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Doobay sentenced for fraudulent land scheme

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A former Hamilton County business owner has been sentenced to more than 12 years in federal prison and must pay more than \$8 million in restitution for conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud.

U.S. District Judge Timothy J. Corrigan sentenced Karamchand “Raj” Doobay, 44 of Orlando, to 12 years and seven months on March 1. Doobay was also ordered to pay 85 victim-investors a total of \$8,663,264.58 and must forfeit the property used in the commission of the offenses.

He pled guilty on Jan. 31, 2017. The sentencing comes from a scheme to defraud investors in an RV Park and immigrant investors in a senior citizen facility, both in Hamilton County.

“Having no remorse or sympathy for those he stole from, Doobay continued to defraud victims even after his 2015 arrest,” FDLE Tallahassee Special Agent in Charge Mark Perez said in a release. “I appreciate the efforts of the investigators and the U.S. Attorney’s Office in stopping Doobay’s continued hunt for new vic-

tims.” According to court documents, Doobay operated businesses in Hamilton County, acquiring a parcel of land located at 7516 SE 113th Boulevard in western Hamilton County, just east of Interstate 75.

From around March 2009 through around December 2015, Doobay solicited investors to purchase subdivided lots on the land, guaranteeing returns between 9 to 41 percent for investments in RV lots and other lots for sale by his entity, Florida Gateway resort, the court documents

state. He utilized various bank accounts to collect funds for the purchase of RV lots that he purported to sell to investor purchasers, according to the court documents. However, Doobay failed to disclose that he had



Karamchand “Raj” Doobay

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Wild Azalea festival begins this Friday

BY ALEXIS SPOEHR
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WHITE SPRINGS — The 18th Annual Wild Azalea Festival will begin this Friday with the Taste of White Springs and continue to Saturday.

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Suwannee County Fair kicks off Friday at the Coliseum, 1302 11th St SW, with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 6 p.m.

Suwannee County Fair celebrates 103rd year this Friday

BY JESSIE R. BOX
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LIVE OAK — The Suwannee County Fair will kick off its 103rd consecutive year since 1915 on Friday at the Coliseum with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 6 p.m.

The fair will be open Friday, March 16 to Sunday, March 25 with live entertainment, food vendors and rides.

On most days, admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 6-12 and opens at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20 will be senior citizens day. Senior citizens will have free admission between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and lunch will be served at noon.

Participants will need to buy a wrist band to go on the

rides, and on Sunday admission will be \$10 for everyone and will include a wristband.

“We are the longest, continuous running county fair in the state of Florida,” Tim Alcorn, fair president said.

He added that this event is all about good, family fun.

Events and entertainment throughout the week will include the hog and dairy shows, a performances by local dance classes, the Gateway City Big Band, the Suwannee High School Band and more.

The demolition derby will be back this year on Saturday at

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Rides will be available for children and adults at the fair. - FILE PHOTOS



A child enjoys a ride at a previous Suwannee County Fair.



PHOTO: ALEXIS SPOEHR

Major John Davis won a flashlight and a Chase Elliott Baseball NAPA hat.

VFW honors first responders

BY ALEXIS SPOEHR
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JASPER — The Veterans of Foreign War hosted the First Responders dinner on March 8 as a thank you for everything they do for the county.

The dinner was originally planned for September 2017 on Patriots Day, but had to be postponed due to Hurricane Irma. The 2018 dinner is still planned for the month of September.

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McKenzies ready for final Folk Club performance

BY JAMIE WACHTER
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WHITE SPRINGS — All good things must come to an end.

For Walter and Meri McKenzie, that means after a 14-year run, the White Springs Folk Club will be holding its final performance Saturday.

Starved for good music and connections with folk musicians, the McKenzies followed Jack Beck’s suggestion and launched the White Springs Folk Club.

“We’d have great music at the Folk Festival every year and the rest of the year there wasn’t much going on the

rest of the year musically,” Walter McKenzie said. “I was missing Jacksonville a little bit from the point that I could always just go down the street and hear great music.

“So we started up the White Springs Folk Club because we were starved for good music.”

The Folk Club, which is just a venue for the performance of folk music that is very common in Great Britain where Beck was very connected, has delivered that.

Featuring mostly regional artists early on thanks to Walter McKenzie’s

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Walter McKenzie speaking at a previous Folk Club performance.

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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
 WSPD - White Springs Police Department
 Mar. 5, Anthony Jessie Stewart, 20, 11099 NW 38th Street Jasper, Fla., criminal misc. over \$200 less than \$1,000, brurg - unoccupied structure unarmed, out of county warrant Suwannee County: JAPD — McDonald
 Mar. 5 Anthony Laron Rose, 52, 2348 NW 16th Terrace Jennings, Fla., walk in to serve eight months: HCSO — Curry
 Mar. 6, Kayla Eileen Conner, 30, 202 SW Martin Luther King Jasper, Fla., battery (DV): JAPD — Fraley

Mar. 7, Charles David Sowell, 33, 564 Emmett Young Road Newnan, Ga., poss. less than 20 grams of marijuana, poss. and/or use drug para.: HCSO — L.J. Smith
 Mar. 7, Trevontae Antonio Oliver, 23, battery (DV): JAPD — Fraley
 Mar. 8, Tyler Rashard Hayes, 29, 898 6th Ave. Jasper Fla., VOP: HCSO — Golub
 Mar. 9, Annette Marie Hatch, 37, 1250 NW Little Cat Road Madison, Fla., VOP warrant #13-126CF Grand Theft III: HCSO — Windham
 Mar. 9, Mark Hunter Brown, 27, 4375 SW County Road 152 Jasper, Fla., VOP-17-151-CT (DUI): HCSO — Byrd
 Mar. 11, Bobby Wilmer Claridy, 68, 4375 SW County Road Jasper, Fla., battery touch/strike: JAPD — Harris

Sheriff's office to conduct driver license and vehicle inspections

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will be conducting driver license and vehicle inspection checkpoints during the weeks of April 1 until June 30 in Hamilton County.

Recognizing the danger presented to the public by defective vehicle equipment. Deputies will concentrate their efforts on vehicles being operated with defects such as bad brakes, worn tires and defective lighting equipment. In addition, attention will be directed to drivers who would violate the driver license laws of Florida.

The Sheriff's Office has found these checkpoints to be an effective means of enforcing the equipment and driver license laws of Florida while ensuring the protection of all motorist.

The checkpoints will be: U.S. Highway 41, NW 16th Avenue, County Road 751, County Road 25A, State Road 6 West, State Road 6 East, County Road 141, County Road 143, County Road 51, County Road 249 and State Road 129.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. presents "Motown Revue"

VALDOSTA — Kappa Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. presents Gentlemen of Distinction Entertainment Motown Revue at Mathis City Auditorium Friday at 7:30 p.m. The event includes refreshments from 7-8:30 p.m., vendors, door prizes, and local entertainment. The main event will be Gentlemen of Distinction Motown Revue. The attire is casual.

Proceeds from ticket sales will be used to benefit Valdosta and surrounding counties through charitable contributions and to provide scholarships for deserving high school seniors in Valdosta, Lowndes County, Brooks County, Cook county, and Hamilton County.

Tickets for the event are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Felicia Williams at (229) 560-2798, Carolyn Haigler (229) 630-3508 or any member of Kappa Eta Omega Chapter.

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Letters to the editor should be typed, brief and to the point, approximately 150 to 200 words or less. Not all letters are published. To be considered for publication, letters to the editor must be signed, include the writer's address and phone number, and in the news office by noon on Friday.

Submissions, 400 or less words, should be typed, brief and to the point. Not all submissions are published.

Letters and submissions may be edited to fit available space. Well written letters/submissions require less editing.

You may fax letters/submissions to 386-364-5578.

Appreciation celebration held for Kenneth Hutcherson

The White Springs Community Center was the setting for a celebration of appreciation for our own Kenneth Hutcherson on Saturday, March 3. He is a longtime and devoted employee for the Town of White Springs.

Many family members and friends of Hutcherson in White Springs came together to honor him with a great commemorative ceremony, meal, and just a time to show their appreciation. The White Springs Community Center was standing room only.

Hutcherson, known to many in the area as "Kenny Hut" and I have been friends for nearly a half century, maybe longer. He was my classmate at South Hamilton Elementary School. He is always friendly, congenial and helpful. Back then, he was a great athlete and could run like the wind. He played on the first football team of the newly desegregated South Hamilton Elementary in 1971-1972 under the late Coach Charlie Harrison and Coach Waylon Bush.

Hutcherson married Zeldia Jefferson, and the two of them raised a family. He worked until his health forced his leaving the Town of White Springs. He was in charge of maintenance, the water and sewer lines, and he was always helping people and serving with a smile and great attitude. The emcee for the event was Robert Thomas, a White Springs native, who currently resides in Tampa. Residents shared memories and their appreciation for Hutcherson.



PHOTO: SUBMITTED BY JOHNNY BULLARD

Kenneth and Zeldia Hutcherson.

Titans of Rock to perform at St. Patrick's Day celebration

LIVE OAK — The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is planning to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with The Titans of Rock performing a pair of tributes.

The weekend will begin, though, Friday with an old-time country band, Snake Blood Remedy.

The Suwannee County band has played a number of dates at the Music Park since 2017 and recently was named one of the bands that will play at the Suwannee River Jam from May 2-5 at the SOSMP. The fiddle, banjo, drums and guitar music that takes place has a

tendency to draw the audience to the dance floor. Doors open at 6 p.m. for dinner, music from 8 p.m. until midnight. Admission is free.

The Music Hall is turning green for St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, beginning at 7 p.m. with games, contest,

prizes and loads of fun with an Irish twist. The Titans of Rock will also be performing a Journey tribute, "Never Stop Believing" as well as a Bon Jovi tribute "Livin' On A Prayer."

Call 386-364-1683 to get tickets now before the show sells out.

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NOTICE OF CLOSURE

Dr. Rana's office, located at 413 NW 5th Ave, Jasper, FL. Will be closing permanently effective **February 27th, 2018.**

We will continue to operate **Urgent Medical Care** at 609 SW 5th Street, Suite 5, Live Oak, FL. (behind **Auto Zone** on 90). Our Live Oak location is open 6 days a week, **8am to 5pm Mon-Fri** and on **Saturdays 10am to 2pm.** We will be happy to care for all of our **Jasper** patients, as well as new patients in **Live Oak office.** If you have any questions or concerns, please call **386-208-1200.**

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Life in White Springs

Wild azaleas and last chances

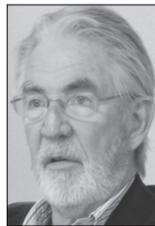
There is a lot going on in White Springs this weekend and most of it has been covered and reported and advertised extensively, but a gentle reminder never hurts so I'll touch on these happenings lightly. Friday, March 16, 6-8 p.m. at the old Nature and Heritage Tourism Center. "A Taste of White Springs" with food prepared by White Springs folks, who are famous for their favorite dishes. This tasting will start at 6 P.M. at the Heritage and Tourism Center. There is a \$5 donation for this event and I guarantee you will get more than your money's worth.

Saturday, March 17 is the 18th Annual Wild Azalea Festival at the Baily Ogburn Recreational Facility in White Springs, featuring crafts, art, food, music, and family entertainment and games. At 8 a.m., you can support the White Springs Fire Department by purchasing a pancake breakfast. At 9 a.m., there is a Fun Walk/Run sponsored by the Hamilton County Health Department. The rest of the activities start at 10 a.m. Also on Saturday, March 17, the Arts & Collectables Event will be held in the Stephen Foster Park.

Saturday evening will be, after fourteen wonderful years, the final performance of

The White Springs Folk Club, featuring Canadian folk artist, Shawna Caspi. This performance will be at the United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. I think that there is, or will be, an article in this paper about the story of the White Springs Folk Club. We shall really, truly miss the Folk Club performances and the wonderful Folk Club community gatherings at intermission. It's your last chance to enjoy the Folk Club phenomenon this Saturday, one last time!

Monday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. is the Stephen Foster Citizen Support Organization's (CSO) Annual Meeting. The CSO members will elect their board of directors at this meeting and review their plans and accomplishments. The meeting will be held in Nelly Bly's Kitchen in the park. CSO president, Carol Stob, will be the host and will be serving corned beef and cabbage for dinner. Please bring a side dish. In order to vote, you must be a paying member of the CSO.



WALTER MCKENZIE

Members will be electing three members to the CSO board for a two year term.

