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2009

A look back

Staff

What a year. A spring flood that wasn't as bad as feared, but still caused terrible damage. A cold-blooded murder that's still unsolved. A man convicted of killing his own child.

But there was good news as well. County schools excelled yet again. Local fourth graders led the state in math on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test and the district as a whole earned an "A" from the state. Expansion at Mayo Correctional Institution led to the creation of 169 new jobs.

We had time for some fun, too. Pioneer Day was a treat, and the Christmas Parade, held a week late because of the weather, inspired us all - as always.

Here's a look back at 2009, month by month.

JANUARY

Canceled Pilgrim's growers face huge losses

Local poultry producers whose contracts with Pilgrim's Pride have been - or soon will be - canceled, gathered at a local farm to assess their options. Little came of the meeting in terms of an organized response, but a picture emerged of financial loss and potential ruin for many of the growers, some of whom have sizable mortgages on chicken houses that now sit empty.

136 RV sites OK'd by commission

The Lafayette County Commission approved a special exception for 136 RV sites for the Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort and Campground. Owners Frank and Susie Page will proceed with the purchase of 19 acres adjacent to the Rendezvous for the new sites.

FEBRUARY

Hornets hit the jackpot

Four Lafayette football players signed to play col-



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lege ball: Jamal Reid (University of Miami); Casey Brewer (Army); Shyler Morgan (Bethune Cookman); and Sergio Perez (Troy University).

highest score in the state. Again.



The MCI annex during construction. - Photo: Florida Department of Corrections

MARCH

CodeRED makes its debut

Lafayette County Emergency Management has contracted with Emergency Communications Network, Inc., of Ormond Beach, for its CodeRED high-speed telephone emergency notification services. The CodeRED system gives county officials the ability to deliver pre-recorded emergency telephone notification/information messages to targeted areas or the entire county at a rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour.

APRIL

LAFAYETTE HIT HARD

10 homes destroyed in flood; 19 suffer major damage

A total of 240 Lafayette County homes were affected by flood conditions, according to figures released by the State Emergency Response Team. Ten homes were destroyed, 19 suffered major damage, 166 sustained minor damage and 45 were inaccessible.



The Suwannee didn't reach the bottom of the Hal W. Adams Bridge, but it got close. - Photo: Vanessa Fultz

MAY

We're #2 - again

Fourth graders at Lafayette Elementary School have done it again. The students scored a 4.3 out of 6 on the writing portion of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test. That's not only two tenths of a point higher than last year, it's tied for second

JUNE

4th-graders lead state in FCAT math

Lafayette County fourth graders led the state in math on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, with 86 percent scoring at grade level or above, an 8 percent increase over last year.

An 'A' for Lafayette

The Lafayette County school district received a grade of "A" this year for the first time in the past five years. Lafayette Elementary School received an "A" while the high school received a "B."

JULY

Burglary ring had broad reach, say police

Nearly a month ago, four Dixie County men were arrested in connection with a burglary ring that may have hit 100 or more homes in Lafayette, Suwannee, Columbia, Taylor, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, Madison and Hamilton counties. However, according to Third Circuit Assistant State Attorney Karen Hatton, the alleged crime spree is more widespread than originally thought. Homes from Tampa to Georgia may have been struck as well, said Hatton.

MCI annex brings 169 new jobs

An expansion at Mayo Correctional Institution increased the prison's capacity by 1,300 and, more importantly, created 169 new positions at the facility.

Man shot dead in Day

Thomas Ernest Horton of Day was said to be carrying several thousand dollars in his jeans pocket when was



Onlookers gather at the scene of a murder Friday morning in Day. - Photo: Stephenie Livingston

leaving for work early on a Friday morning, money he planned to spend on a new home for his wife of 36 years, who was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer. Horton, 57, was shot to death and robbed just yards from his front door. He fell dead at about 6 a.m. as he approached the cab of a semi truck he drove for a Branford firm.

AUGUST

Man convicted of baby's murder

A Lafayette County jury found Jeffrey D. Ray guilty of murder in the 2006 death of his infant daughter, Bailea Leeann Ray.

Ray had little visible reaction when the verdicts were read by Clerk of Court Ricky Lyons at the county courthouse.

The jury, which began deliberations around 4 p.m. and continued into the evening, found Ray guilty of first-degree murder and aggravated child abuse.

SEPTEMBER

Life in prison for murder of 'Baby Bailea'

Jeffrey Daniel Ray of Mayo has been sentenced to life in prison without parole for the 2006 murder of his infant daughter, two-month-old Bailea Leeann Ray. Ray also received 15 years for aggravated child abuse. Ray was convicted of first degree murder and aggravated child abuse during

a trial last month at the Lafayette County Courthouse.

OCTOBER

PIONEER DAY 2009

Mozeeta and Jr. Buchanan named & Granny & Pappy



Mozeeta and Jr. Buchanan cut the cake (see close up, right) after being sworn in as Granny and Pappy for Pioneer Day 2009. - Photo: Staff



2009-10 Homecoming Queen Shelby Hart (right) and 2008-09 Miss LHS Meggan Walker. - Photo: Paul Buchanan - SuwanneeSports.com

LHS homecoming queen crowned Shelby Hart takes the honors

This year's Lafayette High School Homecoming was a huge success. Throughout

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CHURCH NEWS

Heart Matters

Happy New Year!! Now I know that lots of folks enjoy their Christmas lights and decorations until after New Years, and don't get me wrong...no one enjoys Christmas more than me, but the day after...I'm ready for that tree to come down. Even as a little girl I remember going back to our Christmas tree after the presents were opened and the family celebration was over. That tree seemed so sad standing there all alone...

