



# Auditor gives county thumbs up

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A presentation on the results of the 2013 fiscal year audit was given to the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners recently by auditor Ken Daniels Jr., who began by saying, the county received "a clean opinion on the audit."

"You'll see they changed the format on the audit opinion," Daniels told the board. "They

want to make clear what's your responsibility and certainly what's mine. It seems everything in here is your responsibility except for this opinion," he added with a chuckle. "You did get a clean opinion. You got a good opinion, so that's a good start."

Daniels said the county ended the year with a real strong cash position of almost \$11 million.

"That's an increase of almost \$1 million over a year," he said.

### Audit highlights

Receivables: Because EMS receivables were cleaned up in 2013, Daniels said, that figure dropped about \$100,000. Monies due from other governmental units went down about \$1 million, as well.

"That number affects cash and vice versa," said Daniels.

He explained that if the county was in the middle of a grant cycle, most likely they would

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County Auditor Ken Daniels delivers good news to the commissioners. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor



Friday July 4, 2014

# Fireworks and family fun set for July 4

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Get ready for another spectacular 4th of July celebration in Jasper! It will be fun for the entire family.

Beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 4, Hamilton County

Parks and Recreation will be presenting an evening of live music, water slides and a bounce house for the kids, lots of food, and plenty of fireworks to light up the night sky.

For more information call 386-792-3098 or visit [www.hamiltoncountyflorida.com](http://www.hamiltoncountyflorida.com).

# Rainfall 25 percent higher than average in the SRWMD

June marked two years of improving hydrologic conditions beginning with Tropical Storm Debby in June 2012 and helped by continuing above-average rainfall. Tropical Storm Debby broke the second of two back-to-back droughts which caused record low river and groundwater conditions.

"Between December 2013 and June 20, the District has received on average over 36 inches of rain which is about 25 percent higher than average," said Megan Wetherington, PE, District Senior Professional Engineer. "This has been the wettest winter and spring since 1998. District-wide, May was the fifth straight month of above average rainfall this year."

In the two years after the end of the drought, parts of Lafayette, Suwannee and Taylor counties received nearly an extra

year's rainfall. Throughout much of the District increased rain meant increased river levels and flooding. For example, until late this month Suwannee River levels were high enough to slow or block the flow from surrounding springs. While still above normal, river levels have been steadily dropping, allowing a number of springs to return to clear conditions. Aquifer levels have also increased with the increased rainfall, and levels were generally at their highest since 2005 when levels peaked after two hurricanes and a wet winter. Rising aquifer levels mean improved spring flow as the groundwater makes its way to the now-flowing springs.

SRWMD partners with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for flow measurements at numerous locations. USGS reported that on May 2, the measured flow at the Alapaha Rise was 790 million gallons per day (MGD).

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# Community health survey could net you \$50

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The Florida Department of Health-Hamilton County held their monthly Strategic Health Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 24, and an impressive line up of local and regional community leaders were in attendance, along with Jeff Feller, representing the Well-Florida Council.

In attendance were Mark Lander, Johnny Bullard, Nancy Sult, Brenda Brown and Aurelio Perea, all from the health department; Michelle Waterman, Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park; Pam Lake, FDLRS / Gateway; Grace McDonald, Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition; Susan Ramsey, Hamilton County Economic Development Author-



Strategic Health Planning Committee members review the community health assessment survey. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

ity, Sandy Hurst, Hamilton County Coordinator's Office; Mac Leggett, Hamilton County EMS; Michelle Lee, Hamilton County Tobacco Free Partnership; and Ida Daniels, Hamilton County Schools Food and Nutrition Service Coordinator, who also served as moderator of the

meeting.

The major objective of this particular meeting was to make final recommendations for the county's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

Feller explained that the Community Health Assessment (CHA) process is a data-driven picture of

the health of Hamilton County, and that it has been completed.

"We are in the process of analyzing the data tables and giving you a summary of the relevant parts," said Feller.

He plans to give a summary presentation

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# Jasper Market Place reopens under new management



Cherry Everett gets some help cutting the ribbon to her new shop. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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A generous crowd turned out for the grand reopening of Jasper Market Place and Boutique in Jasper on Thursday, June 26, which is under new management by Cherry Everett.

If you're in the market for antiques and collectibles, or care to browse for that one-of-a-kind

special gift for you or a loved one, Jasper Market Place and Boutique should be on your list of places to browse and buy.

Jasper Marketplace and Boutique is conveniently located in the center of downtown Jasper at 107 Central Ave., and it is within walking distance to other unique shops and restaurants in town. The

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## PROTECTING PARADISE New officers hit the ground – and water – running!



Purcell

By Katie Purcell

As she sat in the dark near a private tract of land known for poaching, looking for headlights and listening for any sign of the suspect, Officer Ashley Tyer knew she had picked the right career. After

completing her first week of field training, Tyer has already found herself engaged in a variety of issues.

"I love the excitement and the constant change of scenery," Tyer said. "My first week was a blast."

The married mother of two graduated from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) academy last month along with 14 others. After getting settled in their respective counties of assignment – Tyer reported to Polk County, where she grew up – the group began their field training period last week and faced a steep learning

curve.

"So far, I have learned a lot about the job," Tyer said. "I can see how documenting information, having good contacts and keeping good records will help me be efficient. I'm also working to expand upon the skills I learned in the academy, like bird and plant identification and radio procedures."

FWC officers are responsible for protecting all of Florida's natural resources – like protected species, freshwater and saltwater fish and other animals and their habitats – and people – particularly when they're out boating, hunting, hiking, fishing and enjoying recreating outdoors. They enforce all state laws as well as federal fisheries and wildlife laws.

"My experiences and outdoor interests, like hunting, fishing and scuba diving, sparked my desire to work for the FWC," Tyer said.

Tyer's passion and respect for the outdoors started at a young age and led her to pursue a bachelor's degree in natural resources and conservation before joining the FWC.

"Hunting and fishing are things usually done with few onlookers, so personal ethics are important" Tyer said. "I knew I wanted to be part of instilling those good ethics in others."

She has already started on that path during her first week on the job. In addition to dealing with a wide variety of issues, including a possible panther predation, a derelict vessel, a gopher tortoise case, an alligator bite and a nighttime poaching case, Tyer spent time at a youth fishing camp last week.

"I could tell the kids were fascinated," she said. "I hope we left a positive impression with the future users of our natural resources."

Tyer realizes that protecting paradise and ensuring that those in the future have the opportunity to access all the natural resources and beauty that Florida has to offer is what being an FWC officer is all about.

The FWC is looking for more officers who love the outdoors and want to protect it for future generations. To learn how to apply, visit MyFWC.com/Get-Involved.

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# Norris Notes

By Lillian Norris



NOTICE! We would like to call attention to an upcoming event of interest to the ladies of the community, and surrounding communities, and I suppose to others for the program for Sisterhood this month. We are most fortunate to have as a guest speaker at Countywide Sisterhood on Tuesday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church in Jasper (next door to the church), at the corner of 3rd Street NW and 2nd Avenue.

Guest speaker will be Erin Adams. All who have heard her message tell us that she is a "don't miss". Come, bring friends (and your favorite dessert or salad), and join the ladies of our community for a special evening.

On Thursday evening, July 10, packages for U.S. Marines will be in operation at the VFW Building out Highway 6. If you are not yet familiar with this activity, volunteers meet to pack gift boxes for service personnel. Gifts are appreciated and lists of suggested articles for the packages are available at the library. Also, money for postage is appreciated, as the mailing of these articles is quite expensive. We should always remember our service personnel. This is a special time to show our appreciation - Happy Fourth of July!

Do any of you remember "Thanks for the Memories", hearing this called "Independence Day?" I think that was common. Here I go again recalling the past, which I can often remember better than yesterday or today, and if I can't call you by name,

just talk to "my other friends". We all have the same problem.

Anyhow we usually "remember the good ole days with much pride". Never forget how fortunate we are to have lived in this great country that our ancestors also fought and died for.

At this time of year I usually try to remind you that our children will NOT be in school, and probably will be out and about more. Watch for them. Have a safe and happy summer.

FIREWORKS! FOOD! FAMILY! FUN! Celebrate July 4th this Friday, starting at 5 p.m. at the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation. Live music, water slide, food, bounce house, fireworks and much more. Join friends and make new ones. Who wonders what we can do here?

As usual, I want to ask you to keep me posted on your activities and travels, and we want to know of your children's plans for the summer (camps, travels, etc.). Also, plans for the coming school years.

I miss all of you. I've been going through some pictures and activities during the time I was working out of the office, starting in the old bank building (of course, next door to Kayo's), then to where the flower shop is now, then to the vault at what is now the bank. That is another story.

I missed visiting with the bank customers. Most of them parked and walked by our door. I tried to thank many of you for the help you gave me in keeping me in touch with events and news. It was a busy and exciting time.

## Members of the Hamilton County Strategic Planning Committee for Health:

On behalf of the Florida Department of Health-Hamilton County, I wish to thank each of you for taking time from your busy schedules to attend the meeting of the Hamilton County Strategic Planning Committee for Health. Your commitment to our community and its overall health is gratifying and commendable. I am proud to be part of a community that respects and honors its past, is cognizant of its present, and works together for a better and brighter future for "our" tomorrow with hope, pragmatism, and idealism.

Your contributions are valued, and your input means a great deal to many of our citizens who look to us for leadership and direction. We must always be honored and humbled by the trust placed in us by a great number of individuals.

Again, on behalf of our Florida Department of Health-Hamilton County, we do thank you. Our thanks goes out especially to Jeff Feller, Well Florida, who has worked and continues to work very diligently and professionally with us. He is very congenial, patient, and kind, and we appreciate him and all the many efforts he and his staff have made on our behalf, as we work today for a Healthier tomorrow.

I wish to thank, too, Ida Daniels, our chairperson, Hamilton County School Board, Coordinator of School Food and Nutrition Services. She is a "champion for children" and has done so much to improve the "overall" attitude towards nutrition in our county.