Nominated for the positions are Jerry Lawrence Bullard, Scott Gay and Shauna Adams-Farries. Jerry Lawrence Bullard has been a member of the CSO and participated in and volunteered at the Florida Folk Festival and the Festival of Lights for many years. He has previously been on the CSO Board and served at the Vice-President. Scott Gay has been on the CSO Board as Treasurer since 2011. He has also participated in the Florida Folk Festival and Festival of Lights. As a CPA, he has been instrumental in updating the CSO's book keeping system. Shauna Adams-Farries' great, great grandparents settled in White Springs generations ago and the family has contributed to our town in a variety of ways. She is a graduate of Auburn University. Currently, she is the Tobacco Prevention Specialist of Hamilton County and she has served in the Chamber of Commerce, the SAC committee at Columbia High School, Chairperson of the Circuit 3 DJJ Community Advisory Board and the Special Events Committee of White Springs. She has volunteered at the Festival of Lights and youth programs in the Park.

I congratulate these candidates! A vibrant and healthy State Park and CSO is a complimentary necessity to a vibrant and healthy White Springs. I encourage all of you to join the Stephen Foster CSO at the Annual meeting on Monday, March 19 at Nelly Bly's, 6:30 p.m. You will have a good meal, great conversation with friends, hear future plans for our park, and CSO T-SHIRTS will be for sale at the meeting for only \$8 to support our Park and publicize the Stephen Foster CSO.

I'm always glad to hear about goings on in the community and will be glad to share anything appropriate for this column. Email is the best way to contact me, but any way is welcome. I am thankful that we truly are all connected, and I hope that we can continue to feel proud of who we are and where we're headed, and that we all appreciate that White Springs is a very special place, to be honored and protected. As always, I look forward to seeing you out and about, enjoying your community and your life in White Springs.

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Easter Sunrise Service at Stephen Foster set for April 1

JASPER — The 51st annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park on Sunday, April 1. Gates to the park will open at 6:30 a.m. and the non-denominational Christian service will begin at 7 a.m. on the lawn of the historic carillon tower.

Folding chairs are provided; however, everyone is encouraged to bring their own folding chairs. Refreshments will be served following the service. Admission to the park is free for this event. No offering is taken; however a contribution basket will be available for anyone who wish to make a contribution. The event is sponsored by White Springs area churches in coordination with the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park. For more information, contact Johnny Bullard at 386-688-6080, Carolyn Cannon at 386-397-2630 or the park at 386-397-2733.

OBITUARIES and Death Notices

Hilda Alderman
Aug. 26, 1926 - Mar. 11, 2018

Hilda Virginia Cunningham Alderman of Thomasville, Georgia passed away on March 11, 2018 at Camellia Gardens Of Life Care. Mrs. Hilda Alderman was born in Jennings, Florida on August 26, 1926 to the late Ralph and Luna Cunningham. She married her high school sweetheart Russell Alderman. Upon completion of his service in the Navy they returned home and began farming. After starting a family, she entered college to pursue a degree in English Literature. She received a Bachelor's degree from Valdosta State College and her Masters from Florida State University. She taught 38 years in the Hamilton County School System. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother who was deeply loved by her family. She was a member of First Christian Church in Valdosta, GA. She enjoyed teaching, reading, serving in the church and spending time with family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Russell Alderman and daughter Sheila Alderman Hunt. Survivors include one son, Russell "Rusty" Alderman (Colleen), West Grove, PA.; one daughter, Janet Alderman Webb (Jerry), Thomasville, GA.; five grandchildren, Chesley Manning (Machelle)Thornton, CO; Christopher Hamby, Gainesville, FL; Jaime Giddens (Johnny), Lynn Haven, FL; Byron Webb, Thomasville, GA; Tyler Webb, Athens, Ga; and two great grandchildren, Leigh Hamby, Moultrie, GA; Mason Giddens, Lynn Haven, FL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Christian Church in Valdosta, Georgia or Burnham Christian Church in Jennings, Florida.

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

Ken Kalinowski
Mar. 11, 2018

Ken Kalinowski passed away Sunday, March 11th, 2018 at the age of 87. He loved fishing and tinkering with machines. He was the oldest of ten children. He is preceded in death by his mother and father, William & Lillian Kalinowski, two brothers Laddie & Larry Kalinowski and his son Greg Kalinowski. He leaves behind three brothers, Dale Kalinowski; William Kalinowski(Linda) and Danny Kalinowski of Ashtabula Ohio; four sisters, Winona "Nonie" Kotnik, McAlphin, FL.; Ester Scott(Desmond), Jasper, FL; Darla Howell(Doug) and Betty McKee(Danny) of Ashtabula Ohio; six of his five children, Jim Shinault(Olympia, WA); Terry Kalinowski(Nancy) of Ashtabula; Ohio, Sue Kindoll(Tony), Lake Park, GA; Kenneth "Rick" Kalinowski (Ruby), Jasper, FL; (Mardel Kalinowski) widow of son Greg Kalinowski, Alamogorda, NM; Mark Kalinowski (Lea Anne), Perry, FL; Shelley Bowen(Tony), Live Oak, FL. Seventeen grandchildren and twenty seven great grandchildren. Many, many nieces and nephews. The family will have a private family service. In lieu of flowers you can donate to Haven Hospice, Lake City FL.

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Burns Funeral Home of Perry is in charge of arrangements.

Earl Williams
Oct. 4, 1958 - Mar. 8, 2018

Earl Williams, from Nashville, Georgia, passed away on March 8, 2018.

He is survived by three sisters, Theresa Wingard of Jasper, FL, Janet Williams of Mississippi and Daphne Curvis of Nashville, GA; two brothers, Mike Williams of Savannah, GA and Felix Williams of Quitman, GA.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, March 17, 2018.

Purvis Funeral Home in Adel, GA is in charge of all arrangements.

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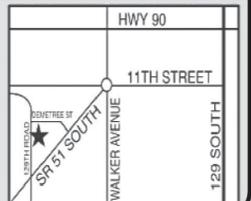
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THE JASPER NEWS, Jasper, FL

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018

Tariff increases lead to unseen victims

There are a couple of important economic lessons that the American people should learn. I'm going to title one "the seen and unseen" and the other "narrow well-defined large benefits versus widely dispersed small costs." These lessons are applicable to a wide range of government behavior, but let's look at just two examples.

Last week, President Donald Trump enacted high tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum. Why in the world would the U.S. steel and aluminum industries press the president to levy heavy tariffs? The answer is simple. Reducing the amounts of steel and aluminum that hit our shores enables American producers to charge higher prices. Thus, U.S. steel and aluminum producers will earn higher profits, hire more workers and pay them higher wages. They are the visible beneficiaries of Trump's tariffs.

But when the government creates a benefit for one American, it is a virtual guarantee that it will come at the expense of another American — an unseen victim. The victims of steel and aluminum tariffs are the companies that use steel and aluminum. Faced with higher input costs, they become less competitive on the world market. For example, companies such as John Deere may respond to higher steel prices by purchasing their parts in the international market rather than in the U.S. To become more competitive in the world market, some firms may move their production facilities to foreign countries that do not have tariffs on foreign steel



WALTER WILLIAMS

and aluminum. Studies by both the Peterson Institute for International Economics and the Consuming Industries Trade Action Coalition show that steel-using industries — such as the U.S. auto industry, its suppliers and manufacturers of heavy construction equipment — were harmed by tariffs on steel enacted by George W. Bush.

Politicians love having seen beneficiaries and unseen victims. The reason is quite simple. In the cases of the steel and aluminum industries, company executives will know whom to give political campaign contributions. Workers in those industries will know for whom to cast their votes. The people in the steel- and aluminum-using industries may not know whom to blame for declining profits, lack of competitiveness and job loss. There's no better scenario for politicians. It's heads politicians win and tails somebody else loses.

Then there's the phenomenon of narrow well-defined large benefits versus widely dispersed small costs. A good example can be found in the sugar industry. Sugar producers lobby Congress to place restrictions on the importation of foreign sugar through tariffs and quotas. Those import restrictions force Americans to pay up to three times the world price for sugar. A report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office estimated that Americans pay an extra \$2 billion a year because of sugar tariffs and quotas. Plus, taxpayers will be forced to pay more than \$2 billion over the next 10 years to buy and store excess sugar produced because of higher prices. Another way to look at the cost side is that tens of millions of American families are forced

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Sunshine always right

Open government is not a political platform.

It is a basic American right.

The political landscape is more polarized than ever and there seems to be little common ground for conservatives and progressives.

Transparency — keeping the light on the people's business — ought to be something everyone can agree on.

Instead, conservatives want to reveal the secrets of liberals and liberals want to expose the actions of conservatives.

Openness in government is not a liberal, conservative, Republican, Democrat, independent, Libertarian or freedom caucus issue.

It often appears that whatever party is in the minority becomes the champion of transparency right up until the time it is in the majority.

Politicians stomp on transparency and are all about open access, until they have something they want to keep secret.

The need for transparency in local, state and federal government transcends parties and political ideologies.

Checks and balances provide few checks and little balance when officials broker deals behind closed doors and conceal documents that contain important information that the public has the right, and often the need, to know.

Local government has the biggest impact in the lives of people on a day-to-day basis.

Whether it is in the form of property taxes, sales taxes, business taxes, state-shared dollars or federal grants, loans and funding, local government is 100 percent taxpayer-funded.

The public has the right to know how its money is being spent.

The decisions being made, the dollars being doled out and the records being kept by city hall, the county commission, the board of education or the utility district all belong to liberals, conservatives, Republicans, Democrats, independents, Libertarians and even politically disinterested individuals.

All stakeholders have a stake in open meetings and public records and should care about transparency issues.

The lack of and need for true government transparency should be about the most bipartisan cause that exists.

Any elected official who truly cares about public service in a real and meaningful way and fully understands what a representative form of government is all about, should not only champion openness in government, but should be the most effective watchdogs, looking out for the public trust.

Sadly, those kinds of elected officials are hard to find.

The press tries to keep an eye on government and expose clandestine actions and in response journalists are often ridiculed, belittled and even threatened for just doing their jobs, as they work to keep government honest by making use of access laws.

But, the public needs to understand that access to government documents and actions is not just a media right.

It is your right.

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JIM ZACHARY



Too little, way too late

The more closely I watch what the Florida legislature does, the more disturbing I find their actions to be. This is the second year in a row that the legislature will need extra time to complete what should be completed in the regular session. This means the taxpayers will be paying for their food and housing, and each one of the legislators may spend up to \$150 a day. Some of our legislators will be spending more in one day for their hotel rooms and lattes than their proposed increase per year of student funding. Some will say, "Well, since the tragedy in Parkland occurred, they had more legislation to work on." I say that is a load of crap. School shootings have been happening in earnest since 1999. The big travesty here is that the legislature could not be moved to do



ERIC ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ

something about it until tragedy struck here in our state.

The state budget is the one thing the legislature is required to do each year, but the state budget is the reason they will need extra time again this year. It would be almost understandable if the legislature was evenly split between Democrats and Republicans and they were having earnest debates about issues that matter, but this is a case of Republicans trying to out-Republican each other. It is also a matter of them wasting time on bills that are frivolous. Our state legislators want to become the only state with year-round daylight savings time. The fact that our elected leaders found the time to craft and pass this ridiculous legislation, but could not finish their session on time, is mind blowing.

I am glad the legislature will be spending an extra \$400 million for school safety next year, but when you look into the history of the safe schools program it will

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Healthy Living

How many calories do we really burn doing chores?

Is cleaning the house enough activity to burn calories for weight loss?

My mother-in-law, who's gone to be with the Lord, struggled with her weight from childhood on. She actually had her first — yes her first of many — heart attacks in her late 30's. She tried every pill and potion on the market in an attempt to lose weight. I can relate because I went through the same struggle of looking for a quick fix.

There was one big difference between us though. I finally "got" that weight is only one part of the health picture and that it's about lifestyle choices versus looking for a magical cure. Back then, the easiest time of my day to workout was on lunch at work. I was lucky that the company I worked for, BP Oil Corporate in Cleveland, had a fitness center for its employees. I would time my lunch to be able to take a 30-minute aerobic class which left enough time to take a quick shower and grab a salad for lunch.

My mother-in-law never quite understood why I wanted to get sweaty in the middle of my work day. I would explain to her how it not only made me feel better physically but mentally as well. Exercise keeps my stress in check.

The conversation would always circle back around to weight loss and I would tell her if she wanted to lose weight, she should exercise. Her response was always "don't you think I do enough around here?" Unfortunately, no. What she was used to doing as far as exercise would not be enough for her to lose weight. She needed to increase her activity and focus on her nutrition.

Why would I say that what she was doing was not enough? You've heard me say it before — our bodies are amazing things that quickly adapt and overcome anything we throw at it. What you do daily becomes easy for your body to handle.

