps. I don't want to live in it anymore. Is there anything I can do to get my money back? Isn't there a law which requires a seller to disclose something like that?"

Dear T. L.;

You ask a very interesting question, and it is an extremely important issue at the present time, given the fact that real estate transactions are finally beginning to pick up and houses are selling again. However, though I don't have enough information

to fully answer your specific question, I can provide you with some general advice on the subject, and some of it may help you.

First of all, the law in the state of Florida up until about 30 years ago was that a seller was under no duty to disclose anything to a prospective buyer. It was the buyer's responsibility to exercise "due diligence" and inspect the property. That legal principle was known as "caveat emptor," a latin word meaning "let the buyer beware."

That all changed when Florida's Supreme Court issued a ruling in the case of Johnson v. Davis in which the Court held that a seller who knew of dangerous or defective conditions in a house had a legal duty to inform a prospective buyer of la-

tent defects.

The Court went on to that the seller did not have a duty to reveal patent defects. A patent defect is one that is open and obvious and could be discovered with the exercise of ordinary care. A latent defect is one that could not be easily discovered by a careful buyer.

Obviously, as repugnant as it may be to you, the fact that someone was murdered in the house doesn't affect the structural integrity of the building and it does not present a dangerous or defective condition. For that reason, I must tell you that I don't believe you are entitled to a rescission of the contract or other relief, based upon the scant facts you provided.

That said, there have been a few cases in recent years which held that if

the obnoxious or offensive history of a building rises to the level that it would, more than likely, discourage others from visiting the house, or having anything to do with you as the owner of the house, there can be, under very limited and exceptional circumstances, a legitimate basis to invalidate a sale.

You haven't provided enough information for me to make a determination regarding the facts of your case, so I can't say whether or not your situation would warrant that extremely rare result. How long ago did the murder occur? How notorious were the facts? How gruesome were the facts surrounding the murder? How much stigma is attached to the building? What facts do you have to show that people truly

don't want to have anything to do with you or the house?

Those are the kinds of things I would need to have more information about to give you a better response. Again, the general rule is that only the latent defects, which could not easily be discovered, must be revealed to a prospective buyer by a seller, and a seller is not required to provide a history of the house, with a very narrow exception as explained above.

I hope I have answered your question, T. L., and I hope that you find someone to buy the property who isn't bothered by the history behind the house you bought. Good luck.

Any readers with specific legal questions for this "Ask a Lawyer" column are invited to submit those questions to the Ed-

itor of this newspaper who will pass it along to the attorney. If you need assistance with a consumer matter, such as an unfair and deceptive collection practice, or garnishment of wages, a mortgage foreclosure or other such things, and you cannot afford an attorney, call the Legal Services office closest to you, which provides free legal assistance to qualified individuals, or call the Florida Bar Referral service at 1-800-342-8011. I wish you good luck in obtaining access to our legal system, no matter what your income and asset level might be.

The foregoing was written by attorney Pierce Kelley, who is a member of the Florida Bar Association. The contents reflect his personal opinions and beliefs.

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS TO IMPART TO YOUNGSTERS

Each day thousands upon thousands of children board school buses to take them to and from school. Parents and caregivers entrust their children's well-being to the care of school bus drivers and aides. Although parents may worry about school bus accidents, such accidents are few and far between. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration advises that school buses are designed to be safer than passenger vehicles in avoiding crashes and protecting against injury. Buses are arguably the safest mode of transportation for getting kids to and from school. By keeping millions of cars off the roads surrounding schools, school buses contribute to less crowded roadways, which are less conducive to accidents.

### DANGER ZONE

Though parents may feel buses are most likely to be in accidents while in transit, experts advise that children are more likely to get hurt during pickups and drop-offs when they're in the "danger zone" of the bus. The danger zone is a 10-foot radius around the outside of the bus. Bus drivers and other motorists find kids in the danger zone are more difficult to see, and children can get struck by either the bus or

oncoming cars that fail to stop when the bus is picking kids up or dropping them off.

### KNOWING THE SAFETY RULES

While a large part of protecting children is on the shoulders of the school bus driver, it is also vital for passengers to learn the basics of school bus safety. Kindergarteners or children who are riding the bus for the first time should be taught the rules of school bus safety. Some schools offer a school bus tour prior to the new school year. This lets youngsters acclimate themselves with the look and feel of the school bus. This introduction also may include information about bus safety, but parents can also educate their children (and themselves) about using caution in and around the bus by following these guidelines.

- Get to the bus stop 5 to 10 minutes prior to the assigned pickup time. Rushing last-minute can lead to injury, especially if you're chasing down the bus.
- Remain on the sidewalk or grass at the bus stop. Do not step off the curb into the street until the bus has arrived and is completely stopped.
- When boarding the bus, go directly to a seat and sit down. Buckle up if there are seatbelts on the bus.
- Remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- Keep voices low so as not to distract the driver.
- Keep your head and hands inside of the bus, and never hang out of the window.
- Do not throw things on the bus or play rough with friends or classmates.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times.



Be careful when getting off the bus. Hold on while going down the stairs.

- Only get off at your designated stop unless you have permission to get off elsewhere.
  - When exiting the bus, walk at least 10 steps past the front of the bus and cross in front where the driver can see you. Do not cross behind the bus.
  - Wait for the driver to give you a signal that it is safe to cross. Be sure to check that all cars on the road have come to a complete stop.
  - Get to the sidewalk or off the street as quickly as possible.
  - If you've forgotten something on the bus, do not run back and attempt to retrieve it. The driver might not see you and start the bus. Rather, call the bus company and see if you can pick it up at another time.
  - Do not get into the cars of strangers waiting around bus stops, even if they offer to take you home.
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