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Prescribed burn at Mallory Swamp scheduled

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) is planning to conduct prescribed burning operations on up to 4,000 acres of its property within Mallory Swamp through July 13. Those planning recreational activities on the property should be aware that a portion of the tract may be closed to the public depending upon the burn location and weather conditions.

These prescribed burning activities are subject to weather conditions.

Contractors will conduct the burn using aerial ignition from a helicopter or ground ignition.

Prescribed fire is one of the District's land management tools to maintain natural resources and reduce the risk of wildfire on

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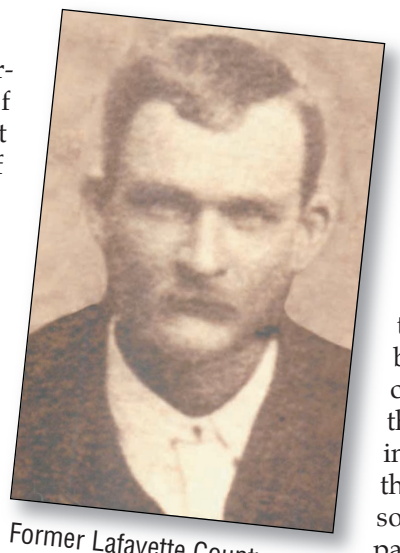
A prescribed burn at Mallory Swamp using aerial ignition on Dec. 15, 2010.

Former sheriff slain in line of duty honored in state, national ceremonies

Submitted

Former Sheriff Norman Pearson of Lafayette County lost his life in the line of duty in October 1931. Now, thanks to the efforts of current Sheriff Brian N. Lamb, his service has been honored through his induction in the state and national Fallen Officer's Memorials.



Former Lafayette County Sheriff Norman Pearson.

May 13-19, 2012 was National Police Week 2012, and was the time when officers and citizens across the country stopped to pay tribute to those deputies and officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities. While preparing for the events of the week, Lamb discovered that Lafayette County's own former Sheriff Norman Pearson had not been added to the list of names on the Fallen Officer's Memorial. He then set out to rectify the problem by contacting family members still living in the county and submitting the name and supporting documentation to the Florida Sheriffs Association. His efforts paid off as he was notified that the application had been accepted, and plans were made for representatives from the family and the

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■ This year, the names of 362 law enforcement individuals killed in the line of duty were added to the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial.

Charlie Pearson doing a rubbing of his grandfather's name, former Lafayette County Sheriff Norman Pearson, who was killed in the line of duty in October 1931. Norman Pearson's name was added to the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial wall in Washington, D.C.

Courtesy photos

A proud mama

- Photo: Jack Howdeshell

Francisco Javier Negrete presents the single rose to his mother during the Parent Recognition portion of the Lafayette High School graduation ceremony held Friday, June 1. See more graduation photos, Page 7A.

New youth ranch coming to North Florida

About 200 jobs will be created

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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The Florida United Methodist Children's Home (FUMCH) in Enterprise is adding a north campus in Madison that will benefit youth in Lafayette and surrounding counties thanks to a generous gift of 245 acres of pristine land that includes a restored home. Another 60 acres was donated by Billy and Dianne Sullivan, and a commitment from John and Bunny Maultsby to build the first children's residence on the site.

For children who are victims of sexual or physical abuse, neglect, or family breakdowns due to drug abuse, divorce, illness, death or other traumatic issues, relief in the form of a brand new 300 plus acre residential home/youth ranch is coming to Madison County, which will serve all of North Florida.

Mike Cummins speaks about the Madison Youth Ranch. -Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

Director of Family Philanthropy at FUMCH, Michael Cummins, said that in 1896 the United Methodist

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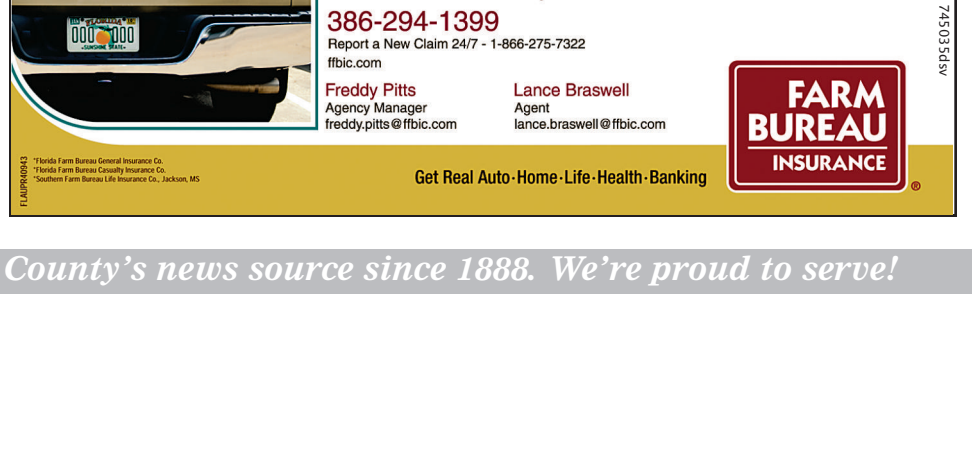

CHURCH NEWS

Heart Matters

Congrats class of 2012

By Angie Land

You made it! Congratulations to the graduating class of 2012. Graduation marks the celebration of a long-awaited accomplishment, as well as the beginning of a new challenge: "What will I do with my life?" Some of you have carefully mapped out plans, while others are still struggling for answers. In your search, consider the words of Jeremiah 6:16:

"This is what the Lord says: **"Stand at the crossroads and look: ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls…"**

You now stand at one of the biggest crossroads of your life. Graduation is the end of a path that began years ago as you left Mom and Dad to climb onto the school bus and walk into the classroom on your own. Now is the time to celebrate…with an eye to the future.

Stand at this crossroad and look. An intersection is a place where you must make a decision about which way to go based on where you want to end up. Consider what you have learned about life and about yourself, and look for the good way that leads to your future. The right path for living is marked out by God, but it requires a careful search to uncover. The popular, easier path is always going to be offered and it will be tempting, but know that it leads to a dead-end life…when we ignore God's map we lose our way.

Walk in it. Once you get a glimpse of that good way, don't get frustrated if you can't see the whole plan right now…start with one step…it may be that you find the directions for the next step on the way. Get going…a tiny rudder can turn a huge ship, but only if it is moving. Be confident that God has a plan for your life. In Ephesians 2:10 the Bible tells us "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." That word "workmanship" also means "masterpiece"…one of a kind! God created you uniquely for a specific purpose…to do good works. The kicker is that He has prepared them "in advance" for you to do. All we have to do is follow His map to find them!

