

# The Jasper News

Today's Weather

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Thunderstorms developing in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s. Winds NW at 0 to 5 mph. Chance of rain 30%. For up to the minute weather go to www.nflaonline.com.

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## License to fish

### White Springs soon to offer fishing license



Let's go fishin'!!

By Joyce Marie Taylor

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Obtaining a fishing license in Hamilton County has been a challenge, as there are no individuals or businesses in the county authorized to sell them. This has proven to put a damper on nature and tourism in the county and its municipalities because it forces people to go to another county to get one and by the time they get back home, the urge to "go fishin'" has done gone.

Fortunately, that is about to change, as the town of White Springs recently voted to move forward and obtain a surety bond through their insurance company to obtain a license to sell fishing licenses.

At the Aug. 12 meeting of the White Springs Town Council, Keith Knipp, owner of Rooster's Outfitters, made public his request to the town for help in obtaining a license to sell fishing licenses to his customers.

"A small business like me, I cannot afford a \$10,000 bond and that's what they require," said Knipp. "The nearest place is 20 miles away."

Knipp said people call him

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## White Springs passes ISO fire rating



White Springs Fire Chief Steve Stith. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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The White Springs Town Council breathed a sigh of relief Tuesday night when they learned from Fire Chief Steve Stith that the town received an acceptable rating from the Insurance Service

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## Greenwood student drowns in Live Oak

*Walker, 9, died of accidental drowning after being reported missing, prelim. autopsy states*

### Hamilton S.O. helped search for autistic child in Live Oak

By Bryant Thigpen

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Grief counselors were available at Greenwood School in Jasper Tuesday for those that may have needed someone to talk to regarding the death of one of their classmates. Leo Walker, 9, was reported missing Wednesday morning, Aug. 13, from his East Duval Street home in Live Oak.

Walker's body was discovered Friday morning in a swampy area close to his

home by a nearby resident in Live Oak, according to Live Oak Police Chief Buddy Williams.

Walker, who was autistic, is believed by police to have left his home on his own early Wednesday, and no foul play has been indicated, said Williams.

Williams said it is unknown how Walker got out of his home, but it is suspected through a window.

About a dozen law enforcement agencies - including Hamilton County Sher-

iff's Office - and hundreds of community members searched for Walker, which included searches by air, sonar of bodies of water, and door-to-door surveys.

Candles, teddy bears, balloons and heartfelt messages have been laid in front of Walker's home in Live Oak.

Walker moved to Live Oak from Jennings and enjoyed watching the movie "Cars" and his favorite character, Lightning McQueen, according to his obituary. He also enjoyed going for walks in his stroller with his brother, and eating and drinking chocolate milk.

His monkey "Rue" was a favorite toy.

Funeral services for Walker will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, in White



Leo Walker

Springs at White Springs Congregational Holiness Church, according to his obituary. The church is located at 16633 Suwannee St., White Springs.

Visitation with the family is Friday, Aug. 22, from 6-8 p.m., also at the church.

## GDEP gives wastewater treatment plant update

### Judson Turner, director of Georgia DEP addresses water management



Judson Turner, director of Georgia DEP addresses the SRWMD Board. - Courtesy photo

The Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) was given an overview and update at their Aug. 12, meeting about the wastewater treatment plant in Valdosta, which affects the Withlacoochee and Suwannee rivers.

More than 90 area concerned residents and public officials attended the meeting to get clarity about the action being taken by Georgia to resolve the spills from the Valdosta wastewater treatment plant during flood events.

The District invited the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) and the Georgia Department of Environmental Protection (GDEP) to discuss why the problem exists, how the

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## Committee strategizes for a healthier community



Members of the Hamilton County Strategic Health Planning Committee brainstorm ideas for a healthier community. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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Members of the Strategic Health Planning Committee for Hamilton County met for a working lunch meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 12, with about 16 people from various agencies present, including Jeff Feller from Well Florida, Inc. The main objective of the meeting was to review the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and determine if any changes needed to be made.

In attendance with Feller were Ida Daniels, Hamilton County Schools Food and Nutrition Service; Grace McDonald, Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition (Coalition); Michelle Lee, Hamilton County Tobacco Free Partnership; Heather Futch, UF/IFAS Extension Office; Susan Ramsey, Hamilton County Development Authority; Pam Lake and Cece Ellis,

FDLRS/Gateway; Mac Leggett, Hamilton County EMS; Crystal Goolsby, Jacki Deas, Rel Perea, Johnny Bullard, Ron Taylor and Mark Lander from the Florida Department of Health - Hamilton County.

**Below are just a few highlights of the meeting: CHIP goals**

Four separate goals were established for CHIP. 1) Report regularly to county commission and the public on key health issues. 2) Enhance emerging wellness activities in the school system. 3) Educate the public on no/low cost opportunities for physical activity in the county. 4) Increase ap-

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## A two-fer for White Springs

### L.J. Smith, policeman and firefighter



WSPD Detective Lee Harden, Police Chief Tracy Rodriquez and new Officer L.J. Smith - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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The White Springs Police Department (WSPD) added a new officer to the force re-

cently and he was officially sworn in on Tuesday, Aug. 12, at a meeting of the town council.

Officer L.J. Smith was

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## Telford Hotel closed again

By Joyce Marie Taylor

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The historic Telford Hotel in White Springs, which reopened under new ownership on March 3rd of this year, has closed again.

Owner Reese Brown had high hopes and a big vision to make the Telford a "destination", rather than just a hotel or a restaurant. He un-



The historic Telford Hotel in White Springs is closed again. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor



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## RULES FOR PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY

# Florida Highway Patrol reminds kids how to walk and roll

LAKE CITY, Fla. – During this second week of Child Safety Awareness Month the Florida Highway Patrol is highlighting pedestrian and bicycle safety. Next week many of Florida's children are returning to school and will be traveling on bike and foot. This is a great opportunity to remind our children about the rules of the road and keeping safe. Here are a few helpful safety tips:

### Bicycle Safety

- \* Make sure all equipment on the bicycle is in working order (brakes, gears, tires, etc.).
- \* All bicycle riders and passengers under age 16 are required by Florida Law to wear a helmet.
- \* Always wear a properly fitted helmet and securely fasten the strap.
- \* Wear appropriate shoes (such as sneakers). Avoid wearing flip-flops or riding barefoot.
- \* Be seen. Wear neon or fluorescent or bright colors when

riding and wear something that reflects light (reflective shoes, reflective tape, etc.)

\* Avoid wearing headphones so that you can hear the traffic and pedestrians around you.

\* Ride in the same direction of traffic and stay as far to the right as possible. Use bike lanes whenever you can.

\* Obey all traffic laws when riding on the roadway. If crossing a roadway upon or along a crosswalk, abide by pedestrian crossing guidelines.

\* Always ride with your hands on the handlebars. Put items like books in a backpack or carrier.

\* Never attach yourself or your bike to any vehicle on a roadway.

\* When riding with other cyclists, ride single file.

\* Never text and ride.

\* Avoid riding at night. If riding between the hours of sunset and sunrise, Florida Law requires that the front of the bike be equipped with a lamp which exhibits a white light

visible for 500 feet and the rear of the bike be equipped with a lamp and reflector, both which exhibit a red light visible for 600 feet.

\* Cross at intersections and never pull out into the roadway from between parked cars.

If riding on the sidewalk or in a crosswalk, yield to pedestrians and give them an audible signal (such as, "passing on your left") before overtaking and passing them.

### Pedestrian Safety

\* Walk on the sidewalk if there is one. If no sidewalks are present, walk against the direction of traffic so that you can see oncoming vehicles.

\* Cross the roadway at corners or in crosswalks. Cross where pedestrians are expected.

\* Never enter the street from between parked cars. Always use a crosswalk.

\* If crossing mid-block cannot be avoided, pedestrians must yield right of way to vehi-

cles on the roadway.

\* Be seen. Wear bright, reflective colors on clothes, shoes, hats, and wristbands. Carry a flashlight when walking at night.

\* Pedestrians should move along the right half of the sidewalk whenever possible.

\* Do not text while walking.

\* Avoid wearing headphones so that you can hear the traffic and pedestrians around you.

### Crosswalk Safety

\* Follow pedestrian signs and signals. Pedestrians should yield right of way to vehicles if the crosswalk signal is red or "Don't Walk."

\* Stop at the curb or the edge of the road if there is no curb. Stop and look left, then right, then left again for moving vehicles before you step into the street.

\* If a car is parked where you are crossing, look to make sure there is no driver and that the car is not running. Then walk to the edge of the

car and look left-right-left to see if cars are coming.

\* When the crosswalk is clear (and signal indicates it is time to cross), walk—don't run—across the roadway.

\* Always watch for traffic when crossing the street.

\* Never text or look at cell phone while crossing the street.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov), follow us on Twitter @FLHSMV or find us on Facebook.

## VISIT FLORIDA Pictorial Postmark promotes American Canoe Adventures 20th Anniversary

Submitted

VISIT FLORIDA's support of eco-tourism in the Suwannee River Valley was on display during the Competitive Florida Partnership reception in White Springs on Friday, Aug. 8. USPS Visiting Postmaster Cassandra Mitchell set up her post office station in the Nature & Heritage Center to issue the first mark of the pictorial postmark celebrating American Canoe Adventures' (ACA) 20th anniversary.

Guests of honor at the anniversary celebration were ACA owner

John Hannum, son of Wendell Hannum who started the eco-tourism venture with his wife Vickie 20 years ago, and Vickie Orona, who now resides in Crystal River. It was an emotional moment for both Vickie and John, as they remembered Wendell's love for the beauty of the Suwannee Valley, and his respect for the power and history of the Suwannee River.

The ACA pictorial postmark will be available at the White Springs post office for the next 30 days.

VISIT FLORIDA, the state's official tourism marketing corporation, serves as Florida's official source for travel planning to visitors across the globe. VISIT FLORIDA facilitates tourism industry participation in domestic and international travel, trade and consumer shows, as well as media missions to the top global visitor markets. VISIT FLORIDA also works closely with travel agents, tour operators, meeting and event planners and is responsible for operating Florida's five official Welcome Centers.



Pictorial postmark honors American Canoe Adventures of White Springs. -Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor



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**LOT ON CR 250-** 1 acre close to Dowling Park. Site built or mobile homes allowed. Property has well, septic, and power pole in place. \$18,000. Call Nelda Hatcher, 386-688-8067 MLS#85552

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John Hannum and Vickie Orona get a little emotional when they see the latest VISIT FLORIDA pictorial postmark.

## Crossroads Market & Grill grand opening is Sunday

Crossroads Market & Grill, Inc. at 5463 SR 6 West in Jasper is pleased to invite you to their ribbon cutting and grand opening to be held Sunday, Aug. 24, from 12:30-4 p.m.

Come join us. Light refreshments will be served as we celebrate their opening.

## Education Awards Day is Sunday at Greater Poplar Springs Church

Greater Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church celebrates Education Awards Day on Sunday, Aug. 24, at 11 a.m. Guest speaker is Fredrick Owens, former resident and 1992 Hamilton County High School graduate. He is the son of Betty Owens and grandson of Hester Owens. Owens is married to the former Maya Pierce and the couple has two beautiful children. The entire public is invited to worship with us and remain for dinner. Program contacts are Mary Nell Bryant, Jackie



Fredrick Owens

Houston and Paula G. Williams. Rev. Billy Simon, pastor.



# Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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Sometimes I get frustrated by a lack of attention to important details. I don't do everything perfectly, but I do know that whatever is worth doing is worth it even more when it is done well. The best ideas sometimes fail because there is a lack of commitment to details, to

quality, to the small, personal touches that matter. Things like returning phone calls, keeping information current, being on time, dressing right, being positive and enthusiastic, being courteous, keeping appearances and making things look clean and comforting and welcoming. Good first impressions, curb appeal and a flourish of finishing touches are so important, and the lack of them can be the death knell for a business, a sale, or any important relationship.

