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Jasper city clerk fired Monday

BY JESSIE R. BOX
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JASPER — The Jasper City Council voted to fire City Clerk Jennifer Hightower Monday night.

The investigation by Allen Norton & Blue, PA of two hostile working environment complaints have been completed.

According to the report from Allen Norton & Blue, neither Hightower's

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Jennifer Hightower, former City Clerk, was fired Monday night.

Hamilton County principal Moss resigns

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JASPER — Hamilton County begins the new school year Monday. And Hamilton County High School will have a new leader.

Felecia Moss resigned as Hamilton County High School's principal Friday.

According to Superintendent Rex Mitchell, Moss felt it was the right thing to do personally and professionally.

"Dr. Moss took this position for me last year and I am very appreciative that she would give me even a year," Mitchell said.

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Felecia Moss

Early voting begins Saturday

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JASPER — Early voting for Hamilton County begins Saturday and continues through Aug. 25.

Voting will be held at the Supervisor of Elections Office from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The office is located at 1153 U.S. Highway 41, Jasper.

The local office up for election is the Hamilton County School Board's District 5 seat.

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Students return to school Monday



PHOTO: SUBMITTED

To celebrate school grade, the entire district staff formed a giant 'C' and captured a picture using a drone this week.

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JASPER — The first day of school for Hamilton County School District will be Monday.

"I would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you back for another great year in the Hamilton School District," Superintendent Rex Mitchell said. "We are getting excited for the return of our students to their classrooms on Monday, Aug. 20, to continue our upward movement in the area of academic performance. It is our mission to

'Change Lives Through Quality Education' and to ensure a successful future for every student."

The school district received a letter grade of C this past year.

"We are very proud of the performance of both of our district schools as well as the district as a whole in earning a grade of 'C' from the Florida Department of Education's accountability program," Mitchell said.

To celebrate their grade, the entire district staff formed a giant "C" and captured a picture using a drone this week.

Before school starts, a backpack giveaway will be held Saturday to help with school supplies. It will be at the Hamilton County High School gym from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The children can also enjoy a gaming trucks, a bounce house and a huge bounce slide at the event.

Some booths that will be there are Stephen Foster Fok Culture Center State Park, North Florida Pediatrics, Another Way, Florida Department of Health — Hamilton County, and the Suwannee River AHEC as well as various others. This event is free.

Wildwood man killed in early-morning wreck

JASPER — A Wildwood man was killed during the early-morning hours Saturday following a single-car accident.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, 65-year-old Stephen Fogleman was driving north on U.S. Highway 41 when he failed to take the slight right curve at the U.S. Highway 129 intersection around 4 a.m. Saturday.

The report states that Fogleman's car instead traveled onto the raised center median, striking a street sign, before con-

tinuing across both lanes of U.S. 129 and onto the west grass shoulder.

Upon entering the shoulder, the car hit a telephone junction box, a raised embankment for a driveway, a fire hydrant and then a barbed wire fence, according to the report.

Fogleman was taken to Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center, where he was pronounced deceased.

According to FHP, alcohol was not involved in the wreck.

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Arrest Record

Suwannee Democrat prints the entire arrest record each week. If your name appears here and you are later found not guilty or the charges are dropped, we will be happy to make note of this in the newspaper when judicial proof is presented to us by you or the authorities.

The following abbreviations are used below:
 SCSO-Suwannee County Sheriff's Office
 LOPD-Live Oak Police Department
 FDLE-Florida Department of Law Enforcement
 FHP-Florida Highway Patrol
 FWC-Florida Wildlife Commission
 DOT-Department of Transportation
 OALE-Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement
 P & P-Probation and Parole
 USMS-US Marshals Service
 ATF-Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
 DOC-Department of Corrections
 Aug. 8, Jesse Adam Smith, 34, 187 SW Jupiter Glen, Lake City, FL, Probation Violation: SC-SO-Williams
 Aug. 8, Candence Renee Long, 23, 968 Ohio Ave. Room 204, Live Oak, FL, Possession of Controlled Substance: LOPD
 Aug. 8, Pamela Louann Gresham, 26, 17960 16th Terrace, Live Oak, FL, Probation Violation: P&P-Griffin
 Aug. 8, Tatanisha Yannette Thomas, 40, 415 NE Anna Ave., Live Oak, FL, Probation Violation: LOPD-Nicholson
 Aug. 8, Joshua Lee Ellis, 19, 216 Piedmont St., Live Oak, FL, Out of County Warrant: LOPD-MacFadden
 Aug. 9, Robert William Seifert, 30, 5380 Pine St., Cocoa, FL, Probation Violation: SCSO-Tucker
 Aug. 9, Charles Hugh Rowlls, 83, 20978 104th Place, Live Oak, FL, Criminal Mischief: LOPD-MacFadden
 Aug. 9, Kevin Wayne Severance, 35, 205 Tippet Dr., Perry, FL, Larceny - Petit Theft 100 Less 300 Dollars: SCSO-Hunter
 Aug. 9, Connie Lavern Broomfield, 47, 623 SW Parramore Ave., Madison, FL: Failure to Appear: SCSO-Hunter
 Aug. 9, Vanessa Lee Allen, 29, 730 Darrow Ave. SE, Live Oak, FL, Probation Violation:

LOPD-Nicholson
 Aug. 9, Vandreonna Tijah Renee Thompkins, 19, 399 NW Bascom Norris Dr., Lake City, FL: Failure to Appear: SCSO-Lee
 Aug. 9, Justin Woodrow Parker, 32, 601 NW Drive SW, Live Oak, FL, Grand Theft 300 Less Than 5K Dollars, Burglary Unoccupied Structure Unarmed, Fraud Illegal Use Credit Cards: SC-SO-Frost
 Aug. 9, Steven Aaron Taylor, 29, 816 Longleaf, Live Oak, FL, Simple Battery - Domestic Violence: LOPD-Smith
 Aug. 10, Ron-Troy McLennon, 33, 7051 SW 27th St., Miramar, FL, Failure to Appear: SC-SO-Smith
 Aug. 10, Jimmy Dale Miller, 39, 8092 River Rd., Live Oak, FL, Contribute to Delinquency of a Minor Sell Distribute Use Minor Obscene Material, Sex Offender Violation-Fail To Report Email Address Instant Msg Name, Sex Offender Violation-Fail To Report Email Address Instant Msg Name, Possession of Firearm By Convicted Felon: FDLE-Hindle-Morris
 Aug. 10, James Curtis Simmons, 41, 101198 92nd Tr., Live Oak, FL, Probation Violation: P&P-Raymond
 Aug. 10, Reynaldo Duran-Serrano, 26, 937 Bryson St. NE, Live Oak, FL, Probation Violation: SCSO-Falgout
 Aug. 10, Leonard J Baker Jr., 28, 13399 30th St., Live Oak, FL, Resisting Arrest without Violence, Knowingly Give False Info to LEO Alleged Crime, Knowingly DWLS/R 1st Offense, Possession of Marijuana Not More Than 20 Grams: SCSO-Henry
 Aug. 11, Anyone Letavies Allen, 36, 314 Lafayette Ave., Live Oak, FL, Failure to Stop/Remain at Crash Involving Injury, Knowingly DWLS/R 1st Offense, No Motor Vehicle Registration: LOPD-Craig
 Aug. 11, Lindsey Michell Santaite, 25, 3324 196th Ter., Wellborn, FL, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: SCSO-Garcia
 Aug. 11, Justin Shane Pittman, 25, 3712 224th St., Lake City, FL, Unknowingly Operating Vehicle While DL Suspended/Canceled/Revoked: SCSO-Garcia

Aug. 11, Joshua Adam Marchman, 28, 6618 Townsend Rd., Jacksonville, FL, Leaving Scene of Crash Involving Property Damage, DUI, Possession of a Controlled Substance without a Prescription, Failure to Register Motor Vehicle: FHP-Wright
 Aug. 11, Loretta Lynn Hascue, 36, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana Not More Than 20 Grams, Resisting Arrest without Violence, Tampering/Destroying Evidence: LOPD-Paris
 Aug. 11, James Durward Laughlin, 46, 1522 Duval St. NE, Live Oak, FL, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Tampering/Destroying Evidence, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting Arrest with Violence: SCSO-Henry
 Aug. 12, Jason Lee Journigan, 40, 1715 78th St., Gainesville, FL, DUI, Resist Officer: SC-SO-Wadford
 Aug. 12, Deangelo Jackson, 55, 11349 142nd Pl., McAlpin, FL, Simple Battery - Domestic Violence: SCSO-Lee
 Aug. 13, Enrique Manzo, 41, 14451 State Road 51, Live Oak, FL, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: SC-SO-Henry
 Aug. 13, Gary Howell III, 29, 17916 44th St., Live Oak, FL, Possession of Meth with intent to Sell, Manufacture, Deliver; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: SCSO-Wadford
 Aug. 13, Kyle Martin Jordan, 27, 7682 185th Rd., Live Oak, FL, Drugs-Possession With Meth-aqualone or Mecloqualone Deriv. Sched. I, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: SCSO-Wadford
 Aug. 13, Chad Anthony Schmit, 31, 1415 SW 5th Street, Live Oak, FL, Probation Violation: SCSO-Young
 Aug. 13, Jessie Eugene Brannen, 49, 9443 Hogan Rd., Live Oak, FL, Failure to Appear: SC-SO-Lee
 Aug. 13, Brandon Michael Delawter, 28, 5405 NW 60th Street, Ocala, FL, Probation Violation: SCSO-Hunter
 Aug. 13, Bernard Willie Nelson, 66, 514 NE Georgia Ave., Live Oak, FL, Probation Violation: SCSO-Hunter

SCSO looking for stolen UTV

O'BRIEN — The Suwannee County Sheriff's Office is on the lookout for a stolen utility vehicle.

According to the SCSO, a 2013 John Deere XUV 855D was stolen from a residence in the 8900 block of 226th Street in O'Brien sometime Saturday night or Sunday morning.

The UTV is olive green and black with black seats that have been worn down from heavy use, according to

the SCSO. The left rear tire has a different tread pattern from the remaining three, said the SCSO, and there was also a blue cooler in the bed of the vehicle.

Anyone with information regarding the stolen utility vehicle should contact the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office at 386-362-2222. Those with information may remain anonymous.



PHOTO: SCSO
A John Deere utility vehicle resembling this one was stolen from an O'Brien residence this weekend.

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AGENDA LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION, AUGUST 21, 2018
 TO: Lafayette County School Board
 FROM: Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools
 SUBJECT: School Board Executive Session August 21, 2018 in the School Board Administration Building immediately following regular meeting
 The School Board of Lafayette County, Florida will meet in Executive Session on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 immediately following regular meeting. Bargaining/Contract Negotiations will be discussed at this meeting. Present will be School Board Members Darren Driver, Jeff Walker, Marion McCray, Amanda Hickman, and Taylor McGrew. Also present will be Superintendent Robert Edwards, Board Attorney Lenette McMillan-Fredrickson, District Finance Director, Terri Maund, and Chief Negotiator, Alissa Hingson. Per Florida Statutes, Executive Sessions are closed to the public. 08/16/2018 130586-1

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Hamilton County Arrest Record

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 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
 Aug. 6, Silvana Lisa Bettencourt, 40, 248 Lively Ln., Franklin, NC, Flee/Elude Police, Battery, Resist Officer Without Violence, Reckless Driving, DUI: FHP-Mazal
 Aug. 6, Shateria Chavette Gandy, 27, P.O. Box 457, Jasper, FL, DL-WS/R: HCSO-Blanton
 Aug. 6, Sydney Cheyanne Billips, 22, 16425 10th Ave., Spanaway, WA, DWLS/R: HCSO-Blanton
 Aug. 7, Lenard Antonio Webb, 33, 3887 CR 146, Jennings, FL, Probation Violation: HCSO-Smith
 Aug. 7, Tony Currelley, 38, 1750

30th St., Jacksonville, FL, DWLS/R: FHP-Batts
 Aug. 8, Rochefort Saint Louis, 38, 20680 4th Ct., Miami, FL, Possession of Counterfeit Driver License, DLWS, Forgery of Credit Card: HCSO-Smith
 Aug. 8, Jude Moses Fortese, 54, 1520 155th Terrace, North Miami Beach, FL, Possession of Counterfeit Driver License, Possession of Cocaine, Forgery of Credit Card: HCSO-Smith
 Aug. 8, Kenneth Charles Coffee, 25, 2662 NW 6th Drive, Jennings, FL, Battery (DV): HCSO-Blanton
 Aug. 8, Marcus Franco Lockhart, 32, 4293 114th Terr., Coral Springs, FL, Out of County Warrant: DOA-Young
 Aug. 9, William Norman Braswell, 46, 1745 Dibble Circle, Jacksonville, FL, Larceny-Drive Off Without Paying for Gas, Marijuana Possession, DWLS/R, Larceny-Theft of \$300-\$5,000 Value: JAPD-McDonald
 Aug. 9, Kyle Williams, 19, 6157 Highway 41, Jasper, FL, Improper Exhibit of Firearm or Weapon, Discharging Firearm from Vehicle: HCSO-Harden
 Aug. 9, Katlyn Paige Cribbs, 19, 4410 SW 77th Ct., Jasper, FL, Improper Exhibit of Firearm or Weapon, Discharging Firearm from Vehicle: HCSO-Harden
 Aug. 9, Edward Armstrong Jussely, 46, 5203 Field Dr., Lake Park, GA, Fraud-Impersonate Law Enforcement: HCSO-Blanton
 Aug. 9, Shanna Diane Perry, 35, 11865 SE 50th Drive, Jasper, FL, Hit and Run: FHP-Hughes
 Aug. 10, Kelvin Jermichael Thompson, 31, 5719 Aries Road, Port St. John, FL, Flee/Elude Police, DWLS/R, Aggravated Assault with Weapon, Resisting Officer Without Violence, Cocaine Possession, Narcotic Equipment Possession, Evidence Destroying: HCSO-McDaniel
 Aug. 10, Eddie William Stewart, 31,

2033 Charjean Road, Memphis, Tenn., Marijuana Possession: DOA-Pridgem
 Aug. 10, Willie Ray McGovern, 54, 9680 SW CR 249, Jasper, FL, Out of State Fugitive: HCSO-Smith
 Aug. 11, Ray Anthony Bristol, 40, 812 12th Ave., Jasper, FL, Failure to Appear, Cocaine Possession, Narcotic Equipment Possession: JAPD-Martinez
 Aug. 11, Joseph Michael Hallick, 20, 1692 Gladstone St., Youngtown, OH, Marijuana Possession: DOA-Pridgem
 Aug. 11, Timothy Mirell Ingram, 49, 613 Pinewood Rd., Jasper, FL, Battery, JAPD-Harris
 Aug. 11, Joseph Anthony Scutella, 68, 29506 NW 170th Terr., Alachua, FL, Synthetic Drug Possession, Smuggle Contraband Into Prison: HCSO-Smith
 Aug. 11, Robert Leon Clayton, 35, 8308 New Leaf Ave., Las Vegas, NV, DWLS/R: JNPD
 Aug. 11, Milton Hughes, 56, 1312 84th Ave, Jasper, FL, Probation Violation: HCSO-Blanton
 Aug. 12, Donald Fletcher Thomas, 30, 8784 57th Lane, Jasper, FL, Probation Violation, Drug Possession: JAPD-Martinez
 Aug. 12, Bryant Alexander Adderly, 28, 901 Moore St., Valdosta, GA, DWLS, Fail to Stop at Ag Station: DOA-Head
 Aug. 12, Emily Marian Fittante, 20, 6515 Wiggins Road, Live Oak, FL, Marijuana Possession: JAPD-Rickerson
 Aug. 12, Holly Daneile Yanofsky, 45, 4037 Blitchton Road, Ocala, FL, Reckless Driving, Neglect Child Without Bodily Harm, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Narcotic Equipment: HCSO-Thomas
 Aug. 12, Torri Tramaime Moment, 39, 995 Pine Ridge Drive, Stone Mountain, GA, DWLSR, Fail to Stop at Ag station: DOA-Milton

Gregory to speak at 'Iron Sharpens Iron' event

LIVE OAK — Monday will be the Live Oak Church of God's final "Iron Sharpens Iron" ministry event, and will feature Gene Gregory from the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.



