



Life in WHITE SPRINGS

By Walter McKenzie

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I often talk about community, of people feeling united, having a common sense of responsibility or purpose, looking out for each other, or at the very least politely tolerating each other. I saw community at its best this past Saturday at the Swap meet that took

place at Don and Celeste Wilson's Suwannee Hardware. Don and Celeste and The White Springs Fire Department along with many volunteers put on a fundraiser for the families of our fallen firefighters Brett Fulton and Josh Burch.

I know for a fact that planning this event took weeks, setting up took several days and the final day preparations started at 5:30 on Saturday morning. Silent auction items were plentiful and the bidding was brisk and competitive. The live music helped to celebrate this coming together of so many people in a common cause, the food was delicious and the crowd was so big that the cooks were struggling to keep up with the demand. At the risk of almost certainly missing quite a few names I want to give some special mention to Don and Celeste Wilson, Berry Raulerson, Steve and Joyce Stith, John Greene, Jamie Tannachion Andrew Greene and Pablo Gonzalez of

the White Springs Fire Department. Fred and Tiny McNeal worked all day cooking along with other volunteers, some from the Genoa volunteer Fire Department. Forestry Division fire fighters and managers helped out.

These are all people whose actions speak louder than words, who speak softly, but politely and positively, who build and support community rather than tear it down. It was good to see the community support them in their efforts to raise money for the families of our fallen firemen. As of press time they had raised close to \$18,000. Well done White Springs and friends!

I saw White Springs in action the other night at a local gathering. Someone mentioned that the Summer Program for our kids had been scheduled to take the kids down to Gainesville to the Museum of Natural History and the Butterfly Rainforest that is located there, but they wouldn't be able to go because the School Board was not yet able to provide a bus. Well, in the bat of an eye, two folks volunteered 12 passenger vans and one gentleman threw a hundred dollar bill on the table for gas and said now get those kids down there! Thanks to the swift actions of concerned citizens, the kids made the trip.

At the membership meeting of the Stephen Foster Park's citizen supports organization it was men-

tioned that Ben Faure, Park Manager, recently attended the Florida Department of Environmental Protection District Two Park Managers meeting where he received the "Park Manager of the Year" Award. It was a surprise to Ben but it was no surprise that he deserved this award to anyone who knows how hard Ben works and how much he loves his job and White Springs. Ben Faure is the very definition of enthusiasm, positive attitude and hard work and we are so very lucky to have him.

Speaking of good managers, it's good to see Town Manager Robert Townsend feeling better and back at work after being out for a few weeks. The crew at town hall had to double up in his absence and I know that they are glad he is back. Proper administration and operation of a town is a complex and demanding job and it took a team effort by our team of good, hard working people to continue to get the job done in Robert's absence. Thanks guys!

So once again it has been a good week in White Springs, with mostly positive news and mostly positive people and I hope you are one of them. I hope to see you out and about enjoying life in White Springs.

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The Youth of Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer Outreach Ministry talks about what makes them "Beautiful In the Eyesight of God"



Submitted by Candice Johnson

On July 3rd, 2011, during E.T.H.O.P. Empowering The Youth Program, the older youth prepared speeches and talked about what makes them beautiful in the eyesight of God. When most young people think it's about what they wear, (clothes, make-up, jewelry, etc.) the youth of E.T.H.O.P. talked about some of the gifts they have received from God such as love, happiness, being able to avoid confrontation, and many more that have separated them from their peers and most of all has made them beautiful in the eyesight of God. While the older youth recited speeches

the younger youth sang beautiful songs unto the Lord!

Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer Outreach Ministry, under the leadership of Pastor Phillip M. Jackson and Mother Ledia S. Jackson, are on a powerful move for God. Our Services are: Sunday School - 10:00am, Morning Worship - 11:00am. 1st and 3rd Wednesday's the Youth meet at the Scout Hut at 5:30pm. 2nd and 4th Wednesday the Women's Circle of Love meet at 6:00pm. Thursday - Saturday we hold "Tent Revival - C.A.M.P. Meeting (Christ Ambassadors Maintaining Power) in Jennings, FL near the Post Office.

The Youth of Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer



ETHOP Youth Choir sing during the recent program "Beautiful in the Eyesight of God".



Mistresses of Ceremony were Sister Nora Grace Thurmond and Sister Paige Jones. - Photos submitted



The ETHOP Youth sing "Praise and Worship"

SPECIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION

The City of Jasper will hold a special budget work session on Monday, July 25, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. The work session will be held at City Hall, 208 W. Hatley Street, Jasper, FL. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.



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| Bristol, Gerald | \$ 15.00 | Parsons, Steven E | \$ 20.00 |
| Brown, Jonathan | \$ 2.30 | Pascual, Lopez M | \$ 4.80 |
| Brown, Marcus | \$ 5.36 | Perez, Salvador Mendez | \$300.00 |
| Crosby, Johnny | \$ 7.16 | Rios, Javier | \$ 6.91 |
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