Well, she wasn't happy with my answer and said that cleaning, laundry, cooking, etc. has to burn calories. Yes, that is correct. Any activity burns calories but the question is how many

calories? As a comparison, a 60-minute Zumba class can burn anywhere from 500 to 750 calories depending on the intensity level. Thirty minutes of jogging at 12 mph will burn about 325 calories. Thirty minutes of walking at 3.0 mph which is a moderate pace will burn about 140 calories.

How do these numbers compare with average household chores? Below are some common household activities along with what you can expect to burn if you did these chores for 30 minutes:

- Sweeping floors about 80 calories
- Mopping floors about 85 calories
- Washing dishes including some walking 50 calories
- Moving household items, furniture carrying boxes about 275 calories

Did you think household chores would burn more calories? I did too actually. But even a combination of household chores at a vigorous level will only burn about 100 calories in 30 minutes. Keep in mind that if you are cleaning for several hours you will be able to burn enough calories that might replace your workout for the day but it will take you longer than 60 minutes to do so.

The good news? Anyway you look at it, when you get moving your health and wellness benefits. No matter what you choose to do, get up and get moving. Have an amazing week.



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*To your health,
Denise*

Tariff

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to pay a little bit more, maybe \$20, for the sugar we use every year.

You might wonder how this consumer rip-off sustains itself. After all, the people in the sugar industry are only a tiny percentage of the U.S. population. Here's how it works. It pays for workers and owners in the sugar industry to come up with millions of dollars

to lobby congressmen to impose tariffs and quotas on foreign sugar. It means higher profits and higher wages. Also, it's easy to organize the relatively small number of people in the sugar industry. The costs are borne by tens of millions of Americans forced to pay more for the sugar they use. Even if the people knew what the politicians are doing, it wouldn't be worth the cost of trying to unseat a legislator whose vote cost them \$20 a year. Politicians know that they won't bear

a cost from sugar consumers. But they would pay a political cost from the sugar industry if they didn't vote for tariffs. So they put it to consumers — but what else is new?

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make your stomach turn. Our legislature has kept the amount going into the safe schools program the same since the 2010-2011 school year. After the Sandy Hook school shooting in 2012, our legislature did not increase safe schools funding. Year after year, the governor asked for increases for safe schools funding, but year after year, our legislators denied his requests. It took the deaths of 17 students and teachers in Florida to get our legislature to increase safe schools funding.

I applaud our legislature for passing some common sense gun legislation, but why did it take a tragedy like Parkland to make them realize how foolish our gun laws had become? The sale of bump stocks, like the one used in the Las Vegas shooting last October, will be prohibited in our state, and there will be a

three-day waiting period and a minimum age of 21 to purchase a rifle. I think they went a little too far in requiring a minimum age of 21 to purchase a shotgun or bolt-action rifle, but trying to define and single out assault weapons probably would have delayed the close of the legislative session even further.

I am glad the legislature will be spending somewhere in the neighborhood of \$50 million next year to combat the opioid epidemic in our state. It is a shame that our state had to have more overdose deaths than any other state (4,728 in 2016) before our elected leaders could be moved to do something about the problem. It is a sad state of affairs when many people have to die in this state just to get the legislature to do its job.

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Religion

Heart Matters

Try to avoid 'Parenting by Guilt'

My heart is burdened over the topic that I feel compelled to share in this column. This one ranks near the top of most difficult ones I have written, because parenting is the hardest job on the planet and it matters so much that we do this job well. Up front, I want to ask you: please do not read it with one ounce of judgment. If anything hits home with you I pray that you hear it as the voice of one who doesn't always get parenting right either, but is cheering all of us on to a healthier relationship with our children.

Over the past 28 years of parenting and 15-plus years of counseling, I have often encountered heartbroken parents. Parents who love their sons and daughters more than their own lives, but have lacked the ability to promote responsibility and respect through instruction and discipline. As a result, by the time the children hit the teenage years, everyone in the house can be very miserable. Most often these parents suffer from an increasingly common malady that I call "Parenting By Guilt." Parenting by Guilt is simply making decisions for your children based on the guilty feeling that you are responsible for their lack of respect, responsibility or their disobedience.

Parenting by guilt presents in many situations, but here are a few that I have encountered:

- Divorced parents: This one may be the most obvious. Divorce is hard on children, no doubt, but taking away discipline takes away their security and sets them up to blame someone or something else for bad choices the rest of their lives. Allowing disrespect of the other parent may make you feel better, but it is very harmful to your child. Best-case scenario is for divorced parents to continue to co-parent consistently and be emotionally supportive during the difficulty of divorce but do not excuse disobedience.
- Parents who messed up big: Our past may haunt us to the point that we feel hypocritical to correct our own children. King David suffered from this one to the point that his son raped his daughter and one son killed another while he remained silent. (See 2 Samuel 11 & 13). Think about this: if you were given a supervisor's position at your job, would you not correct those who worked for you simply because you had made mistakes in learning the job early on? Our role as parents is not contingent on doing life perfectly. On the contrary, our past mistakes (and what we learned from them) should help us be more insightful parents and help us

teach our children all the more.

• Grandparents raising grandchildren: This has become an epidemic in our culture! Grandparents often feel guilty because their children have failed their grandchildren and they may feel an underlying responsibility. Parenting is so hard for grandparents because the role of a grandparent is so different than a parent. If you are a grandparent who has taken on the challenge of raising a grandson or granddaughter, you must make sure that you switch the role. If a child can only have either a parent or grandparent, the most important need is for a parent. Giving them monetary rewards or too much freedom will not replace what is missing from their lives, but teaching respect and responsibility will help them navigate those troubled waters.

• Financially successful parents: I want to tread lightly here...but I have seen this struggle. Parents who have much more than their parents did financially may feel the need to do much more for their children in terms of gifts and privileges. This can be a slippery slope, and one where the parent understands the value of money but the children do not. I have heard it said that if one does not have what it takes to acquire something, they likely will not have what it takes to keep it. Don't confuse financial blessings with parental obligations. Teaching your children to get something for nothing will not serve them well in life, especially if you become unable or unwilling to support their appetites. Responsibility always accompanies privilege.

Because as parents, we all want the very best for our children. And every heart matters.



ANGIE LAND

*Blessings,
Angie*

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"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

— Romans 8:28 NIV

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Around the Banks

Getting in the spirit for St. Patrick's Day

"May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rain fall soft upon your fields, and un-
til we meet again. May God hold you in
the palm of His hand." (Irish Blessing)

Saturday, March 17, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. It's not celebrated here in the same manner or with the same enthusiasm as in other parts of our nation. In cities like New York, N.Y.; Savannah, Ga., Boston, Mass.; it is a major celebration, as there were a large number of Irish immigrants who poured into those cities, and many of their descendants live there today. Savannah does a huge celebration, dyeing the Savannah River green and with all manner of street fairs and food vendors, as well as Irish music. Southerners are great storytellers, and I am told the Irish have a gift for "blarney" too. I thought I would share with my readers some the history of St. Patrick's Day. We wear green and may eat corned beef and cabbage and potatoes and some of the more enthusiastic may even eat Irish Soda Bread, but that's about as far as it goes. I am looking for that leprechaun who can tell me where the pot of gold can be found, but, so far, no luck.

Here is some of the legend, which is a story that may or may not be true, but it has withstood the test of time which counts for something. I am only including part of the legend as it relates to St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland and using the shamrock to teach early Christian converts about the Trinity.

Probably as famous as the story of the shamrock is the legend of Saint Patrick driving all the snakes of Ireland into the sea where they drowned.

The well-received message is that there are no snakes in Ireland (save those in zoos) and he alone is responsible for this happy state.

It is, however, very unlikely there were ever any snakes in Ireland! This particular legend of Saint Patrick is easy to translate: snakes were sacred to the Druids; their banishment reflects St Patrick's success at removing pagan influence from the island.

Perhaps the best-known legend of Saint Patrick involves the shamrock, the little plant that has gone on to become famous throughout the world as a symbol of Irish heritage.

After training as a priest and bishop, Patrick arrived in Ireland in 432AD and

immediately set about trying to convert the pagan Celts who inhabited the island.

Having previously lived and worked there, he was very probably already aware that the number three held special significance in Celtic tradition (and, indeed, in many pagan beliefs), and he applied this knowledge in a clever way.

He used the shamrock, a three-leaved clover which grows all over the island, to explain the Christian concept of the Holy Trinity i.e. the theory that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are each separate elements of just one entity.

In White Springs, Florida, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with our annual Wild Azalea Festival, the 18th annual, I believe. There are all kinds of events beginning on March 16 with "A Taste of White Springs" at the Nature and Heritage Tourism Center from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each, and it's the BEST DEAL in this part of the world. Delicious refreshments, and a large selection of them and a cool beverage. Come join us.

Saturday, March 17, "kicks off" with the Wild Azalea Festival. A walk/run, I think 5K or as long as you can "hold out" is being sponsored by the Florida Department of Health: Hamilton County. Come join the walkers/runners, as they begin their trek at the Nature and Heritage Tourism Center at 9 a.m. and trek through Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park and back. The festival includes regional arts, crafts, foods, musical entertainment, and events for children, and, in the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park, antiques and collectibles. So there is something for everyone beginning at 10 a.m. Some of the events are located at the Bailey Ogburn Memorial Field behind New Bethel A.M.E. Church and others will be scattered throughout town. You will want to stop and take a trip through Adams Brothers Historic Store, as you will be delighted with the antiques, collectibles, and items that are just plain fun.

In advance, I wish to thank the White Springs Special Events Committee for all their hard work. They have done an outstanding job coordinating this event.



JOHNNY BULLARD

Thank you so very much. These folks do this work as a labor of love, and we love them for their labor and for their love of community. Come over to White Springs and enjoy the day. You will be glad you did.

An invitation over to Madison, Florida, last Tuesday by an outstanding group of individuals who comprise a Book Club. This "Book Club" has been in effect for many years. The group chose my book "Destini" and invited me to come and answer questions about the book on Tuesday, March 6, at 5 p.m. I was honored, and I was "more than impressed" with this group of readers in Madison County. They had some GREAT questions. They were kind enough to purchase my book, read it, and invite me as a guest of honor and to enjoy refreshments afterward. You can't beat that. Many have been that kind to me in this area, and especially the Suwannee River Regional Libraries in Jasper, White Springs, and Live Oak, as well as the public library in Lake City, and Janet Moses at her Blue Goose Studio in Lake City. Thank you to all of you. I never, ever want to forget to mention local writer and editor, Joyce Marie Taylor. She was, and has been the primary individual who encouraged me and just about "made me" put these books in print: "Nightshade," its sequel "Secrets" and the most recent publication "Destini." I suggest you read all three in order. If you have Kindle, they are inexpensive and if you go to the public library, even more so. If you purchase them on Amazon, a little more expensive, and they are available there. We have many marvelous authors in this region, and I appreciate all our area's authors. I commend them for putting their thoughts in a story and publishing a book; not easy.

Speaking of libraries, the Suwannee River Regional Library system has a marvelous addition to the Suwannee River Regional Library System at Dowling Park. The library was named in honor of a wonderful and very civic and community minded lady, the late Mrs. Jo Kennon. This library is such an added plus to the library system, and I know it is being utilized and enjoyed.

If you want to travel some place that is not very far, and I am not promoting anyone here, just stating a fact, drive out to Noble's Greenhouse near Live Oak, and just "take in" the beauty of God's creation. The beautiful flowers, trees,

shrubs, all tended with loving care at Noble's.

I wish to extend a hearty congratulations to my cousin, Jan Townsend Smith, on her recent retirement from the Suwannee County District Schools. I love Jan, and she puts her "whole heart" into what she is doing, and she certainly did adhere to that verse in the scripture "Go to the ant and become wise", and ants work all the time, and so does Jan. She's always doing something and something productive, and you know where you stand with her, and I like that. Enjoy your well-earned retirement Jan.

Sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. Palmer Gene (Addie Mae) Smith, Sr. Jasper. Mrs. Addie Mae always had that sweet smile, and she was, without a doubt, one of the kindest, most encouraging ladies ever. She had a beautiful soprano voice, and her Christian testimony was in the actions of her everyday life. She lived her Christianity, and she served her home church, First Baptist Church, Jasper, as long as she was able. Our prayers for her family during this, their hour of grief and bereavement. To her sons, Gene, Art, and all the family, our continued prayers. She will be missed. She was always "more than a bit" of north Florida sunshine and a very great lady; a true "Steel Magnolia."

Before I close, I wish a Happy Birthday, to my sister-in-law, Amanda Allen Bullard. She is a truly great sister-in-law, and I love her. She is a very great lady; kind, a Christian, and, well, just wonderful in every way, and she can truly play a piano, oh can she play. Her birthday is on Saturday, March 17, and she will celebrate an anniversary of her 39th. I love her and wish her many more.

