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## School internal funds scrutinized

Audit better than last year, says CPA

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Ken Daniels, CPA, recently conducted an Internal Funds audit for the Hamilton County School District for school year 2013-14. He presented his findings at the Oct. 13 meeting of the school board.

"This year, you received a clean, or unmodified audit opinion," Daniels told the board. "That's not to say there's not a few audit findings that we will look at later."

Daniels noted there wasn't much change in the balances of the internal funds.

"You started with about

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## A spooky time at the haunted old jail



The haunted old jail in Jasper. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

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The old jail in Jasper has a rich and colorful history, according to historian Johnny Bullard, a life-long resident of Hamilton County. Built in 1893, the old jail at 501 NE 1st Ave. was home to many lawbreakers

over the years, and as old buildings go, it comes with many legends, a lot of them spooky in nature.

According to county records, the two-story, fireproof brick, steel and concrete structure was Hamilton County's only jail

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## A look at the ballot: Florida Constitutional amendments

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On Tuesday, Nov. 4, voters across the state of Florida will head to the polls to vote on three proposed Florida Constitutional amendments regarding the environment, medical marijuana, and the judiciary system. To help you decide whether to bubble in "yes" or "no" at the polls, let's take a look at the state amendments.

Following information on the Constitutional amendments were compiled in part by Ballotpedia.

**Amendment 1: Water and Land Conservation - Dedicates funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands**

The first proposed amendment concerns the environment and would add a Section 28 to Article X of the Florida Constitution. The summary on the ballot reads:

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## Crash claims life of White Springs man

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According to a press release from the Florida Highway Patrol, a White Springs man

died in a single vehicle crash last Sunday morning in Hamilton County.

Reports show that on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 10

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## Cadets beautify Veterans Memorial Park



JROTC cadets join Veterans Park board members in planting trees. - Courtesy photo

Submitted

On Thursday, Oct. 16, a crew of 19 JROTC cadets under the direction of Sergeant Keith Snipes, joined Veterans Service Officer Clay Lambert, chairman of the board, and Laura Dees and Cecil Davis, board members of the Hamilton County Veterans Memorial Park

Foundation, in planting six magnolia trees and eight crepe myrtle trees alongside the main walkway into the park.

The students, a number of whom plan to join the military after high school graduation,

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## Rural Folklife Days starts next Wednesday

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Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park is once

again proud to host Rural Folklife Days, which runs from Wednesday, Oct. 29 through Friday, Oct. 31, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day.

Bring the kids and come experience the traditional lifestyle of Old Florida at its finest. There will be lots of demonstrators on hand to showcase Florida traditions of yesterday and today dur-

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## ELECTION 2014 Early voting starts Oct. 25

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Early voting will begin Saturday, Oct. 25 through Saturday, Nov. 1. Early vot-

ing hours are 8:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and from 1-7 p.m. on Sunday at the Supervisor of Elections Office, located inside the courthouse annex.

General election day hours on Nov. 4 are 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at your local precinct.

## Correction

The following photos inadvertently had wrong school information in the captions in a previous edition. Below is the correct information.



The 2014-15 Hamilton County High School Homecoming King and Queen Kevin McClain and Elizabeth Lewis. They were crowned Friday night, Oct. 9, during halftime of the Hamilton County vs Lafayette County game.

- Photo: Ben Daniel, Jasper Studio



The 2014-15 Hamilton County High School homecoming court from left: Kayla Castillo (escort, Marcus Williams, not pictured); Emily Reynolds (escort, Kevin McClain); Homecoming King Kevin McClain; Homecoming Queen Elizabeth Lewis (escort, Ridge Cone, not pictured); Tiphani Register (escort, Ethan Land, not pictured); and Holly Crutchfield (escort, Kaleb Sadler, not pictured).

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# NATIONAL Breast Cancer AWARENESS MONTH

## Carolyn Shaw is a survivor

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Carolyn Shaw was diagnosed with malignant breast cancer and underwent surgery in January of this year. Although it was a tough battle, she said she has been cancer free for six months, so far.

Shaw lives in Jasper and worked for Hamilton County Schools in the District office for 39 years, and then she retired for one year before coming back. She is in the seventh year of her comeback now and works as an Exceptional Student Education (ESE) para-professional.

"It was a very stressful time," Shaw said about her battle with breast cancer. "We had just gotten word that my husband had been cleared for his one-year in December."

Her husband, she said, had been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Shaw explained that she had gone in for her regular mammogram in December of 2013 and was not expecting anything out of the ordinary to show up.

"I got a call a couple of days later and they said I needed to come back and re-do the mammogram," she said.

She explained that in the past she had been asked to come back for a re-do mammogram, but all the other times throughout her life when she had to go in for a re-do, the doctors found nothing wrong, so she wasn't too worried about having to go back in again.

"The next thing I knew, my doctor called me and said, 'Mrs. Shaw, I'm sorry, but I've already called in an appointment with a surgeon and we need to discuss this.' Well, you don't think about it much," she said. "I had the same reaction when they told me my husband had it."

She asked the doctor why she had to go to a surgeon and she was told she had a mass on her right breast and that it was malignant. She was also told that they had done a biopsy when she came in for the re-do mammogram. Shaw was clearly con-



Breast cancer survivor Carolyn Shaw.

fused because all the other times she had to come back for re-do mammograms it was because of suspected abnormalities in her left breast, not the right one.

"I cried all the way home," she said.

Shaw explained that she had gone to the doctor's appointment alone, without her husband, because she didn't think there would be anything wrong. Her husband was waiting for her when she got home and she was a wreck.

"I was still in shock," she said.

When she told him she had cancer, he said, "No, Carolyn, we can't do this again. Remember, I'm going to Atlanta to be talked to about having a liver transplant."

"I said, I know that," Shaw told him. "I really do know that."

Shaw explained that she did not have to undergo a mastectomy.

"It was a choice," she said. "If I had it to do over again, I probably would."

She said she had her surgery on a Monday and they inserted a drain, which she said would be in there a while. Dealing with the drain and following all the after surgery rules, plus taking a trip to Atlanta with her husband was quite stressful, she said. When they returned from their appointment in Atlanta, Shaw said she started having trouble with the drain.

"The first one came out and the second one was put in," she said. "I did that for two more weeks and I went back and something was still wrong, so they took out that drain to try another time."

She was told if the third drain didn't work, then the doctor would have to drain it himself a different way.

"Naturally, it didn't drain," she said, shaking her head. "So, then I had to go back to the hospital and have them withdraw the fluid...I don't know the same of the procedure," she added, getting a little choked up as she spoke.

The doctor was able to withdraw the fluid and then it was time to begin radiation treatments, which should have commenced six weeks after the surgery, Shaw said, but with the drainage problems it was delayed.

"I didn't get to start the radiation treatments until May," she said. "I had 36 treatments, Monday through Friday, for 38 days."

She said the treatments went fine for the first couple of weeks, but during the fourth week the radiation began burning her.

"So, then I had to go through all the directions of how to take care of that," said Shaw.

She said she kept working throughout the ordeal, up until the last two weeks of school.

"By then, the radiation and the driving back and forth to Valdosta was too much," she said. "I came back for graduation because I had a couple of kids that I had been working with for years that graduated."

Shaw said by no means should you think you are better off by just taking radiation.

"Maybe there's some things, like you don't lose your hair, but I think you go through all that fa-

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# Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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How did I come to be here? That is a question that many of us ask at one time or another in our lives. The events of our lives unfold in many different directions, often affecting others in ways that are unforeseen. A sequence of events took place here in White Springs long before I ever considered moving here, events that, one by one, led me to my wife, my home, and my life in White Springs.

It all started back in the late 70's with a fellow named Herb Hiller. Herb was a bicyclist and a travel writer and was way ahead of his time in advocating nature and eco-tourism. He realized what a draw the natural beauty and history of our area was, so he started up a bicycle touring company in White Springs, Suwannee Bicycle Tours. My sister and brother in law to be, Dena and David Bearl, were in college at FSU at the time and they would come over to work as guides and hosts and cooks for the bike tours, which attracted people from all over the United States. Upon graduating they decided, much to the dismay of our family, to forsake pursuing the more lucrative careers that their advanced education afforded them and instead, moved to White Springs to ride bikes for a living. Because of that decision I, who lived

in Jacksonville at the time, began to come to White Springs to visit and on occasion I would ride with the tour groups. Through their eyes, I got a new perspective on the splendor of Hamilton County. Dena and her husband had their first child and I came to the christening and met quite a few of their circle of friends, including one young lady that I was quite taken with. Alas, she was leaving to pursue a master's degree in Kentucky. I continued on with my life in Jacksonville but also continued to visit White Springs and the Folk Festival, and I really came to love the area. Two years after their first child my sister had another, and at the christening party I was happy to see that Merri Belland, the young lady I had admired so much, had finished her degree and was back in town. She and I began a long distance romance and frequently traveled back and forth between White Springs to spend time together. In 1990, after four years of time and many, many miles of travel, Merri became my wife and White Springs became my home, all thanks to a chain of events started by people with the vision and the courage to chase their dreams. Merri and I thank them one and all!

Perhaps this weekend someone else's future will be changed by a visit to White Springs. Over three hundred bicyclists will be here for Suwannee Bicycle Association's "Fat Tire Festival". These folks contribute a lot to White Springs' community life and economy and also donate new

bikes for White Springs "Breakfast with Santa" every year at Christmas. If you see them on the road, be courteous, kind and patient and, most importantly, give them some room when you pass. Like I did all those years ago, they may have a life changing event while they are here and we want it to be a good one!

This month the topic for Community Hypnotherapy is "Health and Wholeness". The session will take place at the Suwannee River Yoga Studio on US 41 across from the post office in White Springs on Monday Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. Seating is limited and reservations are suggested. Call Khrys for more information at (386) 234-0846.

Happy 64th wedding anniversary to Richard ("RJ") and Ruth Tennis. These folks have contributed a lot to White Springs over the years and White Springs is fortunate to have them as part of our wonderful community of helpers and friends.

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

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## FHP prepares to 'Stuff a Charger' for Thanksgiving

Helping Florida's families. This is the goal as the Florida Highway Patrol announces its inaugural "Stuff the Charger" holiday food drive. FHP will be collecting food donations from the public and businesses beginning Monday, Oct. 20, through Wednesday, Nov. 5. FHP's plan is to collect as much food as possible, stuff into a Dodge Charger and deliver it to local food banks and charities. Contributions

will be accepted at the Lake City, Cross City, Gainesville and Ocala FHP stations during business hours. Please take a few moments to donate non-perishable food items and help FHP drive forward to end hunger in North Florida.

