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Jasper goes all out for Halloween

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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Today is Halloween and in the city of Jasper this evening there are a few activities going on for the kids.

There will be a Trunk or Treat on Central Avenue. Setup begins at 5:30 p.m. and kids should start arriving at 6 p.m. Trucks, cars and SUV's are welcome to set up. Just bring some candy! This is a free event for the children.

Just up the street, Jesus the Living Word of Deliverance Church (Hwy. 41, across from the courthouse annex) will also be having a Trunk or Treat from 6-8 p.m. There will be face painting, games and bounce houses, as well as nachos and hotdogs.

If you are brave enough, head on over to the Haunted Old Jail from dusk until... Admission is \$3 per person.

Motorists are urged to slow down and drive safely through town during these events.

Happy Halloween, everyone!



One of the many decorated pumpkins entered into the contest at SHE.

-Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

SHE students get creative with pumpkins

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The students at South Hamilton Elementary had a blast decorating pumpkins for Halloween, thanks to the brainchild many years ago of first grade teacher Penny Mickler.

Mickler has been teaching for 27 years and she said she has been doing this project with students for at least 25 years, the last 17 of which have been at South Hamilton Elementary where she teaches first grade. Mickler said it started out with a scarecrow decorating project when she first started teaching in Georgia, but after a while, the cleanup got to be a bit too much, so it got toned down to a pumpkin contest. Mickler explained that no carving of the pumpkins is allowed because that, too, would result in a messy cleanup.

The pumpkin contest was tied into Character Day for the students, which was held Friday, Oct. 25. All the kids dressed up like a character from their favorite storybook, which they had to bring with

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Redistricting talks in process



The county commissioners joined the school board for a voting district analysis. -Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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At a recent meeting of the Hamilton County School Board, Director Robert Pennock from the Center for Demography and Population Health

from Tallahassee gave a presentation with an analysis of existing voting districts to school board members and county commissioners. Also in attendance were County Clerk Greg Godwin, County Coordinator Louie Goodin, County Attorneys John Mc-

Cormick and Cliff Adams, School Board Attorney Jay Willingham and Supervisor of Elections Laura Dees.

"I've been hired by the county commission to evaluate the existing

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White Springs gets boost for sanitary sewer evaluation study



(L-R) Mayor Helen Miller, Town Manager Bob Farley and Martine Young. Courtesy photo:

Future financial and environmental benefits anticipated

Submitted by the town of White Springs

White Springs Town Manager Bob Farley announced he has received official notification from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that pre-construction loan funding in the amount of \$316,705 is now available for the "White Springs Sanitary Sewer

Evaluation Study", as a result of DEP's Oct. 9 priority list meeting. This project was listed as a principal forgiveness loan where approximately \$292,160 will be forgiven.

"This project will correct the widespread infiltration and inflow (I/I) experienced throughout the

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Drug coalition happy with their new digs

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The Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition is tickled pink with their new office space at the Hamilton County Annex,

located at 1153 US Hwy. 41 NW, Suite 12 in Jasper. The group used to meet at the JRE Lee Complex at the school district's former campus, which is now closed.

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A seamless move for school admin offices

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The Hamilton County School Board held their first workshop meeting at their new boardroom in Building 1000 on the Hamilton County High School campus on Monday, Oct. 28. The majority of the work has been completed in Building 1000 already and the administrative office was open for business on Monday, Oct.

"I couldn't have been happier with the transition out here," Moffses said.

21, after a weekend move from their old offices at the JRE Lee Campus.

There is still some work left to be done in the boardroom, such as installing two large television screens and micro-

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NOPE Vigil remembers those lost due to drugs



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The 7th Annual N.O.P.E. (Narcotics Overdose Prevention Education) Candlelight Vigil was held Tuesday, Oct. 22, at the Hamilton County Annex, joining about 60 other locations in 21 states and two countries this year who held the event. Due to inclement weather, the

The NOPE Vigil was moved inside due to inclement weather. Courtesy photo:



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Brown Family Celebrates Old Fashion Day

The annual Old Fashion Day hosted by the extended Brown Family brought together several hundred friends and family members to White Springs on Sunday, Oct. 27.

Descendants of Annie Lee Brown – who include the Dolman, Dowdell, Jefferson, Lumpkin, Rivers, Scippio, White and Young extended families – celebrate her memory “for devoting her love, life and energy to raising her nine children with old-fashioned values.”

Mistress of Ceremony Sis. Vivian Brown Young began Part I of the program by extending a welcome to all at 1 p.m., with the day’s prayer delivered by Freddy White, who expressed appreciation for the beautiful weather and setting for the event.

Mayor Dr. Helen Miller read the official Proclamation of the Town marking Oct. 27, 2013 as “Brown Family Old Fashion Day.” The Proclamation included a special acknowledgment to Bernice Dowdell Brown for her adherence to family values “which have guided her throughout her life, and today provide spiritual comfort to ease her physical distress, acknowledging her faith that delivers the courage and peace of mind to find joy in the love and glory of each amazing day.”

Pastor Johnny Herring and Family delivered a rousing rendition of the powerful song, “Another New Day”. Pastor Rick Hutcherson offered the blessing of food before lunch was served.

Lunch consisted of a feast of barbe-

cue chicken and pork ribs, fried chicken, fresh acre peas, green beans, corn, greens, rice, cornbread dressing, macaroni salad and more, as well as a huge selection of homemade desserts. The expert team of grill masters began at 4 a.m., and by noon their tender and succulent barbecue was ready.

Civil rights hero, Mr. Jim Udell, acclaimed as “Mr. Lemonade,” once again coordinated the preparation of his famous fresh beverage. Mr. Udell began making lemonade decades ago from locally grown lemons and continues the tradition to this day.

After lunch, Part II of the program included a beautiful and emotional selection of songs and poems by Sis. Greta Boughton, Sis. May Marshall, Mr. Shawn Brown, and the Brown Family.

Local celebrity oral historian Sis. Hattie Mae Jankins, entertained the gathering with her stories about life in White Springs, including her historic telephone conversation with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A special performance of the “Break Every Chain” routine was presented by the NJMBC Praise Team.

After Pres. Dea. Melvin Brown and Sis. Linda White made special presentations, Dea. Wash Newsome entertained with his musical selections. The formal program concluded with an Open Microphone Gospel for all to participate and enjoy.

As the day’s events became fond memories, members of the Brown Family began planning for next year’s Old Fashion Day event.



Mayor Miller presents Proclamation to Bernice Dowdell Brown. Courtesy photos:



A beautiful setting in White Springs for Old Fashion Day.



A long line for dinner, but worth it.

Tim Lovelace - “Ministry through Laughter” in Concert

First Baptist Church of Jasper Nov. 2 @ 7 p.m.



You are invited to come to Jasper First Baptist Church on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. for an evening of wonderful Christian entertainment for the whole family. With each performance, Tim joyfully shares his life stories, crystal clean humor, sings original songs, and shares the Good News with all.

Tim’s passion for life is contagious and effectual. The excitement in his music and comedy concerts cannot be described—they must be experienced! Tim Lovelace is one funny man who not only wants people to laugh but most importantly, to discover real joy

and happiness for this journey of life. Tim’s chart-topping comedy songs are continuously aired on Sirius/XM Satellite Radio as well as other radio stations around the country. His comedy has been featured on videos that have garnered both gold and platinum sales awards.

Although the concert is free to the public, there will be a love offering during the service. Please join us for an evening you will not soon forget. The First Baptist Church of Jasper is located at 207 2nd St NE in Jasper, Florida. For questions, call Vonnice Wood at 386-397-9028.

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<p>LIVE OAK</p> <p>Dixie Grill Steer Room 101 Dowling Ave SE</p>	<p>Tuesday, Nov. 5th 5:30 PM</p>
<p>JASPER</p> <p>Alliance & Associates 440 NW 15th Ave</p>	<p>Thursday, Nov. 7th 5:30 PM</p>

<Don’t miss out! The Annual Election Period ends soon.>

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Life in WHITE SPRINGS

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Ah! Fall is in the air, particularly on some of the brisk autumn mornings we have been experiencing lately. This is the kind of weather that is very conducive to outdoor events. People are firing up the grills that got a little too hot towards the end of summer, Saturdays have taken on a new meaning with the return of college football, we see many more cyclists and hikers and kayakers in our area and several local happenings entice us all to get up, get off the couch and get outdoors. One of these events is one of my favorites because it celebrates the continuity between the traditions of the past and the way we do things today. That event is "Rural Folklife Days" which celebrates the region's rural past with demonstrations and hands-on learning activities. Rural Folklife Days takes place at the Stephen Foster Park Wednesday, October 30 - Friday, November 1 from 9:00AM - 2:30PM. Many traditional practices will be on display and visitors can taste jellies, play traditional games, churn butter, sing songs, hear storytelling, quilt on a frame, taste sugar cane, assist a blacksmith, learn about lye soap, watch demonstrations of old-fashioned cane grinding and kids can even learn to fish! I have worked this event and attended it many times over the years. It has never failed to entertain and educate me, and has always given me a feeling of satisfaction from having come in contact with our living traditions

and our regional culture. Looking for something else different to do with your friends, family or date? How about a night under the stars at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park? Join the park for their "Filmed in Florida" ranger program! The movie this Saturday, November 2nd was filmed in Florida and stars none other than Elvis Presley! Now Elvis was never in any danger of winning an academy award but his movies were always a lot of fun and filled with plenty of good music sung as only "The King" could sing it. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair to Stephen Foster's Amphitheater and enjoy the fun! There is a \$5.00 per car fee to enter the park but the program is free! There will be soda and popcorn available for sale at the event! Program starts at 7:00pm!

Michelle Waterman, our State Park Manager has asked me to share with you that the upcoming Festival of Lights is going to be bigger and better than ever! Park staff and volunteers are busy hanging lights on all things that do not move and they are all looking forward to another successful holiday season. The Sponsor Reception will be held December 5th and opening night with the Town of White Springs parade will be held December 6th. The final night for the Festival of Lights will be Friday, January 3rd. In keeping with tradition they will be adding new features to the festival and keeping them secret until opening night. You will be amazed at what they came up with this year!

This event could not happen without the support that many of you given over the years. Michelle and

the other volunteers would love to have your assistance this year. It's not really work, its being part of a community, and it is really fun and satisfying to help support this fantastic Christmas season event that is enjoyed by so many area families and thousands of visitors. If you would like to be part of this, please contact Michelle at 386-867-1636 and she will help you to choose a time when you could volunteer.

White Springs is sponsoring a Veterans Day event at 11 AM on Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11. This event will take place at the White Springs Veteran's Park next to the old water on Spring Street, US 41. There will be a brief program, followed by lunch served on the grounds. This event will be followed by a Veteran's Day program at South Hamilton Elementary School at 1 PM.

I had a nice talk with Ouida Hardwick the other day and she was excited to share the news about a recent trip she had taken. Ouida and five other ladies, Lisa, Tina, Mrs. Hart, Loretta and Hilda, from the Long Branch Church in White Springs went to Disney World in Orlando and to "The Holy Land". The Holy Land Experience in Orlando, Fla. showcases architectural recreations of Jerusalem, beautiful and serene landscaping, historical exhibits and live religious shows, including the popular Passion drama. It is a theme park like no other. Ouida said that she and the ladies had a wonderful time together!

