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New site chosen for consolidated elementary school

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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The Hamilton County School Board voted unanimously to change the site location for a new elementary school construction project at their June 9 board meeting, choosing school-owned property at the high school complex on US 129, rather than the JRE Lee Complex that was previously approved by the board.

The school board on April 14, voted 4-1 to consolidate the county's three elementary schools and they also approved the JRE Lee site to build on, which began the new construction process. The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) later approved the survey for the JRE Lee site and the next phase is an on-site review by FDOE and other parties to either say yay or nay for a new construction project for Hamilton County.

Since the choice of site for the new school was made in April, things have changed at the new high school, which was one of the originally proposed sites, whereby flooding issues have been addressed and corrected. Superintendent Thomas Moffses had said in April that he couldn't recommend the new high school site because of flooding issues, but has since changed his mind.

Moffses gave the board members aerial photos of the three originally proposed sites and each photo had an overlay of a sample school layout and how it would fit at each site. The sites were Central Hamilton Elementary/old high school, JRE Lee/old administrative complex, and property at the new high school, all of which the school district owns. The sample school layout overlay, Moffses said, is one that is being built in West Florida that has the exact amount of student stations that Hamilton County needs.

"At this time, this will be the last opportunity for discussion on property," said Moffses.

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IS YOUR LUCKY DAY

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Food stamp use on increase in Hamilton

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The UF/IFAS Extension Office in Hamilton County recently researched data that showed an uptick in usage of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), more commonly referred to as food stamps.

"After looking at data shared with me by the Department of Children and Families Northeast Region Communications, it can be seen that there has been a tremendous increase in usage of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program," said Extension Agent Heather Futch.

Futch broke out the numbers of Hamilton County residents using SNAP for the last 10 years using March as a control date.

2004: 1,391
2005: 1,821
2006: 1,796
2007: 1,826
2008: 2,026
2009: 2,583
2010: 3,117
2011: 3,339
2012: 3,626
2013: 3,685
2014: 3,654

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PAVILION IN FOCUS

Vet Park memorial panels ready for installation

This is what the new pavilion will look like. - Courtesy photo

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Veterans Services Officer Clay Lambert offered an update on the Veterans Memorial Park project in Jasper to the county commissioners at their June 2 meeting.

The official ribbon cutting for the park that was scheduled to take place on Memorial Day was postponed because the granite wall portion of the project was delayed. Lambert wants the majority of the work to be done first before cutting the ribbon.

Even though the Memorial Day ribbon cutting was postponed, Lambert said

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Jasper blackberry fun

Annual festival to feature fun for everyone

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The 5th Annual Wild Blackberry Festival is this Saturday, June 14, in downtown Jasper from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the City Park with a variety of activities for young and old alike.

A pancake breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., hosted by the Crossroads Fire Department and the Hamilton County Humane Society will be putting on a Dog Contest from 10-11 a.m. They'll be looking for best trick, best dressed, best

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Jennings library meeting room construction a go

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At the June 3 meeting of the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, the board agreed to continue forward with plans to construct a new meeting room at the Jennings Public Library; something that has been waiting in the wings since last October when PotashCorp donated $50,000 toward the project.

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Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners discuss the library in Jennings. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

Proposed EPA ruling could affect power customers

Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative Community Relations Manager Baynard Ward. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC) Community Relations Manager Baynard Ward recently gave an informative and interesting presentation on the state of the power industry and the effects of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed restrictions on coal-firing power plants, which is part of President Obama's Climate Action Plan. Early estimates state the new pro-

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Florida officials mum on EPA rule, natural gas wins big

By William Patrick | From Watchdog.org

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Thanks to natural gas, two of Florida's largest energy providers appear to be one step ahead of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's latest assault on coal-fired power plants.

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Diamondback rattlesnakes to be added as endangered species

Power companies indirectly affected

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The Endangered Species Act (ESA) was passed in 1973 and indirectly affects the power industry, according to Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative Community Relations Manager Baynard Ward.

"It requires federal agencies to ensure that actions they authorize, fund or carry out are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any listed species or adversely modify critical habitat of such species," Ward explained. "It also prohibits any action that causes a taking of any listed species of fish or wildlife on public or private land."

Ward said since the enactment of this law, it has become one of contention environmentally because its provisions can affect the use of both federal and non-federal land and resources.

"There is certainly a need for the ESA," Ward said. "We, as a power company agree."

Over 1,450 species are designated as endangered or threatened, Ward continued. About 20 percent more species are going to be added to the list in Florida over the next five years.

"One of those is the (Eastern) diamondback rattlesnake," he said. "Believe it or not."

Ward said anytime SVEC builds substations or adds power lines they have to get permits, and they also work closely with Suwannee River Water Management District.

"A couple years ago, we modified a substation and we had one gopher tortoise out there," said Ward. "It cost us like $10,000 to move that one gopher."

Hamilton Correctional Institution Warden Scott Crews said when the annex was built they had to relocate about 200 gopher tortoises.

"We had to transport them, but they couldn't be transported but so many hours a day," said Crews. "We actually stayed at a hotel and it had to remain about 70 degrees that night. They (tortoises) were all in a hotel room."

The National Rural Electric Co-op Association (NRECA), Ward said, is trying to make the ESA more efficient and balanced. At a recent meeting of the NRECA, a representative from one of the power companies related a story, Ward said. They were setting power poles on a curved road and instead of following the curve they ran the poles across a field.

"There was a mussel or something that was out in that field," Ward said. "They didn't know how many were in the field. They just knew some were in there. It was kind of a wet area, so they didn't let them put trucks in there."

Because they couldn't use trucks, Ward said they had to set 10 power poles with a helicopter.

"Just to set those 10 power poles, it cost them an extra $140,000," said Ward.

Ward said maybe they could have allowed the use of land mats or something, rather than using helicopters that come with a high price tag.

"You'd never think the ESA would affect the cost of power," Ward said. "Things like that indirectly affect us in a big way."

Eastern diamondback rattlesnake

Jennings library meeting room construction a go

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County Coordinator Louie Goodin said he has been asked about the status of the library construction project, which, according to retired librarian Sandi Allen, the project has been on the drawing board for 10 years awaiting funding.

"We were on the brink of starting to draw plans," said Goodin.

Then he said he got a phone call, although he didn't specify from whom, that there may be an opportunity to relocate the library over to North Hamilton Elementary (NHE) some time in the future.

Goodin said he and County Engineer Greg Bailey were working together to draw up the plans for the meeting room at the existing library when he got the call about the possible opportunity to relocate to the NHE library. Goodin asked the board if he should put the meeting room construction on hold until it is known for certain whether or not the elementary school consolidation is going to proceed, whereby NHE would be closed down and be available for new tenants.

"There are so many unknowns at this point," said Commissioner Beth Burnam. "We hate to spend $50,000 on a converted Jiffy Store (the current library) when there may be other space available."

Commission Chair Josh Smith said, "In my opinion, after they consolidate it, the need for a library in either one of those towns is probably going to be next to nothing. They're already here in Jasper. It will take a toll on them. That's why I hated to see it done because of the toll it's going to take on White Springs and Jennings."

"If PCS is willing to spend the money, I'd like to see us spend the money, extend the library and make it better," said Commissioner Randy Ogburn.

"This is strictly my opinion, but I'd have to think long and hard before I'd take another old, wore out building that I'm going to have to maintain and take care of," said Commissioner Buster Oxendine.

Burnam interjected that the library at NHE is not one of the old buildings.

Jennings City Councilman Lowell Klepper was in the audience and said, "The amount of money is available ($50,000)...a bird in hand. This consolidation is still up in the air. From what I hear, the earliest it's going to be is at least two years from now. As School Board member Johnny Bullard pointed out at the meeting, it is still uncertain. It still depends on the state legislature appropriating a bunch of money to do this consolidation. It may happen in two years or it may not happen."

Klepper said in the mean time the construction of the meeting room at the existing library could go on as originally planned. He said he is amazed at the number of kids who are served at the library during the after school program, and that even if the consolidation happens, the bus will still let the kids off out in front of the library.

"I very much urge you to proceed with the project now because the money is available," said Klepper.

"I'm of the same opinion," said Oxendine.

White Springs resident and member of the Hamilton County Economic Development Authority Rhett Bullard was also in the audience and he said people use the library to access public assistance programs and computers and it's not just people going there to read books.

Oxendine said the county just put a new roof on the Jennings Library a couple years ago and did a lot of other upgrades to the building already.

"I would think we should proceed with the plans to renovate the library and do the construction that we discussed," Oxendine said.

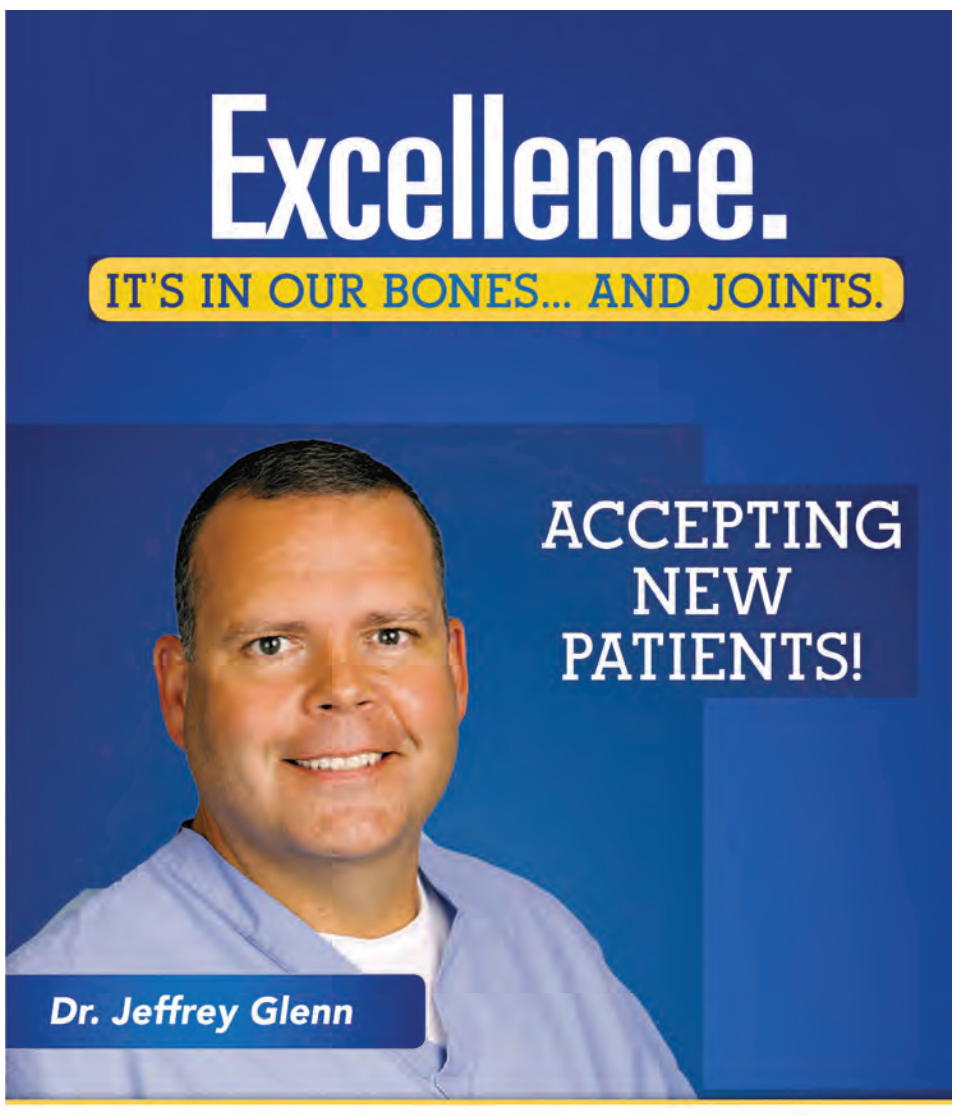
Burnam reiterated there are still a lot of unknowns at this time, but that there is a lot of potential at NHE, not only for the library, but for other uses.

"Those are things for the Jennings town council and Klepper to decide," she said.

Smith said by proceeding with the plans at the current library, they would have an upgraded building available in the town of Jennings, even if they decide to move the library over to NHE in the future.

"It's a $50,000 win for the town of Jennings," said Smith.

The board agreed to move forward with the agreed upon plans to construct the new meeting room at the current Jennings Public Library.



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Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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Do you believe in resurrection? I'm not talking about THE resurrection; I'm talking about a more metaphoric type of resurrection that happens to buildings that seem to have died and then are resurrected by people who can still see the worth in them. It takes a special person with a special set of skills to bring back to life a building that everyone else has given up on. I want to talk about one of those people today, my good neighbor and also my contractor on several projects, Don Weldon. Back in 2008 Don bought the house across the street from my house and the Suwannee Hardware store. It was a huge, rambling, turn of the century house that had been terribly neglected for many years and it was literally falling apart. The foundation was rotten in places and the old place was sagging and the brick chimneys were cracked and falling down. Nobody thought that it was worth saving, nobody but Don Weldon that is. He saw the beauty worth saving in the old place but he didn't see every problem that would come up, none of us ever do. After he got started on the place he discovered several more hidden problems that required a lot of extra work and expense and he confessed to me once that if he had known of all these problems to begin with, he might not have bought the house and taken on the "resurrection". I felt like he needed some recognition and encouragement so I wrote in my column in January of 2009, "White Springs is fortunate to have a very large number of historic structures included in our historic district and it is heartening to see efforts to restore them. Good luck and a tip of the hardhat to local contractor Don Weldon for his ongoing restoration work on his historic house on Spring Street. The place is being transformed from an eyesore to its original handsome appearance. It's a huge job and Don will do it right, you can be sure of that."

Now, five years after I wrote that, except for a little painting and trim work, the house is finished and it is beautiful. For perhaps another hundred years into the future people who never knew him will see and appreciate the work that Don Weldon has done. They won't know all the difficulties and hardships that he encountered along the way, they won't know how hard he had to struggle, and they may not know what a fine man he was but, in his beautiful finished home, they will see a testament to his good work and to his determination to see things through, both in work and in life, no matter how many unexpected difficulties came along. Don's life sets a good example for all of us in that way. I hope he and his family know how much we appreciate him because, without a doubt, his work and his life have made a positive difference in our life in White Springs.

More goings on at Stephen Foster Park. There will be an antiques, arts & collectibles event on Saturday, July 19, 10:00 A.M - 4:00 P.M. Collectors from across the area will gather to display their antiques, unique art and collectibles. Come out and enjoy visiting with the collectors and browsing a variety of collectibles such as teapots, spoons, coins, linens, toy trains and tractors, furniture, dolls, farm and turpentine equipment and much more. This will be a very fitting event for a historic town like White Springs.

Once again I'll remind you that I'm constantly on the lookout for more good news. I check my email often and look forward to hearing from you. I hope to see you out and about, pursuing your passion and enjoying your life in White Springs!

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Jasper man faces 16 burglary related charges in Live Oak

Lackey

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A Hamilton County man linked to multiple home burglaries in Live Oak was arrested recently when he was found prowling for a burglary attempt, according to Live Oak Police Sergeant Justin Bates.

"Over the past four to five weeks officers and detectives of the Live Oak Police Department have been investigating a rash of burglaries throughout the city targeting Hispanic homes," said Bates. "The burglaries would occur during the day while the occupants are working and such."

Bates said during the course of the investigation, Lorenzo Lackey, 59, 300 Chambridge Drive, Jasper, was named as a suspect.

"Officers looked for Lackey for days with no success," Bates said.

On Tuesday, June 3, Bates and LOPD Detective Jason Rountree reportedly discovered Lackey attempting a burglary to a home at the intersection of Duval Street and Walker Avenue.

"Lackey's plans were foiled and he was taken into custody," Bates said. "Lackey subsequently admitted to his role in the burglaries and implicated a second person, 24-year-old Brittany Shaw of Live Oak. Using Shaw's knowledge of their comings and goings, Lackey and Shaw would break into the homes."

According to Bates, Shaw subsequently admitted to her role in the burglaries. Shaw was reportedly known in the Hispanic community of Live Oak and knew most of the victims of the burglaries.

Lackey has been charged with seven counts of burglary; two counts of theft; five counts of grand theft; one count of loitering and prowling; and one count of petit theft.

Shaw has been charged with seven counts of burglary; two counts of theft; five counts of grand theft and one count of petit theft.

Lackey was booked into the Suwannee County Jail. Shaw was not arrested at the time of the investigation, but Bates said an arrest warrant will be issued.