PHOTO: SUBMITTED
Gene Gregory will speak at the final 'Iron Sharpens Iron' event of the year at the Live Oak Church of God.

Gregory, the chaplain for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, spoke in April at the funeral for the slain Gilchrist County deputies in Bell.
 With Gregory speaking Monday, the Live Oak Church of God's Men's Ministry hopes the free event will bring law enforcement and the community together.
 The monthly event begins at 7 p.m.

While Gregory closes out the 2018 schedule for the event, the first event for next year is slated for February with TV show host Life's Highway with Wade Spencer, hosting a wildlife/gospel sing event.
 For more information about next week's event, please call Men's Ministry leader Johnnie Philman at 386-842-5494 or Pastor Wes Tanksley at 386-362-2483.

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Suwannee County Extension office hosting landscaping course

LIVE OAK — The UF/IFAS Suwannee County Extension Office will be hosting a five-week shortcourse on edible landscaping this fall.
 The course will be held on Wednesdays from Sept. 5 through Oct. 3 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. each week. The classes will be held at the Extension Office, 1302 11th Street SW in Live Oak.
 The topics to be covered in the course include:
 • Vegetable gardening,

- Soil amendments and composting,
 - Landscape design and low-volume irrigation,
 - Fruit for North Florida and wild edibles,
 - Gourmet Mushrooms.
- Registration is available through Aug. 24, but the class size is limited.
 For more information about the class or need information on the registration fee, please contact Carolyn Saft at 386-362-2771.

AGENDA LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 21, 2018

TO: Lafayette County School Board
FROM: Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Regular School Board Meeting, August 21, 2018 in the School Board Administration Building beginning at 6:00 p.m.
 =====
CALL TO ORDER
 Prayer
 Pledge to the Flag

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

FFA State Winners

- 1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 3. CONSENT ITEMS**
 3.01 Approve parents/supporters to transport students to FFA events/activities for the 2018-2019 school year
 3.02 Approve LES Field Trips for the 2018-2019 school year
 3.03 Approve requests for the following students to participate in the dual enrollment program at NFCC for the 2018-2019 school year: Corbin Dyal

- 4. ACTION ITEMS**
 4.01 Approve personnel items (see attachment): (1) Resignation; (2) Recommendations — Out-of-Field Teachers, Substitute Workers; (3) Request for Family Medical Leave
 4.02 Approve Small School District Council Consortium Resolution authorizing participation in the SSDCC for the 2018-2019 school year and payment of membership dues
 4.03 Public Hearing (6:30 p.m.) — Approve as advertised: (1) Revisions to Student Progression Plan; Revisions to school board policies — No. 4.12 - Instructional Materials Selection and No. 7.25 - Hospitality Funds. (2) Adoption of new school board policy No. 5.152 — Medical Marijuana
 4.04 Approve revisions to LHS School Advisory Council By-Laws
 4.05 Approve FFA Event and Travel Schedule for the 2018-2019 school year
 4.06 Approve fundraiser request: 11th Grade - Parking for Pioneer Day, Oct. 13, 2018
 4.07 Approve Agreement between Lafayette County School Board and Lafayette County Sheriff's Office (School Resource Deputy Agreement)
 4.08 Approve eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania, April 11-18, 2019
 4.09 Approve for advertising - Revisions to the following school board policies: No. 3.06 Safe and Secure Schools; No. 3.061 Domestic Security; No. 4.25 Virtual Instruction; No. 5.05 Requirements for Original Entry; No. 5.13 Zero Tolerance for School Related Crimes; No. 6.39 Report of Misconduct
 4.10 Approve rate renewal for health insurance and voluntary benefits for 2018-2019
 4.11 Approve bills for payment
 4.12 Approve budget amendments

- 5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
 5.01 Principal's Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds
 5.02 LHS Sponsors/Coaches/Advisors List for 2018-2019
 5.03 Purchase Orders 5.04 Financial Statement

6. CITIZEN INPUT
 The Lafayette County School Board will hear any citizen who wishes to address the Board, on a one time basis, pertaining to a relevant topic. If the Board wishes to hear more about the topic, that topic will be scheduled for a future Board meeting. Each speaker is limited to three minutes and the time dedicated to this topic will not exceed twenty minutes.

ADJOURNMENT
 ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE OR SHE MAY NEED TO INSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.
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 After years of historical lows, shorter-term rates now have risen to levels that are more attractive to investors. Take the time to review your situation, perhaps with the help of a financial professional, to determine if taking advantage of these rates may be appropriate for you.

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Rhonda and the Relics band.

Foreigner, Bad Company tribute show set for Saturday

Rhonda and the Relics to perform Friday at SOSMP

LIVE OAK — The last show in this year's Tribute Show Series at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park will be Saturday with 4NR2 as the ultimate Foreigner Tribute Band and a rock n' roll fantasy with Bad INC. as Bad Company.

Rhonda and the Relics Band will kick off the weekend Friday with many genres of music, all in the Music Hall.

Friday night is free admission. Doors open at 6 p.m. for dinner with music starting at 8 p.m. Saturday night tickets are \$15 per person in advance, available at the door if there are any tickets available. Dinner and drinks not included. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 9 p.m.

Saturday welcomes fans as the British Rock Invasion arrives with Foreigner and Bad Company Tribute bands. Costume changes along with the look and sound of both bands for these bands which bring the best lineup of the multi-platinum band Foreigner live in their prime, led by a dynamic front man with all the range, power and presence of a young Lou Gramm. The Foreigner band is rounded out by seasoned players used to being in a top tribute band. It's the perfect band for young and old from rockers to the big pop songs and ballads that dominated radio in the 70s-90s. The Foreigner Tribute Band is expected to play such songs as "Urgent," "Cold as Ice," "Hot Blooded," "Head Games," "Double Vision," "Juke Box Hero," "Dirty White Boy" and "Feels Like the First Time."

The Bad Company Tribute Band, paying tribute to one of the most iconic bands of all time, will bring back that 70s look, attitude and feel to honor their classic rock heroes with songs such as "Bad Company," "Can't Get Enough," "Rock 'N' Roll Fantasy," "Shooting Star," "Good Loving' Gone Bad," "Burnin' Sky" and more. These guys bring these amazing hits for each act with a high energy, rockin' performance that won't be forgotten.

A special guest Saturday night will be Macey Mac, featuring Dr. Bill, opening the evening show.

Rhonda and the Relics will get the weekend off to a great start Friday, with a night of classic rock, blues, R & B, country, pop and Americana music. Rhonda and the Relics will perform for the first time in the Music Hall.

Rhonda and the Relics began playing music together eight years ago although all members are life-long musicians. Members are Rhonda Bennett (vocals/ percussion), John Bennett (vocals/guitar/bass), Marc Hand, vocals, keyboard/acoustic/bass), all from Alma, Ala.; Charles Whitley (vocals/guitar), Douglas, Ga. and Mike Lauthan (drums), Adel, Ga.

John, Charles and Mike played with The Bushmen, a well-known classic rock band, for more than 29 years. Rhonda grew up in a Southern Gospel family concentrating on harmonies while Mark is a seasoned musician having been the lead vocalist for Cheyenne, a country touring band.



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Cynthia Jane King Mar. 17, 1967 - Aug. 5, 2018



Cynthia Jane King, 51, of Rogers, AR passed away Sunday morning, August 5, 2018 surrounded by her family. She was born March 17, 1967 in Coleman, AL to John Rolon and Annie Odesser Skipper McGraw.

She will be dearly missed by her family.

She was preceded in death by her son, Steven King and one grandchild,

Braxton Tyree.

Cynthia is survived by her loving husband, Henry King Sr.; four children, Henry King Jr. of Rogers, AR, Eric King and wife, Lacey of Cleveland, GA, Terra Webb and husband, Eric of Rogers, AR, and Delania King of Rogers, AR; her parents, John and Annie McGraw; and five grandchildren, Silas King of Cleveland, GA, Jaxson Webb, Paisley Webb, Dawson Webb and Ayden Tyree all of Rogers, AR.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at Joe P. Burns Funeral Homes Mayo Chapel, the family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Cynthia will be laid to rest at Midway Baptist Church Cemetery in Mayo, Florida.

W.F. "Buck" Browning Mar. 29, 1937 - Aug. 10, 2018



W.F. Browning, Jr., 81, of Erie, passed away Friday, August 10, 2018 at the Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home. He was born in East Palatka, Fla, on March 29, 1937 the son of the late Wilbur F. Browning, Sr. and Beatrice Brenizer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Margie Paulk, of Mayo, Florida.

Buck worked for Allegheny Airlines and Erie Forge and Steel. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, working on Dick Litz's stock car, and having a couple beers with friends at Chipper's Tavern.

Survivors include his son, Ron Browning and his wife Jeanette of Erie, his granddaughter, Kendra Kope; his adopted daughter, Debbie Krugger and her husband Steve; and his nephews, Greg Ellis, of Charlotte, S.C., Tim Ellis, of Tampa, Fla., Larry Ellis, of Mayo, Fla., and Allan Ellis, of Mayo, Fla.

Funeral services are private and at the convenience of the family in Mayo, Fla. Funeral arrangements were made by the Russell C. Schmidt & Son Funeral Home, Inc. 5000 Wattsburg Rd. Erie, PA 16504. Please visit www.SchmidtFuneralHomeErie.com to sign the Book of Memories.

Ronald "Ronnie" Harold Keen May 9, 1950 - Aug. 12, 2018

Mr. Ronald "Ronnie" Harold Keen, 68, passed away on August 12, 2018. Ronnie was born May 9, 1950 in Abbeville, Georgia to Oliver Keen and Gladys Farrell Keen.

Ronnie loved to fish and hunt and spend time with his grandchildren.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents Oliver and Gladys Keen, brothers Henry and Melvin Keen and one sister Betty Stanley.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years Mrs. Martha Ann Keen, children Bubba Keen, Melissa Keen, Alicia Keen-Swinson, and stepson Bobby Foster, 14 grandchildren, brothers Roy, Randal and Wayne Keen and two sisters Mary Brown and Faye Adams as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Brewer Lake Baptist Church with Pastor Robert Bradow officiating. Interment services will follow immediately afterwards in Rogers Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at Brewer Lake Baptist Church. All arrangements are under the direction of Burns Funeral Home of Mayo.

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Daisy Vernice Johnson Apr. 6, 1919 - Aug. 9, 2018



Daisy Vernice Johnson, age 99, of Glen St. Mary, Florida passed away August 9, 2018 at W. Frank Wells Nursing Home in Macclenny, Florida. She was born April 6, 1919 in Mayo, Florida to the late James Washington Carmichael and Daisy Lee Shiver Carmichael. Daisy has been a resident of Baker County since 1956 and was a member of Glen Baptist Church. Daisy also enjoyed spending many hours volunteering and participating at the Council on Aging. She also loved being outdoors farming, gardening and working in her yard. Daisy is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dewitt William Johnson; infant son who passed at birth; brothers, James Elvin and Louis H. Carmichael; sisters, Elma Irvin, Era Sutherland, Velma Golden.

Daisy is survived by her children, Joyce Braddock of Glen St. Mary, FL, D.W. (Judie) Johnson Jr. of Glen St. Mary, FL; Judy (Joe) Webb of Macclenny; 9 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Daisy's Life will be held on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Ferreira Funeral Services Chapel with Pastor Edsel Bone officiating. We will reconvene at Philadelphia Baptist Church Cemetery in McAlpin, FL. at 3:30 p.m. The family will receive friends one hour before the service at the funeral home. The arrangements are under the care of V. Todd Ferreira Services, 250 N Lowder St., Macclenny, FL 32063. 904-259-5700.

Evelyn "Thalia" Hawkins May 26, 1921 - Aug. 10, 2018

Evelyn "Thalia" Hawkins, age 97, passed away on August 10, 2018. She was born in Live Oak, Florida on May 26, 1921, daughter of Carl T. Hawkins, Sr. and Grace Coffee Hawkins.

She was an Honor graduate of the class of 1938 at Suwannee High School, and attended Massey Business College in Jacksonville.

She had a long career with Lincoln National Life Insurance in several capacities and retired from that company after 37 years of service.

Thalia was a longtime member of Riverside Presbyterian Church where she was once a Sunday School Teacher and actively involved in other church functions.

She was preceded by her parents, her brother, Carl T. Hawkins, Jr. and her nephew, Chris Hawkins.

She is survived by her nephew, Ralph M. Hawkins (Lynn) and their family of Live Oak, her niece, Charlotte Hawkins and her family of Mayo, other relatives and friends including her "choses" family, the Pecotts, of Jacksonville.

Graveside services will be held, Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 1:00pm in Live Oak Cemetery, 110 Winderweedle St. NW, Live Oak, FL 32064 with Pastor Tim Carver of Advent Christian Church officiating.

Fraser Funeral Home, 8168 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32221 (904)781-4314, in charge of arrangements.