So, as you can see, many folks are going to be out and about enjoying the fall weather and the wonderful White Springs events that take place this time of year. I hope that you will be one of them! Also, if you have some information that you want to share about what is happening in our area I would love to hear from you.

Carter appointed to economic development board by Gov. Scott

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On Tuesday, Oct. 29, Florida Governor Rick Scott announced the appointment of Megan Bishop Carter to the board of directors of the Hamilton County Economic Development Authority. Carter is the Planner and Grant Writer for North Florida Professional Services (NFPS) out of Lake City and has worked for the company since 2006. Carter has been a regular at most all of the Hamilton County Commission meetings over the years and works closely with NFPS President Greg Bailey on projects for the county, including planning and zoning.

"I'm honored to be appointed by Governor Scott to serve on the Hamilton County Economic Development Authority Board," said Carter. "I look forward to working with the other board members to further our county's economic success."



Megan Carter

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AURA Music & Arts Festival to hold first pre-party Feb. 13, 2014 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park!

The event will feature the Heavy Pets, Greenhouse Lounge and the Funky Nuggets

AURA Music & Arts Festival announces the first official on-site pre-party in its 5-year history. Kicking things off Thursday, Feb. 13, fans are invited to get settled at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) a night early and enjoy music from three of Florida's finest bands in the scene - The Heavy Pets, Greenhouse Lounge and The Funky Nuggets. Tickets are \$30 for the night and include camping, music and all fees.

The official AURA festival, Feb. 14 - 16, 2014, features Lotus, Papadosio, Conspirator, Zoogma, The Werks, Marco Benevento, Mike Dillon Band, Kung Fu, Dopapod, The Heavy Pets, Superhuman Happiness, Brock Butler, Jimkata and more. A limited number of tickets are available now for the festival at \$125, but prices will increase soon.

Since its humble beginnings in Brooksville, Fla., AURA has become one of the premiere multi-day boutique music events in the Southeast US, attracting fans from around the country. Now comfortably at home at the famed SOSMP, AURA comes to life in the midst of 800 acres of Spanish moss-

draped oak and cypress trees along the Suwannee River and utilizes one of the most beautiful natural amphitheatres in the country, made more awe-inspiring by AURA's attention to sound and lighting production. As always, AURA 5 will feature live painters, an interactive arts village, craft and food vendors, yoga & meditation, and inspiring transformational

workshops. Stay tuned for additional details and artist announcements. To join the wait list for cabins, golf cart rentals and RV hook-ups, please contact SOSMP at 386-364-1683, go to www.musicliveshere.com or email spirit@musicliveshere.com. Initial AURA 5 Artist Line-Up: Lotus (two nights) • Papadosio (two nights) • Conspirator • Zoogma • The Werks (two nights) • Marco Benevento • Mike Dillon Band • Kung Fu (two nights) • Dopapod (two nights) • The Heavy Pets • Superhuman Happiness • Start Making Sense: A Tribute to The Talking Heads • COPE • Juno What?! • Twiddle • Jimkata • Brock Butler • The Resolvers • Pigeons Playing Ping Pong • Polyester Pimpstrap

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OPINION

Is there a way out?

According to a recent Fox News poll, 73 percent of Americans are dissatisfied with the direction of the country, up 20 points from 2012. Americans sense that there's a lot going wrong in our nation, but most don't have a clue about the true nature of our problem. If they had a clue, most would have little stomach for what would be necessary to arrest our national decline. Let's look at it.

Between two-thirds and three-quarters of federal spending, in contravention of the U.S. Constitution, can be described as Congress taking the earnings or property of one American to give to another, to whom it does not belong. You say, "Williams, what do you mean?" Congress has no resources of its very own. Moreover, there's no Santa Claus or tooth fairy who gives it resources. The fact that Congress has no resources of its very own forces us to recognize that the only way Congress can give one American one dollar is to first -- through intimidation, threats and coercion -- confiscate that dollar from some other American through the tax code.

If any American did privately what Congress does publicly, he'd be condemned as an ordinary thief. Taking what belongs to one American to give

to another is theft, and the receiver is a recipient of stolen property. Most Americans would suffer considerable anguish and cognitive dissonance seeing themselves as recipients of stolen property, so congressional theft has to be euphemized and given a respectable name. That respectable name is "entitlement." Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as "the condition of having a right to have, do, or get something." For example, I am entitled to walk into the house that I own. I am entitled to drive the car that I own. The challenging question is whether I am also entitled to what you or some other American owns.

Let's look at a few of these entitlements. More than 40 percent of federal spending is for entitlements for the elderly in the forms of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, housing and other assistance programs. The Office of Management and Budget calculates that total entitlement spending comes to about 62 percent of federal spending. Military spending totals 19 per-



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cent of federal spending. By the way, putting those two figures into historical perspective demonstrates the success we've had becoming a handout nation. In 1962, military expenditures were almost 50 percent of the federal budget, and entitlement spending was a mere 31 percent. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that entitlement spending will consume all federal tax revenue by 2048.

Entitlement spending is not the only form of legalized theft. The Department of Agriculture gives billions of dollars to farmers. The departments of Energy and Commerce give billions of dollars and subsidized loans to corporations. In fact, every Cabinet-level department in Washington is in charge of handing out at least one kind of subsidy or special privilege. Most federal non-defense "discretionary spending" by Congress is for handouts.

Despite the fact that today's increasing levels of federal government spending are unsustainable, there is little evidence that Americans have

the willingness to do anything about it. Any politician who'd even talk about significantly reining in unsustainable entitlement spending would be run out of town. Any politician telling the American people they must pay higher taxes to support handout spending, instead of concealing spending through deficits and running up the national debt and inflation, would also be run out of town. Can you imagine what the American people would do to a presidential candidate who'd declare, as James Madison did in a 1794 speech to the House of Representatives, "Charity is no part of the legislative duty of the government"?

If we are to be able to avoid ultimate collapse, it's going to take a moral reawakening and renewed constitutional respect -- not by politicians but by the American people. The prospect of that happening may be whistlin' "Dixie."

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.

HOMECOMING

Jasper First Baptist Church

Jasper First Baptist Church will have their annual Homecoming service on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. Tim Lovelace is our guest speaker, along with special music from Tim and some of our own church talent. Pastor Roger Hutto and Minister of Music Wayne Harrell will lead the service and recognize some of the honored guests in attendance.

Tim Lovelace will not only preach the Word and sing but share life lessons through his unique delivery and award-winning musical talents. Tim is a Grammy and Dove Award Nominee, as well as Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame Inductee. He is a writer of numerous #1 songs and received a Prestigious BMI Award as Songwriter and Publisher.

After the morning services, everyone is invited to attend a covered dish dinner in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to join in the Homecoming anniversary celebration with First Baptist this Sunday. The church is located at 207 2nd St NE Jasper, Florida (behind the courthouse).

Jasper Presbyterian Youth Annual Pancake Supper
November 12, 2013
5-7 p.m.
\$5 a plate pancakes and sausage

Digital and electronic age in the church

Where does this age of technology fit in the church? Who is using electronics? How are they using it? How can electronics enhance communication in the church?

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Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 6 p.m.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Jasper

The entire community is invited to attend.

Rev. Dwight Pollock, presenter

Arrest Records

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

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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

Oct. 20, Douglas Herman Aponte, 45, 1317 Summerset Pl., Lawrenceville, Ga., No valid DL, possession less than 20 grams marijuana, poss. drug paraphernalia, FHP-Hughes
Oct. 21, Marquis Juan Glover, 19, 405 SW Johnson Ave., Live Oak, Fla., burglary, larceny, criminal mischief, HCSO-Ehlert
Oct. 21, Dileon Decola Vanderbilt, 20, 407 NW 2 Ave., Jasper, Fla., criminal mischief \$200 or less, larceny \$300 or more, less than \$5,000, HCSO-Ehlert
Oct. 21, Jeffrey Alexander Stormant, 19, 10029 SE CR 135, White Springs, Fla., poss. less than 20 grams marijuana, poss. of drug paraphernalia, WSPD
Oct. 22, Adam

Christopher Baird, 22, Suwannee CI in transit, in for court, battery on LEO, HCSO-Cribbs
Oct. 23, Chris Eugene Thomas, 39, 505 N. Troup St., Valdosta, Ga., hold Valdosta PD, vehicle theft, HCSO-Williams
Oct. 25, Robert Anthony Graziano, 31, 4923 31st East Street, Bradenton, Fla., dwls/r with knowledge, DOA-Everett
Oct. 26, Louie Leroy Folmar II, 31, 10558 Moore St., White Springs, Fla., disorderly intoxication, WSPD-Debolt
Oct. 26, Joan Marie Willig, 58, 1144 Australia Ave., Daytona Bch., Fla., DUI, DOA-Cook
Oct. 27, Jennifer Elizabeth Lipshin, 38, 1421 E. 99 Ave., Tampa, Fla., smuggle contraband into prison, poss. dangerous drug, HCSO-Howell
Oct. 27, Victorino Santana, 32, 7519 NW CR 152, Jennings, Fla., agg. assault w/weapon, HCSO-Thomas

AGENDA
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Room 112 - Courthouse 207 Northeast First Street
Jasper, Florida
MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2013

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

LISTED ITEMS

- 1) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - UNAGENDAED APPEARANCES (*)
- 2) CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL
- 3) DISCUSSION OF RURAL HEALTH CLINIC
- 4) VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK-STATUS REPORT
- 5) APPROVE BILLS
- 6) CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 7) 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. - PRESENTATION OF 5-YEAR WORK PROGRAM - FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
9:15 A.M. - SHIP PROGRAM - STATUS REPORT

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, OCTOBER 30, 2013 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, COURTHOUSE, JASPER, FLORIDA.

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

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

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

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CONSENT AGENDA
November 5, 2013

- 1) MINUTES - APPROVE:
 - A. October 15, 2013 - Regular Meeting
- 2) APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING INVOICE FROM NORTH FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:
 - A. Invoice No. 14501 - Land Use Administration Services thru Oct. 21, 2013 - \$1,200.00
 - B. Invoice NO. 14503 - SHIP Administration Services - Construction Management Phase - \$5,823.00
 - C. Invoice No. 14504 - SHIP Administration Services - \$1,625.00
- 3) September 2013 Hydrologic Conditions Report for the Suwannee River Water Management District - file
- 4) Approve payment from the Tourist Development Trust Fund in the amount of \$3,000 to Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce for the 2013 Sweets N the Streets Festival as Approved by the Tourist Development Council.

NOTICE FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

The 2013 Tax Roll has been certified to the Tax Collector by the Property Appraiser; and is open for payment.

The following discounts will apply: November 1-November 30 4%, December 1-December 31 3%, January 2%, February 1%, and net amount is due in March.

Taxes are delinquent on April 1.

The perforated part of your tax notice must be returned with your payment!!

Zero tax notices will not be sent.
If needed, contact the Tax Collector's office.

Mary Sue Adams
Hamilton County Tax Collector
386-792-1284

Death Notice

Deacon Daniel Taylor Friday, Nov 1, 2013 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Burial will be at Eastside Memorial, White Springs, FL. D. M. Udell and Sons Funeral Home 386-362-4189 Douglas M. Udell L.F.D. and Douglas M. Udell II L.F.D.