To conclude, memories of the early Florida Folk Festivals. I can recall that Epiphany Catholic School, Lake City, was staffed by a number of Irish Catholic nuns. For many years, Epiphany Catholic School students danced the Irish jig on the stage of the Florida Folk Festival. I always enjoyed the music and the dancing, and those Sisters who came from County Kerry in Ireland did a great job educating many students in Columbia and surrounding counties.

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.

Small ways you can change your routine for a better you

(StatePoint) Sometimes the smallest changes to your daily habits can have the biggest impact on your wellness. With that in mind, here are a few easy ways you can change your routine for a better you.

Sit Less

Does your job require you to sit still most of the day? Even if you work out regularly, an otherwise sedentary lifestyle can be bad for your health. Be sure to get up throughout the day in order to stretch and walk around. It only takes a minute to reap the benefits, so don't skip these breaks. Consider installing an app on your phone to remind you at periodic intervals when it's time to move, and if possible, alter your workstation to make it easier to assist in this effort. Standing desks, treadmill desks and even biking desks can keep you active throughout the day.

Rethink Brushing

Good oral health includes taking great care of your gums -- and research shows that harmful bacteria and plaque that lurk below the gum line can have a big impact.

"A healthy mouth needs healthy gums, and even diligent brushing may not remove all harmful plaque," said Sarah Thiel, RDH. "Toothpaste that goes below the gum line to destroy

plaque bacteria in the mouth is a great addition to your brushing routine. Because if you're not taking care of your gums, you're not taking care of you."

Consider switching to a toothpaste specifically developed to improve gum health, like Crest Gum Detoxify, which uses Activated Foam Technology to seek out harmful bacteria in hard to reach places in order to neutralize it, even below the gum line. More information can be found at Crest.com.

Spice it Up

If you rely on fat and sugar for the bulk of flavor in your cooking, consider improving your seasoning routines for more nutritional meals. Reduce your reliance on these ingredients without getting bored by adding healthier boosts of flavor to dishes. Chop fresh herbs onto your pasta or salad, add spices to your stew, include garlic, ginger and even hot peppers in your stir-fry.

Drink More Water

What are you drinking during the day? If the answer is juice and soda, consider replacing at least some of that with water. Water doesn't have to be flavorless. Infuse your water bottle or pitcher with your favorite fruits, vegetables and herbs. From cucumber and strawberry slices to watermelon and



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mint, you can have fun while hydrating, without resorting to high calorie beverages that offer little or no nutritional value.

Focusing on sweeping lifestyle

changes can leave anyone feeling overwhelmed. For lasting and meaningful impacts on your health and wellness, find small tweaks that you can make to your daily routine.

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FDOT begins ITS message board installation on I-75

LAKE CITY — Motorists traveling Interstate 75 over the next several weeks can expect to see large, digital message signs being installed as part of a \$12 million Florida Department of Transportation project.

Once completed, the project will assist motorists with current travel information and improve interstate communication for emergency responders.

The ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) project began in late 2016 and is

currently in its second phase before its expected completion this summer. The project spans from Archer Road (State Road 24) in Alachua County to the Florida/Georgia line.

The ITS project involves installing traffic cameras and vehicle detection sensors on the roadway. ITS allows emergency agencies to utilize enhanced technology to better detect traffic slowdowns and incidents.

This information can then be passed along to motorists

through digital message boards installed on the interstate and through the FDOT 511 system.

The first digital message sign was installed on southbound Interstate 75 in Columbia County on Monday. The sign displays are approximately eight-feet tall and 25-feet wide.

Additional signs are scheduled to be installed in Alachua and Columbia counties in the coming weeks and the project will continue north to the Georgia line until all signs are

installed.

Once completed, the District 2 ITS system will consist of 101 detectors on an 86-mile stretch of roadway. These sensors will be placed every half-mile in the city of Gainesville and every mile outside of the city limits. There will also be 24 digital message signs – 11 northbound and 13 southbound – and 95 cameras located on Interstate 75. Additionally, the system will sync up with another project

on Interstate 10, which is currently under construction and will run from Interstate 295 in Jacksonville to U.S. 90 in Leon County.

Installation of the signs will take place during daytime hours and will require a lane closure for crews to safely install the signs. Expected lane closures relating to this and all FDOT projects can be found on FDOT's weekly lane closure report, which can be found at NFLRoads.com.

HOW TO PROMOTE HEALTHY KIDNEYS

Staying hydrated while avoiding over-hydration is one way for men and women to protect their kidneys.

Kidney disease is a widespread issue made all the more disconcerting by the fact that many people are unaware they have it. According to the National Kidney Foundation, 26 million American adults have kidney disease, and most don't know it.

Healthy kidneys are something many people take for granted. But those who want to do everything they can to keep their kidneys healthy can consider the following tips, courtesy of the Cleveland Clinic.

- Stay hydrated, but avoid over-hydration. Many people are familiar with the benefits of drinking water each day, and adequate hydration definitely promotes healthy kidneys. But over-hydrating has not been proven to enhance kidney function. The Cleveland Clinic recommends adults drink between four and six glasses of water per day.
- Exercise. Regular exercise benefits various parts of the human body, including the kidneys. High blood pressure and diabetes are two of the biggest risk factors for kidney disease, and regular exercise can reduce a person's risk of both conditions. However, overexertion can strain the kidneys, so adults who exercise, especially novices who need to improve



Staying hydrated while avoiding overhydration is one way for men and women to protect their kidneys.

their conditioning, should avoid going too hard at the gym.

- Speak with a physician before taking vitamin supplements or herbal remedies. Vitamin supplements and herbal remedies have become very popular in the 21st century, but excessive supplementation can harm the kidneys. Discuss any supplements or herbals remedies with a physician before taking them.

- Quit smoking. Just as exercise benefits the body in myriad ways, smoking harms the body in myriad ways. Smoking decreases the blood flow in the kidneys, decreasing their ability to function at optimal capacity. Smoking also increases a person's risk of high blood pressure and cancer of the kidneys.
- Eat healthy. A healthy diet decreases a person's risk for high blood pressure and diabetes. Adhering to a healthy diet and controlling portion sizes can help control weight and blood pressure and contribute to healthy kidneys as well.
- Get screened. Adults who have been diagnosed with high blood pressure or diabetes should make sure their physicians screen for kidney dysfunction during routine appointments.

Learn more about kidney disease at www.kidney.org.

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EVENT CALENDAR

Friday, March 16

- 6 p.m.Fair Opens
- 6 p.m.Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 6:30 p.m.Danceology
- 7:30 p.m.Dairy Show
- 8 p.m."Let it Ride"
- 10 p.m.All Exhibit Buildings Close

Saturday, March 17

- 6 p.m.Fair Opens
- 7 p.m.Pee Wee Dairy Show
- 7:30 p.m.Demolition Derby
- 8 p.m."Sondra Hunt"
- 10 p.m.All Exhibit Buildings Close

Sunday, March 18

- 6 p.m.Fair Opens
- 8 p.m.Las Centellas De Guerrero
- 10 p.m.All Exhibit Buildings Close

Monday, March 19

- 5 p.m.Fair Opens
- 6:30 p.m.Youth Hog Showmanship
- 7 p.m."Gateway City Big Band"
- 8 p.m.Karoake with "Dave"
- 10:30 p.m.All Exhibit Buildings Close

Tuesday, March 20

- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.Senior Citizens Day
Free Admission & Lunch
- 12 p.m.Seniors Lunch Will Be Served
- 5 p.m.Fair Opens
- 6:30 p.m.Youth Hog Show
- 6:30 p.m.Suwannee Spirit
- 7:30 p.m.Karoake with "Dave"
- 10 p.m.All Exhibit Buildings Close

Wednesday, March 21

- 6 p.m.Fair Opens
- 6:30 p.m.Steer Show
- 6:30 p.m.Twirling by Kary
- 7 p.m.Jeremiah Ross & Dominion
- 10 p.m.All Exhibit Buildings Close

\$ DOLLAR NIGHT \$ Thursday, March 22

- 9 a.m.Youth Livestock Sale
- 6 p.m.Fair Opens
- 6:30 p.m.Dance Shop
- 7 p.m.SES Chorus
- 10 p.m.All Exhibit Buildings Close

Friday, March 23

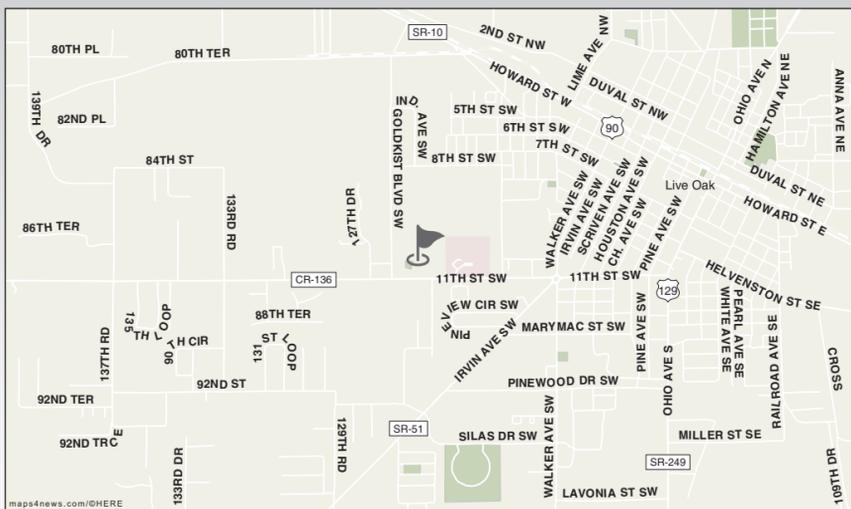
- 6 p.m.Fair Opens
- 7 p.m.Heifer Show
- 7 p.m.SHS Band
- 8:30 p.m.Snake Blood Remedy
- 10 p.m.All Exhibit Buildings Close

Saturday, March 24

- 4 p.m.Fair Opens
- 4 p.m.Kids Crafts
- 6 p.m.Rides Open
- 6:30 p.m.Talent Show
- 7 p.m.Goat Show
- 8 p.m.Chasin' Dixie
- 8 p.m.Rowdy Ranch Relay
- 10 p.m.All Exhibit Buildings Close

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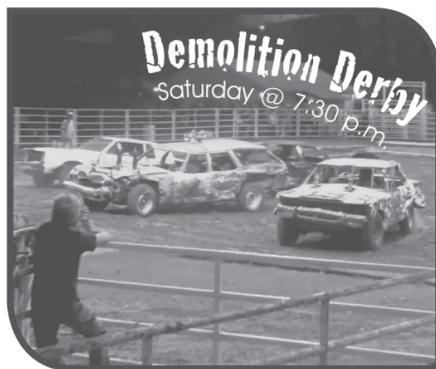
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VFW

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Post Commander Billy Jackson opened the dinner with a few words about the dinner being delayed from September to March.

Lamar Royals gave the blessing for the evening to recognize the first responders and the dinner.

Bo Beauchemin, the county veterans service officer, gave a few words to thank and recognize all first responders and military members.

"Almost 4,000 died the day of the 9/11 attack and as of 2016, there has been at least 1,000 people who have died from health related problems from 9/11," Beauchemin said. "Four hundred and eleven of those killed in 9/11 were first responders. Three hundred forty-three of them were police officers, 60 were firefighters and eight were EMS."

Beauchemin added: "There is a prediction that over the next five years there will be 3,000 more casualties. HCSO has 18, EMS has 14 and EOC has less than 12 firefighters and responded to 19,000 calls. We thank you."

At the end of the program, there were prizes given out to all first responders at the dinner. Jackson was happy to announce that they had received enough prize donations for everyone to receive something this year.



Hamilton County Sheriff Harrell Reid with one of the prizes given to each of the first responders.



Post Commander Billy Jackson talks with fellow veterans.

PHOTOS: ALEXIS SPOEHR



Toby Witt, Emergency Medical Service director, won a \$50 food certificate to Hitchcock's.



Post Commander Billy Jackson and Sheriff Harrell Reid shake hands at the dinner.



Veterans Service Officer, Bo Beauchemin thanks first responders and recognizes them.

Suwannee

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7:30 p.m. but will have a twist.

The Suwannee County Fair along with Love Inc. have been selling raffle tickets for one lucky winner to have a chance to drive a car in the derby.

Lisa Kriehn, Love INC executive director, said only 250 tickets will be sold and the proceeds will go towards Christmas gifts for local children.

Tickets are available at the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office, Napa Auto Parts, O'Rielly's Auto Part, Advanced Auto Parts and Love INC.

Kriehn said the ticket holder must be present at the demolition derby to win.