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The following abbreviations are used below:

- DAC - Department of Agriculture Commission
- DOA - Department of Agriculture

DOT - Department of Transportation

FDLE - Florida Department of Law Enforcement

FHP - Florida Highway Patrol

FWC - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

HCDTF - Hamilton County Drug Task Force

HCSO - Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

ICE - Immigration and Custom Enforcement

JAPD - Jasper Police Department

JNPD - Jennings Police Department

OALE - Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement

P&P - Probation and Parole

SCSO - Suwannee County Sheriff's Office

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Oct. 13, David Salinas, 28, 6205 W. Dudley, Fresno, OH, DWLS, 1st offense, DOA-Simmons

Oct. 14, Bradley C. Jackson, 22, 10460 First St., White Springs, Fla., home invasion robbery, WSPD-Rodriquenz

Oct. 15, Steven Russell Statham, 36, 782 SE Marshall Terr., Lake City, Fla., credit card fraud, vop-burglary of dwelling, HCSO-Cribbs

Oct. 15, Jacob M. Conner, 23, 325 NW Katie Glenn, White Springs, Fla., vop, HCSO-Cribbs

Oct. 15, Joshua Rashud Smith, 25, 3141 Broadway Ave., Jacksonville, Fla., vop-accessory after the fact attempted murder, FTA for accessory after the fact to robbery and aggravated battery with firearm, HCSO-Curry

Oct. 16, Norman Lee Whitaker, 59, PO Box 633, Jasper, Fla., out of county warrant-Suwan-

nee-child support, HCSO-Harden

Oct. 16, Darian Dcon'ta Christian, 20, PO Box 795, Jasper, Fla., vop-3 cts, HCSO-Curry

Oct. 17, Joseph Orrie Kitaif, 27, 221 SE 3 Ave., Jasper, Fla., vop on traffic stolen property, burglary, trespassing, HCSO-walk-in

Oct. 17, Stephen Tyree Hill, 23, 1066 NW 38 Terr., Jasper, Fla., flee/elude police, DWLS, criminal mischief, possession less than 20 grams marijuana, HCSO-Burnam

Oct. 18, Merlin M. Melendez-Torres, 30, 114410 Lexington St., Huntingdon, Tn., DWLS, DOA-Smith

Oct. 18, Elfi Andrea Ragin, 33, 4108 Susan Ave., Tallahassee, Fla., DUI, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance, JAPD-McGauley

Oct. 18, Rakeem Olajuan Marshall, 21, 10319 First St., White Springs, Fla., discharging firearm, resisting w/o violence, ammo by convicted felon, JAPD-Harvey

Oct. 19, Daniel William Thigpen, 29, 4868 SW 71 Loop, Jasper, Fla., DUI, FHP-Clark

## Carolyn Shaw is a survivor

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tigue...it's a kind of fatigue I've never had," she explained. "I couldn't even get up in the morning. I felt like if I stood up, I'd fall, so I spent about three weeks in the bed, just so tired... it was hard to even get a bath. It just wears you out so completely."

Shaw said she goes back to the doctor at the end of December and she is hoping to get the "all clear".

"I am hoping I will be a one-year survivor by then," said Shaw.

Her advice to everyone is that if you feel like there might be something wrong, don't wait to go to the doctor.

"Don't wait until your annual checkup," she said. "Go when you think something is wrong."

Meanwhile, her husband is still battling liver problems.

Shaw said she loves her job as a para-professional now because it has given her a different perspective of how the school district works. In the district office, she said, it's just numbers, but when you're working in the schools you're out in the trenches. That's when she understood the connection between what the District decides and how it affects

the individuals at each of the schools.

"I truly love working with my kids," said Shaw.

Her experience with battling breast cancer, she said, she wouldn't wish on anyone.

"No one deserves to have to go through cancer," she said. "I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy. I'm just glad to still be around and to be able to do what I do."

Shaw said you could always just give up, but for her, she knew she had to take care of her husband and she also wants to see her grandchildren grow up.

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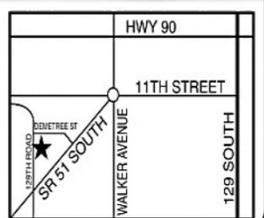
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# The Christian and Halloween



Paul wrote in 1st Thessalonians chapter 5 verse 22: "Abstain from every form of evil" (NKJ). The Amplified Bible says it this way "Abstain from evil-shrink from it and keep aloof from it in whatever form or whatever kind it may be". The NIV says "Avoid every kind of evil". The KJ says "Abstain from all appearance of evil". The Living Bible says "Keep away from every kind of evil".

Every translation of the Bible warns us as Christians to stay away, avoid, have no dealing with even the appearance of evil. According to statistics, Halloween has replaced Easter as the second most commercialized time of the year. Christians spend millions of dollars on costumes, décor, and other things that support evil appearance.

Many today treat the Devil as a figment of the imagination. Some worship him, some flatly deny his existence. It does not matter what mankind thinks of him, the Bible teaches us he is real and is seek-

ing to destroy humanity. He is not something having horns and a forked tail; he is real.

The Devil has always worked secretly and sought to hide his true identity. When he misled Eve in the Garden of Eden, he did so through a serpent. When he appeared before God to accuse Job, he waited until a day when "the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them" (Job 1:6). When he sowed his "tares", he did so secretly in the night (Matthew 13:25). When he betrayed the Lord Jesus, he worked through Judas. Satan is an expert at disguising himself; he comes not as a Dragon of darkness but "is transformed into an angel of light" (2nd Cor. 11:14).

The idea of observing October 31st as a holiday originated with the ancient Celtic priests, called "Druids", around 300 B.C. The Druids lived in the area between Great Britain and Germany. Their new year began on November 1st, so October 31st was set aside to worship their god, Samhain, the god of the dead. So October 31st was the Celtic New Year's Eve, the time for their Festival of Death.

The Druids taught that the spirit world was closer to earth on this night than at any other time, and that "the gods" would even appear on this night to play tricks on people.

Friends, Halloween is Satanic! You may pretend that it's a harm-

less game for kids, but in reality it represents paganism, Satanism, human sacrifice, torture, rape, murder, idolatry, witchcraft, and spiritualism! Did you know that October 31st is considered by Satanists to be their most important day of the year? Friend, WAKE UP! Don't honor the Devil! Honor God instead by refusing to observe Halloween this year. The Lord Jesus Christ wouldn't dress innocent children up like the devils of Hell and march them around town, so why should you? Are you a TRUE follower of Jesus Christ? Then SKIP Halloween this year and tell others to do likewise! (This paragraph taken from "The Fisherman's Ministry".)

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils," (1st Tim. 4:1). "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them," (Eph. 5:11). "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." (Rom. 13:12).

We, as Christians, should not be involved in Halloween; calling it a Fall Festival does not change what it is. (NOTE: Part 3 of "Heaven" will be next week.)

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# HEART MATTERS

standard of God and not on our own preferences. Before you engage in this type of conflict, spend time in prayer, asking God to help you clearly see the issue at hand. Likewise, getting spiritual counsel from those you trust in the faith can also be wise. Haman's and Mordecai's conflict ended in a true victory for the Jewish people because Mordecai's motives were pure and Haman's were evil. God honored Mordecai's stand.

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

Blessings, Angie

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

# Farm Family of the Year recognized by commissioners



Outstanding Farm Family of the year recognized by county commission. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

By Joyce Marie Taylor  
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The Bud Bemby family was recognized as 2014 Farm Family of the Year by the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Cooperative Extension Service on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

"This morning we are here to present to you Hamilton County's Outstanding Farm Family of the Year," said County Extension Agent Greg Hicks. "Every year, since 1977, the Agricultural Advisory Committee for the University of Florida Extension Service-Hamilton County Office has selected a Farm Family of the Year and this year we have selected the

Bud Bemby family."

Bud and Heather Bemby have twin eight-year-old daughters, Kinleigh and Karleigh, and they have resided in Jennings for nine years. The Bemby's 210 acre family farm used to produce corn, soybeans, grain sorghum, tobacco, beef cattle and hogs. They currently concentrate on beef cattle and hay.

The Bemby family was presented with a plaque from the commissioners. They also previously received a beautiful vase from the North Florida Fair Association and a plaque from the Hamilton County Farm Bureau.

The board thanked the Bemby family for their many achievements in agriculture and their contributions to the community.

# Church & Family Go Together

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# N.O.P.E. Vigil is Tuesday

By Joyce Marie Taylor  
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The 8th Annual candlelight N.O.P.E. (Narcotics Overdose Prevention Endeavor) Vigil will be held Tuesday, Oct. 28, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the City Park in Jasper.

The N.O.P.E. Vigil is a time for the community to come together to remember those who have passed away due to complications from drug, alcohol, tobacco or any kind of substance abuse. There will be inspirational songs, a guest speaker and a video, along with a candlelight prayer vigil.

The N.O.P.E. Vigil is held during Red Ribbon Week, the last week of October, and is a national event. Please come out and show your support.

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# OBITUARIES

**Gertrude Mitchell**  
Oct. 17, 2014



**G**ertrude Mitchell, a former resident of the Belleville Community in Hamilton County, passed away Oct. 17, 2014, in Shands Hospital of Gainesville, Florida.

Mrs. Gertrude Mitchell is survived by her children: Billy Mitchell, Franklin Mitchell, Lequitia Lumpkin, and Carolyn Jackson; sons in law, daughter in law, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Gertrude Mitchell will be Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014, at 11 a.m. in the University City Church of Christ at 4026 NW 8th Ave., Gainesville, Fla. Visitation for family and friends will be Friday, Oct. 24, 2014, from 6-8 p.m. at D.M. Udell Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Belleville Cemetery.

D.M. Udell and Sons of Udell Funeral Home are in charge of all services. Call D.M. Udell at 386-362-4189 or 386-209-0223.

**Lennard B. (Coach Len) Register, Jr**  
March 27, 1928  
Oct. 16, 2014



**L**ennard B. (Coach Len) Register Jr., 86, passed away Oct. 16, 2014, at UF Health Shands Hospital. Coach Register was born March 27, 1928 in Valdosta, Ga.; the son of Lennard and Bertha Register. He was raised in Jasper, Fla. where he played high school football, basketball, was a member of the high school band and attained the scouting rank of Eagle Scout with Bronze Palm. After graduating from Jasper High School in 1946 he enlisted in the US Army, serving in Italy from 1946-1948. Following his military service he attended the University of Florida, graduating in 1952.

Coach Register began his coaching career at Bradford High School as an assistant coach in 1952. Promoted to head coach in 1955 he led the Tornadoes to 5 Keystone Conference Championships and a 32 game winning streak. In 1962, he became the head football coach at Bay High School in Panama City, Fla. where he led his teams, also the Tornadoes, to two Big Five Conference Championships. Register was

chosen Coach of the Year by the Gainesville Sun for three consecutive years, and was twice selected to coach the Florida High School All-Star game.

In 1969, he received a master's degree in Education Administration from Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. and began serving in the Bradford County School System as principal, Hampton Elementary (1969-1973), Bradford Middle School (1973-1975), and as Director of Operations (1975-1990).

He was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Starke where he had served as a deacon. He was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Starke Rotary Club; served as past president of the Bradford Gator Boosters and was honored in 2014 by Troop 70 of the Boy Scouts of America as their inaugural recipient of their Distinguished Citizen Award.

He is loved and remembered dearly by his wife of 62 years, Ernestine Young Register; his three sons, Len Register, III, and his wife, Carla, of Pensacola, Fla.; Steve Register and his wife, Kathy, of Starke, Fla.; Chuck Register and his wife, Charlene, of Clayton, N.C.; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The family received friends Monday, Oct. 20, 2014, between 10 a.m. and 12 Noon at the First Baptist Church, Starke, Fla. A celebration of his life occurred Monday, Oct. 20, 2014 at 12 Noon in the First Baptist Church, Starke Fla. A graveside service was held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, at Evergreen Cemetery in Jasper, Fla.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to First Baptist Church, Starke, Fla.; Troop 70, Boy Scouts of America, Starke, Fla.; or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the care of JONES-GALLAGHER FUNERAL HOME, 620 E. Nona Street, Starke, FL 32091. (904) 964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

**Phyllis Caroline Henderson Hunter**  
Oct. 27, 1949  
Oct. 18, 2014

**P**hyllis Caroline Henderson Hunter, age 64, Jasper, Florida, passed away Saturday,

Oct. 18, 2014 at South Georgia Medical Center in Valdosta, Ga. following a brief illness. Ms. Hunter was born in Valdosta, Ga. on Oct. 27, 1949 to Raymon and Martha Ruth Gibbs Henderson. She was educated in the Hamilton County School System and went on to complete her education at Valdosta State University with a Master's Degree in Special Education. She was driven by her passion to provide an opportunity for the children of Hamilton County to get a good education. She had a lengthy career in education and dedicated herself to her many students over a span of 37 years. Phyllis was a member at First Baptist Church in Jasper, Florida. She was preceded in death by her father, Raymon Henderson.