This is true all over the world and White Springs is certainly no exception. Yes, you can skip over these efforts at excellence and still get by sometimes, but sooner or later, someone will do an excellent job at what

you are doing poorly, and you will lose the contest. You, and everybody that supports you or depends on you, will be disappointed. So, what is the good news?

The good news is that we do have some folks and businesses that do what they do well. They care, they work hard, and they pay attention to these important things. They know the secret to success; that whatever is worth doing is worth doing well.

Last Saturday night, a crowd of about 75 people came to town, several from Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Gainesville, many from Live Oak, Lake City and Jasper, one from Wellborn, a few from White Springs and two from Peru! What brought them all together? Music!

The duo Carlos and Carlos, originally from Peru, presented an astounding guitar concert that was punctuated by waves of enthusiastic applause. Throughout the concert they talked about the origins and the different styles of each selection they played, and they fielded many questions from an enthralled and inquisitive audience. At intermission, the audience enjoyed mixing and mingling with the artists, who sold a ton of CDs! Delicious refreshments, tastefully and

artistically presented and personally prepared and served by Merri McKenzie, received an ovation too.

So, what really made all these folks want to come to White Springs? Music? Yes, but also an appreciation for quality, excellence, common interests, and a desire to support something that is worth doing, and worth doing well. It's just that simple. Not easy, but simple. I hope that all of us will find something worth doing and then, do it well.

Beulah Baptist Church has asked me to share with you that they will host a Women's Day program at their church in White Springs this Sunday, Aug. 24, at 4 p.m. The speaker is Barber Union from Gainesville. Dinner will be served afterwards and all are welcome.

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

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## Obituaries



**Mother Annie D. Bell**  
October 14, 1912  
August 16, 2014

**M**other Annie D. Bell, 101, of Bellville, Fla. passed away Saturday, August 16, 2014 at South Georgia Medical Center, Valdosta, Ga. She was a life long resident of Bellville, Hamilton County, Fla. Annie was a faithful member of Bethel AME Church where she served on the Stewardess Board Number One and sang in Choir Number One until her health failed.

Mrs. Annie Bell is survived by her grandchildren: Cathy Bell Dumas, LaShonda Bell and Kimberly Bell, of Bellville; Delores Bell Wade (Tommy) of Atlanta, Georgia; Kamisha Baker, Shannon Davis (Leroy), Kimberly Brinson & Jerome Bell, Jr. of Valdosta, Georgia. Also, devoted great granddaughters: Shadrika Bell, Khadisah Bell, Taresa Gifford; 29 great grandchildren; devoted Godson Ernest (Flint Lint) Alexander; two special friends Mrs. Florida Mae Corbett & Miss Cindy Pedicini; devoted niece Eartha Coffee; devoted nephews Bobby Wright, Jr., Edward Wright, Larry Thomas; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and loved ones.

The family will meet and greet friends at Thomas Funeral Home Chapel from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday evening, home going service will be Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at Bethel AME Church in Bellville; Reverend James Cleare, Pastor, and Reverend Albert Bivens officiating. Burial will be in the Bethel AME Church Cemetery. Bennie Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of all the arrangements.

**Joseph Kenyon "Ken" Malpas**  
March 16, 1940  
Aug. 13, 2014

**J**oseph Kenyon "Ken" Malpas, age 74, of Flagler Beach, Fla. passed away Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014 at the Stuart F. Meyer Hospice House in Palm Coast following a lengthy illness.

Ken was a native of Jasper, Fla. born March 16, 1940 to the late Joseph Kenyon and Ann Caldwell Malpas. He loved Jasper and found himself reflecting often on his rich heritage which included his great, great, great, great grandmother a pioneer child born in Hamilton County and his great, great grandfather founder of The Jasper News.

He was a graduate of Jasper High School "Class of 1958". He went on to graduate from North Florida Junior College and Georgia Southern University. Following college he served his country in the United States Army and was in Vietnam with the American Red Cross. Ken was a former school teacher in Augusta, GA and Jasper, Fla. before moving on to live out his dream job as a horticulturist. He worked hard at his craft and was co-owner and operator of Gospel Gardens a successful nursery and landscaping business. In addition to his green thumb, Ken was blessed with a natural talent for playing the piano. He will be remembered for these gifts and more. Ken was a people person, he enjoyed meeting new people and his friendships lasted a lifetime.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, Joseph Gregory Sapp.

Surviving family include: Bill Campenella, Sally and Joe Walter Sapp, Lynn Sapp, Dan Gallagher; his aunt, Jeri Brooke and an uncle Carlton Caldwell; numerous cousins and a host of friends.

Graveside services were held on Monday, Aug. 18, 2014 at Evergreen Cemetery in Jasper, Fla. with Rev. Roger Hutliff officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Stuart F. Meyer Hospice House, 150 Memorial Medical Pkwy, Palm

Coast, Fla. 32164.

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

**Ralph D. Cox**  
Nov. 5, 1921  
Aug. 13, 2014

**R**alph D. Cox, 92, of Union, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014, at Randall Residence, Tipp City. He was born Nov. 5, 1921, in Matfield Green, Kansas, to the late John and Zelma (Snedegal) Cox. He married Barbara Jean McMullan; she survives.

Mr. Cox is also survived by six children, Dixie Arnett of Wyoming, Dennis Cox of Prince George, Va., Donald Cox of Villa Rica, Georgia, Debra Brant of Union, Darrell Cox of Union, Mike Cox of El Paso, Texas; and eighteen grandchildren.

Ralph proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force for 27 years. He flew 35 missions as a B-24 bomber pilot during

World War II, and later served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He loved his country and his family, and was a devoted husband and loving father. He is now at peace in the hands of our Lord, with no more pain and worries.

Private services for his family are in care of Hale-Sarver Family Funeral Home, West Milton. Online memories may be left for the family at [www.hale-sarver.com](http://www.hale-sarver.com).

**Wesley Henderson**  
Nov. 4, 1941  
Aug. 18, 2014

**W**esley Henderson, age 72, of Statenville, GA. passed away on Aug. 18, 2014 at Holly Hill Nursing Home in Valdosta where he has been a resident for the past twenty years. He was born in Echols County to the late Ferman and Annie Jane Everett Henderson on Nov. 4, 1941.

He graduated from Echols County High School and worked for Occidental (PCS) until he became disabled and entered the nursing home. He was also a former employee at Owens Illinois in Clyattville, GA. Wesley was a well respected County Commissioner in Echols County for twelve dedicated years. He loved any part of farming and especially enjoyed driving his tractor. He loved raising pigs and had hogs in a pen close to his house so that he could care for them. He always talked about getting back home and riding his tractor and had quite a collection of tractors in his room. Wesley was a member of the Statenville Church of God and dreamed of going back and worshipping there with his friends. Most of all he loved his Lord and always witnessed to anyone who came in contact with him. He loved his family, especially his

niece, Rebecca Chambers. She was the apple of his eye. He looked forward to the Sunday afternoon visits with his family and friends. Wesley is survived by two sisters and their husbands, Annie Jo and Albert Chambers of Statenville and Glynda and Ira Lavinsky of Adel; niece, Rebecca Chambers; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. The Lillian Barfield family was an extended family to Wesley and they shared many happy memories growing up on Bay Branch Road.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014 at the Statenville Church of God. Interment followed at Statenville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Statenville Church of God, P.O. Box 193, Statenville, GA. 31648.

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

## SVEC sponsors area students for 2014 Washington, D.C. Youth Tour



On June 14, SVEC sponsored two area students that attended the annual NRECA Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. Out of eight students SVEC sponsors each year to attend the Tallahassee Youth Tour; two are selected through a competitive process for the opportunity to attend the Washington Youth Tour in June. SVEC is proud to report that Manuel Arreguin (Lafayette High School) and Selena Myers (Hamilton High School) were select-

ed and sponsored for the 2014 Washington Youth Tour. "The Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. Youth Tours are a great tradition for students in our service area as they provide an opportunity to learn more about our great state and nation. We are proud of Manuel and Selena, and look forward to sponsoring the next group of Youth Tour participants in 2015," said Baynard Ward, community relations manager at SVEC.

OPINION

Tuition pays for this

According to College Board, average tuition and fees for the 2013-14 school year totaled \$30,094 at private colleges, \$8,893 for in-state residents at public colleges and \$22,203 for out-of-state residents. Many schools, such as Columbia University and George Washington University, charge yearly tuition and fees close to \$50,000. Faced with the increasing costs of higher education, parents and taxpayers might like to know what they're getting for their money.

Campus Reform documents outrageous behavior at some colleges. Mark Landis, a former accounting professor at San Francisco State University, frequently entertained students at this home. He now faces 15 charges of invasion of privacy. Police say he was discovered with dozens of graphic videos he had made of students using his bathroom.

Mireille Miller-Young -- professor of feminist studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara -- recently pleaded no contest to charges of theft of banners and assault on a pro-life protester last March.

Every so often, colleges get it right, as the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign did when it withdrew its teaching offer to Steven G. Salaita. He had used his Twitter account to tell followers they are awful human beings if they support Israel, saying he supports the complete destruction of Israel, as well as calling for the decolonization of North America.

Then there are some strange college courses. At Georgetown University, there's a course called Philosophy and Star Trek, where professor Linda Wetzel explores questions such as "Can persons survive death?" and "Is time travel possible? Could we go back and kill our grandmothers?"

At Columbia College Chicago, there's a class



A MINORITY VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

called Zombies in Popular Media. The course description reads, "Daily assignments focus on reflection and commentary, while final projects foster thoughtful connections between student disciplines and the figure of the zombie."

West Coast colleges refuse to be left behind the times. University of California, Irvine physics professor Michael Dennin teaches The Science of Superheroes, in which he explores questions such as "Have you ever wondered if Superman could really bend steel bars?" and "Would a 'gamma ray' accident turn you into the Hulk?" and "What is a 'spidey-sense'?"

The average person would think that the major task of colleges is to educate and advance human knowledge. The best way to do that is to have competition in the marketplace of ideas. But Michael Yaki, head of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, disagrees. During a July 5 briefing on sexual harassment law in education, Yaki explained that college free speech restrictions are necessary because adolescent and young adult brains process information differently than adult brains.

Fortunately, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education has waged a successful campaign against college restrictions on free speech. Some of its past victories include eliminating restrictions such as Bowdoin College's ban on jokes and stories "experienced by others as harassing"; Brown University's ban on "verbal behavior" that produced "feelings of impotence, anger or disenfranchisement," whether "unintentional or intentional"; the University of Connecticut's absurd ban of "inappropriately directed laughter"; and Colby College's ban on any speech that could lead to a loss of self-esteem. Some colleges sought to protect female students. Bryn Mawr College banned "suggestive looks," and "unwelcome flirtations" were not allowed at Haverford College.

Greg Lukianoff, president of FIRE and author of "Unlearning Liberty," argues that campus censorship is contributing to an atmosphere of stifled discourse. In 2010, an Association of American Colleges and Universities study found that only 17 percent of professors strongly agreed with the statement that it is "safe to hold unpopular positions on campus." Only 30 percent of college seniors strongly agreed with that statement. The First Amendment Center's annual survey found that a startling 47 percent of young people believe that the First Amendment "goes too far."

The bottom line is that many colleges have lost sight of their basic educational mission of teaching young people critical thinking skills, and they're failing at that mission at higher and higher costs to parents and taxpayers.

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

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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.