Arrest Record

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

The following abbreviations are used below:

DAC - Department of Agriculture Commission
DOA - Department of Agriculture
DOT - Department of Transportation
FDLE - Florida Department of Law Enforcement
FHP - Florida Highway Patrol
FWC - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
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

May 30, Esteban Velasquez Manriquez, 29, 5685 NW 44 St., Jennings, Fla., criminal mischief, battery, JNPD-Baunack

May 31, Malcolm Dwight Brown, 35, 213 SW 5 Ave., Jasper, Fla., DUI, JAPD-McDonald

June 2, Devonte M. Pender, 21, 11969 SW CR 249, Lot 7, Jasper, Fla., vop grand theft, HCSO-Bennett

June 2, Danadre T. Warren, 21, 4178 SW 99 Ave., Jasper, Fla., vop poss. of firearm at school-2 cts., vop, grand theft-2 cts., vop burglary, grand theft, grand theft firearm, HCSO-Bennett

June 2, Deana Franklin Ball, 40, 1307 NW 3 St., Jasper, Fla., vop felony DUI, HCSO-Bennett

June 3, Arthur M. Hamilton, 57, 7659 SE 113 Blvd., Jasper, Fla., poss. drug paraphernalia, poss. marijuana over 2 grams, poss. marijuana w/intent to sell, marijuana producing, HCDTF-Cheshire

June 3, Curtis William Smith, 44, 2504 S. 100 East, Hartford, Ind., out of county warrant, hold for Seminole Cty., DOA-Everett

June 3, Donna Lynn Davis, 50, 6158 SW 57 Way, Jasper, Fla., poss. drug paraphernalia, poss. marijuana over 20 grams, poss. marijuana w/intent to sell, marijuana producing, HCDTF-Brownfield

June 3, Antwain Leon Strawder, 26, 480 12th Ave., Jasper, Fla., FTA-battery, HCSO-Murphy

June 3, Antonio Antwon Booker, 30, 520 No. Troup St., Valdosta, Ga., hold for Cook Cty., vop obstruction of officer, HCDTF-Brownfield

June 4, Kenneth Marion Vickery, 55, 4551 SW 74 Way, Jasper, Fla., interfere w/custody of minor, travel to meet after use computer to lure child, HCSO-Williams

June 4, Daniel Lee Rush, 27, 883 Glendale Ave., Palm Bay, Fla., out of county warrant, Broward Cty., fail to redeliver personal property, HCDTF

June 5, Dwayne Michael Demps II, 32, 9303 SW 227 St., Miami, Fla., DWLS knowledge, fail to stop/submit to inspection, DOA-Kissinger

June 5, Victor Manuel-Huet Jimenez, 20, 1108 Immokalee Dr., Immokalee, Fla., driving w/o license, DOA-Luker

June 5, Joseph Steven Holbrook, 56, 301 Quail Ln., Lake Park, Ga., poss. less than 20 grams marijuana, HCDTF-Brownfield

June 5, Paul Allen Hendrix, 43, 108 SW 10 St., Jasper, Fla., DWLS habitual, FHP-Hughes

June 5, Larvey George Reynolds, 47, 3892 NW 109 Ave., Jasper, Fla., petit theft, trespass, destroy/tamper w/evidence, JAPD-Akins

June 6, Tarveine C. Scott, 52, 16715 Branch St., White Springs, Fla., in for funeral, HCSO

June 6, Thomas Grayan Vickers Sr., 43, 1260 NW 83 Ave., Jasper, Fla., simple assault, trespassing, resist officer w/violence, HCSO-Thomas

June 7, Jaime Isidro-Martinez, 26, 5818 CR 152, Jennings, Fla., no or improper driver license, JNPD-Smith

June 7, Robert Bernard Bracewell, 34, 11763 NE 32 St., Jasper, Fla., battery D/V, HCSO-Murphy

June 7, Deandre Lamar Claridy, 28, 10233 SW 57 Dr., Jasper, Fla., DWLS/R, JAPD-Harvey

June 8, William Johnson Stovall III, 46, 1697 Granger Ct., Brookhaven, Ga., poss. less than 20 grams marijuana, poss. drug paraphernalia, JNPD-Smith

June 8, Roger Dennis Smith, 32, PO Box 52, Jasper, Fla., battery, child abuse w/great bodily harm, JAPD-McDonald

OBITUARIES

Robert Oneal Goolsby, Sr.
May 29, 1938
June 4, 2014

Robert Oneal Goolsby, Sr., age 76 of Gainesville, Fla. passed away Wednesday, June 4, 2014. He was born May 29, 1938 in Jasper, Fla. to Oneal and Thero Jones Goolsby.

Mr. Goolsby was an active member of Forest Grove Baptist Church. He was a past Sunday school superintendent and Bible school director, he sang in the choir and participated in the softball and bowling leagues. Mr. Goolsby was an avid drag racer and a fan of all motorsports. He loved to fish, garden, farm and spend time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Pat McGhin Goolsby; son, Robert "Buddy" Oneal Goolsby, Jr. (Tracy); grandson, Timothy Oneal Goolsby all of Gainesville sisters, Dorothy Goolsby Bond of Norcross, GA; Connie Goolsby Beasley (Vann) of Smyrna, GA; Libby Goolsby Walk (Ken) of Jasper, Fla. and many loving nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by niece, Michelle Tenney and nephew, Jimmy Dampier.

A funeral service was held Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 10 a.m. at Forest Grove Baptist Church 22575 NW 94th Ave., Alachua, Fla. 32615 with Pastor Warren Chesser and Pastor Leon Godwin officiating. The family received friends Friday, June 6, 2014, 5 to 7 p.m. at Williams-Thomas Funeral Home Westarea, 823 NW 143rd Street.

Flowers are welcome or donations to Forest Grove Cemetery for the upkeep of the cemetery or to Haven Hospice 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, Fla. 32606. Please visit his memorial page at www.williamsthomasfuneralhome.com.

For further information Williams-Thomas Westarea (352) 376- 5776.

DEATH NOTICES

Ollie Mae Twiggs
June 6, 2014

Ollie Mae Twiggs a resident of Live Oak, Fla. passed away June 6, 2014 in Lake City Medical Center Lake City, Fla.

D.M. Udell and Sons of D.M. Udell Funeral Home are in charge of al arrangements.

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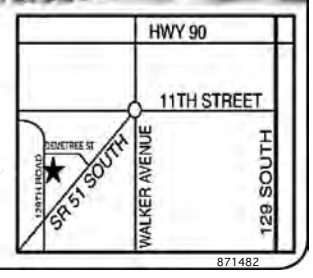

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OPINION

Who owns you?

A MINORITY VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

Darcy Olsen, president of the Arizona-based Goldwater Institute, and Richard Garr, president of Neuralstem, a biotech company, wrote "Right to Try experimental drugs" in USA Today (5/28/2014). They pointed out that "this year, more than 5,000 Americans will lose their battle with ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease." Up until recently, there was no medicine on the market that significantly improved the lives of ALS patients. But now there is one in clinical trials that holds considerable promise, but it has not been granted Food and Drug Administration approval. The average amount of time it takes to get a drug through the FDA approval process is 10 years. That's time that terminal patients don't have.

Legislators in Colorado, Louisiana and Missouri recently approved "Right to Try" legislation, and Arizona voters will vote on the measure this November. "Right to Try" is an initiative designed by the Goldwater Institute. It would give terminal patients access to investigational drugs that have completed basic safety testing. Under a doctor's supervision, people would be given the chance to try promising experimental drugs before they're given final FDA approval.

There's no denying that there's risk in taking a drug or medical procedure that hasn't completed clinical trials. The question is: Who has the right to decide how much risk a person will take -- he or some faceless Washington bureaucrat? In my opinion, the answer depends upon the answer to the question: Who owns you? If one owns himself, then it is he who decides how much risk he takes. If government owns you, then you don't have the right to unilaterally decide how much risk you'll take.

The FDA's mission is to ensure the safety and effectiveness of pharmaceuticals. In doing so, FDA officials can make two types of errors. They can approve a drug that has unanticipated dangerous side effects, or they can disapprove or delay a drug that is both safe and effective. FDA officials have unequal incentives to avoid these two types of errors. If the FDA official errs on the side of under-caution -- approving a dangerous drug -- the victims are visible, and he is held directly accountable. If he errs on the side of over-caution -- holding up approval of a safe and effective drug -- who's to know? The cost and the victims are invisible. Politicians and bureaucrats prefer invisible victims.

Here are a couple of notable examples. Clozapine was approved and used in 1972 in Europe. Clozapine's ability to treat schizophrenics who did not respond to other medicines became well-known by 1979. Yet the drug was not approved in the United States until 1989 because companies believed that the FDA would reject it on the grounds that 1 percent of patients who took the drug contracted a blood disease. As an article in The New England Journal of Medicine stated, "what is remarkable is that clozapine has a beneficial effect in a substantial proportion (30 to 50 percent) of patients who have an inadequate response to other ... drugs." Nearly 250,000 people with schizophrenia suffered needlessly, when relief was at hand.

According to Robert M. Goldberg, writing for the journal Regulation, "Mevacor is a cholesterol-lowering drug that has been linked to reduction in death due to heart attacks. It was available in Europe in 1989 but did not become available in the United States until 1992. Studies confirm what doctors saw to be the case: taking the drug reduces death due to heart disease by about 55 percent. During that three-year period as many as a thousand people a year died from heart disease because of the FDA delay."

There is self-correction when a drug that has unanticipated dangerous side effects has been marketed. The drug is removed. But there's no self-correction when a safe, effective lifesaving drug is not approved or is delayed. Those 5,000 ALS patients who will die of their disease this year are invisible, and FDA officials are unaccountable. "Right to Try" legislation is a step in the right direction to remedy that.

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Ever waxed philosophically on catfish?

I seldom watch fishing shows on television. For one thing, if you see someone catch one fish, then you've pretty much seen him catch them all. It's not like he's going to accidentally pull up a sunken treasure chest or a mermaid. Give or take a few ounces, it's going to be the same fish.

That said, I watched a fishing show last night. But it was a different kind of fishing show. I guess you could call it a reality fishing show, and it provoked me to deep thought without me smoking a pipe and wearing a cardigan sweater. I did scratch my beard though.

So there were these Louisiana families fishing for catfish in the estuaries of the Mississippi River. 7 These were commercial fishermen, not just someone trying to conjure up a fish fry on Saturday night. In the same show, a family 1,000 miles away in Minnesota was also fishing for catfish, also on the Mississippi River.

I enjoyed the contrast. People talk funny in both locations — cheese heads and Cajuns both making a living harvesting catfish. And even though there was great contrast in the lifestyles, the climate and the accents, a catfish tastes about the same once you meal it and throw in hot grease. The key here is to know when to change out the grease. Cole slaw, on the other hand, can vary in taste from one side of town to the other.

So as I waxed philosophically in this moment, I was reminded that there is much more that joins us than separates us. And sometimes I think we may forget that.

In fact there's a country song out right now in which the singer declares that "country must be countrywide." In other words, the South does not hold a franchise on the sounds of Hank Williams or Willie Nelson.

In that same vein of thought, I also had just watched a documentary on D-Day. The man being interviewed was from South Carolina. He had shared a foxhole with a soldier from New Jersey. The was the first New Jersey American he had ever met, and it was under very trying circumstances. They had a lot in common though. They both wanted to live. They were both fighting for the same country. And I would bet both had the same thought, "We've got to quit meeting like this."

Now back to the Mississippi (about the biggest word I know). This is the same Mississippi River that ran from the North to the South during the Civil War. The catfish didn't know there was a civil war going on. They shared the same river apparently without great conflict. And even today, these catfish don't know that the people catching them for the same purpose talk funny. They don't even know about the Minnesota Vikings and the New Orleans Saints.

Then the film crew moved over to South Carolina where yet another group of people were commercially fishing for catfish. They were using bush hooks instead of nets and traps. That took me back to my childhood when we would run trot lines on the river. And even though the harvesting styles varied, the end result was the common denominator — golden fried filets. On the side were cheese grits, French fries, hush puppies, pickles, cole slaw and potato salad.

Again, there are those many things that bind us, hopefully more than separate us. This may be the first time I've gone so philosophical on catfish. I fish, therefore I am.

So I'm just wondering if we could have this big catfish supper and get our Democratic and Republican "leaders" to sit down and ponder the concept of common denominators?

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E-Cigarettes—good or bad

By Allen Weiss, MD, MBA
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In less than a decade since they were introduced on the market, use of electronic cigarettes has taken off in our country; sales for this past year are expected to reach 1.7 billion dollars! The growing controversy about the use of e-cigarettes has also taken off and revolves around three issues. First, are e-cigarettes safe? Second, can this relatively new invention help people stop smoking? And third—on the opposite side—can these devices actually addict people to smoking?

According to a recent Gallop Poll, nearly 90 percent of U. S. adults who smoke report that if they had it to do over again, they would not have started smoking. About 18 percent of Americans currently smoke, which is down considerably from decades ago. However, smoking is still the single greatest cause of preventable death, killing an estimated 480,000 people per year. More Americans have died from smoking than were killed in all the wars the United States has ever fought, reported a New York Times editorial.

The Safety Issue: E-cigarettes are battery powered nicotine-delivery devices which vaporize nicotine using propylene glycol or vegetable glycerin. These chemicals, are also used as carriers for cosmetics and in certain foods because they are odorless and tasteless. Propylene glycol is also used for antifreeze in automobiles.

Mayo Clinic experts shared that when the FDA analyzed samples of two popular e-cigarette brands they found variable amounts of nicotine and traces of toxic chemicals, including known cancer-causing substances (carcinogens). This prompted the FDA to issue a warning about potential health risks associated with electronic cigarettes. The FDA is expected to add new warnings shortly, and some states, like New York, have passed laws prohibiting sales of e-cigarettes to anyone under 21 years of age.

Until more is known about the potential risks, the safe play is to say no to electronic cigarettes. If you're looking for help to stop smoking, there are many FDA-approved programs and medications that have been shown to be safe and effective for this purpose.

Smoking cessation: Can e-cigarettes be used to help people stop smoking? This is a question being looked at across the country, in relation to both adults and teenagers. Substituting e-cigarettes for real cigarettes is safer overall, but not nearly as safe as eliminating tobacco products entirely. The amount of nicotine inhaled with these electronic devices is variable and not well controlled. Also, the long term effects of nicotine, which is an artificial stimulant, cannot be good. Nature didn't include nicotine as an essential element in our diets. Before about 1920 tobacco use in America was relatively uncommon.

Smoking addiction risk: Middle and high school students who use electronic cigarettes are more likely to smoke real cigarettes and less likely to quit, according to a very recent Journal of the American Medical Association Pediatrics. Currently, about three million of the 45 million smokers in America are teenagers, and the overwhelming number of people who use e-cigarettes are also smoking real cigarettes.

Ultimately, the question is whether e-cigarettes will cause more people to stop smoking or start smoking. The jury is still out at the moment but we expect an answer based on real epidemiology studies in the near future. Unfortunately, if the answer is these devices increase the number of smokers—young or old—the damage will already have been done. If these devices are limited to only those who are trying to stop smoking, should we be supportive? Until that is known, stay tuned for—hopefully—objective answers which will help everyone live longer, happier and healthier lives.

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Haven Hospice volunteer orientation

Helping Hands Volunteer Orientation When: Every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

Where: Haven Hospice Suwannee Valley Care Center, 6037 W. U.S. Hwy 90, Lake City, Fl. Call Carolyn Long at 386-752-9191 for more information.

Support group

Compassionate Friends, a national bereavement organization that helps families who have lost a child, is hosting a support group at Haven Hospice. The group will meet the third Monday of every month from 7-9 p.m. at the Suwannee Valley Hospice Care Center at 6037 US Highway 90 West. For more information, please call 386-697-0286 or email findhopetoday@gmail.com

Proposed EPA ruling to affect power customers

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posed rule by the EPA will cost about $50 billion a year and will take away more than 200,000 jobs, Ward said.

SVEC recently held their annual meeting and one of the major topics discussed was the proposed EPA ruling.

"They are really coming after our industry, unfortunately" said Ward. "Our co-op model is something where we try to provide low rates to our members. This proposed rule that they passed is going to negatively impact our ability to provide those low rates."

Ward said the Obama Administration tried to go through Congress and when that didn't work he used the EPA to propose this new emissions rule. Ward said it puts standards in place that make it difficult to keep coal-fire generation as a viable option.

The industry, he said, has until 2030 to implement the new standards, which will impose mandated emissions reductions.

"The bottom line is, the best place for the government to be is not in energy policy," said Ward. "It just clouds everything up...muddies it up," he added. "The problem is, the technology they are pushing on us doesn't exist. We're going to be unable to meet those standards."

He said over the next several years a lot of coal plants will be shutting down.

"Our argument is, they're not going to start mining coal, so what are they going to do with that coal?" he rhetorically asked. "They're going to ship it to China and India who don't go by the standards that we do to produce energy, so they're the ones who are emitting a lot more pollution than the U.S., so that's just going to increase. Overall, it's not going to affect their mission of climate change positively, we don't think."

Seminole Electric

SVEC, as part of a nine-member cooperative, buys their power from Seminole Electric who produces the energy at their coal plant in Palatka, Ward explained.

"It is one of the cleanest coal plants in the world," he said. "They spent over half a billion dollars in the last five to 10 years renovating that plant to make it a low emissions plant. We're proud of the fact that even though we use coal as part of our portfolio that it's a good coal plant."

Over the last two years, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has shut down eight coal plants, Ward said.

"So, this is real," he said. "It's happening before our eyes."

About 62 percent (almost two-thirds) of Seminole's power comes from coal, roughly 30 percent comes from natural gas, and the remainder comes from renewable energy, Ward continued.

"They don't have much solar right now, but one of the things they're doing in South Florida is harvesting methane off landfills and using that for renewable energy," he said. "Seventy percent of SVEC's cost comes from fuel costs. The other 30 percent of our budget is operating costs. What Seminole pays for fuel, it matters to our members."

In 1978, the Carter Administration passed a fuel use act on the heels of an oil embargo, which nearly eliminated the use of natural gas for power plants, Ward said, which spurred the use of coal. Thirty years later, there is a large number of coal plants in the country.