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We need to fix our own problems

During the weekend of Aug. 4-5 (and the preceding Friday night), 12 Chicagoans were shot dead, and 62 others were shot and wounded, the Chicago Tribune reported (<https://tinyurl.com/yde7jb83>). Before last week's mayhem, 1,718 Chicagoans had been shot since the beginning of the year, and 306 had been murdered. Adding to this tragedy is the fact that Chicago's clearance rate is less than 15 percent. That means that in more than 85 percent of Chicago's homicides, no suspect is charged. Chicago is by no means unique in this lawlessness. Detroit, Baltimore, Philadelphia, St. Louis and some other major cities share high rates of homicides.

It's not just shootings and homicides that negatively impact the overwhelmingly law-abiding black residents of these cities. In addition, there are sky-high rates of burglaries, rapes and property destruction. The schools are notoriously bad. City budgets face shortfalls. Residents deal with deteriorating city services. All of this causes mass exoduses from these cities by their most capable people.

Ordinary decency demands that something be done to address the horrible conditions under which so many black Americans live. White liberals, black politicians and sports figures focus most of their attention on what the police do, but how relevant is that to the overall tragedy? According to Washington Post data, as of July 9, 626 people had been shot and killed by police this year. Of that number, 114 were black. Last year, 987 people were shot and killed by police, of which 223 were black (<http://tinyurl.com/ycn77jkj>). To put police shootings in a bit of perspective, in Chicago alone in 2017, there were 674 homicides, almost 80 percent of whose victims were black. It would appear that if one is truly concerned about black deaths, shootings by police should figure way down on one's list — which is not to excuse bad behavior by some police officers.

Would getting more blacks and Democrats in political office help? It turns out that of the Chicago City Council's 50 aldermen, only one is Republican. One is an independent. Forty-eight aldermen are Democrats, and 19 are black. In fact, most of the cities where large segments of their black citizenry live under horrible conditions have



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been controlled by Democrats for nearly a half-century, and there are many blacks on the instruments of control, such as chiefs of police, superintendents of schools and members of city councils. If Democratic and black control meant anything, these cities would be paradises.

How helpful to these desperate black communities are the efforts of so many black politicians to focus on allegations about President Donald Trump's ties to Russia? The leader of the movement to impeach Trump is Rep. Maxine Waters. Her congressional district suffers from high crime rates and failing schools. She, like most other black politicians, claims that she is helping her constituency by doing all she can to fight to get more taxpayer money to her district.

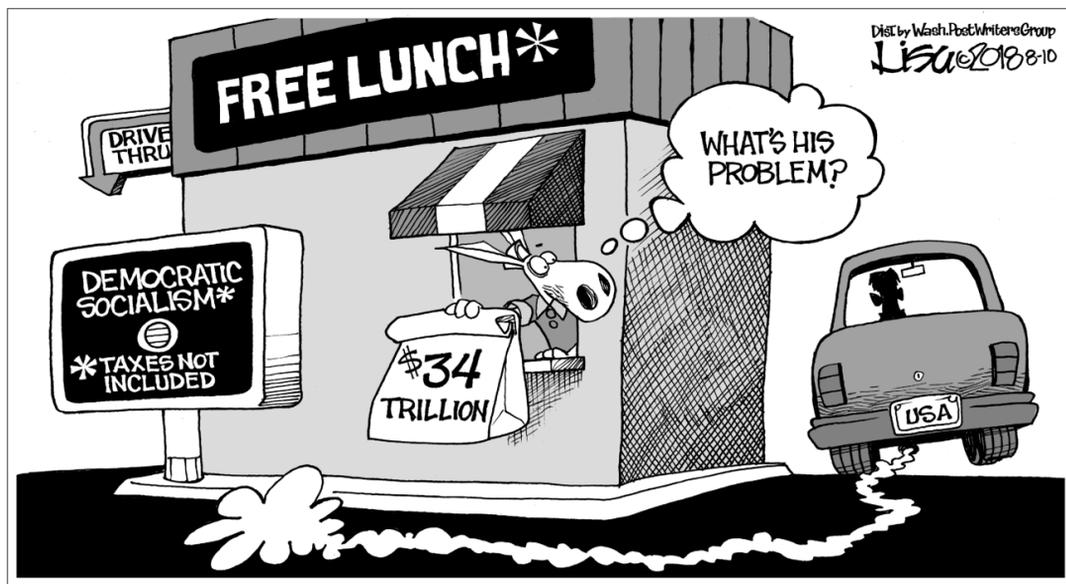
More money from taxpayers could not fix the problems of these communities. Over the past 50 years, more than \$16 trillion has been spent on poverty programs. The majority of those programs have simply made poverty more comfortable by giving poor people more food, health care, housing, etc. What's needed most is to get poor people to change their behavior. Chief among the modifications is reducing female-headed households. Female-headed households produce most of our prison inmates, the highest crime rates and disproportionate numbers of high school dropouts and suicides. These devastating factors are far beyond the capacity of Washington to fix.

The only people who can fix these problems are black people themselves. Black athletes could be far more productive by going to schools and community centers to encourage constructive behavior and shaming self-destructive behavior. Support should be given to police to stop criminals from preying on communities. Nongovernmental local groups should be encouraged to play greater roles.

It's a challenge, but keep in mind that black people had the intestinal fortitude to lead the world's greatest civil rights movement through some very dark days from 1865 to 1965. I believe that we're up to the challenge.

If we wait for Washington to solve our problems, we'll be waiting for a long time.

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Water, water everywhere, just don't assume it is safe to swim in

Both the east and west coasts of Florida are dealing with toxins in the water that make it unsafe to swim in.

On the east coast, near Port St. Lucie, they are dealing with bad blue-green algae blooms caused by cyanobacteria. The blooms are being exacerbated by the release of nutrient-rich water from Lake Okeechobee. On the west coast, near Venice, they are dealing with the worst red tide in at least a decade. The red tide is a naturally occurring bloom caused by *Karenia brevis*. This year's effects are particularly unpleasant due to the prevailing wind and current, and have grown worse due to coming in contact with nutrient-rich water found near shore.

While Republican candidate for governor, Adam Putnam, is correct when he states that agriculture in general, and sugar cane crops in particular, are not the only reason there are unhealthy levels of nutrients in Florida's water, his dismissal of the sugar crop's role in the unfolding disaster is probably based more on who has contributed to his campaign than on actual science. It is illogical to think that the fertilizers used near Lake Okeechobee do not end up back in the waters of Lake Okeechobee. Sugar cane is the most abundant crop near the lake.

If you think this is not a serious problem and the media is just trying to scare people, how do you explain the scores of people who are seeking treatment at hospitals near the areas that have been hit the hardest? In a two-



ERIC ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ

week span between late July and early August, more than 86 people went to hospitals and clinics in and around Martin County after coming into contact with water that had high levels of algae. If ingested, water contaminated with either red tide or blue-green algae can cause nausea, vomiting, and possibly liver failure. There is research that shows long-term exposure to the fumes can cause neurological disorders.

Though they are not in the headlines this year, Florida also has had cases of the brain-eating amoeba, *Naegleria fowleri*, and the flesh-eating bacteria, *Vibrio vulnificus*, from time to time. The brain-eating amoeba is found in warm, stagnant bodies of fresh water, and enters people's brain through their nose when they swim in water where the amoeba is present. The flesh-eating bacteria can be contracted by swimming in coastal waters with an open wound, or by eating raw shellfish, particularly oysters.

We have been fortunate not to have had any significant outbreak of blue-green algae this year in the Suwannee River. The river has remained higher than normal all summer and the increased tannins in the water inhibit algae growth. We are also fortunate that the Suwannee is a bit too cold for any significant numbers of the brain-eating amoeba to accumulate. Let's remember that not everyone has been as lucky as we have been in the Suwannee River valley. Swimming in many parts of Florida can be a very dangerous recreational activity these days.

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Make your voice heard and vote

The primary election is almost upon us.

Early voting begins Saturday across North Florida and will run through Aug. 25.

Election Day is Tuesday, Aug. 28.

There aren't many local offices up for grabs, with just the District 4 county commission race in Suwannee County, the District 2 county commission race in Lafayette County and School Board District 5 seat in Hamilton County.

But that Suwannee County race will decide who sits on the county commission for the next four years. There will be no vote in the general election in November. Without a non-party candidate or Democrat running, the Republican winner will be elected. As such, that race is a universal race open to all voters in the district regardless of party affiliation.

And the three Suwannee County candidates — Jesse Caruthers, Len Stapleton and Harry K. "Kin" Weaver Jr. — all shared the same sentiment at Monday night's Suwannee County Voters League forum: the most important thing was for people to vote.

While all three would love to receive those votes, they just want to know their constituents care as much about Suwannee County as they do. Voting, having a say in who gets elected, is one easy way to show you care.

They are not alone.

All candidates want to see strong voter turnout.

And there are more than just the local races to be decided.

For Hamilton County and Suwannee County voters, the State Representative seat for District 10 is up for grabs. Other state races that will be decided this year include United States Senator, Governor, Attorney General and Commissioner of Agriculture.

Take time to learn about the candidates in these various races.

Then vote.

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Second Chances: Probation can offer hope, secure convictions



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VALDOSTA, Ga. — Punching a clock every day for a modest paycheck is not nearly as lucrative as dealing drugs.

Staying on the straight and narrow is not always easy when weighing the big money to be had in a life of crime against the risk of landing back in prison.

"I had an individual released from prison who had been used to dealing drugs. They thought getting a job and clocking in from 8-5 was ridiculous," said Officer Sharde Pollard with the Georgia Department of Community Supervision.

After convincing the man to come in once a week every Friday to fill out job search forms, he got a job on the fourth week.

Pollard said the man was discouraged not making as much money as he had selling drugs, but she kept encouraging him. She showed him the benefits of legal employment including not having to look over his shoulder in fear or the possibility of going back to prison.

He's holding down the job. The probationer even got a promotion.

"It's a great and rewarding feeling as an officer. A lot of times, people will look at us as the bad guy and that we do things to harm people," Pollard said. "It's always a rewarding and fulfilling moment when you know that you've gone the extra mile to help someone and in turn that person can turn back and reach someone else."

Probation is a second chance, said Sam Dennis, a Valdosta defense attorney.

"The idea is that you don't have to go to prison," Dennis said. "You can pay your debt to society, maybe change the trajectory of someone's life."

For some, the system can work.

Thomasville resident Kyle Bass considered it a privilege to be on probation.

"You could be in prison," Bass said.

He should know. Bass has been to prison a number of times.

"Probation is a probated prison sentence," he said.

Bass' probated sentences were on drug-related offenses. While on probation, a person remains in state custody and could go back to prison, he said.

Bass was 13 when he was sentenced to probation the first time.

"Before I got off probation, I would commit another crime and lengthen the probation," he said.

Probation in the SunLight Project coverage area of Valdosta, Dalton, Thomasville, Milledgeville, Moultrie and Tifton, Ga., and Live Oak, Fla., offers criminal defendants the possibility of starting over. But probation may also be a catchall to ensure guilty pleas and court fees while not overcrowding jails and prisons.

Probation can come with various conditions set by judges depending on the level of supervision required and whether it is felony probation or misdemeanor probation. Conditions usually call for a person to pay court fines, pay restitution, maintain a job, submit to drug tests, live at the address given to their probation officer and in some cases have curfews.

Supervision fees are paid to the probation offices. Misdemeanor probation fees are generally \$49 per month and are only paid the first three months of probation. Felony probationers pay \$30 per month for the duration of their probation.

When Bass was on probation, he rarely passed a drug test and usually violated probation by being arrested again.

Bass, 40, and his wife of 20 years, have four children ages 4 to 20.

Bass said he is free of the meth and cocaine that plagued his life and put him in prison four times.

It is a sobering realization, Bass said, knowing while on probation, a violation could have put him back behind bars.

He said people in trouble with the law

think law enforcement and probation officers "keep people from doing what they want to." But when a person decides to go straight, they are the best resources for help, Bass said.

Judge Rob Cowan of the Dalton Municipal Court said he sees how useful probation can be.

"We want to provide an opportunity for rehabilitation," he said. "Probation gives us a way to address the issues they may be facing, to give them some punishment, but at the same time to allow them to keep a job if they have one, to have the support and structure of their family."

In cases of drug offenses, the court will order treatment and therapy if it is recommended.

There are practical reasons why probation is an integral part of the criminal justice system.

If not for probation, the money needed to build enough prisons to hold all criminal offenders would likely break state governments.

Probation also allows prosecutors, with the approval of the judge, to prevent first-time nonviolent offenders from going to prison. So instead of being housed at taxpayers' expense, they have the opportunity to work while paying off costs associated with probation.

It costs about \$50 a day to house someone in jail, said Paige Dukes, Lowndes County clerk and public information officer, citing Sheriff Ashley Paulk.

"How much time can the taxpayers afford?" Dukes said. "You're never going to be able to charge someone enough of a fine just to pay for the time to keep them in jail."

"Everyone makes a bad decision every now and then, let's do what we need to do under the law," Dukes said, "but how do we keep these people out of jail, and I think that that whole perspective is important."

Lowndes County recently assumed misdemeanor probation duties from a third-party probation service. Dukes said there are almost 3,000 preliminary cases for the county.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys often work out plea arrangements that keep defendants out of prison. The agreements are usually accepted by the judge in the case because the attorneys know more about the details of the case, said David Miller, an assistant Southern district attorney and former Southern district attorney.

"Prosecutors and judges are selective on who they want to send to prison," he said. "Fifty-thousand (statewide prison) beds sounds like a lot but it really isn't."

James Hill, public information officer for the Georgia Department of Community Supervision, said there are 2,545 active felony supervision cases in the Southern District which includes Lowndes, Thomas, Colquitt, Brooks and Echols.