Find rest for your souls…Of all the things I could hope and pray for you…this is it. In a world full of unrest, strife and lack of peace, having rest for your soul is priceless, and it only comes from being in right standing with the One who created you. Notice that this rest comes as a result of standing, looking, asking, and walking…with Him. Your life consists of the time between your appointed birth and death…how will you spend it? Choose carefully…because your heart and your life matters!

Congratulations and Blessings!
Angie

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

Freedom is Here

The Gift of Life

By John Whittington

Genesis 2:7 the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

What was it like for Almighty God to transfer the breath of life into a speck of dust? The light coming from one candle flame measures about 5-10 lumens, depending on the average candle. The sun is 250 octillion lumens - That's 250 followed by 27 more zeros! And that analogy falls short because God isn't measurable, He's infinite!

Job 12:10 says, In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind. God has given you the gift of life. If you're reading this, that's a gift. If you're breathing at all, that's a gift! *Deuteronomy 30:20* says the Lord is your life!

Feeling and emotion - joy, happiness, love, peace, smiles - it's a gift from God! When you enjoy the sound of the rain - it's a gift from God! When you see a baby smile and you smile back - it's a gift from God! When you eat a steak grilled exactly to your taste or listen to your favorite song - it's a gift from God!

Someone may ask, "If life is such a gift, then why does so much go wrong?" Why is there misery and disease? Why is there war and poverty? Why are children born sick? Why do chunks of mountains slide off and crush people?

Read the Bible, and then go back and observe the world. You see the beautiful designs from the mind of a perfect God. You also see the defects that sin has caused. You see a beautiful, broken world crying out for God to return and make it right!

After Jesus rose from the grave, He breathed on his disciples and said, "receive the Holy Spirit" *(John 20:22)*. Those who have been born of the Spirit, have a taste of a sin-sick world made right. As we live out the the life-giving Holy Spirit in our walk with the Lord, the world is going to see and want what we have.

What you see today is only a dim reflection of what it was, and what it will be again someday. God will return to wipe out sin and breathe life back into a dying world. In the meantime, you can be a breath of fresh air to someone who needs life. Point them to Jesus and let Him breath life back into them!

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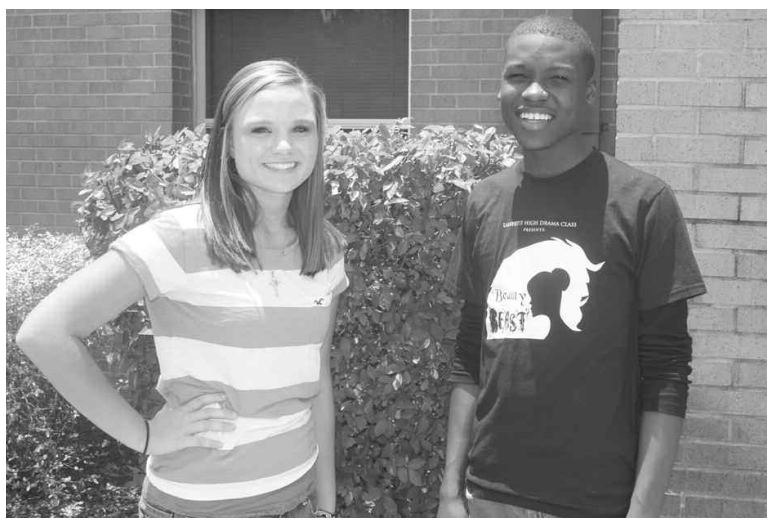
Lafayette County Schools May Students of the Month



Middle School Sidney Peterson, left. High School Cameron Thomas, right.

K-2 Jalen HIII, left 3-5. Macah Swinson, right Courtesy photos

Lafayette School Happenings

Tom Lashley

Kindergarten and 5th grade graduations are this week, and the school year is winding down. There is much left to do to close everything down for the summer, and then almost immediately prepare for summer school and summer work projects. In the next few days, much information will go home with students about various details.

Congratulations to the Class of 2012! They had an awesome year, with multiple awards in FFA, FBLA, 2 State Championships, and many other honors. If you were there, you saw a great baccalaureate and a GREAT graduation ceremony that capped off a great school year. Kudos to Mr. Dale Croft for making sure the sound systems were working, and for all of our staff and grounds crew who had the facility looking tremendous.

A special congratulations to Kali Sharpe. Kali signed a scholarship this week for softball to St. Johns State College, joining Stacy McClellan who also signed with Indian River State College earlier this year. These girls were the only seniors on the squad, so 100% of the graduating seniors in that sport will represent us at the next level in the future. I hope they play each other next year, so we can see them play on the same field.

GO HORNETS!!

CHURCH DIRECTORY
Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

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AIRLINE BAPTIST CHURCH (SBC).....294-2676
Pastor.....Chip Parker
Sunday
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Fellowship Supper.....6:00 p.m.
AWANA & Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
Located Four Miles East of Mayo on Highway 27
"O Come Let us Worship The Lord" Ps. 95:6
717864-F

Methodist Church 732125-F
Phone: 386-294-1661
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Located SE corner of Hwy. 27 & FL 51 Mayo
Pastor: Geary Rowell
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
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NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor.....Rev. Charlie Walker
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training.....6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....7:00 p.m.
Wed. Awana.....6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
Located Two Miles North of Mayo Off Highway 51
"Come And Hear, All Ye That Fear God" Ps. 66:16 732145-F

ALTON CHURCH OF GOD.....294-3133
Pastor.....Rev. Tim Hamm
Youth Pastor.....Chad Morrin
Music Director.....Holly Braswell
Children's Pastor.....Ryan & Tiffany Perry
Sunday School.....9:30-10:30 a.m.
Worship Service/K.I.D.S. Church.....10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Family Night Youth Club Church.....7:00 p.m. Wednesday
State Road 27
717863-F

MAYO BAPTIST CHURCH.....(386)294-1020
916 N. Fletcher Ave.
Mike Harris, Interim Pastor
Music Director.....Dale Croft
Sunday Schedule
Bible Study.....9:45 A.M.
Worship Service.....11:00 A.M.
Sunday Night Service.....6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night Schedule
Prayer Service & Youth & Children Meeting.....7:00 P.M.
mayobaptistchurch@windstream.net
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PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH (SBC).294-1306
Pastor.....Todd Babione
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Discipleship Training.....7:00 p.m.
Evening Training.....6:00 p.m.
Seven miles West of Mayo, left on CR 534 then right on CR 351
-- Jesus Saves -- 732144-F