"Now, on the whims of whoever is in office, the decisions that they're making in Washington are going to affect the cost of energy for the next several decades or longer," said Ward. "The problem is, you can't just build a power plant."

Building a power plant is very capital intensive, he said, in the billions of dollars.

"The permitting process takes, sometimes, decades to do," he added. "Even if we wanted it changed, it's nothing that we could change overnight."

Ward explained that energy can't be stored. When it is produced at a power plant it goes through transmission lines, then to distribution lines and has to be used. They base the amount of energy needed by referring to prior years' history of usage.

"To make a megawatt of solar energy, it takes about 10 acres of land," said Ward. "To replace that 1,300 megawatt plant in Palatka, you're talking about a serious parking lot to provide that."

Solar is becoming more inexpensive and more of an option, he said, and SVEC is looking to do some community solar projects, but in terms of base load energy need, it just isn't viable. Also, when looking at a thermal map of the U.S., Florida isn't as good a site for solar as the southwest part of the country, he added.

"It's cloudy here," he said. "Plus, it's going to work half the day. What are you going to do the other half of the day at night?"

Options

Another issue when you shut down a coal plant is that you have to have something to replace it, which, as Ward stated earlier, it is expensive to build a power plant. This past winter was extremely cold across the country, he said, and the nationwide grid was maxed out.

"If you start taking coal plants out of that equation, it leaves us vulnerable to not having enough electricity for users," said Ward.

As huge an economic impact the move to eliminate coal plants is, Ward said, you would think there would be a health trade-off to it.

"So far, we've been shown no scientific evidence that CO2 is detrimental to your health," he said. "It's a natural occurring thing."

Clean coal technology

There are four plants being built in the U.S. right now as part of a clean coal technology program, Ward said. It is called Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) where CO2 is pumped into the ground.

"None of those four plants have been built," he said. "They're all unfinished."

One of those, the Kemper Plant in Mississippi, was estimated to cost $1 billion to build. Costs are now nearing $6 billion and it still isn't up and running.

Florida

Because Florida is a peninsula and not bordered on all sides by other states, optionsv are limited as to where energy can be bought if needed.

"We're kind of on our own and we need the ability to produce electricity," Ward said. "Overall, what we want to do is maintain a diverse portfolio. We need more natural gas, we need coal, we need nuclear and we need solar. You can't put all your eggs in one basket."

He said as soon as coal power goes away and natural gas is used more, the cost of natural gas is going to go up.

"The Sabal Trail Gas Pipeline we view as a positive," he said.

Some things still need to be worked out, he added, such as property rights and environmental issues as relates to local rivers, as well as public dissent against the project.

There are two gas transmission lines in Florida now and both are at capacity, Ward said.

"If we were to build a plant today, there would not be enough natural gas, more than likely, to feed that plant, so we need additional natural gas," said Ward.

Food stamp use on increase in Hamilton

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According to the Department of Children and Families Northeast Region Communications, between Dec. 2012 and Nov. 2013, about half of all children under the age of 18 in Hamilton County were helped at some point during the year by SNAP, Futch added.

Florida officials mum on EPA rule, natural gas wins big

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What remains unclear is whether state officials will fight the regulation requiring a 38 percent cut in Florida's carbon emissions by 2030.

A spokesman for the Florida attorney general's office confirmed to Watchdog.org the state is already involved in litigation over a previous EPA air pollution rule. The spokesman wouldn't say whether Attorney General Pam Bondi will take on the new federal edict.

In 2011, Florida joined six states to challenge an EPA rule aimed at curbing the "interstate transport of fine particular matter." Bondi called it "costly" and "based on a flawed process."

Bondi also cited a disproportionately required reduction in Florida's emissions compared to other states. The same appears to be true with the new EPA proposal. Nationwide, the Clean Power Plan requires a 30 percent total reduction in carbon emissions.

A spokesperson for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection said the department is reviewing the EPA plan, and John Tupps, a press officer for Gov. Rick Scott, told Watchdog.org in an email that "Florida air emissions are the lowest on record."

In light of the EPA, and to the dismay of anti-fracking groups, Florida's energy future appears more dependent on natural gas than ever.

Florida derives 68 percent of its energy from natural gas, and a reduction in coal-powered energy is increasing demand for the cleaner-burning fossil fuel.

Duke Energy Florida has two coal-fired units at its Crystal River Energy Complex. It plans to close them due to federal environmental regulations, according to a company statement.

"Our proposal is the most cost-effective option for customers that provides systemwide reliability," said Alex Glenn, president of Duke Energy Florida.

By 2018, Duke's 1.7 million Florida customers will reportedly begin receiving electricity from a 1,640 megawatt, $1.5 billion natural gas plant. The gas will be delivered through a pipeline starting in Alabama and ending in central Florida.

NextEra Energy, headquartered in Juno Beach, is the parent company of Florida Power and Light. FPL serves 4.7 million customer accounts.

A statement by CEO Jim Robo following the EPA's announcement Monday said the company has been "investing billions of dollars to modernize (its) system," and U.S.-produced natural gas is a major component.

Some environmentalist groups aren't so keen. The Sunshine State Clean Energy Coalition touts natural gas as "a bridge to nowhere," citing a Cornell University study on its website.

According to the Florida Natural Gas Association, Florida ranks third nationally for total energy consumption. More than 894 billion cubic feet of natural gas is consumed annually, with 85 percent attributed to power plants.

Watchdog.org contacted FNGA for comment but didn't receive a response.

Contact William Patrick at wpatrick@watchdog.org

New site chosen for consolidated elementary school

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With flooding issues at the new high school campus resolved, Moffses said it now makes the area suitable for constructing a new elementary school.

As Moffses reviewed each of the aerial photos, he said using the site at CHE would most likely require a two-story structure, which the board wasn't keen on. Plus, there would be no place to put students while construction was going on, and the community was against losing the old track and field area that is currently being utilized for other events.

The JRE Lee site, Moffses said, had plenty of room for the new construction. There was no other discussion of that site.

At the new high school location, Moffses offered two different models, one more condensed than the other with less open airways, and another larger model, the same model as the overlaid one at CHE and JRE Lee.

General Services Director Charles Lambert explained that a lot of the drain boxes on the new high school campus were not constructed correctly when the school was built.

"We modified them, put rock around them and the water now drains into the tops of these boxes instead of all around the sides of them," said Lambert. "The water movement here has made a big difference. We've monitored several pretty hard rains and in less than an hour's time, our big puddle areas are non-existent anymore. We've still got some work yet to do. The next phase is addressing the settlement pond."

Lambert said he also thought some more changes could be made around the football field. All in all, he said, the flooding issues have been alleviated on the campus. He said he had total confidence in constructing a new elementary school on the property, although he would suggest adding fill dirt to raise the ground level about one to two feet prior to construction.

"We've got solid ground here," said Lambert. "I think it would be a very successful site if it's planned and engineered correctly. That's my opinion."

Lambert also said another advantage is if parents have kids in both schools, it will be easier for them to come to one central location.

"I see more benefit in the long run for us here than any other location we've looked at," said Lambert.

Board members agreed that security would also be better because there is one entrance in and out of the campus.

After more discussion, Moffses made a recommendation to modify the site selection for construction of the new elementary school from the JRE Lee/Admin. site to available property on the HCHS campus. Jeanie Daniels made a motion to accept the recommendation, Sammy McCoy seconded it, and the board voted 5-0 to approve the change.

Jasper blackberry fun

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obedient, and owner and pet lookalike. There will also be a classic car exhibit, as well as antique engines.

Entertainment will be provided by Teddy MacElvis and the Legends, while you enjoy stopping at all the arts and crafts vendors. The kids will have plenty to enjoy, including face painting, pony rides, rock climbing, bounce houses, games and much more.

For the adventurous, take advantage of an historical church tour or even a tour of the old jail.

Be sure to pick up some homemade blackberry jams, jellies and cobblers, and don't forget to stock up on some fresh blackberries to take home with you.

This event is sponsored by the Hamilton County Tourist Development Council, PotashCorp White Springs, Hardee's of Jasper and Hitchcock's Foodway. Parking is free. Just look for the signs. For more information, please call 386-792-2725.

Vet Park memorial panels ready for installation

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they had a huge turnout for the service. He also said they might need to get a bigger tent in the future because it was packed with people this year, which forced others to seek shade in the tree line.

"I think there was probably over 100 people in the trees," he said. "It was a really good event."

Commissioner Beth Burnam said, "The Memorial Day program was very nice and there was such an impressive crowd. Like Lambert said, it filled up the tent and a lot of people brought their own chairs and just sat back in the shade of the trees."

The granite wall panels arrived Wednesday, June 4. Then construction of the concrete base will take place and the granite panels will be installed.

"The vendor of the panels will install them at no extra cost," Lambert said. "It was included in the price."

Meanwhile, visions of the pavilion are in Lambert's focus. He brought a photo of one he has decided upon and shared it with the commissioners. It will include a handicapped ramp and it will be designed so that it can be used in any direction.

"We want it to be as useful as possible," he said.

Lambert said he would bring some pricing options to the next board meeting.

"It's going to be steel construction, so when it's there, it's gonna be there," he said.

Jesus Versus Evolution Part 2

Much debate continues on creation versus evolution. Last week we said that all who don't believe the Bible account of creation are saying that God's Word, the Bible is a lie, that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are liars. Those who don't believe the Biblical account of creation must also not believe in a place called Hell. That is sad because if they continue in their belief, Hell is where they will spend all of eternity. If you are an evolutionist it is not too late for you. If you are reading this, for Heaven's sake, just look around and see the wonderful hand of God in all of nature. God has done all that He can do through His son Jesus so that we all might have eternal life in Heaven; not an eternity in a hell that was prepared for the Devil and his followers.

God's plan for our salvation is simple; we must believe "That Christ died for our (your) sins according to the Scripture, and the He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scripture." (1st Cor. 15:3-4). If you have more questions, please contact me.

Some other Scripture that proves Jesus was in creation - Isaiah 40:26: "Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He call them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; Not one is missing." Nehemiah 9:6: "You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their hosts, the earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You." Jeremiah 32:17: "Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You." Psalm 33:6-9: "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast." Romans 1:20: "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,..."

Many other verses could be presented, but I need to ask a question – Are you sure after reading these few verses you want to call God a liar? Are you sure you want to stand before Him one day with that on your record? While there is still time, repent of this terrible sin and accept Jesus as your Savior. GOD loves you so much even when He knew you would be tempted with false belief, He sent His only begotten son to provide a solution to our rebellion.

Our nation needs to hear this message: "Blesses is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance. Behold the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy, to deliver their souls from death and to keep them alive in famine." (Psalms 33: 12, 18 & 19.) Trust in God and His Word before it is eternally too late.

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VFW to host Flag Day ceremony and fish fry

Members of the Hamilton County VFW Post 8095 will host their annual Flag Day ceremony to properly dispose of worn flags on Friday June 13. A Flag Day program explaining the proper disposal of flags will begin at

11 a.m. at the VFW Post on East SR6, Jasper.

There will be a fish fry following the program from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Fried mullet or catfish, cole slaw, grits, hushpuppies and cake will be served.

Widows of veterans will be guests of the post for the meal; all others pay $5 per plate, carry-outs available.

Please bring your worn flags to the post on Friday, June 13, and the VFW will handle the proper disposal of them.

Announcement

The Hamilton County FAMU Alumni will be sponsoring a trip to Washington D.C. on Oct. 17 -19, 2014. For more information you can contact either Charles Blalock (386-362-5833), Leon Daniels, (386 792-1154) or Harold Lumpkin (386-397-2780). A deposit is required by June 15, 2014.

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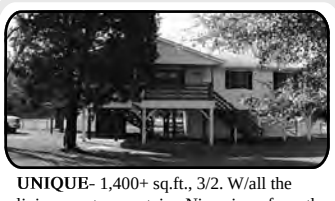

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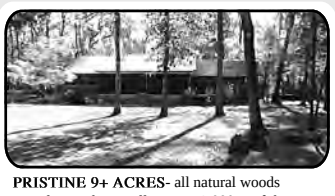

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HEART MATTERS

One of the reasons we love to watch any kind of sports is to find out who will win. If both sides are evenly matched, the game becomes even more exciting because the winner is difficult to predict. Competition always operates as a zero-sum game, in which one side wins and the other side loses. In our effort to learn how to become equipped "peacemakers" over the past several weeks, we have looked at the following strategies: accommodating, avoiding, collaborating and compromising. Our final strategy is competition-the approach to a conflict that results in one winner and one loser. Competition is often not associated as a strategy for conflict resolution, although it is probably the most used of all the strategies. We all like to win an argument, and getting the other side to concede to our "rightness" can feel like a resounding victory.

Our biblical example of competition is found in the book of Esther. Esther was the Jewish queen of a pagan Persian King. Esther was raised by her uncle Mordecai, a devout man with a strong faith in God. In the third chapter of Esther, the story is recorded of a man named Haman who was honored by the King. Because of this honor, "all the royal officials at the king's gate knelt down and paid honor to Haman, for the king had commanded this concerning him. But Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor." (Vs. 2) The chapter goes on to say that the royal officials spoke to Mordecai "day after day" but he refused to comply. Mordecai refused to bow down to Haman and acknowledge him as a god. His conviction was strong to only bow before the One True God. Standing up for our beliefs and convictions are an appropriate reason to engage in competition. However, we must be extremely careful that our convictions are based on the standard of God and not on our own preferences. Before you engage in this type of conflict, spend time in prayer, asking God to help you clearly see the issue at hand. Likewise, getting spiritual counsel from those you trust in the faith can also be wise. Haman's and Mordecai's conflict ended in a true victory for the Jewish people because Mordecai's motives were pure and Haman's were evil. God honored Mordecai's stand.

More often than not, even as Christians, we are more likely to make a stand based on our preference or wanting things our way than we are our religious convictions. It is here that we can create serious problems for ourselves, our families and our community. Within your marriage or family, winning this kind of battle may seem the goal, but remember that it leaves someone you love to be the loser. Always winning by demanding your own way results in the people you are in conflict with never winning. Not a great recipe for a strong relationship. Make sure this strategy is only used when the basis of the conflict is a biblical issue. For example, with your kids, is it a matter of truth or respect? Or is it a preference issue of clothing or hairstyles? Choose your battles. Stand when God's standard is at stake. In every other circumstance, remember that two winners are better than one. Work it out together, because every heart matters.

Blessings, Angie
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Volunteers needed

Do you have time to donate to seniors and those with disabilities? SHINE, a volunteer program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, is looking for volunteers in Columbia, Suwannee, Hamilton and Lafayette counties. SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) is not for the working person. This program requires the dedication of about 16 hours per month, mostly during workday hours, and more at certain times of the year. Training is three full days in length, followed by mentoring sessions with trained volunteers. SHINE is about helping clients make the best Medicare healthcare choices for their budget and needs. SHINE is completely unbiased, and free of charge to the public. Volunteers will have all costs covered during training and after. Trainings will take place in April/May in the Columbia County area. For additional information or to request an application, please call 1-800-262-2243 or visit online at: FloridaSHINE.org

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Recap of the 2014 Legislative Session

Submitted by State Rep. Elizabeth Porter's office

Introduction-

It has been an honor serving as the State Representative for District 10. It is an honor to work each and every day on behalf of the people of this District. As you are probably aware, we just concluded another legislative session in Tallahassee. In my view, this was a very successful session in which we were able to accomplish much on behalf of all Floridians. In my opinion, Florida has made an amazing comeback and the work we did this session will continue to move our state in the right direction.

One of the most important things we do each year is pass a budget. This year, we have once again produced a budget that is balanced and what I believe is fiscally responsible. As I see it, the budget prioritizes our state's critical needs while leaving $3.1 billion in reserves to prepare Florida for the future. I believe this budget is a big win for Florida's children, as it provides the most K-12 state funding in history. The budget also continues to strengthen Florida's safety net by increasing funding to serve our most vulnerable populations, such as Floridians with severe disabilities and children in our juvenile welfare system. To put money back into the pockets of Floridians, the budget provides $500 million in tax and fee cuts – the largest in over a decade.

In addition to the budget, the Legislature passed several other important bills this session. To make Florida the most veteran friendly state in the nation, we passed the Florida G.I. Bill, which will increase educational and employment opportunities for our brave men and women in uniform.

Honoring Florida's Veterans-Florida GI Bill

I supported HB 7015- This legislation creates the Congressman C.W. Bill Young Tuition Waiver program, which waives out-of-state tuition fees for honorably discharged veterans and increases funding for the Education Dollars for Duty program to allow more members of the Florida National Guard to earn a degree. The bill also includes provisions aimed at helping veterans find employment, including the creation of the nonprofit Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to assist retired and recently separated military personnel to keep Florida their home, equip them for opportunities to get a job and promote the hiring of veterans. To better serve our veterans in their time of need, this legislation also makes it easier for elderly veterans to get into Florida's state-run military nursing homes. These first-class facilities honor their patients with high-quality care, and I am pleased we were able to reduce barriers for our veterans to receive care faster. I am proud that my first vote cast this session was for the Florida GI Bill.

Budget-

Passed a Balanced 2014-2015 Budget-

The Legislature passed a balanced state budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year, which totals $77.1 billion, provides over $500 million in tax relief to our hardworking citizens and businesses, and plans for the future by maintaining $3.1 billion in reserves.

In my opinion, the budget we passed this session demonstrates our continued commitment to providing a quality education for Florida's students by proposing total state education funding that exceeds any previous year. We also reward universities that help students get jobs after graduation by providing $200 million in State University Performance Funding.