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DOA - Department of Agriculture  
DOT - Department of Transportation  
FDLE - Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
FHP - Florida Highway Patrol  
FWC - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
HCDF - Hamilton County Drug Task Force

HCSO - Hamilton County Sheriff's Office  
ICE - Immigration and Custom Enforcement  
JAPD - Jasper Police Department  
JNPD - Jennings Police Department  
OALE - Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement  
P&P - Probation and Parole  
SCSO - Suwannee County Sheriff's Office  
WSPD - White Springs Police Department  
Aug. 11, Eric Maurice Bacon, 19, 495 NW 2 St., Jasper, Fla., retail theft, JAPD-McGauley  
Aug. 12, Jonathan Lee Parr, 18, 310 Central Ave. SW, Jasper, Fla., FTA-DUI, HCSO-Blanton  
Aug. 12, Lekisha Deanna Thorp, 34, 5140 Danielli Dr., Lake Park, Ga., vop-poss. cocaine,

HCSO-Cribbs  
Aug. 12, Jody Lee Rewis, 29, 222 Joes Lane, Fargo, Ga., vop-burglary of structure, HCSO-Cribbs  
Aug. 13, Jessica N. Roper, 32, 784 Jack Henderson Rd., Fargo, Ga., FTA-grand theft III, HCSO-Williams  
Aug. 15, Nikeisha Tashaun Lee, 25, 11198 NW 38 Dr., Jasper, Fla., DWLS, JAPD-McDonald  
Aug. 15, Solomon David Edwards, 28, 10816 NW 38 St., Jasper, Fla., DWLS/R, JAPD-Harvey  
Aug. 15, Caitlyn Marie Burkett, 19, 765 NW Morrell Dr., White Springs, Fla., out of county warrant-Madison, FTA-no valid DL, WSPD-Meeks  
Aug. 16, Jason Lee Bain, 25, 3738 NW 129, Jasper, Fla., DUI, DWLS,

introduction of contraband, JAPD-McDonald  
Aug. 16, Anthony Outlaw, 44, 6327 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill., no valid DL, bypass Ag station, DOA-Snipes  
Aug. 16, Dominique R. Toliver, 22, 1591 S. Lane Ave. Apt. 23Y, Jacksonville, Fla., poss. controlled substance, smuggle contraband into detention facility, HCSO-Howell  
Aug. 17, Charles Edward Keel, 47, 4162 SW 99 Ave., Jasper, Fla., disorderly conduct, JAPD-Harvey  
Aug. 17, Jonna Nicole Faulk, 41, 8193 Barracuda Rd., Jacksonville, Fla., DUI, JAPD-Harvey  
Aug. 17, Eric Maurice Bacon, 19, 202 NW 10 Ave., Jasper, Fla., retail theft, trespass after warning, JAPD-McGauley



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The Band Other Voices Pays Tribute to Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young at "Free Fridays" on Friday Sept. 5

Gainesville, Fla. - For more than 13 years, Other Voices has performed original and cover material in the local music scene, with a hallmark of intricate vocal harmonies and tight arrangements in the realm of pop, folk, blues and jazz. On Friday, Sept. 5 at 8 p.m., they will put those talents to work with a tribute to Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young at the Bo Diddley Community Plaza. According to the band, "Our performance of the CSN (Crosby, Stills & Nash) classic, "Suite: Judy Blue Eyes," has become such a popular crowd pleaser that it was suggested by a friend that we perform a whole night of that groups music. After weeks of rehearsing, we have become aware of what a great influence CSNY (Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young) has had on us both in our writing and performances as Other Voices."

The American based band, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, is a rock super group that was one of the most successful and influential recording and touring groups from the late '60s through the early '80s. It is made up of David Crosby, Stephen Stills, Graham Nash and Neil Young. All four members of

CSNY are two-time inductees into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The Other Voices tribute coincides with the recent release of "CSNY 1974." The album includes 40 live tracks, all previously unreleased, from their historic 1974 summer tour 40 years ago.

The core band of Other Voices is comprised of Fagan Arouh (guitar/vocals), Alan Hill (bass), Michelle Ott (vocals/ hand percussion) and Dan Tampas (guitar/vocals). Augmenting the band will be guest musicians Brad Bangstad (keyboards) and Rob Rothschild (drums), who both play with popular local groups The Impostors and The Relics, as well as numerous other groups in the Gainesville music scene.

The song list features songs by both CSNY and CSN, as well as songs by individual members of the groups. In addition to "Suite: Judy Blue Eyes," the repertoire includes hits such as "Woodstock," "Love the One You're With," "Wooden Ships," "Southern Cross," "Helpless," "Our House," "Carry On" and many more.

The Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young tribute is also one of the se-

lect "Free Fridays" classic rock concerts that is sponsored by classic rock radio station WIND-FM (92.5, 95.5, 107.9).

The 2014 "Free Fridays" concert series is produced by the City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department. This activity has been funded in part by a Tourist Development Tax Grant from the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners in conjunction with the Alachua County Tourist Development Council,

a grant from the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, and a sponsorship from the Downtown Hampton Inn & Suites. The concerts will play each Friday night this year from Friday, May 2 through Friday, Oct. 24 from 8-10 p.m. at the Bo Diddley Community Plaza, which is located at 111 E. University Ave. To view the complete "Free Fridays" 2014 schedule, please visit the Cultural Affairs Division website at [www.gvlculturalaffairs.org](http://www.gvlculturalaffairs.org). For more information on "Free Fridays," or to schedule an interview, please contact David Ballard at 352-393-8746.

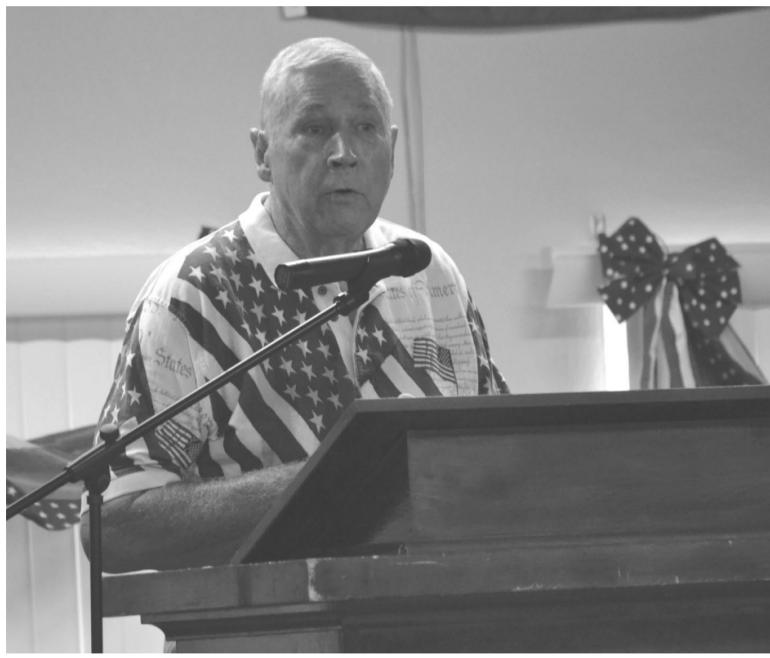


Other Voices band.

# Some scenes from the political rally in Jasper on Thursday, Aug. 14



Your vote is your voice. - Photos courtesy of Terry Holcomb



Lamar Royals says a few words.



Supervisor of Elections Laura Dees.



School Board member Johnny Bullard runs unopposed.

See more photos from the political rally on page 9A.



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Major Davis.

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# If my people will pray



We are once again approaching an election. People are already getting ready to support the candidate of their choice. Many are asking the same question that is always asked in this season: "Who shall I vote for?"

Knowing that 97% of the people are followers; meaning they need someone to follow so they choose the one that sounds the best; never mind if what he says is true or not. Sometimes people vote because they are a member of a certain political party; no matter who the candidate is. Some vote just to get change. Some say they are all evil so they will just take the lesser evil.

So how does a Christian vote? First, one must seek God's direction. The way to do that is to go to His book of direction – the Bible. When one studies the history of Israel we find that when they are led by God's chosen one, things are good; but when

they chose a king that was not Godly, they suffered much grief. We are told in the New Testament that all things that happened to Israel was for our example (1st Cor. 10:6 & 11; Heb. 4:11). So, if today we want to know how God responds to our actions, look at how He responded to Israel.

Today we have men seeking office proclaiming they are Christian. To be a Christian means one's "adherent of Christ." To adhere means to stick; to remain attached, to give allegiance or support. Adherence is to remain steadily attached.

All of us want people in office that will make life better for us; but the answer to life's problem is not found in the political world. No man, in any office, in any party can help you have a better life. Only God can do that. If you are a Christian, a born again believer in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, then you hold the answer.

2nd Chronicles 7:14 says; "If My people, who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." One would think that God's people would believe this simple verse and pray more because God's people certainly do

not pray enough.

Sometime back I saw the result of a survey about prayer. A group of adults were given a sheet of paper with this statement on it: "When it comes to prayer, I \_\_\_\_\_." They were to fill in the blank. The majority of the results fit into these categories: "I don't pray enough," "I don't know what or how to pray," "I don't know if prayer does any good." To those who don't pray enough, the Bible teaches that prayer is the only way to communicate our request to Him (God). Why wouldn't we pray enough? Paul says in 1st Thess 5:17 "to pray without ceasing." For those who say they don't know how to pray, study Matthew 6:9 -13. This is the example prayer. You can never go wrong praying this prayer and adding your personal requests to it. Always pray to the Father in Jesus name. To those who are not sure prayer works, you should try it. All through the Bible we see the example of prayer in action. And if prayer doesn't work, then why would Jesus say Pray to the Father in My name and it will be granted (John 16:23).

Children of God, it's not politics, it's prayer that works; so why not pray.

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## OPINION

# Applications for nominations to service academies are now open

By Marco Rubio

As a member of the U.S. Senate, I have the honor of nominating promising young men and women from Florida for admission to the four service academies which require congressional nomination: the Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD; the Military Academy at West Point, NY; the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO and the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY.

My office is accepting applications for nominations from now until Sept. 3. High school se-

nior, as well as high school graduates under the age of 23, are invited to apply for a nomination to a service academy. Potential applicants can find more information about the application process and the service academies at my website: [www.rubio.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/academy-nominations](http://www.rubio.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/academy-nominations).

Because of the limited number of nominations available to each senator, applicants should strongly consider contacting Senator Bill Nelson's office as well as the office of your member of the U.S. House of Repre-

sentatives regarding their nomination processes as well. You can find the name of your congressman at the U.S. House of Representatives' website at: <http://www.house.gov/>

Over the last three years, I've had the privilege of nominating 127 of Florida's best and brightest to these prestigious institutions. Their stories and willingness to serve are a constant reminder of how blessed our nation is for the men and women in our armed forces. I look forward to hearing from students who are inter-



ested in serving their nation and thank all applicants for their interest in our service academies.

# Representative Porter meets with Georgia officials regarding Valdosta sewage spills and wastewater treatment facilities progress



Pictured from left: Florida's Department of Health Deputy Secretary Dr. Celeste Philip, Georgia EPD Director Judson Turner, Florida DEP Secretary Herschel Vineyard, SRWMD Executive Director Dr. Ann Shortelle and Representative Elizabeth Porter. - Courtesy photo

Representative Elizabeth Porter attended a meeting at the Suwannee River Water Management District Office on Aug. 12, regarding an update of the Valdosta wastewater facility sewage spills into the Withlacoochee River and the progress on the construction of their new wastewater facility. Also attending was Florida DEP Secretary Herschel Vineyard,

Georgia EPD Director Judson Turner, Florida's Department of Health Deputy Secretary Dr. Celeste Philip, SRWMD Executive Director Dr. Ann Shortelle as well as the governing board of the Suwannee River Water Management District.

"I was very gratified that Secretary Vineyard, Director Shortelle and Chairman Quincey were able

to bring in Georgia's Environmental Protection Director Judson Turner to give the constituents of this district an update on the progress that has been and is being made on the relocation of the Valdosta wastewater treatment facility. I believe the communication between Georgia and Florida will benefit the constituents of both states," said Porter.



# HEART MATTERS

will not only make them less fearful, it will also help them understand how to deal with their feelings in a positive way. Commit to "checking in" with your children on a regular basis, asking questions to draw out their feelings.

One great daily practice is intentional goodbyes and hellos. It works like this: every morning before your child heads off to school, encourage them about the day, no matter how stressful the morning has been or how hard it was to wake them up, make sure that you part ways on a positive note: "I love you, have a great day!" or "I know you will do great on your test!" It works the same way when you reunite at the end of the day; make sure to take a few moments to ask about the day, especially if their heart looks "weighed down". Don't get discouraged if they don't open right up and talk. Give it time and practice. Keep asking and keep encouraging! Our children have their own giants to face, and we want to make sure they know we are in their corner, because every heart matters.