Alcorn said they are always looking for volunteers. If interested, call 386-362-3247.

Doobay

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previously contracted to sell and purportedly sold the same RV lots to other investors.

The court documents also state that, from about May 2011 through about May 2016, Doobay conspired to commit wire fraud by promising to immigrant investors to use their investments for the development, renovation and/or new construction of Senior Premier Living, a retirement community in Jasper, along I-75. Instead, Doobay used a portion of the investors' funds to pay Florida Gateway Resort investors and for his own personal use and enjoyment.

"This case demonstrates the lengths that some criminals will go to target and take advantage of innocent victims," Charles P. Spencer, the Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Jacksonville Division, said in a release. "But the FBI will work equally hard to hold those criminals accountable and protect their victims both here and abroad."

Doobay was arrested in December 2015 after an investigation, which began in 2014, by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kelly S. Karase prosecuted the case.

Azalea

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The Taste of White Springs will be from 6-8 p.m. at the old Nature and Tour-

ism Center.

The festivities will begin Saturday at 8 a.m. with the pancake breakfast hosted by the White Springs Fire Department and the Wild Azalea Fun Walk at 9 a.m.

The walk is sponsored by

the Hamilton County Health Department and UF/IFAS.

The food and craft vendors will open at 10 a.m. and stay open until 6 p.m. at the Bailey F. Ogburn Recreational Facility, 10608 Adams Memorial Drive, White Springs.

There will be a Kids Fun Zone with three bounce houses, arcade and more

Starting at 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., there will be live music with DJ Rick Brown playing between each sets.

Musical artists will in-

clude DVIII, Sunrise Choir, Bullard Brothers Band, Skip Johns and Lowlands, Lucindagail, Brown Akers and the Foster Jammers and Die-Dra and The Ruff Pro Band.

The duck race will be held at 2 p.m. with prizes

of a kayak, rod and reel and a \$150 gift certificate from Central States.

A silent auction will be held between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for will for crafts, cakes and goodies. Winners will be announced at 5 p.m.

McKenzies

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past in Jacksonville, the Folk Club has drawn numerous national artists and even a few Canadian musicians over the years. Shawna Caspi, who will play the final show Saturday night at 7 p.m. at the White Springs United Methodist Church, will be the third Canadian to perform.

"We really have a great feel that she's going to be marvelous," Meri McKenzie said.

The Folk Club has lured those national artists because of the atmosphere that has been built during its run at its various locations — first at the historic Telford Hotel before moving to the White Springs Community Center and now at the church.

Walter McKenzie was in charge of booking the artists and organizing that aspect while Meri McKenzie was in charge of refreshments and hospitality.

The club also has lured listeners from across North Florida and South Georgia because of its unique qualities as well.

"I'd ask them, 'You have music in Jacksonville, why do you come here?'" Walter McKenzie recalled. "They said, 'This is different. We're in this great old, historic hotel. You've got excellent music. We don't even worry about who's playing. We just know come on the third Saturday and we'll enjoy it.'"

"They were coming for the experience of it."

As were the musicians. And for a decent payday as the McKenzies paid them the donations collected at the door.

"We didn't think it could be a profitable venture and still pay the artists what they should get paid," Walter McKenzie said. "So we did it as a gift to the community."



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The last White Springs Folk Club performance will be held this Saturday.

"That's how we took care of our need for music."

They also took care of the musicians, though, too.

The McKenzies opened their house to any who wanted to stay with them. It added to the friendly feel of the Folk Club performances.

"It's very personable," Meri McKenzie said. "It's an authentic visit. It's different than going to a concert hall where things are arranged."

"You're coming into somebody's home, meeting their friends, you're part of the community and that's what people love."

Walter McKenzie said when Michael Reno Harrell recently visited, he and his wife stayed with the McKenzies and shared breakfast with them the next morning.

"He said they'll always remember being here because of that personal experience," Walter McKenzie said.

"That's something we've enjoyed about it."

They've also enjoyed the music.

In fact, out of all the performers during the 14 years of the Folk Club, Walter McKenzie's favorite acts have been Rod McDonald and Larry Magnum.

He said McDonald is the personification of what most people think folk music is: a singer-song writer that plays the guitar as well as the harmonica. McDonald played the Folk Club more than any other artist.

Magnum, meanwhile, was a favorite due to his willingness to spread folk music within the community. The McKenzies said Magnum always would bring other artists with him to perform. Artists good enough that they then would later be booked for their own solo performances.

But to Meri McKenzie, the best part of the Folk Club wasn't even the music.

"The people because I think the world comes to White Springs and that's what I love about this town," she said.

"Meeting so many people and hearing their stories. The music was great, but so many wonderful people have come."

But now, while leaving the door open for somebody else to potentially take over the Folk Club in the future, those people will stop coming as the McKenzies will stop hosting their labor of love.

They are now looking forward to enjoying the opportunity to visit other venues and see performances in other places that they couldn't while hosting their own six months out of the year.

"We've had some wonderful talent and we enjoyed it and we're still enjoying it," Walter McKenzie said. "You know the old saying in sports that people that are smart enough to get out while they're ahead. Well I think that's what we're doing. We're not going to get to the point where it starts feeling like drudgery or work."

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18	19	20 <small>Spring Begins</small>	21	22	23	24
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Mar. 14 Knitting Class

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Mar. 14 Straw Bale Beds Workshop

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Mar. 18 Mt. Olive 131st homecoming

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Meal to follow morning services 6 p.m. — Evening Worship (Bob Farley)
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Mar. 19 Chad Mobley to speak at Live Oak Church of God

Live Oak Church of God Men's Ministry presents Chad Mobley. He will speak on March 19 at Live Oak Church of God, sharing his testimony of how God has truly blessed his life in many ways. The service begins at 6:30 p.m. with a covered dish supper.

Mar. 21 Crocheting Class

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Cooking Demo by Bonnie Box, Suwannee County Extension Office. Sample mango salsa and learn about smart snacking options. Bonnie will share recipes that are low-cost, healthy, easy, and tasty.
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386-362-2317

Mar. 24 CPR & First Aid Class

9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Free class taught by Suwannee Fire Rescue. Space is limited. Please pre-register.
Suwannee River Regional Library
386-362-2317

Mar. 24 Annual "Share Saturday"

New Hope Baptist Church announces its annual "Share Saturday" for March 24 from 8 a.m. until noon. This is the church's gift to the community as every item is free. There will be clothes of all sizes, toys, household goods and other items. New Hope is located at 6592 N.W. 48th Street, Jennings, 1 mile off State Road 6 West. The public is invited to attend. Please note: this event will not begin until 8 a.m.

Mar. 28 One for the Money Book Club

2:00-3 p.m.
Join us to discuss One for the Money by Janet Evanovich. Copies available for checkout at the front desk.
Suwannee River Regional Library
386-362-2317

Apr. 1 Easter Celebration

Christ Central in Suwannee County announces the start of two Sunday morning services on April 1. Their two Sunday morning services are a permanent addition, with the times being at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. They invite the community to join them for their Easter celebration. The church is located at 15445 U.S. Hwy 129 in McAlpin. For more information, call 396-208-1345, ccml.org or on Facebook.

Apr. 4 Francis Gary Powers, Jr. Presentation and Book Signing

6 p.m.
Francis Gary Power, Jr., international lecturer on the Cold War and son of Francis Gary Powers, the U2 pilot shot down over Russia in 1960, will speak on the spy plane incident. He recently published a book Letters from a Soviet Prison: the personal journal and correspondence of CIA U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers. Copies of this book will be available for purchase and signing.
Suwannee River Regional Library

386-362-2317

Apr. 10 "Iron Sharpens Iron" event

The all-men's event, "Iron Sharpens Iron," Proverbs 27:17 will be held on April 10, with former FSU coach Bobby Bowden sharing a word to the men and boys of how God can change your life in many ways. Doors open at 6 p.m. A love offering will be received. The event is free to attend. For more information, contact the Live Oak Church of God.

Apr. 14 Alligator Lake Spring Festival

The Alligator Lake Spring Festival will be held Saturday, April 14 at Alligator Lake Park in Lake City from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Enjoy a free community festival celebrating nature. Bird walks led by experts start at 8 a.m. on the Florida Birding Trail. Walking workshops highlight butterflies, native plants and bird habitats. Featuring a Full Flight Raptor Program, with live owls, falcons and hawks by Accipiter Enterprises™. Vendors and exhibitors offer nature and garden related items, and native plants. Many free activities will be offered for children, music, food and drinks will be available. www.fouriversaudubon.org

Apr. 14 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Gala

The North Florida Community College Foundation has an elegant night of dinner, dancing, entertainment and reminiscing planned for its 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Gala (student scholarship fundraiser) on Saturday, April 14. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, contact the NFCC Foundation at 850-973-9414 or foundation@nfcc.edu. To make seating and table reservations: (850) 973-9414 or www.ticketsource.us/nfcc.

Apr. 20 John McEuen and The String Wizards to Perform

The NFCC Artist Series presents John McEuen and The String Wizards on Friday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at Van H. Priest Auditorium. Join Grammy-award winning host John McEuen (founding member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band), with his banjo, guitar, fiddle and mandolin, and The String Wizards on an incredible journey interwoven with music, stories and memories of the iconic 'Circle' album including Dirt Band favorites and hot bluegrass. Tickets: (850) 973-1653 or www.ticketsource.us/nfcc.

Apr. 21 Annual Fitness Run

NFCC's annual Fitness Run is set for April 21 in conjunction with the Madison County Florida Down Home Days festival. 5-K Run/Walk begins at 8 a.m. One-mile Fun Run/Walk begins at 9 a.m. Proceeds from this event will support Relay for Life. Register at www.nfcc.edu/fitness-run <<https://www.nfcc.edu/fitness-run/index>> or contact Tyler Coody at (850) 973-1639.

Apr. 27 & 28 The Curious Savage Performance at NFCC

The NFCC Sentinel Upstage Players (Community Theatre) presents The Curious Savage on Friday & Saturday, April 27 & 28 at 7 p.m. at Van H. Priest Auditorium. In this comedic production, the eccentric Mrs. Savage is left 10 million dollars by her late husband and wants to make the best use of it. Her wish is to use the money to help others realize their dreams, but her grown stepchildren will do anything to keep her from squandering away "their" money. With the help of Mrs. Savage's new friends, she leads the stepchildren on a merry chase, and learns the true meaning of family in the process. Tickets: (850) 973-1653 or www.ticketsource.us/nfcc.

Monthly Meetings

Men's Community-wide Church Fellowship and Supper

The Live Oak Church of God invites the community to join them for their dinner on the third Monday night of each month for their Men's Community Wide Church Fellowship and Supper at 7 p.m. Each month, there will be a guest speaker.
For more information, call Johnnie Philman Men's Ministry at 386-842-5494 or Pastor Wes Tanksley at 386-362-2483.

History of Suwannee County

Presented by County Historian Eric Musgrove
Jo Kennon Public Library
10655 Dowling Park Dr.
Live Oak, FL 32064
1st Thursday of the month, 12-1 p.m.
386-658-2670

McAlpin Community Club meeting

The McAlpin Community Club meetings are held on the second Monday every month at 9981 170th Terrace in McAlpin. A covered dish dinner is served at 6 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m.
Find them on Facebook by searching

'McAlpin Community Club.'

For more information, contact Susan Fennell at 386-688-1267 or s.fennell@windstream.net.

Seed Library and Gardening Workshop

Presented by Master Gardener Rhonda Lepper
Jo Kennon Public Library
10655 Dowling Park Dr.
Live Oak, FL 32064
1st Thursday of the month, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
386-658-2670

Recipe Swap

Jo Kennon Public Library
10655 Dowling Park Dr.
Live Oak, FL 32064
2nd Thursday of the month, 1-2 p.m.
Bring in a favorite recipe or dish, meet other foodies and exchange ideas.
Call 386-658-2670 for featured recipe of the month.

Florida Native Plant Society

The Sparkleberry Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Hatch Park Community Center, 403 S.E. Craven Street in Branford, presenting a variety of educational programs concerning our Florida native plants, the birds, bees and other wildlife that visit our plants, their place in our landscapes, and the contributions they make to our Florida environment. Meetings are always open to the public.
More at www.sparkleberry.fnpschapters.org, or call 407-319-2488 or 386-364-9309.

Rock Painting

Jo Kennon Public Library
10655 Dowling Park Dr.
Live Oak, FL 32064
3rd Tuesday of the month, 6-7 p.m.
Paint rocks and visit with other rock star artists. All supplies are provided.
386-658-2670

EAA monthly pancake breakfast

The EAA Chapter 797 hosts a pancake breakfast every third Saturday of the month from 8:30-10 a.m. in the EAA building at Suwannee County Airport. The EAA building is located at 13302 80th Terr. in Live Oak. For more information, contact 817-308-9752.