Survivors include one son, David Hunter and his wife Tracy of Jasper, FL.; her mother, Martha Ruth Henderson, Jasper, FL.; two brothers, Frank Henderson (Penny), Jasper, FL. and Jeff Henderson (Shelby), Gray, GA.; three sisters, Clara Floyd (Charlie), Cherry Lake, FL., Frances Goldberg (Rob) Seattle, WA., Mary Brisbane, Jasper, FL.; two grandchildren, Anna Hunter and Mary-Claire Hunter, both of Jasper, FL.; several nieces and nephews also survive.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014 in the chapel of Harry T. Reid Funeral Home with Mr. Johnny Bullard officiating. Her sister Clara Floyd gave the eulogy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Greenwood School, 5683 US Hwy 129 South Suite 1, Jasper, FL. 32052 (IMO-Phyllis Hunter).

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

## DEATH NOTICE

Anita Jefferson

Mrs. Anita Jefferson, a resident of White Springs, Fla., passed away Oct 19, 2014, in North Florida Regional Medical Center, Gainesville, Fla.

D.M. Udell and Sons of Udell Funeral Home are in charge of all services. Call D.M. Udell at 386-362-4189 or 386-209-0223.

# Big Engine Band to play Oct. 25 for the annual Halloween party at SOS Park



Big Engine band.

It's going to be a huge Halloween party complete with adult costume contest and Pavement Entertainment recording artist Big Engine Band Saturday night, Oct. 25, at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park & Campground (SOSMPC) in Live Oak! If you like rock music, an energy filled band and want to party like a rock star, this is your event! Cash prizes will be awarded during the adult costume contest with lots of fun planned for the evening in the Music Hall.

Big Engine puts on a nitrous fueled show with high energy music that brings down the house night after night. The band's die-hard fans follow show to show. Uninitiated newcomers seldom last the entirety of the show without raising their fists into the air and singing along to the band's catchy choruses and instantly memorable lyrics. These road warriors travel the country, bringing the party with crowd favorites "Shake That Thing," "That Girl's a Freak," "Turn It On," "Party Like A Rockstar" and "Sister Mary." Big Engine has made friends by sharing the stage with Buckcherry, Motorhead, Bret Michaels, Vince Neil, Charlie Daniels, 38 Special, Ted Nugent, Jackyl, Shooter Jennings and countless other national acts. Needless to say, the band has amassed an army of gear heads, bikers and race fans from the infamous Daytona and Sturgis bike rallies, as well as NASCAR races.

Along with its 2014 Prepare For Liftoff tour, Big Engine has a brand new album entitled Shot Like A Rocket released through Pavement Enter-

tainment/MRI Sony Red and available online at Best Buy, Amazon, FYE, CD Universe and other music retailers!

The SOSMPC hosts this annual Halloween event early on Oct. 25 for the public due to String Cheese's Halloween Music Festival scheduled for Halloween weekend Oct. 29 - Nov. 1 when the SOSMPC will be open only to those with festival tickets.

Hwy. 247 Martin & Beach Band will get the party started Friday evening on the Music Hall stage. Boogie Beach and Artie Martin have joined together to create the professionalism, talent and love for music in the band Hwy. 247 Martin & Beach Band. Hwy. 247 brings with it great seasoned musicians, including Boogie Beach, a longtime Nashville session artist and Suwannee County native along with Artie Martin. Hwy. 247 will bring many fans, so be sure you join them if you've never heard this band...you will be glad you did.

Doors open at 6 p.m. each night, music from 8 p.m. - midnight. Delicious food available along with a full service bar. Table reservations for both nights suggested - call 386-364-1703.

Please check the SOSMPC website at www.musicliveshere.com to see our many events coming up. If you would like to make reservations for RV parking, cabins, primitive camping or camper parking for SOSMPC events or need more information, call The SOSMPC at 386-364-1683 or email spirit@musicliveshere.com. The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park & Campground is located at 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak.

## NOPE TASK FORCE

*Narcotics Overdose Prevention & Education*



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For Immediate Release:

### NOPE Lights Up the Night In Honor of Those Lost To Or Suffering From Addiction

**Jasper, FL -- On Tuesday, October 28, 2014, Jasper City Park** will be the site of the 8th Annual NOPE Task Force Candle Light Vigil. The program will be held at **Jasper City Park at 6:30 PM** followed by the candle lighting ceremony at **Jasper City Park at 6:30 PM**. **Josh Johnson of Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer Outreach Ministry** will be the keynote speaker.

The vigil is held in memory of those who have lost their lives due to drug and alcohol related incidents, and those suffering from the disease of addiction. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 33,000 unintentional drug-related deaths nationwide last year.

"The key to drug prevention is community awareness," said **Emily Lumpkin NOPE Vigil chairperson of Hamilton County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coalition for Hamilton County**. "The misuses of alcohol and illicit drugs are well documented, but few realize the immediate and long-lasting consequences from even a minor miscalculation with prescription drugs."

NOPE Task Force Executive Director, Karen Perry added, "Many lives have been tragically destroyed or lost to the disease of addiction. Too often, this disease is perceived as deserved and shameful, leaving families and friends to grieve in silence or an addict alone to struggle to recover. Only through awareness and openness we can eliminate the prejudice that has followed the disease of addiction."

For more information about NOPE or the Candle Light Vigil, go to [www.nopetaskforce.org](http://www.nopetaskforce.org) or call NOPE at **386-792-9388**

About NOPE Task Force:

NOPE Task Force is a non-profit 501c-3 organization based in West Palm Beach, FL that provides prevention and education presentations and forums for schools and communities regarding the dangers of drug use and the deadly consequences of one wrong decision.

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## OPINION

## Embarrassing economists

So as to give some perspective, I'm going to ask readers for their guesses about human behavior before explaining my embarrassment by some of my fellow economists.

Suppose the prices of ladies jewelry rose by 100 percent. What would you predict would happen to sales? What about a 25 or 50 percent price increase? I'm going to guess that the average person would predict that sales would fall.

Would you make the same prediction about auto sales if cars' prices rose by 100 percent or 25 or 50 percent? Suppose that you're the CEO of General Motors and your sales manager tells you the company could increase auto sales by advertising a 100 percent or 50 percent price increase. I'm guessing that you'd fire the sales manager for both lunacy and incompetency.

Let's try one more. What would you predict would happen to housing sales if prices rose by 50 percent? I'm guessing you'd predict a decline in sales. You say, "OK, Williams, you're really trying our patience with these obvious questions. What's your point?"

It turns out that there's a law in economics known as the first fundamental law of demand, to which there are no known real-world exceptions. The law states that the higher the price of something the less people will take of it and vice versa. Another way of stating this very simple law is: There exists a price whereby people can be in-

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duced to take more of something, and there exists a price whereby people will take less of something.

Some people suggest that if the price of something is raised, buyers will take more or the same amount. That's silly because there'd be no limit to the price that sellers would charge. For example, if a grocer knew he would sell more -- or the same amount of -- milk at \$8 a gallon than at \$4 a gallon, why in the world would he sell it at \$4? Then the question becomes: Why would he sell it at \$8 if people would buy the same amount at a higher price?

There are economists, most notably Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman, who suggest that the law of demand applies to everything except labor prices (wages) of low-skilled workers. Krugman says that paying fast-food workers \$15 an hour wouldn't cause big companies such as McDonald's to cut jobs. In other words, Krugman argues that raising the minimum wage doesn't change employer behavior.

Before we address Krugman's fallacious argument, think about this: One of Galileo's laws says the influence

of gravity on a falling body in a vacuum is to cause it to accelerate at a rate of 32 feet per second. That applies to a falling rock, steel ball or feather. What would you think of the reasoning capacity of a Nobel Prize-winning physicist who'd argue that because human beings are not rocks, steel balls or feathers, Galileo's law of falling bodies doesn't apply to them?

Krugman says that most minimum-wage workers are employed in what he calls non-tradable industries -- industries that can't move to China. He says that there are few mechanization opportunities where minimum-wage workers are employed -- for example, fast-food restaurants, hotels, etc. That being the case, he contends, seeing as there aren't good substitutes for minimum-wage workers, they won't suffer unemployment from increases in the minimum wage. In other words, the law of demand doesn't apply to them.

Let's look at some of the history of some of Krugman's non-tradable industries. During the 1940s and '50s, there were very few self-serve gasoline stations. There were also theater ushers to show patrons to their seats. In 1900, 41 percent of the U.S. labor force was employed in agriculture. Now most gas stations are self-serve. Theater ushers disappeared. And only 2 percent of today's labor force works in agricultural jobs. There are many other examples of buyers of labor services seeking and ultimately finding substitutes when labor prices rise. It's economic malpractice for economists to suggest that they don't.

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).

Food for thought  
series kicks off Friday

By Joyce Marie Taylor

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A brand new monthly gathering to promote and educate the public about healthy lifestyles will kick off this Friday through a partnership between the Florida Department of Health-Hamilton County and the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension Office.

The first gathering will be held at the UF/IFAS Extension Office at 1143 NW US Hwy. 41 in Jasper on Friday, Oct. 24, at 12 noon and a healthy lunch will be provided. This month's gathering is sponsored in part by PotashCorp White Springs and Physical Therapy Works.

Guests will learn about the health department's Healthiest Weight initiative, how to set reasonable goals and eat the right foods, and why it is important to move more and sit less.

For more information on the Food for Thought series, contact the health department at 386-792-1414 or the UF/IFAS office at 386-792-1276.

Chamber banquet  
is tonight

By Joyce Marie Taylor

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The Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce is holding their Annual Chamber Banquet tonight, Oct. 23, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Earnest Courtoy Civic Center in Jasper.

This year's special guest speaker is Florida Senator Bill Montford (D-Tallahassee). Aside from a delightful meal, there will also be a silent auction and door prizes.

## GUEST COLUMN

Tell EPA to keep electricity  
affordable and reliable, says SVEC

How new government regulations could increase the cost of power

Contributed By: Baynard Ward  
SVEC Community Relations Manager

On June 18, 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a proposed rule aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired power plants, including coal and natural gas-fired facilities. Specifically, the EPA proposes, through its "Clean Power Plan," to reduce power sector carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions 30 percent below 2005 levels by 2030.

The Clean Power Plan, through a broad, state-based approach, intends to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per megawatt hour of electricity generated and give states the flexibility to chart their own, customized path to meet their goals. The rule is scheduled to be finalized in June 2015, at which time it will be up to individual states to formulate state implementation plans for meeting the EPA's reduction goals.

In Florida, the EPA is proposing that we reduce carbon emissions by 38 percent, which is greater than the national goal. Based on the EPA's methodology for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, the EPA calculates that Florida will have to reduce its coal-fired power generation by more than 90 percent. However, the EPA's calculations for Florida do not account for an approximate 20 percent reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that have already occurred in our state since 2005.

"Suwannee Valley Electric is committed to providing affordable, reliable electricity. Our ability to advance this commitment will be significantly crippled should the EPA's new rule be finalized, as the Clean Power Plan targets coal-fired power generation," said CEO Mike McWa-

ters. This is important for SVEC, as the electricity for our members comes from our wholesale electric power provider, Seminole Electric Cooperative (Seminole). This year, Seminole will generate more than 50 percent of the electricity SVEC needs from coal.

Seminole is one of the largest, not-for-profit generation and transmission cooperatives in the country providing reliable, competitively priced, wholesale electric power to its nine Member distribution electric cooperatives, including Suwannee Valley Electric. Approximately 1.4 million people and businesses in parts of 42 Florida counties rely on Seminole's Member distribution cooperatives for electricity.