Many thanks, too, to the wonderful staff of the Florida Department of Health-Hamilton County, who always work to make our citizens feel welcomed, accepted, secure, and safe. We take our responsibilities very seriously, and we genuinely care about those we have the privilege of serving.

*With sincere appreciation,  
Johnny Bullard*

## 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
- June 27, Mike Hammond Johnson Jr., 24, 2662 NW 6 Dr., Jennings, Fla., driving while license permanently re-

- voked, JAPD-McGauley
- June 27, Theodore Lavelle Carter, 36, 16840 Mill St., White Springs, Fla., warrant for battery, WSPD-Harden
- June 27, Trevor Lawrence Udell, 22, 10474 2nd St., White Springs, Fla., warrant for vop 2 cts, WSPD-Harden
- June 27, Joe Jennings, 52, 3720 108 Ave., Jasper, Fla., resisting w/o violence, JAPD-McDonald
- June 28, Cornelius Daniels, 38, 1077 Georgia St., Jennings, Fla., dwls habitual, poss. cocaine, HCSO-Burnam
- June 28, Richard DeWayne Lane, 52, 55 Blackshear Ln., Jasper, Ga., out of county warrant-Franklin Cty. SO, HCSO-Hughes

- June 28, Shirley Ann Smith Tyson, 60, 5524 SE 119 Pl., Jasper, Fla., dwls/r, JAPD-McGauley
- June 28, Tia Shiron Wallace, 30, 3817 NW 38 Way, Jasper, Fla., warrant for welfare fraud, HCSO-Lumpkin
- June 29, James Warren Rich IV, 22, 10821 Cypress Glen Dr., Coral Spgs., Fla., poss. of less than 20 grams marijuana, poss. drug paraphernalia, JNPD-Smith
- June 29, Brett M. Davis, 33, 1301 NE 6 St., Ft. Laud., Fla., poss. controlled substance (MDMA), JNPD-Smith
- June 29, Tammara R. Love, 22, PO Box 255, Jasper, Fla., dwls/r, JAPD-McGauley

## Public announcement

The Hamilton County Elections office is busy preparing for the First primary on Aug. 26. Last month our office sent out 1,500 signature notices to the age group 65 and up. We have had a strong return, but there are still more out there. We will be sending out another age group periodically.

With absentee mail ballots becoming a more popular way to vote now, a voter's signature becomes even more important. Every signature on an absentee ballot return certificate is compared with the signature on file in the Supervisor of Elections office. Signatures change over

time for many reasons, so our office did a simple maintenance mail out to assist the voters in keeping current with this information and to better serve the Hamilton County voters with another successful election.

If you would like to request an absentee mail ballot, please call our office at 386-792-1426, or request by email at [elect@windstream.net](mailto:elect@windstream.net) and we will accommodate you.

Thanks for doing your part and continuing to use a freedom that was paid for so dearly.

Your Hamilton County Supervisor of Elections Office serving you.

## Obituaries

**Thomas Colvin (T.C.) "Buck" McCulley**  
Oct.30, 1930  
June 26, 2014

Thomas Colvin (T.C.) "Buck" McCulley, age 84, of Jasper, Fla. passed away June 26, 2014 at his home following a brief illness. He was born in Hamilton County, Fla. on Oct.30, 1930 to the late Thomas and Alice Selph McCulley.

Buck served in the Navy for four years during the Korean Conflict. He grew up on the McCulley family homestead and farmed that land all of his life. He and his son Richard graciously opened up McCulley Farms and supported riders, young and old alike, by providing a home for the Withlacoochee Trail Riders. If he gave you his word you could depend on it and his smile was his signature.

In Jan. of 1978 he and his wife Wimpy lay their oldest son Thomas C. McCulley, Jr. to rest following a tragic accident. They were able to find strength through the love of their family and friends in the community and went on to support others who suffered similar losses.

Buck was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He loved his family and shared much laughter over the years with

them, his extended family, friends and classmates. He was a respected businessman and was a member of the Cattleman's Association and past committee member of the A.S.C.S.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn "Wimpy" Williams McCulley; one son, Richard N. McCulley and his wife Carol Plain McCulley of Jasper, Fla.; two grandchildren, Justin and Candice and four great grandchildren, Hunter, Elizabeth, Kaylin and Gunner.

Services were held Sunday, June 29, 2014 in the chapel of Harry T. Reid Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Howell and Pastor Danny Henderson officiating. Interment followed at New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Haven Hospice, 6037 US HWY. 90 West, Lake City, FL. 32055

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

**David Enoch Lucas**  
June 7, 1927  
June 24, 2014

David Enoch Lucas, 87, of Hamilton County passed away Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at Suwannee Valley Nursing Center in Jasper following a brief illness. David was born June 7, 1927 in Monticello, Fla. to

the late Solomon & Bessie Ann Lucas.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and had a strong faith in God. He was a parts manager at Pafford Motor Company for forty years and owner/ operator of his own trucking company for forty plus years. Mr. Lucas was preceded in death by his wife Beulah L. Lucas. David will be remembered by all who knew him for his smile and his ability to lift the spirits of others with his kind words and deeds.

Survivors include: two daughters, Debbie Warren & Jeanie Hill both of Jasper, Fla.; one sister, Mary Bailey of Jasper, Fla.; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, and a special friend Barbara Crosby of Sparks, GA.

Services were held Friday, June 27, 2014 in the chapel of Harry T. Reid Funeral Home with Rev. Carlton Allen officiating. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

Harry T. Reid Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Jonathan Charlie Law, Sr.**  
Nov. 6, 1952  
June 28, 2014

Jonathan Charlie Law, Sr., age 61, of White Springs, Fla. passed away unexpectedly on Saturday,

June 28, 2014 at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville, Fla.

Mr. Law was a native and lifelong resident of Hamilton County. He was employed at PCS near White Springs in the mechanical maintenance department. Charlie was born Nov. 6, 1952 to the late Jesse and William Henry Sills Law. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jule Carter Law.

Survivors include his wife Deborah Law of White Springs; one son, Jonathan Charlie Law, Jr. and his wife Tennielle of Navarre, Fla.; one daughter, Jennifer Shelly and her husband Rob of White Springs, Fla.; three brothers, Carl Law (Bernice) of White Springs, Carol Law (Jessie), of Columbia County, Fla. and Jerome Law of White Springs; four sisters, Corless Land (Arthur Gene) and Charlotte Fennell (Rick), all of Jasper, Fla., Connie Burnam (Buddy), Jennings, Fla. and Joyce Shaw (Rusty), White Springs, Fla.; six grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, July 4, 2014 at the Law Cemetery on the family property in White Springs, Fla. with Bro. Randy Ogburn and Bro. Ed Killebrew officiating.

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

## Thank you

We would like to thank each of you for your prayers, flowers, cards, phone calls and visits during our time of bereavement. All acts of kindness were greatly appreciated. May God bless each and every one of you is our prayer.

The family of Mother Marie S. Hunt

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OPINION

# Economic freedom

A couple of years ago, President Barack Obama, speaking on the economy, told an audience in Osawatimie, Kansas: "'The market will take care of everything,' they tell us. ... But here's the problem: It doesn't work. It has never worked. ... I mean, understand, it's not as if we haven't tried this theory." To believe what the president and many others say about the market's not working requires that one be grossly uninformed or dishonest.

The key features of a free market system are private property rights and private ownership of the means of production. In addition, there's a large measure of peaceable voluntary exchange. By contrast, communist systems feature severely limited private property rights and government ownership or control of the means of production. There has never been a purely free market economic system, just as there has never been a purely communist system. However, we can rank economies and see whether ones that are closer to the free market end of the economic spectrum are better or worse than ones that are closer to the communist end. Let's try it.

First, list countries according to whether they are closer to the free market or the communist end of the economic spectrum. Then rank countries according to per capita gross domestic product. Finally, rank countries according to Freedom House's "Freedom in the World" report. People who live in countries closer to the free market end of the economic spectrum not only have far greater income than people who live in countries toward the communist end but also enjoy far greater human rights protections.

According to the 2012 "Economic Freedom of the World" report -- by James Gwartney, Robert Lawson



## A MINORITY VIEW

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and Joshua Hall -- nations ranking in the top quartile with regard to economic freedom had an average per capita GDP of \$37,691 in 2010, compared with \$5,188 for those in the bottom quartile. In the freest nations, the average income of the poorest 10 percent of their populations was \$11,382. In the least free nations, it was \$1,209. Remarkably, the average income of the poorest 10 percent in the economically freer nations is more than twice the average income of those in the least free nations.

Free market benefits aren't only measured in dollars and cents. Life expectancy is 79.5 years in the freest nations and 61.6 years in the least free. Political and civil liberties are considerably greater in the economically free nations than in un-free nations.

Leftists might argue that the free market doesn't help the poor. That argument can't even pass the smell test. Imagine that you are an unborn spirit and God condemned you to a life of poverty but gave you a choice of the country in which to be poor. Which country

would you choose? To help with your choice, here are facts provided by Robert Rector and Rachel Sheffield in their report "Understanding Poverty in the United States: Surprising Facts About America's Poor" (9/13/2011, <http://tinyurl.com/448fj8>). Eighty percent of American poor households have air conditioning. Nearly three-fourths have a car or truck, and 31 percent have two or more. Almost two-thirds have cable or satellite TV. Half have one or more computers. Forty-two percent own their homes. The average poor American has more living space than the typical non-poor person in Sweden, France and the U.K. Ninety-six percent of poor parents stated that their children were never hungry because they could not afford food. The bottom line is that there is little or no material poverty in the U.S.

At the time of our nation's birth, we were poor, but we established an institutional structure of free markets and limited government and became rich. Those riches were achieved long before today's unwieldy government. Our having a free market and limited government more than anything else explains our wealth. Most of our major problems are a result of government. We Americans should recognize that unfettered government and crony capitalism, not unfettered markets, are the cause of our current economic problems and why the U.S. has sunk to the rank of 17th in the 2013 "Economic Freedom of the World" report.

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OPINION

# Survival skills have two faces

Dwain Walden

The Moultrie Observer

Ever since I wrote a column about primitive survival skills, I have been flooded with offers to buy survival equipment — videos, survival foods, etc. I'm still waiting for one where Martha Stewart shows me how to kill a wild boar with a pine cone and bamboo.