HATCHBEND APOSTOLIC CHURCH..935-2806
Pastor.....Rev. Steve Boyd
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Service.....7:30 p.m.
Located 4 miles South on Hwy. 349, then left on CR 138, follow signs.
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MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH.....935-4993
Pastor: Danny Rogers
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.
Team Kids.....7:00 p.m.
\Located on County Road 354
"For If Ye Forgive Men Their Tresspasses Your Heavenly Father Will Also Forgive You" Matt. 6:14 732132-F

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Pastor: Stan Posey
Phone (386) 776-1806
SUNDAY
Sunday Worship.....9:30 am
Bible Study.....10:30 am
WEDNESDAY
Women's Bible Study.....10:00 am
717886-F

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD.....294-1811
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Wednesday: Youth Impact.....7:00 p.m.; Adult Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
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Youth Pastor: Daryl Fletcher
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Training Union.....6 p.m.
Evening Bible Study.....7 p.m.
Wednesday
Children, Youth & Adult.....7 p.m.
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Give Thanks unto the Lord

New youth ranch coming to North Florida

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Church held their first conference in Madison, where they passed a resolution to start an orphanage, so it is quite fitting to have the new youth ranch in the county where the vision began.

At the time there was a Methodist orphanage in Macon, Ga. that was housing Florida orphans.

"Frankly, they wanted to place the children here in Florida," Cummins said. "That was the beginning of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home and actually it was 1908 before the children's home was started."

It was located on the St. John's River in Volusia County with just a handful of orphans.

"Today, we don't have many orphans," said Cummins. "For that matter, I'm not sure if we have any at the moment, but there are 300 children who lay their head on a pillow tonight and we take total responsibility for those 300 children."

Currently, he said, there are 100 resident children living at the campus in Enterprise, which has a total of 46 buildings. The kids stay in residential homes, typically eight to a home with boys in some and girls in others. Most of the kids in the residential program are teenagers who need therapeutic assistance.

"They're kids who have been neglected, they have been abused, they've been physically abused by their parents, some of them don't have parents, they've been physically abused by caretakers, they've been sexually abused, they're kids who have had really, really tough times. These are not kids who brought it on themselves. These are kids who had it done to them by somebody else," said Cummins.

The average stay is about 18 months and Cummins said the fact is a lot of the kids grow up there. The youth home is also an emergency care shelter for children in Central Florida. They have a designated home for pregnant teenagers and one for sexually abused boys, as well.

Cummins said, "There are a lot of different kinds of homes on our campus for a lot of very special kids who have very special needs, and some of them have been hurt very badly."

He related a story of one young girl who had been adopted by a family, who had two other children. They brought the little girl to the Youth Ranch in Enterprise.

"That family decided that little girl was not for them, and they dumped her," Cummins said, as his voice cracked and his eyes filled with tears. "They literally unadopted her. They said you're not welcome here anymore. When we got her, she would never raise her hand. She would never look up at an adult. Her stare was fixed on the ground."

The girl, he said, was placed in the Equine Assisted Psychotherapy Program at the Youth Ranch where she learned how to care for a horse.

Cummins said, "Roger Bouchard at the Sheriff's Ranch said to me one time that one of the things we have learned in our years here is that the outside of a horse leads to the very best in the inside of a child. He said we have found that children relate very well to these animals."

On a national level, Cummins said, there have been tremendous gains in this type of therapy.

"It's not riding the horse, it's caring for the horse, because the horse does not ask anything of you but that you care for it, and it doesn't ask for anything in return," said Cummins.

The young girl, he said, is now able to look up, not only physically, but in other aspects of her life.

"She's looking up because she has experienced God's love and we have been a vehicle to help share that with her," said Cummins.

In an effort to bolster the development staff after 100 years of service, FUMCH asked Cummins to join the organization in November 2010 and three months ago Katharine Zimmerman joined.

During his first week on the job, Cummins was asked to take a ride with the president and vice president of FUMCH to visit with folks from the Methodist Church in Madison, who wanted to talk about expanding the organization with a campus there. Eight couples from the church, Cummins said, were interested in building something similar to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch in Suwannee County because they were being forced to send needy children in the area to either Central or South Florida, since there weren't enough such places in North Florida.

At a second meeting in Madison, Cummins said they told the people of the church there was no way they could build another facility without having the necessary acreage or major donations. During that meeting, FUMCH Vice President John Rivas jokingly said, "If anyone wants to give us some land, we're staying at the Best Western out here on I-10 and 53 and we're going to be here until 8:30 tomorrow morning, so just give us a call."

Cummins said 8:30 came and went and nobody called.

"Actually, the call didn't come until quarter to nine," said Cummins. "Our president's phone rang and Billy and Diane Sullivan were on the phone."

The Sullivan's are longtime residents of Madison and they said they stayed up all night in prayer and were convinced God wanted them to donate 120 acres to help build the children's home. Cummins said during the process of surveying the land and trying to decide if it was suitable, they got another phone call from John and Bunny Maultsby, who have a plywood business in Greenville. They told Cummins they were convinced God wanted them to build the first home at the site. As the project began to move forward yet another phone call came in.

"This call was different than the first two, because this call came from the county," Cummins said.

Later, 80 Madison residents showed up at a planned meeting to discuss the issue. These residents were against building a children's home at the proposed site, saying it would affect their peaceful quality of life. Cummins said he understood their concerns since he came from a small town.

During that meeting, Mary K. Blume, president of the Shirley Barksdale Foundation, came up to Cummins and told him he was an answer to a prayer.

Barksdale was a school teacher from Jacksonville who retired to Pinetta in Madison County after buying a 245 acre farm there. She died there in 1994, and in her will, the only condition she asked for was that the farm be used to help children in need.

Barksdale's tombstone sits on the property and her epitaph reads, "Helping special children was her gift in life. This land, her earthly paradise, is her undying gift."

Since Barksdale's death, Cummins said, the foundation had done all they could to maintain the property, but they had no money to do anything else with it.

"It's an absolutely beautiful piece of property," said Cummins. "It's covered with magnolias, pine trees and big oaks."

Barksdale's fully restored farmhouse, along with some other buildings are on the property. The only problem, Cummins said, was that it didn't sit on a main road. It was landlocked by another property between it and Captain Buie Road, which runs from Pinetta over to Cherry Lake.

"Who do you think happened to own the land that sat between that 245 acres and Captain Buie Road?" asked Cummins. "Billy and Diane Sullivan," he said.

The Sullivans said they'd be happy to donate the land for the children's home.

"So, we ended up with over 300 acres," Cummins said.

