



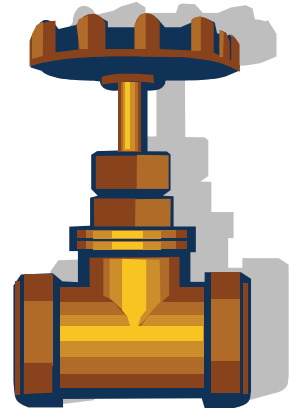
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Getting Connected With the Water Main

The Jackson County Utilities Department will soon be connecting new ten inch water lines, on Panhandle Road and Pelt Street. The purpose of the project is to provide water for the new Jackson County Emergency Operations Center and to homes in the area. Contamination has been found in some wells in this area. The project will begin on Panhandle Road approximately 700 feet south of Pelt Street and will extend the existing 10" water main North to Pelt Street and then East along Pelt Street to Owens Street, and 6" water lines will be installed from the 10" water line along Pelt Street to SR

71, north along Owens Street and Callaway Street, along Merritt's Mill Road to SR 71, and Along SR 71 back to Pelt Street, to close the loop. Fire hydrants will be installed at the intersection of Panhandle and Pelt, and at Owens and Pelt. The new Jackson County Emergency Operations, and the Road Department, will be connected to the system along with approximately 20 homes. It is expected that the new main will supply an average of 10,500 gallons of water each day.

The extension is being designed totally in house by the Jackson County Engineering



Office. In addition to the water main project, the Engineering Office is presently working on multiple road projects, the Pellets Plant, and Old Castle Fabrication Plant, all of which will boost the economy of Jackson County.

Special points of interest:

- School is back in session, drive carefully!
- Labor Day—Monday, September 3rd, all county offices closed!
- September Fest—Saturday, Sept. 29 @ The Courtyard Rehabilitation and Nursing Pavilion
- County Commission meetings, 2nd Tuesday @ 9:00 am; and 4th Tuesday @ 6:00 pm; every month.

Festival Seeks Vendors

The Courtyard Rehabilitation and Nursing Center is in the process of readying for their September Fest to be held on September 29th. Anyone interested in setting up a booth is

encouraged to call Tonia Hinson or Lori Meadows at (850) 526-2000 to reserve your spot. Booths are \$25.00 each and all proceeds will go to the residents of The Court-



yard Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Service Animal Education



Vick Brown is a certified service animal trained by Canine Assistants in Alpharetta, Georgia.

Vick and his mom work for Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

I had the distinct pleasure to appear on the Chipola Community College television station recently, hosted by Royce Reagan.

The topic of discussion was Service Animals and the laws which apply to their use by disabled individuals.

There is a huge misconception that ‘Guide Dogs’ are the only animal allowed to accompany individuals into to stores, restaurants, and any other facility used by the public. Service

animals, which by the way, can be a dog, cat, miniature horse, monkey, or any other animal which is specially trained to perform certain functions for those disabled.

Business owners are only allowed to ask two questions regarding the animal, and those are: Is that a service animal (because many do not wear vest, etc...) and what task does the service animal perform. It is against Federal law for any business person to ask what your disability is. It is also

against federal and state law to refuse access to a person with a service animal. A \$2500.00 fine will be imposed on any such person or company for doing so. Individuals can also be sentenced to six months in jail.

It should also be noted that causing harm to a service animal or disabled person accompanied by the animal, is a second degree felony, punishable by a fine and imprisonment.

Adopt A Pet....

There are many wonderful pets available for adoption through the county Animal Control Office.

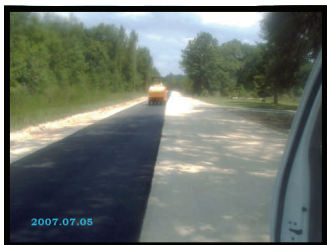
Anyone interested in providing a great home for an unwanted dog, cat, or perhaps even a horse, should contact the Jackson County Animal Control Office, Kim

or Darlene, @ 850-718-0021. There are so many abused and neglected animals picked up everyday throughout Jackson County, and by adopting one of these animals you free up kennel space and offer the animal an opportunity to live their life out in a peaceful and healthy existence.

There are still a few grants available for spay and neutering as well. For more information on this program, call Angela Cozart—Jackson County Administration @ 850-482-9634. She will be happy to explain how the grant program works for the citizens of Jackson County.

Adopt a pet today from the Jackson County Animal Control! You will helping alleviate a growing problem of unwanted animals in the community!

2006-2007 New Paved Road & Re-Surfacing Projects ...