But most of the promotions and offers I have received are less about learning primitive skills just so that I might appreciate the challenges of my ancestors or learn a few things that could actually save my life

in a worst-case scenario. They are more about the breakdown of society and defending myself against zombies.

So for those folks who keep sending that stuff, let me clarify: I am not looking for a piece of property in Montana where I can build a fort. I do not plan to secede my little farm from the union. And while I have disagreements with my government at times, I do not embrace notions of "the South will rise again" in that context.

Even with a few warts on its nose, I still think we live in the greatest nation on

earth. And while our descriptions of our government may break down into semantics, I offer you what someone said a long time ago: "We have the worst form of government ... besides all the rest."

So recently I got an offer from a company that is trying to sell me a "survival bracelet."

Now my first thought is, if I'm in a survival situation, the last thing I want is jewelry. What I mean is, if I'm lost in the jungle and I'm offered a choice between a diamond ring and a case of Vienna sausage, I'm choosing high cholesterol. It may be

that I can hear my left ventricle closing as I eat it, but staring at the brilliance of a ring studded with diamonds won't be of any help.

But this bracelet is not about jewelry. It's a braided thing made of parachute cord. You can unravel it and use the strands for cordage required in a variety of survival scenarios. And it's being marketed as a "patriotic survival bracelet" because it's red, white and blue.

That's just a little marketing gimmick. If you are in a survival situation, these colors are irrelevant. It could be hot pink, and it's effectiveness won't be affected. I've always been amused at how some people try to market patriotism. You can paint rocks red, white and blue and sell them as "patriotic cornerstones." Hey! I might have something here! Remember, I thought of it first.

Another offers me a "survival knife." Well, any knife can be a survival knife. The one this fellow is trying to

sell me is similar to "Jon Rambo's" in "First Blood." You can unscrew the handle and there are matches inside. It has a built-in compass. And you can cut your finger with it if you want to become blood brothers with someone.

All of this stuff you can buy at the hardware store. The knife he is offering is not red white and blue. I think it's camouflaged in case you want to sneak up on a wiener roast.

Through the years, my fascination with learning primitive survival skills has caused me to develop a skills set that I hope I will never have to employ beyond demonstration.

I can build shelter from what nature provides. I can build a fire by rubbing sticks together (my most cherished accomplishment in that venue). Also I know how to build a variety of fish and wild game traps from vines and sticks. And I know not to go hiking where there are



grizzlies or anything else that can eat me. Parallel to this knowledge, I'm intelligent enough not to worry about Bigfoot attacking me while I roast crayfish over my campfire. I'm not saying that requires a lot of intelligence ... just enough to know that what you hear in the cartoon is not Bullwinkle's real voice.

And now I've got to get onto that "patriotic cornerstones" idea.

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# Craig Jacobsen: A servant's heart



Craig Jacobsen reads an article about a trial he presided over as judge in a German courtroom in the late '80s. Jacobsen is retiring Monday as an assistant state attorney - Photo: Bryant Thigpen

By Bryant Thigpen

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From his childhood to adult life, Craig Jacobsen learned what it was to be a servant of the people. Jacobsen not only served his country in the U.S. military, but he defended the rights of law abiding citizens inside the courtroom. On June 30, this servant will hang his hat and retire as an assistant state attorney for the Third Judicial Circuit.

Jacobsen was born on Dec. 11, 1943, during World War II. The military life is all Jacobsen knew growing up, watching his father serve in the U.S. Army Air Corps, which later became known as the U.S. Air Force, serving as a bombardier/navigator. His father served in World War II and the Korean War.

"My father didn't fight combat over in Korea, he flew out of England and over the Soviet Union and mapped out targets for us to bomb if we went to war," Jacobsen said. "He flew into Russia over their airspace."

When Jacobsen was 11, his father retired from active duty as major in the Air Force after a hard fought career in the military and the family moved from where he was stationed in California to Jacksonville.

In 1960, the Jacobsens moved to Winter Park where he would eventually graduate from Winter Park High School two years later.

Jacobsen then began his college career at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, and graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts with a major in history.

It was at FSC that Jacobsen met the love of his life, Judy, and the couple were married in 1967. The couple were married for 16 years prior to welcoming their first child, Justin.

While attending FSC, Jacobsen enrolled in ROTC and upon graduation, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army.

"I saw war coming, so I stayed in ROTC," Jacobsen said. "They had a mandatory two years in ROTC. I stayed for four and I was commissioned the same day I graduated."

Jacobsen then continued his education at the University of Florida's School of Law while also serving in the transportation corps.

"Ever since I was a little kid, I've always wanted to be a lawyer. They deferred my active duty while I was in law school," Jacobsen said. "While I was in school, I was also promoted to first lieutenant."

Jacobsen graduated from UF with a Juris Doctorate in June of 1969, and was admitted to the Florida Bar on

Nov. 9, of the same year.

Jacobsen's first Florida trial with a jury was in Green Cove Springs in Clay County.

"It was a DUI trial and I defended this young man. The jury found him not guilty," Jacobsen said. "I was supposed to be there with Edward Kirkland, the head criminal attorney, but he had a conflict in federal court in Orlando. I was very nervous because I expected to be there with an experienced defense attorney."

Subsequently, on Jan. 8, 1970, Jacobsen went into the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps, which is the legal branch of the Army. At the same time, he was promoted to captain.

"It was called the world's largest law firm then. It had 1,500 lawyers," Jacobsen said.

Jacobsen said every attorney in the Army was required to go to the JAG basic course at the JAG school at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. From there, he was assigned to a military post in Ft. Carson, Colo. in 1970.

"I was a defense counsel to begin with. After about six months, I was made a prosecutor, and I prosecuted everything including murder, robbery, rape, desertion, possession and sale of heroin and marijuana," he said. "The military didn't have urinalysis testing until 1980, so drugs were a problem."

The Army was needing prosecutors in Germany, so Jacobsen was called on in August of 1972 to serve and was stationed overseas until 1976.

"I was in Southwestern Germany, in Stuttgart. Ironically, my father bombed Stuttgart in World War II," Jacobsen said.

Jacobsen said at that time, U.S. congressmen were getting complaints that experienced trial lawyers were prosecutors and the inexperienced ones were defense counsel, so Congress created a job called senior defense counsel.

"I was transferred out of prosecution and was made one of the first senior defense counsel," he said. "I supervised junior defense counsel and also defended soldiers in courts-martial."

Jacobsen served as a defense counsel only two years before returning as a prosecutor.

"In 1974, I was made a prosecutor again. I was called the Chief of Military Justice for the VII Corps which consisted of several divisions. That was the corps that went into Iraq," Jacobsen said. "I was in charge of all the prosecutors in the area about the size of New Jersey. I had about 10 prosecutors working for me."

From there, Jacobsen went in 1976-77 to the JAG advance school at the University of Virginia, and received an equivalent of a Master of Law. Colonel Craig Jacobsen stated that although many believed his 10 months of advanced legal studies at the Judge Advocate General's School was the equivalent of a master of law degree, he did not receive one upon completion of those studies. Those who now attend the advanced legal studies program at the Judge Advocate General's School can now obtain a master of law degree.

"I always wanted to be a judge and the instructors thought I should be a judge, so as soon as I graduated I stayed at UVA and went to the military judges course...I received the distinguished graduate diploma," he said.

Jacobsen said he used the opportunity of being a judge to help aspiring attorneys. He also used his experiences with judges - both good and bad - to influence his career as a judge.

"I practiced before some judges who were practically bullies. They could get away with it because they didn't have to run for election. I tried not to be like them," Jacobsen said. "It's very easy to get robe-itis, and your self importance becomes a lot bigger than it should be. Sometimes it's easy to forget the respect they're showing you for putting the robe on is for the position. You have to earn the respect of the people who practice before you. The 'All rise,' and 'Yes, your honor,' and 'No, your honor,' is all for the position, not the person. The person without robe-itis will hopefully fill the robe with humility and earn respect."

In 1977, Jacobsen was stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C., where he served as a military judge for four years in a circuit that included South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama.

Later, Jacobsen was sent back to Germany to serve as a regional defense counsel, and had approximately 18 defense lawyers who served under his leadership. Jacobsen, however, was later selected to serve as a judge again.

"We had a senior judge who had to return back to the U.S., and I was a major at the time. They made me a felony judge and I was shortly thereafter promoted to lieutenant colonel," he said.

In 1985, Jacobsen was selected to go to the Command and General Staff School in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. It was decided, though, that he should attend the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va.

"After I graduated, I was sent to a

new organization called Trial Counsel Assistant Program (TCAP)," Jacobsen said. "Our job was to provide continuing education to Army prosecutors all over the world. We would put on three-day classes every month in different regions of the U.S., Europe and Asia."

In 1987, Jacobsen was sent back to Germany for the final stint of his military career. During this time, he served as a judge and resided over notorious cases, including treason and a triple murder case that involved a man killing his wife and two children.

What made this murder case notorious was the sentencing of the death penalty, which he was found guilty of and later sentenced to death.

"The death penalty was very controversial in Germany," he said. "The Germans were reluctant to give us the case because of the death penalty. They don't have the death penalty in Germany."

In 1990, Jacobsen was stationed in Ft. Ord, Calif., where he would end his military career and retire two years later as a full colonel.

That same year, Jacobsen accepted a position with the Third Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office in Florida, who was looking for a sexual abuse prosecutor. Previously, Jacobsen had served on a committee in the military that was responsible for developing a protocol on how to handle child sex abuse cases.

"I had an eight year old son, and I wanted to live in a small town. The state attorney was looking for a sexual abuse prosecutor," he said.

Jacobsen worked in Taylor County his first year handling misdemeanor cases. Shortly thereafter, he became a member of the special prosecution unit. From 2000-06, he served Hamilton and Madison counties handling felony cases. In 2006, Jacobsen began trying cases that ranged from vehicular homicide to first degree murder.

