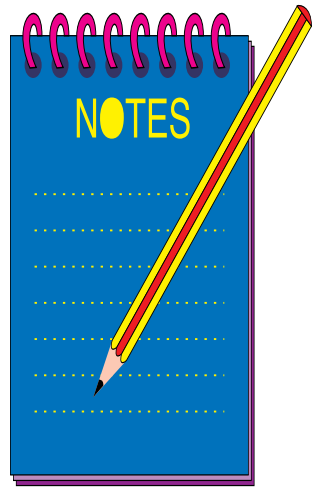


Norris Notes



By Lillian Norris

It is a beautiful day today, not too hot yet, and so far no storms, all of my machines are working, had to get a new printer and a new telephone, now back in business.

There is not a lot of news this week, school is out, Bible Schools are over, Churches are slowing down with many folks on vacations, surely would like to hear about them.

One thing I intended to mention earlier, was the yard of Jean Fralick, it was so beautiful with all the flowers blooming, and now that the blossoms have gone, the landscaping is fresh and green. Jean puts in much time to keep her yard the year around, and it is nice to look at it as people come into town. Also, on the outskirts coming into Jasper, 41S and 41N, the area is well-

kept, and some of the places downtown, businesses that have remained, are well-kept, and I know the Improvement Committee is working hard to make downtown look better. We do appreciate those who make an effort to make our cities and county more appealing.

Hamilton County is a great place to live and I expect to spend the rest of my life on earth here.

I hope I will be allowed to get on my soapbox around here, I remember someone coming to my house on Sunday afternoon to make me remove a van from behind a building in my backyard, and I paid to have a vehicle moved from my garage, and that van moved into the garage, and yet in riding around the outskirts of

downtown there are dilapidated vehicles and houses still standing, I was told that if I didn't take care of that, the City would, and I would be charged.

We were unable to attend Sisterhood last week but understand they had a good program, and a Suwannee County Church asked to host the next Sisterhood. There were two churches from Suwannee County and two from Madison represented. Will look forward to the next meeting.

A reminder that the regular scheduled meeting of the Hamilton County Republican Party will be this Thursday, July 21st at 7:00PM at the Jasper Library, Please try to attend.

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FWC dedicates 20 new officers to conservation efforts

"Patrol, protect, preserve."

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"Patrol, protect, preserve." The motto for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Division of Law Enforcement was on the minds of 20 new officers Friday when they graduated as the FWC's 16th officer class.

At a ceremony at the Florida Public Safety Institute, near Tallahassee, they pledged their efforts to patrol Florida's lands and waters and protect and preserve its people and resources.

Col. Jim Brown, director of the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement, mentioned how FWC officers are the first point of contact most people have with the agency.

"This privilege carries great responsibility," Brown said. "As they interact with the public, I know these new officers will uphold our values: integrity, professionalism, dedication and adaptability."

As FWC officers, they will patrol

Florida's lands - nearly 54,000 square miles of it - as well as Florida's nearly 6,000 square miles of water.

"These officers will be protecting the 'Fishing Capital of the World' and one of the largest public hunting systems in the country," said FWC Chairman Kathy Barco, the guest speaker at the ceremony.

The new officers began their training in January. The beginning part of each FWC academy teaches recruits basic law enforcement information and skills.

"During the final eight weeks of each academy, we focus on the unique information and skills it takes to be an FWC officer," said Maj. Mark Warren, head of the FWC's training section.

The specialized training involves firearms proficiency, wildlife identification, vessel operation, defensive tactics, all-terrain vehicle operation, detection for boating and driving under the influence and a focus on state and federal wildlife and fisheries laws.

FWC again allowing campfires in managed areas

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Because recent rains improved dry conditions across the state, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), in cooperation with the Florida Division of Forestry, has rescinded an executive order issued last month that prohibited campfires in wildlife management areas, wildlife and environmental areas and all other lands it manages.

Campfires are again allowed in designated areas. For rules and regulations pertaining to individual wildlife management areas, please visit MyFWC.com/Hunting and click on "WMA brochures".

While the campfires are allowed, the FWC wants to remind everyone how important it is to properly manage any campfire to ensure it is under control and completely extinguished when done.

Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer Outreach Ministry teams up with the City of Jennings for the Blackberry Festival

By Sister Candice Johnson

On June 12th, 2011 Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer Outreach Ministry, under the leadership of Pastor Phillip M. Jackson and Mother Ledia S. Jackson, youth department teamed up with the City of Jennings for an outstanding celebration. EHOP (one of E.T.H.O.P. praise dance teams) did an awesome praise dance to "We

Must Praise" by gospel artist J-Moss. After the performing, eating, and having a great time, the youth was granted an opportunity to have some water fun.

What an awesome day of fun - not only for the City of Jennings residents, but for the youth and members of Empowering Tabernacle House of Prayer Outreach Ministry Apostolic Faith.



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2011 Miss Texas Jr. Teen Cover Girl has ties to local community



Miss KeAnna Whisenhunt is 2011 Miss Texas Jr. Teen Cover Girl. - Photo submitted

Submitted by Jo Anne Whisenhunt

Miss KeAnna Whisenhunt of San Antonio, Texas, daughter of Kevin and JoAnne (Daniels) Whisenhunt and grand daughter of Zeffie Lee Daniels was crowned National American Miss Texas Junior Teen Cover Girl at the state pageant held 27 June 2011 at the beautiful InterContinental Hotel in Houston, Texas. She received her Official State Crown, Banner and Trophy. She also received a special invitation to compete at the National Pageant held during Thanksgiving Week in Anaheim, California. At the pageant she also received: State Ambassador and Spirit of America Award.

The National American Miss Pageants

are dedicated to celebrating America's greatness and encouraging its future leaders. Each year, the National American Miss Pageants awards 1.5 Million dollars in cash, scholarships, and prizes to recognize and assist the development of young women nationwide. National American Miss has added the ultimate door prize to Nationals 2011. Each girl that qualifies for the National pageant has a chance to win a new 2011 Ford Mustang Convertible. For more details, visit www.namiss.com/car. National American Miss is dedicated to developing the success of young women across our nation with a program that is designed to be age-appropriate and family-oriented. Pageants are held in each state for girls ages four to eighteen in five different age divisions.

The National American Miss Pageants are for "Today's Girl" and "Tomorrow's Leader's". The pageant program is based on inner beauty, as well as poise, presentation, and offers an "ALL American Spirit" of fun for family and friends. Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self-confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future!

Miss KeAnna Whisenhunt's activities include spokesmodel, photogenic, actress and talent (piano). Her sponsors for the pageant were family and friends of Jasper, FL; Mobile, AL; and San Antonio, TX.