Maybe that's because I like moving forward. After Christmas, I immediately start anticipating the fresh clean pages of the New Year's calendar. Depending on how you look at it, those pages can represent days full of dread and demands or they can shine with possibility

and opportunities! The Bible records the Apostle Paul saying it best: "...I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me...but one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14)

In realizing that God has a plan and purpose for our lives, we should understand that He has called us to participate with Him in bringing that purpose to reality. Paul says we have to "press on" or keep moving forward to fulfill that plan. Then he gives us instruction on how to do just that: Forgetting what is behind doesn't mean that we should not

remember our past...only God can intentionally forget anything. What it does mean is that the past shouldn't take priority over the present and future. Too many of us struggle continually with the hurt and failures of the past and can't seem to move ahead in forgiveness, or on to success. Or maybe we dwell on the past because we believe they were our best days, and the rest of our years will pale in comparison and they absolutely will as long as we choose to stay behind.

God's desire is for us to give the present and future our energy, our hope and our faith that His plan for us will be "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us." (Ephesians 3:20) The abundant life that Christ offers is not a destination, but a journey...and to find it, we keep moving forward until we reach that "heavenward" home.

The second part of the instruction is just as important; we need to pay special attention to "straining toward what is ahead." Webster's dictionary defines "strain" as "to struggle; to make a desperate effort." This is our first clue that pressing on and moving forward will not always be an easy thing to do. "Easy" often means staying right in that same comfortable spot-it may



Angie Land

not even be a great spot, but at least we know what to expect! We have the choice: we can do "easy" and spend the rest of our lives wondering what we missed, or we can start making that intentional effort to find and live in the purpose for which God planned our whole life.

I hope so much that you will grab those fresh pages of a 2010 calendar and see them as brand new opportunities to be everything that God created you to be...because your heart really does matter!

Blessings for an amazing New Year! 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

OBITUARIES

Martha Melinda Lewis Martha Melinda Lewis, age 52, passed away on Sunday, December 20, 2009 at Shands at University of Florida. She was born in Tampa, FL, and was the daughter of Jesse Elmore and Mary Anna Gaskins. Coming from South Carolina she had lived in Mayo for the past 3 months. She worked as a restaurant cook. She enjoyed fishing, cooking, yard sales and flea markets.

Survived by her husband, James Lewis of Hartsville, S.C., (2) sons; Joe Gaskins of Perry, FL, Chad Elmore of Mayo, FL, (3) daughters; Lena Floyd of Live Oak, FL, Melinda Gaskin of Mayo, FL, Sonja Tallman of Hartsville, SC, (3) brothers; James Elmore of Port Mayka, FL, Floyd Elmore of Mayo, FL, Mike Elmore of Palm City, FL, (6) sisters: Darlene Richardson of Mayo, FL, Brenda Fillyaw of Mayo, FL, Diane Debenbittow of Stuart, FL, Betty Toler, Alice Sippers and Suzie Hickman, all of Okeechobee, FL, numerous grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral Services were held at Joe P. Burns Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at 2 P.M. with Bro. Charlie Walker officiating. Interment followed at Bethel Cemetery. Family received friends on Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Burns Mayo Chapel.

You may sign the guestbook at: www.joepburnsfuneralhomes.com

Norman Webb Mr. Norman Webb, 77, a resident of Mayo, passed away on Dec. 17, 2009.

Mr. Webb was a native and lifelong resident of Mayo, born June 25, 1932 to Mr. Delmer Webb and the former Mrs. Thelma McMullen Webb. He was of the Baptist faith and a member of Mayo Baptist Church, he enjoyed the outdoors and particularly enjoyed spending time fishing. He was preceded in death by a son Michael Webb and is survived by his wife of 57 years Elmyra Price Webb; son David and his wife Mary Webb; 2 brothers: Jimmy and Roger Webb; 1 sister, Vera Shiver and a granddaughter Brandi Webb.

A visitation for Mr. Webb was held on Sunday, December 20, 2009 from 2-3 at Mayo Baptist Church with the funeral service beginning at 3 a.m. with Bro. Jimmy Legg officiating. Interment followed at Pleasant Grove cemetery. Joe P. Burns Funeral Home was in charge of all arrangements.

New Year's Eve Sing at Walker Creek Bethel Baptist Church

New Year's Eve Sing, at Walker Creek Bethel Baptist Church, New Year's Eve Night, 8 p.m., featuring The Carter's and The McCormick Family. Come join us for worship, refreshments will follow the sing.

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AIRLINE BAPTIST CHURCH (SBC).....294-2676 Pastor.....Chip Parker Youth Pastor.....Orry Agner Sunday.....9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:30 p.m. Wednesday.....6:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper.....6:00 p.m. AWANA & Bible Study.....6:30 p.m. Located Four Miles East of Mayo on Highway 27 "O Come Let us Worship The Lord" Ps. 95:6 500981-F

Methodist Church Phone: 386-294-1661 MAYO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Located SE corner of Hwy. 27 & FL 51 Mayo Pastor: Rev. Connie Steele Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. "The Friendly Mayo Methodist" 500991-F

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor.....Rev. Charlie Walker Sunday Early Service.....8:30 a.m. Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training.....6:00 p.m. Evening Worship.....7:00 p.m. Wed. Visitation.....5:00 p.m. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. Mission Classes.....7:00 p.m. Located Two Miles North of Mayo Off Highway 51 "Come And Hear, All Ye That Fear God" Ps. 66:16 500995-F

New Beginnings Church a place for you Pastor.....Wayne Hudson Phone Number.....386-294-1244 newbeginningschurch@alltel.net Purpose Statement: New Beginnings exists to provide an environment where people can discover and develop a passion for God that is Real, relevant, and relational. New Location: 163 W. Main Street, Suite 500 Service Schedule: Sun. Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m. At New Beginnings there's always "a place for you." www.newbeginningschurchmayo.com 500992-F

ALTON CHURCH OF GOD.....294-3133 Pastor.....Rev. Tim Hamm Youth Pastor.....Chad Morrin Music Director.....Blanche Perry Children's Pastor.....Ryan & Tiffany Perry Sunday School.....9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service/K.I.D.S. Church.....10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Family Night Youth Club Church.....7:00 p.m. Wednesday State Road 27 500983-F

MAYO BAPTIST CHURCH.....(386)294-1020 916 N. Fletcher Ave. Pastor: Brother Jimmy Legg Interim Music.....Kathy Palamino Sunday Schedule Bible Study.....9:45 A.M. Worship Service.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Night Service.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Night Schedule Supper.....6:00 P.M. Prayer Service & Youth & Children Meeting.....7:00 P.M. mayobaptistchurch@alltel.net 500993-F