2/06—Blue Springs Plantation Subdivision (T. Jones); 2/06-Greenfield Subdivision Phase I (T. Jones); 3/06-Woodbriar/Carter Mill Road 1.0 miles (Baxter’s); 11/06-Avery Road 1.1 miles (Baxter’s); 11/06-Barber Road 0.75 miles (Baxter’s); 12/06-Henderson Road 2.2 miles (Baxter’s);

11/06-Bumpnose Road resurfacing (Baxter’s); 12/06-Old US Road Resurfacing (Baxter’s); 1/07-Caddy Lane & Lovewood Road from Caddy Lane to Hwy 231, .5 miles total (Baxter’s); 1/07-Camelia Acres Subdivision Re-Surfaced (Baxter’s); Highway 162 Re-Surfacing from Hwy 231—

Hwy 273 (Anderson-Columbia); Cypress Trail Subdivision (Baxter’s); 2/07-Rocky Creek Construction started paving in Green Meadows Subdivision (Mike Hatcher); 2/07 Coastal, Bolivia & Kenya (Baxter’s); 2/07-Friendship Church Road Re-Surfacing (Baxter’s); 3/07-Pope Chapel

EVERYONE HAS A STORY...

Connie Farmer-Brown

A frail appearing, elderly man approached me and sat down in the chair next to mine, at the Veteran's Administration Clinic in Lake City, waiting for his number to be called. His attention was immediately drawn to my service dog, a Golden Retriever named Vick, who was lying quietly on the floor at my feet. When the gentleman sat down, my dog immediately edged his way over to the man's feet and laid his head ever so gently across them. How did he know that this man needed that small token of attention at that moment? The first thing I noticed was the horrible wounds that appeared to be burns and blisters on both of his legs.

As we sat there talking about Vick, the man began to cry uncontrollably as he told me about losing his wife two months prior to cancer after nearly forty years of marriage. After he retired from the Air Force (thirty years), and had moved to Johnsonville, Tennessee where they were living out their dream, the inevitable happened; Betty was gone forever from his life. When Buddy (name changed for the story)

found that he was alone in life for the first time since his late teens, he decided to move back to Valdosta, Georgia where he had many wonderful memories from his service days. He didn't have many belongings to pack up, just his service dog, a Boxer, his personal effects, and his motor home. The journey started out rather uneventful, but when the two had gotten just outside of Conyers, Georgia; Buddy's motor home caught fire and burned to the ground, along with his loyal friend and service dog. Despite futile attempts to get his dog out, he was unsuccessful and sustained serious burns on his legs and arms. He had now lost everything he had in life, his wife, his home, and his faithful dog that helped him with his balance and gait due to diabetes and the neuropathy of his legs that goes with it.

Buddy, with tears continuing to roll down his cheeks, went on to tell me how a police officer who responded to the roadside fire put him up in a hotel for two days. In addition the officer fed him and bought him clothes to wear, and then arranged for transportation to

Valdosta, Georgia. None of these things were required as part of his official job, but they were done because he saw another human being hurting and in need. The police officer refused to be refunded for the money he had spent, simply stating, "It was the least he could do for a man who served his country unselfishly for so many years!"

Buddy doesn't want sympathy from anyone and especially me; he just needed someone to talk to that day. Like so many of our veteran's, he was just plain lonely! How have we gotten to that point in our lives that we are so busy, there is not time for anyone else? Those that have retired from life's journey have a wealth of knowledge and insight that we could all use.

The next time you are given the opportunity to hear someone tell their story, listen! You might be amazed at what you learn.

As I left my new friend that day he simply said, "God bless you!"



2006-2007 New Paved Road & Re-Surfacing Projects cont'd... (from page 2)

Lane & Deer Lane (Baxter's); 3/07-Gulf Power Road leveling (Anderson-Columbia); 3/07 Clearmont Road (Baxter's); 3/07-New Hope Road paved (Anderson-Columbia); 5/07-Missouri Road (T. Jones); 5/07-Gulf Power Road paving (Anderson-Columbia); 5/07

Providence Church Road (Baxter's); 7/07 Sellers Road paving (Baxter's); 7/07-Old Spanish Trail 1.05 miles at Sneads Town limit (Baxter's); 8/07-Old U.S. Road paving (Baxter's)



Prep work for paving a 1.05 portion of Old Spanish Trail just outside of the Sneads City Limits....

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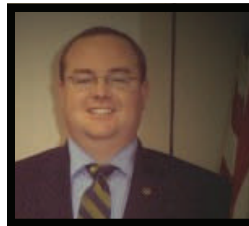
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Blue Springs Closes Labor Day Weekend

With Labor Day Weekend fast approaching, the end of summer fun is drawing to a close.

Blue Springs Recreation Area traditionally closes after the Labor Day weekend and will not re-open until Memorial Day 2008.

Record crowds enjoyed fun in the sun as they dipped in the cool spring waters, floated on inner-tubes, played ball games, and just soaked up the rays!

Even when Blue Springs is closed to the public, Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department offer other options for spending your days,

or weekends off. You can enjoy clean, relaxing family entertainment for little or no cost in some cases.

Citizen's Lodge (also known as the Pony Farm), offers walking trails, and Spring Creek offers swimming (remember, only plastic containers for drinks are allowed, no cans or bottles).

The State of Florida, Caverns Park is an awesome place for a campout, picnic, swimming, and of course the famous cave tours.

Jackson County is surrounded by parks, golf courses, swimming holes, fishing, boating,

camping, and sports events just about every day of the year.

One only need to look to find something to do in their spare time. And don't forget, it is time for high school football.

A great place to begin your entertainment search is at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. The folks down there will be happy to tell you all about Jackson County and what it has to offer!