Whether it was his role as judge or supervisor of a defense counsel and prosecutor, Jacobsen's motive was to always help those who he was around.

"I was a judge for 12 years. I always wanted to help younger counsel, whether they were a prosecutor or defense. After the trial, I invited them, if they wanted any kind of critique, they could come and get one. I love teaching," he said.

Jacobsen has been a great teacher throughout his life. Not only has he taught people law, but how to be honest and fair. He has shown the truest meaning of integrity by maintaining high standards. Most importantly, he has taught people how to be a servant by serving his fellow brothers and his country.

# Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent  
Johnny Bullard

*"What is America to me?*

*A name, a map, or a flag I see,*

*A certain word, democracy.*

*What is American to me?*

*The house I live in,*

*A plot of earth, a street,*

*The grocer and the butcher,*

*And the people that I meet.*

*The children in the playground,*

*The faces that I see,*

*All races and religions,*

*That's America to me.*

*The place I work in,*

*The worker at my side,*

*The little town or city,*

*Where my people lived and died.*

*The church, the school,*

*the clubhouse,*

*The million lights I see,*

*But especially the people,*

*That's America to me.*

*(Songwriters Lewis Allan and Earl Robinson)*

"But especially the people, that's America to me."

I love the song above that was made famous many years ago by the late, great, Frank Sinatra, but one of my favorite renditions of it can be found on You Tube and is sung by Patti LaBelle, at a salute to Frank Sinatra many years ago.

This week I asked many people I know about their thoughts regarding the Fourth of July, America's birthday party, which will be celebrated this coming Friday. Here are some responses I received.

"The flag, the American flag symbolizes the Fourth of July to me. I love driving along the

little main street of my hometown and seeing all the beautiful flags that have been placed there. I also enjoy the flags people put out in front of their homes on the Fourth of July."

"Memories of fireworks over Lake Desoto over in Lake City, Florida, that happened each year during the days of my childhood. Our parents were, by no stretch of the imagination, wealthy, but they would load us up into the car, and we would take our towels and blankets to sit on, a cooler full of soft drinks and other snacks, and we would go over and enjoy the fireworks. It was a thrill."

"Suwannee Springs... just that name conjures up wonderful memories of the Fourth of July for me. There were, during the days of my childhood, a number of families from Hamilton County who lived at Suwannee Springs during the summer months. On the Fourth of July, I can vividly remember a big black wash pot full of boiled peanuts, and scores of children running to swim in those icy cold waters. Folks grilling hamburgers, hot dogs, and all kinds of wonderful treats, and everyone bringing a covered dish and enjoying a Fourth of July feast! Oh, what fun we had. We enjoyed the Fourth of July. Great memories."

"When I was growing up, our family took a picnic lunch over to the Stephen Foster Memorial. It will always be the Memorial to me. During

those years, the springhouse was opened in White Springs, and it was a treat for us to swim in the springs till about 1 p.m. Go over to the Memorial and enjoy our picnic lunch and listen to the bells from the carillon tower. On the Fourth of July, the bells always played patriotic songs rather than Stephen Foster songs. I can remember that. We loved it!"

"My family and I love the fireworks in Jasper at the recreation center. We all get together either before or after the fireworks and enjoy homemade pound cake, peach cobbler, and someone makes homemade ice cream. That is the Fourth of July to me."

"Going over to the Gulf of Mexico to Keaton Beach. I loved doing that as a child. We had a place at Keaton Beach and it was wonderful. Going out in the boat, enjoying a great meal with your friends and family, and someone always had fireworks. Those are precious memories."

"I have wonderful memories of our entire family traveling over to St. Augustine Beach on the Fourth of July for the entire week. Oh, I loved the beach. Laughter, the smell of the salt air, boiled shrimp, making sandcastles with my friends conjures up special and memorable times."

"We lived on a farm and grew tobacco when I was growing up. I have spent more than one Fourth of July in a tobacco field working, but when work was over, we would all load up in pick-up trucks and go down to the Suwannee River behind the farm where we were working and what fun we had. We laughed, and we would swing on a rope swing out into the river. We had a great time."

It was interesting to me, as the responses came in that all of them contained some common threads and themes, and that theme was "belonging, being together, and feeling loved." Now, I am going to go out on limb here, and I hope I don't offend anyone when I write this, but if you are an American, then you are an American, period. Everyone except the Native Americans came to this nation from someplace. Some came willingly and some did not, but if we are here, and we are citizens of the nation, we are Americans period.

There is nothing wrong with celebrating from whence you came and holding on to those traditions, but when those traditions override your identity as an American...

We don't celebrate too many holidays in this nation that are uniquely and quintessentially American, but the Fourth of July is one of them. It's the day our Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence; a document that said to Great Britain, "We are tired of you taxing us, not allowing us any representation in your Parliament, and

treating us like "red headed step children". We are going to free ourselves of you and your arrogant domination." Those are Johnny Bullard's words; don't look for them in a history book.

Great Britain laughed, truly laughed. After all, Great Britain was, at that time, the greatest naval power in the world, one of the greatest military powers in the world, and here was this group, and not a very large group, of mostly ill-educated farming folk, colonists, many of whom could not read their name in "box car letters" much less write it, and they were going to govern themselves? What a foolhardy group.

I can see all the men in Parliament in their powdered wigs and satin knee breeches laughing about it. The King probably had the biggest laugh, but, alas, the loss of the colonies, the American colonies, nearly "ran him crazy", but there was a lot of craziness there anyhow, all that inner-breeding with first cousins.

One more observation, and I am going to give it a rest, and this is a little bit, well, some folks might say, too steeped in the past. Maybe so.

Some folks might say, "Johnny, you are just a dinosaur harking back to another day."

However, here goes the dinosaur.

There was a day and an age, not too long ago in this nation, when it was deemed very important that one have some cursory knowledge about the history of their nation. We had to learn it. Recite the preamble of the Constitution in front of the class, learn about the Founding Fathers, learn all about the American Revolution, but sadly in today's world, we seem more interested in new research-based assessments, which is the new "wave" and if we will all take the medicine, go to enough workshops and use these methods to teach our children, we will make our students higher achievers, and won't that be wonderful?

They will be higher achievers who may not know how to write their name using cursive writing, may not be able to tell you that Tallahassee is the state capital of Florida, and might not know that we won our Independence from Great Britain as a nation, because we fought for it and declared on July 4, 1776, that we were sick of them, but they will be able to be good, critical

thinkers. I rejoice in the thought of it.

No, we will take the assessment, well designed, research-based, and destined to make us all smarter, munch on our hot dogs, sit in front of our computers or I-pads and text to the exclusion of everyone around, lift our heads, maybe long enough to see some fireworks go off and maybe comment, "Nice" or "Cool", which passes for enlightened conversation with many in today's world and not know "beans" about the nation in which one resides.

It's rather sad to me, but I am not going to dwell there too long. No, I am going to purchase some great peanuts from Barnett Farms down near Branford and boil some, purchase my hot dogs, and make some coleslaw to go on them, because I do love a good slaw dog, put my American flag out in front of my house in honor of many brave heroes who fought and died for the freedom of this nation, and thank God for wonderful educators who, in the past, were dedicated enough that they tried to make us all better citizens...better AMERICAN citizens.

We said the Pledge of Allegiance each day, we knew all the words to the "National Anthem", "God Bless America" and "My Country tis of Thee", and we all knew what the red, white and blue, as well as the stars on the American flag symbolized. I am thankful for those educators, their legacy, and for our families and communities who stood behind them.

I am truly thankful for that America and for growing up during those days, and I am still thankful and hopeful for our nation. We have a lot of problems and a lot of potential, and a lot for which we should be proud. I am. I am very proud of our nation, of America, and to be an American. In the words of country and western singer and great recording star, Merle Haggard, "If you don't love it, leave it. When you're running down our country, you are walking on the fighting side of me."

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. God Bless you. God Bless America! Have a Happy, Safe, and Joyous Fourth of July...So blessed to be in the number "one more time."



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# Auditor gives county thumbs up

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have a lot of money owed to them, which was the case in 2012. The State Road 6 project wrapped up in 2013 and the county got paid, so that upped the cash level. Capital assets increased about \$3.3 million, which is the product of the SR 6 project, he explained.

Payables: Accounts payable had no issues and the courthouse grant monies, Daniels said, will probably be spent sooner rather than later.

About .76 cents of every dollar spent by the county went toward public safety, Daniels said, which amounted to a net cost of \$5.67 million.

"That was a very large number and it dwarfs everything else," said Daniels.

Ad valorem: A total of \$7.56 million was collected in ad valorem taxes for FY 2013.

"That's the largest amount you have ever collected," he told the commissioners.

Funds: Daniels said there are two important funds, the general fund and transportation trust fund.

"The general fund pretty much tells the tale," he said.

The county currently has \$7.4 million in reserves and is headed toward \$8 million soon.

"That's probably going to be the top," he said. "You don't need any more. Eight million dollars in reserves is plenty."

The transportation trust fund, he said, has been weak, however, with the \$1.3 million diesel fuel tax that was distributed two months ago, the trust fund will improve.

"You're going to see some strength in the transportation trust fund starting this year, plus there's still some lag," said Daniels. "Those gasoline prices are going to rise, too."

The general fund revenue, Daniels said, is pretty much flat with \$12.4-\$12.5 million a year.

"There's just not a lot of change there," he said.

### Future significant events

Shrinkage at PotashCorp is going to reduce ad valorem taxes, Daniels said, however, it is still unknown by how much.

"I've heard ranges from little or nothing, to \$1 million," said Daniels.

The addition of the rural health clinic is also going to affect the county by about \$100,000 a year, he added, stating that both of those things are going to negatively affect the general fund. He urged the board to be aware of it and act when they can and not when they have to.

"That's kinda been your modus operandi over the past few years," he said.

### The "problem children"

Daniels reviewed a few accounts that he referred to as "problem children" that included utilities and the landfill. The Class 3 landfill, he said, has been open about eight years and is at 20 percent of its capacity now.

"That means you've probably got another 32 years out there," he said.

Normal life expectancy of such a landfill, he said, is about 40 years.