The first phase of the project, which is fashioned after the existing youth ranch in Enterprise, will cost up to $10 million. So far, almost $3 million has been raised. Before 2012 ends, they anticipate breaking ground on the new Madison Youth Ranch, as well as have a ribbon cutting for a foster care program office, similar to the one in Enterprise, where they will provide training to foster care parents in North Florida.

The entire project, Cummins said, has the potential to create about 200 jobs from maintenance workers to counselors and house parents. They are shooting for an opening date of January 2014 with an initial 20 kids in two homes and will hire about 20 to 30 employees.

"We would like to get to four homes as quickly as we can," said Cummins.

Each home has 12 private bedrooms with a private bath, two mini-apartments with their own bathrooms for the house parents, and two commercial grade washers and dryers. Each home costs about $1 million to build.

Over 700 Methodist churches throughout Florida will be joining in the project, as well as other religious denominations, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch, and citizens who believe in the good works and ministry of FUMCH. Their goal is to begin serving more children in more places in more ways.

Lafayette High School Interact members recently spent a weekend at FUMCH in Enterprise painting trolleys.

Advisor Leenette McMillan Fredriksson said, "It's going to be a lot easier for Interact to get to Madison to volunteer than having to go to Enterprise."

Additionally, Trinity Church in Gainesville, she said, will be building the ranch manager's home on the property in Madison, as they have their own Habitat for Humanity program.

"It's amazing how it's coming together," she said.

With the entire sequence of events that played out, Cummins summed it up by saying, "If we had any doubt at all that God intended for us to be there, when we walked onto that property and we saw that little family cemetery and the tombstone with the epitaph, we knew that this was where God intended for us to expand our ministry. It took us 104 years before we considered being in a second location in Florida, but we knew when we got there that this was where God intended us to be."

To learn more about the Madison Youth Ranch or to offer a donation, please call 386-668-5088 or send an e-mail to Madison.Ranch@fumch.org.

Shirley Barksdale tombstone and epitaph which lies on the property. Courtesy photo

Prescribed burn at Mallory Swamp scheduled

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District lands. Other benefits of prescribed burns include plant disease control, soil nutrient restoration and aesthetic improvement.

"Prescribed burning helps restore and maintain natural vegetative communities that occur on District property," said Scott Gregor, District prescribed burn project manager. "Additionally, many plant and animal species within those communities depend on this activity to maintain their habitat."

Anyone planning recreational activities in that area should call Edwin McCook or Scott Gregor to confirm if prescribed burning will affect their recreational plans at 386.362.1001 or 800.226.1066 (FL only). During prescribed burn operations signs will be posted and barricades installed to identify areas that are temporarily closed.

The District's 31,321-acre Mallory Swamp tract is located in southeastern Lafayette County. The property is open to the public for recreational activities, which include wildlife viewing, fishing, hunting, bicycling, hiking, horseback riding and ATV riding.

Former sheriff slain in line of duty honored in state, national ceremonies

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Lafayette County Sheriff's Office to take part in the ceremonies to honor Sheriff Pearson.

The first ceremony took place in Tallahassee and was attended by several of Pearson's grandchildren, Charlie Pearson, Jeanette Pearson Ash and Thomas and Owen Pearson as well as other great grandchildren and family friends alongside representatives of the LCSO. Joining Lamb were the LCSO Honor Guard and staff members. It was a moving ceremony, which opened with prayer for the fallen and their families, followed by the keynote address from Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, a moment of silence, the reading of names, music, a 21 gun salute and dual taps. Closing was with a final prayer for the fallen.

The second ceremony was in Washington, D.C. and was attended by family members: Stanley and Jeanette Pearson Ash, Susan and Kaylin Morgan, Sandy Bass, Sonya and Laura Beth Hill and Charlie and Carolyn Pearson, and friends Foye and Barbara Jackson and Alexis Na.

The national ceremony was highlighted by the 24th annual candlelight vigil on the evening of May 13 which followed a similar program as the state ceremony, but with special remarks by Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Janet Napolitano. Keynote address was given by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, and the addition of a moving candlelight vigil.

This year, the names of 362 law enforcement individuals killed in the line of duty were added to the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial. These 362 officers include 162 officers killed in 2011, plus officers who died in previous years but whose stories had been lost to history until now.

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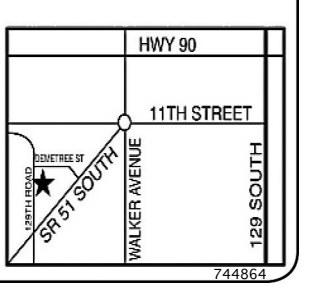

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SOCIAL NEWS

Day Mailbox

By: Mary M. Santerfeit

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Last week in our church we recognized our graduates. It was hard to believe these children were graduating. We watched our children, friends' children, grandchildren, etc. grow up right before our eyes. Seems they grew up much quicker than we did. I guess we felt we would never get grown because of all the hard work we did growing up.

My work was mostly tobacco. I and my friends would work from the beginning to the end of tobacco season. Can you believe we actually worked to pay for our school clothes?

As I look back, that was one of the best training experiences that helped make me who I am today. Work sure does not hurt you, so don't be afraid to roll up your sleeves and work.

Go seniors and be the best you can be at what you do.

A Touching Story

A young man was getting ready to graduate college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted.

As graduation day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautifully wrapped gift box.

Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely leather-bound Bible.

Angrily, he raised his voice at his father and said, "With all your money, you give me a Bible?" and he stormed out of the house, leaving the Holy book.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realized his father was very old and thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day.

Before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away and willed all of his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, sudden sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search his father's important papers and saw the still new Bible, just as he had left it years ago.

With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages.

As he read those words, a car key dropped from an envelope taped behind the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation and the words, PAID IN FULL.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

It Happened Back Then

June 7, 1769 - Daniel Boone begins exploring Kentucky

June 7, 1922 - Rocky Graziano was born

June 7, 1983 - U.S. closes six Nicaraguan consulates and expels 21 of their diplomats in response to their expulsion of U.S. personnel

Desserts by Two Great Cooks

Thin Layer Cake
by Inez Johnson

1 1/2 boxes Duncan Hines cake mix

Follow directions on box. Makes large cake. Each layer is about 1/8 inch. Makes 8 to 9 layers

Thin Layer Chocolate Cake Icing by Inez Johnson

4 c. sugar

1/2 c. Hershey's chocolate

1 can evaporated milk

1/2 stick oleo

Slow cook until sugar is completely melted (boil slowly over medium heat). Pour on first layer of cake. Return chocolate to stove. Top between each layer.