There are 34 officers assigned to handle

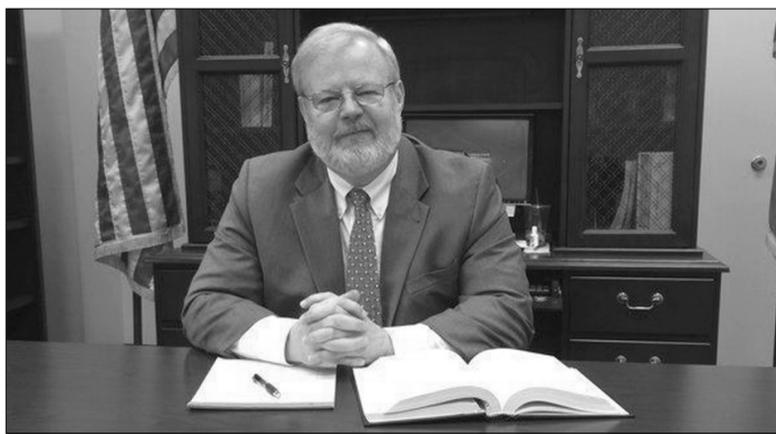
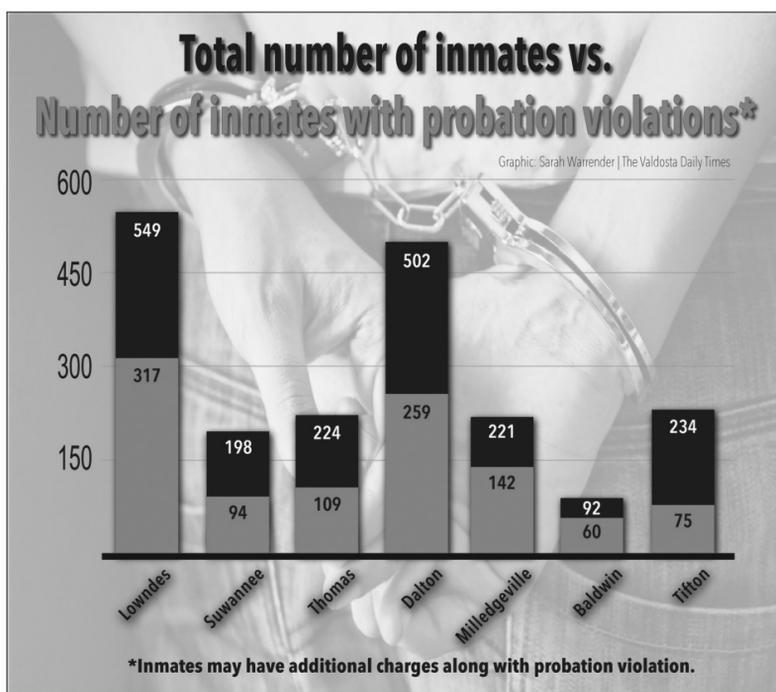


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David Miller, formerly the district attorney for the Southern Judicial Circuit, now prosecutes cases as the assistant DA in Colquitt County. He says probation is a way to make plea deals more palatable to defendants so their cases don't have to go to trial.

statutes what you end up with is a leverage over people that actually undermines their right to a trial by jury," he said.

If a defendant goes to trial and is found guilty, he faces a minimum mandatory prison sentence for the crime. So instead, many defendants opt to plead guilty to lesser charges that include probation as punishment.

"I love getting probation for my clients — sometimes; it certainly beats going to prison," Dennis said. "It (probation) is used as a carrot to the defendant but the state often times uses it as a stick."

Dennis isn't against probation entirely but reiterates it in can lead people to enter guilty pleas who would probably be better served by exercising their right to a trial by jury. He

said he thinks most probation officers do tremendous jobs.

"I've seen young people be on probation and get lots of good advice at times when they needed it from probation officers that had been helpful and gave them the encouragement they needed to make better choices," Dennis said.

Ocmulgee District Attorney Stephen A. Bradley said he believes state probation officers do "an excellent job" and try "very hard" to sort out the people who are trying to do better versus those who are trying hard not to get caught.

When asked if he felt probation officers are overburdened or strapped with heavy case-loads, Bradley said he wasn't sure.

"I think our probation supervisors are able to do OK," Bradley said.

Having spent most of his life on probation, the system has seemed to have finally worked for Kyle Bass.

Bass has "switched teams" and works with Larry Nunnally as director of Rescue Home for Men. Men leaving jail go to Rescue for Men if they need a place to stay and want to accept responsibility for their family, get a job and pay taxes.

In addition to duties at the rescue facility, Bass is owner of Kyle Bass Construction.

It has not been easy for Bass. In addition to trying to stay clean and out of prison, no one wanted to hire Bass because of his criminal background.

He was persistent and kept returning.

"A lot of times they would hire me," he recalled.

Staying clean was Bass' biggest challenge — until he found God.

His life is different now.

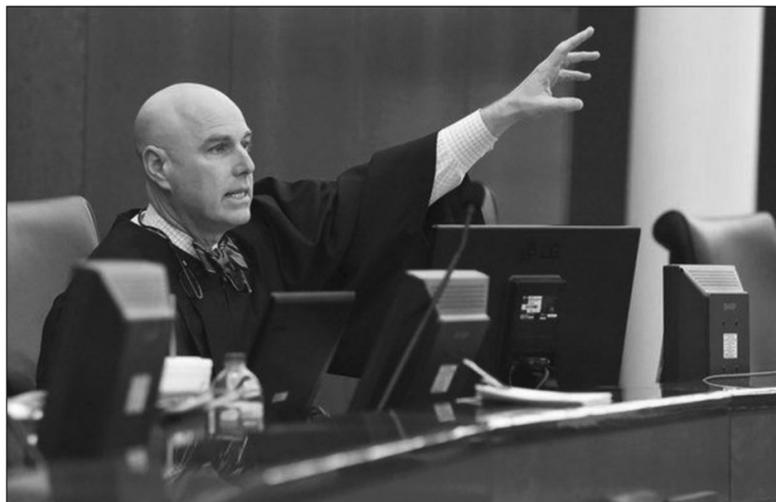


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Dalton Municipal Court Judge Rob Cowan said probation offers people convicted of a crime a chance to rehabilitate themselves.

these cases.

In some instances, probation is used along with prison time in sentencing defendants. A person who pleads guilty to burglary, for instance, may get a 10-year sentence, with three to serve behind bars and seven on probation.

Probation-only sentences are generally for low-risk offenders, Miller said.

Ultimately, Miller said, probation gives flexibility to the system. An offender who has a part of the sentence paying restitution to the victim can't do that while locked in a cell.

In a normal trial calendar in Colquitt County Superior Court, all of a hundred or so cases may be disposed by plea arrangements that include probation, or there may be only one or two trials.

If all of the cases went to trial, the time and expense would be astronomical, Miller said.

However, this is where a problem can be found with probation.

"It provides an option that can be used to secure guilty pleas," defense attorney Dennis said.

"When you marry an ambitious probation system with minimum mandatory sentencing



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Officer Sharde Pollard with the Georgia Department of Community Supervision said she currently oversees 40-50 felony offenders.

Around the Banks

Some things will never change

“Some things will never change. Some things will always be the same. Lean down your ear upon the earth and listen.”

“The voice of forest water in the night, a woman’s laughter in the dark, the clean, hard rattle of raked gravel, the crickets stitch of midday in hot meadows, the delicate web of children’s voices in bright air—these things will never change.”

— From p. 40 of Signet Edition of Thomas Wolfe’s “You can’t Go Home Again” (1940)

Some things will never change including the anticipation of children, school personnel and parents at the beginning of a new school year. How do I know this? I am still privileged to be a part of it all, teaching, learning, encouraging, public education has been and “is” a huge part of my life.

Young children, for the most part, are eager and enthusiastic about going to school. Young parents of young children are more likely to shed more tears than the children. I have seen parents wet a “bed sheet” with tears the first few weeks of school. An event hosted by one school years ago was a “Boohoo” Tea.

The centerpieces on the tables at the “Boohoo” Tea were boxes of Kleenex, and each place setting had a small packet of Kleenex. These were to dry the tears of many of the parents.

Tears, we shed them when we are happy, sad, excited, and, well, emotion brings them from our heart to our eyes. Nothing is more precious to most parents than the child they are entrusting, many times, for the first time, to someone with whom they may be unfamiliar.

That first day of Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten is such a big, big step. I have seen parents who wanted to spend the day with the child. I have encountered parents who wanted to come to the school and look into the teacher’s window during the day. I have held the hands of parents in my office as they cried, because they were unsure about letting go. Sometimes, not all the time, the parent has a harder time with dependency than the child. The parent or parents, may have become so dependent on that child being with them that it’s, well, hard, for them to allow their child to take steps towards independence. This is just an observation; no judgments here at ALL. Our minds may tell us “all will be well,” but, at times, the heart is another matter.

My advice, for what it’s worth, is this: Be sensitive to the tears of those who

are shedding them, as their children take that first step towards independence and try, in a gentle way, to help them take, and, no pun intended, “baby steps” in order to arrive at a place where they can loosen their grip and feel better about “letting go.” Remember it’s a process and may take a little while. Patience is one of the fruits of the spirit, and sometimes, patience takes effort.

Another thing that remains unchanged, the sweetness of scuppernongs. I think of them this time of the year; as they are ripe. Oh, that sweet juicy explosion of rich flavor in that first bite into one. Our dear, lifetime friends, the late Clyde and Gloria Hunter, who lived north of us on the Woodpecker Route, closer to “Belmont” and Prospect Primitive Baptist Church where many of their loved ones and mine rest beneath that sandy soil, had a huge grape “scuppernong” arbor. Jerry Lawrence and I spent many happy times with the Hunter “girls,” now grown ladies, with children and many with grandchildren of their own, Amelia, Jan, Cindy, Clyda, and Gretchen, eating those scuppernongs until we could eat no more. Those are sweet memories, as sweet as those scuppernongs; we called them grapes. I didn’t find out until I was nearly shaving they were really scuppernongs.

One other thing that remains virtually unchanged, is a marvelous natural resource that, most of the time is a part of my column, our “own” beautiful Suwannee River. At present, the river is at a fairly high level, swollen by the rains with which we have been blessed as of late. At other times, it is so low in places one could walk across it, and I have seen dog fennels grow waist high in little islets located in the middle of the river at White Springs when the river is very low.

The Suwannee River provides recreation for sportsmen and sportswomen. It provides refreshment where countless scores of friends and loved ones have found cool waters to renew the body and spirit. It provides a place of spiritual transformation where many have been immersed in its dark waters that have served as baptismal waters. It serves as clinical counselor and psychological healer for many who go there in times of trouble and set their minds at ease watching its dark waters flow by. The Suwannee River



JOHNNY BULLARD



was there when I was born, and it’s still there today.

One other thing that remains unchanged is my love for the place where I live. I have always loved it, and I always will; unconditionally.

Remember this as school begins, and this is free of charge: “Children may not always remember what you taught them, but they will always remember how you made them FEEL.”

Here’s a recipe for Scuppernong Pie:

Ingredients:

- Pastry for a 9-inch double-crust pie
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 5 cups Muscatine or scuppernong grapes (about 2 pounds), rinsed
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons cold butter, cut into small pieces

Instructions:

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a 9-inch pie pan with crust, leaving a 1-inch overhang.

In a small bowl, combine the sugar, flour, and salt, and stir with a fork to mix well. Set out a medium bowl and a medium saucepan.

Squeeze the grapes over the saucepan, dropping the pulpy, seed-filled grapes into the pan and placing their thick, sturdy skins, or hulls, into the bowl. Add 3 tablespoons of water to the saucepan and place over medium heat. Bring to a gentle boil and cook the grape pulp until softened and shiny, about 5 minutes. Transfer the cooked grape pulp to a strainer and place

it over the bowl of grape hulls. Press the grapes through the strainer, pushing the softened pulp into the pan with the hulls while extracting the large, round seeds. Use the back of a large spoon to get as much pulp as possible. Discard the seeds, and transfer the hulls and pulp back to the saucepan. Cook them over medium heat to soften the hulls, about 5 minutes more.

Add the sugar mixture and lemon juice to the grapes and stir to mix everything well. Pour the filling into the piecrust. Sprinkle the small bits of butter over the grape filling, distributing it evenly. Wet the rim of the bottom piecrust to help seal it.

Roll the remaining dough into a 10-inch circle and cover the filling. Trim away the extra pastry extending beyond the rim of the pie pan. Crimp the edges firmly, or press them down with the back of a fork, working your way around the edge of the pie to seal the crust well. Use a sharp knife to cut 8 slits in the top crust, to allow steam to escape and fruit juices to bubble up as the pie cooks.

Place the pie on a foil-lined baking sheet to capture any drips, and place it on the lower shelf of the 400-degree oven. Bake 10 minutes, and then reduce heat to 350 degrees. Bake until the crust is a handsome, golden brown and the grape juices are bubbling up through the crust, about 40 to 50 minutes more. Place the pie on a cooling rack or a folded kitchen towel and let cool for 10 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Makes one 9-inch double-crust pie.

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.

Healthy Living

Don’t say that ugly ‘C’ word

So many times when talking to young kids and teens, there is a word that always seems to come up. Can’t followed by the reason or excuse.

What do you want to be when you grow up. Response? I want to be xxx but I CAN’T because. Do you want to go to college? I want to but I CAN’T because. It really makes me sad because I’ve always told my daughters they can attain any goal they set their minds to reach. Keep moving forward every day toward your goal and you will get there. After all, if you quit, you won’t. Simple as that.

Last week I was talking to one of the owners, Scott, of Country Strong Gym in Live Oak about CrossFit. The gym recently added CrossFit For Life Patriot classes to their schedule and we were chatting about the times and classes. My sister does CrossFit in Maryland and loves it. She talks about the competitions they compete in right from the gym and it’s something I’ve tossed around doing myself.

Imagine my surprise when talking to Scott and what comes out of my mouth? I CAN’T. If you have been reading this column for anytime you know my tag line is YES YOU CAN. Well talk about feeling like a hypocrite. I did not even give it a try. How could I know whether or not I could do the class?

The thing about CrossFit is it’s designed for all fitness levels. You will see teens to seniors taking a CrossFit class. Men, women and even those with disabilities can do CrossFit. There are modifications for any level and the setting is designed as a community that supports each other.

So what was the topic of the day that made me say that ugly “c” word? Pull-ups and hand-stands. IMMEDIATELY

out of my mouth were the words I can’t do either a pull-up or a hand-stand. I don’t have the upper body strength. Honest confession, I’m shuddering thinking about a pull-up.

Scott (retired Special Forces) explained there are levels designed to help you move from beginner to being able to do a pull-up or a hand-stand. I may not have the upper strength to do it TODAY but if I make the commitment to learn what I need to do from my beginner level, I will be able to do one.

Wondering what’s going to happen next? Well, this 57-year-old woman made the commitment to take a CrossFit class either on a Tuesday or Thursday morning as those are the days I don’t teach morning classes at the gym. Fingers crossed that the day after I take the class, I’ll be able to teach my own morning classes. After all, morning folks are my favorite folks of all! Who wants to join me?

I’ll keep you posted but always remember, YES YOU CAN! Have a wonderful week.