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH (SBC).....294-1306 Pastor.....Todd Babione Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. Wednesday Discipleship Training.....7:00 p.m. Evening Training.....6:00 p.m. Seven miles West of Mayo, left on CR 534 then right on 350A -- Jesus Saves -- 500996-F

BETHEL HOLY CHURCH.....294-1932 "Affiliated with Mt. Sinai Holy Churches of America Inc." Pastor.....Elder Carolyn Demps Sunday School.....11:00 a.m. Worship Service.....12:00 p.m. Thursday Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. 357 Pine Street "Membership means Discipleship" 500985-F

MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH.....935-4993 Pastor: Danny Rogers Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training.....5:00 p.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. Located on County Road 354 "For If Ye Forgive Men Their Trespasses Your Heavenly Father Will Also Forgive You" Matt. 6:14 500994-F

NEW HARMONY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 160th St. (Go south on 51 to 160th, turn right) Pastor: Stan Posey Phone (386) 776-1806 SUNDAY Sunday Worship.....9:30 am Bible Study.....10:30 am WEDNESDAY Women's Bible Study.....10:00 am 566209-F

HATCHBEND APOSTOLIC CHURCH.....935-2806 Pastor.....Rev. Steve Boyd Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Wednesday Service.....7:30 p.m. Located 4 miles South on Hwy. 349, then left on CR 138, follow signs. 500987-F

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Contact Number in Mayo (386) 294-1839 Sr. Warden.....Eva Bolton Celebration of Holy Eucharist at 7:00 PM each Wednesday to be followed by light refreshments and Christian Education. Located One Block North of the Courthouse in Mayo. 516005

Hatch Bend Baptist Church Pastor Paul A. Coleman 935-0943 Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening.....7:00 p.m. 3029 S.E. CR 500 566212-F

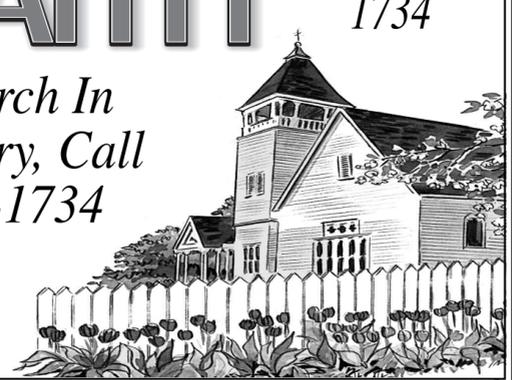
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Legendary Naomi and the Segos to appear in Madison



A gospel music spectacular will be taking place at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Madison on Saturday, January 2, 2010, featuring gospel music legend Naomi and the Segos. The concert is free admission, but a love offering will be received during the concert.

Originally known as The Sego Brothers and Naomi, this group began gaining exposure in the late 1950's. James Sego, along with his wife Naomi and brothers W.R. and Lamar, hosted a popular television program on WMAZ-TV in Macon, Ga. It was during this time they traveled to Nashville, Tenn. and recorded their first hit that would gain them national recognition, "Is My Lord Satisfied With Me." However, superstardom came in 1962 when The Sego Brothers and Naomi became the first group in history to record and sell one million records with the song, "Sorry, I Never Knew You." The rest of the 1960's saw them touring the globe with many other hit songs. During the 1970's their popularity increased with performances on the popular TV show "The Gospel Singing Jubilee." Perhaps one of their biggest songs came along during that time as they enjoyed the

success of the chart topper "Hallelujah Square."

The late 1970's saw tragedy as well as success. In 1979, James Sego, Naomi's husband, passed away. During the 1980's Naomi continued to travel and record. She remarried, to a Texas evangelist named Vernon Reader, and the group underwent a name change to Naomi and The Segos. Vernon passed away in October of 1998.

Now, in their 5th decade of Gospel Music ministry, this group continues to press forward for the cause of Christ. Traveling some 200 dates a year all over the United States and Canada, the message of this group remains strong and powerful. Perhaps it is each group members own personal experience with God that continues to drive their excellence in performance and ministry. Naomi and The Segos is a legendary name in Gospel Music. With their traditional sounds, musical excellence, and sincerity, they produce a message that will lead people to Christ.

Naomi and the Segos consists of Naomi Sego Reader, Scott Spangler, Jerry Gill and Bryant Thigpen.

For more information, please call (850) 464-0114.



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While still working as a mental health counselor I often asked, "Do you remember the cartoon character Dudley Do-right?" And whether they remembered the character or not they were reminded that the important thing was to "DO RIGHT." It is too bad someone hadn't given this advice to Tiger Woods, if they had and he followed the advice, he wouldn't have been in the position he is in today, his beautiful family on the brink of failure, his privacy a matter of the scandal sheets all over the world. And for what, a few hours of sordid pleasure when he was out of his wife's sight brought on by fame and fortune! When a person does wrong he/she will have skeletons in the closet that may jump out when they least expect it.

Even in my opinion he had a squeaky clean image and I am not even a big golf fan, but from what I did see of him in the news, etc. I was disappointed when all of these skeletons emerged from his closet apparently all that's done in Vegas does not stay in Vegas!

You won't experience a good, happy, life until you get right with God and live according to His Word. You've got to start at the beginning, you must realize that, like Tiger Woods, you are a sinner. The Bible says,

DO RIGHT

"For ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," (Romans 3:23), There is no one free of guilt, no one that can say, "I don't sin," or "I've never sinned!" And because you have sinned you are going to die, be separated from your loved ones - "For the WAGES of sin is DEATH;" (Romans 6:23a). "Death" simply means "separation." Physical death is separation from your loved ones. Spiritual death is eternal separation from God, the ultimate death; that you deserve because you have sinned against a righteous God!