$500 Million in Tax and Fee Cuts-

Recently, our state confronted as much as a $6.4 billion budget shortfall. Now, thanks to what I believe was responsible fiscal management and an improving economy, we have turned that shortfall into a surplus and have the opportunity to once again offer tax relief for all Floridians. Providing Floridians with substantial tax relief was a major priority of mine this session and I was pleased that the House focused on developing proposals that put money directly back into the pockets of hardworking Floridians. As part of the House and Senate leadership's Work Plan 2014, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 156 and House Bill 5601 to provide $500 million in tax and fee cuts for Florida's families and businesses the largest tax and fee cut of its kind in over a decade.

Senate Bill 156 cuts a significant portion of the taxes, fees, and surcharges related to registering a motor vehicle, providing what I believe to be substantial savings to many Floridians. Individuals renewing their vehicle registration pay a combination of fees based on the size and type of vehicle, so the savings associated with this bill will be different for each individual based on the type of car they drive. On average, Floridians will see their registration costs reduced by $25.05 for heavyweight vehicles, $21.55 for middleweight vehicles, and $18.55 for lightweight vehicles. This bill will provide $395 million in tax relief annually for Floridians.

House Bill 5601 includes significant tax cuts and spending aimed at providing over $105 million in savings to Floridians and encouraging job creation in the state. This tax cut package incorporates a broad range of components aimed to benefit all Floridians, including:

- A "Back to School" sales tax holiday from August 1 to August 3, including no sales tax on clothing and shoes priced at or below $100, school supplies priced at or below $15, and the first $750 of price on personal computer equipment.
- A "Hurricane Preparedness" sales tax holiday from May 31 to June 8 for supplies such as fuel tanks, flashlights, etc.
- A sales tax holiday from September 19 to September 21 on the first $1,500 spent on energy-efficient and water-efficient appliances.
- A sales tax exemption for children's car seats and youth bicycle helmets.
- A sales tax exemption for certain prepaid college meal plans.
- A $37.5 million increase in the tax credit cap for the New Markets Program to encourage job creation in low-income communities.

Floridians deserve to keep more of their hard-earned money. I believe the record tax cuts passed by the Legislature this session will keep Florida's economy moving in the right direction.

Education-

I worked diligently with my colleagues this session to ensure our education system is uniquely tailored to meet the educational needs of Florida's students. I believe Florida, not the federal government, is best suited to determine how to prepare our students to succeed. To align our schools with the standards set forward by the State Board of Education (SBE), the Legislature passed several bills this session to provide a first-rate education system.

In response to concerns about local control of curriculum, I supported Senate Bill 864, which makes clear that instructional materials and curriculum choices are the constitutional responsibility of district school boards. The bill maintains the option for each district school board to implement its own instructional materials program, but adds new requirements to the process. By holding local school boards accountable for the K-12 instructional materials they use in their schools, local control is emphasized and enhanced, and parents are given a stronger voice in what their children are taught.

The Legislature also addressed the issue of student data security by passing Senate Bill 188. The bill prohibits any agency or institution from collecting information regarding the political affiliation, voting history, religious affiliation, or biometrics of a student or the student's parent or sibling. By preventing the collection of student-specific data, we will better protect our students from the risk of identity theft or other criminal acts.

By addressing these concerns and issues, I believe the Florida Legislature has taken a coordinated approach to reforming our education system to provide students with the best opportunities to succeed. I believe accountability and state-based standards for our schools and educators are vital in preparing Florida students for college and their careers.

Stand your ground

Update to Florida's Self-Defense Laws Passes with Bipartisan Support

HB 89 relating to the Threatened Use of Force.

A close read of Florida's self-defense laws reflects that only a person's actual use of force can be justifiable – not a person's threatened use of force. Similarly, the law provides criminal and civil immunity to persons who lawfully use force in self-defense. House Bill 89 amends Florida's current law to specify that a person's threat to use force may be justifiable. This bill specifies that a person who lawfully threatens to use force is immune from criminal prosecution and civil action. A person may also have his or her criminal history record expunged if he or she was not charged or the case was dismissed because it was found that the person acted in lawful self-defense.

Recently, those who have been convicted of crimes such as aggravated assault for threatening to use force have been sentenced to mandatory minimum sentences. To prevent individuals who lawfully threaten to use force in self-defense, House Bill 89 requires a judge to depart from the mandatory minimum sentence for aggravated assault convictions on a case by case basis if certain criteria are met. The bill also clarifies that a person does not have a duty to retreat before using deadly force if they are in a place they have a right to be and are not engaged in a criminal (rather than unlawful) activity.

One of my top priorities is to ensure the safety of Florida's families, and that's why I supported this legislation this session.

House memorial calling on Congress to balance the federal budget

Currently, the United States Congress has no requirement to pass a balanced budget. In an effort to make what I believe to be needed changes to our federal budget, the Florida Legislature passed Senate Memorial 658. The Senate Memorial is an application to the United States Congress requesting it to convene an Article V constitutional convention.

Article V of the United States Constitution provides two methods for proposing amendments to the Constitution. The first method authorizes Congress to propose amendments to the states, which are approved by a two-thirds vote of both Houses of Congress. The second method, which has never been used, requires Congress to call a constitutional convention for proposing amendments upon the application of two-thirds of the state legislatures. Currently, 34 states need to make such applications to meet this two-thirds requirement. Both methods require ratification of the proposed amendments by three-fourths (38) of the states.

The convention called for in Senate Memorial 658 would be limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution which requires that, except in a national emergency, the total of all federal appropriations for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints. I believe that with the passage of this Memorial, the Florida Legislature has sent a clear message to Congress that there is a need for fiscal responsibility on the national level.

Springs-

I remain committed to the protection of our springs and water and this year we saw the first stages of the work we accomplished through HB 7 come to fruition this year with the initial groundwork to establish the minimum flows and levels for our district.

Last year the Legislature appropriated $10 million for Springs protection and through public/private efforts and assistance that was increased to over $30 million in Springs protection funds. This year we appropriated $30 Million for Florida's Springs protection.

Even though I feel the use of natural gas is more economical I fought to keep the Natural Gas pipeline from encroaching on the Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers. The proposed Sabal Trail Natural Gas Pipeline has now been moved further west and will not encroach on either of these rivers. Through cooperation with the Sabal Trail Company Florida can reap the benefits of another Natural Gas resource and keep our resources safe.

I am happy to announce that we were able to secure funding in the amount of $1 million for the waste water treatment facility in Macclenny and $200,000 for the waste water treatment facility in Branford. Damage to either of these treatment facilities could have had a catastrophic environmental impact on two our State's Waterways, the Suwannee and the St. Marys. Both of these appropriations were included in the budget and signed by Governor Scott.

Protecting life-

I believe that recently, Florida has made great strides to protect our most vulnerable residents, our unborn children. House Bill 1047 and House Bill 59 both, in my view, make protecting Florida's families a priority.

House Bill 1047 brings our laws in line with federal and Florida case law. The bill makes it illegal to have an abortion when the unborn child is viable, meaning the child can live outside the womb with standard medical measures. The ban does not apply when the woman's life or physical health is at risk. Before an abortion procedure is performed, viability must be determined by a physician.

The Legislature also passed a bill that, in my opinion, will bring justice to unborn victims of violence. Currently, in certain circumstances, the death of an unborn child can be tried as a separate offense. House Bill 59 expands on current law, creating new criminal offenses for the injury or death of an unborn child, including:

A separate offense for any criminal conduct causing injuries to or the death of an unborn child.

Expanding the classification of victims to include an unborn child at any stage of fetal development.

I believe our Legislature has proven its commitment to families with the passage of these two bills. Protecting children is a top priority for the Florida House of Representatives.

House Resolutions-

House Resolution 9041- Recognized April 2014 as "Springs Protection Awareness Month."

House Resolution 9043-Recognizes 75th anniversary of Florida Highway Patrol.

Southern Pine Beetle Assistance and Prevention Program announced by the Florida Forest Service

The Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services announced today that the Florida Forest Service will be accepting applications for the Southern Pine Beetle Assistance and Prevention Cost Share Program from June 6th through July 18th, from eligible private non-industrial forest landowners who own at least five acres.

The southern pine beetle, or SPB (Dendroctonus frontalis), is a native, periodically destructive insect pest of pines in the southeastern United States. Like other pine bark beetle attacks, SPB attacks are typically limited to pines that are dying or weakened due to environmental stress, competition, age, or other factors. Under susceptible stand and environmental conditions, however, SPB populations have the potential to build rapidly and kill large numbers of pines, and may overcome the defenses of healthy trees during periodic outbreaks. Between 1993-2002, there were nearly 7,000 SPB infestations in Florida resulting in over 36,000 acres with pine mortality.

The best way to minimize losses from the SPB is to prevent infestations by reducing stand susceptibility through active forest management. The purpose of this program is to help private forest landowners minimize damage from southern pine beetles by helping to reduce the susceptibility of their pine stands to this forest pest.

The program offers partial cost reimbursement for forest management activities such as tree planting with longleaf or slash pines, mechanical underbrush treatment, and prescribed burning. The program also offers an incentive payment for landowners who conduct a first pulpwood thinning on high risk pine stands. For the third year, slash pines are an option on appropriate sites for planting cost share. Landowners may apply for up to two treatments on the same property. The maximum reimbursement for any landowner is $10,000. To find out more details on the program visit the Florida Forest Service website at www.floridaforestservice.com or contact Hamilton County Senior Forester Greg Staten at 386-792-1269 or by email at Greg.Staten@freshfromflorida.com.

S.W.A.T. and Hamilton County Alcohol & Other Drug Prevention Coalition warns against candy-flavored tobacco

~ Resolution urges retailers not to sell flavored tobacco ~

As of September 30, 2012, the city officials of Jasper, Jennings and White Springs passed resolutions urging tobacco retailers to stop the sale and marketing of flavored tobacco products within Hamilton County.

Research by S.W.A.T., Students Working Against Tobacco, shows that all of the local tobacco retailers surveyed in Hamilton County sell flavored tobacco products of various kinds. Fruit-and candy-flavored cigarettes were banned under the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act in 2009. However, menthol cigarettes, flavored cigars, cigarillos and smokeless products were not included.

There are increasingly more non-cigarette products available in Hamilton County, which youth are using. Tobacco products in flavors like cherry, grape, kiwi-strawberry, chocolate and sour apple are available across the state despite overwhelming evidence that these deadly products appeal to youth and lead to a lifetime of tobacco addiction.

"Younger adult smokers are the only source of replacement smokers," said R.J. Reynolds', the makers of Camel. "If younger adults turn away from smoking, the industry must decline, just as a population which does not give birth will eventually dwindle."

Many children and teens mistakenly believe these products are less harmful than their non-flavored counterparts. Once youth start using one tobacco product, they are more likely to experiment with others and become a lifelong tobacco user.

More than just cigarettes

The flavoring and lower costs of these non-cigarette smoked tobacco products make them especially appealing to youth. All of these tobacco products cause cancer, heart disease and other smoking-related diseases. Smokeless tobacco includes chew, dip, snus and a host of emerging products. Compared to cigarettes, these products can contain more nicotine. Traditional smokeless products, like chew and dip, contain 28 cancer-causing agents. Users of these products have an 80 percent higher risk of oral cancers and a 60 percent higher risk of pancreatic and esophageal cancer.

Sweet Deception

With cigarette smoking rates on the decline, the tobacco industry has created products and strategies that attract a new generation of tobacco users. The array of flavored tobacco products that appeal to youth present new challenges and concerns in the fight against tobacco use. These products help create a new generation of lifelong nicotine addicts and of life-threatening diseases.

Learn more about the dangers of candy-flavored tobacco and how you can help protect youth from this sweet deception. Visit www.tobaccofreeflorida.com/flavoredtobacco.

About Tobacco Free Florida

Tobacco Free Florida is a statewide cessation and prevention campaign funded by Florida's tobacco settlement fund. The program is managed by the Florida Department of Health, specifically the Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida.

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

UF/IFAS Extension Celebrates 100 Years

Edited By: Greg Hicks

2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the Cooperative Extension Service. Extension allows us all to benefit from the research and education of our land-grant universities. If you've learned how to produce crops more efficiently, choose healthier foods, conserve water, save money or start a butterfly garden, chances are you learned it from Extension.

We at UF/IFAS Extension in Hamilton County are proud of Extension's 100 years of service to the people of Florida, and we look forward to providing solutions for your life for 100 more!

The UF/IFAS Extension Hamilton County Office is located at 1143 US Hwy 41 NW, Jasper, Florida in the brick building next to the Courthouse Annex (Old High School). Our office faculty and staff consist of: Greg Hicks (County Extension Director, Agriculture/4-H Agent), Heather Futch (4-H/Family and Community Science Agent), Keith Wynn (Agriculture Agent) and Tracy Deas (Senior Staff Assistant). We can be reached by telephone at 386-792-1276 or by email at hamilton@ifas.ufl.edu. Our website is http://hamilton.ifas.ufl.edu.

What do you know about the history of the Cooperative Extension Service? Take this quiz as you celebrate the people, places and ideas that helped form Extension over the past 100 years!

1) The first Farm Demonstration in the US was conducted:

A. To encourage the use of hybrid corn.

B. In 1882, when Delaware College announced a state-wide corn contest for boys.

C. In 1903 in Terrell, Texas, to control the boll weevil.

D. In 1922, when D.F. Jones, of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

offered Hybrid Corn.

E. In 1912 in Florida, when Citrus Canker was imported from Japanese seedlings.

2) Some of the earliest efforts at Extension work involved:

A. Farmers Institutes, where researchers took trains to rural towns.

B. Boys Corn Clubs, where young boys were challenged to out-produce their father's

crop yields.

C. Short Courses, where farmers came to campus when regular students were not there.

D. Better Farming specials, where college professors used trains across the state to teach

farmers and homemakers better ways based on science.

E. All of the above

3) Which of these is NOT a Florida 4-H Camp:

A. Camp Cherry Lake

B. Camp Timpoochee

C. Camp Oklawaha

D. Camp Ocala

E. Camp Cloverleaf

4) The first Agricultural Research Station was established in Lake Alfred in 1917. Today they're called Research and Education Centers - how many are there currently in Florida?

A. 4

B. 12

C. 67

D. 1917

5) Today, there are UF/IFAS Extension offices in 67 Florida counties. How many were there in 1914?

A. 1

B. 17

C. 31

D. 68

True or False:

6) T F George Washington Carver designed movable demonstration schools called 'Jessup Wagons'?

7) T F The 4-H Club symbol actually started out with a 3-leaf clover?

8) T F One of the early tasks of Farm Demonstration agents in Florida was to vaccinate hogs against cholera.

9) T F The earliest Extension work in Florida dates from 1899, when Farmers Institutes were held by Florida Agricultural College Experiment Station faculty in North Florida towns that were near railroad stations.

10) What do the four h's of 4-H stand for?

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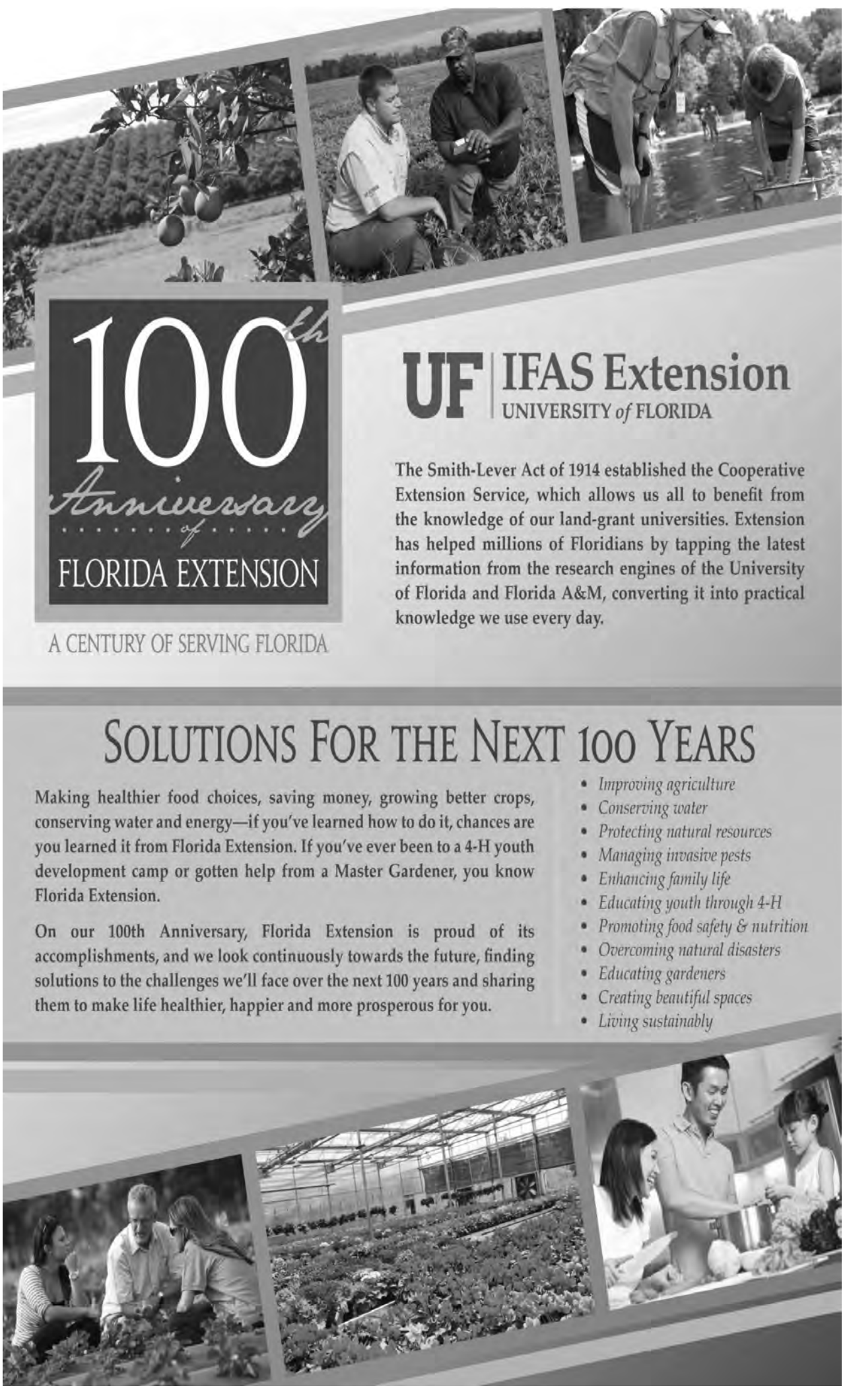

Key: 1. C, 2. E, 3. C, 4. B, 5. B, 6. T, 7. T, 8. T, 9. T, 10. Head, Heart, Health, Hands

Bullard Bros reminder

Bullard Brothers and Friends will present a program of traditional gospel music at White Springs United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 15, beginning at 11 a.m. during the morning worship service.