To your health,
Denise

Denise Sanger is a certified fitness instructor, Silver Sneakers Instructor, AMPD Kettlebell Instructor, licensed Zumba, STRONG by Zumba instructor, gentle flow yoga, teaches morning classes at Country Strong Health & Fitness. Denise may be reached at DeniseSanger.com, 386-292-6105 or denisesanger@gmail.com.



DENISE SANGER

Second Stay Connected Day set for Sept. 1

JENNINGS — Ensuring the legacy of their parents, the Daniels family is hosting the second Stay Connected Day next month.

The event will be held at the St. Paul House of Prayer, 1443 Berry Street in Jennings, on Sept. 1, beginning at 3 p.m.

The free event will include food, activities and fun for the whole family to enjoy. A free gospel concert will also be part of the festivities, beginning

at 6:30 p.m. and featuring The Roberson Bunch, from Madison; Power and Dominion, from Valdosta, Ga.; Rev. Matthew Mickens and The Highway Travelers, from Hopkins, S.C.; and more, including host Albert “FunnyBone” Harris.

Also during the concert, five individuals that have been pillars in the community and the lives of others, will be honored. A deserving high school graduate from the

Class of 2018 will also be awarded a scholarship.

The event is in honor of the vision of the later Elder Willie Daniels and Church Mother Queen Esther Daniels, who wanted to leave a legacy of faith, unity and love.

For more information about the event, in which those attending are asked to bring their lawn chairs, please contact Dena Daniels at dena.daniels4@gmail.com or 386-855-1258.

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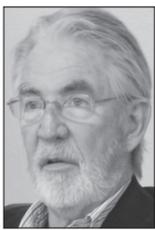
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If you are on this earth, you have to live in a country. If you live in our country, the USA, you have to live in a state, in our case, Florida. If you live in Florida, you have to live in a county, in our case Hamilton County. So think about this! You have to live in the country, the state and the county that you live in, but you don't have to live in a city or a town. You don't have to live in White Springs — or Jasper or Jennings, or Live Oak or Branford, or Mayo for that matter — you choose to! When it comes to living in a municipality, people have a choice, and when they choose to live “in town,” within reasonable legal and logical limits, the citizens of the town should have a wide latitude of choice on how they want their town to operate and what local rules and regulations they want to enact and be governed by. We don't want to be entirely independent of our country, state or county, but we do want home rule for local home issues. Increasingly, this principal of home rule is being chipped away by legislators in faraway capitols. Things such as tree ordinances and sign ordinances and local taxes and many other local laws and issues should not be “one size fits all” regulations imposed on us by politicians and bureaucrats from Tallahassee, because what works for metropolitan areas like Jacksonville and Miami may not, and usually does not, work for rural North Florida, White Springs and other small towns!

Why am I mentioning all this? Because on the upcoming election ballot in November there are going to be a whole slew of constitutional amendments, 13 of them, for you to vote on. Quite a few of them are fuzzily worded and hard to understand. Most of them will have a direct financial effect on your pocketbook and on the budgets of your local and regional government's operations and services. I'm not going to tell you how to vote on all of these amendments, but I am going to

tell you that you better do your homework and be prepared to cast an informed vote on amendments that, some of them, if passed could have a huge negative effect on your life in a small town and on the future of your life in White Springs or whatever town or city you have chosen to live in. You'll have to live with these revisions for a long time; the constitutional revision committee only meets every 20 years. Please! Take the time to get informed and please vote for common sense and home rule for the town or city where you chose to live!

Now for some items of interest to White Springs and folks in the surrounding area. The Stephen Foster State Folk Culture Center has a lot of interesting programs happening over the next few weeks and I want to share some of them with you. On Friday nights at 6 p.m. in the tower there is a weekly program presented called “Stephen Foster, Father of American Music.” At this program you can join the singing Ranger, Brown Akers, to explore the music of Stephen Foster and his importance to American popular culture. Also, on Sept. 7-9 the park will be hosting its annual Old-Time Music Weekend, where participants are invited to a celebration of Old-Time music. This three-day event offers participants in-depth instruction in old time music techniques on the banjo, guitar, vocals, and fiddle for all levels. Instructors include Chuck Levy, Paul Brown, Terri McMurray, Ann Whitley, Beverly Smith, Trevor McKenzie, Tommy Bledsoe, and David & Marietta Massey. Early Bird Registration for the three-day event is \$199, which includes all workshops, jam sessions, discussion groups, concerts and meals. A



WALTER MCKENZIE

spouse program is also offered for just \$85 and includes two concerts, jams and all meals. Another option is just to attend the Friday and Saturday evening concerts. For more information and instructions for registration, please call the park at 386-397-7009 or email: Kimberly.A.Rivers@dep.state.fl.us.

Then, on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 6:30 p.m. there will be a “Tie Dye & Pie” workshop with Ranger Brandy at the open-air barn in the Craft Square, featuring a tie dye workshop and Dutch-oven apple cobbler. All you need to bring is something white to tie dye and your sweet tooth!

Just to the south of White Springs an event of interest to White Springs is happening. This Sunday, Aug. 19, at 2:30 p.m. the “Celebration of Women” event takes place at the Melting Pot performing arts gallery, 500 N. Marion Street. Join guest speaker Grace Nelson as she recognizes six powerful women from Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee counties. For more information about this event contact Bea Coker at 386-697-6075.

And, as always, there are weekly programs at the White Springs Library! Monday-Friday, 1-6 p.m., Coloring. Tuesdays, 3-4 p.m., Teen Drama. Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m., Teen Anime Club; and Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Story Time.

We're always glad to hear about goings on in the community and will be glad to share anything that is appropriate for this column. 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 and its surrounding region 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 or wherever you may be.

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Heart Matters

Search for those off God's path

The parable of the Prodigal Son is perhaps one of the most familiar stories in the Bible. It has long been the focus of many Sunday School lessons and sermons about how God's forgiveness is waiting for a person who has strayed from their faith, if only they will return to Him. This message is without a doubt THE message of the Bible. God absolutely wants those far from Him to know that He loves them and longs for them to return.



ANGIE LAND

And yet, in context, there was another message that Jesus very much wanted to convey. It seems that a group who considered themselves very close to God had a problem with how Jesus was spending His time:

“Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying ‘This man received sinners and eats with them.’” (Luke 15:1-2)

The Pharisees and scribes were the religious leaders of the day, tending to all things spiritual. They knew which prayer to say when, which ‘i’ to dot and ‘t’ to cross. They knew the answers to the hard questions about what was right or wrong, and they worked hard to get it right. So, it is easy to understand their frustration when Jesus shows up and spends most of his time hanging out with sinners.

As He often did, Jesus answered their complaint with a series of parables. This time about a lost sheep, a lost coin and a lost son. With the lost sheep and lost coin, He points out the desire to celebrate we feel over finding something that was lost. We can all relate to the elation of finally finding lost keys, a lost wallet or anything necessary and valuable after an exhaustive search. In fact, the sheep and the coin had this in common: both were found by someone diligently searching.

But then we come to the prodigal. Take a closer look at the story in Luke 15:11-24. Something was lost, something is found, and then a celebration follows. Much like the sheep and coin, except the prodigal found his way back to the Father. We often miss that because the music is loud and the feast is joyous. But then we hear a complaint. The older brother who has stayed at home and taken care of the fields is not celebrating that his wayward brother has come home. After all, he has been the one working hard to take care of everything while he was off having fun. Sound familiar? The Pharisees and scribes sound a lot like older brothers.

Many “church folks” may relate to how the older brother and the religious leaders felt, the same resentment over sacrificing to do the right thing while others seem to be having such fun doing the wrong things. What changes everything here is the view of the Father about those “right things.” Is doing the right thing checking off the list or checking with the Father's heart? Yes, the younger brother wasted his portion, but the portion that was left consumed all the older brother's time and energy. He was taking care of his inheritance, when perhaps his father wished he would go look for his brother.

Jesus' message to the religious leaders was subtle but clear. Our inheritance from our Father is eternal life. It is a gift and cannot be earned by working hard to do everything right. God's heart is that we value the gift enough to search for those far away from Him and celebrate when they are found. Because every heart really does matter.

Blessings,
Angie

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

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Branford 2018

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The Jasper News

Election security grants approved for local counties

TALLAHASSEE — Forty-nine Florida counties had Election Security Grants approved last month, including Hamilton, Lafayette and Suwannee.

Following Gov. Rick Scott's direction to the Department of State to draw down \$19 million in federal funding for securing Florida's elections, Secretary of State Ken Detzner approved and submitted nearly \$10.3 million in the election security grants July 27 to Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis' office.

Hamilton County was approved for \$59,700.

Lafayette County was approved to receive \$55,743 in funding while Suwannee County will receive \$76,246 in funding.

According to Hamilton County Supervisor of Election Laura Hutto, the funds received will be used to harden their security including computer system upgrades and locks in the office for critical areas.

She said they will also purchase a generator so there are no disruptions during

the elections.

"As a small county, we are excited to receive this funding, because we don't have the funds ourself to spend on these things," Hutto said.

Applications from the remaining Florida counties will be reviewed and approved in the coming days, according to Scott's office.

"As Florida prepares for the upcoming election, nothing is more important than our work to ensure secure elections," Scott said in a release. "This funding will help local Supervisors of Elections enhance their security so they can administer another smooth round of voting. I want to thank Secretary Detzner and the team at the Department of State, the Florida Legislature and CFO Jimmy Patronis for expediting this important funding."



Laura Hutto

Clerk

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complaint against former city manager Charles Williams nor the complaint from Senior Billing Clerk Patricia Herring against Hightower constitute a hostile working environment.

The investigation report for Herring's complaint states "However, the information obtained does indicate that Hightower has a pattern of unprofessional conduct that has had a negative impact on the working environment and has acted in a manner that is inconsistent with the best interest of the City."

According to Hightower's complaint, Williams threatened her while he was carrying a gun in a holster at City Hall and raised his voice at her after she refused to place an item on the agenda.

According to Herring's complaint, she was being falsely accused of wrongdoing stemming from questions pertaining to zoning.

"I'd like to make a motion that the city council terminate the employment of Jennifer Hightower,"

Councilman Gerald Lewis said.

Councilman William Mitchell seconded the motion.

"In the best interest of the city, I think Hightower should resign," Councilman LaBarfield Bryant said.

The board voted to fire Hightower with at 3-2 vote. Councilman Jay Dagle and Councilman Darrell Lumpkin voted against the firing.

"If you terminate your clerk, you've got to figure out what you are going to do," City Attorney Rhett Bullard said.

Interim City Manager Marcus Collins was appointed as the interim city clerk until a new clerk is found. He took the minutes for the remainder of the meeting after Hightower left.

"You guys have successfully probably taken Jasper off the map," Margie Geddes said during public comments. "I've never seen anything as ridiculous as the last few months with Jasper without anybody at the head and I hear you just fired the last person who knew everything that is going on in the city."

"I'll tell you another thing, there isn't going to be any building left because I have the right to do what I want with my buildings and I am bulldozing them."

Calvin Dees, Hightower's father, also spoke during public comments.

"Jennifer is my daughter and I am here for one answer," Dees said. "What was the grounds of her being dismissed?"

Lewis asked if Dees had a copy of the investigation report and Dees said no.

"We have to go by the charter," Lewis said.

"If I fired you, I'd be man enough to tell you why I fired you," Dees said.

"We have to go by the charter," Lewis replied.

"That's a copout and you know it as well as I know," Dees said.

Lewis again said "We have to go by the charter."

"Why don't you go by the charter on everything then," Dees asked.

Lewis replied that he had answered Dees' question.

"No, you've beat around the bush," Dees said.

Ribbon cutting for H&F Restaurant

JASPER — A ribbon cutting will be held for the re-opening of H&F Restaurant on Aug. 20.

The ribbon cutting will begin at 3 p.m. and is

H&F Restaurant is located at 202 Hatley St., Jasper.

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Principal

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"It is a very difficult job and Dr. Moss has been in education for many, many years."

He said being principal is a tough job and Moss came to the decision to step down.

While the Hamilton County School District searches for a new prin-

icipal, Assistant Principal Marjorie Cooks will serve as interim principal.

"We feel very good about the start of school," Mitchell said. "We are sad and disappointed to lose Dr. Moss but we are going to continue pushing the school forward."

Moss was hired in June 2017 after Kip McLeod served as HCHS principal for four years.

She is a 1982 Hamilton County graduate.

Voting

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Incumbent Suzette Wiggins and Sammy McCoy will be on the ballot.

Other seats up on the ballot will be United States Senator, Governor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture and State Representative for District 10.

Election day is Tuesday, Aug. 28.