Red Velvet Cake
by Linda Griffin

2 1/2 c. cake flour

1 1/2 c. granulated sugar

1 c. buttermilk

1 1/2 c. Wesson oil

2 eggs

1 to 2 oz. red food coloring

1 tsp. vinegar

1 tsp. vanilla

1 tsp. baking soda

1 to 2 Tbsp. powdered cocoa

Mix together all ingredients. Bake in 3 layers (9 inch pans) at 300 degrees until well done.

Icing for Cake

1 box confectioners sugar

1 stick butter or Crisco shortening

8 oz. softened cheese

1 tsp. vanilla

1 c. chopped pecans

Mix well. Put on cooled cake layers.

Around the Corner

To continue touring Lafayette County, my husband and I drove out to check out Convict Springs. This spring was also like Blue Springs, not boiling up or running due to low water and lack of rain.

This spring is located north of Airline Baptist Church. Also located at this spring is Suwannee River Rendezvous. After turning off Highway 27 north by Airline, follow the signs. It will carry you straight into the Rendezvous.

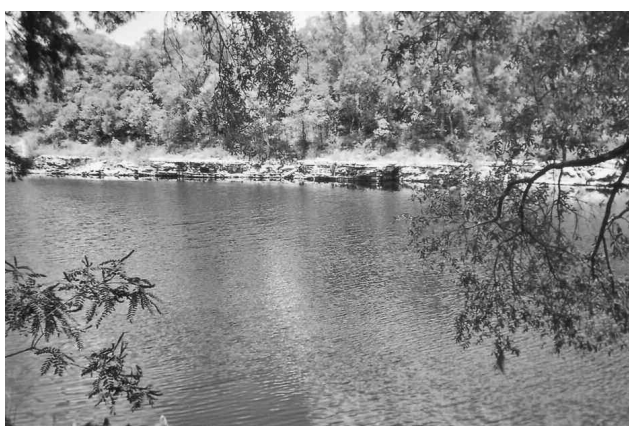
Once inside the area you will find beautiful campsites, roomy cabins for rent and a great little restaurant called Grandma Susie's Cookin' Shack. It is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

All of the cabins and campsites are located near the beautiful Suwannee River. Pictures are elsewhere on this page.

Convict Springs not flowing due to low water

Grandma Susie's Cookin' Shack Restaurant at Convict Springs/Suwannee River Rendezvous and Campground

Beautiful cabin at Convict Springs. River Rendezvous overlooks the Suwannee River



Beautiful view of the Suwannee River and rock formation on the north side opposite Convict Springs

Another view of the Suwannee River at convict Springs

On the bank at Convict Springs-The ground is dry and cracked due to dry weather

Thank you for donating to the Postal Carriers Food Drive

The National Association of Letter Carriers and local rural letter carriers held their annual national "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive on Saturday, May 12, and collected thousands of pounds of non-perishable food in Mayo. Patti Ferreira, officer in charge of the Mayo Post Office, worked with United Way to coordinate the event.

The letter carriers are proud of their history of conducting a very successful food drive at the Mayo Post Office. They thank their customers for their donations. Likewise, United Way of Suwannee Valley, which coordinates the event, and the recipient food pantries at the Mayo Manna House and the Alton Church of God, thank each and every letter carrier for the extra work they do to collect the food.

The food drive comes at a crucial time of year for food needs in our community. It comes at a time of year when the holiday donations are depleted, yet the summer is coming, and the many children who depend on the school lunch program are out of school for the summer, increasing the demands on the food pantries.

United Way of Suwannee Valley is a community impact and fundraising organization which, utilizing volunteers on all levels, advances the common good by identifying unmet community needs and seeking to alleviate those needs through United Way of Suwannee Valley initiatives and the funding of 22 affiliated health and human service agencies.

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Mayo Legals

AGENDA TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF MAYO, FLORIDA REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012, 7:00 P.M., TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM, 276 WEST MAIN STREET

REGULAR MEETING
1. Adopt Agenda
2. Approve Minutes
3. Citizen Input
4. Fred Hamlin-Voluntary Annexation
5. UPS Storage Facility at Walco
6. Review Animal Control Ordinance
7. Department Reports
   a. Sampson Edwards
   b. Aaron Lawson
   c. Bobby Johnson
   d. MVFD
   e. Sheriff Brian Lamb
   f. Al Scott-Emergency Management
8. Miscellaneous Items
9. Pay Bills
10. Adjourn

06/07

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lafayette County Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Lafayette County Courthouse in Mayo, Florida. Listed below is an agenda for the meeting.

By Order Of:
/s/ Earnest L. Jones, Chairman
Lafayette County Commission

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS:
1. Open the Board of Adjustments meeting.
2. Invocation and pledge to the flag.
3. Consider a Special Exception request by Chris Joyner, Jr. for a mud bog in 36-05-12.
4. Adjourn the Board of Adjustments meeting.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
1. Open the Board of County Commissioners meeting.
2. Approve the minutes.
3. Lee Roy Marshall-Suwannee River Water Management.
4. Requests and comments from the community.
5. Department Heads:
   A) Marcus Calhoun-Maintenance.
   B) Scott Sadler-Public Works
   C) Donnie Land-Public Safety/Industrial Park.
   D) Bobby Johnson-Building/Zoning.
   E) Trevor Hicks-EMS.
   F) Jana Hart-Extension Office
6. Road Closing Petition at Mayo Correctional Institution.
7. Review a proposed ordinance governing mud bogs.
8. Review a proposed ordinance concerning the current water shortage.
9. Open bids for remodel work in the Tax Collector's Office.
10. Open bids for chain link fence at the Industrial Park.
11. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson-various items.
12. Approve the bills.
13. Discuss the following projects:
   A) EOC construction project.
   B) CDBG Housing Grant.
   C) Ezell and Hurst Boat Ramp projects.
14. New Business.
15. Adjourn.

All members of the public are welcome to attend. Notice is further hereby given, pursuant to Florida Statute 286.0105, that any person or persons deciding to appeal any matter considered at this public hearing will need a record of the hearing and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (386) 294-1600 or via Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771. See www.lafayetteclerk.com for updates and amendments to the agenda.
06/07

**WORKSHOP
TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF MAYO, FLORIDA MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012
1:00 P.M. TOWN HALL, COUNCIL MEETING ROOM,
276 WEST MAIN STREET**

WORKSHOP

The Mayo Town Council is conducting a workshop at the above date and time to discuss the following topic:

ORDINANCE 01-09 ANIMAL CONTROL

The public is invited to attend and offer input.
06/07

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lafayette County Commission will be accepting bids to renovate the Tax Collector's office so that it meets A.D.A. standards. A broad scope of work and materials are listed below. All interested qualified contractors and businesses may contact Bobby Johnson, Building Official, at 386-294-3611 to obtain more information on the project. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 8, 2012. All bids should be turned in to the Lafayette County Clerk's Office, 120 West Main Street, P.O. Box 88, Mayo, Florida 32066. Bids will be opened at the Lafayette County Commission meeting on the second floor of the Courthouse in Mayo, Florida on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. The Lafayette County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive formalities, to re-advertise and award the bid in the best interest of Lafayette County, Florida and to accept the lowest and best bid.