Armchair Travels

Presented by Don and Joanne Mott
Jo Kennon Public Library
10655 Dowling Park Dr.
Live Oak, FL 32064
3rd Friday of the month, 10-11 a.m.
Travel around the country and learn about exciting new places to visit.

Dementia Support Group

Location: Good Samaritan Center – Private Dining Room
10676 Marvin Jones Blvd.
Dowling Park, Florida
When: the fourth Tuesday of each month
Time: 10 a.m.
This is for anyone who is a caregiver for someone who is suffering with Dementia or Alzheimers. There is no charge for this support group.
You do not have to have a loved one residing in the Good Samaritan Center to attend this meeting.
For more information please feel free to contact Ginger Calhoun at 386-658-5594.

Book Club for Adults

Jo Kennon Public Library
10655 Dowling Park Dr.
Live Oak, FL 32064
Last Friday of the month, 10-11 a.m.
Join us to discuss our latest read.
386-658-2670

Suwannee Valley Branch of the NAACP meeting

The Suwannee Valley Branch of the NAACP's regular monthly meeting will be at New Bethel Baptist Church located at 205 4th St in Jasper from 7 p.m. every third Monday. Meetings will begin after May 22, 2017.

SREC, Inc. Senior Center monthly events

The SREC, Inc. Senior Center, located at 1509 Martin Luther King Dr. SW in Jasper has monthly birthday parties the third Friday of every month at noon, as well as monthly karaoke the fourth Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Barbara Daniels at 386-792-1136. Events are subject to change.

Mom 2 Mom

The community is invited to Mom 2 Mom on the fourth Thursday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Lafayette Three Rivers Library. Get together with other parents. Door prizes and goodies will be provided. Call Healthy Start at 386-294-1321.
Estas invitada a Mom 2 Mom, un evento que se celebró el cuarto Jueves de cada mes la 1p.m. hasta la cas 2 p.m. en la Biblioteca de Lafayette. Reunirse con otras mamás. Se proporcionarán premios y regalos. Llame a Healthy Start al 386-294-1321.

All-You-Can-Eat Wellborn Blueberry

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Community Calendar

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Pancake Breakfast

The All-You-Can-Eat Wellborn Blueberry Pancake Breakfast will be held the first Saturday of each month from 7:30-10 a.m. All new menu items including blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, grits, bacon, orange juice and coffee.

Located at the Wellborn Community Association Building 1340 8th Ave. Wellborn, FL. For pricing and other information, call 386-867-1761 or visit us online on Facebook or www.wellborncommunityassociation.com. Come join us for great food and help benefit the Wellborn community.

Taylor County Beekeeping Club meeting

Taylor County Beekeeping Club meets the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Taylor County IFAS center: 203 Forest Park Dr, Perry, Fla. 32348 www.facebook.com/tcbeeclub tacobeekeepers@gmail.com

WoodmenLife monthly member meeting, bring a dish

WoodmenLife monthly member meeting is held on the first of every month. Located at 1339 SR 47 in Lake City. RSVP with your local WoodmenLife representative Kristen Hunt at 386-688-7942.

"Singspiration" at Suwannee Church of the Nazarene

Every 5th Sunday, the church will host a "Singspiration"—a night where members of the congregation sing, read poems, share testimonies, etc. Want to participate? Visit the church, or call at 386-397-2309, to be added to the list. The more participation, the longer it goes. Afterwards, there will be snacks and refreshments in the fellowship hall. The church is located at 18763 SE CR 137 in White Springs, FL 32096

The Florida Gateway Bee Club meeting

The Florida Gateway Bee Club meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Suwannee Valley Agriculture Center located at 8202 CR 417, Live Oak. Professional and hobby beekeepers are welcome, as well as anyone with an interest in learning about honeybees.

San Juan Mission Catholic Church public Rosary

The community is invited to join San Juan Mission Catholic Church, 304 SE Plant Ave, Branford, for the public Rosary on the first Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. The community will pray for religious freedom, traditional moral standards and freedom of conscience.

The Suwannee Chapter, Florida Trail Association meetings

The Suwannee Chapter, Florida Trail Association holds its monthly meetings on the second Monday, 7-9 p.m. at the Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, corner of US 90 and CR 49, 2 miles east of Live Oak. Programs and activities available, and public is welcome. For more information, call 386-776-1920 or visit Suwannee.FloridaTrail.org.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 126, Suwannee Memorial

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at the hall in John Hale Park, 215 East Duval St., Live Oak. Disabled veterans and their spouses are encouraged to attend and join.

Suwannee Republican Executive Committee

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., Live Oak City Hall 101 White Ave SE Contact Sherri Ortega 386-330-2736 for more information. www.suwanneegop.com

Suwannee County Republican Executive Committee

Live Oak City Hall, 101 White Ave SE, Live Oak Meets first Thursday, 7 p.m. www.suwanneegop.com

Suwannee Valley 500 Club

Third Saturday of each month, Suwannee Valley 500 Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Thunder Alley, located at 1605 S. Ohio Ave., Live Oak. 386-364-7778.

Clothes Closet open donations

The Jasper First Methodist Church is accepting donations of clean and gently used items of clothing for children, women and men to be offered in the monthly Clothes Closet. The Clothes Closet is open to everyone on the fourth Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Christmas and Thanksgiving months the schedule is subject to change). All items are offered free of charge. For more information call 386-792-0904. *The Clothes Closet will be closed due to the Christmas holiday on December 16.

Suwannee County

Historical Commission

The Suwannee County Historical Commission meets on the third Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. at the Suwannee County Historical Museum (old Freight Depot) on Ohio Avenue in Live Oak. Meetings are open to the public.

Public rosary - first Friday

Join St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church for the public rosary every first Friday of the month at 3 p.m. The church is located at 928 Howard St West. Contact Sheri Ortega at 386-364-1108 or Paul Schmitz at 386-362-5710 for more information.

MOAA-Military Officers Association of America

The Suwannee River Valley Chapter of MOAA meets monthly (September through June) in Lake City. All active duty, retired, and former military officers of all services, including Reserve and National Guard, and spouses/guests are welcome. For information and reservations call Mo Becnel (386)755-0756 or Steve Casto at (386)497-2986. The Suwannee River Valley Chapter, founded in 1990, is one of over 400 MOAA chapters around the world.

Suwannee County Riding Club Bob Holmes Arena, Live Oak

We have roping events on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Sign ups at 7 p.m. and rides begin at 8 p.m. Speed events are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Sign ups begin at 6 p.m. and rides begin at 7 p.m. We ride from the fourth weekend of January until November with the exception of March where we have no rides. If you have any questions contact Brittney Smith at 386-688-1482.

Recipe Swap

Suwannee River Regional Library 1848 Ohio Ave. S, Live Oak 1st Tuesday of the month, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Bring in a favorite recipe or dish, meet other foodies, and exchange ideas. Call 386-362-2317 for Featured Recipe of the Month

Christian Singles

Meet every other Saturday at 5 p.m. Call for more information: 386-623-5810, 386-288-0961, 386-438-3394.

Branford Camera Club

Hatch Park Community Center 403 SE Craven St. Branford Meets 3rd Thursday with an occasional exception 386-935-2044 or 386-590-6339

Critter Corner

Suwannee County Animal Shelter 11150 144th St., McAlpin, Fla. (approx. 8 miles South off Hwy 129). If you are missing a pet or would love to adopt a pet, please come see us. Animals can be viewed Monday-Friday 9-1 and Saturday 9-12. Volunteers and transporters are desperately needed; Tues.-Sat., 9-9:30 a.m., see Ms. Norma Spay/Neuter 386-208-0072

Suwannee County Seniors Free Breakfast and Lunch

Suwannee River Economic Council's Senior Center 1171 Nobles Ferry Road NW, Live Oak. 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) 10a.m. 386-362-1164

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 Valley Branch NAACP-Unit #5137

PO Box 6105, Live Oak, FL 32064 President: Alonzo Philmore 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 386-205-9132

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. 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

Suwannee Amateur Radio Club

1st Tuesday, social at 6:30 p.m., regular meeting at 7 p.m. North of 110 & US Hwy 129, Live Oak. Call for exact location and directions. www.suwanneearc.org 386-249-3616

Live Oak Art Guild

Suwannee River Regional Library 1848 Ohio Ave. S, Live Oak Meets 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. 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

Help needed at the shelter with feeding and cleaning Monday through Sundays. Help is also needed within the city limits with feeding several cat colonies Monday through Sundays. Items always needed are food, litter and resalable items for the thrift store located at 217 W. Howard St. downtown. For more information, contact 386-364-1006 or 407-748-0396.

The Arc North Florida

Recycle with us We recycle cardboard, name brand ink cartridges, laser toners, working cell phones w/charger, digital cameras, GPS, MP3, and laptops. 386-362-7143 ext. 0

Book Club for Adults

Suwannee River Regional Library 1848 Ohio Ave. S, Live Oak Meets 4th Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. Join us to discuss our latest read! 386-362-2317

Lunch & Learn – History of Suwannee County

Presented by County Historian, Eric Musgrove Suwannee River Regional Library 1848 Ohio Ave. S, Live Oak Meets 2nd Thursday of each month from 12-1 p.m. Bring your lunch & learn about our historic county! 386-362-2317

Weekly Meetings

Savvy Caregiver Training at Jo Kennon Library

Jo Kennon Public Library 10655 Dowling Park Dr. Live Oak, FL 32064 Are you caring for someone with dementia? Become a Savvy Caregiver! This training is presented by Elder Options and is designed for caregivers who assist persons with dementia and Alzheimer's. Join them for these free classes each Tuesday, 1-3 p.m. for seven weeks, February 6-March 20. To register, please call Johnnie Jones III at 352-692-5277. 386-658-2670

Savvy Caregiver Training at Suwannee Regional Library

Savvy Caregiver is a free, seven-session training program designed for caregivers who serve family members and friends with any form of dementia (i.e. Alzheimer's). Training begins Wednesday, March 7. It will be held at the Suwannee River Regional Library, 1848 S. Ohio Ave., in Live Oak. Sessions are from 10 a.m. until noon. Space is limited to the first 15 who register. For information, or to register contact Johnnie Jones III at 352-692-5277 or by email at jonesj@agingresources.org. Pre-registration is required.

Bridge Club seeking players

Monday Bridge Club meets every Monday at 5:30 p.m. at a local restaurant in Live Oak. Club needs players. Contact Diana at 904-254-8923 for details.

Grace Lutheran Church hosting educational prayer classes

Would you like to learn more of Jesus? Do you have questions about the Christian faith? Are you going through a difficult time and seek God's council? Classes starting soon, those who attend can do so to fit their schedules best. Different class times will be available. Please contact Pastor Doug Priestap at Grace Lutheran Church Live Oak, 386-364-1851 or gracelutheranliveoak@gmail.com

Children's Table Food Distribution

The Children's Table Food Distribution will be at Peace Baptist Church, 7794 S. Hwy. 27, Branford, FL each Wednesday between 2:00-2:30. Bring a large laundry basket or other container to put food in. Donations will be accepted. For further information, 386-935-4681

Beginners AA meeting

Beginners AA at Dowling Park meets Monday-Wednesday-Saturday, 7 p.m. at "The Lighthouse" 23595 FC 250, Live Oak, 32060 For more information call 305-407-0895. www.LiveOakAA.com

Live Oak Seed Library

Every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m.

Presented by the Suwannee County Master Gardeners.

Check out seed packets and get all your gardening questions answered at the Suwannee River Regional Library. 386-362-2317

GriefShare Support

GriefShare is a pastor-supervised, lay-led, Biblically based, Christ-centered, video assisted support group for persons who have lost loved ones or friends by death. The group will meet each Thursday at 10 a.m. beginning May 18 and run through August 10. This 13 week support program will be scheduled throughout the year on different day and time to give those on varying personal schedules an opportunity to participate. All who have experienced the death of a loved one are cordially invited to become a participant in GriefShare. For more information call 383-792-1122.

Finding Your Roots?

The Suwannee Valley Genealogy Society is the place to start! The library, located at 215 Wilbur Street SW near the football field in Live Oak, is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. to help you find your ancestors. You do not have to be a member to use the library. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the library. For further information, including membership prices, call Jinnie Hancock at 386-330-0110 or email JinnieSVGS@windstream.net

SREC, Inc. Senior Center weekly events

The SREC, Inc. Senior Center, located at 1509 Martin Luther King Dr. SW in Jasper hosts weekly support counseling every Wednesday beginning at 10 a.m. and Bible study every Friday at 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact Barbara Daniels at 386-792-1136. Events are subject to change.