Blessings, Angie

*Heart Matters is a weekly column written by Angie Land, Director of the Family Life Ministries of the Lafayette Baptist Association, where she teaches bible studies, leads marriage and family conferences and offers biblical counseling to individuals, couples and families. Contact Angie with questions at [angieland3@windstream.net](mailto:angieland3@windstream.net)*

## Jasper Legals

### PUBLIC AUCTION

Location: Dennis Garage  
8109 CR 146 NW  
Jennings, FL 32053

Date: 09-01-2014  
Time: 8:00 A.M.

2013 CHEVROLET  
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State of Florida 32053

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

CASE NO.: 14000028CAAXMX

IN RE: THE FORFEITURE OF  
ONE 2000 CHEVROLET 2500 VAN  
VIN#1GCGG25RX126561

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AND CONSUMER SERVICES

vs.

KAMIL AHMED AMIN  
(CLAIMANT)

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and all others who may claim an interest in the following described property:

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VIN #1GCGG25RX126561

PETITIONER, ADAM H. PUTNAM, COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, seized the above-described property on or about March 11, 2014 at or near mile marker 443 on Interstate 75, Hamilton County, Florida and will file or has filed with the Circuit Court in and for Hamilton County, Florida a verified Complaint for Forfeiture for the purpose of obtaining a Finding of Probable Cause as to why the described property should not be forfeited to the use of or sold by the Petitioner upon producing due proof that same was used in violation of Florida laws dealing with contraband, all pursuant to Sections 932.701-.704, Florida Statutes.

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## Jasper Legals

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. will hold a pre-bid conference and walk-thru for the weatherization work of six (6) single-family dwellings in the Hamilton County Weatherization Program.

This meeting will be held Monday, August 25, 2014 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., 1114 NW US Hwy 41, Jasper, FL 32052. The conference and walk-thru is mandatory, no exceptions, for contractors who plan to bid. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. requires each contractor to be properly licensed, carry general liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000.00 and Workers Comp insurance during construction.

Bids for these units will be due by 12:00 noon Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., 1171 Nobles Ferry Rd., Bldg. #2, Live Oak, FL 32064. Please mark envelope "Sealed Bid for Name of Homeowner". Bids to be opened Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 12:05 p.m.

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. has the right to reject any and all bids. The bids will be awarded on the most cost effective basis.

Hamilton County is a fair and equal opportunity and ADA employer. Minority and Women Contractors are urged to participate.

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

CASE NO.: 14-45-CA

DAVID AND VIRGINIA MILLER,  
Plaintiffs,

v.

JOHN MISHLER AND KAREN  
MISHLER,  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JOHN MISHLER AND KAREN MISHLER  
ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 611 S Ridgewood Drive, Coca, Florida 32926

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a lawsuit has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Rhett Bullard, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 100 South Ohio Ave., Live Oak, Florida 32064, on or before thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this notice on August 14, 2014 and file the original with the Clerk of Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on the 6th day of August, 2014.

(Court Seal) W. GREG GODWIN  
Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson  
Deputy Clerk

Rhett Bullard, P.A.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
100 S. Ohio Avenue  
Live Oak, Florida 32064  
Telephone: 386-362-2040  
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Where	What's Biting	What Bait
Eagle Lake	Bass	Large Spinners, Plastic Worms – Red & Black w/ Chartreuse Tail
	Brim	Crickets, Wigglers & Red Worms
	Catfish	Crickets
Farmers Market Pond	Bass	Spinners, Broken Back Minnows
	Brim	Crickets, Wigglers & Red Worms
Ocean Pond	Bass	Top Water Plugs, Betts Spinners
	Brim	Crickets, Wigglers & Red Worms
	Specs	Jigs, Minnows (after dark)
Pit Pond	Bass	Plastic Worms – Red & Black w/ Chartreuse Tail
	Brim	Crickets, Wigglers & Red Worms
Suwannee River	Bass	Junebug – Black, Red & Watermelon, Plastic Worms – Red & Black w/ Chartreuse Tail
	Brim	Crickets, Wigglers & Red Worms
	Catfish	Crickets, Chicken Liver
St. Johns River (Green Cove)	Mullet	Mullet are running – Chum w/ Corn Crumble and Rolled Oats; Cutbait, Shrimp, Jigs – Chartreuse ¼ oz

Good Luck Fishing! If you are planning to Fly Fish, use Crickets, San Juan Worms or Wet Flies for the best results, For the latest tips, reports and supplies call Keith, 5 AM to 7 PM at (386) 397-2724. Also, drop by Roosters Outfitters with your catch; you may have caught the fish of the week.

### BIG FISH OF THE WEEK Compliments of Rooster's Outfitters



This 19 inch 4 and 1/4 lb. bass was caught by Jami Franklin on a 7 1/2 inch black bass assassin worm with chartreuse tail on the Suwannee River in White Springs next to the Spring House. - Courtesy photo

### LITTLE FISH OF THE WEEK



Vincent Knipp with a large mouth bass caught on his new gear from Grandpa Rooster. - Courtesy photo

# The Herb Garden opens in White Springs



(L-R) DEO's Julie Dennis, Sherri Martin and Division Director Bill Killingsworth join Town Manager Bill Lawrence and Mayor Helen Miller in Joelle's ribbon cutting ceremony for The Herb Garden, along with family members and friends. - Courtesy photo

White Springs' newest business, The Herb Garden, was ushered in with support from the Department of Economic Opportunity's community planning officials led by Division Director Bill Killingsworth, who was joined by Julie Dennis, Competitive Florida program manager, and Sherri Martin, director of the Rural Economic Development Initiative. Mayor Helen Miller and Town Manager Bill Lawrence were on hand to help cut the ribbon for the new business, located in the old Suwannee Diner, known throughout Florida for the iconic mural painted by artist Johnny Damm.

The Herb Garden lives up to its name, providing locally grown herbs for a regional customer base. Also available are hand-made soaps and artifacts. The Herb Garden is a unique, restful oasis for the weary traveler and for local citizens who need to re-charge their batteries. The Herb Garden is located in the center of downtown White Springs, on US 41, immediately across from the post office.

# Blackwater Music Festival set for Aug. 21-23 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park

This three-day festival features Stephen "Ragga" Marley, Slightly Stoopid, Steel Pulse, Easy Star All-Stars, The Expendables, The Revivalists, Beebs and Her Money Makers, Catfish Alliance and more

Blackwater Music Festival will make its second appearance Aug. 21-23 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park & Campground (SOSMPC) in Live Oak, with a huge lineup of artists. Announced artists are Slightly Stoopid x 2, Stephen "Ragga" Marley, Steel Pulse, Easy Star All-Stars, The Expendables, Tribal Seeds, Gramatik, Michal Menert, Caked Up, Passafire, MartyParty, The Revivalists, Fishbone, Zoogma, Beebs and Her Money Makers, Catfish Alliance, Sidereal, Ballyhoo, Universal Green, Danka, Simplified, Lucky Costello, S.P.O.R.E., Proverbial, The Expanders, Dank Sinatra, Horizon, Trial By Stone, Andrew Block, Resinated, The Funky Nuggets, Yamadeo, Morning Fatty, Displace, Oceanstone, Soul Taxi, Heritage, The Resolvers, Cloud9, Gravy, Sir Charles, Fayuca, Gary Dread & the Jahmen Band and Stokeswood. More bands to be announced.

This three-day music festival originated several years ago for just one year but by popular demand is back with one of the nation's top reggae, funk, folk, hip-hop bands, Slightly Stoopid, and all the reggae music you have been waiting for from other top bands like Stephen "Ragga" Marley, The Expendables, Ballyhoo, Steel Pulse along with many, many other great bands.

The festival gets underway Thursday evening at 6 p.m. in the Amphitheatre with Gary Dread & Jahmen, followed by Resinated, Trial By Stone, Horizon and Easy Star All-Stars. Friday and Saturday music will break out all over the SOSM-

PC in the Amphitheatre, Porch Stage, Music Hall and Beach Stage. Music begins at 1 p.m. Friday in the Amphitheatre and Saturday at noon on the Beach Stage. Slightly Stoopid will be on the Amphitheatre stage Friday evening from 8-9:30 p.m. followed by Stephen "Ragga" Marley from 10:30 - 11:30 p.m. Friday evening will feature a host of great bands throughout the day including Beebs & Her Money Makers. Saturday is filled the entire day with great music including Slightly Stoopid from 10:30 p.m. - midnight in the Amphitheatre. Check [www.blackwaterfestival.com](http://www.blackwaterfestival.com) for the schedule or go to [www.musicliveshere.com/events](http://www.musicliveshere.com/events).

All types of vendors will be on site to fill your every need from food to clothing. The SOSMPC Store of the Village will be open to provide any camping needs, as well as the SOSMPC's SOS Café and Restaurant, Crafts Village vendors, golf cart rental and more.

Tickets are available online at [www.blackwaterfestival.com/tickets/](http://www.blackwaterfestival.com/tickets/) or by calling the SOSMPC at 386-364-1683, emailing [spirit@musicliveshere.com](mailto:spirit@musicliveshere.com) or go to [www.musicliveshere.com/](http://www.musicliveshere.com/). Three-day festival/primitive camping tickets excluding taxes and fees are \$140 through Aug. 20. Gates price is \$160. Single day tickets are also available.

If you would like to make reservations for RV parking, cabins, primitive camping or camper parking for this event or need more information, call The SOSMPC at 386-364-1683, email [spirit@musicliveshere.com](mailto:spirit@musicliveshere.com) or go to [www.musicliveshere.com](http://www.musicliveshere.com) The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park & Campground is located at 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak.



Slightly Stoopid



Stephen Marley



The Resolvers

# Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent  
Johnny Bullard

Curiosities of local communities are always wonderful things to know; those things that are "uniquely unique" which might be overlooked if you are not from a certain place, or if you haven't lived in or around a place, since "Moby Dick" was a minnow.

In thinking about these curiosities this week, my mind went in several directions, as it generally does, and I thought about various curiosities in regards to our community "Around the Banks of the Suwannee". Some of these you may know, some of them you may not. Some are historic and some are just based upon pure observation. I thought some were quite interesting, but I am more easily entertained than some folks, so here goes:

The historic Camp School House in White Springs now situated just east of the White Springs Public Library.

What is that little building? Indeed, it was a small school house built by the late Dr. Benjamin Franklin Camp who, along with his wife, the late Annie Slade Camp, moved to White Springs during the late 1800's and built a timber empire in North Florida that, at that time, encompassed several North Florida counties.

The Camps were native Virginians from the "Old Dominion" and they were strict Southern Baptists. He built the First Baptist Church from select lumber taken from his lumber mill west of the present Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park on the Suwannee River, the historic B.F. Camp House, built during the early 1900's and now lovingly restored by our Mayor Dr. Helen Miller and her husband Ed Miller, and the Camp School House, which at that time, was located directly across from the historic Queen Anne Style Camp House until recently

when it was moved to the grounds of the White Springs Public Library where it has been lovingly restored. The Camp Family gave the land on which the present library is situated and, as part of the agreement for the deed of the property, the county had to agree to move the historic school house and restore it to its original grandeur.

As school is about to begin, I can imagine that first school teacher, Dr. and Mrs. Camp brought down from Virginia in her long skirts, high collars and long sleeves, with opened windows on hot North Florida days, dabbing her forehead from perspiration (a lady doesn't sweat, she perspires), and toiling with her students. That was over a century ago, during a day and time when some families who were more well-to-do, like the Camps, hired a private tutor for their children so they could be better educated.

Another curiosity in the Town of White Springs, at least to me, has always been the shining stone next to the front door of the Telford Hotel on River Street. The hotel, built about 1903, is the last of what once was one of several hotels built in turn of the 20th century White Springs, the state's first and major tourist resort, built around the fame of the Sulphur Springs. Mr. Telford who built the hotel, took the piece of stone from his native state, which I believe was Indiana, and placed it on the front porch of the Telford in the wall. That piece of stone sparkles and the rest is simple sandstone.