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7/2/2018
Thomas Lawson, 64
280 SW Oakdale Road
Mayo, FL 32066
Battery Domestic
Kidnap-False Imprison-
ment
LCSO

7/2/2018
Tyrone Cook, 45
Po Box 1502 Mayo, FL
32066
DWLS 3rd Offense
FHP

7/2/2018
Jeremy Colding, 40
749 Harold Win-
burn Road Mayo, FL 32066
Sell Delivery of Con-
trolled Substance 2 Counts
Poss. of Controlled Sub-
stance 2 Counts
Drug Paraphernalia
Poss. 2 Counts
LCSO

7/2/2018
Janet Thomas, 64
749 Harold Win-
burn Road Mayo, FL 32066
Sell Delivery of a Con-
trolled Substance
Possession of a Con-
trolled Substance
Drug Possession or Use
LCSO

7/2/2018
Timothy Elmore, 48
213 SW Oak Street
Mayo, FL 32066
Felony VOP Drug Of-
fense
LCSO

7/2/2018
Lance Frier, 48
178 NW Crawford Street
Mayo, FL 32066
Felony VOP Drug Of-
fense
LCSO

7/3/2018
Brandon Petersen, 23
678 E Marion Road
Mayo, FL 32066
Sentenced to DOC

7/3/2018
George Wood, 26
359 SE Circle Drive
Mayo, FL 32066
Drug Possession of a
Controlled Substance
LCSO

7/3/2018
Tavaress Thomas, 30
405 SE Mill Street
Mayo, FL 32066
Organized to Commit
Fraud
FDLE

7/5/2018
Lance Reid, 29
173 SW San Pedro Crt.
Mayo, FL 32066
Drug Offence w/in
1000ft of Worship or Busi-
ness 3 Counts
Drug Paraphernalia 3
Counts
Cocaine Sell w/in 1000ft

of Worship
LCSO

7/5/2018
Ramiro Garcia Hernan-
dez, 31
148 SW CR 351 Mayo,
FL 32066
Driving w/no Valid DL
Out of County Warrant
LCSO

7/6/2018
Wade Raulerson, 48
22195 Beach Road Per-
ry, FL 32348
DWLS
LCSO

7/6/2018
Leo Stoud, 53
84 Seven Oaks Lane,
Noel, Missouri
Out of County Warrant
LCSO

7/7/2018
David Rodriquez, 38
7333 Pine Street Mayo,
FL 32066
Battery Domestic
LCSO

7/8/2018
Malcolm Cook, 26
149 SW Taylor Ave
Mayo, FL 32066
Battery
Resist Officer
LCSO

7/11/2018
Sunshine Reid, 27
1405 NE Duval Street
Live Oak, FL 32064
Felony VOP Drug Of-
fense
LCSO

7/13/2018
Candy Revels, 36
Lake City, FL
Felony VOP
LCSO

7/18/2018
Gene Desmartin, 39
17680
81st Road McAlpin, FL
32066
Felony VOP
LCSO

7/18/2018
Brian Folsom, 32
704 NE Tansy Road
Mayo, FL 32066
Possession of Con-
trolled Substance
Marijuana Possession
Drug Equipment Pos-
session
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7/18/2018
Johnathan Oliver, 36
21977 96th Street Live
Oak, FL 32060
DWLSR
Aggravated Stalking
LCSO

7/19/2018
Jacorey Williams, 21
501 SW Willow Street
Mayo, FL 32066
Criminal Mischief

Resist Officer
Disorderly Conduct
LCSO

7/20/2018
Jacob Thornton, 26
485 NW Ontario Road
Mayo, FL 32066
Felony VOP Drug Of-
fense
LCSO

7/21/2018
Levi Kelm, 24
205 SW Carber Road
Mayo, FL 32066
Simple Assault Domes-
tic
Battery Domestic
LCSO

7/28/2018
Alisha Elmore, 30
1515 SW CR 320
Mayo, FL 32066
Criminal Traffic Of-
fense
Poss. of Controlled
Substance
Marijuana Possession
Drug Equipment Pos-
session
LCSO

7/28/2018
George Cruse, 43
Homeless
Out of County Warrant
LCSO

7/29/2018
Anthony Coverson, 22
421 MLK Street Mayo,
FL 32066
Felony VOP Drug Of-
fense
LCSO

7/29/2018
Rana Richardson, 35
1270 SW CR 300
Mayo, FL 32066
Drug Equipment Pos-
session
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7/30/2018
Gaudencio Martinez, 44
Unknown
Disorderly Intox
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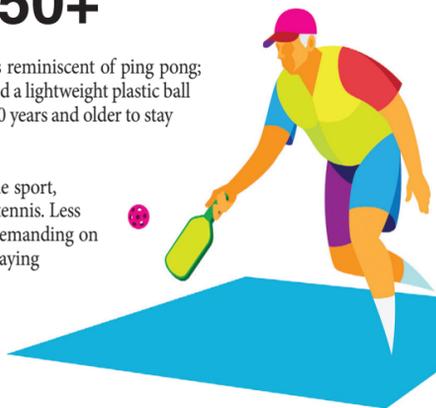
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Pickleball: the perfect sport for people aged 50+

A playing field similar to that of badminton; a net and moves reminiscent of ping pong; a sturdy racquet like the ones used for ping pong, but bigger; and a lightweight plastic ball — pickleball has every feature necessary to allow people aged 50 years and older to stay active without straining their muscles and joints.

In fact, the smaller court size and slower moving ball make the sport, which is played in singles or pairs, a sort of “softer” version of tennis. Less intense than other racquet sports, pickleball is therefore less demanding on the body. But that doesn't mean there's no effort involved! Playing pickleball on a regular basis will allow you to reap the physical and psychological benefits linked to physical activity. What's more, you can take advantage of a friendly game (or tournament, if you're up for the challenge) to socialize and have fun.



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1. COMPUTER CLASSES

If using a computer, tablet or smartphone isn't exactly second nature to you and you'd like to take full advantage of the possibilities these devices offer, there are classes and workshops available to help get you started. You'll learn how to become more comfortable doing things such as sending emails, sharing photos of your grandchildren and using apps for both business and pleasure.

2. LANGUAGE LESSONS

If you've always dreamed of being able to speak and understand Spanish, Italian, German or Russian but never dared take the first steps, good news: it's never too late to start! Not only is learning a new language fun and rewarding, but it's also a great way to exercise your brain and improve your memory. And if you're planning to travel in the future, knowing the local language will make the experience that much more immersive and enriching.



3. SPORTS

Swimming, yoga, Zumba, tai chi — when it comes to classes that aim to get you moving and stay in shape safely, you've got a lot to choose from. Many of these activities

are tailored to an older clientele and feature gentle motions that won't strain your joints. What's more, being physically active has tons of benefits, helping you maintain your independence and enjoy a superior quality of life. Regular exercise also helps prevent various illnesses and fosters better overall health.

4. ART CLASSES

Want to get in touch with your creative side? Let your imagination take over as you learn how to paint, knit or create stained glass masterpieces. These pleasant activities are highly rewarding, as they allow you to create something with your own two hands. More of a music lover? Why not sign up for piano or singing lessons?

What are you waiting for? Find out about the courses and activities available near you, and have fun!



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Sports

Hamilton County football coach resigns

BY MIKE JONES

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JASPER — Ric Whittington has resigned as the Hamilton County head football coach, less than a week away from the Kick-off Classic.

Whittington, hired in March, resigned on Monday, Aug. 13.

According to media partner WTXL-TV, Doug Clayton will serve as interim head coach until a new one can be found.

David May, an assistant coach at HCHS, has also resigned, leaving last week. He is now an assistant coach at Madison County, Cohen said.

The Trojans travel to Union County on Friday for their Kickoff Classic game. Hamilton then opens the regular season Aug. 24 at Baldwin.

Prior to taking the Hamilton County job, which was his first head coaching gig, Whittington had been a defensive coordinator the past five years, most recently at Williston High School. Before coaching at WHS, he was the



Ric Whittington

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Season preview: HCHS Trojans



PHOTO: PAUL BUCHANAN (SUWANNEESPORTS.COM)

Senior Melvin Brown leads the way for Hamilton County this season.

Senior class to lead Trojans through change

BY MIKE JONES

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JASPER — A large senior class leads the way for the Hamilton County Trojans, who will try and make the best of this season despite some late coaching changes.

HCHS needs a good start in its first two regular season games against Baldwin and The Villages Charter. Then it's an important stretch

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Aug. 17	@ Union County	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 24	@ Baldwin	7 p.m.
Aug. 31	Villages Charter	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	@ Suwannee	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	@ Chiefland	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Jefferson County	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	Dixie County	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	@ Bozeman	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	North Florida Educational Institute	7 p.m.
Oct. 26	Bradford	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	@ Trenton	7:30 p.m.

“We’re a no-huddle offense. Defensively, we’re going to stunt and blitz. It should be exciting.”

SHS football coach Kyler Hall discusses upcoming season

BY MIKE JONES

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LIVE OAK — Suwannee High football coach Kyler Hall visited with the Rotary Club of Live Oak on Monday to discuss the upcoming season.

Some of topics Hall delved into were the Bulldogs’ offseason program, the amount of support the team receives from the community and the changes Suwannee will feature this season on offense and defense.

Hall also went into detail about the improvements in the Suwannee

High weight room. During Christmas break, SHS put in brand new equipment for a weight room that now has a capacity for around 80 people.

Making those improvements provided motivation to the football team and helped start what was a good offseason.

“When we got back from Christmas break, that was kind of the spark that got our kids going,” Hall said of the new weight room. “When they stepped foot in there, their level of pride and

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Suwannee High football coach Kyler Hall visited with the Rotary Club of Live Oak on Monday.

Season preview: Lafayette Hornets: Experienced Hornets eye big season

BY MIKE JONES

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MAYO — There a few teams in the state with a chance for an undefeated regular season.

The Lafayette Hornets are one of the teams that have a distinct chance at running the table during the regular season.

Coming off last year’s 9-2 record, LHS brings back four all-state players, including quarterback Jaxon Beach, running back Garris Edwards and wide receiver Ben Massey.

In their nine wins, the Hornets’ average margin of victory was 27 points. That should bode well for LHS as it faces nine of the same opponents this season.

Lafayette will get a big challenge in the Kickoff Classic at Dixie County on

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PHOTO: MIKE JONES

Garris Edwards and the Hornets are just days away from the Kickoff Classic and the start of the season.

Position Previews: Special Teams

SHS, Branford have holes to fill on special teams

BY MIKE JONES

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Editor’s Note: This is the eighth and final part part of position previews for the Suwannee, Branford, Lafayette and Hamilton County football teams.

Suwannee — Kicker: Ryan LeNeave, Punter: Dawson Harrell, Return man: Carlton Hall

Kicker/punter Justin Dalton gave Suwannee an edge in special teams last year. He was able to pin back opponents with his big leg and angling kickoffs. With Dalton having graduated, sophomore Ryan LeNeave looks to continue the trend of strong SHS kickers.

LeNeave was accurate in the spring game on his only field goal attempt, which was a 30-yarder that won the game.

Dawson Harrell will do the punting. The Bulldogs are looking to replace two good return men

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Ben Massey, in addition to playing receiver and defensive back, will return kicks and punts.

Vegetables, flowers and plants, oh my!

Gardening has been around since Adam and Eve. If you enjoy gardening, do you have the space and equipment to garden effectively? Dowling Park residents have a more convenient option: the Advent Christian Village (ACV) community garden.

In 2004, ACV member Levy Canova spearheaded a project to create a community garden at Advent Christian Village: a space available for those who wish to garden, but don't have the necessary space. Over the years, the community garden has undergone many improvements. Just in the past year, the following improvements were made:

- New storage shed for equipment;
- Six new raised beds for accessibility;
- Total irrigation system upgrade;
- Wood enclosures of all ground beds.

Those who are able to enjoy the use of the community garden are part of ACV's community garden club. The club focuses on three things: work, education and fellowship. While most of the members of the garden club do participate in the community garden, some join for the simple enjoyment of attending the meetings/lectures and club-sponsored field trips.

While some business is discussed at each monthly meeting, the real focus of the meetings is a guest lecturer. A few of the topics covered in the past were the Suwannee River's ecosystem, butterflies and bats. After the lecture on butterflies, the garden club took a trip to the Butterfly Rainforest at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville, Florida. A couple other trips were to a daylily farm near Dowling Park and to Nobles Greenhouse and Nursery in Live Oak, Florida, where the group enjoyed learning about indigenous plants.



This time of year, flowers are abundant in the Advent Christian Village community garden. Garden club members enjoy many amenities, including irrigation and protection from 'critters,' with their small membership fee.

There is a small annual membership fee. (ACV members-\$10 and non-members-\$15) Then they pay just \$5 per plot. For that, they have access to (along with their plot):

- Individual irrigation per plot;
- Tools to use in the community garden;
- Gardening materials including compost and soil;
- Protection from "critters."

All each member has to contribute is their own seeds and plants; and they need to do their own planting, weeding and harvesting.

To fund these upgrades and amenities, the garden club holds an annual nut sale each fall. Beginning in October in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas, members of the club take orders for pecans and other nuts including candied and

chocolate-covered varieties. The different options are affordable and make great gifts.

The club also makes an annual donation to Samaritan's Purse. They're happy to "tithe back" some of their fundraising income. It is fitting that they have provided toward the digging of wells in some foreign communities over the years.

If you are interested in learning more about ACV's garden club, you are welcome to attend a meeting. If you like what you see, you're encouraged to become a member and perhaps rent a plot to start your own garden of things to eat or beauty to enjoy. Even those not part of the garden club are welcome to visit the community garden on Buck Rogers Rd. in Dowling Park. Just remember: If you didn't plant it, don't pick it.

Ten tips for downsizing your home

BY GARY AND ELLIE ENSIGN

Whether you're moving into a smaller home or trading a house for an apartment, you will have to part with some of your things. This can be stressful, but most of us have had to do this at some point in our lives. Looking back on our own times of downsizing, we have learned some important things.



GARY AND ELLIE ENSIGN

Perhaps you are facing this issue. The first step is to admit that not all of your stuff can follow you. The second step is to admit that others may not cherish your things as much as you do.

1. Start thinning out your belongings at least three months before the move. We took time each day to go through crammed closets, bookshelves and overflowing file cabinets. Paper and photos require a lot of attention so tackle those things one box at a time.

2. Make a list of all the items you love and can't live without. This will help you part with things that didn't make the list. Be honest but also realistic. In our recent move, each of us chose five things we really wanted to have in our new home. In our case, we ended up with 10 different things.

3. Consider parting with family treasures that other family members may want. Downsizing gives you an opportunity to pass along family treasures. There are several ways this can be done without putting anyone on the spot or causing tension between family members. One way is to ask each of them what items they like/want. A more personal approach we have used is to select one or two "special" items for someone and tell them (perhaps with a written note) why you would like them to have it.

4. Get a feel for the size of the rooms in your new home by comparing them to rooms of similar dimensions in your present home. For example, will your new living room be the same size as your current bedroom? This will help you to picture your things in that room and help you decide what to take. You may think you can squeeze two sofas in that room, but then you realize only one will fit comfortably. This is a reality check. The goal is to have open space so the room will seem larger and more

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Avoid back injuries by choosing the right backpack

Finding the right backpack is an essential component of back-to-school shopping. Children may have their own ideas of what's in style, but parents should look for backpacks that are functional before factoring in style. Marrying form and function together can be challenging, but it's necessary to prevent students from developing back problems. But parents must give consideration to more than just the size of their children's backpacks.

Backpacks may be filled with several pounds of stuff, such as textbooks, binders, laptops, and other supplies, potentially leading to injury.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, at least 14,000 children are treated for backpack-related injuries every year. The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons says that the weight of a backpack should not exceed 10 to 15 percent of a child's body weight. But many students pack their bags with much more weight than that.

Improperly sized, worn and overstuffed backpacks can injure joints and lead to neck, back and shoulder injuries. They also may affect children's posture.

• Choose a streamlined model. Select a backpack that will get the job done without much added bulk. Many backpacks have been designed to hold technological devices as more and more schools



integrate technology into the classroom. A less bulky bag might be lighter and easy to carry.

• Consider shopping at a sporting goods store. Employees at camping and sporting goods retailers understand how to fit backpacks for hikers and outdoor adventurers. They can help measure a student and find a pack that will fit his or her body frame. Also, these retailers may have a wider selection of backpacks than some other stores, increasing the chances of finding the right fit.