But God commendeth (has shown) his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, CHRIST DIED FOR US. (Romans 5:8). You see the wages of sin is death, someone had to pay the price and that is exactly why Jesus came. He exhibited His love for you by taking your sin debt and going to the cross to pay your debt and now he wants to give you a gift. Above we saw the first half of Romans 6:23, the rest of the verse goes on to say, "...but the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Notice, ETERNAL LIFE IS A GIFT! If you had to earn it it would be a wage; something you had earned, like "death" the wages of sin but you don't get it by anything you do. All you do, basically is by believing and receiving it. "...if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine

heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:9-13). If you will believe, trusting the Lord to save your soul, and call upon His name, the Bible says you will be saved! Jesus said, "...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3). The point at which you are born again is when you call

upon the Lord, trusting Him to save you, and then you can accept His promise and say, "I know when I die I will go to heaven," based on scripture. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may KNOW that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." (I John 5:11-13).

Knowing your destiny provides a peace that you can not imagine. It doesn't solve all of your problems but makes you want to live close enough to Him to please Him, to want to

"DO RIGHT."

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Lafayette County cousins to perform in Alamo Bowl Halftime Show

Lafayette County cousins Katie Jackson and Shelbi McCall will be performing as feature twirlers in the Valero Alamo Bowl Halftime Show in San Antonio, Texas. They were both selected as All Star Performers during the Marching Auxiliaries Majorette Camp, held in July 2009 at the University of Florida.

The girls were invited to participate in several events throughout the year including the Macy's Day Parade & Fiesta Bowl. The girls will have the opportunity to work with the world renowned choreographer Michael Lemanski, accredited for such productions as the Super Bowl, Gator Bowl and Orange Bowl. Michael Lemanski has also worked with three well known productions on Broadway that include Wicked, Phantom of the Opera, and Hairspray.

The Alamo Bowl will



Shelbi McCall and Katie Jackson

be televised on ESPN, January 2, at 8 p.m. Central Time. This year the Alamo Bowl will host Michigan State vs. Texas Tech. The 2010 game will mark the first time the game will be played in January. It is expected to receive a crowd of approximately 50,000 peo-

ple in attendance, ranking one the largest attended bowl games due to the long New Year's weekend.

Katie is the daughter of Brack and Kelly Jackson of Mayo, Florida. She is a 2nd year Lafayette High School Majorette. Shelbi is the daughter of

Carson and Sharon McCall of Mayo, Florida. She is a student at Ruth Rains Middle School, and is a 2nd year feature twirler for the Dixie County Band. Both girls have been twirling since a young age and are looking forward to their trip to the Alamo.

Madison Annelle Chamberlain birth announcement



Joey and Samantha Chamberlain of Lake City joyfully announce the birth of their daughter, Madison Annelle, on December 2, 2009 at 1:35 p.m. Madison weighed 7 pounds and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Randy and Robin Smith of Mayo. Paternal grandparents are Joe and Sharon Chamberlain of Live Oak.

Maternal great-grandparents are Herman and Helen Shaw and Harold and Jeanette Smith, all of Mayo. Paternal great grandparents are Elizabeth Chamberlain and the late Joseph Chamberlain of Fort Belvoir, Virginia and the late William and Gertrude Stancil of Jacksonville.

WINGS in North Florida

Workforce has been awarded a \$130,360 grant from Workforce Florida, Inc. through their Workforce Innovative New Generation Solutions (WINGS). These funds will address the needs of improving broadband/telecommunications access in the North Central Florida Rural Area of Critical Concern (RACEC) which includes Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor

and Union Counties.

Because there has been little demand for broadband related occupations in the North Central Florida RACEC region, there currently is not a talent pipeline which may be quickly tapped into as work begins throughout the state and nation to build the broadband infrastructure being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The Broadband Education and Training Assistance (BETA), seeks to remedy this shortcom-

ing and create a talent pool for the broadband industry which can be tapped into by those employers contracted to install and maintain the broadband access throughout this RACEC.

Through a partnership with North Florida Community College's Workforce Education Department, 15 individuals will receive training to become Fiber Optic Installers. Training will take place in 2010. For more information, contact Workforce at (866)-212-9618.

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70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Joneses

Lavater "Pat" and Elton Jones of Lake City are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary.

They were married December 20, 1939, in Hatch Bend Community in Lafayette County.

She is former Lavater "Pat" Grambling. Their sons are Carlos Jones, Jerald Jones and Gene Jones, all of Jacksonville, Fla.

The Joneses have seven grandchildren, all married, and three great-grandchildren.



Elton and Lavater "Pat" Jones

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Proclamation for 3rd of January 2010 as a Day of Repentance and Prayer for the Southern Nation

Southerners! We have sinned against Almighty God.

Submitted

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We have not worshipped the one true God alone, but have trusted in false gods. We have raised up idols of self, entertainment, indulgence, sport, riches, and especially the state. We have not hallowed the name of God in the world or in ourselves, turning the name "Christian" into a by-word for hypocrisy. Trusting in our own powers and schemes to prosper us, we have cultivated a spirit of rebellion at home, in church, and in civil government. We have not protected life but have built a culture of death, even sacrificing our own children. We have abandoned purity, overthrown honorable marriage, and followed shameful lusts in heart and deed. We have not upheld truth but have cravenly succumbed to a culture of falsehood. We have embraced envy as a way of life and have used the coercive machinery of the state to despoil our neighbor. Even when we have not committed these sins ourselves, we have consented to them by

cowardly silence. There is no health in us. We have fallen away from the God who is our only refuge and strength, the God whose Providence made us into a separate and distinct People. We have spurned the covenant He made with our fathers and forgotten His mercies to us from time immemorial unto this day. Our only hope in this day of growing distress and darkness is for God's merciful interposition. That blessing must be preceded by a spirit of true repentance, whereby we cry out to Him to revive us by His Holy Spirit and to renew toward us His boundless mercies of old. THEREFORE in humble dependence and trust upon Almighty God, We the Delegates of the Fourteen Southern States, in Congress assembled, September 12, 2009 in Delta, Alabama, do hereby proclaim Sunday, the 3rd of January 2010 as a day of repentance and intercessory prayer for the Southern Nation. We call upon the Governors, Legislatures, and Congregations of the Southern States to join us in proclaiming in their respective States and ob-