Funeral Services for Deacon Daniel Taylor will be Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013 at 11 a.m. in Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Jasper, FL.; Instate 10 a.m.; Rev. A.L. Bryant, Pastor. Visitation will be

The Bible: God's Inspired Word – Part 2



By Hugh G. Sherrill
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“Every Scripture is God-breathed-given by His inspiration and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, and for training in righteousness (that is, holy living, in conformity of God’s will in thought, purpose and action), so that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well-fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work” (II Timothy 3:16-17 Amplified Bible).

So often I hear these days people say “I don’t read the Bible because I can’t understand it”. Our text tells us that all Scripture is given by God, that the man of God will be equipped for every good work”. It says the “man of God”. It is safe to say that if one has never been born again, has never believed what Jesus said in John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (NKJ), he will not be able to understand God’s Holy Word; for it is Holy. The only part he can understand is that he is a sinner and without the shed blood of Jesus Christ applied to his sins, he will be doomed for a Devil’s hell. The only way he will be able to understand this is because the Holy Spirit has to call on him. II Corinthians 4:3-4 tells us “But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them

that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (KJV). Again, I Corinthians 2:14 says “But the natural man (that is man in his unregenerated state) receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can He know them, because they are spiritually discerned” (KJV). It simply means they cannot perceive the word of God. One must be illuminated to see and understand the word of God. By illuminated I mean the guiding presence of the Spirit of God is with the one who studies and interpret His word. As someone once said, “The book for us is a cold, lifeless record until the Spirit through it guides us to the presence of the living Christ, who awaits us within, at the very center

of the word of God. In fact, Christ is the Spirit who guides us in the study of the written word. Once we have followed the Spirit to find God in His word, we will earnestly seek to have Him lead us on that we may increasingly know God. That is the way Christians experience vitalizes Bible study”.

The Bible is God’s word, it is the basis of our belief. We, as Christians, should strive to know more about it. The Bible has had more influence over man than any other book. Thousands and thousands who have looked into the words recorded in the Scriptures have had life changing experiences because they saw the Savior of the world in its pages.

It’s sad, but most only know what someone told them about God’s Word. Study it for yourself.

Fall Festivals

Saturday, Nov. 2
New Hope Baptist Church (Off SR 6)
2 p.m. Mission Walk (Starting at Scaff home)
3 p.m. FUN, FUN, & FUN (on site at the church) Snow Cones, Cake Walk, Games, Apple Bobbing & More
5 p.m. Annual Fish Fry (YUM!!!!)
Address: 6592 NW 48 Street, Jennings, Fla.
Phone: 386-938-5611

Community-Wide Fall Festival
November 2, 2013 – 3 p.m. until...
Buddy Parker Park and the GPS Properties ~ Martin Luther King Drive ~Jasper, Florida
Sponsored by the Organization
Candy apples, hayride, food, drinks, cake walk, face painting, prizes, musical chairs, duck pond, ring toss, hoops, bowling pins, dart game, sack race, bounce clown, pickles, cotton candy, popcorn, and so much more.
Tickets can be purchased at .25 each
Come and bring the whole family to enjoy the fun and help tell everybody.
For questions contact Mrs. Adelle J. Cobbs, 386-792-2757, Ms. Montez Carson, 386-792-9321, or Ms. Wanda Udell, 386-397-1880.

Donate your old cars

People may be thinking of donating their old cars as part of a clean up. The Boys and Girls Clubs would be happy to take their old cars. People donating to the Clubs will not only get rid of the unwanted car but will be contributing to the clubs. Boys and Girls Clubs really work with kids in most communities and offer a safe place for them. If you wish to donate a car, call 800-246-0493. Not only will donors be helping the kids, they will be able to take sale price as a contribution for income tax purposes.

NFCC Testing

CJBAT tests
Monday - Thursday
Monday - Thursday at 5 p.m. (by appointment): CJBAT (Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test) at NFCC Testing Center (Bldg. #16), Madison. CJBAT is required for acceptance into Corrections & Law Enforcement programs. Photo ID required. Pre-registration & scheduling time and date are required. To register please call 850-973-9451.

College Placement Tests
Monday Thursday at 5 p.m. (by appointment): College Placement Test (CPT), NFCC Testing Center (Bldg. #16), 5 p.m., Madison. Register in NFCC Student Services 24 hours before test. For information please call 850-973-9451.

TABE tests
Monday - Thursday at 5 p.m. (by appointment): TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) at NFCC Testing Center (Bldg. #16), Madison. TABE is required for acceptance into vocational/technical programs. Photo ID required. Pre-registration & scheduling time & date are required. To register please call 850-973-9451.

Heart Matters

“Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, ‘The Lord be with you!’

‘The Lord bless you!’ they called back.

Boaz asked the foreman of his harvesters, ‘Whose young woman is that?’

The foreman replied, ‘She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi. She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.’ She went into the field and has worked steadily from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter.’

So Boaz said to Ruth, ‘My daughter, listen to me. Don’t go and glean in another field and don’t go away from here. Stay here with my servant girls. Watch the field where you are harvesting, and follow after the girls. I have told the men not to touch you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled.’ (Ruth 2:4-9)

So far the only thing we have learned about Boaz is that he was related to Naomi through her deceased husband. Since you never get a second chance to make a good first impression, let’s

make sure we get it right! According to Matthew 12:34, we can rest assured that “...out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.” Which means even without a personality profile or a lengthy resume, we can learn plenty about someone by paying close attention to the words they speak and the way they interact with others...

The first words we hear from Boaz are a greeting to his employees, “The Lord be with you!” Webster’s dictionary defines a greeting as an expression of kind wishes. In his commentary on the book of Ruth, Matthew Henry points out, “...language such as this would not be heard in our fields, but on the contrary, that which is immoral and corrupt.” Would an outsider listening in to your workplace conversations form a very different opinion than what we see in Boaz? How we speak to those we work with is a true test of character, especially those who are under our authority...a test Boaz passes with flying colors. From the friendly exchange, it appears that Boaz is kind and respectful, and this is consistent with the respect that is returned by

his workers.

As a woman, the next thing we observe makes me want to stand up and clap! Take note of the way that Boaz speaks to Ruth: first of all, he calls her daughter! What a great standard for any man to set...to treat every woman he encounters the same way he would want his own daughter treated! To keep things fair, I need to talk to the girls for a second...understand that most men will treat you according to the “vibes” you send out. If you want respect, make sure that it is obvious that is what you are looking for...catch my drift? The other day, I stood in the grocery checkout line behind a beautiful young woman with expletives in huge letters on the back of her t-shirt. I mean, honestly, what kind of message are we trying to send? The way we talk, act, and dress affect the way we are treated. Beyond that, make sure that your standard is set. If you are accepting of dirty jokes and vulgar language in your presence, don’t expect to be respected. Surely we can raise the bar!

The Bible records James 3:2 to remind us that “we all stumble in



many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.” From beginning to end, Boaz’s speech was respectful, kind and helpful to others...how much more productive our own relationships could be if we followed his example...

Because Every Heart Matters,
Angie

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

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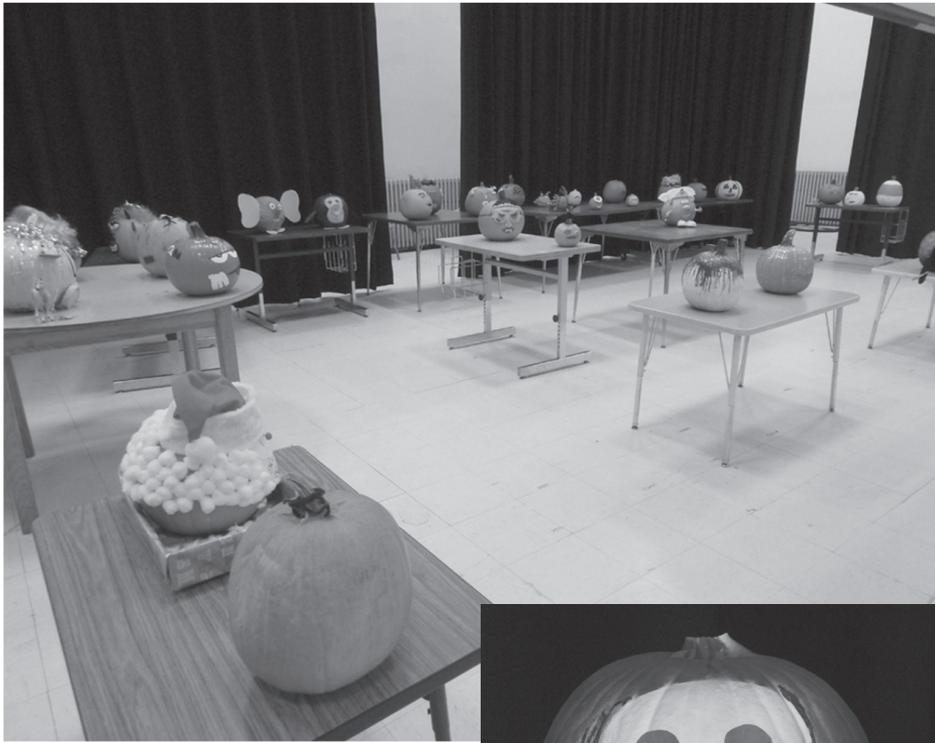
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Church & Family Go Together

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<p>CATHOLIC CHURCH ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH Three miles north of Jasper U.S. 41 P.O. Box 890, Jasper, FL 32052 Rectory U.S. 90 E., Live Oak, FL (386) 364-1108 Saturday MASS 4:00 p.m. 784014</p>	<p>NON-DENOMINATIONAL BURNHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH 4520 NW CR 146, Jennings, FL 32053 938-1285 Pastor: Johnny Brown Sunday Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Service.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Youth Program.....5:30 p.m. 784003</p>	<p>BAPTIST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH 11320 C.R. 6 East Jasper FL 32052 Pastor: Rev. Ronald Prueter Home: 386-938-5912 Church: 386-792-3267 Morning Service: Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Children’s Church.....11:00 a.m. Evening Training Union.....6:00 p.m. Worship.....7:00 p.m. Wednesday 835174 Worship.....6:00 p.m. 835547</p>	<p>Building On FAITH</p>

To list your church on our church directory, please call Nancy at 386-362-1734

More pumpkin entries at SHE



At noon on Thursday the stage was almost full of pumpkins.
-Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor



What a fine pumpkin carriage.



Mr. Pumpkin Head.



Quack, quack, quack...



Melted crayons created a unique pumpkin.



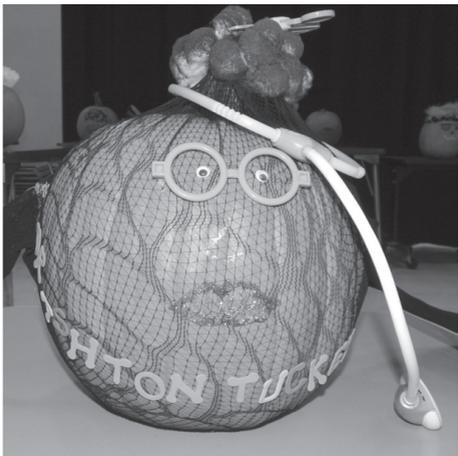
Aye, aye, pirate!