Where the river "runs under the ground" in the northern part of Hamilton County, north of the Alapaha.

There is a place in the northern part of Hamilton County, close to Jennings, where the

Alapaha River runs under the ground, or as some folks say, "goes under the ground." It is unusual and it is different, and it is unique.

"You can hear them before you get to them." No, I am not talking about "noisy children"...I am talking about the Big Shoals, the only white water in the state of Florida. Think of white water, one thinks of north Georgia, or Tennessee, or maybe out in Colorado. No, it is right here in Hamilton County, "Way down upon the Suwannee River".

#### Wellborn

Now, I am going to "skip over" to the big city, but a truly historic town, one of Suwannee County's most historic in fact, of Wellborn. There is a little stretch of a fully paved brick street that is located not far off CR 137 that runs through Wellborn; in fact, just west of it. That little stretch of brick street was one of the first bits of paved street(s) in this part of the state of Florida. In fact, there is a story about a Governor, who was from a local county. Well, I will tell who it was, the late Governor Cary Hardee, who meant so much to so many in our North Florida, including us at Stephen Foster in White Springs.

He served on the first Florida Folk Festival Association, but talk about politics being done the old fashioned way. The story is, that present day US 90 was

being paved, and one North Florida county through which it passed did not vote for him in a majority during the gubernatorial race, so, of course, without his signature, but as a "process" of a division of that part of the state, he arranged it so the road was paved in the counties on either side of the county who did not vote for him in a majority, but in that county, the road remained unpaved until the end of his four year term. That was all a governor could serve at that time.

Now, whether this story is true or not, I don't know, but I have heard that it was. By the way, true or not, I shall always be very grateful to him for being vehemently against a state income tax. He fought it like a tiger back in the 20's. Thank you, Governor Hardee.

#### Bellville

Bellville, to many folks, it's just a name on I-75 or, for some folks in Hamilton County, the location of a voting precinct, but, historically, Bellville, Florida was named for Hamilton County's first white pioneer settler, Daniel Bell. The Bell family, and my first grade teacher, was the late Miss Virginia Bell, are the oldest white family in Hamilton County. Many of the Bell descendants still live in Hamilton County.

The present Hamilton County High School is built on property once owned by the late Mr.

and Mrs. Frank Henderson; she was the former Kate "Katherine" Bell. The property which, of course, is not in Bellville, was part of her family property.

#### Branford

Branford ...I have always loved Branford, and like White Springs, it is between counties and located on the Suwannee River. White Springs is located in Hamilton, but on one side is Columbia County and on the other side Suwannee. Branford is located in Suwannee County, and on one side is Columbia County and on the other is Lafayette.

I just love Branford. I always have. I always will. The river, its beauty, the friendliness of those through the years in the school, the crunchiness of the fried chicken at Sister's Café, memories of Sandy Point, yes, I love it, as I love all our beloved North Florida.

I don't know that this is all that unique. Hamilton County is the only county in the state of Florida not joined to the rest of Florida "by land". We are joined to Georgia "by land". We are surrounded on the south and east by the Suwannee River and on the west by the Withlacoochee.

#### SOSMP

Finally, I want to comment on the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park. Not that a music park is unique, but this one is in that it's here, and it attracts major musical talent to our

part of the world. James Cornett and the Cornett family and the staff there work tirelessly to promote our part of the world by featuring and advertising some of our most "marketable" assets, our natural beauty, friendliness, and down-home hospitality. I appreciate their continued and consistent work.

Well, that's all for now ...Oh, yes, one more, in Jasper, the Baker's Mill Road. How many people have ever been taken on the ride after dark on the Baker's Mill Road and witnessed the specter, that's a fancy word for "hain't or ghost" near Hebron Cemetery.

"Watch that light follow you."

I have been there, and I can attest that it seems to do just that, and I sure would not want to walk through the cemetery alone and by myself after dark. Although the dead you don't have to worry about, at least that's what they tell me.

Curiosities, I call them uniqueness and fun. We have a good bit of that "Around the Banks of the Suwannee". It's a wonderful place to live, and a wonderful place to call "Home Sweet Home".

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.

## Ready for some football?

# Kickoff Classic Friday with Trinity Christian Academy of Deltona

6 p.m. kickoff at Hamilton County High School

#### Submitted

High school football is back with Hamilton County hosting Trinity Christian Academy of Deltona for the Kickoff Classic Friday night at Trojan Field. Kickoff is at 6 p.m.

The Kickoff Classic is called a game but it is more like an officiated scrimmage. It will be very game-like in its set up.

"I like to play as many guys as we can without worrying about the score," said HCHS head football coach Blair Armstrong. "I need to see how some of the guys who are starting for the first time can do under the lights against someone other than us. Also, the second team guys need reps, too."

The Hamilton County Trojans play Fort White and Suwannee the first two games and the first team will be called on so the backups will need some experience, said Armstrong.

"This scrimmage gives them a chance to see how they can do and for the coaches to evaluate them," said Armstrong. "Justin Culbreath and Kentwan Daniels have been sharing time at quarterback with Justin getting the nod so far. He has been here all summer and was the back up last year. Kentwan returns to the Trojans and brings a lot to the table. Kentwan is also very good at several other positions and is a threat on both sides of the ball, as well as a great quarterback. We are blessed at that position."

Armstrong said another player, Jaquan Cole, can be used as quarterback if needed. Cole also starts in the secondary and at wide receiver roles.

Team leaders this year, besides the ones mentioned, are Hunter Hill, Marcus Williams and Deangelo Robinson who are returning seniors on the veteran offensive

line. Jesse Alsing and Caleb Sadler are two other seniors who show leadership and play a vital role on the offensive line and on defense. Amaad Gandy, left tackle and Fabian Reid right tackle round out the solid Oline. La'Marcus (Bud) Webb brings the speed to the offense and defense. State contender in the 100 and 200 meters he clocked 4.4 at several camps this summer. The senior is being courted by several colleges.

Defensively, the Trojans return eight. It is anchored by Travion Weary NG, Deangelo Robinson LB, Darrell Walker LB, La'Marcus Webb CB, Andrew Graham FS, Hunter Hill and Marcus Williams DL, Demarco Webb LB, Kendrick Carter CB, and Senior Rover Ethan Land.

"We had a great summer and the guys are chomping at the bit to get the season started," said Armstrong.

## SPECIAL MEETING

The City of Jasper will hold a special meeting to appoint a Council Member for District 4 on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 6:00 PM at City Hall, 208 W. Hatley Street, Jasper, FL.

# More scenes from the political rally in Jasper on Thursday, Aug. 14

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Executive Director Grace McDonald from the Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition with Sergeant Emily Lumpkin from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. - Photos courtesy of Terry Holcomb



District 4 Commissioner Randy Ogburn is running for re-election.



Nathan Griffin is running for District 1 School Board.



Running for School Board District 1, Cheryl Deas McCall.



Sammy McCoy is running for School Board District 5 re-election.



District 5 School Board candidate Suzette Wiggins.

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 The City of Jasper Council seat representing City District 4 is currently vacant. Qualified electors interested in the seat can obtain candidate information from City Clerk, Jennifer Hightower at City Hall located at 208 W. Hatley Street during normal business hours.  
 This qualification period closes at 4:00 P.M. on August 29, 2014.  
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# Committee strategizes for a healthier community

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appropriate use of healthcare.

## 2014 health ranking

Feller said Hamilton County ranks high in the state for obesity and death rates.

"Here in Hamilton, average life expectancy is four to five years less than Florida residents as a whole," said Feller. "Across the nation and in Florida, heart disease is the number one cause of death. For Hamilton County residents, cancer is elevated to the number one cause of death."

Feller said the number of women in Hamilton County who go for regular mammography and pap screenings is low.

"That's not good," he said.

Unintentional injury is the fourth leading cause of death in Florida, but it is number three in Hamilton County, Feller said, and is usually driven by motor vehicle crashes, which comprises about 50-60 percent of those type deaths.

"In communities that are rural, you can get farm-related accidents, and you can also have some drownings and things of that nature," said Feller.

Diabetes is number seven in the state, and in Hamilton County it is number six as the cause of death.

## Community health survey

Early results that have come in from the non-scientific health survey show that about 78 percent of the respondents were female and 36 percent were between 40-49 years old. Of those, 60 percent were white and almost 35 percent were African American, with the balance being other ethnicities. Additionally, almost 62 percent said they had private insurance through their place of employment.

"In general, you have to hit a man over the head

with a club to participate in surveys," Feller said, which gave everyone a laugh.

"So, we have a female bias in the results, so far," he said.

One of the questions asked was to identify the three most important health problems in the community. The predominant answer was cancer, followed by high blood pressure and diabetes.

Another question asked respondents to identify three behaviors that have the greatest impact on the overall health of the community. The number one answer was drug abuse, followed by not exercising, eating unhealthy foods, overeating and alcohol abuse.

Other questions dealing with obesity and overweight issues revealed that the community thinks fast food is inexpensive and healthy food is too expensive. Also, people either don't know how to change that behavior or simply don't want to. Surprisingly, or not, about 54 percent of those surveyed rated their own personal health as somewhat healthy.

"We see that so many in our community are concerned about accessibility to healthcare and a challenged educational system, and the lack of economic opportunities being paramount (the top three) concerns adversely affecting the quality of life in our community as it relates to needs the respondents to the Community Health Assessment Survey expressed," Bullard said after the meeting. "I will be sharing this assessment with a wide range of interested parties in our county, and I know, like me, they will be most interested to read the results."

## Medical marijuana

Grace McDonald, executive director for the Drug and Alcohol Coalition, spoke about her agency's plans for the new fiscal year, as well as their sister

organization, Tobacco Free Partnership. She encouraged everyone in the group to attend their meetings as they begin a fresh fiscal year.

One item of particular importance that is coming up on the November ballot, McDonald said, is the controversial medical marijuana initiative and some recent amendments to it. Florida voters will decide which way the state will go, whether for or against. McDonald said there are too many loopholes in the legislative bill and it has the potential to cause abuse of the drug, especially among youth.

"Parents should be very upset," McDonald said. "This amendment allows no age limit or requirements for parental consent. So, you need to know those facts before you go to the polls to vote."

## Sapphire Award

Feller advised the Hamilton County committee that he had just received an e-mail from the Florida Blue Foundation announcing the 2015 Sapphire Awards were coming up and that he would be honored to be their nominator for the award.

"Many years ago, you received a grant from the Blue Foundation to start your voluntary pharmaceutical assistance program," Feller told the group. "It was two years of funding."

Closing date for nominations is Sept. 19. Nominees can be deserving individuals, programs or non-profit organizations in the healthcare field, whose work is distinguished by leadership, innovations and achievements in community health. Feller said he strongly believed the Hamilton group would have an excellent chance of getting an award.

"Honorees will share approximately \$360,000 in award funds," Feller said. "They give out about five or six and the average award is about \$60,000. This is an award to honor your performance."

## License to fish

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all the time asking if he sells licenses and when he tells them he doesn't, he said he loses a lot of business.

"It's not just me losing business," he said. "The restaurants do, too."

John Hanna from American Canoe Adventures said having a local place to buy a fishing license would help his business, as well.

"I have a lot of people that go on the river and they say 'how can I get a fishing license,' and I have to send them to Wal-mart," Hanna said.

After a few phone calls to Tallahassee and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, town officials learned that it was possible to obtain a license to sell fishing licenses through a surety bond through their insurance company for a nominal fee of a little over \$100.

"It's a pretty simple process," said Mayor Helen Miller. "If an individual does it, it requires a \$10,000 bond. However, we're a member of the League of Cities and we have insurance through

the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust."

After contacting the insurance company, the town learned they were eligible to get a \$1,000 bond for \$100. Actually, \$101.30, Miller said, which Knipp offered to pay for.

"The FWC was very accommodating," Miller said. "All the equipment comes free. You plug it in and they provide the training for it. This will add another service and benefit to the town of White Springs."