serving the appointed day of repentance and prayer for the Southern Nation. Mindful of the promises made unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord, we hereby urge and invite the clergy and people of the Southern states to implore the blessing of Almighty God upon our Southland, encouraging our fellow Southerners "to stand before the Lord on that day, with public humiliation, fasting, and prayer, to deplore our many sins, to offer up our joint supplications to God for forgiveness." Let us beseech the Holy Lord God, whose Law we have broken and whose wrath we justly deserve, to convert the hearts of our enemies as well as our People. Let us together humbly supplicate "the Supreme Ruler of the world that the rod of tyrants may be broken to pieces, and the op-

pressed made free again." Let us pray that He will hasten the time when all conflicts with their sufferings and sorrows shall cease; that He will secure to us the restoration of peace and prosperity, and having recovered us to obedience in His service, that He will give our beloved Southland once again a name and place among the nations of the earth, to His honor and glory. Adopted September 12, 2009 by the Second Southern National Congress at Delta, Alabama and ordered to be proclaimed to the People of the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. For more information on The Southern National Congress: <http://southernnationalcongress.org>

Year-round landscape irrigation rule takes effect Jan. 6

Starting Jan. 6, all homeowners and others within the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) will be asked to limit landscape irrigation to one or two days per week, depending upon the time of the year. For the first time ever, the District is implementing a year-round water conservation rule that applies to residential landscaping, public or commercial recreation areas, and public and commercial businesses that aren't regulated by a District-issued permit. In the past, the District has enacted only short-term voluntary restrictions in response to drought conditions. Jon Dinges, the District's director of resource management, said the new requirement will help address water needs within the District. "Water supply is a statewide issue," Dinges said. "We all must do our part to conserve." Unlike other areas of the state where irrigation schedules are set according to addresses, water users in the SR-WMD will be allowed to set their own schedules as follows: Choose one day per week to water landscapes during Eastern Standard Time, which begins the first Sunday in November; choose two days per

week during Daylight Savings Time, beginning the second Sunday in March. In both cases, irrigation should not occur between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Newly planted landscapes may be watered more frequently for 60 days following planting. "Reducing landscape irrigation and watering more efficiently helps us make the most of our resources and it reduces irrigation costs," Dinges said. Those who wish to deviate from the water conservation rule must apply for a water use permit. The requirement is part of the District's new water use permitting rules. In addition to water conservation for landscape irrigation, the new rules require anyone applying for a water use permit to implement a water conservation plan. Dinges said only new permit applicants are required to adopt a conservation plan; existing permit holders must adhere to their current permits. The new water use rules will be posted on the District's website as of Jan. 6. Go to www.mysuwanneeriver.com/rulesandregs and click on 40B-2. For more information contact Linda Welch, rules coordinator, at 386.362.1001.

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Church with the Carters



Kenny Hart Jr. and his mother, Janice Hart, recently attended church with Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter in Plains, Ga. The former President teaches Sunday School there, and the public is invited to attend. The Harts had to be cleared by Secret Service agents before entering the church. But once they got inside and the service began, God's presence really began to be felt, and it was awesome. Inside there were two big TV cameras like we were on TV. In front of the church was about a half-mile of cotton fields. It felt like we'd been to Grandpa's farm and went to church with them.



Lafayette Elementary performs Christmas Program at PTO meeting



Kindergarten singing at PTO



Mrs. Elouise Greene & Matt Swain



Mrs. Beach



Maria Wimberley speaking with Kindergarten about Christmas in Mexico



Mrs. Fike



Mrs. Becky Long's Class Gingerbread houses



Mrs. Guyton

During the PTO meeting on December 7, the Kindergarten classes at Lafayette Elementary School performed their Christmas program. The students sang many beautiful Christmas songs, and the students and parents enjoyed goodies to eat provided by PTO.

Also during the month of December, Kindergarten studied "Christmas around the World." The countries we studied were Mexico, Israel,

Germany, and the U.S.A. For each country, we read books and discussed traditions for each country.

Maria Wimberley talked to the students about Christmas in Mexico. We were able to try some delicious foods from Mexico. Thanks to the following parents for helping to prepare food: Noma Molina, Teresa Escamilla, Socorro Garcia, Eudoxia Live, Juana Cedillo, Julia Cedillo, and Adela Monroy.

Yolanda Nunez sang wonderful Hispanic Christmas songs with the students. The kindergartners had a wonderful time.

For Germany, the students made gingerbread houses. The students had a great time making them.

Elouise Greene came and spoke with the kindergartners about Hanukkah. The students enjoyed listening to how the kids celebrate and the games that the children play. Each child was able to play with a dreidel and get a piece of chocolate wrapped in gold and silver wrappers.

On Thursday, December 18, the Kindergarten classes went to Oak Ridge and Lafayette Health Care to sing Christmas songs.

A special thanks to everyone who helped out with our Christmas around the World unit.

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FAMILY FEATURES

It's not as hard as you might think to make heart healthy food choices that are still irresistibly good. Dr. Richard Collins, The Cooking Cardiologist and director of wellness at South Denver Cardiology Associates, says that supporting one's heart may be as simple as learning which foods promote heart health and how to incorporate them into regular meals.

"A lot of people think being heart healthy requires a whole lifestyle overhaul, which may be a key deterrent, particularly for adults who are set in their ways," Collins said. "There are many easy steps you can take to help support heart health — from substituting ingredients in recipes to choosing the right beverages and making the most of the activities you already enjoy. Many heart healthy steps can be relatively quick and easy to incorporate and don't have to break your budget."

For example, 100 percent orange juice is a refrigerator staple that may help support heart health. It can even go beyond the breakfast table — one cup added to your favorite salad dressing, smoothie or marinade is an easy and delicious way to incorporate the beverage's nutrients into your meals.

"The orange juice that starts many Americans' mornings provides nutrients such as potassium, which may help maintain healthy blood pressure and promote heart health," Collins said.