In honor of breast cancer awareness month.



A sad little pumpkin face.



Calling Dr. Pumpkin.



Simple, yet elegant



Isn't she sweet?



A creative use of candy corn.



The queen pumpkin.



This pumpkin could use some braces.

SHE students get creative with pumpkins

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them to the auditorium Friday morning. Then, one by one, each student went up on stage to show off their costume and explain who their character was and what book it came from. After that, it was time for the pumpkin contest.

"The children come in and they vote by putting quarters in a bag, or it could be pennies...whatever," said Mickler. "The top three decorated pumpkins that have

the most money in their bag will be the winners of the pumpkin contest."

Afterward, all the money that was placed in the bags was counted and it will be equally distributed to the teacher classrooms for them to order incentives for the students.

"So, the money goes right back to the kids," Mickler explained. "We'll probably do a big order from Oriental Trading, or something like that."

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation is doing soccer sign-ups. The cost is \$50 and the deadline is Dec. 6. Age groups are 5 and under, 8 and under, 10 and under, and 13 and under.



What makes a place special and unique? Is it the landscape? Northern Florida has a lot of white sand roads, slash pines and palmettos. In any number of counties across northeast and northwest Florida, all the way over into the panhandle you can find flora, fauna, and terrain that is very similar. I was thinking about my own beloved Southern Hamilton County this past week and, what, to me, makes it unique, and it is some of the "names" we have for landmarks and places that, to "folks" from the "outside" would seem "foreign", and they might look at you with that "deer in the headlight look".

Let's start with "99". Where do you live? I live out near "99". Now, can you imagine someone from someplace else hearing someone say they live at "99", but, if you grew up in and around White Springs, you know exactly where "99" is and, to what, folks are referring. It is an area, just north, now of where the S and S Store is on US 41 North. Now why is it called "99", because there is a mile marker on the railroad track there with "199" on it. It is 199 miles from "99" in White Springs to Macon, Georgia. The "199" mile marker gives "99" its name.

"Booger Bottom". "Booger Bottom" is at the Bottom of a steep hill, well, steep from White Springs. Bridge Street intersects with Suwannee Street right at "Booger Bottom", and right at "Booger Bottom" is where Martine and Vivian Young and Family reside. I heard someone not too long ago at a local business who had not lived here for too long refer to it as Devil's Corner and a group of us who have lived in and around White Spring since "Moby Dick was a Minnow", laughed out loud. We probably shouldn't have, but we did. It wasn't to make fun of them. It was just hearing a familiar landmark called by another name.

Then north of White Springs on CR 25-A, the River Road are two major landmarks, the first, about four miles north of town, on the right. It is the site of a big "Jamboree" held each year in late July, and it is the "Huckabuck". The "Huckabuck" is the residence of the family of the late Mrs. Verna Mae Johnson and was built by her father, the late Mr. Leonard Newsome. It was a store, a social club, a place where people gathered talked socialized, maybe enjoyed a beverage and had a good time. If you say to folks who have lived in and around White Springs for a long time.

"It is out past the Huckabuck", folks know to what you are referring. By the way, the late Mrs. Verna Mae Johnson was a dear, personal friend. She was a political activist who believed that voting was important and that registering to vote was important. So many of her children and grandchildren are carry-

ing on her proud tradition. Her spirit, as well as that of her father, "lives on" at the Huckabuck, along with that of her beloved daughter "Catherlene". All lovingly remembered.

Next, just a little north of the "Huckabuck" on CR 25-A is "Black Bay" and the "Black Bay Community". At one time there was an African American school in the Black Bay Community near the present Sweet Home Baptist Church. If you talk about Black Bay, folks around White Springs know to what you are referring.

Out on US 41, are the rural communities of Facil, which is about four miles north of White Springs on US 41N and, I will say about nine miles north of White Springs on US 41 North is "Genoa". At one time Genoa was a booming rural community with a couple of stores and was a major center of naval stores, turpentine and resin, as well as a lot of good farm land in the area. My Daddy, the late Wade Bullard, was born at Genoa, at the Camp Still, where the present Swift Creek Mine is located. My grandfather, the late Gordon L. Bullard, owned an interest in the Camp Still and sold his interest out to the Raymond J. Camp Sr., in the early thirties. Daddy was born there on Nov. 7, 1927. For many years, the house was right there. He was delivered by Dr. Ross Barnett who was assisted by a long time midwife on the southern end of Hamilton County who was there at the delivery the late Mrs. Ollie Scipio.

Coming back to White Springs, now, you hear folks in White Springs talk about "The Other End". We live on "The Other End". "The Other End" is an African American community across the railroad tracks around the old Carver School on the northern end of White Springs. It is an approximately four to five block area that "runs" north from the corner of Mill Street and CR 135 all the way down to Sunrise Drive and encompasses part of Adams Memorial Drive, and a number of other streets in the area known as "The Other End". If you live in White Springs or you've lived here for a while, and you hear someone say "I live on the other end", you know where they live. Nobody has to describe it for you.

My home, the Woodpecker Route, County Road 135, "runs" from White Springs, north for approximately 13 miles and intersects with State Road 6. There are a number of landmarks along the Woodpecker Route. Let's start with the One Mile Still, the historic W.L. Anderson Sr., home - at one time a major turpentine still, naval stores operation. The historic home is still there and when I was a child, the houses of many of the workers on the turpentine still were still there, too. Traveling north on the Eight Mile Still,

about five miles north of town is Long Branch Congregational Methodist Church, but most locals will refer to it as "Long Branch", and next to the church, just north of it is a little tributary, a "branch" that "runs" into the Suwannee River", "Long Branch". Traveling north, Eight Miles north of White Springs is my home, the old Eight Mile Still, the house is situated on the site of where the still was located. Granddaddy Bullard and his brother, "Uncle" Bud Bullard owned the Eight Mile Still and operated it, as well as the Five Mile Still, a little further south down the road. About 12 miles north of White Springs on the Woodpecker Route is historic Prospect Primitive Baptist Church established in the late 1830s. One of Florida's governors, the late Fred P. Cone, governor of the state of Florida from 1937-41 is buried there. About a mile north of Prospect just north of Hunter Creek is Belmont. I can remember when Belmont had its own

voting precinct, and Mrs. Irene Tuten Morgan owns the old Belmont School that is now called "Camp Mallory" named after Mrs. Morgan's father, the late Mr. Mallory Tuten, lifetime Hamilton County resident and prominent merchant in Jasper.

I may have overlooked a few sites in my writing. I am sure I did, but when I think about a "sense of place". What makes a place "unique"? It is often those landmarks known to local citizens that are "common place" to locals and, yet, in the scope of life, they mean a lot. I grew up in a marvelous place loaded with the standard slash pines, palmettos, white sand roads, a wonderful tannic colored river, the Suwannee, and some places with unique names. I am glad I did.

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

"THERE'S COUNTRY IN THE AIR"
AT THE
2013 COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR
436 SW STATE RD 247 - LAKE CITY, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 1 - 9
FEATURING HILDEBRAND RIDES
MIDWAY SPECIALS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
OPENING DAY / MIDNIGHT MADNESS
 5 p.m. to Close - \$5 Admission
 5 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Discount Tickets (purchase on midway)
 Early Bird Madness from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. - \$20 Armband Rides All Rides
 Midnight Madness from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. - \$15 Armband Rides All Rides

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
SATURDAY MATINEE AND SENIOR DAY
 Noon to Close - \$5 Admission / Seniors Admitted Free
 Noon to 6 p.m. Matinee - \$15 Armband with \$5 off Coupon - Rides All Rides
 6 p.m. to Close - \$20 Armband Rides All Rides

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
FAMILY DAY
 Noon to Close - \$10 Admission into the Fair
 Includes Admission, Free Rides and All Shows

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4
MIX 94.3 NIGHT
 5 p.m. to Close - \$5 Admission
 5 p.m. to Close - \$10 Armband with MIX 94.3 Discount Card

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
CLIP & SAVE NIGHT
 5 p.m. to Close - \$5 Admission
 5 p.m. to Close - \$15 Armband or Two Armbands for \$20
 with Clip & Save Coupon - Rides All Rides

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
SCHOOL DAY
 5 p.m. to Close - \$5 Admission, or Persons under 18
 and College Students with ID Admitted Free
 5 p.m. to Close - \$13 Armband with \$2 off School Coupon - Rides All Rides

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7
S & S FOOD STORE NIGHT
 5 p.m. to Close - \$5 Admission or Free Gate with S & S Food Store Coupon
 5 p.m. to Close - \$15 Armband Rides All Rides

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8
MIDNIGHT MADNESS
 5 p.m. to Close - \$5 Admission
 5 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Discount Tickets
 Early Bird Madness from 8:00 p.m. to 1 a.m. - \$20 Armband Rides All Rides
 Midnight Madness from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. - \$15 Armband Rides All Rides

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
SATURDAY MATINEE / MILITARY AND SENIOR CITIZEN DAY
 Noon to Close - \$5 Admission / Military and Seniors Admitted Free
 Noon to 6 p.m. Matinee - \$15 Armband with \$5 off Coupon - Rides All Rides
 6 p.m. to Close - \$20 Armband Rides All Rides

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NOVEMBER 1 - 9

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 STUDENTS UNDER 18 FREE ADMISSION - 5 PM TO CLOSE
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Florida Gateway
Clip n Save

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - CLIP & SAVE COUPON
 GOOD FOR ONE \$15 ARMBAND OR TWO ARMBANDS
 FOR \$20 - 5 PM TO CLOSE
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Suwannee Hulaween kicks off today



The String Cheese Incident's event will have Spirit Lake Promenade Art and Light show extravaganza through Nov. 2 at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park.

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The String Cheese Incident's Suwannee Hulaween kicks off today and runs through Saturday at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park where fans will be witness to a visual arts extravaganza.

This is the first Suwannee Hulaween at the SOSMP. This unprecedented musical celebration and spectacular event featuring a Bluegrass Surprise and some of America's best musicians is Oct. 31 - Nov. 2 on the banks of the fabled Suwannee River.

String Cheese Incident's Suwannee Hulaween at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park has been named the Best Halloween Event in the nation for 2013 by Untz, a California online music forum promoting electronic music. Suwannee Hulaween was chosen over events in cities like LA, Las Vegas, New York City and other large cities, including Miami.

Not only will guests be treated to a light show spectacular, but also will thrill to three

nights of Cheese including a special three-set show on Halloween night. Other artists featured will be STS9 (late night), Big Gigantic (late night), Emancipator, Conspirator, Steve Kimock & Friends, Leftover Salmon, Larry and Jenny Keel, Future Rock, Eliot Lipp (live band & DJ set), Brock Butler, Jennifer Hartswick, Van Ghost, Moon Taxi, The Main Squeeze, Manic Focus, Prophet Massive, Up Until Now (with special guests), Thibault, Applebutter Express, The Heard, Catfish Alliance, Vlad the Inhaler, Sir Charles, Savi Fernandez Band, Eliot Mess, Satoru, DJ Jody Litvack, The Heard and Come Back Alice. Artists at large include Natalie Cressman (Trey Anastasio Band) and Nick Casarino (The Nth Power).