A covered dish luncheon will be served in the church fellowship hall following the program. The group includes Johnny Bullard, Jerry Lawrence Bullard, and Kerry Waldron, vocalists (all White Springs natives), and accompanist Amanda Bullard, Jerry Lawrence's wife.

Come join us in this great time of celebration and praise this coming Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend. White Springs United Methodist Church welcomes you.

Thank you

President Kenneth Hutcherson of The Brothers United would like to thank PotashCorp for their generous contribution to the May Day Festival. The festival was held in White Springs on May 17.

VBS set for June 15

Come Enjoy the Fun!!!
Vacation Bible School
Bright Pond Baptist Church
June 15th - June 20th

Governor Rick Scott appoints David Howell to North Florida Community College District Board of Trustees

Governor Rick Scott recently announced the appointment of David Howell to North Florida Community College District Board of Trustees.

Howell, 65, of Jasper, is a retired soil scientist. He currently serves as second vice president of the Florida General Baptist Congress and previously served as a member of the Hamilton County Development Authority. Howell received his bachelor's degree from Florida A & M University and master's degree from the University of Florida. He fills a vacant seat and is appointed for a term beginning May 20, 2014, and ending May 31, 2017.

The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Preparing for hurricane season

By Senator Marco Rubio

As we begin the 2014 hurricane season, which officially began on June 1 and ends Nov. 30, my Senate office stands ready to serve you in the event that a storm hits Florida and our people require federal assistance.

While the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts a quiet storm season this year, history shows that even one storm can drastically impact our lives.

Hurricane awareness is vital to preparing for a hurricane. The best time to make sure you have all your personal property and business paperwork in order and safely protected is now, when the storm forecast is clear and we aren't scrambling to secure food, water and other basic necessities.

Should the need arise, knowing how to access federal assistance and sorting through any relevant information makes dealing with the potential after-effects of severe weather a little easier. And should disaster strike, it's comforting to know that there are organizations ready to help you with any questions or financial concerns you may have.

In severe cases, some federal agencies that offer recovery assistance include the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

If assistance is available, FEMA encourages you to register with them before going to a center. You can verify that you qualify and register online at DisasterAssistance.gov, via Smartphone at m.fema.gov or by phone at800-621-3362.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, businesses and most private nonprofit organizations. To qualify for an SBA disaster loan, you must first make sure you are in an SBA declared disaster area. While each SBA disaster loan has its own criteria, most loans require similar documentation that you will need to gather and prepare. Again, the time to make sure you are organized and have all your paperwork in order is now.

Some things to keep in mind about seeking disaster-related financial assistance includes credit factors – which lenders take into consideration when reviewing your application. You should also assess your current financial standing to determine how urgent your financial need would be. Small business owners who may not qualify for traditional loans can seek assistance from other economic development agencies. As hurricane season gets underway, the key is to have a contingency plan in place to ensure you aren't caught off guard and don't face any unnecessary delays in attaining federal assistance.

In an effort to encourage hurricane preparedness, Florida residents are able to buy hurricane supplies, ranging from portable generators to flashlights, without having to pay for the state's six percent sales tax. This tax holiday for hurricane supplies ends June 8, and I encourage you to take advantage of this policy to help you and your families get prepared.

For the latest information on the 2014 Hurricane Season and to Get A Plan!, you can visit FloridaDisaster.org. More tips on preparing for a hurricane are available on our website at rubio.senate.gov.

Should you need further assistance throughout this year's hurricane season, my staff is available to help you at any of our offices throughout Florida. They are happy to answer any questions you may have, or put you in contact with someone who can.

This hurricane season, we ask that you be prepared, stay safe and stay informed. I am honored to serve you.

Suwannee Valley Nursing Center recognizes Tammy Jones

Tammy Jones, C.N.A., has been voted as Suwannee Valley Nursing Center's Employee of the Year for 2013. Tammy has only worked at the Nursing Center since November 2012, but her job performance has been exemplary.

She is always early to work, always has a smile on her face, and is willing to help out any resident or employee. She does extra for the residents, without being asked. We appreciate a job well done!

Tammy Jones is employee of the year at SVNC.

Hamilton County Events

Flag Day & Fish Fry
Friday, June 13, 11 a.m. (Flag Ceremony) 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Fish Fry)
VFW Post, East on SR6, $5 per plate

Wild Blackberry Festival
Saturday, June 14, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
City Park, Downtown, Jasper

Amber Abbot in Concert
Sunday, June 15, 11a.m.
First Methodist Church, Jasper

Crossroads Market & Grill
Chamber Mixer, Thursday, June 19, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Crossroads (5463 State Road 6 West, Jasper)

Jasper Marketplace Antiques & Collectibles
Ribbon Cutting, June 26, Noon
107 Central Avenue, Jasper

Free Clothes Closet
Saturday, June 28, 1-5 p.m.
First Methodist Church, Jasper

5th Annual Wild Blackberry Festival
Downtown Jasper, Fl
Saturday, June 14

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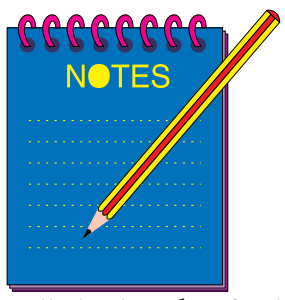

By Lillian Norris

It has been a long time. Here's hoping you have missed Norris Notes at least a little bit. I don' t really intend to make excuses, most of you who know me - and hopefully read Norris Notes - know of all that has been going on in my life, many have been involved in some way of my activity (and inactivity). Hopefully we can pick up and go on, maybe slowly but looking forward to being back in touch with you better, and, first of all be able to hear from you.

Although, as we all know, much of our activity revolves around our schools, churches and families. It is now summertime and hopefully you will be taking trips, enjoying families and have a busy time to report.

If you have wondered how things are, or have been going, you can keep up with the activities in the Jasper News, as to the business news. We would also like positive side of the news. If you have had the opportunity to attend the end of school functions you have learned of the progress being made in day to day activities and progress. Having attended many functions in recent weeks, we are fortunate to be blessed with a group of special leaders as well as students, making much progress. We have seen dedication in officials, staff, teachers and students.

We are looking forward to this Saturday, hope you are also. I plan to start by having a breakfast of blackberry pancakes, being served at the Woman's Club by the Born to Ride Team.

Teddy Mac Elvis and the Legends will be entertaining between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Registration for the dog contest, sponsored by Hamilton Humane Society will be at 10 a.m. There will be a classic car show, water slide, rock wall, bounce house and many more kids amusements all day. Bring your towels and lawn chairs, spend the day and enjoy some homemade blackberry cobbler with ice cream. There will also be other foods, arts and crafts, blackberry plants, fresh blackberries, jams and jellies. No admission fee and free parking. Come spend the day in downtown Jasper.

Hamilton County VFW Post 8095 will host their annual Flag Day ceremony to properly dispose of worn flags on Friday, June 13. A Flag Day program explaining the proper handling and disposal of flags will begin at 11 a.m. at the VFW Post on East SR 6, Jasper.

There will be a fish fry following the program, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., fried mullet or catfish, cole slaw, grits, hushpuppies and cake will be served. Widows of veterans will be guests of the post for the meal, all others pay $5 per plate - carry-out plates will be available. Please bring your worn flags to the post on Friday, June 13, or you may take them to the Jasper Library by Thursday, June 12 and the VFW will handle the proper disposal of them. Please call Lamar Royals at 1-386-792-3381 if you have any questions.

This is an important service, and permits proper respect for our flag.

You will probably be busy in the coming days, we would love to hear from you, about your visits or visitors, your plans for the summer, and plans for the coming school years for our young people.

I would like to take this time to tell the young people of our school system for your accomplishments in the past and wish for you the best in the future. Also appreciation to the families and staff of the school system for the work you do to encourage them to be able to bring them to this point. Wishing the best for each of you, and hope you will stay in touch and let me know of your plans and your hopes for your future.

Will look forward to hearing from you.

Lillian Norris
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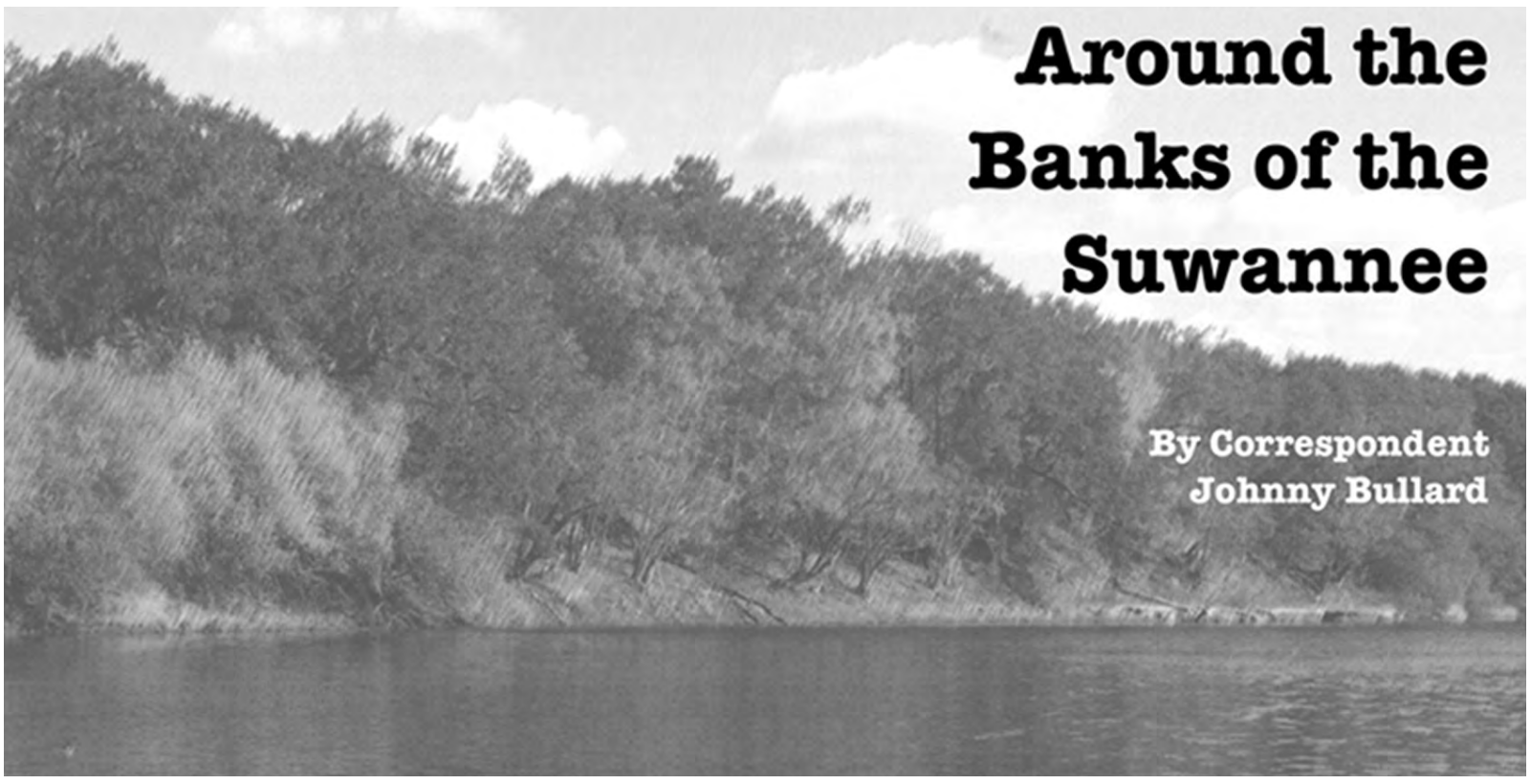

Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent
Johnny Bullard

"In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely." (a portion of Isaiah 4:2)

Blueberries, blackberries, strawberries, watermelons, pears, plums, oranges, grapefruit, tangelos, tangerines, kumquats, guavas, and yes, even a few lemons, limes and peaches. The state of Florida produces an abundant crop of many "excellent and comely" fruits, and our area celebrates a number of them - blueberries, blackberries and watermelons, just to name a few.

This past Saturday, Wellborn held its annual Blueberry Festival and what a glorious festival it was! There were folks of all ages enjoying themselves, and what an array of great food, wonderful arts and crafts, and good entertainment. Congratulations to the planning committee and to the Wellborn community. What a crowning achievement! I enjoyed the time I spent there and saw many dear friends and bought some delicious blueberries, too.

We are so fortunate to live in a state and in an area where we have access to plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables, and this is not a newsflash, but all the medical research indicates we should all be eating more fruits and vegetables, and maybe less of other things. Fresh blueberries and blackberries are delicious, but they are also delicious in deep dished cobblers, and so are peaches, and it is hard to resist, sometimes nearly impossible. I want to concentrate on one of the most popular, marvelous, wonderful, delicious and wonderful summer fruits for just a moment; the beautiful, beautiful, beautiful, hot pink, nearly red, succulent, juicy, watermelon.

I have purchased two watermelons at this point in time. One that I purchased I would place in the "pretty good" category. If you are in this area, you know what that means, it's not "off the chart", or "excellent". To coin a phrase used by my good friend Frank Thomas, who is the "Dean" of the Florida Folk Festival, it wasn't "nothing extry" at all.

The other one was better, but still not the same as those wonderful old fashioned "Cannonball" and "Stone Mountain" watermelons once grown by Daddy and Uncle Warren in the garden on this sandy soil off the Woodpecker Route. The cutting of the first one of those great watermelons during the days of my childhood was an event.

Picking out just the right melon at just the right time and putting it on the tail gate of that pickup truck, out would come daddy's pocket knife and the cutting of that watermelon. The first bite into it, oh, the succulence, the sweetness, everything wonderful about the beauty and richness of this area, its soil, and the Deep South were, for me, encapsulated in that juicy, wonderful watermelon.

One of the watermelons I bought was seedless. It was the one that was "pretty good". I don't know. I think seedless watermelons have gained popularity, because folks don't like to be aggravated with the seeds, but when I think of watermelons, I think of the seeds.

In a lot of places, every bit of the watermelon was saved, even the rinds. I can recall many folks making watermelon rind pickles. I've eaten them and they are not bad. In fact, I've had some really good ones. Watermelon scooped out into little balls. I have a melon ball scooper. I've had it for years and placed into a pretty crystal bowl with blueberries makes a festive and beautiful fruit combination any time, especially for the Fourth of July.

Let's get back to watermelon, though. There is the debate whether to salt or not to salt one's watermelon. I never have liked salt on my watermelon and, therefore, I don't use salt, but I know some who do. It's a personal choice, but if you are using salt, just "know thyself". There's plenty of sodium in a lot of what we consume each day. Don't overdo.

I always loved the little song the late Cousin Thelma Boltin, longtime mistress of ceremonies at the annual Florida Folk Festival would sing.

"Just plant a watermelon up above my grave and let the juice slurp through.

Just plant a watermelon up above my grave, that's all I ask of you.

Now a chocolate chip cookie may taste mighty fine,

But nothing's quite as pleasing as that watermelon rind.

So plant a watermelon up above my grave,

And let the juice slurp through."

And, this was not about fruits, but I also loved it, when she sang about a favorite summer vegetable to the tune of "Just a Closer Walk with Thee".

"Just a bowl of butter beans,

Pass the cornbread if you please.

I don't want no turnip greens,

All I want is a bowl of butter beans.

"When I've died and gone to rest,

Place no rosebuds on my breast.

Bring no trailing evergreens,

Just bring a bowl of good old butter beans."

Oh, well, I've mused enough about the "excellent and comely" fruits of our area, and I've taken, as I often do, a little stroll down a lane I know well by the name of "Memory" and, thank God, I still have one. It's not what it once was, but it's still here, just like me, and I am so thankful for that. I do give thanks for that.