"We hope they're not filling up that hole with dirt," said Daniels. "That's a very expensive hole to fill up with dirt. That's something you might want to look at."

Later during the audit, Daniels added that the county may also want to check into making sure receipts at the landfill are being properly documented.

In 2010, the county's contribution to the Florida Retirement System (FRS) was \$800,000. When employees began contributing three percent, that number went down to \$500,000, Daniels explained, and this year it is \$600,000.

"You know there's going to be a raise," Daniels said. "I already read the legislature. They've jacked the rates up again. That's probably going to be a fairly sizable number to deal with. You're headed back to \$800,000, I can almost guarantee you."

Daniels explained there is a \$22 billion deficit in the FRS and a new accounting standard (GASB 67) puts some of that deficit back on the county. He told the commissioners they needed to be forewarned that it is most likely coming.

"You haven't contributed enough money into the FRS to make it solvent," he said, meaning everyone, not just Hamilton County, who contributes to the FRS. "Now, they're saying you're going to have to put part of that liability on your books. It's going to be significant."

### Other

Daniels said he had no major issues with internal control or compliance.

On EMS billing, he said even though it is now going to be contracted out, he urged the county to stay atop of it to be certain every call gets billed.

The county recreation department, he said, showed inconsistencies in how much each child paid to participate in sports programs. Some of them paid, although at seemingly different rates, and others didn't pay at all.

"It may be something you'd want to look at, and there may be some rationale to it, but it appears to be haphazard," he said.

Additionally, he said concessions are losing money with a gross profit of 25 percent.

"By the time you pay someone, you're actually losing money on concessions," said Daniels.

SHIP program paperwork, Daniels said, needed to be more organized with any and all pertinent information and documents all in one specific file.

When the county awards funds to an organization, Daniels said, that transaction needs to be followed up on and proof of how the money was used needs to be fully documented with a check register or invoice. That way they will know the money was spent according to their wishes.

"You can't lose sight of those public dollars," he said. "Most of that you were able to prove this year, but we still have a few."

# Jasper Market Place reopens under new management

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building used to be home to a grocery store, a library and a dress shop before the original owner of Jasper Marketplace, Mary Kilgore, took over in 2010. Kilgore is the one who discovered the Wrigley's Spearmint Gum mural hiding underneath wall paneling inside the shop, Everett explained.

"We love it," said Everett. "It really fits with the antiques."

Everett and her husband Michael, a retired law enforcement officer who is currently working for the Florida Department of Agriculture, moved from Lake City to Jasper almost two years ago. Her husband, she said, was born in Trenton and the two of them lived there for quite awhile. They have two grown children, Michael and Cynthia, and seven grandkids.

Everett said she and her husband live about a mile from the shop in an historic old, farmhouse that has been added onto numerous times over the last 100 years.

"It's like a big, 2,700 square foot barn," she said. "It's neat."

This is the third shop Everett has operated. One was Jeannie's Attic in Alachua and the other was Gracie's in Callahan that she and her daughter ran.

"The opportunity came up for me to open this shop in Jasper and I decided to do it," said Everett. "I just love doing this. I have a dog named Gypsy (a Maltese) who sometimes comes in and

Any leftover monies from tax deed sales must (since July 1, 2011) go to the state according to Florida statutes, and not the county, as was the procedure a few years ago, Daniels explained. County Clerk Greg Godwin said he is working to ensure they are in compliance.

### Closing comments

Daniels said he would encourage the commissioners to obtain from the property appraiser an expert opinion on what the taxable value will be for the county for the next two years. He also reminded them about the extra costs coming soon for the FRS, as well as the extra costs for the rural health clinic.

"You cannot calculate this year and ignore the next and the next, because you're probably going to have a bigger movement," said Daniels. "You've got to think about this in a three-year chunk," he added, referring to the county budget. "You can't just say we're okay this year and forget the next two."

He also reminded the board that they "do not use reserves to fund operating expenses."

"You just don't do that," he said. "You'll use your reserves, you'll be broke, and you'll still have to make the tough decisions down the road."

Aside from the few negative findings, Daniels said the county was in excellent financial shape right now.

"Absolutely excellent," he said. "I'm very pleased with it and every one of you should be pleased, as well."

I call her Shop Dog," she added, laughing.

Everett is also a registered nurse and said she could still be practicing if she wanted to, but for now her focus is on the shop. She said her husband helps her a lot with the business by making unique wooden furniture. One of his pieces on display is a beautifully crafted pie safe. If you don't know what a pie safe is, it is a place to put your freshly baked pies to cool off after you take them out of the oven. It comes with screened doors to keep the bugs out. Some folks refer to them as pie cupboards.

Everett said her friend Gina Roberson also comes into the shop and works for her on occasion.

After the ceremonial ribbon cutting with friends, family and members of the Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce by her side, everyone headed inside the air-conditioned shop to enjoy some light refreshments of sandwiches, chips, cookies and drinks. Then it was time for everyone to explore all the unique items throughout the shop. The majority of the items in the shop are Everett's and her sister's, but she also has a few consignment vendors, she said.

Jasper Market Place and Boutique is open Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Everett said her phone number is on the front door if anyone wants to get in touch with her.

# Community health survey could net you \$50

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to the committee members within the next two months. Meanwhile, he asked all present to review and answer a series of 10 questions that will be on a Community Health Assessment Survey that will be distributed to residents of Hamilton County through a variety of outlets, including through an online survey service. Folks will be asked to take the survey, which only takes about 10-15 minutes to fill out. The questions aren't difficult and are basically multiple choice. All the surveys received by Aug. 5 will then be compiled and entered into a database, which will be used to update the CHIP.

The questions are health related as pertains to the community and honest answers from those responding will make for an accurate assessment of the issues and needs of the community as a whole. Feller plans to have the completed CHIP ready for the next committee meeting on Aug. 12, for the members to review for accuracy.

"Then we'll basically have the CHIP update for 2014 that will help keep us going for the next couple of years, until we need to look at it again," said Feller.

All those who fill out a survey will be placed in a drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card. Stay tuned for more information and a list of places where you can go to fill out the survey.

# Rainfall 25 percent higher than average in the SRWMD

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This was the highest measurement since record-keeping began there in 1975. First magnitude Madison Blue Springs' flow was measured at 188 MGD, the second highest flow recorded there. Poe Springs was measured at 36 MGD, about 20 percent higher than its long-term average. These rates of flow are good indications for the rest of the springs District-wide, where high flows are expected throughout the summer.

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# Salvation, our Independence Day



On July 4, 1776 the Second Continental congress adopted a document written by Thomas Jefferson, signed by 56 other men, declaring the thirteen American colonies free and independent of Great Britain. This document is known as "The Declaration of Independence." This was a great day in the history of America. It meant freedom from the control of another government. Every year July 4th is set aside to honor our Independence Day. It is sad that America today, as a whole, doesn't honor that day as it should.

We just past Memorial Day, May 30, a day set aside to remember all those who fought and died to keep America free. We often don't realize the tremendous price paid for our freedom. We to often take it for granted.

The Statue of Liberty, given to

America by France, was dedicated on October 28, 1886. For almost 125 years the Statue of Liberty has been a symbol of freedom for all to see. I am reminded of the words of a song written years ago. The first verse says "In New York harbor stands a Lady with a torch raised to the sky, and all who see her know she stands for liberty for you and me." First chorus: "I'm so proud to be called an American, To be named with the brave and the free, I will honor our flag, and I trust in God and the Statue of Liberty". Verse 2: "On lonely Golgotha stood a cross, with my Lord stretched to the sky; and all who kneel there live forever, as all the saved can testify." Second chorus: "I'm so glad to be called a Christian, to be named with the ransomed and whole; as the Statue liberates the citizen, so the cross liberates the soul." Verse 3: "The Cross is my statue of liberty, It was there that my soul was set free; unashamed I'll proclaim that old rugged cross, is my statue of liberty."

In John Chapter 8 beginning in verse 12, there was a conflict between Jesus and the Pharisees. It had to do with the origin of Christ and that He is the Light of the World. As we know, the Pharisees could not accept Jesus as the Savior, because they were looking for a king. I often say

the nation of Israel missed the donkey looking for the white horse. Jesus said in verse 12: "I am the Light of the World. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life". Then in verse 31 "If you abide in My word, you are my disciples indeed," and verse 32 "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Jesus goes on to say that "whoever commits sin is a slave to sin;" but verse 36: "Therefore if the Son makes you free you shall be free indeed."

The apostle Paul wrote in Romans 6 that before we were saved we were slaves to sin; but when we accept Jesus "we have been set free from sin and have become slaves of righteousness (Romans 6:18)." In verse 22 Paul says "But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life." Those who do not know Christ are not free; but those who do are "free indeed."

One can only experience true freedom when one comes to know the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ. (John 3:18). Seek His freedom today.

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# A Healthier You

By Johnny Bullard  
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Once I heard a candidate who was running for public office during the heat of the summer say that he "had eaten some of the sweetest grapes, enjoyed some of the best well water, and admired some of the prettiest babies in the county."

I smile when I think about that comment. Seriously, though, I do want to express the importance of drinking water with you today, as it relates to our own collective personal health.

In our bodies, the water in our circulating blood absorbs the heat from where most of our internal organs are located and carries to the skin for release. Water absorbs so well as a coolant in our bodies, because it has a unique quality to absorb and release a tremendous amount of heat.

When it is hot outside, the enormous amount of internal body heat that is generated often overwhelms the heat-absorbing capacity of our body's water. The increasing heat breaks apart the molecules of water on our skin, transforming them from a liquid (sweat) to a vapor. The evaporation of sweat from our body releases the heat that cools us

down, enabling us to maintain a safe body temperature.

Because of this, it is important to stay hydrated (drink plenty of water) during the hot weather. Here are some tips to increase your intake of water from both foods and beverages to keep you hydrated in the heat:

Keep a pitcher of water with sliced cucumbers, limes or lemons in the refrigerator for a refreshing glass of ice water. Adding flavor to the water will motivate you to drink adequate amounts.

Freeze washed grapes in a large plastic bowl. Munch on a handful for a juicy way to cool down.