By Order Of:
/s/ Earnest L. Jones
Earnest L. Jones, Chairman
Lafayette County Commission

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE RENOVATION-PART "A"
Cabinets:
Scope of work to bid:
Install laminates both sides of wall color customer's choice
Install 16" top over existing wall round outside corners
Install 24" counter top-laminate

Cabinets:
Two (2) 18" wide-outside measurements
Two (2) drawers-one to fit files into

Shelves:
One (1) 30"X41"X12"-adjustable shelves (3) laminated
One (1) 72"X64"X12"-adjustable shelves (5) laminated

Install one (1) handicap counter space as indicated in plans.

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE RENOVATION-PART "B"
Carpet:
Scope of work to bid:
Install new carpet.
Old carpet not part of bid (will be removed by maintenance department).
Glue carpet to concrete.
Prep of floor-responsibility of carpet supplier.
New vinyl baseboard-customer's choice color-style to match existing.
Color/design customer's options.
Work will require two (2) phase-two separate offices-same color/design carpet-base both offices.
One year warranty on labor/carpet.
05/31, 06/07

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

CASE NO.: 34-2008-CA-000057

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-2,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PHILLIP ISLER A/K/A PHILLIP L. ISLER , et al,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated May 21, 2012 and entered in Case NO. 34-2008-CA-000057 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for LAFAYETTE County, Florida wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-2, is the Plaintiff and PHILLIP ISLER A/K/A PHILLIP L. ISLER; GAIL J. ISLER; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at NORTH DOOR OF THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 28th day of June, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 13 EAST, LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE RUN NORTH, A DISTANCE OF 420.00 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,036.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH, A DISTANCE OF 420.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 30; THENCE RUN WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1,036.00 FEET TO CLOSE ON THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

A/K/A 841 SE COUNTY ROAD 412, MAYO, FL 32066

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 May 22, 2012.

(Court Seal) Ricky Lyons
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Hannah Owens
Deputy Clerk

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:
Ms. Yanel Gonzalez
P. O. Box 1569
173 N.E. Hernando St., Room 408
Lake City, FL 32056-1569
Phone: 386-754-1569
Fax: 386-758-2162
05/31, 06/07

Anniversary

Charles and Patricia Koon Celebrating 50 years of marriage

Please join our family on this joyous occasion when our parents and grandparents Charles and Patricia Koon celebrate 50 years of marriage on June 9, 2012 at 5 p.m. Mayo Community Center Mayo, Florida

Ann and Jim Toole
Donald and Amy Koon, Kayla, Harley and Mallory
Donna and Richard Moody, Austin and Christian
Dwayne and Mary Koon, Cecelia and Haley

Your love is a treasured gift, we request no other.

Horseshoe Beach's 2nd annual community fireworks

Will be held on Friday July 6. lots of family fun, fresh seafood, great BBQ, food vendors and much much more. It will be held at Fireworks Island, just across the road fro the horseshoe Beach Cafe'.

It was said that Horseshoe's fireworks show was one of the best around last year.

So get out early and get a good spot make a full day of it.

The show will be managed by Dennis Buckley, Day Cherry, John Cherry and Panama Paul.

Vendor's can set up free. Call Dennis Buckley for information and reservations 352-498-5986.

SRWMD Governing Board Meetings

On Tuesday, June 12, 2012, the Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet at 9 a.m. at District headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060. The meeting is to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory, real estate, and other various matters. A workshop will be held immediately following the meeting.

On Monday, June 25, 2012 at 1 p.m., a Tentative Intermediate Governing Board Meeting will be held at District Headquarters in Live Oak. Public should check the District website at http://www.srwmd.state.fl.us/ or contact the District at 386-362-1001 to confirm that the meeting has not been canceled or rescheduled.

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

The Lafayette School District 363 NE Crawford Street Mayo FL 32066

Will be participating in the Summer Food Service Program during the months of June and July. Lunches will be served daily from 11:30-12:30.

Nutritionally balanced meals will be provided to all children regardless of race, color, sex, disability, age, or national origin during summer vacation when school breakfasts and lunches are not available. All children 18 years old and younger, if open site, are eligible for meals at no charge and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. The programs are only approved for geographical areas of need where 50 percent or more of the children qualify for free and reduced price meals during the school year.

Summer feeding sites that are located at schools provide meals to all children in the immediate vicinity in addition to those enrolled in summer school.

The following sites will be participating in the Summer Food Service Program: Lafayette Elementary School 811 N Main St Mayo Fl 32066

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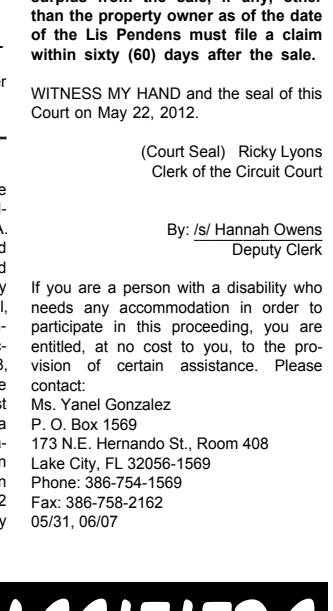

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LEGAL NOTICE

Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

Medical Benefits Settlement

Providing Benefits to Clean-Up Workers and Certain Gulf Coast Residents

If you have a medical claim related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, you could get benefits from a class action settlement with BP Exploration & Production Inc. and BP America Production Company ("BP"). Go to DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com for more information, including information on how to file a claim.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT?

The Medical Class includes (1) clean-up workers and (2) certain people who resided in specific geographic areas in coastal and wetlands areas along the Gulf Coast during specific periods in 2010. The website DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in one of these zones. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail info@DeepwaterHorizonMedicalSettlement.com to find out if a geographic location is included.