Quilting Friends

Each Tuesday from 9 a.m.-noon Jasper Public Library, 311 Hatley St. in Jasper. 386-792-2285

"He Speaks to Me"

bible study for women

"He Speaks to Me," a Priscilla Shirer Bible study for women, will be held on Tuesdays from 9:30-11 a.m. beginning Jan. 17 at Pinemount Baptist Church on Hwy 129 in McAlpin led by Chloplain Judy. For more information, contact her at 364-5558. We hope to see you there!

Suwannee River Church of the Nazarene schedule

The Suwannee River Church of the Nazarene is located at 18763 SE CR 137 in White Springs. For more information, call 386-397-2309. Sunday School- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Service- 11 a.m. – noon Afternoon Potluck- Noon Sunday Evening Service- 6 – 7 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service- 6-7 p.m.

TOPS #662

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meets every Thursday. (8 a.m. for weigh-in, meeting at 9 a.m.) at Advent Christian Church, 911 Pinewood Ave., Live Oak, Fla. For more information, call Mary at 386-330-2535.

Branford Seed Library

Every second and fourth Tuesday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Presented by the Suwannee County Master Gardeners. Check out seed packets and get all your gardening questions answered at the Branford Public Library. 386-935-1556

TOPS #9798

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) TOPS #9798 is a support group that offers weekly weigh-ins and programs. The programs provide participants with health and weight loss information. Those ready to achieve weight loss and wish for more information may call Barbara at 386-362-5933 or Dori at 386-658-2767.

Mayo AA Group

Located at the First United Methodist Church, meet every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. For more information, contact 386-294-2423 or 386-647-6424

AWANA Club

New Hope Baptist Church, Mayo on Hwy. 51. From 6-8 p.m. and runs throughout the school year. Open to children ages two through sixth grades. For more information, call 386-294-2742.

Grief Share

GriefShare, a special support group for people experiencing grief and loss, will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Live Oak. The church is located at 401 W. Howard St. Child-care is provided. Please call the church at 386-362-1583 if you would like to attend.

Nation

Top opioid prescribers include non-specialists



BY JILL RIEPENHOFF,
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Editor's Note

This is the second of three-part series on ways doctors, regulators and drug companies contribute to the nation's opioid addiction epidemic.

Family physicians, nurse practitioners and doctors whose health care focuses on non-narcotic therapies are some of the nation's most prolific opioid prescription writers in recent years.

Federal guidelines say they shouldn't be.

Medical professionals not specializing in oncology, surgery, emergency medicine or pain, accounted for more than half of the 1,000 highest opioid prescribers in the Medicare Part D, a government-sponsored drug benefit for the elderly and disabled, over a three-year span beginning in 2013, a Raycom Media national investigation has revealed.

Pain doctors, whose use of opioids has come under increasing scrutiny by medical experts doubting the drugs' effectiveness in curbing pain, represented nearly a third of the nation's highest prescribers. They include three doctors at an Alabama clinic who wrote 33,084 opioid prescriptions during a three-year period. Compare that to 40,124 prescriptions written by 900 doctors at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota did during the same time.

What's more, just 10 percent of the top providers have been disciplined by state medical boards for prescribing-related issues. And even after sanctions, the majority has been allowed to continue practicing.



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Dr. Andrew Kolodny, co-director of the Opioid Policy Research Collaborative at Brandeis University, discusses signs that could show medical professionals are improperly prescribing opioids.

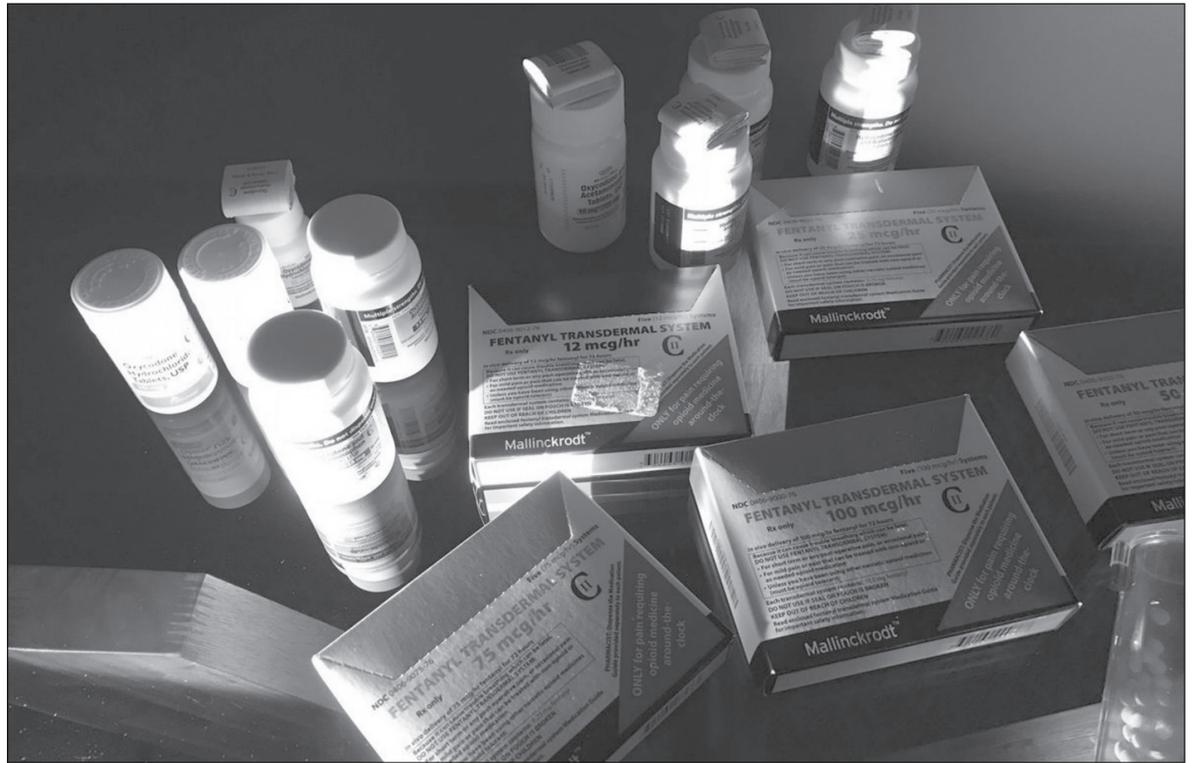
These examples are "a red flag for inappropriate and dangerous medical treatment," said Andrew Kolodny, co-director of the Opioid Policy Research Collaborative at Brandeis University.

Federal officials, for years have been sounding the alarms about the excessive use of opioids. In 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended opioids should be used to mitigate pain from cancer, at the end of life, after a surgery or serious accident, and, in some cases, for severe chronic pain.

Yet the top prescribers included no oncologists, and only four emergency medicine doctors and 15 surgeons.

Evaluating Medicaid data

Raycom Media analyzed the publicly-available Medicare data for the top



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Every year, prescription opioids are blamed in the overdose deaths of thousands of American. Between 2013 and 2016, some 71,000 people have died from lethal doses of these powerful painkillers that originated with a legal prescription, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data.

1,000 opioid prescribers, breaking down their medical specialties, the number of prescriptions they wrote and their prescribing rates compared to non-opioid drugs.

The analysis was important because Medicare pays for at least one in four drug prescriptions nationally.

The data included nurse practitioners and physician assistants – medical care providers who can write prescriptions for the same controlled substances as the doctors they work for, raising concern among government regulators and law enforcement officials.

Last year, the inspector general for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services analyzed 2016 Medicare data that identified questionable patterns of 401 prescribers — and a third of them were nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

Between 2013 and 2015, Medicare's highest opioid prescribers included 60 nurse practitioners and 58 physician assistants.

None was higher than Darius McGee, a nurse practitioner at the Laurel Pain Clinic in Laurel, Miss. He was the sixth highest prescriber in the Medicare program in the U.S.

During that 3-year span, McGee wrote nearly 43,000 opioid prescriptions — nearly three times as many opioid prescriptions than his supervising doctor, Vivek Barclay.

Barclay was the nation's 274th highest prescriber under Medicare D.

Detecting abusive prescribers

That surprised John Dowdy, director of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics and a former assistant U. S. attorney.

"It would be uncommon for a nurse practitioner to write more prescriptions than the doctor running the clinic," said Dowdy. "That would certainly raise red flags."

Any medical professional who is not a pain specialist and writes a lot of opioid prescriptions should cause concern, he said.

"If it's a family practitioner or a general practitioner, and they're showing up on a list as a high-volume prescriber, we probably have a problem with that doctor," Dowdy said.

Among the top prescribers are 199 general practitioners including Dr. John Richard, a family medicine physician in Lexington, Kent.

At No. 40, he is the highest ranked family-practice doctor on the list.

In 2013, the Kentucky medical board filed a complaint against him for prescribing excessive amounts and combinations of addictive drugs. The case settled when Richard agreed to pay a \$7,500 fine and, among other things, maintain a drug log.

Between 2013 and 2015, Richard wrote 28,099 opioid prescriptions for his 3,318 patients. Each year, his volume of prescriptions increased noticeably even though the number of patients he treated with opioid drugs only rose slightly.

He still practices medicine and declined to comment.

Overall, doctors have written fewer opioid prescriptions in the last five years, according to the American Medical Society. But of the top Medicare providers, 70 percent increased the number of opioid prescriptions they wrote each year from 2013 to 2015.

Consider the top three:

- Dr. Oluseyi Ogundimu, a pain specialist in Missouri, went from writing 23 prescriptions in 2013 to 7,511 two years later.
- Dr. Arthur Bradford, a family doctor in Lumberton, North Carolina, went from 256 to more than 5,700 prescriptions.
- And nurse practitioner Mark Sanders in Asheville, North Carolina, had a three-fold increase from 1,052 prescriptions to nearly 4,700.

Sanders' case load during that time near-

ly doubled. The others had only modest increases in the number of Medicare patients they treated over those years and they still hold active medical licenses. Each declined comment.

There are also two doctors on the Medicare list who didn't write a single opioid prescription in 2013 only to write thousands of prescriptions in each of the following two years.

Opioids popular pain drug

Dr. Stefan Kertesz, professor and addiction-opioid safety specialist at the University of Alabama's Medical School in Birmingham, cautions there may be a logical reason for the doctors writing more opioid prescriptions: They may be taking on more chronic-pain patients as other doctors leave the opioid-prescribing business.

"Physicians have gotten the message loud and clear: Be very afraid," said Kertesz. "Whoever's willing to see these vulnerable patients is the next target for law enforcement."

Dr. Patrick Waring was surprised to see so many of his interventional pain management colleagues among the top prescribers. Nearly a fifth of all top prescribers listed that as their specialty.

The nature of the medicine they practice is to treat pain patients without prescribing opioids, said Waring, who practices in Slidell, La.

"Opioids should not be the first, second or third options for the treatment of chronic pain," he said. "It should be a last resort."

Yet among Medicare's top 10 highest opioid prescribers, four are interventional pain specialists.

Some studies show the path to addiction for at least half of all heroin users started with a valid prescription for a painkiller.

Still, opioids remain a popular drug prescription.

In 2015, for example, 130 general practice health care providers including nurse practitioners and physician assistants wrote more prescriptions for opioids than all other drugs combined. The same was true for more than two-thirds of the top listed Medicare providers, data shows.

Kolodny, the opioid-addiction expert at Brandeis University, said these examples underscore the need for vigilant monitoring of prescribing habits.

"We don't have to wait for doctors to harm people," he said.

As law enforcement officials raced to shut down pill mills in the mid-to-late 2000s, regulators largely ignored "innocent prescribers," said Dr. Kent Harshbarger, the coroner for Ohio's Montgomery County, a hotbed for overdose deaths nationally.

Those "innocent prescribers" were family doctors, nurse practitioners and other health-care professionals who serve as the front door to medical care and who were persuaded opioids were good for treating pain and related ailments.

"It was assumed the person who overdosed was abusing and doctor shopping," Harshbarger said. "We assumed good-faith prescribing. Now we realize we were wrong."

Investigative producer Tom Wright and News Content Specialist Erin Snodgrass contributed to this report.



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Dr. Patrick Waring holds up what he considers the bible of his medical specialty, interventional pain management. The use of opioids to treat patients is not listed anywhere in the manual, the Metairie, Louisiana, doctor said.



Darius McGee, a nurse practitioner, works at this clinic in Laurel, Mississippi. During a 3-year span beginning in 2013, McGee prescribed more opioids to Medicare patients than any other nurse practitioner in the U.S.