Make a smoothie with yogurt, frozen berries and a splash of milk as part of your dinner.

Take a filled bottle of water when you are out in the hot sun.

STAY COOL... And remember in this weather—drink plenty of water. Nothing against soft drinks and other drinks but NOTHING hydrates the body like water. It's a good way to stay healthy and avoid many dangers associated with heat exhaustion, heat stroke and other health maladies associated with the heat.

Here's to your health and a "Healthier You". Have a glass of iced water and enjoy.

## Public announcement

On Sunday, June 22, Reese Jesslyn Allen, 5 month old daughter, at the request of her parents, Heath and Ashleigh Allen, Valdosta, Ga. and Nan Coe Hamm, on behalf of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Jasper, was presented to receive the sacrament of Baptism, administered by Reverend Shelton Steen, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Jasper. Reese joins a two year old brother, Rhett Allen.

Special family members attending the service, in

addition to those mentioned, were grandparents L. J. and Gina Chambers, Douglas, Ga; Richard and Maxine Allen, Butler, Ga.; and Doug and Karen McGauley, Jasper; great-grandparents, Gerry and Margaret Lewis; Gloria (the late Leon McGauley), Jasper; and Sylvia Chambers (the late Gene Chambers) Douglas, Ga.

Reese wore the Baptismal gown worn by her mother 30 years ago, whose baptism was also in the Jasper Presbyterian Church.

## Hamilton County Events for July

4th of July

Friday, July 4, 5 p.m.  
(Fun for the Family)  
dark (Fireworks)

Hamilton County Recreation Complex

Coffeehouse hosted by Streak of Lean  
Saturday, July 5, White Springs

VBS at New Hope Baptist  
July 6 – 10, 6-8:45 p.m.  
6592 NW 48th Street, Jasper

Packing Marine Boxes  
Thursday, July 10, 5 p.m.  
VFW Post 8095. Please donate!

Tender Love and Care Academy, LLC  
Ribbon Cutting  
Thursday, July 10 at noon  
317 NW 4th Street, Jasper

Antiques Arts & Collectibles  
Saturday, July 19  
Stephen Foster State Park, White Springs

Physical Therapy Works  
Ribbon Cutting  
Monday, July 21, 5-7 p.m.  
1150 US Hwy. 41 NW, Suite 3, Jasper

Clothes Closet  
Saturday, July 26, 1-5 p.m.  
First Methodist Church, Jasper

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## Christian singles group forming

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GONE COASTAL

# Scalloping offers family-friendly fun

The season runs through- Sept. 24 this year



Cleaning scallops after a hard days catch

By Amanda Nalley

I'll never forget my first time scalloping. It was 2008 and there I was, face down in the water, sun warming up my back, seagrass tickling my feet and legs, searching for hidden treasure and trying not to look up, lest there be something larger than me swimming about. A boat loomed above us, dive flag displayed, warning others that folks were in the water. In the distance, the Steinhatchee coast sat, waiting for our return. That was the day I fell in love with the sport of scalloping.

There is something calming about intensely looking through plot after plot of identical grass for a hidden shell.

You may not believe it, but I even enjoy the cleaning part (something that makes me quite popular with the scalloping crowd).

It is easy to see why the season is touted as a family-friendly activity. Anyone who can snorkel can participate, and if they don't want to be in the water, relaxing in the boat is not bad either. Cleaning time is great for catching up on the latest gossip or fishing tale. And then, after all is said and done, you get to take your bounty home and make a

delicious family meal.

The economic benefits of the season are huge: boatloads of people flock to the open region, often staying a few nights, renting boats, eating in local restaurants and purchasing tackle and gear while enjoying the opportunity to harvest a great food from numerous access points. The open region includes all Gulf state waters (from shore to 9 nautical miles) from the Pasco-Hernando County line to the west bank of the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County. While scallops can be found outside of these open areas, it is within this region that bay scallops are found in large enough numbers to be sustainably harvested.

This year, Gov. Rick Scott asked the FWC to open the bay scallop season June 28 instead of July 1. This way the season would open on a weekend and visitors and residents alike would be free to take full advantage of the beginning of the season. The season runs through Sept. 24 this year.

While the beginning of the season is exciting, there are plenty of opportunities for success mid to late in the season. By then, scallops have gotten bigger and are sometimes

easier to find.

Interested in participating? While a boat will provide you with the most access to scalloping areas, there are places you can walk to from shore. At the very minimum, you will need a mask or goggles, a recreational fishing license (unless you are exempt), something to hold your scallop catch in such as a mesh bag, and something to make sure you don't go over your limit, which is two gallons of whole scallops in the shell, or one pint meat per person.

Have a boat? The maximum vessel limit is 10 gallons of whole scallops in the shell or half a gallon of meat. The daily per-person bag limit still applies but, for example, if you have more than five people aboard (each being able to take two gallons whole), you still cannot have more than 10 gallons total. Bag limits help ensure the scallop population remains sustainable.

A divers-down flag is also required when scalloping from a boat to ensure other boaters are aware that there are people in the water. Stay safe this season and remember to use your divers-down flag. To learn more about these require-

ments, visit [MyFWC.com/Boating](http://MyFWC.com/Boating) and click on "Boating Regulations" and "Divers-Down Flag."

Once onshore, cleaning scallops is a cinch. Use an old spoon or knife (just be careful) to pry the shells slightly apart and then run the spoon along the inside of one of the shells, which will separate the meat from the shell. Once open, you will see the white scallop meat in the middle, surrounded by the darker guts. Run the spoon around the edge of the guts and then pull it up and off, leaving only the scallop meat attached to the shell. Finally, use the spoon to separate the meat from the shell. This is just one way to do it (another fan favorite involves a shop-vac), so feel free to do some research before getting started.

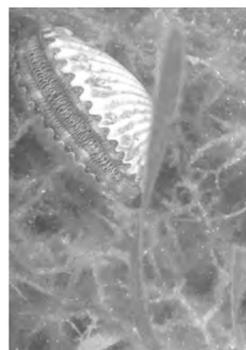
Bay scallops are great sautéed and tossed in with pasta, or eaten over a bed of lettuce. There are tons of recipes out there, and looking for them is almost as exciting as searching for the scallops.

I hope you can get out on the water and experience this wonderful season yourself. If you do, don't forget to send us your photos at [Saltwater@MyFWC.com](mailto:Saltwater@MyFWC.com).

Gone Coastal is one of



many ways that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Division of Marine Fisheries Management is helping recreational anglers understand complex saltwater regulations and learn more about saltwater fishing opportunities and issues in Florida. We are also available to answer questions by phone or email anytime, and we would love the opportunity to share information through in-person presentations with recreational or commercial fishing organizations. To contact the FWC's Regulatory Outreach subsection call 850-487-0554 or email [Saltwater@MyFWC.com](mailto:Saltwater@MyFWC.com).



A scallop nestled in sea grass.

## Tiny Insects Pack A Powerful Punch

Insects have long been a nuisance at outdoor gatherings. A barbecue, picnic or even a visit to the park can quickly grow uncomfortable when insects buzz and bite. It may take minutes to hours before you see the telltale signs of an insect bite, including welts and redness. You may be left wondering what flew in under the radar. It could be no-see-ums.

Many of the insect bites you will receive come from visible mosquitoes of different varieties. They're attracted to sweat or exhaled breath. Females who need a blood meal to produce eggs use people and other animals as their source of nourishment. Although mosquitoes can be problematic, very small insects, aptly dubbed "no-see-ums," could pack a more powerful bite. Oftentimes, people are unaware they've been victimized by a no-see-um until their skin has already grown irritated.

No-see-um is actually an umbrella term given to very small biting insects, namely biting midges and sand flies. These insects are part of the order Diptera and families Ceratopogonidae and Phlebotomidae, respectively. Although sand flies and biting midges are not the same insect, their small stature and similar likeness for feeding on blood have inadvertently grouped them together. No-see-ums are also called punkies, most notably the sand fly variety. Punkies may carry disease and viruses.

No-see-ums are commonly found along seashores, rivers and lakes. They are attracted by similar markers as mosquitoes, including octenol, which is found in human breath. Traps containing octenol liquid can be used to attract and kill no-see-ums, and many bug repellents can help keep these bugs away from the skin.

Adult biting midges are usually most active between dawn and dusk; they will remain inactive through very windy weather, finding shelter amongst vegetation. They usually stick close to their breeding sites. Many no-see-ums attack in large numbers, biting on any areas of exposed skin, most notably the face, scalp, hands and legs. The bites can cause acute discomfort, irritation and severe local reactions, according to the Department of Medical Entomology in Wentworthville, NSW, Australia. Bites may cause swelling and extreme itching. Sensitive individuals may experience symptoms for several days to weeks.

Although there is no exact method to controlling no-see-ums,

they do lay their eggs and breed larvae in standing water, much like mosquitoes. So keep stagnant water clear of your property. You can also avoid going outside at dawn or dusk.



Biting midges, also dubbed "no-see-ums," may be hiding in the foliage, waiting for their next meal.

If you must go outside, wear repellent or long sleeves and pants. Individuals who experience severe reactions to midge bites should keep an antihistamine product, such as Benadryl, on hand for allergic reactions. In addition, keep a topical anti-itch cream, like Cortizone, around to be safe.

No-see-ums may be small, but they can certainly inflict powerful bites and be quite a nuisance outdoors.

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**Candied Almond Slivers and Tapioca Pudding** — Spoon tapioca pudding into a dish. Top with candied almond slivers.



**Chocolate Pudding** — Spoon Kozy Shack Chocolate Pudding into a colorful cup. Top with a dollop of whipped cream and a cookie.



**Banana Split Pudding Snack** — Cut a banana in half the long way. Stand one half in a small cup. Spoon chocolate pudding into the cup and top with a maraschino cherry.

# Pudding-Powered Snacks

Pair wholesome, delicious pudding with ingredients from your own pantry or fridge

## FAMILY FEATURES

What do you reach for around 3 in the afternoon? Something salty? Something crunchy? Something creamy, smooth and sweet? These days, more and more snackers are looking for something wholesome and satisfying to get them through the afternoon.