One other favorite story, and I know I write a lot about Southern writers, because I am one, not a famous one, not yet, but I do love to read the works of truly great writers. This is a story that is told about William Faulkner and Eudora Welty, both Southerners, both Mississippians, both in Paris, France, shortly after Faulkner received the Nobel Prize for Literature. They were dining at Maxim's, a very famous Paris restaurant, and were having a multi-course gourmet meal. It was summer time, and I am told that Faulkner looked at her rather wistfully and said, "At home the blackberries are ripe." To which she responded, "And the speckled butter beans are just about ready."

I don't know the complete veracity of that story, but it is wonderful, and it is so undisputedly Southern that longing for home and what it offers.

My uncle left for Phoenix, Arizona on Wednesday after visiting for a few weeks. Guess what he took with him in a thermal carry on bag. Bags of boiled peanuts we had frozen.

The South has taken its hits, some of them justifiable, some of them not, but I can assure you with "assurance" - and that is not the best way to express oneself in writing - I have traveled to a lot of places and eaten many different types of cuisine, but none of it, and I mean NONE of it, can compare to what we have here at home. We excel at many things; kindness, thoughtfulness, caring about each other, and we excel at the way we prepare food and those glorious fruits that are produced in our good earth.

Don't forget about Jasper's Wild Blackberry Festival this coming Saturday, June 14. It's their 5th Annual, and, in advance, many thanks to all those who planned the event. Be sure and support Jasper in this celebration of more of those "excellent and comely" fruits of the earth.

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. So blessed to be in the number "one more time".

A ‘berry’ good time at annual festival

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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The 21st Annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival drew thousands of visitors from near and far to enjoy a beautiful day of fun in the sun on Saturday, June 7. The event, which was put on by the Wellborn Community Association, began at 7 a.m. and lasted until 5 p.m. in the evening.

There were long lines of folks who came out bright and early to partake of the famous blueberry pancake breakfast from 7-10 a.m. The Country Store opened at 7:30 a.m., and offered delicious homemade pies, cobblers, ice cream, jellies and jams.

At 10:30 a.m., the Blueberry Festival parade meandered down the main drag through town with the theme, “Together We Can”. Grand Marshall was James Montgomery, chairman of the Advisory Board of the Suwannee Valley Community Foundation.

There was lots of food, plenty of arts and crafts vendors, blueberries galore, as well as some fine, local talent appearing on the main stage throughout the day, including Linda Dye singing some of Patsy Cline's greatest hits and the Willow Creek Band, who had the audience clapping and stomping to the beat of their country music hits.

Young, old and in between, as well as many furry, four-legged creatures went booth to booth to check out all the wares.

Wendell Snowden, chairman of the Blueberry Festival committee said earlier in the week, “We’re praying for good, sunny weather.”

Their prayers were answered! It was a beautiful day and a fabulous festival.

There are more photos online and photos are available for purchase. Go to nflaonline.com and click the photo gallery link on the left navigation bar.

Thousands turned out for the 21st Annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival.

Blueberry vendors enjoyed brisk sales all day.

The Willow Creek Band knows how to play to an audience.

Young and old alike enjoyed the day’s festivities.

Cool shades, dude!

The Suwannee Democrat booth stayed busy all day.

As the day warmed up, the sun got brighter. -Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor

Honors Night at HCHS

The "Top 10" academic seniors were honored with yard signs (one student not pictured). - Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor

Ismelda Alvarez accepts the Maude Havener Jasper News Scholarship from reporter Joyce Marie Taylor.

Members of the HCHS football team are recognized.

Tyler Warfel is this year's Salutatorian.

Just a few of the many students honored at HCHS awards night.

A crowded auditorium at HCHS for Honors Night.

Church & Family Go Together

ADVENT CHRISTIAN

FIRST ADVENT CHRISTIAN
N.W. 15th Avenue Jasper
Rev. Wayne Sullivan
Sunday
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
784022

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. THERESE 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

BAPTIST (Southern)

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
SR 6 West, 6592 NW 48th St., Jennings, FL 32053 784013
938-5611
Pastor: Jeff Cordero
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Youth Happening, Mission Friends, R&A & GA .....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting, Teen Kids, Youth.....6:00 p.m.
Van pick-up upon request

BAPTIST (Southern)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
"Where Friends become Family"
207 N.E. 2nd Street, Jasper 792-2658
Pastor: Roger Hutto
Sunday
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Supper.....6:00 p.m.
Children, Youth & Adult Programs6:30 p.m.
784012

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
Worship.....6:00 p.m.
835547

METHODIST

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
405 Central Ave., Jasper, FL
Pastor - Dale Ames
Phone - 386-792-1122
Sunday
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday
Family Night Dinner 3rd Wednesday
Clothes Closet 4th Saturday 1-5pm
783995

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

BURNHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH
4520 NW CR 146, Jennings, FL 32053
938-1265
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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
204 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Jasper 792-2258
Pastor: Sheldon Steen
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Youth Ministries.....4:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd Middle High • 2nd & 4th Elementary
WEDNESDAY
Choir Practice.....7:00 p.m.
863539

Building On FAITH

Caitlyn Johnson accepts her award as Sunshine State Scholar.

Farley receives "Proclamation of Appreciation"

Expressing appreciation for accomplishments exceeding expectations, Mayor Helen Miller presented retiring town manager Bob Farley with a Proclamation of Appreciation on May 30, Farley's last official day of service to the town of White Springs. After the official presentation, Farley and the Miller joined friends for lunch at Sharon's Eatery.

When asked to identify his major accomplishments during his one and one-half years as town manager, Farley quickly responded with the following: 1) Introducing updated technology for town operations; 2) securing the $3.127 million DEP sanitary sewer rehab project with a 92.25 percent loan forgiveness clause; and 3) improving the revenue stream for the town.

During his tenure, Farley made much-needed improvements in each area of town operations. In public utilities (wastewater and water treatment facilities), Farley recognized that routine maintenance had not been performed on the water and wastewater plants for many years, the town's elevated water storage tanks had not been washed out and inspected as required by law, the ground storage tanks at the water treatment plant were cracking and leaking, and the new elevated tank painting system had failed and the proper coating system needed to be applied. He identified a long-standing grounding problem at the wastewater treatment plant that caused equipment to fail repeatedly, and was able to secure corrections and a monetary offset from Duke Energy.

In the public works department (streets, sewer collection system, water distribution system, lift stations and storm water), Farley discovered worn-out and insufficient equipment, water meters that were not reading accurate flows or no flows at all, not all meters were being read due to shutoff policy, not all meters were being locked off when required, lift station hour meters were not being read to determine pump issues, lift stations in need of repair, and high flows in the sewer collection system that indicated a major inflow and infiltration problem.

Farley determined that the clerk's office was operating with antiquated utility billing software, and that data input into the old system was in many cases wrong, resulting in significant lost revenue to the town. In terms of productivity enhancement, he installed electronic data storage for important municipal documents and purchased voice recognition software to save time in document preparation.

For the finance department, Farley re-negotiated the town's outstanding loan balance due on the construction of the wastewater treatment plant, thereby reducing annual loan payments from nearly $100,000 to about $32,000 per year. He introduced standardized accounting software, which made possible more realistic analysis of the budget. Farley also trained staff on the basic municipal tenets of the general fund and the enterprise funds.

Faced with major deficiencies in the operations of the volunteer fire department, Farley worked with staff and town volunteers to address both personnel and storage shortcomings. Volunteers worked closely with the Hamilton Correctional Institution inmate crew to construct an environmentally controlled structure to house the pumper truck per ISO requirements. Farley also oversaw the preparation of a CDBG application for the construction of a new fire station.

For Farley's many and significant contributions in the performance of his position as town manager, the town council and staff of White Springs expressed their heartfelt appreciation.

"Farley's technical competence, willingness to tackle a wide range of legacy problems, and good nature set a new and high standard by which we will judge our future town managers," Miller said.

Farley has offered to assist the town council in the process of hiring a new town manager.

Retiring Town Manager Bob Farley and Mayor Helen Miller. Courtesy photo:

FWC deactivates Zone 4 boating restrictions on Suwannee River

Suwannee River floodwaters at the Wilcox gauge fell below 9 feet Wednesday, allowing deactivation of boating restrictions in effect since April 12.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) lifted the idle-speed, no-wake restriction on this area, Zone 4, which runs from the County Road 340 Bridge at Rock Bluff to 1 mile below the Fowler Bluff Boat Ramp. This 51-mile segment becomes an idle-speed, no wake-zone when the Suwannee River reaches 9 feet or more at the Wilcox gauge, where flood stage is 11 feet.

"The only zone still active is Zone 5 on the Santa Fe," said Maj. Andy Krause, regional commander at the FWC's Lake City office. "All the zones on the Suwannee River have been lifted."

Zone 5 runs from River Rise in O'Leno State Park west to the confluence of the Suwannee River. This 32-mile segment is an idle-speed, no-wake zone when the Santa Fe River reaches 17 feet, as indicated on the Three Rivers gauge, where flood stage is 19 feet. This zone was activated March 19.

An idle-speed, no-wake restriction means a vessel must proceed at a speed no greater than what is required to maintain steerageway and headway in that river zone. At no time is any vessel required to proceed so slowly that the operator is unable to control it or anything it may be towing.

The Suwannee and Santa Fe rivers are divided into five flood zones. The other three zones are:

Zone 1 – from the U.S. 90 Bridge at Ellaville south to the State Road 51 Bridge at Luraville. This 39-mile segment becomes an idle-speed, no-wake zone when the Suwannee River is at 47 feet, as indicated on the Ellaville gauge, where flood stage is 54 feet. The restrictions in this zone were deactivated May 14.

Zone 2 -- from the S.R. 51 Bridge at Luraville to Little River Spring. This 18-mile segment will be an idle-speed, no-wake zone when the Suwannee River is at 26 feet or more above mean sea level as indicated on the Branford gauge, where flood stage is 29 feet. This zone was deactivated May 22.

Zone 3 -- runs from Little River Spring to the C.R. 340 Bridge at Rock Bluff. This 23-mile segment is an idle-speed, no-wake zone as long as the Suwannee River is at 24 feet or more at the Branford gauge. This zone was deactivated May 28.

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

To obtain real-time river level information, visit www.mysuwanneeriver.com.

AGENDA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
Room 112 – Courthouse 207 Northeast First Street
Jasper, Florida
MEETING DATE: JUNE 17, 2014

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) VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK-STATUS REPORT
4) 2012 COUNTY TAX CERTIFICATES
5) NW 23RD BLVD DEED ACCEPTANCE
6) APPROVE BILLS
7) CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
8) ADJOURN

TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER – INVOCATION – PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
6:10 P.M. – COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS – STATUS REPORTS
6:15 P.M. – SHIP/CDBG PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT
6:30 P.M. – 2013 FY AUDIT PRESENTATION – COUNTY AUDITOR KEN DANIELS, JR.

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, MAY 28, 2014 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, COURT, JASPER, FLORIDA.

An Agenda review meeting will be held, beginning at 12:00 noon, on Monday preceding the above Agenda meeting date, and will be held in Room 106, Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 NE First Street, Jasper, Florida 32052. In the event that Monday meeting date should be on the same date as a County Adopted holiday, then the Agenda review meeting will be on Friday, beginning at 12:00 noon, preceding the above Agenda meeting date at the same office as aforesaid.

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 ACCOMODATION 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, JULY 1, 2014 AT 9:00 A.M.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CONSENT AGENDA

June 17, 2014

1) MINUTES – APPROVE:
   A) June 3, 2014
2) DEPARTMENT HEADS – INFORMATION ITEMS:
   A) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:
      1) Operations Report for April 2014 – file
3) APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING INVOICE FROM ARD, SHIRLEY & RUDOLPH, P.A.:
   A) Invoice No. 9428 – Phosphate Mining - $3,022.16
4) APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE LIST OF ERRORS, INSOLVENCIES, DOUBLE ASSESSMENTS, AND DISCOUNTS AS SUBMITTED BY MARY SUE ADAMS, HAMILTON COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE 2013 TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL.
5) APPROVE THE FOLLOWING LEAVE PAYOUTS:
   A) Henry Jackson – Accumulated Hours 2.31 x 10.00 rate of pay for a total payment of $23.10
   B) Donna Davis – Accumulated Hours 7.52 x 14.28 rate of pay for a total payment of $107.39

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HCHS students reflect on Dr. Maya Angelou (April 4, 1928 – May 28, 2014)

Submitted by Paula G. Williams

Former President Bill Clinton said, "With Maya Angelou's passing, America has lost a national treasure."

Unquestionably, Dr. Maya Angelou was certainly one of the most prolific and literary figures of our time. She was a poet, dancer, singer, storyteller, activist, mentor and so much more.

In 2011, about 150 students from Hamilton County High School traveled to Tallahassee to hear Dr. Angelou speak on the campus of Florida A & M University. The excitement and opportunity to hear such an iconic, gracious and amazing woman was an experience of a lifetime for our students. Like so many around the world, we celebrate the life of Dr. Maya Angelou and cherish her memory.

President Barack Obama said, "Angelou had the ability to remind us that we are all God's children and that we all have something to offer."

Her legacy and contribution to literary and social causes will leave a tremendous footprint for humankind to follow. Her renowned voice and powerful words will speak to generations yet unborn.

The students of HCHS are forever grateful to the sponsors, chaperons and volunteers who allowed them to see this phenomenal woman who has walked with presidents, kings and queens—but never lost the common touch or her commitment to humanity.

"It was an honor to get to witness the beautiful Dr. Maya Angelou speak in person," said Raven Weise. "Listening to her words of wisdom made all of the lessons learned and poems read pertaining to her real in that moment. Her mission in life was to liberate the human mind and spirit; on that very special night she did just that for me."

"It was a wonderful experience to see one of the most famous, phenomenal women of all times, Dr. Maya Angelou," Rebecca Jackson said. "She was full of wisdom and spirit. I thank God I had the opportunity to hear her speak."

"I have had the opportunity to see many who have contributed to the greatness of our society," said J. Dia Green. "Maya Angelou's expressions of life and love through her philanthropy and literary works will be forever in out hearts. I thank Dr. Angelou for the impact on my life and assisting me in becoming a "phenomenal woman." I will never forget planning the trip to see Dr Amgelou at my Alma mater, Florida A and M University. It was a beautiful experience for all. Small minds can't think great. Experiences outside the classroom build students. Teachers only enhance it. I am so glad that students at HCHS seized the opportunity to see a legend.

"Dr. Angelou is by far one of the greatest poets and orators who ever lived," Bernard Perry said. "It was my pleasure to assist with this endeavor for students in Hamilton County. I shall always remember the delight on the children's faces and the great point Ms. Williams posed, "If we do not take advantage of this now, we may never get this opportunity again. We have to make this happen now." I am certainly overjoyed that we did the cry of urgency.

"It was an honor to see Dr. Maya Angelou speak during my high school time," said Chineeta Jackson. "She was an amazing speaker, as well as writer, and I will greatly miss her style. I experienced many things in high school, but this was at the very top of the best. Thank you HCHS, and please keep doing the special things for kids. It is wonderful to say, "I had the opportunity to see and hear Dr. Angelou, and I had this opportunity with many of my peers and friends from school."

"I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back." -Maya Angelou

Many students enjoyed Dr. Angelou's presentation and took good notes to complete projects upon return to school. - Courtesy photos

There is so much to expose our students to and they learned so much.

Officer Williams and many of the students.

Edgar Perez was so excited.

What an awesome experience for students at HCHS.

Ms. Williams thanked all who continue to help make good things happen for children in Hamilton County. "People will forget what you said and what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel."

Dr. Maya Angelou used her rich, deep voice to captivate the audience.

We are so happy to have had the cultural experience.

Ms. Green, one of the cultural event coordinators with parents.

The tooth fairy visits Central Hamilton Elementary

CHE students work toward healthy teeth.

The Central Hamilton Elementary Pre-K and kindergarten classes had an exciting visitor, Tooth Fairy Heather Fowler from ACORN in Gainesville.

She taught them how to correctly brush their teeth, and good nutritional habits. The students enjoyed her visit and the gifts they received promoting healthy teeth.

The tooth fairy comes to CHE.

FCAT reading, math and science scores released for grades 4-10

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Florida Department of Education recently released the results of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment (FCAT) 2.0 test for the reading, math and science portions of the test for the 2013-14 academic school year. To be promoted to the next grade level, students must achieve a level two or higher or show good cause for promotion.

Understanding the grading system

According to the FDOE, achievement levels describe the level of success a student has achieved with the content assessed. Achievement levels range from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest). To be considered on grade level, students must achieve Level 3 or higher. Level 3 indicates satisfactory performance. The State Board has established the minimum score in Achievement Level 3 as the passing score for all FCAT 2.0 Reading, Mathematics, and Science assessments.

Students who scored a level 5 demonstrated mastery of the most challenging content of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

Students who achieved a level 4 demonstrated an above satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

Students who earned a level 3 grade demonstrated a satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

Students at level 2 demonstrated a below satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

Students who scored a level 1 demonstrated an inadequate level of success with the challenging content of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

Grade 4

Hamilton County has 113 students who were tested for grade 4 reading. As a result, 60 percent of students who took grade 4 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher.

There were 113 who also took the math portion of the FCAT, and 60 percent of the students passed with a level three or higher.

Fourth graders were required to take the writing portion of the test. Out of 111 students who took the test, 30 percent of the students passed with a level three or higher.