Seminole's decision to build a coal plant was no coincidence. In 1978, the U.S. enacted the Power plant and Industrial Fuel Use Act, which restricted new power plants from using oil or natural gas for power generation and encouraged the use of coal. Seminole's coal-fired facility came online in 1984. The Act was not repealed until 1987. Now the EPA proposes to penalize members who buy power from electric utilities that burn coal -- hurting millions of members and businesses in Florida

and across the country.

Seminole has invested more than \$530 million in environmental control technology to meet the EPA's regulatory requirements. In fact, approximately \$260 million in equipment was placed in service just six years ago. "Should the EPA's proposed Clean Power Plan be finalized in its proposed form, these costly investments will become stranded assets and Seminole's coal-fired power plant will be forced to close early," said Seminole Electric CEO Lisa Johnson. Additionally, Seminole would have to build or purchase new power generation to replace the electricity produced from its coal-fired facility. This could certainly be the same scenario for other Florida utilities that own and operate coal-fired power plants.

"EPA's chief has admitted to Congress that this proposed rule will have no measurable impact on the agency's climate indicators, and is really just an attempt to establish political leverage on climate issues around the world," explains Lance Brown, Executive Director of the Partnership for Affordable Clean Energy, an organization that testified on the rule recently

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# School internal funds scrutinized

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\$114,000 and you had a net reduction of about \$1,000 that ended the year with about \$113,000," he said.

## School summaries

**Central Hamilton Elementary (CHE):** CHE, Daniels said, showed strength in individual class balances, which increased about \$700. In the past, CHE accounted for all their classes in the general fund. This year they broke them out, he added. The monies were spent for Jacksonville Zoo, Fun Station and Wild Adventures trips.

"All the classes there got to take a trip this year," said Daniels. "I was pleased to see that."

Over \$9,000 in grants were awarded to CHE and two book fairs at the library generated over \$1,600. The general fund sponsored Accelerated Reader (A/R) trips to Stephen Foster Park and to the movies.

**North Hamilton Elementary (NHE):** Daniels noted that NHE showed a tremendous amount of concession sales and all the classes got to take a trip last year; the Jacksonville Zoo, Wild Adventures, Sea World, St. Augustine and Universal Studios.

"The little library there sold \$3,400 at their book fair," Daniels said. "They made a cash profit of over \$400. Concession sales were over \$4,500. That's not all of them, but they sell a lot of concessions and they're very profitable in doing them."

**South Hamilton Elementary (SHE):** SHE, Daniels said, was holding pre-K funds and foundation grant funds from the previous year. They raised money to go to Disney, which they spent this year, so their balance dropped.

"Trips were made to Alligator Land, Jacksonville Zoo, Wild Adventures and Sea World," he said.

There was also a line item grant from the Public School Foundation with a \$1,900 balance carried over from the prior year, Daniels added.

"That needs to be spent," he said. "That money is just sitting there. Someone needs to spend that money."

SHE's general fund paid for an A/R trip and a bouncy house. They had concession sales, too, but nothing like North, Daniels said.

**Hamilton County High School (HCHS):** One issue at HCHS is their yearbook fund has a cash balance of \$117.

"The yearbook owed almost \$5,000 at year end," said Daniels.

He said he spoke to Principal Kip McLeod, who said he has the students out raising money to cover last year's deficit, as well as to make sure they don't have the same problem this year.

"If you think back a few years, this broke the general fund for about four or five years in a row" Daniels said. "Hopefully, they can take care of it and be aware of that problem."

The cheerleaders raised money at the end of last school year for summer camp in July and August.

"Class of '14 is yet to be closed into the general fund," he said.

FFA is always very active, Daniels continued. They received two grants this year; Perkins and Food For All.

"As always, they sell the smoked meats and they sell livestock," he said. "I want to commend them. They do a real good job with accounting for the meals that they sell almost daily here."

Guidance sponsored the 8th grade grad night and the Key Club sold some onions, making a modest profit. ROTC raised money, as well as collected money from students and used those funds for a leadership course at the Citadel.

In the past, the combined athletic account consisted of ticket sales, concessions, payments for officials, travel and clearing funds, Daniels noted.

"You broke that out this year," he said. "It will be a little easier to track."

He said there were some large expenditures under the combined athletic fund; uniforms and reconditioned helmets.

Boys basketball sold banners and were able to buy game jerseys, and boys football sold clothing to raise funds. Volleyball raised funds through Fright Night so they could attend a volleyball camp.

Concessions: "Last year if you bought it for \$1, you sold it for \$1.44," said Daniels. "That long term average is \$1.52, so you see you continue to step down on your profit margin in your concessions. That's something you're going to eventually want to address."

Concession profits were about \$13,000 and ticket sales were \$85,000. Daniels explained that revenue is split for play-off games, according to the Athletic Association's rules.

There were two large donations; one from PotashCorp and one from a local farmer that helped the general fund.

"But again, keep in mind, you've got \$5,700 there if you have to pay off the yearbook and you're back where you started at less than \$1,000," Daniels explained.

Greenwood School: Greenwood is simply not generating funds anymore, Daniels said. They received one mini-grant. Amounts expended out of the general fund were mostly Community Based Instruction (CBI).

"They buy cooking supplies for the kids to work with out there, as well," said Daniels.

## Notes from Daniels

There is nothing owed to the internal fund for receivables and payables, Daniels said, but he reiterated that the high school has the outstanding yearbook funds of \$4,913.

"The superintendent requested that I attempt to audit the PTO's and the Booster Club," said Daniels. "We literally looked at every transaction in an attempt to give him an opinion on it."

The disbursement side, he said, was not too bad; lack of formal approval was the main problem.

"The receipt side...you could not get an audit opinion," he said. "You're going to have to do some work there, clearly."

At Central, he said, there was no support for about 20 percent of the deposits, and no formal approval of any of the disbursements.

"Those are things to work on," he said.

Football boosters, he said, were identified as to what the money was for, but there was no supporting documentation, such as concession receipts and ticket sales reconciliation.

"I've said it before, you can't have these nebulous amounts of money coming in with no auditable support," said Daniels. "On the disbursement side, there were about 33 amounts disbursed that there was no backup for."

At North, he said, they used tickets for fundraising events, but they didn't reconcile them.

"So, they were not worth a lot," he said. "I'm sorry, but

you've got to reconcile."

Daniels, however, commended North for noting in their minutes that the expenditures were appropriate.

At South, most of the deposits were unidentified and about one third had no support paperwork.

"I think all of that can be fixed easily, though," Daniels told the board. "Once you bring it under the umbrella of the internal fund and get that protocol in place, I think that can be fixed easily."

Daniels tried to explain that in the classroom when money is collected, the teacher can use a Report of Monies Collected and just list each one, rather than writing separate receipts for each student. It's when the money changes hands afterward that a receipt needs to be written.

"You've got to protect that money going downstream and upstream," he said. "So, you write that receipt. You can't check off on a bag that might fall behind a seat or something. On top of that, you've got to account for those receipt books and the actual receipts. Give me a receipt book, I'll go to Suwannee County, collect some money, throw away the receipts and I'll go on a trip. That's happened before in Hamilton County. There were people over in Suwannee County raising funds that were not authorized."

Daniels noted that the school district has little tolerance for holding money in a classroom.

"You want the money deposited daily, 100 percent each day," he said. "There's a lot of risk in money sitting in a classroom, no doubt."

Even with all the disparities, Daniels said he felt comfortable in saying that the internal funds were in better shape than they were last year.

"There are still findings, but there are less findings," he said. "The magnitude is less, so I am pleased with that."

Superintendent Thomas Moffses advised the board that the PTO's and the booster clubs are now working under internal accounts.

"Hopefully, this year, as we move forward and they are under the system of internal accounts, some of the items that you're (Daniels) sharing that are cause for concern, will dissipate," said Moffses.

# Cadets beautify Veterans Memorial Park

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were "paying it forward" by working on the park, which honors all the Florida men and women who have served our nation from the Civil War to the present, as the potential service members will one day be honored for their service.

Cadets who participated included Austin Gra-

ham, Hannah Altman, Jestyn Roberts, Monique Bryant, Adriana Hart, Samantha Marcano, Leonekeo Robinson, Kearious Gandy, Adelina Ponce, Jacob Brady, Johny Mejia, Jonathan Whittington, Nathan Putnel, Josh Peterson, Elizabeth Joeris, Damian Corby, Max Harlow, Louis Newhard and Kevin McClain.

# Rural Folklife Days starts next Wednesday

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ing this exciting three-day event.

Come celebrate the region's rural past with hands-on learning activities. There will be jellies and sugar cane to taste, traditional games to play, butter to churn, songs to sing, stories to hear and quilting to do. You can also assist a blacksmith, learn how

lye soap is made, watch old-fashioned cane grinding and you can even learn to fish!

For decades students have enjoyed field trips to the park to experience this event. Schools are encouraged to attend, so pre-register now! Contact the park for more information at 386-397-2733. Admission to the event is \$5 per person.

# Jayla Williams attends Florida Girls State

Jayla Williams, granddaughter of Mrs. Velora Loper and daughter of Master Sergeant Phillip Williams and Ms. Wanda Combass, attended Florida Girls State at Florida State University in Tallahassee June 25-July 3. She was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 215 and supported by the Kiwanis Club of Jasper.

While at Girls State, Jayla lived in the "City of Ortega" and she served as director of safety.

Jayla said, "This was an amazing experience meeting girls from all over the state."

The purpose of Girls State is to provide citizenship training for young women completing their junior year in high school within the state of Florida. To be eligible for Girls State, the young lady and her family must be residents of the state of Florida. She must be in her junior year of high school and be returning to her high school for her senior year. She needs to have an interest in government, leadership ability, good character and honesty, excellent scholastic standing, cooperativeness, and community participation and service.

Jayla is an honor student at Hamilton County High School and is a senior this year. She is a member of the Beta Club and the Key Club. She has been a member of the soccer team for six years. She has served as a community volunteer at the nursing home, community decorator for the park for the holidays, and participated in school events helping out with activities for children with special needs.

Jayla is an active member of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church where she serves as an usher and a member of the choir and the girls youth group.



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# Florida Constitutional amendments and county question

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“Funds the Land Acquisition Trust Fund [LATF] to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands, including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water resources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years.”

The LATF has previously been funded from document taxes, but has not had funds

appropriated to it since 2009. The amendment would provide a new revenue source for LATF.

## Pros

Amendment 1 would place an emphasis on land and water conservation and outdoor recreation, enhance Florida’s drinking water, and protect Florida’s natural tourism, all without raising taxes.

Differing political parties are showing support all across Florida for Amendment 1, with some environmental organizations, biologists, and environmental advisors in agreement that Florida would benefit.

## Cons

Opponents of Amendment 1 say that the LATF would be unrestricted in how much

of the documentary tax they receive and that the environmental program would take away from other programs that receive funding from document taxes. Other concerns include the state government buying and owning too much land and the fact that there are already numerous laws in Florida that adequately conserve land and water.

## Amendment 2: Use of Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions

Perhaps one of the most divisive and recognized amendments on the ballot is Amendment 2, which concerns the legalization of medical marijuana in Florida. The amendment would add Section 29 to Article X of the Florida Constitution. The summary on the ballot reads:

“Allows the medical use of marijuana for individuals with debilitating diseases as determined by a licensed Florida physician. Allows caregivers to assist patients’ medical use of marijuana. The Department of Health shall register and regulate centers that produce and distribute marijuana for medical purposes and shall issue identification cards to patients and caregivers. Applies only to Florida law. Does not authorize violations of federal law or any non-medical use, possession or production of marijuana.”