For tickets, reservations for RVs, campers, to rent 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 SOSMP at 386-364-1683.

Set in the midst of 800 acres of Spanish moss-draped oak and cypress along the Suwannee River, The SOSMP is one of the most beautiful live music venues in the country. During Suwannee Hulaween, the space will transform

into the first rendition of the Spirit Lake Promenade, a visual arts extravaganza never before seen at SOSMP.

Fans can expect an epic fusion of dazzling lights, art installations and performance art that morphs the Spirit Lake waterfront and adjacent forest into a vivid dream-like space that fully engages the senses. Working with some of the Southeast's most talented sculptors, fire/metal workers, painters, performance artists and lighting designers, the Spirit Lake Promenade will also host a silent disco and other astonishing Hulaween creations.

"I'm extremely thrilled and honored to have been brought on as the art director for the Spirit Lake Promenade 2013," said Andrew Carroll. "It's a very exciting project on a remarkable chunk of land. My intention is to bring the local art community together in a way that unifies us all creatively while blowing people's minds."

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak, Fla., 32060, 4.5 miles south of Interstate 75 and 4.5 miles north of Interstate 10 off US 129.

To check out the artists' and events' schedule, go to <http://bit.ly/19Ay7W9>.

White Springs gets boost for sanitary sewer evaluation study

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White Springs wastewater collection system," Farley explained. "The majority of the town's sewer collection system was constructed in the 1960s and is comprised largely of terracotta and clay pipe and brick manholes, which over time have become increasingly susceptible to infiltration and inflow. Based on a preliminary review of area rainfall data, pump station meter records, and the White Springs Wastewater Treatment flow data, the system appears to exceed the SRF-required I/I exceedences of 275 gallons per day, per person in inflow and 120 gallons per day, per person in infiltration. During peak rainfall events, average daily flows at the wastewater treatment plant go from 30,000 gallons per day to more than 150,000 gallons per day," Farley added.

The project aims to utilize pipe-television inspection technologies to document the condition of the collection system throughout each pump station service area as part of the "Specialized Field Studies." This documentation will allow for a detailed examination of the system and its various service areas to de-

termine which areas are experiencing significant I/I.

Once these areas are determined, a Facilities Plan will be prepared, which will include various alternatives and recommendations for resolving the Town's I/I problems. Design of this project will likely include a combination of sewer replacement, sewer lining, form lining, and/or manhole repair, based on the individual pipe span or service area needs.

Since the project is composed of multiple stages and has far-reaching implications for the town, Farley is organizing a public workshop for the town council and citizens. A notice of the workshop's time and location will be provided in a future *Jasper News* story, as well as local town postings.

Dr. Helen Miller, mayor of White Springs, is enthusiastic about the project's role in reducing future costs, which will in turn benefit municipal customers.

"When completed in several years, this project will reduce service and maintenance costs by clearing blocked mains and broken pipe, and reduce wear-and-tear on pumps," said Miller. In addition, it will reduce

operating expenses related to pumping by reducing electricity usage, and reducing chemical costs at the treatment plant to treat additional storm water that has entered the sanitary sewer system," Miller added.

Martine Young, who lives on Bridge Street across from one of the town's pump stations, explained to Farley the history of storm water flow before the current pump station was installed. Young offered to help the new town manager based on his many years living in the intersection between Bridge and Suwannee.

"While future cost savings to our citizens will be substantial, the environmental benefits are just as significant," noted Miller. "New federal and state water regulations are being tightened and for good reason. As stewards of the Suwannee River, the Floridan Aquifer, and the White Sulphur Spring - which has now been flowing for over a month - we have a duty to restore and preserve water quantity and quality for future generations. We extend our appreciation to DEP for their consideration of our application and for their commitment to supporting small, rural communities such as White Springs."

Tom Tuckey to retire from SVEC

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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At a recent meeting of the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC) Community Relations Manager Tom Tuckey announced he will be retiring January, 2014.

SVEC came about as a result of the Rural Electrification Act signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on May 20, 1936. In 1937, SVEC was formed and incorporated. It is the oldest cooperative in the state of Florida. In 1940, SVEC energized its first electric line consisting of 52 miles and serving 69 members. As of 2012, SVEC serves over 18,000 members, 27,916 services in place, 4,172 miles of energized lines serving four North Florida counties: Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette and Suwannee.

Tuckey has been in the electric industry for over 40 years, previously working at Progress Energy (now Duke Energy) before taking early retirement. He has been with SVEC since April, 2007, starting out as assistant to the director of member services. In 2010, he was promoted to community relations manager and has worked with various



(L-R) Bainard Ward and Tom Tuckey from Suwannee Valley Electric. -Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

community organizations and governments in SVEC's service area, as well as handled billings for large accounts.

Since 2007, Tuckey has worked on many initiatives at SVEC to improve the service provided to its members. Two in particular he is most proud of are the upgrade of SVEC's website and the inception of the Outage Status Map (OSM). The OSM provides members with current outages which are available on the website, smart phones and tablets. He's currently working to further improve the map and the information provided to members so they'll be more informed.

Bainard Ward will be taking over as Community Relations Manager when Tuckey retires.

Ward is a long time resident of Suwannee County and will be training for his new position with Tuckey until he retires in January.

"I've enjoyed working with all of you," Tuckey told the commissioners. "Hamilton County has been one of my favorite counties to work with. Everybody's been great to get along with. I'm going to miss it, but I'll still be around."

"You've been a great friend to Hamilton County and this board," said Commission Chair Randy Ogburn.

Tuckey and his wife Debbie reside in Madison and they have three children and two grandchildren. When he's not working, Tuckey said he enjoys playing golf and is looking forward to retiring in January, 2014 to spend more time with his family.

Drug coalition happy with their new digs

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The Coalition held their first meeting at their new location in August and were given use of conference room 4 to hold their monthly meetings for both the Coalition and the Hamilton County Tobacco Free Partnership.

Certain day meetings that include HCHS student members are still be-

ing held at the Culinary Arts building on the high school campus.

The next meeting of the Coalition is Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 9 a.m. at the Culinary Arts building at HCHS.

For more information on the Coalition or to learn how you can be a part of this valuable organization, please contact Executive Director Grace McDonald at 386-938-4911 or 386-855-1410.



New office space for the Coalition. -Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor



The Coalition has use of conference room 4 at the annex for their meetings.

Nalani Quintello to represent WQHL at Texaco Country Showdown Regional in Georgia Nov. 1

This Orange Park resident won both the North Florida competition and the Florida title at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park. If she wins this Friday night, she'll compete for the national title and \$100,000 on the Grand Ole Opry Stage in Nashville Jan. 31, 2014.

By Saturday morning, Nov. 2, Orange Park, Fla. singer/songwriter/musician Nalani Quintello could be headed to the Grand Ole Opry stage to compete for the national title of Best New Act in Country Music and \$100,000 in the Texaco Country Showdown final! But first, she must compete in the regional contest Friday, Nov. 1, in Jasper, Georgia at Rocco's with other state winners from the Southeast.

Nalani, 18, won the WQHL North Florida Texaco contest Aug. 2 on the stage of The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak, Fla. On Sept 14, she won the state contest on the same stage. Since that night she's been preparing for her big moment this week. "I've rehearsed my songs until I think I could sing them in my sleep," Nalani said of her preparation.

Singing since she was 12, Nalani has dreamed of such a moment as the Texaco regional will bring. She's competed in so many contests she can't remember them all. She's sung at nursing homes, restaurants, opened for country artists such as Craig Morgan, Jerrod Niemann, The Diamonds, The Gatlin Brothers and more. This beautiful young lady has performed at the largest country music Jam in the

South, the Suwannee River Jam at the SOSMP; participated in more than 50 talent contests, plays regular bookings in and near Orange Park, has won multiple honors performing, holds numerous talent titles, has sung the National anthem at Jaguar Stadium in Jacksonville and contributes her time to sing at multiple charitable events. And, she's done it all with a smile and the graciousness of a true Southern lady. Now, she's determined to give this contest her best shot. "It's finally started to hit me that I'm going to regionals! It's like, 'Oh, my gosh, I'm really going to regionals!'" Nalani said this week.

This college student is so excited to be competing in the Texaco regional. Winning, she said, would give her the challenge of performing on the Grand Ole Opry stage, an experience she's wanted for a long time!

Look for Nalani at the SOSMP in the future and perhaps you'll even be seeing her on TV or hearing her music on radio soon! However this competition turns out, Nalani plans to continue her country music career while attending Belmont University in Nashville after she graduates from St. Johns River State College.

For more info on the SOSMP or upcoming events, please go to www.musicliveshere.com, email spiritit@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.



2013 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Drop Off Locations in North Central Florida

Suwannee Valley Area
(Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee counties)

Live Oak Collection Center
Suwannee Station Baptist Church
(386) 362-2553
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Live Oak, FL 32060
Contact: Bob & JoAnn Pettigrew
Home: (386) 755-1958 Cell: (386) 397-4684
Hours: Mon., Nov. 18 thru Mon., Nov. 25 are 10:00 am – 5 pm

Branford Relay Center
First Baptist Church – Branford, FL
(386) 935-1363
607 Suwannee Ave., N. W.
Branford, FL 32008
Contact: Mary S. Harris Home: (386) 935-3123 Cell: (386) 688-9754
Hours: Mon., Nov. 18 thru Wed., Nov. 20 are 10:00 am – Noon;
Thurs., Nov. 21 thru Fri., Nov. 22 are 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm; Sat., Nov. 23 is 10:00 am – Noon; Sun., Nov. 24 is 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm;
Mon., Nov. 25 is 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Dowling Park Relay Center
First Baptist Church of Dowling Park – Dowling Park, FL (386) 658-2360
11274 235th Lane
Live Oak, FL 32060
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Home: (386) 364-0798 Cell: (386) 209-5052
Hours: Mon., Nov. 18 thru Thurs.,

Nov. 21 are 9:00 am – 1:00 pm AND 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm; Fri., Nov. 22 is 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm; Sat. Nov. 23 is Noon – 3:00 pm; Sun., Nov. 24 is 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm;
Mon., Nov. 25 is 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Jennings Relay Center
Pentecostal Deliverance Center – Jennings, FL (386) 364-1511
1394 McCall Street
Jennings, FL 32053
Contact: Stacey Harvey
Home: (386) 364-1511 Cell: (386) 209-4170
Hours: Mon., Nov. 18 thru Tues., Nov. 19 are 9:00 am-10:00 am;
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Thurs., Nov. 21 thru Sat., Nov. 23 are 9:00 am-10:00 am; Sun., Nov. 24 is 1:00 pm-2:00 pm;
Mon., Nov. 25 is 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Mayo Relay Center
Cornerstone Baptist Church – Mayo, FL (386) 294-1350
796 W. Main Street
Mayo, FL 32066
Contact: Judy Brock *Cell: (386) 208-2461
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Sat., Nov. 23 is 10:00 am – 3:00 pm;
Sun., Nov. 24 is 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm;
Mon., Nov. 25 is Noon – 1:00 pm



You Are Invited to Join Us

For the 13th Annual North Florida
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Sponsored by Suwannee Valley Area

Operation Christmas Child

When: Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013

Where: Suwannee Station Baptist Church, 3289 101st Lane Live Oak, FL 32060. (386) 362-2553

Who: Bikers, ride from your home base to Suwannee Station Baptist Church, Live Oak, FL.