Grade 5

There were 110 students who were tested for grade 5 reading. As a result, 42 percent of students who took grade 5 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher.

There were 110 students who took the math portion of the FCAT, and 44 percent of the student body passed with a level three or higher.

Fifth graders were required to take the science portion of the test. Out of 111 students who took the test, 30 percent of the students passed with a level three or higher.

Grade 6

There were 121 students who were tested for grade 6 reading. As a result, 50 percent of students who took grade 6 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher.

There were 121 who also took the math portion of the FCAT, and 64 percent of the students passed with a level three or higher.

Grade 7

There were 120 students who were tested for grade 7 reading. As a result, 37 percent of students who took grade 7 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher.

There were 119 who also took the math portion of the FCAT, and 32 percent of the students passed with a level three or higher.

Grade 8

There were 114 students who were tested for grade 8 reading. As a result, 29 percent of students who took grade 8 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher.

There were 120 who also took the math portion of the FCAT, and 23 percent of the students passed with a level three or higher.

Eighth graders were required to take the science portion of the test. Out of 118 students who took the test, only 14 percent of the students passed with a level three or higher.

Grade 9

There were 98 students who were tested for grade 9 reading. As a result, 32 percent of students who took grade 9 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher.

Grade 10

There were 110 students who were tested for grade 10 reading. As a result, 36 percent of students who took grade 10 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher.

Statewide

Fourth grade: there were 196,786 students in the state of Florida who were tested for grade 4 reading. As a result, 61 percent of students who took grade 4 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher. There were 196,845 students who took the math portion of the FCAT, and 63 percent of the student body passed with a level three or higher.

Fifth grade: there were 195,750 students in the state of Florida who were tested for grade 5 reading. As a result, 61 percent of students who took grade 5 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher. There were 196,622 students who took the math portion of the FCAT, and 56 percent of the student body passed with a level three or higher. Out of 195,645 students who took the science portion of the test, 54 percent of the students passed with a level three or higher.

Sixth grade: there were 195,645 students who were tested for grade 6 reading. As a result, 60 percent of students who took grade 6 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher.

There were 194,759 who also took the math portion of the FCAT, and 53 percent of the students passed with a level three or higher.

Seventh grade: There were 200,981 students who were tested for grade 7 reading. As a result, 57 percent of students who took grade 7 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher.

There were 193,140 who also took the math portion of the FCAT, and 56 percent of the students passed with a level three or higher.

Eighth grade: there were 199,937 students who were tested for grade 8 reading. As a result, 57 percent of students who took grade 8 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher.

There were 167,173 who also took the math portion of the FCAT, and 47 percent of the students passed with a level three or higher. Eighth graders were required to take the science portion of the test. Out of 197,210 students who took the test, only 49 percent of the students passed with a level three or higher.

Ninth grade: there were 200,714 students who were tested for grade 9 reading. As a result, 53 percent of students who took grade 9 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher.

Tenth grade: There were 189,031 students who were tested for grade 10 reading. As a result, 55 percent of students who took grade 10 FCAT reading passed with a level three or higher.

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Haven Hospice Ambassadors Receive 2014 FHPCA Synergy Award

On May 22, the Florida Hospice and Palliative Care Association (FHPCA) announced that Haven Hospice was among the 2014 winners of the annual Awards of Excellence in Hospice and Palliative Care at the 29th Annual FHPCA Forum entitled, The Journey Continues—Elevating Clinical Care to New Heights.

The Haven Hospice Ambassadors were the recipients of the FHPCA 2014 Synergy Award which is given to a group of hospice workers who not only seek excellence within the group, but inspire excellence and collaboration throughout the hospice environment.

Five Haven Hospice staff members took on the role of ambassadors to visit their sister hospice organization, Grahamstown Hospice in South Africa in September 2013 to gain a practical understanding of the environment and the challenges in which end-of-life and palliative care is delivered in Grahamstown and the surrounding communities. The selected Haven Ambassadors come from a variety of career paths and brought a wide-range of experiences to Grahamstown. Pam Giebeig is a hospice nurse, Tangela Wilson is a respiratory therapist, Vonceil Levine is a clinical social worker, Katie Alpahando is the interim manager of Bereavement and Psychosocial Services and Arthur Clark is a vice president and chief information officer.

The impact of the Haven Ambassadors' visit to Grahamstown was not only well-received but felt throughout the surrounding areas. The Haven Hospice Ambassadors visited the care centers at Grahamstown Hospice and Sunshine Coast Hospice and also went out into many of the surrounding communities to visit patients in their homes. Not only were community members welcoming, but the notoriety also raised awareness of the programs and services Grahamstown Hospice offers and assisted in raising the profile of the organization in the communities that they serve.

Since 2001, Haven Hospice has been partnering with and supporting Grahamstown Hospice. That support has included an annual financial donation by Haven Hospice employees which was matched by the organization and used by Grahamstown Hospice to pay for two hospice nurses in South Africa.

In November 2012, Haven Hospice sponsored three staff members of Grahamstown Hospice to travel to north central Florida to meet face-to-face for the first time and learn more about Haven and end-of-life care in America.

On their trip in 2013, the Haven Hospice Ambassadors also witnessed how Haven employee donations were at work in Grahamstown. A patient, who became home-bound due to being paralyzed from the waist down, had been isolated from the community that she loved and from the people who loved her, until Grahamstown was able to provide this patient with a wheelchair. She was then able to go out into the community and provide AIDS education and awareness for children and families.

Having been inspired by this life-changing experience, the Haven Hospice Ambassadors have been leading employee events, including fundraising, to assist Grahamstown Hospice staff in bringing care and compassion to South African patients and families.

Beginning in November 2013, the Haven Ambassadors created a presentation of photos, stories and music which they brought to all ten Haven Hospice offices that serve 18 counties across North Florida. They raised awareness among the Haven employees of the challenges Grahamstown Hospice is facing and how their donations could uplift so many lives.

In the early months of 2013, Haven Hospice had a 250 percent increase of employees electing for the automatic payroll deduction. The total donation collected from this method in 2013 was $3,813.34 and in 2014, due to the outreach efforts of the Haven Ambassadors it will exceed $9,000 in just payroll deduction gifts.

In December 2013, the Just Because Campaign included team-focused challenges, raffles and donations while being successful in engaging our employees and increasing the fundraising efforts for Grahamstown. Different departments and office locations then competed against one another to put together a total of 11 special gifts and gift baskets to be included in the raffle drawing. This campaign was successful in raising an additional $1,052. Haven Hospice as an organization has committed to continue the 100 percent matching of all donations collected through these initiatives and added $4,865.34 to the employee donations total.

Grahamstown Hospice Director David Barker, stated "Without the ongoing generous support of Haven Hospice and its staff we would not have been able to do 8,652 home visits to the 475 patients and 697 family members whom we cared for in 2013." Not only has Haven Hospice financially supported its sister hospice, but also provided ongoing educational, collegial and emotional support in regular communications through a partnership committee since 2003 and certainly in 2013. These efforts were strengthened and taken to the next level by the continuous efforts of the Haven Hospice Ambassadors.

Among many things, the exchange trip gave the Haven Hospice Ambassadors the opportunity to develop several goals for 2014 in collaboration with Grahamstown staff. Some of those goals started gaining traction in the last few months of 2013 and were implemented during the first part of 2014. These goals included increasing communication at all levels between Haven and Grahamstown, a mentoring program that is discipline specific, exploring trainings and educational opportunities that can be shared via Skype or through other cyber methods, encouraging further Haven employee support, and reaching out to specific organizations that can expand the mission of Haven's sister hospice.

About Haven Hospice: Haven Hospice is your not-for-profit community hospice organization providing services since 1979 and licensed in Florida since 1980. Haven is North Florida's expert in end-of-life and palliative care, receiving national recognition as a Circle of Life Award Recipient from the American Hospital Association for its excellence and innovation. Haven has also been recognized as a Florida Pacesetter for its leadership in promoting advance directives. For more than 35 years Haven has had the honor and privilege to serve more than 68,000 patients and families in North Florida. For more information, visit www.havenhospice.org or call 800-727-1889.

Senior Manager of Healthcare Practice at Synechron (Award Sponsor) Todd Hicks, Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Haven Hospice Arthur Clark, Interim Manager of Bereavement and Psychosocial Services for Haven Hospice Katie Alpahando and Director of Healthcare Practice at Synechron (Award Sponsor) Hans Anderson.

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Is my business healthy?

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You took that big step and started your own business. Things have been rolling right along. You found a location, got everything set up and started building clientele. You are working hard, enjoying the challenge and have a positive outlook on the future. But is your business healthy? Is your profit margin good? Are you carrying too much debt? Are your employees effective enough? Many of these questions can be answered by analyzing your financial statements.

There are standard financial ratios that are used for financial analysis to help you determine and monitor the financial health of your enterprise. These ratios can also be compared with your industry, region, and business size to gauge your company's performance against others in the same line of work.

The use of the term "current" in financial statements denotes assets that can be converted into cash within a year and liabilities that will be resolved within a year. The current ratio shows your ability to pay your debts in the coming year. This ratio is total current assets to total current liabilities. A healthy current ratio is at least 2 to 1, showing that the business has twice as much cash, accounts receivable (money your customers owe you), inventory and other current assets, as it does accounts payable (money you owe your suppliers) and current debt.

The quick ratio is like the current ratio, but it ignores inventory. This shows your ability to pay your debts without liquidating (converting to cash) your inventory. This is important because it takes time to liquidate inventory and there may need to be other liquid assets to cover your liabilities in the short term. The quick ratio is cash and accounts receivable to total current liabilities. A healthy quick ratio is at least 1 to 1, but will be higher in industries that don't rely on inventory and lower in sectors that maintain large inventories.

The current and quick ratios give an indication of the company's liquidity. Profit margin ratios will help measure the company's profitability.

The gross profit margin looks at the inventory management, pricing and efficiency of the enterprise. It is gross profit divided by total sales. It is not possible to identify a healthy ratio here without considering the industry. Here are a few examples: the certified public accountants (CPA) industry over the last five years has shown a gross profit margin of 97 percent. The supermarket industry, on the other hand, has only shown a gross profit margin of 25 percent over the last five years and the machine shop industry, over the same time frame achieved a 45 percent gross profit margin.

The reason for the differences in gross profit margin is the structure of the industry. For the supermarket, the cost of inventory and labor are deducted from total sales to arrive at the gross profit. For the machine shop, labor and manufacturing costs are deducted to arrive at gross profit. The accountant, however, has no production costs or inventory to purchase for re-sale, so there are virtually no deductions to its total sales when calculating gross profit.

The net profit margin takes into account all of a company's non-production, non-inventory related costs. It is net profit divided by total sales. This value will reveal if the company is generating enough sales volume to cover these indirect expenses. A healthy net profit margin is also industry specific. Service industries with low overhead show higher net profit margins than labor intensive production facilities or large retailers. Using the same examples we see that the CPA industry averaged 21 percent net profit margin over the last five years. The machine shop sector in the same time frame posted six percent net profit margin and the supermarkets averaged 2.5 percent.

There are also ratios that measure efficiency, one being inventory days which shows how long it takes to turn over the items on your shelf. A lower number means that you are selling your products faster. This is also industry specific because some industries don't have inventory, or don't require as much inventory as others.

Another measure of efficiency is the accounts receivable days. This tells how long it takes for a company to get paid. This figure is also industry specific as some companies, like retail stores, do not bill or invoice, but accept payment at the time of purchase. A supermarket, for example, only has to wait an average of one day to collect outstanding balances compared to a CPA firm which has to wait an average of 30 days to get paid and a machine shop which has to wait an average of 47 days to get paid.

There are many more ratios and financial analytics that can be studied to measure the health of your business. It is important for the business owner to keep accurate records, learn how to evaluate financial statements and identify potential problems along the way. An English merchant at the turn of the 18th century compared the probable success of a merchant who didn't understand accounting with that of a mariner who had no navigation skills.

It is also important to understand that each specific industry has its own benchmarks. Your SBDC consultant can help you calculate and compare your financial analysis with industry averages for your particular geographic region and business size.

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Heat exhaustion and heat stroke pose significant threat.

Summer is a season best spent outdoors, and many people anxiously await their opportunity to soak up some sun in the warm, summer air. But the summer heat can be relentless, posing a potentially significant threat to those who aren't careful when the dog days of summer arrive.

Heat exhaustion and heat stroke are two of the biggest concerns for those spending time under the summer sun. Differentiating between the two and understanding the causes and symptoms of each can help revelers survive the summer heat.

What is heat exhaustion?
Those who work or exercise in humid or hot conditions might have experienced some level of heat exhaustion. When a person is suffering from heat exhaustion, their body is losing its fluids through sweat, and that loss causes dehydration. The body will also overheat, with its temperature rising as high 104 F.

What is heat stroke?
Heat stroke can be life-threatening. When a person is experiencing heat stroke, his or her body's cooling system stops working, and the body's temperature can rise to 105 F or higher. The cooling system is controlled by the brain, so heat stroke can even damage the brain and/or additional internal organs.

What causes heat exhaustion?
Many people who suffer from heat exhaustion are not used to exercising or working in hot or humid environments, an unfamiliarity that makes them susceptible to heat exhaustion. Gardeners, for example, might be able to work in the garden in late spring and feel no ill effects. However, once summer arrives with its humidity and higher temperatures, those same gardeners are not accustomed to such conditions and might develop heat exhaustion as a result. Especially humid days make it difficult for the body to properly evaporate sweat, and the body will lose fluids and electrolytes. As this is happening, people who do not adequately replace those lost fluids are more likely to suffer from heat exhaustion.

What causes heat stroke?
Unlike heat exhaustion, which is largely caused by external conditions, heat stroke can result from an existing medical condition or medications. People with certain conditions or on medications that hinder the body's ability to sweat may be predisposed to heat stroke because their cooling mechanisms are already impaired or compromised. But heat stroke can also be caused by anyone exerting themselves in a hot environment, even if those people do not have a preexisting medical condition.

What are the symptoms of heat exhaustion?
Heat exhaustion symptoms vary but can include:
- sweating profusely
- feelings of dizziness
- muscle cramps or pains
- fainting
- dark-colored urine (dehydration)
- nausea
- pale skin
- rapid heartbeat
- headache

What are the symptoms of heat stroke?
A body temperature of 105 F or above is a telltale indicator of heat stroke, but additional symptoms may include:
- throbbing headache
- flushed, hot and dry skin
- slightly elevated blood pressure
- dizziness and light-headedness
- nausea and vomiting
- rapid, shallow breathing
- lack of sweating despite the heat
- rapid heartbeat that is strong or weak
- unconsciousness

What do I do if I suspect I am suffering from heat exhaustion?
If heat exhaustion is suspected, get out of the heat immediately, ideally into an air-conditioned room but under a tree in the shade if that's the only option. Call a doctor if you cannot keep fluids down or if you seem incoherent.

Those who can keep fluids down should drink plenty of noncaffeinated and nonalcoholic beverages, and remove any tight or unnecessary clothing. In addition, take a cool shower or bath, but ideally only do so if someone is around to monitor you.

What should I do if I suspect I am suffering from heat stroke?
Heat stroke is potentially life-threatening, so immediately dial 911 if you feel you have heat stroke. If you suspect someone else has heat stroke, administer some first aid while waiting for an ambulance to arrive. Move the person to an air-conditioned room, and try to get his or her body temperature down to a more manageable 101 F or 102 F. Wet the person's skin and apply ice packs to the armpits, groin, neck, and back, as these areas have an abundance of blood vessels close to the skin, and cooling them can help lower body temperature.

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Qualifications:
* knowledge of cleaning fluids and chemicals
* Ability to prioritize tasks at hand
* Ability to perform manual Labor
* Supervisory skills to direct department personnel

Position is considered to be a working "Department Head"
Submit applications to
Hamilton County
Coordinator's Office
1153 NW US Hwy 41
Jasper, FL. 32052
386-792-6639 by 4:30pm on
June 20th, 2014

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NOTICE OF INTENDED EMPLOYMENT AND REQUEST FOR APPLICANTS

The Hamilton County Custodial Department gives notice of intent to fill available position:
CUSTODIAN
(40 hours per week)

Salary negotiable.

Qualifications:
* knowledge of cleaning fluids and chemicals
* Ability to prioritize tasks at hand
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* Ability to work alone

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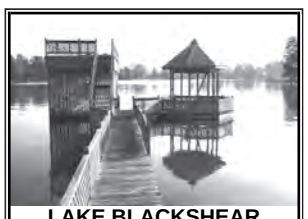

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Month of May - Suwannee Valley Nursing Center

On April 6, the Hamilton County High School Beta Club students played a competitive game of Bingo with residents.

We enjoyed a Mother's Day Social on the outside deck. Residents enjoyed Ice Cream Sundays, as well as poems, stories and quotes being read.

National Nursing Home Week was May 12-16. "Special Memories" was the theme for the week. There was food prepared for staff every day, along with games and drawings.

Bright Pond Baptist Church of Jasper sponsored the May birthday party on the 17th. Residents had a great time. Thank uou Bright Pond!

Residents went fishing at the S.V.N.C. pond and lots of fish were caught. Resident Ruby Morgan reeled in the catch of the day with a huge channel catfish. That afternoon peanut butter bars were baked for the monthly cooking show. Resident Mrs. Lafayette McCall shared her recipe and technique. The peanut butter bars turned out just like the ones she had made years back, when she worked at the Jasper school cafeteria.