There are six limitations on the amendment’s language. The amendment does not do any of the following: “affect laws relating to non-medical use, possession, production or sale of marijuana”; “authorize the use of medical marijuana by anyone other than a qualifying patient”; “allow for the operation of a motor vehicle, boat, or aircraft while under the influence of marijuana”; “require accommodations for medical marijuana use in any place of education or employment, or of smoking medical marijuana in any public place”; “require any health insurance provider or any government agency or authority to reimburse any person for expenses related to the medical use of marijuana”; “require the violation of federal law or purports to give immunity under federal law.”

The debilitating medical conditions that qualify patients to use medical marijuana include cancer, multiple sclerosis, glaucoma, hepatitis C, HIV, AIDS, ALS, Crohn’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, or “other conditions for which a physician believes that the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the potential health risks for a patient.”

In June 2014, Governor Rick Scott signed Senate Bill 1030, the “Compassionate Medical Cannabis Act of 2014,” which legalized a low tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) strain of marijuana known as “Charlotte’s Web” for medical patients suffering from cancer, epilepsy, or other conditions causing seizures or muscle spasms. The marijuana allowed under Senate Bill 1030 is only available in oil or vapor form, must not be edible, and must be “non-euphoric”. The act will become effective Jan. 1, 2015.

If Amendment 2 is passed, all forms of medical marijuana would be available; this includes ingested, smokeable, and edible forms. The amendment does not specify the strength of THC or what strains are permissible.

## Pros

Proponents of Amendment 2 cite the medical benefits to patients suffering from painful conditions as a major reason to support it. The People United for Medical Marijuana state that “marijuana is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known,” and that there has never been a death from overdosing on cannabis. United for Care, a group in support of medical marijuana, counters claims of cannabis addiction with the fact that current legal pain medications are often opiates and highly addictive. The group says that instituting medical marijuana will help decrease addictions to dangerous opiates.

## Cons

Opponents of Amendment 2 include the governor himself, along with many law enforcement organizations. Drug Free Florida is a committee fighting against Amendment 2 and claims that there are four loopholes in the amendment’s language that allows: anyone who wants marijuana to obtain it; anyone with a caregiver’s license, which could include drug dealers, to dispense medical marijuana; teenagers and children to use it due to no age restriction; and for “pill mills” or “pot docs” to pop up anywhere. Other consequences that people fear include the tarnishing of Florida’s “family-friendly” tourist destination image and the potential for medical marijuana abuse.

## Amendment 3: Prospective Appointment of Certain Judicial Vacancies

The third and final amendment on the 2014 ballot concerns Florida’s judicial system, and would amend Sections 10 and 11 of Article V of the Florida Constitution. The summary on the ballot reads:

“Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution requiring the Governor to prospectively fill vacancies in a judicial office to which election for retention applies resulting from the justice’s or judge’s reaching the mandatory retirement age or failure to qualify for a retention election; and allowing prospective appointments if a justice or judge is not retained at an election. Currently, the Governor may not fill an expected vacancy until the current justice’s or judge’s term expires.”

A justice’s term in office and governor’s term in office are concurrent; when a justice’s term expires a new governor may be sworn in on the same day. Amendment 3 would allow the preceding governor to decide on an incoming justice before he leaves the office.

## Pros

The Florida Chamber of Commerce has issued a letter of support, stating that the amendment “clarifies existing constitutional language” and “prevents the possibility of legal challenges and confusion when governors change and judicial vacancies occur.”

## Cons

Opponents of Amendment 3 say that it would allow for political power plays. Former Florida Supreme Court Justice Harry Lee Anstead stated: “Amendment 3 gives a departing governor the power to tip the scales of justice for partisan reasons on the way out the door - with impunity.”

## Jasper Legals

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

CASE NO. 2103-CA-000025

CITIFINANCIAL SERVICING LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

MARGARET L. HOBBY, ET AL.

DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 19, 2014, in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Hamilton County, Florida, on October 29, 2014 at 11:00 A.M., at South front lobby of courthouse-207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, FL 32052 for the following described property:

LOT 7, OF HAMILTON FOREST SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 AT PAGE 12, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A T/W 1995 DESTINY 28 X 60 041723 ABC MOBILE HOME

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

DATED: October 3, 2014

(Court Seal) GREG GODWIN

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson  
Deputy Clerk of the Court

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator at 386-719-7428, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 10/16, 23

## LEGAL NOTICE

COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEETING

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: November 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Florida Department of Transportation Lake City Operations Center, Santa Fe Room located at 710 N.W. Lake Jeffery Road, Lake City, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 business days before the meeting by contacting 352.955.2200. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1.800. 955.8771 (TDD) or 1.800. 955.8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued. 10/23

## NOTICE OF HEARING

The Hamilton County School Board will conduct a public hearing at the conclusion of the regular business meeting on **Tuesday, November 18, 2014**. The business meeting will begin at **6:00 p.m.** The hearing will be conducted in the Board Room of the school district’s administration building at Hamilton County High School, 5683 US Highway 129 South, Suite 1; Jasper, Florida.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider changes to the following board policies:

- 2.092 Title I Parental Involvement Revision
- 2.093 Parent Involvement: A Home/School/District Partnership Revision
- 4.15 District & Statewide Assessment Program Revision
- 4.16 Security of Test Revision
- 4.17 Challenged Materials Revision
- 5.02 Homeless Students Revision
- 5.107 Hazing Adoption
- 5.15 Administration of Medication Revision
- 5.19 Student Records Revision
- 6.811 Instructional Employee Performance Criteria Revision
- 7.23 Bid Protest Resolution Revision

Reason for changes: Various Authority: 1001.41, 1001.42, F.S. Estimated economic impact: minimum

A complete copy of these rules are available for review at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Jasper, Florida.

HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

By: /s/ Thomas P. Moffses, Jr.  
Thomas P. Moffses, Jr.  
Superintendent

## Jasper Legals

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board, with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, that person will need a record of the proceedings; and for such purpose that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 10/23

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

CASE NO. 2009-CA-000326

Bank of America, National Association

Plaintiff,

vs.

Ralph A. Jackson; Ralph A. Jackson; Ruby L. Jackson; United States of America; John Doe; Jane Doe as Unknown Tenants in Possession

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 21, 2010, entered in Case No. 2009-CA-000326 of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, in and for Hamilton County, Florida, wherein Bank of America, National Association is the Plaintiff and Ralph A. Jackson; Ralph A. Jackson; United States of America; John Doe; Jane Doe as Unknown Tenants in Possession are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the south front door of the courthouse, 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, FL 32052, beginning at 11:00 A.M. on the 19th day of November, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON, STATE OF FLORIDA: LOT 1 WETHERINGTON PINES SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 37, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2014.

(Court Seal) W. Greg Godwin  
As Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson  
As Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO: 2014CP000044

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RUBY PAULINE VANCE BLANKENSHIP FRYE, Deceased.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

Within three months from the time of the first publication of this notice, you are required to file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Florida, Probate division, the address of which is 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, Florida 32052 a written and verified statement of any claim or demand you may have against the estate of RUBY PAULINE VANCE BLANKENSHIP FRYE, deceased.

Each claim must be in writing and must indicate the basis for the claim, the name and address of the creditor or his agent or attorney, and the amount claimed. If the claim is not yet due, the date when it will become due shall be stated. If the claim is contingent or unliquidated, the nature of the uncertainty shall be stated. If the claim is secured, the security shall be described. The claimant shall deliver a copy of the claim to the clerk who shall furnish a copy to the personal representative.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

Dated this 10th day of October, 2014.

/s/Donald Rudser  
Donald K. Rudser  
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Priscilla Jackson Strozier.  
PRISCILLA JACKSON STROZIER  
10/23, 30

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

CASE NO.: 2014CA000012

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH C. DAVIS A/K/A JOSEPH DAVIS, et al,  
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated September 26, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2014CA000012 of

## Jasper Legals

the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for HAMILTON County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and JOSEPH C. DAVIS A/K/A JOSEPH DAVIS; CONNIE E. DAVIS A/K/A CONNIE DAVIS; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at SOUTH FRONT LOBBY OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 A.M., on the 12th day of November, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

AS A POINT OF REFERENCE ONLY, COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST, AND FROM SAID POINT OF REFERENCE RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST, 1327.86 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 27; THENCE RUN NORTH 79 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST, 282.42 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, SAID IRON PIN BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 33 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 205.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN SOUTH 83 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST, 809.65 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN SOUTH 32 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, 80.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, 733.93 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, SAID IRON PIN BEING THE AFORESAID POINT OF BEGINNING.

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TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS DESCRIBED ON WARRANTY DEED, AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 377, PAGES 149-152, SAID PUBLIC RECORDS.

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A/K/A 3001 NW 62ND AVENUE, JENNINGS, FL 32053

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on September 29, 2014.

(Court Seal) Greg Godwin  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson  
Deputy Clerk

## See Americans with Disabilities Act

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

CASE NO. 14-188-CA

SUBBRANDY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Florida limited partnership,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KIMBERLY LYNN MENES; and THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEWISEES, LEGATEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND TRUSTEES OF SHARON MARIE DANSBY, DECEASED,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: ALL UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS NAMED ABOVE:

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

LOT 14, FACIL FARMS PHASE 1, a subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 22-23, Hamilton County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Eddie M. Anderson, Plaintiff’s attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 1179, Lake City, Florida 32056-1179, no later than thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this 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. There may be money owed to you after a foreclosure sale. You may contact the clerk of the court at (386) 792-1288 for information on what you need to do to get the money. You do not need to hire an attorney or other representative to get this money.

DATED ON October 13, 2014.

(Court Seal) GREG GODWIN  
Clerk of Court

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson  
As Deputy Clerk

10/23, 30

# Crash claims life of White Springs man

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a.m., a 2011 Nissan pickup, driven by John Leroy Morris, 45, White Springs, was traveling south on SR 25 (US 41), near SE 160th Ct.

when his vehicle exited the roadway onto the east shoulder of SR 25. The pickup struck a mailbox, traveled through the ditch, across the railroad tracks, and continued in a south-

easterly direction where it struck a tree and came to a final rest. Morris was pronounced deceased on scene by Hamilton County Fire Rescue. The investigation is ongoing, FHP stated.

# Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Receives Generous Gift From PotashCorp



(Left to Right) Potash Corp Public Affairs Manager Mike Williams, Hamilton County Sheriff Harrell Reid and Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches President Bill Frye

Hamilton County Sheriff Harrell Reid and Potash Corp Public Affairs Manager Mike Williams were pleased to present Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches President Bill Frye with a special gift to help support the programs and services of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc. is the parent organization of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. The Youth Ranches is a charitable, non-profit corporation with a mission to prevent delinquency and develop strong, lawful, resilient, and productive citizens who will make a positive contribution to our communities for years to come. If you are interested in donating to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches please call 1-800-765-3797 or visit their website

at [www.youthranches.org](http://www.youthranches.org) for more details.

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# Calendar of Events

## Reader submissions:

Community events will be published once for free in the newspaper of choice. Following runs will be placed in the community calendar of events up to the event. The calendar is published in each Wednesday Suwannee Democrat and each Thursday Mayo Free Press and Jasper News. The community event should be brief (who, what, when, where) and not include any prices, admission fees, etc.. If you require these to be added to your submission, you will be asked to seek an advertisement through our ad department.

**Oct. 21 & Nov. 6**

**Suwannee County Veterans Day Chorus rehearsal**  
Suwannee County Veterans Day Community Chorus. Open to any and all Suwannee County residents. Rehearsal dates: Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 6:30-8 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 6 from 6:30-8 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Live Oak. Performance will be on Veterans Day (Tuesday, Nov. 11) at 2:30 p.m. at the Coliseum off 11th Street.

For more information, please contact Alan Lott at First Baptist Church in Live Oak at 386-362-1583 or fbcmusic@windstream.net.