Donation:

Each participant shall bring a gift filled shoe box OR Each participant can adopt a shoebox @ \$20 per participant. To adopt a shoe box simply include a \$20 check for EACH participant. The check should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse/ Operation Christmas Child.

Time: 9 – Noon. Lunch for each participant that brings a gift-filled shoebox OR adopts a shoebox.

Please RSVP as soon as possible with the following information so that we can complete the planning:

- Number of participants attending
- Names of all those attending
- RSVP to: Colleen Ruehl, at 850-556-1787; OR mail to 12545 SE CR 25A, Jasper, FL 32052; OR email to jcruehl@aol.com.

Please RSVP no later than Nov. 1, 2013.

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The Arc North Florida 2013 Awards Banquet



The Arc Singers - great entertainment.



Harry Smith and Shelley, Arc staff enjoying the banquet.



Estelle Hingson and her niece Farrah.



Suwannee Arc participant - Lenny Lee.

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Over 150 friends of The Arc North Florida were invited to "go west", and everyone headed to McCulley Farm's banquet hall in Jasper for The Arc's 32nd Annual Awards Banquet on Sept. 5.

Guests arrived dressed as cowboys and cowpokes from the black and white western film era. Strolling on the sawdust floor, they were pulled back in time to the classic old west. The tables, covered with gingham cloth, were topped with centerpieces made by The Arc's clients and staff.

The purpose of this year's event was to celebrate the achievements of The Arc's many

clients and to recognize the individuals and local businesses that provided support to the organization. The audience was entertained by Chuckwagon Mac, the old west storyteller, and treated to a special performance by The Arc North Florida Singers, accompanied by Dick Grillo. The group sang a variety of old favorites, which included God Bless America, and won the applause of the audience when they danced to Boot, Scootin' Boogie. Dinner for the banquet included Chuckwagon Chili and Texas Dogs with a full topping bar cooked up by supporters of The Arc.

According to Janet Sampson, The Arc's De-

velopment Assistant, "Based on the smiles on the faces throughout the night, everyone had a good time. We appreciate all of the volunteers this year, and we give a special thank you to all the people that agreed to be table sponsors since their donations allowed our clients and their families to be part of the event at no charge."

Awards were given to the clients, individuals and area business people in the following categories:

An individual from each Adult Day Training Center was presented an award to recognize the great strides they had made this past year towards reaching their personal goals and in-

creasing their self-advocacy. The recipients were Lenny Lee from Suwannee County, Linette Keel from Hamilton County and Melissa Preston from Baker County. Mitchell Downing of Live Oak received The Freedom Award for the great advances he made as a self-advocate in independence and community living.

During the event, a special tribute was given to Stephanie McClendon, a Senior Vice President with First Federal Bank of Florida who retired from The Arc's Board of Directors after seven years of active service. In presenting the award to McClendon, Bobbie Lake, The Arc North Florida's Execu-

tive Director, shared with the group "Stephanie had a great love for the people that our agency serves. She was active in all of our events and could always be counted on to recruit volunteers to help us at each of our fundraising events. She was an encouragement to our clients and they will miss her as well."

Additional awards were given to the following recipients:

Outstanding Direct Care Staff - Tracey Sutton

President's Award - Tammey Fast

Community Supporter of the Year - McCulley Farms

Volunteer of the Year - Charlene Wallace

Leadership in Fundraising - Renee Daigle

For pictures of the event or more information, you can go to www.arcnfl.com

The Arc North Florida, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit agency providing advocacy and services, including supported employment and training in daily living skills, to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities residing in Suwannee, Hamilton, Lafayette, Baker and Columbia counties. The Arc is a provider agency for the United Way of Suwannee Valley. For more information, contact Janet Sampson at 386-362-7143 or jsampson@arcnfl.com.



Chuckwagon Mac aka Richard McAllister, the Old West storyteller. Courtesy photos



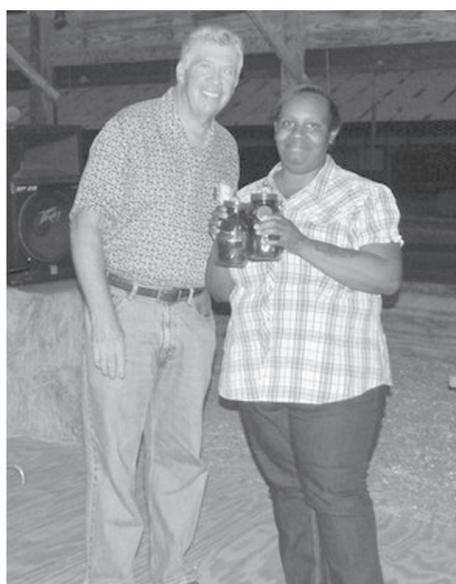
Lenny Lee dancing his boots off.



Retiring board member Stephanie McClendon.



Hamilton County Arc participant, Linette Keel.



Direct Care Staff Award - Tracey Sutton.



President's Award - Tammey Fast.

“Read for the Record”

Thursday, Oct. 3rd was a fun-filled day at our elementary schools. Students and staff came to school in their pajamas to celebrate reading and sharing books.

“We Give Books” is designed to help build awareness of the importance of early childhood literacy

through reading and giving. The chosen book this year is *Otis* by Loren Long. Our principals and assistant principals read this book in the classrooms and then copies of the book will be donated to charities around the world to put books into the hands of children.



Ms. S. Williams class at Central.



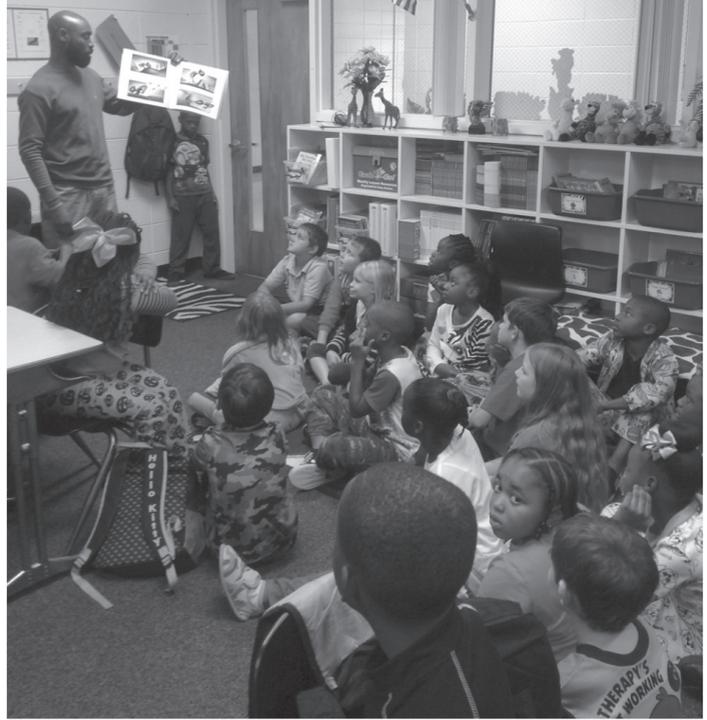
Ms. Hasty with a 3rd grade class from North.



4th grade class from North.



Mr. John's class from Central. Courtesy photos:



Mrs. Blue's class at Central.



Mrs. Merine's 5th grade class from North.

This Halloween, don't be spooked by the Internet

By Mary Kate Vang
Social Security Manager
in Lake City, FL

Don't look now, but it's Halloween! Halloween is time for kids of all ages to dress up in costumes and go trick-or-treating. But it is also a time of visiting haunted houses and watching those scary horror films. Think of the movies that frightened you the most, and they usually have an element of fear of the unknown.

Doing business online may also needlessly frighten people. When it comes to Social Security, however, there is nothing to be spooked about. We take all the fear out of doing business online. There are a number of things you can do online at www.socialsecurity.gov, and none of them should send so much as a shiver down your spine. Save yourself a trip to a Social Security office and transact your business from the comfort of your home. No need to be afraid to go online; it's so easy and safe to do business at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Here are just a few of Social Security's online services you can easily access from the convenience of your home or office computer:

Apply for retirement, disability, or Medicare benefits;

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you might be eligible to receive;

Setup a my Social Security account so you can access and update your information anytime;

Apply for Extra Help with your Medicare prescription drug costs;

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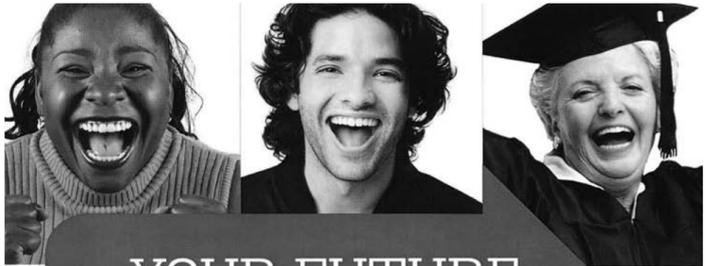
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Redistricting the existing voting districts talks in process

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voting districts in the county to determine whether or not there should be redistricting done," said Pennock.

Pennock completed his analysis several weeks ago and showed a color coded map of the five districts, noting that even though Districts 4 and 5 are the largest geographically, they don't have the largest population. Districts 1 and 2 have the larger populations and District 3 is by far the smallest district with the smallest population.

School board members are District 1, Damon Deas; District 2, Gary Godwin; District 3, Jeanie Daniels; District 4, Johnny Bullard; and District 5, Sammy McCoy. County Commissioners are District 1, Beth Burnam; District 2, Josh Smith; District 3, Robert Brown; District 4, Randy Ogburn; and District 5, Buster Oxendine.

"One of the objectives of redistricting is to balance the districts population-wise," said Pennock.

Pennock showed a bar graph of the five districts that further demonstrated his point of the imbalance. Districts 3, 4 and 5, he said, all need to be expanded, while Districts 1 and 2 need to be shrunk. The goal is to reach an ideal population average of about 2,960 people per district.

Another issue Pennock pointed out is the prison population in Dist. 2 where Hamilton Correctional Institution is located and the fact prisoners do not vote.

"The U.S. Census counts people in correctional institutions as part of the county population," Pennock explained.

The 2010 census showed 2,877 inmates at Hamilton CI, he said, which is why District 2 shows such a high population of 5,787, as compared to District 1 with 3,599, District 3 with 1,442, District 4 with 1,827 and District 5 with 2,144.

"It sort of creates an imbalance there," he said. "Something to seriously consider is how should the county deal with the inmates in the prison?"

Pennock showed a second bar graph without the prison population in District 2, which brought it down to 2,910, leaving District 1 with the highest population. The average target population for the five districts would also change to 2,384 when not counting the prison population, although there is still an imbalance across the county.

With 2,877 inmates, the prison could almost be a district by itself, Pennock said, although it would be "nuts" be-

cause the prisoners don't vote.

Another important aspect of the redistricting process takes into account the minority population in each district, which, he said, is also imbalanced. Census blocks and district boundaries are another thing that needs to be taken into consideration, he added.