Knipp offered to sell the licenses at his place of business, Rooster's Outfitters, on behalf of the town, thereby, freeing up town administrative time selling the fishing licenses. Roosters is open seven days a week from 5 a.m. until 7 p.m., which is another advantage because fisherman are known to hit the rivers not only just on weekends when town hall is closed, but also extremely early in the morning. Whatever profit is made off the sale of the licenses, which is roughly \$.50 cents per license, Knipp said could go to the town.

Councilman Willy Jefferson

made a motion to move forward with the request for the town to obtain the surety bond and to allow Knipp to sell the fishing licenses. Councilwoman Tonja Brown seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 3-0. Councilmen Rhett Bullard and Walter McKenzie were absent.

"Thank you," Knipp told the council. "I'm not the only one who's got anything to gain from this."

Knipp noted that Family Traditions Restaurant opens and closes the same time as Roosters, so they will benefit, as well, from visitors who can now get a fishing license in the same town where they are going to spend the day fishing. Knipp said he and the restaurant often recommend each other's businesses to their clientele.

"That's what it's all about," Knipp said. "People have to work together."

Town Manager Bill Lawrence vowed to work quickly with assistance from Attorney Fred Koberlein to obtain the license.

"The town needs it," said Jefferson. "I think it's a good deal."

## Telford Hotel closed again

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dertook massive restorative work to the building, the interior, the grounds and the pool, and had unanimous plans for an upstairs dinner theatre, a pizzeria, a bakery, reopening of the hotel rooms, as well as a fine dining restaurant with a full liquor bar. A December grand opening was scheduled to feature a Victorian dress ball and Murder Mystery weekends were about to take off.

Brown had a lot of ideas that he attempted to put in place, however, an illness put a stop to everything, which forced the closure of the business.

"The Telford is an

important cultural icon, with a multifaceted history," said White Springs Mayor Helen Miller. "We are distressed to learn of Mr. Brown's health issues and wish him a speedy recovery. We also send him our best wishes for his future endeavors."

Town officials and administration, Miller said, are ready to partner in any way possible to advance and reposition the Telford for a productive future in the community.

"The Telford enjoys great goodwill and has a vast following," Miller said. "We would welcome a public-private partnership to restore this treasure for future generations."

## GDEP gives wastewater treatment plant update

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health concerns are addressed and what is being done to take care of the problem.

Herschel T. Vinyard Jr., secretary of FDEP provided an overview of Florida's role in the wastewater spills and gave a brief history of the sewage spills of the wastewater treatment plant in the city of Valdosta into the Withlacoochee River. He spoke about the gravity of the spills and the significance to Florida's communities. Vinyard introduced and recognized Judson H. Turner, director of the GDEP for his responsiveness and sensitivity to the issue and its impact to Florida.

"We are neighbors and we take this seriously," said Turner as he appeared before the Governing Board.

He stated that a new wastewater treatment plant has been approved for the city of Valdosta and is scheduled to be completed by Dec. 31, 2015. The first phase of the project has begun and it addresses

the pump station issues as well as rerouting water mains.

Turner acknowledged the issues associated with the wastewater treatment plant, as well as the necessity to put in place solutions to prevent spills from the Valdosta wastewater plant.

District Chairman Don Quincy invited Turner to report back to the board bi-annually to keep the District updated on the construction of the new wastewater treatment plant. He welcomed the open lines of communication between the District, other agencies and concerned citizens.

Celeste Philip, MD, deputy secretary of the FDOH reviewed her agency role once a wastewater spill occurs from the plant. FDOH monitors water quality of the rivers to assess public health concerns, addresses complaints, and coordinates the messaging associated with the water quality monitoring to keep the public informed of any health issues.

State Representative Elizabeth Porter along

with elected officials and representatives from Columbia, Hamilton, Madison and Suwannee counties and towns of Branford, Lee and Madison were present. Also attending were staff representatives from the offices of U.S. Senator Rubio, Congressman Yoho, Florida Senator Dean, and Florida House of Representatives Perry and Porter.

## A two-fer for White Springs

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born and raised in Hamilton County and after graduating from high school in 2007, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and became a military police officer.

"While in the Marine Corps, he served multiple tours overseas to include two operations in Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan War) deployments," said WSPD Chief Tracy Rodriquenz.

Smith met his wife Megan in Okinawa, Japan in 2011 where they were both stationed.

"Upon ending his active duty service, L.J. and Megan were married in

Jennings, in June of 2012," said Rodriquenz. "In September, 2012, their daughter Kinsley was born."

Smith, who became a police officer in November, 2013, believed he could better serve the community where he was living, by not only being a police officer, which he thought just wasn't enough, but also by enrolling in the firefighter academics program, Rodriquenz explained.

"He was the town of Jennings Fire Chief from August, 2013 to July, 2014, and is currently a firefighter for the Crossroads Fire Department, and will soon be with us in White Springs with the fire department," Rodriquenz said.

## De Soto site tour set Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014

10a.m. - 2 p.m., Hernando De Soto Site at Camp Weed & Cerveny Conference Center, Lunch & Archeological Tour. \$12 per person + tax. Come explore an actual Indian and De Soto site which has produced artifacts from the period. Enjoy a treasure hunt and lunch like the indigenous people would

have had and grown in 1539. This fun and educational day is suitable for adults and children as young as 7. Young people must be accompanied by an adult. 11057 Camp Weed Place, Live Oak, Fla. 32060. Call 386-364-5250 or go online at www.campweed.org

## SAR Meeting

The Lake City Chapter of The Sons of The American Revolution will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Old Times Country Buffet, which is located in the Lake City Mall. The September meeting will include a

Reunion Presentation for the Sons of the American Revolution, featuring legendary banjo player Skip Johns and his band. The group has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry, and have opened for many country and bluegrass legends, including

Johnny Cash. A special feature of the evening entertainment will be Dueling Banjos.

Visitors are always welcomed. For more information call Jim Craig at 386-752-0015, or Ray Milligan at 386-963-2264.

# White Springs passes ISO fire rating

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Organization (ISO). What this means is that businesses and homeowners insurance rates will likely not increase because of inadequate fire protection services.

The ISO helps establish appropriate fire insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties by doing regular inspections and passing along their findings to insurance companies who need reliable, up-to-date information about a community's fire-protection services.

The ISO rating for White Springs used to be a seven on a scale of one to 10, however, an ISO inspection last year found deficiencies that needed to be corrected by Dec. 20, 2013, or the town's rating would soar to a Class 10, which would greatly increase insurance rates, or render it unobtainable to some due to cost.

The ISO found deficiencies in manpower, equipment and housing for the fire truck. Since that time, measures were taken to address those items. Then Fire Chief Chris Greene had also requested an extension of the deadline, which was granted, and gave the town some extra time to work on the deficiencies.

When Steve Stith came back as fire chief earlier this year, he continued working to resolve the ISO deficiency issues.

"We had everything on hold because of this ISO rating that came in, which was a major issue for everybody in this community," said Stith. "Everybody was talking about how we were going to go up to a 10 (rating). A 10 (rating) don't exist anymore, which is a good thing," he added.

The final 33-page ISO report was received on July 15. Stith said it was a good thing that the fire department got the extension, or else the ISO would have come down harder on

them. He said the ISO knew they were going to institute a revised rating system, effective July 1, 2014.

"So, it actually helped us out," he said.

Twenty years ago, the town had an ISO rating of 7, which stayed the course up until last year. The new rating structure is based on a two-part set of criteria, and the town's new rating is 7/9.

"The first number means, if you're within five miles of a fire station, 1,000 feet from a credible water supply, fire hydrants, suction areas like lakes or dry hydrants, then you fall in that first classification, which is a seven, which is what we were 20 years ago," Stith explained.

There is also another classification, 7X, which is the same as a 7, but there are no credible water supplies nearby.

"So, technically, our classification didn't change," Stith said. "Nothing changed, and it actually helped us by doing a split like that, which just means that there are a couple things we need to look at like expanding the water system in the future to improve that."

Stith explained that everyone in the city of White Springs is rated a 7, but those on the outskirts more than five miles from the fire department are classified as 7X.

The town's fire department scored a total of 32.14 out of a possible 100 points on the new rate structure with ISO. Once their score gets into the 40's, the ISO rating will move up to a 6.

"It wouldn't change the 7X, but it would change the city," he said.

"The main thing that helped us is the water supply and our communications," said Stith. "The fire department, and I'll say this, out of 50 points, was only 6.88. It's not good, but the engine didn't count... it wasn't closed in and that's why we have that. The

engine company, when it was rated, it wasn't rated and we weren't given any points."

Stith said he thought the ISO was very lenient with them...this time, even telling them not to lose any sleep over it.

"Well, we were losing sleep over it and the community was losing sleep over it, because they said if we come in as a 9 or a 10, our insurance was going to double," said Stith. "Nobody's insurance is going to do anything now. This changes nothing."

The new ISO rating of 7/9 will go into effect Nov. 1. Stith said now that new Town Manager Bill Lawrence is in place, he will work with him to find areas where the fire department can improve. There is also an ISO mitigation website available to fire chiefs, such as

Stith, to continually update any improvements they make, which will keep ISO apprised of their progress.

Stith said the town currently has four certified volunteer firefighters and one in class right now on the way to being certified. ISO requires at least four. Stith continues to try to recruit more volunteers to ensure the town always has adequate fire protection and will always be able to meet the ISO requirements. The more firefighters a department has, the better chance they have of always having the minimum four show up during a fire emergency.

It takes about four months of classes to become a certified firefighter, even a volunteer one.

"That's 200 and some hours of training," Stith said. "They have to be trained just like a regular firefighter."

## Chamber Mixer at Brown's Flowers & Gifts today

The August Hamilton County Chamber Mixer is set for Thursday, Aug. 21, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Brown's Flowers & Gifts, located at 106 SW First Ave. in Jasper.

Come join us. Light refreshments will be served as we meet and greet. There will be a \$25 gift certificate drawing, so please bring your business card. We can't wait to see you!



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# Baseball still catching on to official reviews

Tom Lindley CNHI News Service

Cincinnati's Zack Cozart tagged up from third base and headed for home after Miami's Giancarlo Stanton snagged a fly in short right field. Stanton's throw was perfect and Cozart was easily tagged out. At least that's what the umpire ruled.

The double-play ended the Reds' half of the inning, and the Marlins led 1-0 going into the bottom of the eighth. Or so they thought.

The umpires huddled and called the league's central office in New York to request a review. Following a 6-minute, 10-second delay, the call was overturned. The replay crew felt that catcher Jeff Mathis had not allowed Cozart a path to the plate.

A rule enacted this year prohibits catchers from blocking the plate, a departure from the old rule that allowed for violent collisions at home. The change was designed to reduce injuries.

Instead of trailing 1-0 in the game last week in Miami, the Reds found themselves back at bat with the score tied, 1-1.

Ryan Ludwick followed with a single, driving in two more runs, and Cincinnati led 3-1 – all coming after the Marlins once believed the inning had ended.

Baseball has struggled with the new rule, and there's no blaming Mathis, who handled the throw just as catchers have been taught for generations. Of course, the Marlins screamed foul, and the Reds praised the men in blue for getting the call right.

That's the way it has gone in baseball this summer as teams adjust to a bigger, more challenging change – the introduction of instant replays. Some love the reviews, as obvious mistakes are corrected. Traditionalists bemoan the change and the slower pace it brings to a sport that already had a time-management problem.

Baseballsavant.com, a trove of granular baseball data including instant replay results, showed that 875 plays were forwarded to the review team through Aug. 4. Of those, 416 calls had been overturned (47 percent) while 459 (52 percent) were not.

Interestingly, umpires have

led the way in requesting replays. So far, they've sought to double-check 152 plays with help from the New York office. By comparison, the Chicago Cubs have sought a replay 38 times – tops in the majors – while the Milwaukee Brewers and the Reds have been the least suspicious, asking for another look just 17 times.