**Oct. 30**

### Fall Festival

Friendship Baptist Church

Located at 14360 140 St., Live Oak, will be having a Fall Festival. Entry to the festival is one can of non-perishable food, to help the needy. The festival is on Thursday, Oct. 30, 6-8 p.m.

**Oct. 30**

### Janet Moses at the Live Oak Library

Artist Janet Moses will be speaking on the new Florida Quilt Trail Thursday, Oct. 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the Live Oak Library.

Please call the library at 386-362-2317 for more information.

**Nov. 1**

### Ladies Fellowship Annual Yard & Bake Sale

Youth Group will be selling hotdogs, chips and sodas.

Nov. 1, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

First Advent Christian Church  
699 Pinewood Drive SW, Live Oak  
Rental spaces are available.

Please call church office, 362-1802, to reserve a space.

All funds raised from yard sale will be used for the ministries of the FACC Ladies Fellowship program.

**Nov. 1**

### Fall Festival

First Baptist Church of Dowling Park invites you to their Fall Festival, where everything is free, on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 4-7 p.m. Food includes chicken perlo, hotdogs, snow cones, popcorn, chili, nachos, candy, peanuts and various beverages. Activities and fun for all ages include: many games, bounce house, slide, K-9 demonstrations, face painting, prizes, and music. Come with your entire family and enjoy the exciting events of this year's Fall Festival. The church address is 11274 235th Lane, Dowling Park on County Road 250 near the intersection of County Road 136.

**Through Nov. 5**

### 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Basket Give Away

Soul Harvest Ministries will be taking applications for our 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Basket Give Away starts Oct. 13 thru Nov. 5 from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday it's by appointment only. The basket includes a Turkey and all the fixings. Those interested in applying for a basket will have to provide proof of household size and meet low income standards. For more information or to set up an appointment please contact Mrs. Desiree Soto @386-205-2215 or by email at highlyfavored@usa.com. Baskets are limited so applications taking on a first come, first served basis

**Nov. 6-9**

### Pastor celebration

New Bethlehem Baptist Church of Live Oak announces the upcoming third appreciation celebration for Pastor Rev. L.C. Hunt. Services will begin on Thursday, Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 9, at 11 a.m., and will end at 3 p.m. The church is located at 9503 CR 136, Live Oak. For more information, call 386-364-5284.

**Nov. 8**

### BHS Class of '74 reunion

40th reunion

When: Saturday, Nov. 8

Where: Shriners Club, Branford

Time: 4:30 p.m., meal served at 6 p.m.

Who: All 1974 students and teachers are welcome.

For more information, call Marie at 386-935-0305 or Tina at 386-935-0850.

**Nov. 8**

### Christian Mission On Action

Ministries & Youth Development  
Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

Celebrating and honoring all veterans. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at John Hale Recreation Center

Co-Sponsors; First United Methodist & Mt. Zion AME of Live Oak. Door prizes and raffle for our veterans only. Contact Audrey Howell at 386-364-4560 or Otha White Sr at 386-364-1367 for more information.

**Nov. 8**

### St. Therese Barbecue and Country Store

Hamilton County

Saturday, Nov. 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Therese Catholic Church on US Hwy. 41, Hamilton County

The menu will be barbecue chicken, potato salad, green beans, roll and tea. Eat in or take out. There will also be the Country Store where you can purchase home-made cakes, cookies, pies, jams, jellies and more. Hope to see you there

**Nov. 8**

### Race to the Amazon 5K

Where: Wellborn Baptist Church

When: Nov. 8

Time: 8 a.m.

This race is to help raise funds for a mission team that will be going to Brazil in Feb. 2015.

For more information, please call Denny Tompkins at 386-688-3344.

**Nov. 8**

### First annual single moms support group

Saturday, Nov. 8

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Suwannee River Regional Library

For further information, contact Angela Her-ring at 386-219-0479 or 386-628-7849.

**Nov. 11**

### Huge Veterans Day activities planned

The Live Oak Woman's Club, Elks Club, Lions Club, and Rotary Clubs are sponsoring a day of activities to honor the veterans of Lafayette, Hamilton, and Suwannee counties.

A parade is scheduled for 9 a.m. with the usual 11 a.m. cemetery services in Live Oak Cemetery. The Barrett Masonic Lodge is providing free child ID services at the Suwannee County Coliseum on 11th Street beginning at 11 a.m. and a lunch of hot dogs, chips, and sodas will available for purchase.

An afternoon of varied local entertainment will begin at 1 p.m. in the Coliseum.

For more information, please contact Pat Roberts at 386-362-6815.

**Nov. 18**

### The March of Dimes

Signature Chefs Auction

The March of Dimes is presenting "Signature Chefs Auction" at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Rountree Moore Toyota showroom, US 90 W, Lake City. For more information contact Kathy McCallister (386) 697-9810 or kmccallister@marchofdimes.com; or Maureen Lloyd at 397-0598.

**Nov. 22**

### Biker appreciation day

Operation Christmas Child

14th Annual North Florida Operation Christmas Child Biker Appreciation Day, sponsored by Suwannee valley Area Operation Christmas Child.

When: Saturday, Nov. 22

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

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

Donation: Each participant shall bring a gift-filled shoe box or each participant can adopt a shoebox at \$20 per participant. To adopt a shoe box, simply include a \$20 check for each participant. The check should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child.

Time: 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Lunch for each participant that brings a gift-filled shoe box or adopts a shoe box.

Please RSVP as soon as possible with the following information:

Number of participants attending.

Names of all those attending.

RSVP to: Colleen Ruehl, at 850-556-1787, or mail to 12545 SE CR 25A, Jasper, Fla. 32052, or email to jcruehl@aol.com.

Please RSVP no later than Nov. 1.

## Calendar of Events

### (Monthly Meeting)

#### Suwannee County Seniors

#### Free Breakfast and Lunch

Suwannee River Economic Council's Senior Center

1171 Nobles Ferry Road NW, Live Oak, FL  
Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Breakfast- 8:30 a.m./Lunch- 11:30 a.m.

(make reservation for lunch by 9:30 a.m.)

Bingo: (Wednesdays) 10 a.m.

Meeting/Service: (Fridays) 10 a.m.

386-362-1164

#### Church of Christ

#### Food Pantry and Clothes Closet

Hwy. 51 South, Live Oak

3rd Saturday (9:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.)

386-364-5922

#### First Baptist Church of Live Oak

#### Clothes Closet

515 SW 5th Street

1st and 3rd Thursday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### (The Old Red Barn)

#### Suwannee County Branch NAACP-Unit

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President: Lesley White

Triumph The Church & Kingdom of God in Christ

410 Taylor Ave. SW off of 7th St.

1st Monday each month, 7 p.m.

Email: a1101st@comcast.net

386-647-7360

#### American Legion Post 107

10726 142nd St., Live Oak

Off of Hwy 129 S

Post is 1 mile on the right  
Meets 1st Thursday at 12 p.m.

386-362-5987

#### Social Sewing Club

Center Ave., off of 7th St.

2nd and 4th Tuesday

For more information: 386-362-4062

#### Live Oak Garden Club

1300 11th St. SW, Live Oak

3rd Friday of each month, 11 a.m.

www.liveoakfloridagardenclub.com

386-364-4189

#### 'Stars Widow Group'

Antioch Baptist Church

5203 CR 795, Live Oak, FL

4th Monday, 10:30 a.m.

386-362-3101

#### Wellborn Blueberry Pancake Breakfast

Wellborn Blueberry Pancake breakfast

1st Saturday, 7-11 a.m.

Wellborn Community Center

Event to benefit Annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival

#### Suwannee Amateur Radio Club

1st Tuesday, social at 6:30 p.m., regular

meeting at 7 p.m.

North of I10 & US Hwy 129, Live Oak

Call for exact location and directions.

www.suwanneearc.org

386-249-3616

#### Branford Camera Club

Hatch Park Community Center

403 SE Craven St., Branford

Meets 3rd Thursday with an occasional exception

386-935-2044

#### Live Oak Art Guild

Suwannee River Regional Library

1848 Ohio Ave. S, Live Oak

Meets 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

(except July and December)

Judith Adams-386-776-2675

#### Suwannee Democratic Executive Committee

Live Oak City Hall

101 White Ave. SE, Live Oak

Meets 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m.

#### Suwannee County Bassmasters

Poole Realty Inc

127 E. Howard St., Live Oak

Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.

386-688-0978 or 386-590-2885

#### Save the Cats of Live Oak

Need volunteers for feeding cat colonies, maintaining and cleaning building. We also need donations of resalable merchandise for thrift store and help with fundraisers on Saturday. For more information, call 386-364-1006

#### The ARC North Florida

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386-362-7143 ext. 5

#### (Weekly Meeting)

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

Meets Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8 p.m.

Next to Meridian Behavioral Health Center

Nobles Ferry Rd (Old Gray Voters Building)

386-288-2925

#### Recovery By the Numbers

Group of Narcotics Anonymous

Meets Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

1391 11th St. SW, Live Oak

866-352-5323

http://uncoastna.org

(Recovery by the Numbers is not affiliated with St. Luke's)

#### Top FL 798

Community Church of God

10639 Hwy 129 S, Live Oak, FL

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Meets every Wednesday morning, 10 a.m.

386-658-2767

#### Boys Scout Troop 408/ Cub Scout Pack 408

American Legion Post 107

10726 142nd St., Live Oak, FL

Pack 408 meets on Thursday, 6-7 p.m.

Troop 408 meets on Thursday, 7-8:30

386-209-3480

#### Boys Scout Troop 693

Shrine Club

11557 100th Road, Live Oak, FL

Boys aged 11-17 and adult volunteers

Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

troop693@windstream.net

386-590-6121

**GUEST COLUMN**

# Tell EPA to keep electricity affordable and reliable, says SVEC

How new government regulations could increase the cost of power

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in Atlanta. "That's a bad bargain for power customers in Florida, who are certain to see power prices rise. The bottom line is that the earth's temperature will not change because of this rule, but power bills will."

In addition to reducing coal-fired power generation by more than 90 percent, the EPA's plan anticipates a heavy dependence on natural gas. Besides increasing utilization of existing natural gas generation – as coal plants are closed early – new replacement natural gas power plants would have to be built. Existing natural gas pipeline capacity is also limited in Florida. A majority of Florida's natural gas supply is delivered through only two major natural gas pipelines. Another major issue for Florida is the limited storage capability of natural gas. The EPA's plan will create an overreliance on natural gas in Florida, which could adversely affect reliability and lead to volatile price fluctuations of natural gas as the demand for more supply grows across the state.

The Clean Power Plan also suggests Florida can increase its renewable energy generation by 500 percent above current levels by 2030. The steady need for electricity creates the need for constant electricity generation. Renewable resources, such as wind and solar, produce electric energy differently from traditional generation, like coal and natural gas. Since the wind does not always blow and the sun does not always shine, they are considered an intermittent source of energy. Intermittent sources are inconsistent and unable to provide a constant flow of electricity in order to meet consumers' immediate needs.

The last component of the EPA's plan is to increase energy efficiency. For more than 30 years, Florida utilities have implemented energy efficiency and demand-side management (DSM) programs, but the EPA's Clean Power Plan suggests increasing these efforts. The EPA's proposal estimates that additional energy efficiency and DSM measures can reduce demand for electricity by 10 percent by 2030.