Pennock said now that this phase of the analysis is done, they will be looking at options and taking suggestions as to how to balance out the districts.

"We have to do some substantial movement of lines," said Pennock. "When you have populations that are so different, just a little moving of the lines is not going to do much. You have to change the geography quite a bit."

The challenge is moving district lines to balance the population and keep the minority percentages balanced, as well, Pennock explained. Any decisions on changes to the districts will be made by the county commission and school boards, he pointed out.

"I'm the technical guy," he said. "I'm looking for direction from the school board and the county commission. I'm getting direction from Mr. McCormick and Mr. Willingham, but ultimately the boards are

the decision makers." Commissioner Randy Ogburn wanted clarification on who is pushing for the redistricting. Attorney McCormick said the directive comes from the Florida Constitution and the federal courts.

School Board Attorney Jay Willingham said most counties review district balances after each census, but Hamilton County hasn't done it for about 30 years. "One man-one vote" is the leading aspect of redistricting, he continued, which means legislative districts need to be divided according to population, so that each person has an equal amount of representation in government. Otherwise, the county could risk lawsuits if the district lines are challenged.

Willingham said he received a letter from the American Civil Liberties Union stating they were looking at redistricting nationwide because it is unconstitutional to include prison populations in any redistricting calculations. Willingham agreed that the inmates shouldn't be counted.

"They're not what you'd call a voluntary resident of Hamilton County," Willingham said. "They've lost their civil rights."

The next phase of the redistricting process is for the boards to come to

a decision as to how they plan to balance the districts, or if they plan to leave things as is.

SRWMD governing board meetings

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013, the Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet at 9 a.m. at District headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060. The meeting is to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory, real estate and other various matters. A workshop will follow after the Governing Board meeting. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by visiting the District's website at www.mysuwanneeriver.com.

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

Motors at the Mansion Saturday, Nov. 2

The first Motors at the Mansion will be held Saturday, Nov. 2, a Heritage Park and Gardens, 1004 Helvenston St., Live Oak. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and awards at 1:30 p.m.

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For more information, please call Harvey Bennett at 386-688-7376.

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HOW YOU CAN LOWER YOUR RISK OF BREAST CANCER

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women, second only to lung cancer. One in eight women is expected to develop breast cancer in her lifetime, and a recent survey by the Society for Women's Health Research found that 22 percent of women named breast cancer as the disease they fear most. The specter of breast cancer makes it no surprise that women are eager to seek various ways to reduce their risks of developing this potentially deadly disease.

Though cancer treatments continue to evolve, there remains no cure for breast cancer or any other types of cancer. However, there are steps men and women can take to reduce their risks of developing breast cancer. In fact, the National Cancer Institute says avoiding breast cancer risk factors is the best path to prevention.

- Avoid exposure to radiation. Repeated exposure to radiation therapy used to treat illnesses like Hodgkin's disease can increase a person's risk of breast cancer, particularly if treatments begin at an early age.
- Keep a healthy weight. Obesity increases the risk of breast cancer, particularly in postmenopausal women. Healthy eating and exercise can help women control their weight while reducing their

risks of developing breast cancer and a number of other diseases. Scientists at The Mayo Clinic believe there is a link between estrogen production in fatty breast tissue and breast cancer.

- Get your exercise. Exercising four or more hours a week can lower breast cancer risk. Exercise need not be heavy lifting at the gym. Any moderate physical activity, from cycling to walking, can be effective. Exercise decreases hormone levels in the body that can impact breast cancer risk. Some studies indicate simply walking briskly for one to three hours per week can reduce a woman's breast cancer risk by 18 percent.
- Eat a low-fat diet. The Women's Intervention Nutrition Study from the National Cancer Institute found that the highest rate of breast cancer reduction was among a group of women who ate a low-fat diet.
- Reduce alcohol consumption. Various studies have indicated that women who drink alcoholic beverages may develop cancer at a higher rate. Women who consume two to five drinks daily have a greater risk of developing breast cancer than those who abstain from alcohol.
- Weigh the risks of hormone replacement therapy. There are mixed reviews on hormone replacement therapy, or HRT, for postmenopausal women.

There may be a link between long-term HRT and breast cancer, particularly when estrogen and progesterone are used in combination. Some doctors advise estrogen-only hormone therapy for women who have had a hysterectomy.

* Use of SERMs and aromatase inhibitors. Selective estrogen receptor modulators, or SERMs, are drugs that

act like estrogen on some bodily tissues but block the effect of estrogen on other tissues. Aromatase inhibitors decrease the amount of estrogen made by the body. Women with a high

- risk of breast cancer may benefit from taking a SERM or aromatase inhibitor.
- Increase fruit and vegetable consumption. Carotenoids are cancer-protective pigments found in a vast number of fruits and vegetables. Researchers at New York University found women who had higher blood carotenoid levels had a significantly smaller risk of breast cancer than women with lower levels.
- Go sparingly on antibiotics. Only take antibiotics when they are truly needed. New evidence suggests that the more often a woman takes antibiotics, the higher her breast cancer risk. A study of more than 10,000 women found that women who took antibiotics for the equivalent of about 25 prescriptions over an average of 17 years were twice as likely to develop breast cancer than women who never took the drugs.
- Breastfeed your children. Lactation can suppress ovulation and the body's production of estrogen, which has been linked to higher levels of breast cancer. Breastfeeding may drop a woman's breast cancer risk by 4 percent.

Although there is no cure for cancer, there are a number of different ways women can reduce their risks for breast cancer.



Regular exercise can help women lower their risk of developing breast cancer.

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NOPE Vigil remembers those lost due to drugs

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event was moved at the last minute from Jasper City Park to the indoor auditorium at the annex.

"We were one of many sites that held a NOPE Candlelight vigil this year to remember those we have lost due to accidental overdose of narcotic drugs and other substances," said Grace MacDonald, executive director of the Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition.

"Master of Ceremonies Abbey Taylor coordinated the program with her special expertise," McDonald said.

As the evening began, Jessie Bristol gave a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem and the Hamilton

County High School JROTC did an excellent job of presenting the colors for the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Patrick Howell then provided the opening prayer.

The special speaker for the evening was Pastor Justin Young. "His message was very inspirational," said McDonald.

Jeramie Cheshire from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force gave a local update on current drug issues. According to Cheshire, prescription drug abuse is a serious problem in the community and people need to be aware of the dangers of overuse of pain medications.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Explorer Troop, under the leadership of Sergeant Emi-

ly Lumpkin, assisted Coalition members in the set up and clean up after the event.

"Chuck Burnett, as always, did a marvelous job with the sound and video," McDonald said. "All were attentive and the ceremony was a touching experience."

Hamilton County High School 10th grader Dornisha Marshall won the door prize, which was tickets to Wild Adventures.

The Coalition encourages everyone to plan to participate next year when they again take time to remember those they have lost and also to make a fresh commitment to work harder to help save other lives.

The NOPE Vigil is held during Red Ribbon Week, the last week of October, and is a national event.

NOPE Task Force Development and Marketing Coordinator Kristen Cantwell told McDonald, "I want to thank you for all of the hard

work that you have put into this event. The work that you are doing to bring awareness to the issue of substance abuse is truly making a

difference in this nation. I feel so fortunate that I am able to partner with such a hard working group of organizations and individuals."



Guests to the event watched a video presentation. Courtesy photos:



The NOPE Vigil remembers those lost due to drug abuse.



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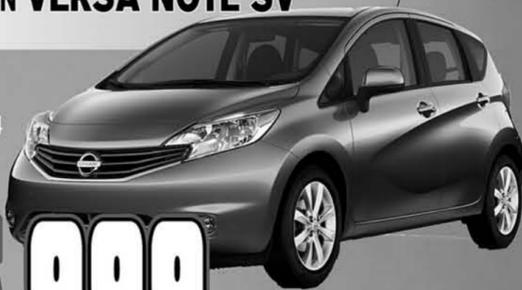
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A seamless move for school admin offices

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phones, but the bulk of the work is done and it looks great.

The FDLRS/Gateway for Exceptional Student Education Services has also moved into the building and has their own room. The administrative offices have new quad work stations to give employees some privacy and quiet as they work. Everything else in the building, Superintendent Thomas Moffses said, has been re-purposed material.

"I couldn't have been happier with the transition out here," Moffses said. "If you plan for the worst and expect the best, I can tell you that's how last week was."

About six people from the school district's facilities group, along with two crews of inmates from the Hamilton CI Work Squad, had the move completed over the Oct. 18-20 weekend.

"You would be amazed," Moffses said, "If I took you over to the other facility right now and walked you through with the lights off, you would think that place has been closed for six months to a year."

The biggest expense

Moffses said, was the re-purposing of the rooms.

"Equipment-wise, we brought stuff," he said. "Other than those quads and what's going on in the boardroom, everything else we had, so it was a very frugal transition."

The desks that were being used at the old facility, Moffses said, were the original desks that were used at the old high school.

"We found three more sets," he said. "We sent them out to the prison, they sanded them down, refinished them, re-varnished them, and that's what everybody has, with the exception of one office. They have the same wooden desk, just like anybody else out here on campus. They're really nice. They did a great job refinishing them for us."

Ipads, all color-coded with blue protective covers, are in the process of being deployed out to the students now. For the time being, Moffses said, they will be turned in at the end of each day and locked up.

Security was a top priority for the administrative staff and swipe card access to Building 1000 is in the final processing

stage, according to Moffses. The swipe cards will record who came in and at what date and time. Security cameras are also being installed at all the doorways.

"The doors will be locked and you'll have to buzz to get in," said Moffses.

One issue Moffses said they are dealing with is the paving of the parking area for the administrative staff for about 25 cars, which is something he wanted to do so that they don't infringe on the existing parking lot being utilized for the high school.

"Suwannee River Water Management District has not allowed permitting right now for the lot," Moffses said. "They want us to do some more holding pond stuff."

Moffses said he is still working with SRWMD about it.

There are some people, Moffses said, who have intimated that the administrative offices moved out to the high school in order to run it. His response to that was, "Mr. McLeod runs the high school. We're just renting some real estate."



The Hamilton County School Board convenes for a workshop in their new boardroom.



Director of Business Services Mary Loughran looks happy in her new office.



Supt. Moffses showed board members the new administrative offices.



All of this cabinetry has been re-purposed from other areas on campus. -Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor



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Farmers

Examples of eligible cost-share projects are:
Center pivot irrigation system retrofits to water more efficiently;
New pivot controller panels, which will provide Global Positioning

System (GPS) technology to avoid irrigation overlap and to avoid watering roads or other non-target areas; and
Remote controlling of center pivots, to monitor or control pivots remotely from a smart phone or computer; or
Weather stations to monitor rainfall, wind speed, soil moisture, and evapotranspiration.

Nurseries

An example of an eligible cost-share project follows:
Retrofits of overhead sprinklers to drip or micro-spray irrigation which spoon feeds the

crops and waters more efficiently.

This is the second year the District is offering the program. Last year, 125 agricultural producers benefited from the program which resulted in an average reduction in groundwater pumping of 5.2 million gallons per day. Through the program, 70 irrigation systems were retrofitted, 211 advanced irrigation scheduling tools were obtained, and eight special projects designed to save water were implemented.