WHAT DOES THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The benefits of the Medical Benefits Settlement include: (1) payments to qualifying people for certain acute (short-term) and chronic (ongoing) medical conditions occurring after exposure to oil or chemical dispersants; (2) provision of periodic medical examinations to qualifying people; and (3) creation of a Gulf Region Health Outreach Program, consisting of projects to strengthen the healthcare system. Benefits (1) and (2) will be provided only after the Court grants final approval and any appeals are resolved.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT

You need to submit a Claim Form to request benefits. You can get a copy of the Claim Form by visiting the website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can be submitted by mail. If you have questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline for filing a Claim Form is one year after the Medical Benefits Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved). The exact date of the claim filing deadline will be posted on the website. It is highly recommended that Medical Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Economic and Property Damages Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for a payment from that settlement.

YOUR OTHER OPTIONS

If you do not want to be legally bound by the Medical Benefits Settlement, you must Opt Out or exclude yourself by **October 1, 2012** or you won't be able to sue BP over certain medical claims. If you stay in the Medical Benefits Settlement, you may object to it by **August 31, 2012**. The Detailed Notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the Medical Benefits Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. Class Counsel will ask the Court to consider an award of fees, costs, and expenses of 6% of the value of the benefits actually provided under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement and the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed $600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

Economic and Property Damages Settlement

Providing Money to Individuals and Businesses

If you have economic loss or property damage because of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, you could get money from a class action settlement with BP Exploration & Production Inc. and BP America Production Company ("BP"). Go to DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com for more information, including information on how to file a claim.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT?

The Economic and Property Damages ("E&PD") Settlement Class includes people, businesses, and other entities in the states of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, and certain counties in Texas and Florida, that were harmed by the oil spill. The website DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in the E&PD Settlement. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail questions@DeepwaterHorizonEconomicSettlement.com to find out if a geographic location is included.

WHAT DOES THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The E&PD Settlement makes payments for the following types of claims: (1) Seafood Compensation, (2) Economic Damage, (3) Loss of Subsistence, (4)Vessel Physical Damage, (5) Vessels of Opportunity Charter Payment, (6) Coastal Real Property Damage, (7) Wetlands Real Property Damage, and (8) Real Property Sales Damage. There is no limit on the total dollar amount of the E&PD Settlement; all qualified claims will be paid.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT

You need to submit a Claim Form to request a payment. You can get a copy of the various Claim Forms by visiting the website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can be submitted online or by mail. If you have questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline to submit most E&PD claims will be April 22, 2014 or six months after the E&PD Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved), whichever is later. There will be an earlier deadline to submit E&PD Seafood Compensation claims. The earlier deadline to submit Seafood Compensation claims will be 30 days after final approval of the Settlement by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (regardless of appeals). Actual claim filing deadlines will be posted on the website as they become available. Valid claims will be paid as they are approved, beginning shortly after the Court-Supervised Settlement Program commences. It is highly recommended that E&PD Settlement Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Medical Benefits Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for benefits from that settlement.

YOUR OTHER OPTIONS

If you do not want to be legally bound by the E&PD Settlement, you must Opt Out or exclude yourself by **October 1, 2012** or you won't be able to sue BP over certain economic and property damage claims. If you stay in the E&PD Settlement, you may object to it by **August 31, 2012**. The Detailed Notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the E&PD Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. The Court will also consider Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses including an interim payment of $75 million and additional awards equal to 6% of class claims and benefits paid. Class Counsel fees, costs and expenses under the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement and the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed $600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

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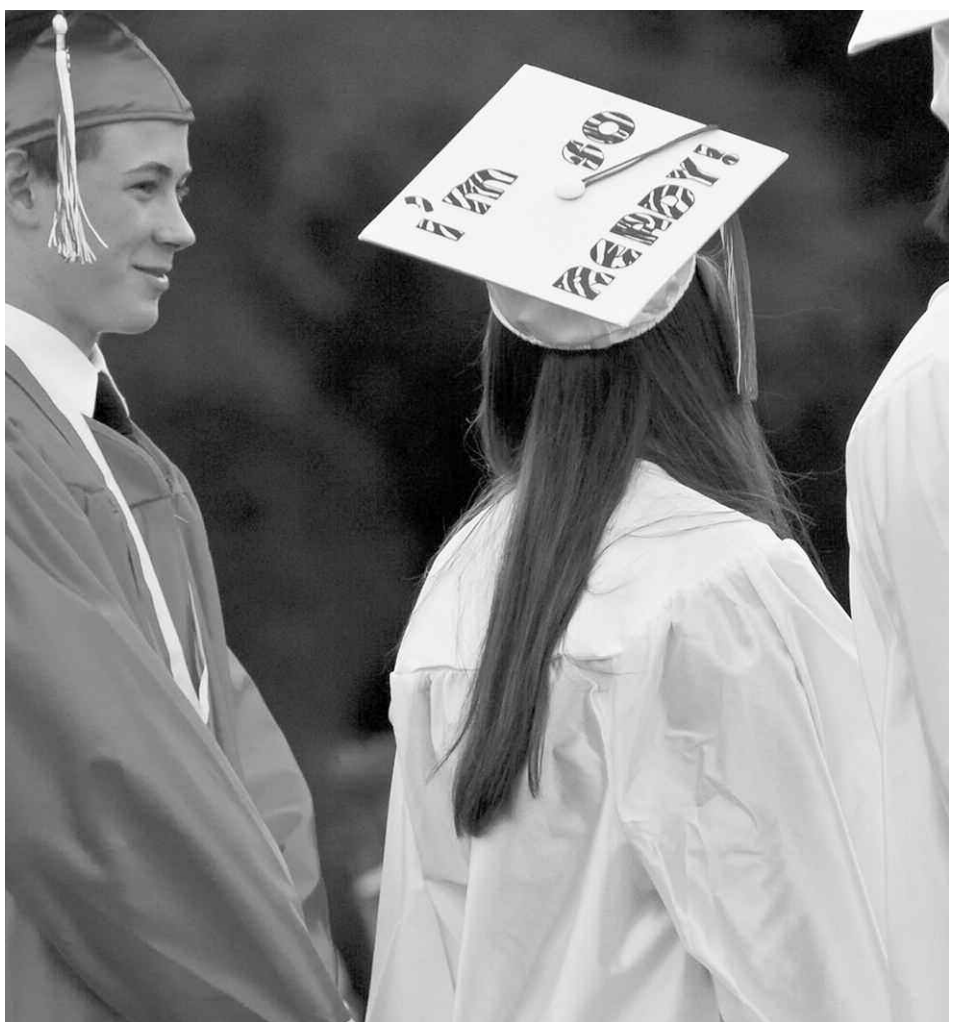
Lafayette High School graduation

Francisco Javier Negrete presents the single rose during the Parent Recognition portion of the Lafayette High School graduation ceremony.