Ultimately, as the member, it is your choice to implement additional energy efficiency measures in your home or business. "The EPA's Clean Power Plan, if implemented in its current form, will result in a drastic and sudden shift in Florida's power generation mix, which will not only drive up the cost of electricity, but also have sweeping unintended consequences to a fragile, but recovering workforce and economy," said Johnson. "Fuel diversity is important as it reduces exposure to changing market conditions and helps keep rates competitive. Limiting fuel resources for electricity generation and displacing existing coal-fired power plants as proposed by the EPA will lead to increased costs for consumers and hinder re-

liability." Please join with Seminole Electric and Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative to fight for rational energy and environmental policy that does not harm the affordability or reliability of our electricity. For non-cooperative members please visit [www.tellepa.com](http://www.tellepa.com). If you are a cooperative member, please visit [action.coop](http://action.coop) to send in your comments to the EPA and make your voice heard. Postcards for EPA are also available in the SVEC lobby for members. The comment period for the EPA's Clean Power Plan closes December 1. If you have further questions, please contact SVEC Community Relations Manager, Baynard Ward by phone at 386.362.2226 x.5662.

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## Sweet, Sweet Candy History

Halloween is as much about candy as it is about dressing up in fun costumes and engaging in scare tactics.

Humans have loved their sweets for centuries. Early human beings made candy out of honey by drying it and forming a taffy-like confection, while many modern incarnations of candy involve dissolving sugar into water or milk to form a syrup. Candy is then made by varying the temperature of the syrup and the sugar concentration to achieve desired textures. The word "candy" is derived from the Arabic "quandi," meaning "made of sugar."

Candy also often refers to chocolate bars and other treats that people find so delectable. Ancient Mayans and Aztecs were the first to experiment with the cocoa bean, the cornerstone of chocolate confections, in the 1500s. However, their chocolate drinks were bitter and not the sweet delights we've come to associate with chocolate. It wasn't until the 19th century that innovators began mixing cocoa with sugar to create chocolate bars. Joseph Fry is credited with making the first chocolate bar in 1847, using bittersweet chocolate. Milk chocolate came later, in 1875, when it was introduced by Henry Nestlé and Daniel Peter. Milton Hershey began producing sweet chocolate in 1894.

Hershey bars, Nestlé bars and many other original candies are still in production today. Tootsie Rolls and Charleston Chews are other classic candies still produced. Good & Plenty debuted in 1893, making it the oldest branded candy in America. NECCO company Wafers were officially branded in 1901 and are another classic treat consumers can still find in the candy aisle of their nearest grocery store.

Smarties is another candy that's bound to show up in trick-or-treat bags this Halloween. Smarties have been owned and operated by the same family since 1949. The Ce De Candy Inc. factory opened up in August 1949 in Bloomfield, NJ, and produced a candy that would not melt in the heat.

Smarties are a favorite all over North America and elsewhere. When demand is too high for the NJ factory, particularly around Halloween, Smarties are also produced in a Canadian factory in Newmarket, Ontario. Smarties imported to the United States are still called Smarties. However, Smarties sold in Canada are known as "Rockets," as another candy sold in Canada already bears the Smarties name.



Candy dishes up delicious fun in time for Halloween celebrations.

Halloween wouldn't be nearly as sweet without troves of candy treasures. Children are urged to have their candy sorted and inspected by parents prior to eating to avoid any dangers, such as food allergies or tampering.

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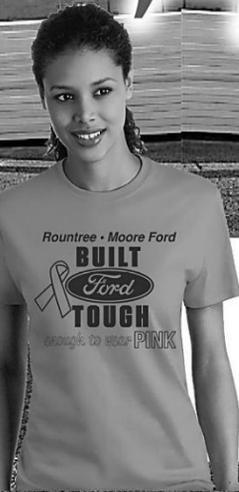
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# Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent  
Johnny Bullard

"There are places I remember,  
All my life, though some have changed,  
Some forever not for better,  
Some have gone--and some remain--  
All these places had their moments,  
With lovers and friends,  
I still recall.  
Some are dead and some are living,  
In my life, I've loved them all.  
But of all these friends and lovers,  
There is none compares with you.  
And these memories lose their meaning,  
When I think of love as something new.  
And I know I'll never lose affection  
For people and things that went before,  
I know I'll often stop and think about them,  
In my life I loved you more.  
In my live I loved you more. (John Lennon and Sir Paul McCartney)

county and we loved it, bumps, warts, and all, but also beauty, glory and all. She was a great storyteller in the tradition of good Southern storytellers, and she could spin a yarn. I always laughed when she told me about her Grandma Kate Bell Henderson naming all her dogs "Lassie". She told me many other stories, too, and I am not going to print them here. Those were between her and me.

I noticed right away how genuine this individual was, no fakery here. She genuinely loved her children, and she was genuinely concerned and dedicated. She worked hard, very hard on the mountain of paperwork that is required for exceptional student education.

I worked that year in Jasper, 1981-82, but our friendship endured and we continued to stay in contact, and often went places and had fun talking and socializing. She was a dear, devoted friend, a true friend.

When I found out I was to become principal in Jasper at Central in 1993, this person phoned me at home and in that unmistakable, slow Southern drawl, she said, "Hello, Johnny. Come up to see me in Jasper and let's ride around a while."

I, of course, agreed and was happy to go visit with my good friend.

We both got into my vehicle, and she said, "I'm going to take you on a tour of Jasper."

I looked at her like she was crazy and said, "I've lived here in this county all my life. What are you talking about?"

She answered, "You've lived here, but today, you are going to see a different Jasper, a different Hamilton County. I am going to show you where a lot of your students live."

She did just that, and it was an eye opener. She proved to me that you can live someplace a lifetime and never really see it. She had that kind of sensitivity. We not only drove around Jasper, but we also went around pig trails all over the countryside around Jasper. Places I had never been, but boy I saw the sights and smelled the wonders that day.

Now, I want to talk about public education for just a second. There have been wonderful, marvelous moments I have experienced in it during my nearly three decades of involve-

ment, almost two of those as a school principal. I have also seen the pure agony; that expression that comes to the surface of someone's face of the deepest "hurt" imaginable when they are given the news that their child, their most precious possession is "different". Not "different" in a positive way, as defined by traditional society, but "mentally challenged".

Many times, these are terrible, emotional moments. This individual, was one of the best I have ever seen in these conferences with that slow, steady, calming voice she had, that was so soothing, she had a way of making everything seem like it would be alright and that she would love and take care of their child, and she did.

She had the patience of Job. She would try anything and everything to get a child to learn and become a better citizen, and she had an infinite capacity for love.

She loved unconditionally. She loved her family; her son, her daughter-in-law, grandchildren, her parents, her brothers and sisters, her students, and she loved me, and I did love her with all my heart.

When she phoned me a short while ago and told me of her diagnosis, she told me no publicity, no prayer chains, no Facebook. It is widespread, I am on morphine, but before that, I knew she was not well. I saw her in Live Oak, and that day I just knew something was not right. It was enough I wrote her and expressed my concern, and it was shortly after she responded.

Sometimes God gives us a gift for a short while to brighten our lives and to inspire us. She was a gift that touched my life and inspired me. I will never forget her. I will never stop loving her. I will never, ever replace her friendship. She was "one of a kind".

Hamilton County may have better trained educators with more degrees that will come after her, and maybe before her, but they will never have one, not one who loved for nor cared for children more than her. She did love her children, and she did care for them. Education to her was a "calling", truly, a vocation, she lived it, day in and day out.

This lady was Phyllis

Henderson Hunter, longtime educator in the Hamilton County School system at Central Hamilton Elementary.

Phyllis attended public schools in Hamilton and Suwannee counties, and she had friends on both sides of the river. She often got together with the ladies who get together once in a while from the

"Class of 1967" at Raleigh Brown's, the Brown Lantern, who graduated in 1967, even though, I think Phyllis graduated from Hamilton County High School.

She graduated from Valdosta State College and worked her way through college. She was determined. There were a couple of local educators in her family,

including the late Misses Alice and Virginia Bell, both longtime Hamilton County educators.

From the Eight Mile Still on the Woodpecker Route north of White Springs, wishing you a day filled with joy, peace, and above all, lots of love and laughter. So blessed to be in the number one more time.

## A Healthy You

Florida Health **HealthiestWeight**

By Johnny Bullard  
Florida Department of  
Health-Hamilton County

Food Day 2014 inspires Americans to change their diets for the better and to improve our food policies. Hamilton County has a very high rate of obesity and obesity related diseases including: diabetes and heart disease. According to CHARTS (Community Health Assessment Resource Tool Set), Hamilton County's adult population had an obesity rate of over 43 percent.

America's food system contributes to obesity, diabetes, heart disease and other health problems. One third of American children who are school-aged are overweight or obese. With continued marketing campaigns highlighting unhealthy food choices, it is clearer than ever that food education will play an important role in fighting obesity.

At the Florida Department of Health-Hamilton County, we take positive steps to educate and inform citizens about better access to healthier foods and to promote healthier lifestyles. Our Florida Department of Health will initiate in the very near future a "Step Out to Health at Stephen Foster", where 500 free park passes will be issued to individuals who have obesity related issues to encourage more physical activity and more access to our health parks. The kick off for this event will be on Sat-

urday, Nov. 1.

In addition, at the Florida Department of Health, we have our own employee exercise and weight off program. A lifestyle change is a process and requires thought and discipline. There is no magic pill, no overnight way for it to happen, but the results for individuals in the way of health improvement are phenomenal. Simple changes in diet can result in major improvements for one's health.

Hamilton County will join the nation in celebrating Food Day on Friday, Oct. 24. We appreciate our county commission for signing a proclamation officially declaring Friday, Oct. 24, Food Day 2014. Food Day is a day to make individuals more aware of the need to make healthier choices in the way we eat; more fruits and vegetables, less processed foods, more water, less sugary drinks and carbonated beverages, more exercise and less time in front of the TV and the computer screen.

Food Day 2014, it's something we can all celebrate. I want to personally thank Ida Daniels for all her hard work in the Hamilton County School District for a quality school food service system that serves all children and serves them uniformly. We thank Ida so very much for all her continued good work.

Food Day 2014... A wonderful event to celebrate, to rejoice, to truly give thanks.

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SPORTS

# Trojans dominate Buccaneers

Submitted

Hamilton County traveled to Branford for their second district contest Friday night, Oct. 17. The Trojans jumped on top 7-0 on the second play of the night when Trojan quarterback Kentwan Daniels scored. Daniels ran 51 yards for the score behind the blocking of Amaad Gandy, Hunter Hill, Fabian Reid, Jesse Alsing and Kaleb Sadler. Santiago Granatos' point after kick was good. On the first series for the Buccaneers, the defense, led by Ethan Land, Hunter Hill, Fabian Reid, and Amaad Gandy, stifled Branford forcing the quarterback to fumble. Malik Randolph scooped the ball up on Branford's five yard line and ran it in for the score. Granatos' kick was good again. On the next series, the Buccaneers had to punt because of the defensive play of Jesse Alsing, Dean-gelo Robinson, Darrell Walker, J'Quan Cole, La'Marcus Webb and Kendrick Carter. Justin Culbreath came in at quarterback for the Trojans on their next series where he directed the scoring drive which was highlighted by a 67 yard run by La'Marcus Webb. Granatos' kick good again, 21-0.

Granatos' kickoff went in to the end

zone and new faces started showing up for the Trojans. Leonekeo Robinson, Alex Barner, and Soloman Arrington helped shut down Branford again. Two great sacks by Ethan Land, and great defensive plays by Emmitt Dowels, Isaiah Bristol, and Travion Weary forced the Buccaneers to punt and La'Marcus Webb took it 80 yards for a touchdown. Blocks by Ethan Land, J'Quan Cole, Darrell Walker and others led the way. Land snapped the ball, Ridge Cone held the point after and Granatos booted it through 28-0.