"The District is pleased to continue to support our agricultural produc-

ers through the program while expanding this assistance to nurseries to conserve our water supply and offset groundwater demands," said District Executive Direc-

tor Ann Shortelle.

The deadline to apply for the program is Nov. 8. Interested parties may download an application and receive additional

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Savvy Senior – October Columns

Dear Savvy Senior,

My 67-year-old mother's house has become a cluttered mess. Since my father died a few years ago, her house is so disorganized and messy with stuff that it's becoming a hazard. I think she has a hoarding problem. What can I do?
 Worried Daughter

Dear Worried,

Compulsive cluttering is a problem that effects up to five percent of Americans – many of whom are seniors – with problems ranging anywhere from mild messiness to hoarding so severe it may be related to a mental health disorder like obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). Here's what you should know, along with some tips and resources that can help your mom.

Why People Hoard

The reasons most people hoard are because they have an extreme sentimental attachment to their possessions, or they believe they might need their items at a later date. Hoarding also may be a sign that an older person is depressed, or showing early symptoms of dementia.

Common problems for seniors who live in excessive clutter are tripping, falling and breaking a bone; overlooking bills and missing medications that are hidden in the clutter; and suffering from the environmental effects of mold, mildew and dust, and even living among insects and rodents.

What To Do
 To get a handle on your mom's problem, the Institute for Challenging Disorganization offers a free "Clutter

Hoarding Scale" that you can download off their website at challengingdisorganization.org.

If you find that your mom has only a mild cluttering problem, there are a number of things you can do to help.

Start by having a talk with her, respectfully expressing your concern for her health and safety, and offering your assistance to help her declutter.

If she takes you up on it, most professional organizers recommend decluttering in small steps. Take one room at a time or even a portion of a room at a time. This will help prevent your mom from getting overwhelmed.

Before you start, designate three piles or boxes for your mom's stuff – one pile is for items she wants to keep-and-put-away, another is the donate pile and the last is the throwaway pile.

You and your mom will need to determine which pile her things belong in as you work. If your mom struggles with sentimental items that she doesn't use, like her husband's old tools or mother's china for example, suggest she keep only one item for memory sake and donate the rest to family members who will use them.

You will also need to help her set up a system for organizing the kept items and new possessions.

Find Help

If you need some help with the decluttering and organizing, consider hiring a professional organizer who can come to help you prioritize, organize and remove the clutter. The nonprofit

group National Association of Professional Organizers has a directory on the website at napo.net to help you locate an expert in your area.

If she has a bigger, more serious hoarding problem (if her daily functioning is impaired, or if she is having financial difficulties, health problems, or other issues because of her hoarding) you'll need to seek professional help. Antidepressants and/or talk therapy can help address control issues, anxiety, depression, and other feelings that may underline hoarding tendencies, and make it easier for her to confront her disorder.

To learn more and find professional help see the OCD Foundation (ocfdoundation.org/hoarding) which provides a hoarding center on their website that offers information, resources, treatments, self-help groups, and more. Also see hoardingcleanup.com, a site that has a national database of qualified resources including cleaning companies and therapists that can help.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you offer any tips for finding low-cost cremation services? I don't want to stick my kids with a big funeral bill after I die.

Still Alive

Dear Alive,

Cremation is definitely

one of the most affordable ways to go, when you go. Costs usually run between \$600 and \$3,000, which are significantly lower than the average full-service funeral that averages around \$10,000 today.

Cost is also one of the big reasons why the popularity of cremation is soaring. Roughly 40 percent of Americans now choose cremation, up from 27 percent just a decade ago. Here are some tips for locating low-cost services.

Compare Providers

Because prices can vary sharply, start by calling the funeral homes in your area (most funeral homes provide cremation services) and ask them how much they charge for a "direct cremation," which is the least expensive option.

With direct cremation, there's no embalming, formal viewing or funeral. It only includes the essentials: picking up the body, completing the required paperwork, the cremation itself and providing ashes to the family.

If your family wants to have a memorial service, they can have it at home or your place of worship after the cremation, in the presence of your remains.

To locate nearby funeral homes, look in your local yellow pages under "cremation" or "funeral" or visit cremation.com.

You may also be able to get help and referrals through your nearby memorial society or local funeral consumer al-

liance program (see funerals.org/affiliates-directory or call 802-865-8300 for contact information). These are volunteer groups that offer a wide range of information and prices on local funeral and cremation providers.

If, however, you're not up to calling around, there are also a number of free websites – like funeraldecisions.com and efuneral.com – that you or your family can use that can do the work for you. With these sites, you just answer a few questions, and your nearby funeral homes will provide estimates based on your request.

Low-Cost Urns

The urn is another item you need to be aware of that can drive up costs. Funeral home urns usually cost around \$50 to \$300, but you aren't required to get one.

Most funeral homes initially place ashes in a plastic bag that is inserted into a thick plastic box. The box is all you need if you intend to have your ashes scattered. But if you want something to display, you can probably find a nice urn or comparable container online. Walmart.com, for example, sells urns for as little as \$25. Or, you may want to use an old cookie jar or container you have around the house instead of a traditional urn.

Financial Help

If you can't afford your cremation costs, there are a number of places you can turn to that may help. For

starters, many towns or counties provide assistance through their social services department if you or your family can't afford to pay.

Your family should also be able to get some aid from Social Security, which pays a survivor a one-time death benefit of \$255.

And if you're a veteran, the VA provides a burial benefit that includes a free burial at a national cemetery and a free grave marker. But, it doesn't cover funeral provider or cremation costs.

Free Cremation

Another option to consider that provides free cremation is to donate your body to a university-affiliated medical school. After using your body for research, they will cremate your remains for free, and either bury or scatter your ashes in a local cemetery or return them to your family, usually within a year or two.

To find a medical facility near you that accepts body donations, the University of Florida maintains a directory at old.med.ufl.edu/anatbd/usprograms.html. Or, call the National Family Service Desk, which operates a free referral service at 800-727-0700.

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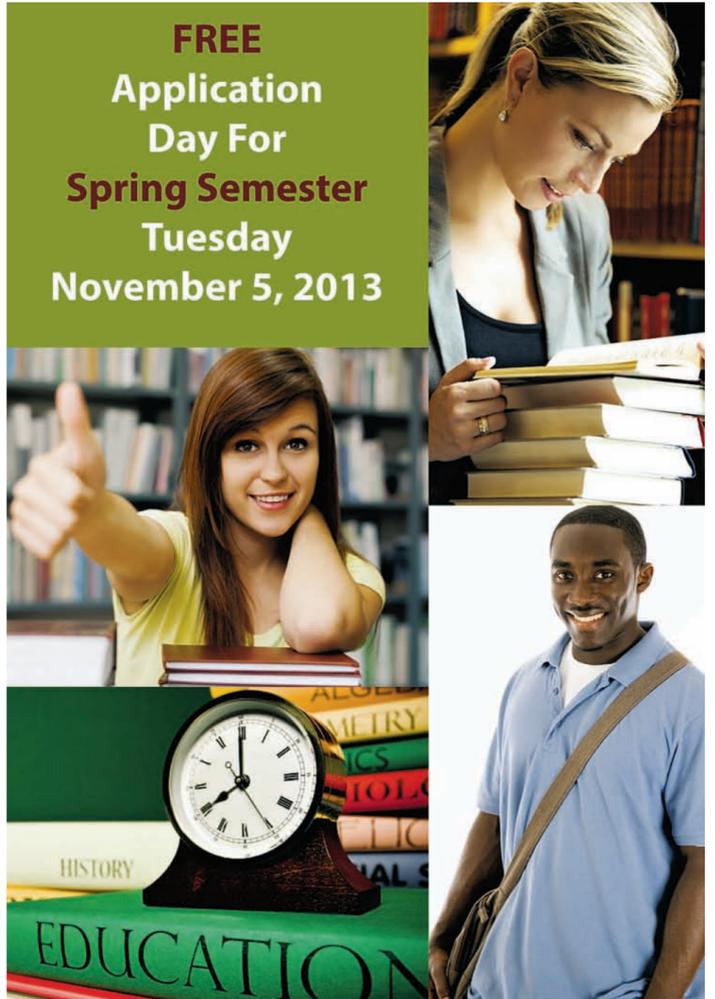
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Cancer survivor:

Nancy Thomas

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Nancy Thomas of Hamilton County has been a breast cancer survivor for almost 22 years.

"It was around Christmastime in 1991," said Thomas. "My birthday is the 20th."

Thomas said on that fateful day, her dog bumped her in the chest and something just didn't feel right.

"So, I went to the doctor and they discovered two tumors in my left breast," said Thomas.

The doctor, she said, suggested taking a biopsy to see if the tumors were cancerous, but Thomas decided the tumors shouldn't be there anyway, so why waste time waiting for results to come back? She just wanted them out and then they would go from there.

The doctor, she said, told her she wasn't old enough to have breast cancer and asked her why she wanted the tumors removed.

"He said 'you're only 25', and I told him he'd better look at my records because I'm 35, and he said okay," Thomas said, laughing, as she recalled that time of her life.

The day after Christmas, Thomas went in for surgery to remove the tumors. She was only in the hospital for two days. Then it took 12 days to get the results back from the lab.

"That's scary," she said. "It's hard

to wait that long."

Thomas recalled a memorable moment and started out saying that once a woman has kids she pretty much loses all sense of modesty, especially during female exams when ones legs are in stirrups. At the hospital in Tampa where she had her surgery, she said, there were many USF student doctors in training.

"I was in there getting examined after the surgery," Thomas said. "As the doctor walked in the door, he said, 'you don't mind if the students come in and look.'"

As she sat there disrobed, Thomas told the doctor she didn't mind, so 10 students came in.

"I told him, that's fine, as long as they learn something," said Thomas.

When the lab results finally came back, it was determined that the tumors were just starting to turn cancerous. Thomas said she didn't have to undergo radiation, chemotherapy or any further treatment.

"I was very lucky," she said. "I've always been very healthy...knock on wood."

Thomas said as a precaution she gets regular breast exams at least once a year and so far everything is normal. She said her mother and one of her daughters has fibrocystic breasts, but neither one of them has had any tumors.

For Thomas, having to go through the breast cancer scare over the Christmas holidays, she said, was a

difficult thing to go through, especially because it was so hard to get answers from people. At the time she had two young children at home, one who was 10 years old and the other only 18



Breast cancer survivor Nancy Thomas tells her story. -Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

months old.

"For me, it was hard," she said. "Plus, wondering if it will come back."

Thomas said she was horse riding professionally at the time of her health scare and she had to take a month off from it. She was living in Land O' Lakes at the time.

"We were a group of women who grew up running barrels and our parents used to take us to horse shows," she said. "When we were old enough to drive, we took ourselves."

The women formed their own professional drill team, made their own elaborate uniforms in red, white and

blue sequins and fringe, and traveled the state with Five Star Rodeos.

"We had a blast," she said.

Thomas said she has spoken to many breast cancer survivors since her ordeal and learned that many of them just don't want to talk about it publicly.

"If you're private about it, that's fine, because I know it's personal, but if you can help just one person, give them one symptom, or give them one ounce of hope," she said. "To me, that's what people need to talk about. That's survival. That's surviving and helping others survive."

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