Here's one snacking choice you may not have thought of: pudding. When pudding is made right — just the way your grandma used to — it's made with real ingredients like milk and eggs, cooked slowly until it's creamy and delicious. While cooking up your own pudding is a fun and satisfying weekend or evening project, when you need a quick afternoon snack, that's probably not in the cards.

Fortunately, there are still some companies making pudding just the way you would at home, slowly simmered to perfection. This is great news for people who want a smooth and creamy snack they can feel good about. There's a good reason why simple, comforting pudding was a favorite childhood snack — and is still a wholesome snack choice today.

## Simple Ideas for a Delicious Snack

Pudding is perfect straight out of the refrigerator, of course, and all you need to enjoy it is a spoon. But you can make it your own with other ingredients that you probably have right in your kitchen. Take a look at your spice rack: You've probably got cinnamon, nutmeg and cayenne pepper. In your pantry, you've got crunchy cookies, pretzels and nuts. Fresh and frozen fruit are always good to have on hand. Even canned and shelf-stable packs of tropical fruits can top your pudding. Before you know it, you'll be seeing surprising pudding pairings everywhere you look.

With a little creativity, you could have a unique pudding snack every day of the week. We've got a few ideas to get you started.

Find out more about Kozy Shack® Pudding at [www.kozyshack.com](http://www.kozyshack.com).

**Mango & Coconut Tapioca Pudding** — Cut a fresh mango into small pieces. Spoon Kozy Shack Tapioca Pudding into a small dish. Top with mango and sprinkle with toasted coconut.

**Blackberry Rice Pudding** — Dice a handful of fresh blackberries. Layer blackberries and Kozy Shack Rice Pudding in small dish. Top with any remaining fruit and a mint leaf.

**Fresh Raspberries and Chocolate Pudding** — Layer fresh raspberries, whipped cream and Kozy Shack Chocolate Pudding in a small dish. Top with extra raspberries and a dollop of whipped cream.

**Lemon Tapioca Pudding** — Crush a couple of lemon shortbread cookies. Spoon into the bottom of a small dish. Top with Kozy Shack Tapioca pudding, a sprinkle of lemon zest and assorted fresh berries.



**Minty Chocolate Pudding** — Cut mint and chocolate layered candies into smaller pieces. Spoon Kozy Shack Chocolate Pudding into a small bowl. Top with mint pieces.



**Chocolate Drizzled Strawberries and Tapioca Pudding** — Drizzle strawberries with melted dark chocolate and allow to set. Layer chopped strawberries and Kozy Shack Tapioca Pudding in a small dish. Top with a chocolate-drizzled strawberry.



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# Hamilton County 4-Hers head to Camp Cherry Lake



Baker, Hamilton, Madison and Union County 4-Hers at 4-H Camp Cherry Lake. - Courtesy photo

By Heather M. Futch  
4-H/ FCS Agent Hamilton County

Twenty-one local youth participated in summer 4-H Camp at Cherry Lake June 16-20. They joined campers from Baker, Madison and Union counties for five days of fun and educational activities.

Educational programs included Natural Resources, Outdoor Skills, Canoeing/Kayaking, and Swimming. Many other activities were scheduled throughout the week to keep campers busy. The theme for the week was "Welcome to our Jungle." 4-Hers were exposed to many jungle based activities and experiences.

PotashCorp White Springs donated \$500 to help cut the costs for Hamilton County campers to attend the camp. Other sponsors included Myra's, elected officials, First Federal Bank of Florida, and Tropicana. The money was divided equally among all campers. Without their help, many of these youth may not have been able to attend camp.

Youth attending from Hamilton County, along with Heather Futch (4-H/FCS Extension Agent) and Greg Hicks (4-H/Agricultural Extension Agent, CED) were: Kelton Allen, Dylan Blakely, Jessica Carter, Diane Carter, Triston Carter, Ashley Hand, Brittany Hasty, Jessica Hasty, Stephanie

Hasty, Brooke Howell, Meghan Johnson, Martin Lee, Michael Lee, Logan McCulley, Justin Reynolds, Ramsey Reynolds, Blake Selph, Taylor Smith, Cassie Spivey, and Jenna Tolle.

Jessica Carter, Diane Carter and Cassie Spivey participated in our Counselor in Training Program on June 7 and June 15. These three are in preparation to be able to become counselors in future years. They were able to spend their week learning the proper ways to be a cabin counselor and help out younger youth to make their week of camp even more enjoyable.

Special thanks to Charlie Shaw for driving the bus to and from camp for us.

## VFW sends boxes to Marines

VFW Post 8095 Commander Lamar Royals announced that the VFW spouses will pack boxes for Marines in Afghanistan at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, at the VFW on State Rd. 6, East, Jasper.

Items that are requested include jerky or Slim Jim's, small packs of Wet Wipes, new white or black tube socks, Chap-Stick/Balmex, sunscreen, boxes of individual packs of powdered drink mixes which can be poured into a water bottle such as Propel, Mio or Crystal Lite, hand sanitizers, foot powder, small games or decks of cards, fruit cups and pudding cups, trail mix, Vienna sausages, gum, and individually wrapped hard candy. These are just a few of the items that are appreciated by our troops.

Nothing chocolate such as M & M's or certain Debbie Snack cakes can be sent due to the extreme heat.

"Hamilton County people are the backbone of this effort," Royals said. "We can't send the boxes, which are packed tightly with donated items, without their participation. We are so grateful that so many people--probably in the hundreds--have gotten behind this effort since 2007. It has been a wonderful way to say, "Thank you so much for your service" to soldiers, Marines, airmen and sailors.

Items may be brought to the VFW on Thursday, July 10 by 5 p.m., or they may be dropped off during regular business hours at the Jasper Library.

## More than 41 million Americans expected to take an Independence Day getaway

Optimistic Americans are dusting off credit cards, helping to boost overall holiday travel volume 1.9 percent over last year

AAA Travel projects 41 million Americans will journey 50 miles or more from home during the Independence Day holiday weekend, a 1.9 percent increase from the 40.3 million people who traveled last year and a nearly 14 percent increase compared to the Memorial Day holiday weekend. The majority of travelers will be celebrating their freedom with a road trip, with more than eight in 10 (34.8 million) choosing to travel by automobile, the highest level since 2007. The Independence Day holiday travel period is defined as Wednesday, July 2, to Sunday, July 6.

"With school out for summer, the Fourth of July holiday is typically the busiest summer travel

holiday," said Mark Jenkins, spokesman, AAA - The Auto Club Group. "About five million more Americans travel for this holiday compared to Memorial or Labor Day weekends. Traditionally, the majority of those celebrating our nation's independence take a road trip."

**Highlights from 2014 Independence Day travel forecast include:**

- Travel volume for Independence Day has grown four out of the past five years and is expected to be more than six percent higher than the average of the past 10 years.

- Willingness to take on credit card debt, not an increase in income, is responsible for the in-

crease in consumer spending that is spurring the rise in overall travel.

- Nearly five million more Americans are expected to travel for Independence Day than for Memorial Day.

- Holiday air travel is expected to increase 1 percent to 3.1 million travelers from 3.07 million last year.

- Travelers will encounter airfares five percent lower than last year and car rental costs that remain consistent with last year at \$58.

- Hotel rates at AAA Two Diamond hotels are 15 percent higher than last year and Three Diamond hotels are nine percent more.



National & State Numbers	Auto Travel	Air Travel	Other Travel	Total Projected Travelers
<b>Nationwide</b>	34.8 million	3.1 million	3.1 million	41 million
<b>Florida</b>	1,800,653	155,308	121,523	2,077,484
<b>Georgia</b>	992,621	85,615	66,990	1,145,225
<b>Tennessee</b>	742,059	35,785	49,699	827,542

### Economic improvement spurs travel growth

"Steady improvement in the economy along with increased consumer spending and confidence are the main factors driving more Americans to take a trip," Jenkins said. "Consumer spending is expected to rise 4.2 percent, because of increasing credit not rising incomes. Consumers have been hesitant to add to their credit card balances the past several years, but continued improvements in the employment picture and rising home values means they are starting to feel more comfortable taking on debt."

Automobile is preferred mode of transportation

About 85 percent of holiday travelers prefer to drive to their desti-

nation. Nationally, AAA forecasts there to be 34.8 million automobile travelers - a 2.2 percent increase from last year and the highest volume in seven years (35.1 million in 2008).

"Consumers are still mindful of their personal finances," continued Jenkins. "Auto travel is the best option for controlling expenses. It allows travelers the most flexibility in trip length and the option of making last minute changes."

Impact of gasoline prices on travel plans

AAA expects the majority of U.S. drivers likely will pay the highest gas prices for Independence Day since 2008. Today's national average price of gas is 20 cents per gallon more expen-

sive than the average on July 4, 2013, which was \$3.48 per gallon. In recent years gas prices have declined in the weeks leading up to Independence Day, but this has not occurred this summer due to high crude oil costs resulting from violence in Iraq.

"Current gas prices are still cheaper than this year's peak price and unlikely to deter people from traveling," Jenkins continued. "Many travel plans have already been made, and budgets set aside. In some cases, consumers will reallocate their budgets and cut back on dining, shopping or other trip activities."

AAA provides the latest gas prices for the nation, states and metro areas at FuelGaugeReport.AAA.com.

Gas Prices	Current	July 4, 2013	2014 Peak Price
<b>National</b>	\$3.68	\$3.48	\$3.70 (2/28)
<b>Florida</b>	\$3.63	\$3.43	\$3.76 (4/18)
<b>Georgia</b>	\$3.61	\$3.34	\$3.70 (4/30)
<b>Tennessee</b>	\$3.48	\$3.25	\$3.52 (4/26)

### Air travel increases 1 percent

Nearly 7.6 percent of travelers will fly to their destination. That is roughly even with last year's share, but significantly higher than the 4.8 percent of travelers who flew in 2009 following the economic downturn. Holiday air travel has slowly increased since 2011, even as income growth has stagnated. Automobile remains

the preferred mode of transportation due to flexibility and increased airfares.