On Branford's next series, linebacker Justin Williams, safety Andrew Graham, defensive lineman Zay Gandy and linebacker Jose Gallegos forced Branford to punt and the snap was high. Alex Barner and others pinned the Buccaneers on the three yard line. Two plays later, Malik Randolph took it in for the score. Granatos' kick was wide right, score 34-0. The defense held again and on runs by Justin Culbreath and J'Quan Cole and pass receptions by Cole and La'Marcus Webb, set up Cole's five yard touchdown run. The snap on the point after try was fumbled but holder Ridge Cone took it in for the two point



A Trojan runs the ball while others hold back Branford. - Photo: Andrew McGee

conversion making the score 42-0. The last scoring drive for the Trojans was led by Justin Culbreath again running the ball and passing to Hunter Smith and handing the ball to Malik Randolph who took it in for the final Trojan score. Granatos' kick was good and the score was 49-0.

The last half of the third quarter and all of the fourth quarter, the younger players all got to play and finished

the game only allowing 14 points. The final score was 49-14.

The Trojans have an open week this Friday but the JV will travel to Fort White on Thursday, their final game at 7 p.m. Come support the young Trojans. The varsity has two regular season games left, away at Jefferson for the district championship on Oct. 31 and home again against Taylor County on Nov. 7.

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## WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

Where	What's Biting	What Bait
Altman Bay	Bass	Chatter Baits w any Light Colors
	Bream	Crickets, Red Worms
Eagle Lake	Bass	Dark Spinners w Dark Trailers (3 to 8 ft deep), Bass Assassin Worms - Black w Chartreuse Tail or June Bug w Chartreuse Tail, Top Water - Dark Plugs
	Bream	Crickets, Red Worms, Betts Spins w Black Grubs
	Catfish	Crickets, Blood Baits (Liver)
	Specs	Jigs w Live Minnows
Ocean Pond	Bass	Spinners - White w Chartreuse Chub Tail or White Worm (3 to 8 ft)
	Bream	Crickets, Red Worms, Betts Yellow Spinner w Chartreuse Tails (2")
Ocean Pond - Fly Fishing	Bass	Poppers, Large Floating Bugs
	Bream	Crickets, Catalpa Fly (let it sink slowly)
Pit Pond	Bass	Bass Assassin Worms -
	Bream (Fly Fish)	Crickets, Water Bugs
	Catfish	Crickets, Blood Bait (Liver)
	Specs	Jig w Live Minnow
Suwannee River	Large Mouth and Suwannee Bass	Bass Assassin Worms - Black or June Bug w Chartreuse Tail, Chatter Baits - Dark w Craw Tail
	Stripe Bass	Spinner w Chartreuse Trailer, Betts Spin w Bass Assassin John Deere Green Tail, Blood Bait (Liver)
	Bream	Crickets, Red Worms, Betts or Beetle Spinners - Dark Grub Trailer
	Channel Cats	Wigglers, Blood Baits (Liver)

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## FISH OF THE WEEK

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Willie Smith of White Springs caught a mess of catfish on wigglers behind Rooster's shop on the Suwannee River at Swift Creek. Come on down and Rooster will hook you up! - Courtesy photo

## Gothic/mystery writer to hold book signing at haunted jail in Jasper

By Joyce Marie Taylor  
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West Palm Beach gothic and mystery writer Cynthia Morrison will be appearing at the Hamilton County Old Jail for a book signing on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24-25, during a Haunted House event inside the historic site that begins at dark and goes until...

Morrison is a graduate of Palm Beach State College and the Burt Reynolds Institute, and is

also a member of the Horror Writers Association. She is also a stage combat director and an award winning playwright. Her stage play, "Words with a Mummy", was recently contracted to appear inside an educational textbook for high school students in the Philippines.

According to a press release, Morrison became fascinated with the horror genre at an early age through Hollywood productions of "The Pit and the Pendulum", "Dark Shadows", "The

Wolfman" and "Dracula". Today, she has Gothic works of her own inside a number of horror anthologies.

Morrison's theatre play "Peppered Precinct" won second prize in 2013, and she traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the play's presentation at the Woolly Mammoth Theatre near the White House. While there, she visited the grave of Edgar Allan Poe's sister, Rosalie Mackenzie Poe, and experienced extraordinary circumstances. Those events are recorded within her work titled "The Ravens of Rosalie" that is included inside her latest anthology, "The Passion of Poe", which will be available for purchase, along with her other works during the Haunted House event.

As a retired escape artist, Morrison once hung from a legal gallows where two convicted men were executed. She was hung from the gallows hook inside the death chamber during an inverted straitjacket escape at the Turner County Jail in Georgia. She plans to include the Old Hamilton County Jail in her upcoming book about historic confinement.

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# A spooky time at the haunted old jail

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and was last utilized as a jail around the year 1984.

When the jail was in operation there were separate cell areas for white men, African Americans and women. It also had a separate cell for solitary confinement.

Records show there were babies brought into the world and men taken from the world in this building, and actual photographs of what is believed to be the last legal hanging East of the Mississippi are on display.

Historians claim that two African Americans and one white man were hanged from the tower and those hangings brought out throngs of local citizens to watch the primitive executions. There were also several alleged deaths inside the jail, including one woman who committed suicide and a man who was killed within the prison.

Bullard said he recalled hearing of three separate hangings at the jail. According to historians, either the last two or last three legal executions by hanging east of the Mississippi were held at this jail.

One notable hanging occurred in 1916. Sheriff's Officer W. Raiford Royals, who died in the line of duty, was shot and killed by Walter Durham of Hahira, Ga. on the steps of a colored rooming house near the G.S. & F. Depot in Hamilton County on April 10, 1916. He left behind a wife and six children.

Durham was tried and found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to death by hanging, which was carried out Sept. 8, 1916, by order of the governor of the state of Florida at that time, Park Trammell.

On July 7, 1983, the Old Jail was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and now serves as the Hamilton County Historical Museum.

The jail, many say, is haunted by the ghosts of its former residents, and it has been visited by several paranormal investigators over the years who found evidence of spirits living there, such as odd noises, eerie voices and distinct footsteps.

"There are all kinds of legends about the old Hamilton County Jail," said Bullard.

He then explained how justice used to be carried out in those days, as he remembered it from stories he'd been told.

"You had a jury of your peers who found people guilty and they didn't wait to transport people to a state prison to carry out capital punishment," Bullard said. "It was done right there in the community... at the will of the community."

Jury selection, Bullard said, was a lot different in

those days than it is today. Back then, a list of potential jurors used to be published for the attorneys, both the prosecution and defense. The attorneys could then poll those potential jurors to get an idea which way they would sway when it came time to convict someone. That pattern continued through the 1960s, he added.

"If you were a defense attorney, you stood a much better chance if you had someone on that potential jurors list that you knew or were familiar with," said Bullard. "That was just the way the justice system worked in the state of Florida at that particular time."

Hamilton County, Bullard said, had some brilliant jurists during that time, one of whom was Clayton Averiett, who served as county attorney and head of the Democratic Party for a number of years. Bullard said Averitt never went to law school.

"He read the law down in Tampa and then took the bar exam and for years had the highest recorded score ever known on the Florida bar exam," Bullard said.

Averiett, he said, was involved in many notable and outstanding law cases, both locally and nationally.

Bullard said he has no doubt that the old jail is probably haunted because of the hangings that took place there, as well as the reported violence that happened in the jail cells. He did, however, say that Hamilton County had good public servants. He said the prisoners at the old jail were probably treated as equally as they would have been treated in any jail in the Deep South at that time.

When asked if he knew of anyone who had witnessed haunted spirits inside the jail, Bullard laughed and said, "Without naming names, I know people who have said it is a spooky place to be around during the evening time. I can imagine it would be. I wouldn't want to stay around there at night," he added.

If there is such a thing as the paranormal and specters, Bullard said the old jail would be a good place for them to hang out. He said he was there once at night with a friend and probably won't make a repeat visit.

"Let's just say I went to the front door and left quickly," Bullard said. "I heard something. I saw something that moved... like a shadow, and I didn't stick around. It was frightening enough to me that I did not stay around."

For many years, when a man was elected sheriff in Hamilton County, he, his wife and children lived in separate living quarters at the jail, Bullard

said. Sheriff Eddie McGinn was one who lived there sometime in the 1940s, he said.

"His wife, Grace, who was a Bradshaw... their daughter Miriam married my daddy's first cousin, C.C. Bullard, and I know they lived at the jail," said Bullard. "Back then, when you were sheriff, because of communications and all, you couldn't leave the county because you were on call all the time. So, when they went on vacation, they would come down to White Springs, go to the Colonial Hotel and go to the springs to go swimming."

So, whether you believe in ghosts or not, the old haunted jail might be worth a visit this Halloween season. Your evening will surely be a spooky one.

## REGIONAL

### Bill Gates buying up local farmland Investment arm recently paid \$28M for 4,500-acre tract

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Gates

The investment company that manages the wealth of the world's richest man, Bill Gates, has been acquiring large tracts of farmland in North Florida the past two years, real estate records show.

Lakeland Sands Florida, a subsidiary of Cascade Investments LLC, which oversees the Gates fortune, recently bought more than 4,500 acres in Suwannee County near McAlpin, the unincorporated community just south of here.

The price: \$27,961,144.69, according to court records.

John S. Bailey, vice-president of Seldom Rest Inc., declined comment on the sale of the farm.

Lakeland Sands has also acquired an abundance of land and properties in other parts of Suwannee County and in Hamilton and Madison counties since 2012, public records disclosed.

Brothers Chris and Allen Heine, owners of Oak Hammocks LLC, sold 400 heavily-wooded acres in Western Suwannee County to Lakeland Sands for \$800,000 in September of 2013 not knowing who was behind the purchase.

The brothers said they had owned the land as an investment and cleared it of trees before the closing at the request of the buyer, assuming Lakeland Sands was either in the timber or farming business.

Chis Heine said the brothers simply "didn't know the buyers personally."

That's the way Michael Larson, who oversees the Gates real estate investment empire, wants it.

The Wall Street Journal said in a recent article that Larson's job is to quietly grow the Microsoft co-founder's personal wealth to help fulfill the mission of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to fight disease, hunger and improve education in the developing world.

Larson runs Cascade Investments, headquartered in Kirkland, the Seattle suburb that's also the home of Lakeland Sands Florida, according to Florida state corporation records.

Cascade owns more than 100,000 acres of farmland in several states, according to the Wall Street Journal. It also invests in railroads, hotels, insurance firms, farm equipment manu-

facturing, energy companies, equity stocks and various other holdings.

Real estate has been Cascade's focus since the recovery from the 2009 recession that plummeted property values across the country, and especially in Florida.

In the past two years, Cascade's Lakeland Sands Florida subsidiary has purchased these properties in Northern Florida: Coggins Acres LLC; Coggins Farm Supply, Inc.; Circle C Produce, Inc.; Absaroka Holdings, Inc.; Hamilton Land Investments, Corp.; Hamilton Pine Trees LLC; Lake Clarke Holdings LLC; and Lee Peanut Farms LLC.

Suwannee County commissioners said they were unaware of the connection between Lakeland Sands and Bill Gates.

Commissioner Wesley Wainwright said he knew only that a large land tract near McAlpin had been sold at a premium, and that the same buyer purchased Coggins Farms in neighboring Hamilton County.

Commissioner Jason Bashaw said he heard the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation was getting into agriculture, but was also unaware of any related company buying local farmland.

Contacted by the Suwannee Democrat, a spokesperson for the Gates family had no comment on the land purchases in Suwannee, Hamilton and Madison counties.

That response was not unexpected. Gates and his Cascade Investments company seldom announce publicly its real estate acquisitions or other investments. The Wall Street Journal said the reason is to prevent sellers from inflating their asking price.

Forbes magazine has estimated Bill Gates' net worth at \$80 billion, making him the richest man in the world. The Bill and Malinda Gates Foundation has an endowment of \$41 billion.

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