The Cooking Cardiologist has easy ways to make deliciously good-for-you choices:

- Use nut oils such as sesame seed, walnut or almond in your salad dressing to enhance flavor and add heart healthy ingredients to a salad.
- When reading nutrition labels, look for foods that are rich in vitamin C. Vitamin C can support heart health by helping to neutralize free radicals that may contribute to cell and tissue damage — damage that may contribute to the development of chronic health issues like heart disease and cancer. Many fruits and vegetables and their juices, such as 100 percent orange juice, are excellent sources of vitamin C.
- Not all fats are bad. While you should avoid saturated fats and trans fats, omega-3 fats may help reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. Omega-3 fats are found in foods such as walnuts, flaxseed and fatty fish, such as salmon or tuna.

Try these savory recipes for Orange Tarragon Ginger Shrimp with Rice Noodles and Orange-Apricot Chicken Tagine — two easy ways to serve up heart healthy meals that you're sure to enjoy.

Visit www.FloridaJuice.com for more heart healthy recipes and information on heart health.

Orange Tarragon Ginger Shrimp with Rice Noodles

Makes 4 servings

- 1 cup 100% Florida orange juice
- 12 jumbo raw shrimp, peeled, deveined, tails attached
- 2 tablespoons fresh tarragon, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, finely chopped
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 1 (8-ounce) package rice noodles, prepared according to package directions
- 1 tablespoon sesame seed oil
- Nonstick cooking spray
- 2 cups fresh snow peas
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds
- 1 tablespoon Asian hot chili sauce, optional

Combine orange juice, shrimp, tarragon, olive oil, ginger and shallot in a zipper-seal plastic bag. Seal bag securely; toss gently to combine ingredients. Marinate for 1 hour in the refrigerator.

Prepare rice noodles according to package directions. Drain and combine with sesame seed oil; toss to coat evenly; reserve.

Spray wok with nonstick cooking spray and heat over medium heat. Drain shrimp mixture; reserve 1/2 cup marinade and discard remaining marinade. Add shrimp and reserved 1/2 cup of marinade to wok; bring to a boil and stir fry shrimp for 1 to 2 minutes. Add snow peas; stir fry for 3 more minutes, just until snow peas are tender crisp and shrimp is cooked through. Add sesame seeds and chili sauce, if desired. Remove from heat and add reserved rice noodles; toss to combine and serve immediately.

Orange-Apricot
Chicken Tagine

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Orange Tarragon Ginger Shrimp with Rice Noodles

Orange-Apricot Chicken Tagine

A tagine is a cooking pot commonly used in North African countries, such as Morocco and Algeria. It consists of two pieces — a plate-like bottom and a conical-shaped lid. Tagines can be purchased online or in most stores where kitchenware is sold.

Makes 4 servings

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 4 small skinless chicken breasts, approximately 4 ounces each
- 1 yellow onion, sliced
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh garlic
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
- 1 cup 100% Florida orange juice
- 1 tablespoon turmeric
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 saffron thread, optional
- 1 (15-ounce) can garbanzo beans, drained
- 1 cup dried apricots
- 1 cup diced fresh tomatoes
- 1/2 cup cashews, chopped and toasted
- 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped

Heat oil in tagine and brown chicken breasts for 3 to 5 minutes; remove chicken breasts and reserve. Add onion, garlic and ginger to tagine; sauté for 3 minutes. Add orange juice, turmeric, nutmeg, cinnamon and saffron, if desired. Simmer for 3 minutes; do not boil. Add garbanzo beans, apricots and tomatoes. Bring to simmer; add reserved chicken breasts. Cover tagine and cook for 20 to 30 minutes over low heat until chicken is thoroughly cooked. Garnish with cashews and cilantro; serve immediately.

Serving suggestion: Serve Orange-Apricot Chicken Tagine with cooked couscous.



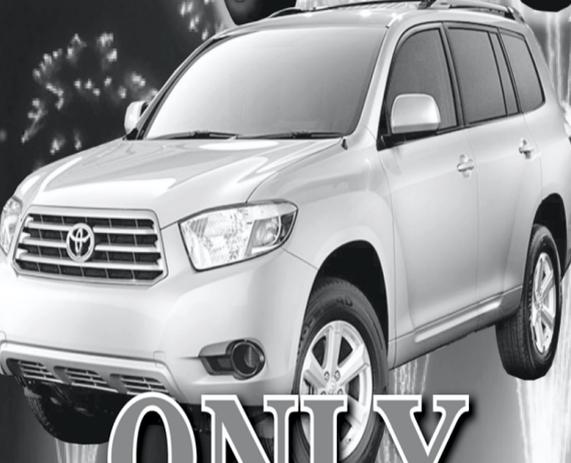



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CIRCUIT CIVIL NO. 2009-CA-126

RALPH COGAN and ALICE COGAN, his wife, Plaintiffs, vs. ROBERT E. JOHNSON, JR., DAVID E. JOHNSON and THOMAS MAIER, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION To: Robert E. Johnson, Jr., P.O. Box 510, Lenardtown, MD 20650

and all other unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named defendants who are not known to be dead or alive...

The East 1/2 of Lot 19, Suwannee River County, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book A, page 35, of the Public Records of Lafayette County, Florida.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the above real property in Lafayette County, Florida, has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses to it, if any...

Witness my hand and seal of this Court on this 9th day of December, 2009.

Rick Lyons Clerk of Court, PRIVATE Lafayette County P.O. Box 88 Mayo, FL 32066

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 16-2009-CA-50

FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR HOME FUNDING CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. IMOGENE SULLIVAN, DECEASED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF IMOGENE SULLIVAN; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; GERALDINE MICHAELLE GRUVIS PIZARRO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GERALDINE MICHAELLE GRUVIS PIZARRO; SONIA GRUVIS JIMENEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SONIA GRUVIS JIMENEZ; ALEXANDRA GRUVIS MARTINEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALEXANDRA GRUVIS MARTINEZ, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants.

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Defendants.