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THROW A SHAMROCKIN' St. Patrick's Day Party

FAMILY FEATURES

It doesn't take the Luck o' the Irish to throw a great St. Patrick's Day party. These tips and recipes will help you throw a festive celebration you'll enjoy as much as your guests — including make-ahead corned beef and a minty-green cookie recipe both adults and little leprechauns will love.

"We've developed recipes that make the tastes of Ireland easy to create — from a simple Irish Soda Bread to a classic corned beef and cabbage recipe that can be made in a slow cooker," said Mary Beth Harrington of the McCormick Kitchens. "And don't forget the treats! Our Mint Chocolate Chip Cookies are the perfect ending to a perfectly green party."

For more St. Patrick's Day recipes, check out www.McCormick.com and visit McCormick Spice on Facebook and Pinterest.



WITH IRISH CLASSICS AND GREEN-TINTED TREATS

Savory Irish Cheese Soda Bread

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes
Servings: 12

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Caraway Seed
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Red Pepper, Ground
- 1/2 cup shredded Irish Cheddar cheese
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/4 cups buttermilk

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt and seasonings in large bowl. Stir in cheese. Set aside. Mix eggs and buttermilk in medium bowl. Add to dry ingredients; stir until well blended. Spread in lightly grease 9-inch round cake pan.

Bake 30–40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack.

Tip: Make muffins instead of bread. Prepare dough as directed and divide among 12 greased muffin cups. Bake 20–25 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Slow Cooker Corned Beef and Cabbage

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 8 hours
Servings: 12

- 8 small red potatoes
- 2 cups baby carrots
- 1 small onion, quartered
- 1 corned beef brisket (4 pounds), rinsed and trimmed
- 2 tablespoons McCormick Mixed Pickling Spice
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Minced Garlic
- 1/2 head cabbage, cored and cut into wedges

Place potatoes, carrots and onion in slow cooker. Place corned beef brisket over vegetables. Sprinkle with pickling spice and minced garlic. Add enough water (about 8 cups) to just cover meat. Cover.

Cook 7 hours on high. Add cabbage. Cover. Cook 1–2 hours on high or until cabbage is tender-crisp.

Remove corned beef brisket to serving platter. Slice thinly across grain. Serve with vegetables.

Tip: For best results, do not remove cover while cooking in slow cooker.

Mint Chocolate Chip Cookies

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 3 dozen, or 36 (1 cookie) servings

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1–1 1/2 teaspoons McCormick Green Food Color
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Pure Peppermint Extract
- 1 1/2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375°F. Mix flour, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Set aside. Beat butter and sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs, food color and peppermint extract; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Stir in chocolate chips.

Drop by heaping tablespoons about 2 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheets.

Bake 10–12 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool on baking sheets 1 minute. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2017CA00063CAAXMX

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A,
Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CATHERLENE JOHNSON; et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Monique Bryant
Unknown Spouse of Monique Bryant
Last Known Residence: 16734 Branch Street, White Springs, FL 32096

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Hamilton County, Florida:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATE IN HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, VIZ: PART OF BLOCK 11, RENAUS SURVEY IN THE CITY OF "WHITE SPRINGS," FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF FIRST STREET AND THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF BRANCH STREET RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID BRANCH STREET A DISTANCE OF 368 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 23 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 192.20 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE GEORGIA SOUTHERN AND FLORIDA RAILROAD; THENCE SOUTH 48 DEGREES 28 MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 78.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 23 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 38.74 FEET TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID BRANCH STREET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES WEST ALONG NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID BRANCH STREET A DISTANCE OF 60 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ALDRIDGE J PITH, LLP, Plaintiff's attorney, at 1615 South Congress Avenue, Suite 200, Delray Beach, FL 33445, on or before 30 days from the first date of 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 or petition.

Dated on February 16, 2018.

(Court Seal) GREG GODWIN
As Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson
As Deputy Clerk

03/15, 03/22/2018

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

CASE NO.: 17000085CAAXMX

FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,

vs.

EDNA F. HACKLE N/K/A EDNA EARL FOY,
Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 16, 2018 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on March 22, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. EST, at the Hamilton County Courthouse, South Front Lobby, 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, FL 32052:

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COMMENCE AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF 10TH STREET SOUTHWEST (FORMERLY SMITH STREET) AND THE CENTER LINE OF THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 89°26'00" WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF 10TH STREET SOUTHWEST, A DISTANCE OF 313.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00°27'00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 311.86 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 6; THENCE RUN NORTH 89°45'30" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 84.91 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 00°27'00" WEST A DISTANCE OF 193.92 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 07°47'00" WEST A DISTANCE OF 117.70 FEET TO SAID SOUTH LINE OF 10TH STREET SOUTHWEST, THENCE RUN NORTH 89°26'00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID LANDS BEING IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST, HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING A PART OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 98, PAGE 347, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 114 10TH ST SW,
JASPER, FL 32052

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 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated: February 16, 2018

(Court Seal) GREG GODWIN, CLERK
HAMILTON COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Carina Cooper, Court Administration, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055; Phone: (386) 758-2163. Contact Court Administration 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 impaired call 711.

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

CASE NO. 2017CA000045

CITIZENS COMMUNITY BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT CAROLL SMITH, Deceased, TERRI KEELING, SPOUSE OF ROBERT CARROLL SMITH, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS OR OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH UNDER ROBERT CAROLL SMITH AND OAK WOODLANDS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation, Defendants.

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.031(1), FLORIDA STATUTES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the final judgment of foreclosure entered on February 16, 2018 in Case No. 2017CA000045 in the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit for Hamilton County, Florida, in which ROBERT CARROLL SMITH, DECEASED, TERRI KEELING, SPOUSE OF ROBERT CARROLL SMITH, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS OR OTHER

PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER ROBERT CARROLL SMITH AND OAK WOODLANDS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, are the defendants, I, Greg Godwin, will sell at public sale the following described real property:

Lot 15 of SOUTH LAKE WOODLANDS, at Oak Woodlands Subdivision according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 124 in the Public Records of Hamilton County, Florida. (Subject lot is restricted to Doublewide Mobile homes or Manufactured Homes containing a minimum of 1200 square feet heated area and/or site built homes with minimum of 1200 square feet heated area.)

SUBJECT TO: Conditions, limitations, easements of record, ordinances of Hamilton County, Florida, rules and regulations of Suwannee River Water Management District, existing roads and right of ways and to Development Order and Declaration of Restrictions and Protective Covenants for Oak Woodlands Development of Regional Impact as recorded in Public Records of Hamilton County, Florida. ALSO subject to taxes accruing after December 31, 2006, and existing roads and rights of way.

The sale will be held on March 28, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. on the sale date to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the front entrance of the Courthouse, 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, Hamilton County, Florida in accordance with Section 45.031 of the Florida Statutes. 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 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), disabled persons who, because of their disabilities, need special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, should contact ADA Coordinator, 386-758-2163 not later than five business days prior to such proceeding.

Dated February 16, 2018.

(Court Seal) GREG GODWIN
Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson
As Deputy Clerk

03/15, 03/22/2018

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

CASE NO: 2018-CP-09

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

ARTHUR RALPH FRENCH, JR.,
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 ARTHUR RALPH FRENCH, JR., 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

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BARRED.

Dated this 5th day of March, 2018.

/s/ Donald Rudser
Donald K. Rudser
Florida Bar No. 120735
P.O. Box 348
Jasper, Florida 32052
(386) 792-1933
rudserd@windstream.net

Personal Representative
03/15, 03/22/2018

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

CASE NO. 18000005CAAXMX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
D/B/A MR. COOPER,
Plaintiff,

vs.

MISSOURI BAKER, et. al.
Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF ACTION- CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: MISSOURI BAKER and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MISSOURI BAKER, whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

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

LOT 12, OF MEADOW BROOKS WEST, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 109, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF 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 counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before 30 days from Date of 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 or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Hamilton County, Florida, this 7th day of March, 2018.

(Court Seal) GREG GODWIN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson
DEPUTY CLERK

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ & SCHNEID, P.L.L.C.
6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100
Boca Raton, FL 33487
PRIMARY EMAIL: mail@rasflaw.com
03/15, 03/22/2018

JASPER SUPER STORAGE
1213 US HWY 129 N
JASPER, FL
850-253-5584

The contents of the following storage units will be sold on **March 30, 2018** at the address stated above:

Sandra Williams - Units 59 & 60
Cynthia Jackson - Unit 36
Regina Johnson - Unit 47
Hazel Strickland - Unit 77
03/15, 03/22/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Virl Dye**, the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year(s) of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

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CERTIFICATE NO.: 1038
Issued May 27, 2011

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 6494-000
Section 6 Township 1N
Range 14E 1-498 Lot 16 Blk 105
Langs Survey Town of Jasper

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
Estate of H.M. Tuten Heirs
C/O Stephen P. Tuten

All of said property being in the County of Hamilton, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Front Door of the Hamilton County Courthouse, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2018.

Pursuant to Chapter 197.54(2), Florida Statutes, the highest bidder is required to post a non-refundable cash deposit of \$200 with the Clerk of Court at the time of the sale, to be applied to the sale price at the time of full payment. The Clerk may require bidders to show their willingness and ability to post the cost deposit.

/s/ Greg Godwin
Greg Godwin
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hamilton County, Florida
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **IDE Technologies, Inc.**, the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number(s) and year(s) of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO.: 806
Issued May 31, 2012

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 4904-063
Section 22 Township 2N
Range 11E 372384 Lot 4 Lake Country Oaks at Oak Woodlands
ORB 410-330

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
Jerry A. & Irvana Giffin

All of said property being in the County of Hamilton, State of Florida.

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/s/ Greg Godwin
Greg Godwin
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hamilton County, Florida
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting **Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.** in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340, 850-973-1618, or email gaylardc@nfcc.edu. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653 or news@nfcc.edu. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Location: Dennis' Garage
8109 NW CR 146
Jennings, FL 32053

Date: 03/26/2018
Time: 8:00 A.M.

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VIN: 1B7HC16X1XS181175

2011 GMC
VIN: 2C7FLVEC4B6347248

2005 DODGE
VIN: 1D7HA16K65J631020

2005 FRHT
VIN: 1FUJBBGC75LU37611
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PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INFORMATION

Pursuant to Section 324 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, the following information is available to the public upon request during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, at the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, located at 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, FL 32653-1603.

- Hazardous Chemical Inventory (Tier Two) Forms
- Shelter In Place Training Assistance
- Safety Data Sheets
- Emergency Release Follow-up Reports
- Hazards Analyses for Section 302 Facilities
- Local Emergency Planning Committee Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan
- How-to-Comply Information for Hazardous Materials Users
- Free Hazardous Materials Response Training for First Responders

The North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee serves Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union Counties. To obtain information on the above items, please contact Dwayne Mundy at 352.955.2200, ext. 108, email mundy@ncfepc.org or visit www.ncfepc.org.
03/15/2018

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on February 14, 2018:

Eugene Devane Ritter, P.O. Box 310, Lake Park, GA 31636 has submitted an application for renewal of Water Use Permit number 2-047-221598-2, authorizing a maximum average daily use of 0.1307 million gallons of groundwater for agricultural use in 1-in-10 year drought conditions. This project is located in Township 0N, Range 0E, Section 223, 222, and 193 in Hamilton County.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.
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Email your events to aimee.buckner@gafnews.com.

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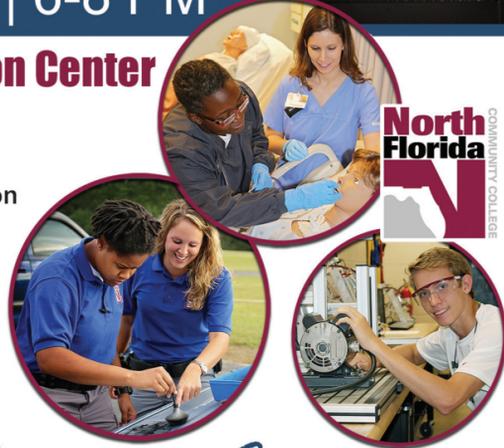
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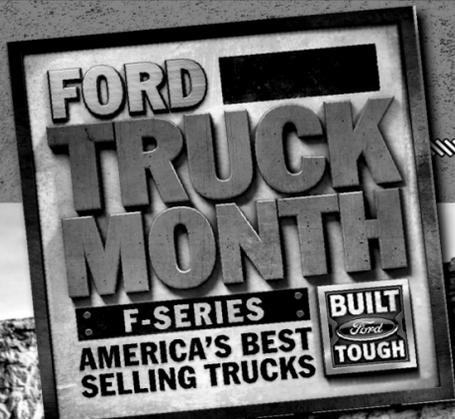
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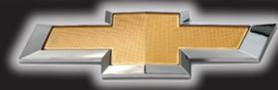
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