• Select a pack with a waist strap. According to the American Chiropractic Association, the body is not designed to carry items hanging from shoulders. By using the waist strap in conjunction with taut shoulder straps, students can distribute the weight in their backpacks over their hip bones instead of the shoulders. The padded and adjustable shoulder straps should be at least two inches wide. All straps should be used each time the pack is worn.

• Backpacks should be loaded properly. Heavy items should be near the center bottom to distribute the load, rather than placed on top. Students should only carry what is necessary, visiting lockers or desks as needed to lighten their packs. Backpack fit and functionality is something parents should take seriously when shopping for school supplies.

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How to beat the Florida heat

No one likes to sit and swelter in the summertime heat. But for older people, hot and humid weather can be more than just uncomfortable; it can be unhealthy — even deadly. Most people who die each year from heat-related problems are older than 50, according to the National Institute on Aging.

Seniors at Risk

Normally, the body cools itself by sweating, but a number of things can limit that ability, including changes linked to aging. That's why older people are among those at greatest risk for heat-related illnesses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Age-related issues that can affect a person's ability to tolerate heat include:

- Physical changes: Age-related changes in the skin or poorly working sweat glands can make it harder for older people to sweat and cool off. Also, older people may not feel the heat even when

temperatures are high or may not feel thirsty when they need water.

- Health troubles: Some of the health conditions that are more common among older people can increase the risk of heat-related problems. Examples include heart, lung or kidney disease; diabetes; poor circulation; or being over- or underweight.

- Medications: Diuretics, sedatives, tranquilizers, or medicines to treat heart trouble or high blood pressure can all make it harder for the body to cool itself.

Beat the Heat

There are a variety of steps seniors can take to protect themselves from the heat. Pay particular attention when temperatures reach 90 degrees, the threshold of the heat danger zone, according to the American Geriatrics Society.

Seek air-conditioning. According to the CDC, air-conditioning is the best way to avoid the heat. Being in an air-conditioned environment for even a couple hours a day will



help. If your home isn't air-conditioned, find a place that is. Options include a friend's house, shopping mall, grocery store, museum, senior center or library.

If you don't drive, ask a friend to drive you or take a taxi. Don't stand outside in the heat and wait for a bus.

Don't rely on an electric fan.

A fan may make you feel a little better, but it won't cool you off sufficiently.

Stay hydrated. When it's hot, you'll need at least the recommended amount of liquids a day, if not more. Don't wait until you feel thirsty to drink.

Water, fruit or vegetable juice, or sports drinks that contain electrolytes are your best options. However, if you're on a low-salt diet, don't drink sports beverages without asking your doctor first.

Also, avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or large amounts of sugar. They'll cause you to lose more fluids overall, according to the CDC. And don't drink fluids that are very cold. That can cause stomach cramps.

If under normal circumstances your doctor says you should limit your fluid intake, or if you're taking water pills, ask your doctor how much you should drink during hot weather.

Get wet. Take a cool shower,

bath or sponge bath.

Dress for the weather. You'll feel cooler if you wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothes.

Protect yourself. If you have to be outside, wear both a hat for shade and sunscreen to prevent sunburn, and try to stay out of the sun.

Lay low. Avoid long walks or other strenuous activities, especially during the hottest part of the day.

Spotting Trouble

Common signs of a heat-related illness include muscle cramps, headache, heavy sweating, dizziness, and nausea. If you notice these symptoms, get out of the heat and into a cool place as soon as possible. Rest, loosen your clothes, take a cool shower or sponge bath, and drink fluids.

If you don't cool down and feel better quickly, go to the emergency room or call 911.

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restful. Avoid too much clutter. If you cover windows or cram in too many items, you'll need to take some things out. Don't wait until after you move.

5. Seriously review the areas/rooms that don't have items with sentimental value. For example, the kitchen: Most people don't need 10 mixing bowls and several extra appliances. If you're downsizing from a house to a condo, target the garage and tool shed — shovels, lawn mowers and ladders won't be needed.

6. Label three bins "To Keep," "To Sell" and "To Give/Charity." Choose bins that will be manageable when full. As a rule of thumb, you may only be able to keep one-third to one-half of your belongings when you are downsizing. Try not to throw anything in the garbage. Recycle, sell or donate instead. Be environmentally responsible and find a home for everything.

7. When selling your goods, try to divide them into high-end items and yard sale items. For high-end items, look for reputable antique and secondhand dealers, estate sale/auction firms, or ask someone to sell them on eBay. We have found you need to price items realistically so items are "sold" rather than hauled to a thrift store or the curb. Think positively — the money can be used for moving expenses or decorating your new home.

8. Do not give in to renting a storage shed. Why keep what you will not use? Why do we do this? It may be an unwillingness to part with certain things; you think you may someday want again; or you want to avoid the stress of getting rid of it. But remember rent adds up and most of it stays there until is sold.

9. Get an objective opinion. If you can't decide whether to keep something, get another person's opinion. It is often good to have someone else say, "Oh, why not part with it? You'll never use it!" This can save you the stress of the downsizing process. You won't have to think about all the things you parted with. You can arrive at your new home with a positive attitude. If you think of this as rightsizing — a transition to meet the changing needs of your life — you can bring a positive attitude. You will be ready to enjoy your new home.

10. Force your hand. Getting rid of things before you move cuts down on the cost of transporting things you

can't use in your new home. When we came to Advent Christian Village, we had the movers pack only what we could use in our new home before we had our estate sale. At that point everything that was left had to be sold.

We hope our ideas convey words of encouragement to you. If you start with a positive attitude you will be able to enjoy the move and be more creative as you decorate your new home. We also hope our suggestions will help you have a more realistic approach to downsizing.

About the authors: Gary and Ellie Ensign are Advent Christian Village members and have been married 52 years. They have lived in seven states and made 14 moves, living in such as places as St. Louis; Ann Arbor, Michigan; New Hampshire; Beaumont, Texas; Ohio; and Mount Dora, Florida. In 2016, the Ensigns moved into their home in River Woods, ACV's homeownership neighborhood.

Hamilton County

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Mutual relationship meeting request

I am Earlene Green, Director of the recently established Agape Green Acres Ministry, Inc (AGAMI), an Holistic, Non-Denominational Women's Ministry and non-profit Organization, in Jasper, FL. The purpose of this notice is to request a meeting with you, or your Ministry administrator(s) to discuss a mutual working and referral relationship between our organizations to benefit our mutual clients.

We are currently an outreach ministry with the near future goal of a brick and mortar location. I can be reached at 267-779-4845 or by email at drgreen49@yahoo.com. Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Aug. 15

Crocheting Class

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Learn how to crochet. Please bring needles and yarn.
Taught by Debra Barney
Suwannee River Regional Library
386-362-2317

Aug. 16

Informational table at HCHS

The Agape Green Acres Ministry, Inc. will have a table at Hamilton County High School's Meet the Teacher on August 16 inside the HCHS Media Center from 4-7 p.m.

Their table will have information available concerning parental, educational, health care, nutrition, housing, legal and governmental benefit eligibility needs for women and children in Hamilton County. Free clothing will also be available to high school girls.

For more information, contact (retired) Judge Earlene Green, Director at 267-779-4845.

Aug. 16

Volunteering with Disaster Relief

Mardelle Nasshan is a three-year ACV member who was a pastor's wife for 36 years, a volunteer and keynote speaker at a rescue facility for abused children in South Carolina. More recently she served with the Billy Graham Association as a trained volunteer chaplain on their Rapid Response Team. Come and learn why she is called "The Singing Chaplain" on Thursday, August 16 at 10:00AM.

Jo Kennon Public Library, 10655 Dowling Park Dr in Live Oak. 386-658-2670

Aug. 16

Armchair Travels to Vietnam

6 p.m.
Travel to Vietnam from the comfort of the library. Presented by Sheila Hiss and Sherry Millington.
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Aug. 17

Armchair Travels

Rick and Barbara Phipps served as Southern Baptist music missionaries in Japan for 27 years, mostly in the city of Nagoya. Rick directed many hand bell choirs and helped churches develop their music programs. Barbara led sewing classes for women and English lessons for school children. Come and hear about living and working in that

very different culture on August 17 at 10:00AM.

Jo Kennon Public Library, 10655 Dowling Park Dr in Live Oak. 386-658-2670

Aug. 19

Veterans Appreciation Service and Dinner

Divonia Baptist Church will be hosting its first Veterans Appreciation Service and Dinner on August 19 for the veterans of Hamilton County. The morning service begins at 11 a.m., with a barbecue dinner to follow the service. Divonia Baptist Church is located off of U.S. 129 just before SW 109th Dr in Jasper.

Aug. 22

Introduction to Aviation

Noon-1 p.m.
Learn about Aviation from local pilot Clark Dechant.
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Aug. 22

Last Kind Words Saloon Book Club

2:00-3 p.m.
Join us to discuss Last Kind Words Saloon by Larry McMurty. Copies available for checkout at the front desk.
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Aug. 23

Cooking Demo

Noon-1 p.m.
Brown Rice Jambalaya Cooking Demo by Bonnie Box. Suwannee County Extension Office. Bonnie will share recipes that are low-cost, healthy, easy, and tasty.
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Aug. 24

Game Day for Adults

10 a.m.-noon
Bring your favorite board or card game and your friends!
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Aug. 26

Awards Day at Poplar Springs Church

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Educational Awards Day program on August 26 at GPSMB Church at 11 a.m. The types of awards presented are: Humanitarian, Evangelistic and Academic. The motivational speaker will be a native and graduate of Hamilton County schools, Mrs. Verna Jackson Johnson. Dinner will be served at the ceremony.
Pastor: Rev. J.T. (Billy) Simon

Aug. 28

Free Clinic Opening

Shepherd's Hands of Suwannee Valley Free Medical Clinic in Madison, located at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, will be open Tuesday, August 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. St. Mary's is located at 140 NE Horry St. in Madison. 850-973-8338

Aug. 30

SongFarmers Gathering

6 p.m.
Enjoy a musical gathering of musicians with song and acoustic instruments. Musicians welcome!

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Sept. 9-12

Pleasant Grove Baptist Revival

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church will be having a revival with Brother Bill Jenkins from Sept. 9-12. Times will be as follows: Sunday at 6 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. nightly. The church is located at 816 SW CR 351 in Mayo.

Sept. 12-16

Jellystone Park Jam

The Jellystone Park Jam will be hosted from September 12-16 at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Madison. Over two dozen of gospel music's finest talents are scheduled to appear throughout the five-day event. The Jellystone Park Jam is a free event for anyone to attend.

For a complete list of the concert events and times or more information, visit <https://www.jellystoneparkjam.com/home>, call 850-464-0114 or email jellystoneparkjam@gmail.com.

Sept. 16

139th Homecoming at Pleasant Grove Baptist

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church will be celebrating its 139th homecoming on Sept. 16 with an 11:30 a.m. morning service. A covered dish dinner will be held after the service. The church is located at 816 SW CR 351 in Mayo.

Oct. 13

Class of '93 Reunion

Suwannee High School Class of '93, 25th class reunion. Reunion is reserved for October 13, 6 p.m. at the Brown Lantern. Money is due by October 1 and can be sent to 25184 NW 130th Avenue, High Springs, FL 32643. For more information, contact Heidi Day at 386-330-9817 or heididay@windstream.net.

Oct. 13

Annual Fall Festival

Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church's Annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 13, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., located at 145 SW Sweetbreeze Drive, Lake City (386-752-3807) - take US-90 West past Harvey's Supermarket. The festival will feature local vendors, and will also have local bands performing, including Skip Johns and Martin Feagle.

Weekly Meetings

Children's Programs at JKPL

Preschool Storytime - Wednesdays,
10:00-11:00AM
Lego Construction Zone - Wednesdays,
3:00-4:30PM
Movies - Thursdays, 3:00-4:30PM and
Saturdays, 1:00-3:30PM

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 CR 250, Live Oak, 32060 For more information call 305-407-0895. www.LiveOakAA.com

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 Chaplain 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

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TOPS #9798

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
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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. Childcare is provided. Please call the church at 386-362-1583 if you would like to attend.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Janet Elaine Bosserman, deceased, whose date of death was February 13, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is August 15, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
FAMILY FIRST FIRM
/s/ Beth K. Roland
Beth K. Roland
Florida Bar Number: 103674
1212 Mount Vernon Street
Orlando, Florida 32803
Telephone: (407) 574-8125
Fax: (407) 476-1101
E-Mail: beth@familyfirstfirm.com
probate@familyfirstfirm.com

Personal Representative:
Terry Bosserman
3339 216th Street
Lake City, Florida 32024
08/15, 08/22/2018

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

CASE NO.: 2018-CA-000117

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

vs.
Richard W. Pierce a/k/a Richard Pierce; Doris J. Pierce a/k/a Judy

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Pierce: Dove Investment Corp.; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: Richard W. Pierce a/k/a Richard Pierce; LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, 9189 220th Street, O'Brien, FL 32071 and Doris J. Pierce a/k/a Judy Pierce; LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, 9189 220th Street, O'Brien, FL 32071

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendant(s), if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise non sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Suwannee County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

LOT 12, UNIT II, OF FLETCHER SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 322, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MANUFACTURED HOME, YEAR: 2003, MAKE: VALUE TRAILER, VIN#: C02799AGA AND VIN#: C02799BGA.

more commonly known as 9189 220th Street, O'Brien, FL 32071.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GAUCHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the 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.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 6th day of August, 2018.

(Court Seal) Barry Baker
Circuit and County Court

By: /s/ Felicia Flowers
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceed-

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ing, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 173 Northeast Hernando Street, Room 408, Lake City, Florida 32056; (386) 758-2163; adamail@jud3.flcourts.org 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 or voice impaired, call 711. 08/15, 08/22/2018

LIVE OAK HOUSING AUTHORITY 2018 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CO-DEVELOPMENT PARTNER

The Live Oak Housing Authority (LOHA) is requesting qualification statements from experienced developers (Co-Development Partners).

Full scope of services and requirements are outlined in the solicitation package and will be available by contacting LOHA.

To request a copy of the RFQ, please contact: Vickie Hogg, Executive Director at 386-362-2123, or by mail at lopha@windstream.net

All responses to the RFQ must be delivered to the LOHA Main Office located at 406 Webb Drive, NE, Live Oak, FL 32064 by 4:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, August 21, 2018. Responses received after this time will not be accepted. LOHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE) and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or handicapped status in the employment or procurement of services.

The Authority reserves the right to waive any informality in qualifications and to reject any and all qualification statements if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so. 08/03, 08/08, 08/10, 08/15, 08/17/2018

NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AN PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida will conduct a public hearing to consider the repositioning of annual fire protection special assessments for the provision of fire protection services within the boundaries of the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fire Protection Services, which includes all of the unincorporated areas of the County, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and future fiscal years.

The hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on September 6, 2018, at the Judicial Annex Building, 218 Parsley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the County within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office at (386)

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364-3400, at least two (2) days prior to the date of the hearing. The assessment for each parcel of property will be based upon each parcel's classification and the total number of billing units attributed to that parcel. The following table reflects the proposed fire protection assessment schedules.

FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS FOR FY 2018-19 Residential Property Use Categories

Residential \$100.00
Non-Residential Property Use Categories
Non-Residential \$0.12
Land Property Use Categories
Parcel (< 160 acres) \$17.91
Acre (> 160 acres capped at 640) \$0.14

MAXIMUM FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENTS FOR FUTURE FISCAL YEARS Residential Property Use Categories

Residential \$118.00
Non-Residential Property Use Categories
Non-Residential \$0.15
Land Property Use Categories
Parcel (< 160 acres) \$21.32
Acre (> 160 acres capped at 640) \$0.17

Copies of the Master Service Assessment Ordinance, the Amended and Restated Initial Assessment Resolution for Fire Protection Services, the Amended and Restated Final Assessment Resolution, as amended, the Preliminary Rate Resolution and the updated Assessment Roll are available for inspection at the Office of the County Administrator located at 13150 80th Terrace, Live Oak, Florida.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2018, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the County Administrator at (386) 364-3400, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
08/15/2018

NOTICE OF HEARING TO REIMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE SERVICE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida will conduct a public hearing to consider reimposing solid waste special assessments against certain improved residential properties located within the Suwannee County Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Solid Waste Services to fund the cost of solid waste collection and disposal services, facilities and programs provided to such properties for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and future fiscal years, and to authorize collection of such assess-

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ments on the tax bill. The hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on September 6, 2018, at the Judicial Annex Building, 218 Parsley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board within 20 days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's office at (386) 364-3400, at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing.

The assessments will be computed by multiplying the number of dwelling units on each parcel of residential property by the rate of assessment. The rate of assessment for the upcoming fiscal year shall be \$130.00 per dwelling unit. Copies of the Master Service Assessment Ordinance, the Initial Assessment Resolution for Solid Waste Services, as amended, the Final Assessment Resolution for Solid Waste Services, as amended, the Preliminary Rate Resolution, and the updated assessment roll, showing the amount of the assessment to be reimposed against each parcel of property are available for inspection at the office of the County Administrator at 13150 80th Terrace, Live Oak, Florida.

The assessments will be collected on the ad valorem tax bill to be mailed in November 2018, as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions, please contact the County Administrator at (386) 364-3400, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
08/15/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT FOR YEAR 2018 - 78th STREET/76th TERRACE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BENEFIT UNIT

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 at 5:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Judicial Annex Building, 218 Parsley Street Southwest, Live Oak, Florida, to consider adoption of a non-ad valorem assessment roll for Year 2018 to allow the collection of an assessment from property owners who will receive the benefit of improvements to the road to be used for funding the 78th STREET/76th TERRACE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BEN-

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EFIT UNIT. (See map below.) The proposed schedule of the assessment is: \$1.46 Per Linear foot of Road Frontage and \$350.00 Per Parcel Acre. The assessment will be collected by the Suwannee County Tax Collector. All affected property owners have the right to file written objections with the local governing board within 20 days of publication of this notice and have the right to appear at the public hearing.

Randy Harris
County Administrator



08/15/2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. announces the availability of \$350,000 of State Housing Initiative Program Plan funds for Suwannee County, FL for the fiscal year 2018/2019. Application packets are available on our website at srecinc.org, or you may apply in person at the Suwannee County outreach office (1171 Nobles Ferry Road, Building #1, Live Oak) between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. Applications will be accepted beginning September 20, 2018 and will continue to be accepted until the June 30, 2019 or until funds have been exhausted. For additional information please contact Stephanie Barrington, SHIP Director, 386-362-4115, or sbarrington@suwanneec.net 08/15/2018

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 August 3, 2018:

Florida Power and Light Company, 700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, FL 33408 has submitted a transfer of ownership for Water Use Permit 2-121-215882-2 with no change in permitted allocation. This project is located in Township 2S, Range 14E, Section 24, in Suwannee 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 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 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. 08/15/2018

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 242018CA000033CAAXMX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 2000-1

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF KENNETH W. WALPOLE, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS;

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF KENNETH W. WALPOLE, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS-

Last known address- 6004 NW 44th Street, Jennings, FL 32053

Previous address-6004 NW 44th Street, Jennings, FL 32053

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:

A tract of land in Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 12 East, Hamilton County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

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Commence at the Southwest corner of said Section 3, thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes 37 seconds East along the South line of Section 3 a distance of 1073.96 feet; thence North 0 degrees 41 minutes 00 seconds West, 20 feet to the North side of County graded road and the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 0 degrees 41 minutes 00 seconds West, 1295.34 feet to the North side of said County graded road; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 37 seconds West along said graded road, 460.58 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with that certain 2000, 52 x 28, mobile home with Vehicle Identification No.s: FLHMLCB151322460A and FLHMLCB151322460B.

Mobile Home Serial Number(s): FLHMLCB151322460A, FLHMLCB151322460B.

Property address: 6004 NW 44th Street, Jennings, FL 32053

You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Padgett Law Group, whose address is 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, 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.

DATED this the 27th day of July, 2018.

(Court Seal) GREG GODWIN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson
Deputy Clerk
08/09, 08/16/2018

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE #: 2017-CA-000027

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Plaintiff,

vs.

Olilie Renee Benson a/k/a Renee Benson; Unknown Spouse of Olilie Renee Benson a/k/a Renee Benson; Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Creditors and Lienors of Mary Evelyn Curry, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: Allen Curry; LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, 3428 Dorchester Drive, Bedford, TX 76021 and Unknown Spouse of Allen Curry; LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 3428 Dorchester Drive, Bedford, TX 76021

Residence unknown, if living including any unknown spouse of said Defendants, if either has remarried and if

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either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Hamilton County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

LOT 58, TIMBERLAKE LANDING SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 81-82, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MANUFACTURED HOME, YEAR: 2004, MAKE: FLEETWOOD, VIN#: GAFL407A51983F221 AND VIN#: GAFL407B51983F221.

more commonly known as 6126 Northwest 37th Drive, Jennings, FL 32053.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GAUCHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the 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.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 26th day of July, 2018.

(Court Seal) Greg Godwin
Circuit and County Courts

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in

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order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 173 Northeast Hernando Street, Room 408, Lake City, Florida 32056; (386) 758-2163; adamail@jud3.flcourts.org 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 or voice impaired, call 711. 08/16, 08/23/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jason Valinsky, 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.: 633
Issued May 31, 2016

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Parcel No. 4676-000
Section 8 Township 1N
Range 11E S-282 Lot 282

NAME(S) IN WHICH ASSESSED:
Willard H. Cassidy

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, August 30, 2018.

Pursuant to Chapter 197.542(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

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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
07/26, 08/02, 08/09, 08/16/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, August 21, 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. 08/16/2018

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PUBLIC AUCTION

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

Date: 08/27/2018
Time: 8:00 A.M.

2015 HYUN
VIN: 5NPE24AF1FH202271

1996 HOND
VIN: 1HGCE6678TA017392

2002 HYUN
VIN: KMHND45D92U457015

2003 CHRY
VIN: 3CAFY58BX3T639452

2007 MACK
VIN: 1M2AL02CX7M006535
08/16/2018

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AGENDA LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP, AUGUST 21, 2018

TO: Lafayette County School Board
FROM: Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: School Board Workshop, August 21, 2018 in the School Board Administration Building beginning at 5:00 p.m.
 =====
 The purpose of this workshop is to discuss school safety 08/16/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File Number 2018-CP-24

IN RE: ESTATE OF SAMUEL W. COBEAN,

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of SAMUEL W. COBEAN, deceased, whose date of death was June 2, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lafayette County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 88, Mayo, Florida 32066. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal

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representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 16, 2018.

/s/ James A. Barks
 JAMES A. BARKS, Attorney
 Florida Bar No. 197564

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Attorney for Personal Representative BARKS LAW FIRM
 1120 W. First Street, Suite B
 Sanford, Florida 32771
 Jim@BarksLawFirm.com
 (407) 321-1224

/s/ Jo Cobean Simonini
 JO COBEAN SIMONINI
 Personal Representative
 115390 Moonraker Court, #409
 North Ft. Myers, Florida 33917
 08/16, 08/23/2018

FIND IT IN THE LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting **Tuesday, August 21, 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. 08/16/2018

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. announces the availability of \$350,000 of State Housing Initiative Program Plan funds for Lafayette County, FL for the fiscal year 2018/2019. Application packets are available on our website at sreinc.org, or you may apply in person at the Lafayette County outreach office (114 SW Community Circle, Mayo) between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. Applications will be accepted beginning September 20, 2018 and will continue to be accepted until the June 30, 2019 or until funds have been exhausted. For additional information please contact Stephanie Barrington, SHIP Director, 386-362-4115, or sbarrington@suwanneec.net 08/16/2018

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK METAL BUILDING

I. INTRODUCTION
 Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners is requesting written proposals from qualified construction firms to provide professional At-Risk Construction Management Services for the budgeting and construction phase on the proposed for Lafayette County Industrial Park Metal Building with an **estimated** budget of \$750,000 or less.

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II. It is Lafayette County's intention to employ the Construction Firm to provide overall Project Construction Management, Cost Benefit Studies, Information Management, Construction Contract Management, Claims Management and Technical Inspection during the Construction on a cost plus a fee basis, with a guaranteed maximum price.

III. PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION:
 Proposal Submissions: Submit five (5) copies of a written proposal no later than **12:00 PM on August 23, 2018** to:

Steve Land
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Lafayette County
 PO Box 88
 Mayo, Florida 32066

For questions pertaining to the building contact:

Brian Yarbrough
 Clemons, Rutherford, and Associates
 2027 Thomasville Rd.
 Tallahassee, FL 32308
 850-385-6153

Proposals must be responsive to the requirements and questions of the Request for Proposal.

Reservations: Lafayette County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to negotiate changes in the scope of work or services to be provided, and to otherwise waive any

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technicalities or informalities.

Method of Selection: Proposals will be reviewed and a recommendation will be made by the Selection Committee to Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners on the basis of proposals. Upon acceptance of the recommendation by LCBC, negotiations or bids will or may be entertained.

Please respond by including but not limiting your response to the following:

1. Company name and length of time in business.
2. Company location.
3. Bonding capability and name of bonding company.
4. Insurance carrier and applicable coverage.
5. Qualifications of staff to be utilized on these projects with names, resumes, length of time with firm and previous clients served.
6. Names of five (5) previous clients within the past 5 years with phone numbers and contact person.
7. Description of previous experience, with Lafayette County and emphasis on understanding of similar local trades and projects.
8. Company organizational chart with reference to this project.

The Construction selection will be made on the proposals received. There will be no preselections. 08/09, 08/16/2018

Hall

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excitement went through the roof.

"And so from January until now, these guys have gotten after it. Best spring so far since I've been here."

Hall expressed his gratitude to members of the Rotary Club and the entire community for helping support the team. Whether it's volunteering to cook food for the team or inquiring about equipment needs, Hall said he constantly receives calls from people in the community who want to help.

"We have it better than anybody else. In the community, so many people want to reach out and serve and support our football team and our young men," Hall said. "That means the world to me knowing that we have the type of people in this

community that want to support the program."

The third-year SHS head coach and former Florida State safety discussed some of the changes coming to the field this season. Those changes should make Bulldog football even more exciting this year.

"We're a no-huddle offense. Everything is signaled in. Everything is fast," Hall said. "It puts defenses in a bind."

"With our personnel on offense, we can go from empty set with no running backs, to a two-back set, tightend set, trips, doubles — we can go multiple formations and never have to change personnel on the field. Hopefully give defenses a lot of fits."

The changes won't only be on offense.

"Defensively, we'll work with a 3-4. We're going to stunt and blitz and bring people from all directions," Hall said. "It should be exciting."

Hornets

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Friday. That game should tell a lot about both teams while providing a glimpse into a possible playoff matchup.

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from last season. Demondre Evans had good speed as a kick returner and Brantley Roberson was a dangerous punt returner. Standout running back Carlton Hall looks to fill in as a returner.

Branford — Punter: David Brink, Dakota Hamm, Kicker: Trevin White, Return man: CJ Pepper

Cameron Noling was Branford's punter last season and signed to play college football as a punter. Noling helped Branford gain an advantage in field posi-

While the expectations are extremely high, Lafayette still has a lot to prove. LHS needs someone to step up as a second receiver. The offensive line will have to learn on the fly with five new starters.

Coach

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tion by averaging almost 40 yards per punt. David Brink and Dakota Hamm are Branford's punters this season.

Senior CJ Pepper is a quick and elusive as a returner.

Lafayette — Kicker, Punter: Jaxson Beach, Kicker for kickoffs: Christian Negrete, Punt and kick returners: Ben Massey, Malik Jennings

Quarterback Jaxson Beach will also handle the kicking and punting duties. With him lining up as a punter, opposing defenses have to be on alert on fourth downs. Beach, who also plays soccer, was accurate last sea-

son on extra points and field goals. Christian Negrete will kickoff for LHS.

Ben Massey is a big threat on both punt and kick returns.

Coach

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Hamilton County — Punter: Melvin Brown, Kicker: Julio Celez, Return man: Keyvon Webb

Running back/quarterback/defensive back Keyvon Webb will have the ball in his hands plenty, including returns.

Linebacker/RB/wide receiver Melvin Brown can do a lot of different things. Punting is one of them. He returns to the position for the third straight season.

26. If the Hornets make the playoffs, they will have a bye week before the start of the post-season and time to prepare.

Branford and Suwannee teams previews will be in Friday's Suwannee Democrat.

Trojans

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from Week 4 to Week 8 that will determine if Hamilton County can turn things around or if it will post a similar record to last

season's 1-9 mark. The Trojans have some winnable games against Class 1A opponents during that five-week run.

Senior Melvin Brown leads the way for HCHS. He'll play at running back, wide receiver, linebacker and punter. RB/DB

Keyvon Webb will be another important player on both sides of the ball.

Defensive end Brantley Hawkins will key the defense.

Hamilton travels to Union County on Friday for its Kickoff Classic game.

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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9	1	8	4	3	6	7	2	5
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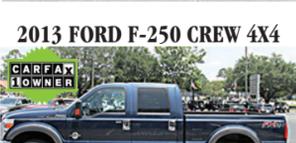
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