One of baseball's biggest concerns heading into this season was that review would dramatically lengthen games. That's not been the case so far. The average review takes slightly less than two minutes. The 6 minute-plus stoppage in the July 31 game in Miami was the most prolonged.

Not figured into the time analysis is a growing practice among managers to leave the dugout for a short period as their club's video team quickly reviews what just took place on the field. If the video crew's assessment shows a call might be overturned, the manager proceeds to the umpire. If not, he spins and returns to the bench.

Two types of plays have accounted for nearly 75 percent

of the disputes – force outs (377) and tags (279) – according to the Baseballsavant.com. Two other situations that have required plenty of second looks are home runs (69) and collisions at the plate (53).

In another unexpected development, many predicted that fewer players and managers would be ejected from games because the ultimate ruling would come from someone not even at the ballpark. That's not been the case.

Highly charged, foot-stomping, base-throwing exhibitions may be fewer, but ejections are up slightly. Managers who lose a replay still want to rant and rave, and the home plate umpire is the one who catches the most flak. That was the case last week when Marlins manager Mike Redmond was ejected for throwing his hat to the ground, nearly pulling his jersey off and arguing with the ump.

So far, the instant replay has been more blessing than curse. Obvious mistakes are corrected. Getting the call right was baseball's goal.



What hasn't worked as well is Rule 7.13, which prohibits a catcher not holding the baseball from blocking the runner's path to home plate. The rule will need refinement, and catchers will need retraining on how to take a throw from a fielder and make a tag.

That's good because no one wants to see a replay of the 1970 All-Star game collision at home plate where Pete Rose sent Cleveland's Ray Fosse sprawling, resulting in an injury from which he never fully recovered.

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-Tom Lindley

# Officials from White Springs attend FLC Conference

Submitted

The Florida League of Cities (FLC) held its 88th annual conference in Hollywood on Aug. 14-16. This year's theme, "Cities Take on Technology," reflected the theme of FLC President P.C. Wu, councilman from the city of Pensacola. Attending from White Springs were Mayor Helen Miller, Councilwoman Tonja Brown and Town Manager Bill Lawrence.

The conference covered a wide range of topics, including ethics training, strategies and tactics for issue leadership, how to tackle big city problems with a small city staff, cutting healthcare costs, cyber security, homelessness, disaster recovery strategies, and future technologies for cities.

Miller attended the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources legislative policy committee meeting, which recapped the results of

the 2014 Legislative Session, and set the stage for the 2015 Session.

Councilwoman Brown attended a session on crisis communications, which included the major and city manager of Sanford during the Trayvon Martin shooting, its aftermath, and the Zimmerman trial.

Town Manager Bill Lawrence attended sessions for first time participants, the Cities 101 Workshop, and the session of Council-Manager Relations: Roles and Responsibilities.

Town officials joined their colleagues from the Suwannee River League of Cities (SRLC) and Northwest Florida League of Cities (NWLC) for an early morning breakfast networking session, which included a special visit by the 2014-15 FLC executive officers.

Outgoing president Dr. P.C.

Wu, incoming president Lori Moseley, mayor of Miramar, and First Vice President Matthew Surrency, mayor of Hawthorne, were welcomed by SRLC board member Helen Miller and NWLC President Elizabeth Brannon.

Outstanding keynote presentations were delivered by David Nour, Jim Loehr and Bill Strickland. Nour is a growth strategist and the thought leader on Relationship Economics. Loehr is a world-renowned performance psychologist. Strickland is a mesmerizing speaker, who delivers a profoundly simple, optimistic message for leaders: give people the tools they need, treat them with respect, and they will perform miraculous deeds. Strickland's message is one of hope and how leaders can create the environment for hope in their own communities.



First Vice President Matt Surrency, Mayor Miller, NWLC President Elizabeth Brannon, outgoing president Dr. P.C. Wu, FSU ISO director Jeff Hendry, and incoming FLC president Lori Moseley.

- Courtesy photos



Board members of the Suwannee River and Northwest Florida Leagues of Cities.

# Professional sculptor Mark Dickson teaching Metal Sculpting course at NFCC this fall



A student learns metal sculpting.

MADISON, FL — Creativity, art and welding collide this fall at North Florida Community College as renowned sculptor Mark Dickson leads NFCC's Metal Sculpting art course set to begin Aug. 25. Dickson says the course offers "an exciting and practical approach to sculpture design and fabrication." Students explore basic metal fabrication and welding techniques, dynamic sculpture construction and

three-dimensional design.

Dickson is a professional sculptor and painter with a working studio, Mark Dickson Studios, in Tallahassee. He draws on knowledge acquired from independent studies in metal design, fabrication, casting, foundry methods, and blacksmithing and continues to work on practical welding projects in addition to his art. In 2010 he was commissioned to create a sculpture entitled "Transit" for the City of Tallahassee's StarMetro public transportation headquarters. Another of his works entitled "Windjammer" stands at the entrance to Railroad Square Art Park in Tallahassee. In 2012 he was commissioned by Valdosta State University's Education Department to create a sculpture on the VSU campus in Valdosta, Ga. and was the Council on Culture & Arts featured artist in the April 29, 2012 edition of the Tallahassee Democrat. Dickson also helped NFCC students fabricate and install a public sculpture on the NFCC campus, near Van H. Priest Auditorium, entitled "Forest Totems." He is currently working on a large-scale commission for the City of Tallahassee designing sculpture for the bus stop shelter screens along Gaines Street.

Metal Sculpting (ART 1930R) is a three-credit-hour course at NFCC and will meet Wednesdays from 12:30-3:15 p.m. during NFCC's Fall Term 2014. Classes begin Aug. 25 and continue into early December. The course can be taken as an elective by students seeking degrees at the College or by community members looking for an interesting art class or hob-

by to explore.

Visit [www.markdicksonstudios.com](http://www.markdicksonstudios.com) to see more of Mark Dickson's work. Visit [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) or contact Enrollment Services at (850) 973-1622 to get more information about enrolling in the Fall Term 2014 Metal Sculpting course.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

Attention parents of Hamilton County High School 9th and 10th graders: Please save the date now! October 15th is the nationwide PSAT. Please make sure your child is in school that day.

Please, please do not schedule any appointments on Oct. 15. There is no cost for 9th and 10th graders for the PSAT. Now for those 11th graders who are trying to meet the requirements for the national merit scholarship program, you must have record of a PSAT score from your 11th grade year. That means you need to take the test on October 15th and the cost for 11th graders is \$10.

This week, all 9th and 10th graders will receive an official student guide to the PSAT and 11th graders who are interested should stop by guidance to pick up the guide.

Please help share this very important information to others and announce wherever you can.

Timberlake Property Owners Association will have its next board meeting on Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. at 3392 NW 60th Ave., Jennings.

All members are invited to attend. We need everyone's voice to be heard!

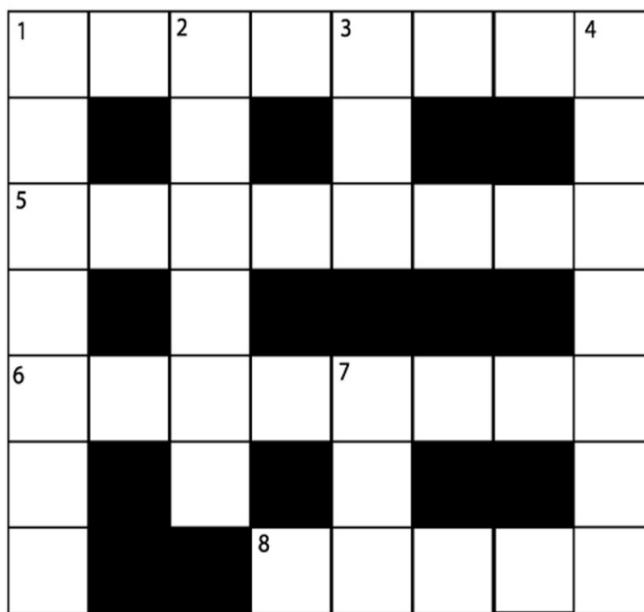


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## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- Fun fair
- Material around neck
- Can't eat it
- Gatherings of amusements

### DOWN

- Sweets
- Projectile
- Internal Affairs Bureau (abbr.)
- Used to climb
- Insurance Auto Auctions (abbr.)

Answers: Across 1. Carnival 5. Neckband 6. Inedible 8. Fair  
Down 1. Candies 2. Rocket 3. IAB 4. Ladders 7. IAA

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**ITALIAN:** Divertirsi  
**FRENCH:** Amusement  
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# Grant money is available for Florida teachers

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Florida Farm Bureau Federation is offering multiple \$250 mini-grants to certified Florida educators who are engaged in classroom instruction at the pre-K to 12th grade levels for the 2014-15 school year. The grants will be awarded for up to \$250 for original and creative activities or programs that increase the understanding of agriculture among both students and educators.

"Agriculture has no subject boundaries," said Florida Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Coordinator Michael Rogalsky. "We encourage teachers to think outside the box when

integrating agriculture into their curriculum. Subject areas such as social studies, math, language arts and science are all important to agriculture and teachers that build agriculture into these subjects are encouraged to apply for the grant."

Grant applications are due Oct. 1. Recipients of the grant will be notified no later than Nov. 15 via email. Educators can apply for the grant by visiting [http://www.floridafarmbureau.org/programs/teacher\\_mini\\_grants](http://www.floridafarmbureau.org/programs/teacher_mini_grants).

The Mini-Grant Program is part of the Florida Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee's commitment to support agricultural education in classrooms across Florida. A total of up to \$9,500 will be awarded in mini-

grants throughout the 2014-15 school year. Last year, 42 Florida teachers received grant funding for their agricultural projects. Florida Farm Bureau has awarded more than \$150,000 in total grants toward promoting agriculture in the classroom since the program's

inception in 1998.

Florida Farm Bureau is the state's largest general agricultural organization, represents more than 147,000 member-families. We serve to enhance farm enterprise and improve rural communities.

## Three bands win last WQHL Country Showdown preliminary at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park

These three will join six other winners from the contest Sept. 5 to compete to represent the WQHL North Florida Country Showdown in the state contest Sept. 13, all at the SOSMPC

After three months of intense preliminary competition in the WQHL 98.1 North Florida Country Showdown competition at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMPC) in Live Oak, three new winners - 309C Band (Palatka), Willow Veda (Lake City) and Jolie Crapo (Jacksonville/St. Augustine) won Aug. 8 and will join six other winners in the finals.

These winners will join June winners Britney Lawrence (Jacksonville), Barbed Wire Creek Band (Bayou George) and Late Night Sessions Band (Live Oak), along with July winners Alexis Branscome (Lake City), Jessica Davis (Lake City) and Kara Frazier (Jacksonville) Sept. 5 when they will compete again on the SOSMPC Music Hall stage and only one act will move forward to the state competition.

The state competition will be held the very next week on Sept. 13 at The SOSMPC where winners from across Florida as well as one solo artist and one duet from Georgia will compete to be awarded \$1,000 and move on to the regionals, just one step away from the Grand Ole Opry stage and the chance to win \$100,000 and be named the Best New Act in Country Music.

It was an exciting evening with spectacular performances by some of the most talented country artists in Florida and South Georgia. WQHL's Mornin'

Ride Mornin' Host Stevie D is the emcee for all WQHL 98.1's Country Showdowns. Stevie D kept the audience laughing, the show moving and even brought along a birthday cake, which he shared with the audience, to celebrate his 54th birthday.

With nearly 20 solo acts and two bands competing Aug. 8, the judges, all who have outstanding musical backgrounds, did a great job. Ten contestants were called back for a second round for just one song from which the winners were chosen. Starting at about 7 p.m., the contest lasted until about 1 a.m. before a full house of fans who hung in until the winners were chosen! While any one of these talented artists could have been chosen, unfortunately only three could move to the finals.

Mark your calendar now for Friday, Sept. 5, for the North Florida Finals and Saturday, Sept. 13, for the state competition. Free admission.