We have a new volunteer Mrs. Amelia Tompkins. Once a month in the evening she plays the piano. The residents really look forward to this event every month. Thanks for sharing your talent and dedication.

In honor of Memorial Day, on Tuesday the 27th, Lamar Royals came out and did a great job speaking to residents about the meaning of Memorial Day. Serena Creech brought out her piano students, Anslie Creech, Conner Creech, Karoline Herndon and Katheryne Herndon.

On May 29, a van load of residents went to Gainesville to the Butterfly Fest, Florida Museum of Natural History. We enjoyed a picnic lunch and a wonderful day.

Championship Bingo winner for the month of May went to Ruby Morgan. Way to go Mrs. Ruby!

Employees for the month of May are Christine Smith, housekeeping and Linda Williams, C.N.A. Congratulations!

Resident Ruby Morgan catches the big one! Courtesy photo:

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Jasper Legals

LEGAL NOTICE

The Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Board of Directors will hold a meeting of the Board of Directors on **Monday, June 30, 2014, 7:00 P.M.** at the Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., Senior Center located at 1171 Nobles Ferry Rd NW in Live Oak, Florida.
06/12

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting **Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.** in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.
06/12

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that U S A M E R I B A N K C / O KINGERY/CROUSE MAGNOLIA TC 2 LLC, the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year(s) of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO.:
1069 Issued May 28, 2010

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 6933-190
Section 31 Township 2N Range 14E Lot 5 Blk C Highland Heights ORB 327-223 Town of Jasper

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
Melody J. Singletary

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

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

/s/ Kristy Morgan, DC
Greg Godwin
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hamilton County, Florida
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CERTIFICATE NO.:
121 Issued May 28, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 1968-000
Section 5 Township 1N Range 14E 1 1/2 acres in DB 35-322

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
Mrs. G. C. Hunter

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CERTIFICATE NO.:
175 Issued May 28, 2011

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 2421-044
Section 29 Township 2N Range 14E Lot 44 Forest Towne Subd ORB 397-81

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
James Howard Tietjen

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CERTIFICATE NO.:
176 Issued May 28, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 2421-045
Section 29 Township 2N Range 14E Lot 45 Forest Towne Subd ORB 397-79

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
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CERTIFICATE NO.:
220 Issued May 28, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 2647-000
Section 32 Township 2N Range 14E DB 25-128 Com at SW Corner of NW/4 of SW/4 and run N along SEC Line Dividing SEC 31 and 32 to R/W of GS&F RR and from thence to Cattle Gap Due East of R/W of ACL RR Thence S along W edge of ACL R/W to 1/4 SEC Line Dividing NW/4 of SW/4 from SW/4 of SW/4 and Run Thence W Along 1/4 SEC Line to POB

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
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CERTIFICATE NO.:
279 Issued May 28, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 2780-174
Section 1 Township 1N Range 13E Lot 105 Meadow Brook Woods ORB 395-35 ORB 683-39 ORB 695-47

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
Southeast Land Group, Inc.

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CERTIFICATE NO.:
303 Issued May 28, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 2938-000
Section 14 Township 1N Range 13E That Part of NW/4 Lying S of Public Rd Leading From W R MDaniel Place to Adams Farm or Jasper and Nobles Ferry Road ORB 145-606 ORB 146-495 ORB 220-70

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
Vivian Blanford and Ruben Bryant Jr and Sonya Phoenix 1/3 HX to Ruben Bryant Jr

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CERTIFICATE NO.:
344 Issued May 28, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 3139-210
Section 7 Township 2N Range 13E Lot 21 Fox Hollow Subd ORB 195-139 ORB 232-337

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
Thomas Watson Read III

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CERTIFICATE NO.:
352 Issued May 28, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 3146-045
Section 8 Township 2N Range 13E Lot 6 River Oak Trails ORB 597-215 ORB 450-133

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
Warren A Leader Sr and Jamoy A Leader

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

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CERTIFICATE NO.:
355 Issued May 28, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 3146-099
Section 7 & 8 Township 2N Range 13E Lot 60 River Oak Trails ORB 434-58

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
Michael C. Jones Agree/Deed from Larry D. Honeycutt

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CERTIFICATE NO.:
419 Issued May 28, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 3509-000
Section 14 Township 1N Range 12E Tract "B" Desc in ORB 286-6 ORB 481-277

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
Eddie Hopper ETAL

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CERTIFICATE NO.:
430 Issued May 28, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 3539-410
Section 9 Township 1N Range 12E Lot 40 Hamilton Farms ORB 266-67

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
John P Pogorilich and Katherine Louvaris JT TEN W/RT/SURV

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CERTIFICATE NO.:
433 Issued May 28, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 3564-130
Section 22 Township 1N Range 12E 210x210 in NW/4 of SE/4 Desc in ORB 247-233 ORB 171-195

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
Lyman Walker 1/2 int and RC Sheffiedl 1/2 int

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465 Issued May 28, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 3623-350
Section 1 Township 1S Range 12E Lot 34 On the Suwannee Subd ORB 474-89

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
George C. Virgin and Shawn O Strickland and Eric G. Samuelson

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CERTIFICATE NO.:
82 Issued May 28, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 1718-020
Section 33 Township 1S Range 15E 1 Acre in SE/4 of NW/4 of SW/4 Desc in ORB 418-275

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
Thelma Whipple

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CERTIFICATE NO.:
9 Issued May 28, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 1005-690
Section 18 Township 1S Range 17E Lot 38 Suwannee River Heights Subd ORB 559-201 ORB 595-458 ORB 615-28

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
Ashambo Oliver Satchell

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SPORTS

FISH BUSTERS' BULLETIN

Speak out on bass management

By Bob Wattendorf

It is time to speak out about Florida's proposed change to largemouth bass management by filling out an online survey or attending a local meeting (see MyFWC.com/Calendar). The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) wants to be sure management strategies optimize use and enjoyment of these fish in a sustainable manner.

Black bass -- among which the Florida largemouth reigns supreme -- are the most popular sportfish in North America.

A change is being considered to provide a five-bass daily bag limit, only one of which may be 16 inches in total length or longer. This means that each person would be allowed to keep up to five largemouth bass less than 16 inches, or four largemouth bass less than 16 inches and one largemouth bass 16 inches or longer each day.

This change would replace current length limits, but not the statewide bag limit of five bass. For the most part, this would become a statewide regulation, but limited exceptions for fisheries with special needs or opportunities would be possible and generally associated with fish management areas.

To take the survey, and learn more about largemouth bass as well as current and possible future management changes, go to MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Speak out on bass rules!" under the bass image near the middle of the page.

"The FWC takes public opinions very seriously," said Tom Champeau, director of the agency's Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management. "Combined with the best science and case studies that we have, public input helps us strive for optimal sustained use of these popular and valuable fish."

In 2011 the Black Bass Management Plan (BBMP) was approved, based on comments from more than 7,500 anglers. In addition to that, input from typical fishermen, Technical Advisory Group meetings involving guides, tournament anglers, marina owners, trophy bass fishermen, outdoor writers and tourism representatives were conducted to ensure a wide range of opinions.

The BBMP encouraged using the least restrictive regulations feasible to enhance trophy bass fisheries, maintain healthy bass populations statewide and provide diverse angling opportunities. Therefore, FWC staff reviewed biological data to evaluate effectiveness of various regulation strategies. In additon, public opinion came from almost 6,000 responses to a preliminary survey and open-house events around Florida in 2013. The resulting proposal would simplify regulations, allow more harvest of abundant smaller bass and further protect older fish, including spawning female bass. The FWC is seeking feedback on this proposed change and will continue to evaluate options for several months before submitting a final proposal. If the public supports the proposal, and FWC Commissioners accept it, it could be implemented in July 2016.

The FWC promotes TrophyCatch as a volunteer citizen-science program that rewards anglers for catching, documenting and releasing bass heavier than 8 pounds (see TrophyCatchFlorida.com), thus further encouraging voluntary release of the biggest, oldest bass.

Initial surveys in 2013 were completed primarily by non-tournament anglers (52 percent) and casual tournament fishermen who normally fish local club tournaments, with 9 percent fishing more than 20 tournaments a year. Most respondents primarily targeted bass and fished frequently. So FWC incorporated input from those most affected by any changes.

A few takeaways were that only 16 percent normally eat the bass they catch, and 57 percent are happy if they don't keep any bass. When asked about current regulations, 57 percent did not want to increase the bag limit and 21 percent wanted to reduce it. Since a five-bass daily bag limit is sustainable, there is not a recommendation to change it.

Currently, south and east of the Suwannee River there is a 14-inch minimum length limit, and in the Suwannee River and north and west of it there is a 12-inch minimum length limit for bass. Biological data show that protecting these smaller fish is not necessary. Furthermore, different size limits complicate regulations. What is advantageous is protecting bigger fish, which are rarer and take longer to produce – hence the proposed harvest limit of only one bass 16 inches or longer per day. This regulation would be more lenient in the south fishing zone (east of Highway 441 and south of State Road 80), which currently allows only one bass over 14 inches.

There is no plan to alter the Bass Tournament Exemption Permit process (see MyFWC.com/Permits then click on "Freshwater" and "Black Bass Tournament").

Organizations holding bass tournaments may apply online for a temporary exemption to bass size limits. This helps ensure the health of Florida freshwater resources while encouraging fishing participation from small clubs to major tournaments. In return for a temporary exemption to allow weigh-in prior to live-release of the bass, tournament participants must forego any harvest, including what would otherwise be their five-fish bag limit. Any fish that die must be donated to charity or for research. Tournaments are not required to have a permit if they abide by existing regulations and don't seek an exemption.

Every opinion is important, pro or con. So please review the background materials and complete a survey yourself (see http://bit.ly/BassRules).

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"OUTTA' THE WOODS"

Apply for fall quota permits in June!

By Tony Young

How many of us hunters are on Facebook? Well, did you know that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) now has its own "HuntFlorida" Facebook page? Next time you log in, go to Facebook.com/HGM.FWC and give us a "like," so you can stay abreast of the many advertised hunting opportunities and hear about any upcoming regulation or quota application changes. And please "share" the page with your hunting buddies too!

Speaking of quotas, every hunter knows you have a better chance of catching a monster buck off guard during the first part of hunting season. That's why many of us enjoy hunting the archery and muzzleloading gun seasons – and why we can't miss opening weekend of the general gun season. After that, multitudinous gunshots often break out, and those mature bucks start feeding mostly at night, making hunting 'em a lot more difficult.

If you hunt public land, you should know that many of Florida's wildlife management areas (WMAs) require a quota permit to hunt during archery, muzzleloading gun and all or part of the general gun season.

A quota is the maximum number of hunters allowed on a particular WMA. The FWC's Quota Hunt Program prevents overcrowding on such areas and provides quality hunts. Quotas also help control game harvests. The FWC sets quotas based on an area's size, habitat, game populations and regulations.

There are several types of quota permits, and most are issued by random drawing. This year there's been a change: The wild hog application periods will now be grouped with the other fall quota hunts. The first-phase application period – for archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog, youth, family, track vehicle (a swamp buggy with tank treads), airboat and mobility-impaired quota hunt permits – runs June 1-30, so you've got all month to submit your application.

You may submit one application for each of the hunt types, and there is no fee to apply. One thing to remember though: Unless exempt, you must have an up-to-date management area permit (or a license that includes one) when applying for a quota permit, or the system won't accept your application.

Two of these quota hunts are unique to South Florida. An airboat quota permit is required for anyone wishing to hunt out of an airboat on Everglades and Francis S. Taylor WMA in Broward and Miami-Dade counties. But, if you'd rather hunt off a track vehicle there, or on Rotenberger or Holey Land WMAs in Palm Beach County, you'll need a track vehicle quota permit.

The FWC offers youth deer hunts on Camp Blanding WMA in Clay County and on Andrews WMA in Levy County. If you have children between the ages of 8 and 15 and you want them to have a chance to experience one of these great hunts, apply for a youth quota hunt permit, because only 160 kids will get to participate. During these hunts, only the youngsters may hunt, and they and their adult supervisors are the only people allowed on the area.

This coming season, there will be family quota hunts on 25 WMAs scattered throughout the state. You must have a family quota hunt permit to hunt these areas during specific time periods. If you are drawn, the permit requires one adult to take one or two youths hunting. The adult may not hunt without taking along a kid.

Hunters certified by the FWC as mobility-impaired may apply for mobility-impaired quota permits. These permits allow exclusive access to general-gun hunts on nine of the state's better public hunting areas.

If you want to get the jump on one of these hunts, make sure you have the correct quota hunt application worksheet so you can apply for one or more of these great opportunities. All applicationworksheets can be found at MyFWC.com/License by clicking on "Limited Entry/Quota Hunts" and then looking under "Quota Hunts."

Once you've completed the application worksheet, you may use it to apply atLicense.MyFWC.com or submit it to any license agent or tax collector's office.

To find out if you've been selected, you can simply log into your customer account at License.MyFWC.com. Drawing results will be posted after 10 a.m. on July 8.

If you don't get drawn for a particular hunt type, you'll get a preference point for next year's drawing, which will improve your chances of being selected. If you're unable to use your quota permit and you return it in time, you'll get your preference point restored.

You can only return your unwanted quota permit online, and you can't do so until Phase III begins on July 30 and up until 10 days prior to your hunt date. To do this, log in to your customer account at License.MyFWC.com, and click the "Return" link next to the hunt you wish to turn in.

Returns will be accepted online only and will be reissued every Tuesday throughout the season during the Phase III application period. If you return a permit that was awarded to you in Phase I, you will receive a preference point as well as the restoration of your preference points used to obtain the permit.

Here's wishing you luck in drawing one of these great permits!

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1	5	3	2	4	9	8	7	6
2	8	7	9	3	1	6	5	4
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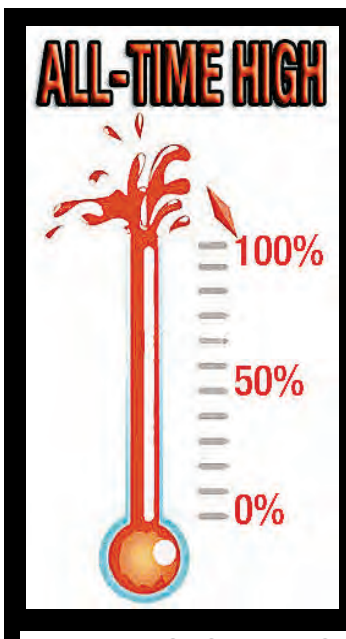

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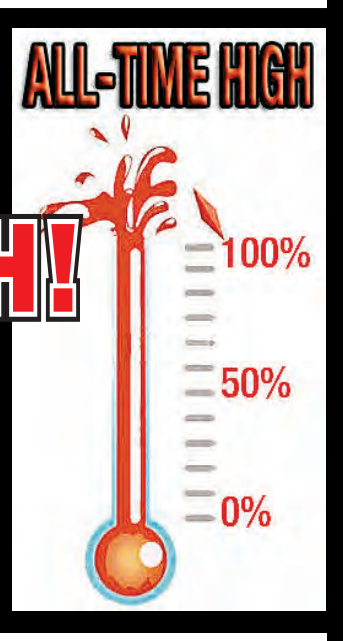

2014 SILVERADO 1500

C140162

$22,598

2014 SILVERADO 1500 LT 4 DR

C140066

ALL-STAR EDITION - 18" ALUM WHEELS REAR CAMERA, REMOTE START & MORE! MSRP: $37,120 - DISC. $7,524

$29,596

2014 SILVERADO 1500 LT 4 DR 4x4

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ALL-STAR EDITION - 5.3L V8, 18" ALUM WHEELS REAR CAMERA, REMOTE START, NAVI & MORE! MSRP: $41,725 - DISC. $7,732

$33,993

2015 SILVERADO 2500 HEAVY DUTY 4 DR 4X4

ALL NEW

C150004

$36,895

2 YEAR/24,000 MILE COMPLIMENTARY MAINTENANCE ON ALL 2014 SILVERADO.

CARTER & SONS ~ PRODUCE & BUTCHER SHOP ~

South Georgia is World Famous for many things...Like Quicy Red Ripe Tomatoes, Sweet Quicy Peaches and Smokin Hot Deals @ Cass Burch! Stop by and get a free sack of Tomatoes compliments of Walt Carter Farms or a free sack of peaches compliments of Farmer Browns. No purchase required! (retail value $8.45-$12.70)

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Everybody Knows Chevys Cost Less In Quitman!

2014 CHEVY SONIC LT

C140125

$16,297

2014 CHEVY MALIBU

C140133

$19,498

2014 CHEVY EQUINOX

C140065

32 MPG (PER WINDOW STICKER) BLUE TOOTH WIRELESS USB PORT, 2.4L SIDI SIRIUS/MP3 PLAYER

$22,395

2014 CHEVY IMPALA

C140186

$25,498

ALL NEW 2015 CHEVY TAHOE

C150015

$43,948

All prices plus tax, title & Lemon Law fee of $3 and reflect all applicable factory rebates. Vehicles are located at our Quitman dealership. Silverado, Sonic, Cruze, Malibu, Equinox & Impala pricing includes Conquest Rebate to current owner of a 1999 or newer non-GM vehicle. Silverado, Heavy Duty price includes $750 trade-in rebate, must own and trade-in a 1999 or newer vehicle. All prices good through June 14, 2014 or until vehicle is sold, whichever comes first. Must present ad at time of purchase to receive any or all advertised price.

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