Travel expenses mixed

According to AAA's Leisure Travel Index, hotel rates for AAA Three Diamond lodgings are expected to increase nine percent from one year ago with travelers spending an average of \$178 per night compared to \$164 last year.

The average hotel rate for AAA Two Diamond hotels has risen 15 percent with an average cost of \$137 per night.

Weekend daily car rental rates will average \$58, the same as last year. Airfares have declined five percent with the average round-trip, discounted fare for the top 40 U.S. routes costing \$215, down from \$228 last year.



## HEART MATTERS

be?"

"Yes, you can be whatever you want to be."

"Does it mean," the young woman asked hesitantly "that I can go wherever I want to go?"

"Yes, it means you are free and can go wherever you want to go."

"Then," said the young woman with tears welling up in her eyes, "I think I'll go with you."

Happy Birthday America!

As we celebrate the freedom we enjoy as citizens of this great country this Independence Day, we must also admit the reality of serious challenges we face: the economy, outside threats, health care, and the environment, just to name a few. Freedom brings a measure of risk and uncertainty, and the liability of our choices, the right choices will maintain our freedom, while the wrong ones will strip it from our nation. Who will we entrust the keeping of this privilege?

Given that the driving force behind America's birth was religious freedom, it is strange that while our country is associated with independence, Christians often convince the world that we are anything but free. It is the common perception that Christians have a long list of impossible rules to live by, (hence their sour dispositions.) In his book "A Scandalous Freedom", author Steve Brown tells the following story:

*Abraham Lincoln went to a slave market. There he noted a young, beautiful African-American woman being auctioned off to the highest offer. He bid on her and won. He could see the anger in her eyes and could imagine what she was thinking, "Another white man who will buy me, use me, and then discard me." As Lincoln walked off with his "property", he turned to the woman and said, "You're free."*

*"Yeah. What does that mean?" she replied.*

*"It means that you're free."*

*"Does that mean I can say whatever I want to say?"*

*"Yes," replied Lincoln, smiling, "it means that you can say whatever you want to say."*

*"Does it mean," she asked incredulously, "that I can be whatever I want to*

As Americans, we must understand that there will always be those who will seek to destroy the freedom we enjoy! The same is true of our freedom in Christ! Picture this newly freed young woman living and perhaps even serving in Lincoln's home-not because she must, but because she chooses, out of gratitude and for her own protection. That is real freedom! In her world, there would always be those waiting to take her back to slavery. She would not stay free on her own and neither will we.

Galatians 5:1 says, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." God gives us freedom to choose, because He wants us to choose Him, but He will not make the choice for us. His desire is that none should perish, but that all have eternal life! 2 Corinthians 3:17 assures us that "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

Pray for America to return to "One Nation Under God" this July 4th! God wants to bless America, and it is up to us whether He does!

Blessings for a Safe and Happy 4th!

Angie

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## From the desk of Congressman Ted Yoho

Dear Friends,

It has been an interesting couple of weeks in the House of Representatives. As you know, we have recently had elections for a new Majority Leader and Majority Whip. While the balloting process was anonymous, I believe that as my constituents, you have a right to know who I supported and why.

I supported Representative Labrador for Majority Leader and Representative Scalise for Majority Whip. I supported both of these individuals because I was impressed with their conservative record and willingness to hold elected officials accountable. Representative Scalise is Chairman of the Republican Study Committee (RSC), which is a committee in the House where conservative Members of Congress can come together and pursue policies that further spending cuts and limits government. I've been impressed with his leadership in the RSC and look forward to his tenure as Whip.

Additionally, it has been announced that the House of Representatives will pursue a lawsuit against President Obama for his Executive overreach and unconstitutional actions. A lawsuit is important for a couple of reasons. First and foremost, it does not require approval from Senator Harry Reid's Senate. Stopping President Obama's executive overreach is too important an issue to let Senator Reid control. As we've seen over the course of the last couple of years, many issues important to our country have passed the House of Representatives only to disappear or die in the Senate. Jobs bills, anti-regulatory bills, anti-tax bills, XL Pipeline have all met similar fates after Senator Reid has gained control of them. A lawsuit initiated by the House of Representatives allows an effective, legal way to rein in the President without becoming victim to political tactics that would inevitably occur in the Senate. This is too important an issue to leave to Senator Reid.

As we've recently seen with the Supreme Court ruling 9-0 that the President acted unconstitutionally in his National Labor Relations Board recess appointments, the Court is willing to hold the President accountable for his unconstitutional actions. Finally, we are seeing a re-balancing of the three branches of government and moving toward the system of check-and-balances our Founding Fathers intended.

The first lawsuit against President Obama is an important first step in stopping the executive abuse that has occurred. As more details about the lawsuit develop, I plan to keep you informed.

Best, Ted

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## Driver license and vehicle inspection checkpoints in Hamilton County

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will be conducting driver license and vehicle inspection checkpoints during the weeks of July 1, 2014, until Sept. 30, 2014, in Hamilton County.

Recognizing the danger presented to the public by defective vehicle equipment, Deputies will concentrate their efforts on vehicles being operated with defects such as bad brakes, worn tires and defective lighting equipment. In addition, attention

will be directed to drivers who would violate the driver license laws of Florida.

The Sheriff's Office has found these checkpoints to be an effective means of enforcing the equipment and driver license laws of Florida while ensuring the protection of all motorists.

The checkpoints will be:  
US-41, CR-145, NW 16th Avenue, CR-751, CR-25A, SR-6 W, SR-6 E, CR-141, CR-143, CR-51, CR-249 and SR-129.

## Timberlake Property Owners Association Semi Annual Meeting

July 12, 2014  
at 10 a.m.  
Jennings United Methodist Church  
1371 McCall Street,  
Jennings  
Please come and share your favorite finger foods.

## SRWMD Governing Board Meetings

On Tuesday, July 8, 2014, the Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet at 9 a.m. at District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060. The meeting is to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory, real estate, and

other various matters. A workshop will follow after the Governing Board meeting. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by visiting the District's website at [www.my-suwanneeriver.com](http://www.my-suwanneeriver.com).

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



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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Interim Administrator, SVTA, has announced that the meeting of the SVTA Board of Directors will be on **July 8, 2014 at 6:00 PM**. The location of this meeting will be at the SVTA HQ Bldg., 1907 Voyles St., SW, Live Oak, Florida 32064. 07/03

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Physical Therapy Works**, located at: **1150 US Hwy 41 NW, Suite 3** in the County of Hamilton, in the City of Jasper, Florida 32052 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Jasper, Florida, this 25th day of June, 2014.

Signed By: Teresa Ann Bristol  
07/03

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

CASE NO.: 2014-CA-000013

**U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE BANC OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION, 2008-F71 TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-F71,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.

**FRANCIS DREW GRANTHAM, SR., AKA FRANCIS DREW GRANTHAM, et al.,**  
Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF ACTION

**TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FRANCIS DREW GRANTHAM, JR.**  
5601 123RD RD LIVE, LIVE OAK, FL 32060;  
619 SOUTH MARION AVENUE, LAKE CITY, FL 32025;  
160 SE SAINT JOHNS, LAKE CITY, FL 32025-4491

**AND TO:** All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF AN ACRE LOT SOLD TO MELVIN SIMMONS, SAID POINT BEGINNING 210 FEET NORTH OF RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD 6; THENCE RUNNING EAST PARALLEL WITH STATE ROAD NO. 6 A DISTANCE OF 210 FEET; THENCE NORTH A DISTANCE OF 210 FEET; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH STATE ROAD NO. 6 A DISTANCE OF 210 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 210 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN THE N 1/2 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST, LESS AND EXCEPT: THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN THE DEED FROM THE GRANTOR AND HER HUSBAND, EMERY GRANTHAM, NOW DECEASED, DATED APRIL 24, 1963, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 52, PAGE 351, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the attorney for the Plaintiff, MILLENNIUM PARTNERS, whose address is 21500 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 600, Aventura, FL 33180, and the file original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Foreclosure Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this 5th day of June, 2014.

(Court Seal) GREG GODWIN  
CLERK OF THE COURT

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson  
Deputy Clerk

06/26, 07/03

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

CASE NO. 2013-280-CA

**U. S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR VOLT ASSET HOLDINGS TRUST XVI**  
Plaintiff,

vs.

**RONNIE L. ANDERSON A/K/A RONNIE ANDERSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RONNIE L. ANDERSON A/K/A RONNIE ANDERSON; and UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, TENANTS, OWNERS, AND OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, including, if a named defendant is deceased, the personal representatives, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants,**

Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order or Final Judgment entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Hamilton County, Florida, described as:

LOT 9 IN BLOCK B OF UNIT 1, OF CHAN-BRIDGE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SURVEY THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 18, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 1113 Fieldcrest Road,

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Jasper, FL 32052  
Parcel I.D.: 6907-000

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the South front lobby of the Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 NE First Street, Jasper, Florida 32052 at 11:00 a.m. on September 24, 2014.

**ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.**

DATED this 28th day of May, 2014.

(Court Seal) GREG GODWIN  
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson  
Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the A.D.A. Coordinator not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding via the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771.  
07/03, 10

#### NOTICE OF INTENT

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT PLANS TO DESIGNATE THE POSITIONS OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/CHIEF DEPUTY AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AS SENIOR MANAGEMENT SERVICE CLASS POSITIONS UNDER THE FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 121.055, FLORIDA STATUTES. THE CHANGE WILL BE EFFECTIVE JULY 4, 2014.**  
06/28, 07/03

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that U S A M E R I B A N K C / O K I N G E R Y / C R O U S E M A G N O L I A T C 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 Bk 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  
06/12, 19, 26, 07/03

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**CERTIFICATE NO.:**  
175 Issued May 28, 2011

**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

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

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**CERTIFICATE NO.:**  
176 Issued May 28, 2011

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**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:**  
James Howard Tietjen

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**CERTIFICATE NO.:**  
220 Issued May 28, 2011

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**  
Parcel No. 2647-000  
Section 23 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:**  
H M Tuten Heirs

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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.

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

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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

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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

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

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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

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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

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

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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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