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UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALEXANDRA GRUVIS MARTINEZ 7 CALLE SERAFIN MENDEZ #K3 MOCA, PR 00676 OR 133 CALLE DR GONZALEZ ISABELA, PR 00662

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit: The South half of the East 210 of the South 420 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20, Township 7 South, Range 14 East, Lafayette County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Shannon Marie Charles, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the Above-Styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Witness my hand and the seal of this Court on the 14th day of December, 2009.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration at the Lafayette County Courthouse, P.O. Box 88, Mayo, Florida 32066, Telephone (904) 294-1600, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

SEAL Rick Lyons Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Hannah Owens Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2009-183-CA

BETHEL OF MT. SINAI HOLY CHURCH OF MAYO, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation, Plaintiff,

v. W. LEE, W. A. DIX, AND B. BASS, DISTRICT TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN UNITY OF MAYO, FLORIDA, A/K/A TRUE CHURCH OF GOD IN UNITY OF MAYO, FLORIDA, ALL ITS HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND/OR OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, W. LEE, W. A. DIX, AND B. BASS, AS TRUSTEES, IF LIVING, AND IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THEM AS TRUSTEES; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced for Complaint to Quiet Title on the following real property, lying and being situated in Lafayette County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at Southeast Corner of Block Number Ninety-nine (Blk. #99) of Mayo Heights and running West 100 feet; North 140 feet, East 100 feet and back to point of beginning, being in Section 13, Township 5 South, Range 11 East, lying and being situated in Lafayette County, Florida. Parcel No.: 13-05-11-0012-0990-00010.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it to Leenette W. McMillan, Attorney at Law, whose address is Post Office Box 1388, 152 West Main Street, Suite C, Mayo, Florida 32066, on or before thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is Post Office Box 88, Mayo, Florida 32066, either on or before January 11, 2010, or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This Notice shall be published once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in the MAYO FREE PRESS.

Witness my hand and official seal of this Court on this 25th day of November, 2009.

RICKY LYONS Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Hannah Owens As Deputy Clerk

LEENETTE W. MCMILLAN Florida Bar No.: 0075779 Post Office Box 1388 Mayo, Florida 32066 (386) 294-1688 Attorney for Plaintiff 12/10, 17, 24, 31

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 09-35-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY EVELYN BUCHANAN Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Mary Evelyn Buchanan, deceased, whose date of death was November 1, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lafayette County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 120 West Main Street, Mayo, Florida 32066. 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 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 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 December 31, 2009.

Attorney for Personal Representative Tom W. Brown Attorney for Brenda G. Land Florida Bar No. 0091332 Brannon, Brown, Haley & Bullock, P.A. P.O. Box 1029 Lake City, FL 32056 Telephone: (386) 752-3213 Fax: (386) 755-4524

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SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE Six wheelchair equipped vans. Envelopes marked "Sealed Bids" must be received by mail by Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. P.O. Box 70, Live oak, FL 32064 by 3:00 PM Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Please make sure the VIN is clearly marked bids submitted. The vehicles may be inspected at the Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. building in Mayo, FL and the Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. building in Cross City, FL. For more information, please call (386) 362-4115 ext 242. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. reserves the right to refuse or reject any bid. 12/31

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS NOTICE OF INTENT TO FIND THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS IN COMPLIANCE DOCKET NO. 09-2-34-01

The Department gives notice of its intent to find the Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for Lafayette County adopted by Ordinance No. 2009-07 on December 14, 2009, IN COMPLIANCE, pursuant to Sections 163.3184, 163.3187 and 163.3189, F.S.

The adopted Lafayette County Comprehensive Plan Amendments and the Department's Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report, (if any), are available for public inspection Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays, during normal business hours, at the Lafayette County Courthouse, Clerk's Office, Corner of Mainstreet and Fletcher, Mayo, Florida 32066.

Any affected person, as defined in Section 163.3184, F.S., has a right to petition for an administrative hearing to challenge the proposed agency determination that the Amendments to the Lafayette County Comprehensive Plan are in Compliance, as defined in Subsection 163.3184(1), F.S. The petition must be filed within twenty one (21) days after publication of this notice, and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C. The petition must be filed with the Agency Clerk, Department of Community Affairs, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100, and a copy mailed or delivered to the local government. Failure to timely file a petition shall constitute a waiver of any right to request an administrative proceeding as a petitioner under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. If a petition is filed, the purpose of the administrative hearing will be to present evidence and testimony and forward a recommended order to the Department. If no petition is filed, this Notice of Intent shall become final agency action.

If a petition is filed, other affected persons may petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding. A petition for intervention must be filed at least twenty (20) days before the final hearing and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28.46106.205, F.A.C. A petition for leave to intervene shall be filed at the Division of Administrative Hearings, Department of Management Services, 1230 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3060. Failure to petition to intervene within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such a person has to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to participate in the administrative hearing.

After an administrative hearing petition is timely filed, mediation is available pursuant to Subsection 163.3189(3)(a), F.S., to any affected person who is made a party to the proceeding by filing that request with the administrative law judge assigned by the Division of Administrative Hearings. The choice of mediation shall not affect a party's right to an administrative hearing.

-s-Mike McDaniel, Chief of Comprehensive Planning 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 34-2009-CA-000066

HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III, Plaintiff, vs. ARTHUR JACK DECKER, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 10, 2009 and entered in Case No. 34-2009-CA-000066 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for LAFAYETTE County, Florida wherein HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III, is the Plaintiff and ARTHUR JACK DECKER, KATHLEEN E. DECKER, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN

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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

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Ricky Lyons Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Hannah Owens Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announces a public meeting to which all interested persons are invited. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among: Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. The regular meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. E.T. on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at the Suwannee River Water Management District, Suwannee Room, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. The NFBA Board will address general operating issues of the NFBA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the NFBA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, 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 special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding, or if you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact the Clerk to the NFBA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least two business days prior to the date of the meeting. 12/31

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As Newborn Screening Expands, Parents Need More Help

Parents leave the hospital with a newborn who looks perfectly healthy. But a short time later, their doctor calls to say that the baby has had an abnormal screening-test result and needs follow-up testing.

With more than four million American babies screened every year for a range of disorders, that anxiety-producing scenario is becoming more common. A Wisconsin nurse-researcher is now leading an effort to find a better way to help parents understand complex medical information and cope with it emotionally.