If you would like to make reservations for RV parking, cabins, primitive camping or camper parking for tie finals or state competition or need more information, call The SOSMPC at 386-364-1683, email [spirit@musicliveshere.com](mailto:spirit@musicliveshere.com) or go to [www.musicliveshere.com](http://www.musicliveshere.com). The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park & Campground is located at 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak.

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## How To Help Kids Transition Back To The Classroom

The dawn of a new school year is an exciting time. Kids may not want to say goodbye to days spent lounging by the pool, but such disappointment is often tempered by the prospect of returning to school with friends.

For parents, getting kids ready for a new school year is about more than updating their wardrobe or organizing carpools with fellow parents. Reacclimating kids to the routine of school after a relaxing summer is a significant undertaking, and the following are a handful of ways for parents to get a head start as the school year draws closer.

\* Establish a routine over the last few weeks of summer. Summer vacations typically lack the structure of the school year, and that lack of structure can help kids unwind and make the most of the freedom that summer vacation provides. But as summer starts to wind down, parents can begin to reintroduce some structure into their kids' lives to make the transition back to school go more smoothly. Plan morning activities so kids can readjust to waking up early each day. In addition, serve breakfast, lunch and dinner at the same time you typically serve it during the school year so kids' bodies can begin to readjust as well.

\* Take kids along when shopping for school supplies. If you plan to buy your child a new computer or other supplies for the upcoming school year, take him or her along on your shopping trips. Kids who get to choose their supplies might be more excited about returning to school than those youngsters who are given what they need without offering their input.

\* Monitor or assign summer reading. Many students are given summer reading lists to keep their minds sharp over the summer and prepare them for upcoming coursework. Parents should monitor kids' progress on such reading lists and even discuss the books with their kids when possible. Read the books along with them if you think it will help engage them. If kids were not assigned summer reading lists at the end of the school year, assign your own books, rewarding kids when they finish a new book. Kids who read throughout the



As a new school year draws nearer, parents can employ several strategies to help their kids readjust to the rigors of the classroom.

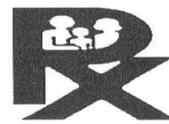
summer may be more likely to start the school year off on the right foot than those who don't crack a book all summer.

\* Encourage kids to sign up for extracurricular activities. Many school-aged athletes get a head start on the new school year by trying out for sports teams. Such tryouts often commence a week or two before a school year is scheduled to begin, and this can help kids ease their way back into the school year. But even nonathletes can begin pursuing extracurricular activities before the first school bell of the year rings. Theater

programs may begin auditions or encourage interested youngsters to attend orientation meetings before the dawn of the school year, and such sessions can be a great and pressure-free way for kids to ready themselves for a new school year.

The arrival of a new school year can be both exciting and daunting. But parents can help their youngsters readjust to school in various ways after a relaxing summer.

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# FGC President Hall to retire at end of 2014-15 school year

LAKE CITY, FLA. – After 17 years as president of Florida Gateway College and 45 years in the community college system, Dr. Charles Hall announced Tuesday his intentions to retire at the end of the current school year.

Hall made the announcement to the FGC District Board of Trustees during its scheduled board meeting Tuesday afternoon.

“My retirement marks the conclusion of a career of 45 years in the community college system, with 31 years as a college president,” Hall wrote in his letter to the board. “I am pleased to leave you with a strong budget, great leadership throughout the college, program and personnel recognitions for FGC at the state and national levels, a college that is very involved in the communities it serves, and the potential to be even better in these and additional areas.

“Likewise, I am saddened to know that I will not continue to be a part of this great college, all it is doing, and all it will continue doing in the future. As long as FGC can continue to focus on the betterment of our students, I know it will continue to be a leader in higher education.”

Hall began his career at Central Arizona College in 1972 as the director of the Forensics Department before working his way up to the vice president for Instructional Services in 1983. Hall was selected as the president of Mohave Community College in 1984 and served in that capacity until 1997, when he became president of Lake City Community College, now Florida Gateway College.

During his 17 years at FGC, Hall’s leadership and vision led to many improvements at the college, including facility renovations, new construction,

new site development, and new program development. In recent years, FGC has launched its first two baccalaureate programs and has plans to add two more in the coming months.

Though he plans to retire, Hall’s fingerprints are all over the college – the newly developed Charles W. Hall Student Center is named after him, and he and his wife, Robin, sponsor the H&H Café in the Wilson S. Rivers Library and Media Center. The Halls have also endowed four scholarships to The Foundation for Florida Gateway College.

During his 45 years in the community college system, Hall’s leadership has been acknowledged with various awards and recognitions. He has received the Florida Association of Community Colleges President’s Award for Professional Excellence; served as the Florida Council of Presidents liaison to Florida College System Activities Association; served as chair of the Arizona Council of Presidents; among many, many others.

Additionally, Hall’s legacy extends beyond the college campus and educational realm. He has been heavily involved in community activities since his arrival in Lake City in 1997. His civic involvement includes serving as past president of the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Lake City Rotary Club, board chairman of the Lake City Medical Center, board chairman of the Boy Scouts of America Suwannee River District, and member of the Columbia County Rudder Committee, among others.

Dr. James Surrency, executive director of the Northeast Florida Educational Consortium and member of the FGC Board of Trustees from 2002-2013, was on the original hiring committee that se-

lected Hall as the new president in 1997.

“I remember how excited we were of getting someone with his experience,” Surrency said. “As he came in, we saw he really had a passion for helping to grow the college, as well as his focus on our students and the community. We’re just so thankful for his years and the things that he’s put in place that are going to certainly have an impact for many years to come. And, as the next president comes in, we’ll be able to start at a point where Florida Gateway College is one of the leading colleges in our state and with programs that have just expanded under Dr. Hall’s leadership.”

Dr. Athena Randolph, the current chair of the Florida Gateway College

District Board of Trustees, said that Hall leaves a legacy that will be difficult to match.

“Under his leadership, the college has grown from Lake City Community College to Florida Gateway

College, yet his compassion for the students and communities that are served has allowed the college to remain a ‘community’ where all can gain the tools they need to obtain a higher education and strong foundation,” Randolph said. “Hence, his guidance has allowed us to confidently say, ‘Start Here. Go Anywhere.’ His ability to link students, faculty, staff, and the board has certainly made the FGC community a family. His departure will certainly leave a void at FGC.

## Rust-colored water no cause for concern in White Springs

By Joyce Marie Taylor  
joycemarie.taylor@gafnews.com

Some White Springs residents noticed a change in their water supply on Wednesday as the town was conducting routine maintenance on the water tower, as well as flushing the fire hydrants.

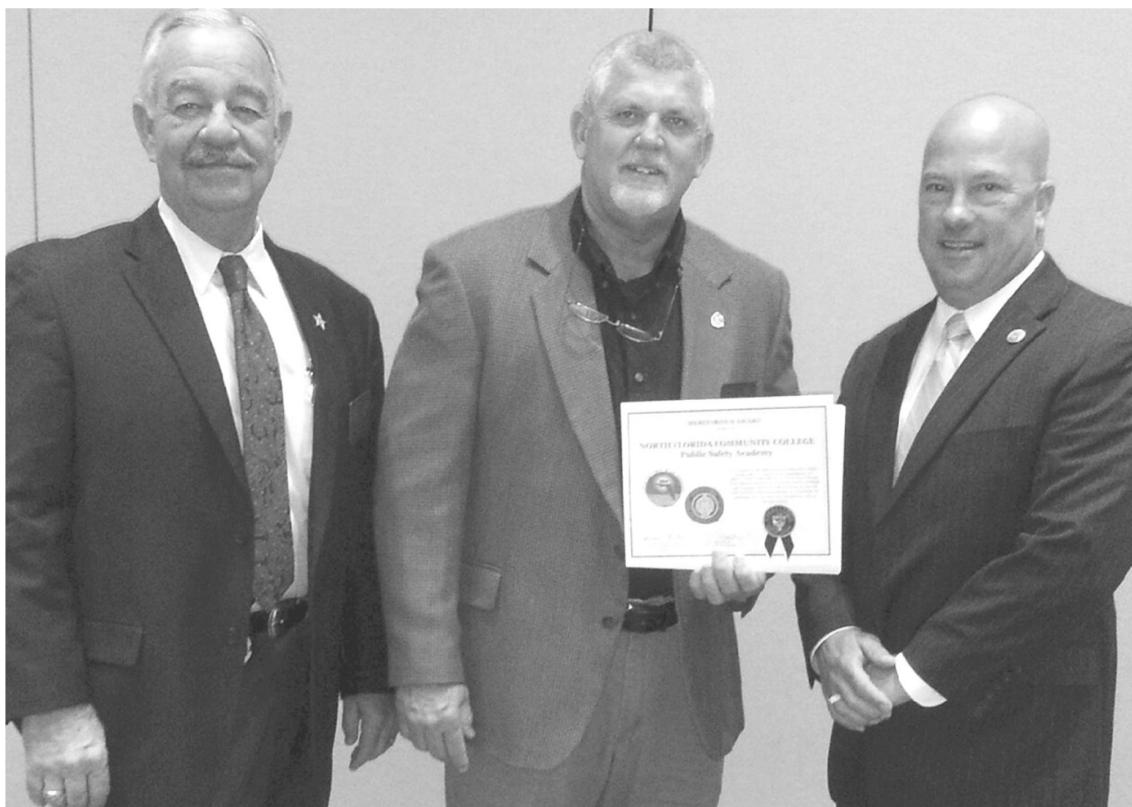
Town Manager Bill Lawrence said phone calls started coming in Wednesday afternoon with people complain-

ing about the quality of their water. He explained that when the tank is being cleaned it is oftentimes typical that the water will turn a rust color as it reaches residents’ homes. Water and Wastewater Manager Andrew Greene assured Lawrence that there were no harmful effects and there were no solids in the water, and that once the cleaning and flushing was completed the matter was resolved.

Lawrence, who lives in White Springs, said his home was not affected and that “not every resident had issues.”

Lawrence attributes the rust-colored water to the age of the underground pipes, which the town is working on trying to get replaced as soon as feasibly possible. He also said he would get with Fire Chief Steve Stith to assure the fire hydrants get flushed out on a more regular schedule.

## NFCC Public Safety Academy receives Meritorious Award from Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission



Left-Right: David Hobbs, Jefferson County Sheriff and CJSTC Commissioner; NFCC Public Safety Academy Director Rick Davis; and Criminal Justice Professionalism Director Dean Register at the August 2014 CJSTC Meeting.

MADISON, FL – The North Florida Community College Public Safety Academy received a Meritorious Award at the August Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC) Meeting in recognition of attaining a “perfect audit” for the CJSTC Trust Fund for fiscal year 2012/2013. NFCC was one of three training centers to receive the award. The NFCC Public Safety Academy has received the Meritorious Award for the last four consecutive audits including fiscal years 2006/2007, 2008/2009, 2010/2011, and 2012/2013.

FDLE Standards and Training staff audits the Trust Fund accounts received by the 40 Training Centers in Florida to ensure the training centers are in compliance with the rules, statutes and policies and procedures of the CJSTC. This includes inspections of all course files, facilities and equipment, and instructor certifications to ensure that the academy is in compliance with the Criminal Justice Standards and Training and Florida Administrative Code.

“I am blessed to have excellent co-workers,” said Rick Davis, NFCC Public Safety Academy Director. “Their commitment and dedication to the Public Safety Academy is what makes our training center one of the best in the State.”

### QUILTING WORD SEARCH

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R E N S L N M K N K N P O W H D O E I E  
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### WORDS

- ALBUM
- APPLIQUE
- BACKING
- BASTING
- BATIK
- BATTING
- BETWEENS
- BIAS
- BORDER
- CALICO
- CHALLENGE
- CHARM
- CHENILLE
- EASE
- ECHO
- FEEDSACKS
- FLANNEL
- FUSIBLES
- GRAIN
- LAYOUT
- LINEN
- MONOFILAMENT
- MUSLIN
- NEEDLES
- ON POINT
- PIECEWORKS
- QUILT
- REDWORK
- SAMPLER
- SLEEVE
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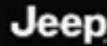
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