As is the tradition, the class of 2012 participates in the cap toss to celebrate their graduation from Lafayette High School on Friday, June 1, 2012.



Alyssa Dyal makes it clear, she is ready to graduate along with Matt Adkins during the LHS graduation ceremony held on Friday, June 1, 2012.

Performing the "Graduation Song", (left - right) Dustin Shiver, Kaci Palomino, Elizabeth Anderson, Matt Adkins, and Colby Long open the 2012 Lafayette High School graduation ceremony.

LHS Senior Class President, Cecelia Koon, addresses those in attendance during the LHS graduation.

Kaci Palomino is presented the Honor Student award by Principle Stewart Hancock which will compliments her award she received for also being named valedictorian of the class of 2012.

Much to the entertainment of his classmates, Brody Longley, dances while to the music of Bon Jovi as the LHS graduation ceremony comes to a close. - Photos: Jack Howdeshell

Kali Sharpe inks with St. Johns River State College

By Jack Howdeshell

When she played on the 12u all-star softball team in 2006, Kali Sharpe indicated that was the moment her desire to play at a more competitive level was born and lead her to travel-ball tournament style softball. That youth league all-star team that qualified for the state tournament was coached by current Lafayette County Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Tom Lashley, who the 17-year-old Lafayette High School graduating senior acknowledges is one of her role models. Kali lists numerous past coaches and community members as persons who have supported and guided her to this point where she takes the next step in her softball career and has signed to play collegiately in Palatka for the St. Johns River State College Vikings. Kali now joins fellow LHS senior Stacy McClelland who signed earlier with Indian River State College to also play collegiate level softball. The seniors duo are no strangers to success on the diamond as they were members of the 2012 FHSAA Class 1A State Champion Girls Softball team for the Lafayette Hornets. The two student-athletes will face each other in their collegiate careers as members of opposing teams, something that has only happened once before when they met as members of different travel-ball teams.

Kali began playing softball here in Mayo, where she was born and has been raised, at the age of eight in the recreation leagues and has accomplished many of her academic and athletic goals. Her signing to play collegiate softball along with her admission to college will allow her to tackle two more such goals. She nearly ended her softball career in Clermont, Fla. following the state championship game electing to forgo further playing time to focus on a goal to enter medical school and ultimately plans to become a chiropractor. Following the championship season, she was initially concerned she wouldn't want to split her time between an aggressive course schedule and playing schedule. When her current high school coach Derek Garland, and another major influence on her life, arranged for the visit with St. Johns River State (SJR), Kali and her parents were very pleased with the program and SJR State head softball coach Katie Brosky who in addition to having an outstanding career athletically, earned her law degree following her collegiate softball career. Coach Brosky focuses as much attention on her player's development in the classroom as she does on the playing field. The players are required to attended six hours of study hall weekly in addition to their class schedules. This will be nothing new for Kali, who graduated on June 1, 2012 from LHS as an Advanced Program Completer with High Achievement as well as being a Beta Club member. Kali also is a member of the school's Future Farmers of America (FFA) parliamentary procedure team which will complete later this month at the state level. She has been a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and active in live stock events also with FFA.

The make-up of the high school team that Kali has been a member of for many years is very unique as they bring together not only great athletic talent, but also a very devoted Christian base that the players draw on to be successful. When asked how she might face playing on a team possibly without this same spiritual devotion, Kali indicated that she will draw on her own faith and the teachings she has learned at home and as a member of Airline Baptist Church here in Mayo. When asked if she has a favorite scripture she can draw on, she very quickly quotes Philippians 4:13, and anyone who has gotten to know Kali can attest, she can do all things, and she know who to depend on for her strength.

As the page turns from her high school career to her collegiate career, I asked Kali to reflect back on her high school team that has been such a big part of her young life. It's no surprise as a pitcher that the player she connected with the most was also her catcher and sure to be lifelong friend, Kaleigh Law. Next season when she steps into the circle for the Vikings, she will have a new catcher behind the plate, but she will always be thinking of the success she and Kaleigh have shared on numerous occasions over the past several years. Kali also played first and third base when not pitching for the Hornets and when asked who takes over those positions when she and Stacy McClelland are not back next season and Kali assures the Hornet fans the "Sydneys" have got it covered. Sydney Shows who is already a standout for the varsity Hornets and Sydney Barry who will move into a full-time varsity role next season after playing with the varsity squad through the playoffs will cover the corners in 2013. Reflecting on the state finals in May, Kali said the biggest moment for her was not actually anything she did on the field, but that of teammate Ellen Lashley. Following the lengthy weather delay in the semi-final game against Union County when play finally resumed on a different field and with inclement weather still in the area, Ellen scored an inside the park home run that fueled an eight run inning that all but assured a trip to the championship game. She also indicated with the return of everyone except her and Stacy next season and the addition of more talent moving up from the junior varsity, she fully expects to be sitting in the stands watching and cheering on the Hornets as they defend their state championship title.

Kali credits many for her success and growth as both an athlete and a person, but expressed a great amount of love for so many community leaders and coaches when specifically asked about mentors and role models. She does not recite a list people unknown to her that she has never met like so many young athletes, but those who have directly impacted her life. Of course it goes without without saying, her mother and father who have committed their hearts and lives to Kali's desires just as they were their own, are the most prominent on her list. From her father Dennis who will forever have battered shins from catching the thousands of pitches as Kali learned her trade to her mother Becky who not only endured hundreds of late night trips to the washing machine to ready uniforms for the next day's tournament action, but the packing and repacking of the family vehicle for endless weekend travel while ensuring the rest of the household functioned as normally as possible for a travel-ball family. The love and faith shared among this family is priceless and ultimately what lead to Kali's signature to play at the collegiate level.

At the table are Kali's mother and father, Becky and Dennis Sharpe.

LHS softball team members, front row from left, Ashley Freeman, Lydia Land, Sydney Shows, Ellen Lashley, Kali Sharpe, Kaleigh Law, Savannah Hamlin, Back row from left, Head Coach Derek Garland, Lacey Swafford, Sydney Barry, and Assistant Coach Billy Shows. - Photos: Jack Howdeshell

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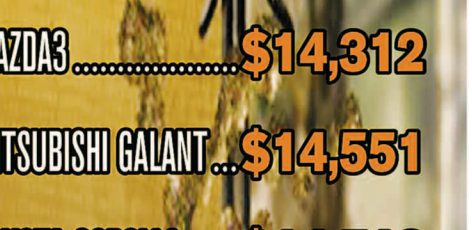

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