Wisconsin in 1994 became one of the first states to mandate newborn screening for cystic fibrosis (CF), an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and adults in the U.S., according to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Early detection and treatment offer hope for fewer complications and better health for affected infants.

Audrey Tluczek, an assistant professor in the UW-Madison School of Nursing, wants to eliminate some of the worry

and stress that accompanies genetic counseling for CF. She is working with the Wisconsin Genetic Counseling Consortium (which includes genetic counselors throughout the state) to develop a family-centered genetic counseling model for parents of newborns. The project is funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) at UW, and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

There's only a three percent chance of a baby having CF when a genetic mutation is found, but that's not much comfort if parents don't understand it. To have cystic fibrosis, a child must inherit one copy of the defective CF gene (called a mutation) from each parent.

"In the case of newborn screening, parents usually think they have perfectly healthy children," Tluczek says. "Then the doctor comes to them and says, 'Your infant had an abnormal newborn screen. You need to go get an additional test done.' So, this is unsolicited, unexpected and pretty scary information that hits

them out of the blue."

Newborn screening for CF includes DNA analysis, which can detect not only infants who actually have CF, but also carriers — those who have only one defective gene and thus do not have the disease. The Wisconsin Newborn Screening Program tests for the 23 most common CF mutations, but there are more than 1600 potential mutations. So if only one mutation is found, there is still a chance that another mutation is present.

Infants with a mutation need a "sweat test" to see if the child is just a carrier or actually has CF. Parents of a child with an abnormal screen will be directed to a testing center for the test, which measures the amount of chloride in sweat. Children with CF have two to five times the normal level of chloride in their sweat; carriers will have normal or negative results.

During the appointment, parents also meet with a genetic counselor to discuss the test results and implications for the parents, their child, and their extended families.

Understandably, this is a worrisome experi-

ence.

"Our research shows a high percentage of parents have high levels of depressive symptoms when they come in for the sweat test because they're so worried that their baby might have CF," Tluczek says, "so we decided to develop a counseling model that might ease their distress and help them remember important genetic information."

The new model involves assessing parents' needs for emotional support and information, and then tailoring the counseling to meet the individual needs of each family. The study is currently underway at American Family Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, and The Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, Wis. Tluczek is docu-

menting parent satisfaction with the sessions; how well parents retain information; and their level of distress before and after the initial counseling. Although the results won't be available for another year, Tluczek says parents' early reactions have been positive. She hopes the new model will prove useful for parents dealing with a wide range of possible diagnoses.

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A look back

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The week activities were held at the high school, the celebration culminating in a festive homecoming parade, which showcased floats from local schools, businesses and organizations. With a huge Homecoming crowd on hand, the Hornets crushed the Cedar Creek Christian Soldiers 63-0.

July 17. Horton, who lived near the town of Day, was a long time employee of Byrd's Logging, located near Branford. Horton's wallet, which reportedly contained several thousand dollars, was missing when his body was discovered.

Bank robbed; suspect caught

An Illinois man who robbed the Lafayette State Bank in Mayo was taken into custody a short time later in Taylor County, according to Lafayette authorities.

Police say Jacob P. Launius of Murphysboro, Illinois entered the bank at about 11:24 a.m. and placed a handwritten note before the teller saying he had a gun and was robbing the bank. The note reportedly said he would "shoot somebody" if the

teller alerted anyone, according to a press release from the Lafayette County Sheriff's Office.

DECEMBER

Mayo company will have a role in 'Extreme Makeover: Home Edition'

Mayo Truss will donate the trusses for an "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" build in Gainesville this week. Company employees will donate their labor.

Christmas parade delayed by the weather

Heavy weather caused organizers to postpone Mayo's annual Christmas parade for a week, but in the end it was just as grand as ever.

NOVEMBER

Reward offered in Horton murder

A \$5,000 reward has been offered in the Lafayette County shooting death of Thomas "Tommy" Horton. Horton was shot and killed in his front yard while walking toward his semi-truck to leave for work at about 5:45 on

Diabetes Prevention Is the Best Remedy, TOPS Medical Expert Says

Tomorrow may be too late when it comes to preventing or improving a diabetes condition, according to TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a hormone needed to convert sugar, starches, and other food into energy needed for daily life. Obesity is one of the leading risk factors for developing the most prevalent form of diabetes, Type 2 (adult-onset). Typically affecting individuals age 40 and older, the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion notes that Type 2 diabetes has been reported among children and adolescents with increasing frequency. According to the American Diabetes Association, one out of every three children born today will face a future with diabetes if current trends continue. If not treated properly, diabetes can lead to serious complications, such as blindness, kidney failure, heart disease, foot ulcers, and the need for limb amputations.

Nicholas "Dr. Nick" Yphantides, M.D., M.P.H., medical spokesperson for TOPS, says, "Preventive care, like weight loss, a healthy diet, and physical activity, is the easiest way to avoid diabetes and its complications."

Employ the following tips from TOPS to prevent the development of diabetes:

- Eat smart. Choose low-fat, fiber-rich, and whole grain foods, which have all been associated with improved blood sugar control. Increase servings of fruits, vegetables, and nuts to help you feel full and even promote

weight loss.

- Aim for at least 30 minutes of physical activity five days a week. Exercise helps keep your blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels within a normal range. If you can't find a solid block of time to be active, even ten minutes of exercise spread out over the course of the day, like brisk walking, can help.

- Quit smoking. According to the American Diabetes Association, smoking increases blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels (also raising your risk of a heart attack). The Rhode Island Department of Health notes that smoking even one cigarette can reduce the body's inability to use insulin by 15%.

- Reduce chronic stress, a prolonged state of stress that can continue for days or weeks.

For additional information on diabetes, please consult your physician.

TOPS Club Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the original, nonprofit weight-loss education and support organization, was established more than 61 years ago to champion weight-loss support and success. Founded and headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., TOPS promotes successful weight management with a philosophy that combines healthy eating, regular exercise, wellness education, and support from others at weekly chapter meetings. TOPS has about 170,000 members in nearly 10,000 chapters throughout the United States and Canada, and several chapters in Europe.

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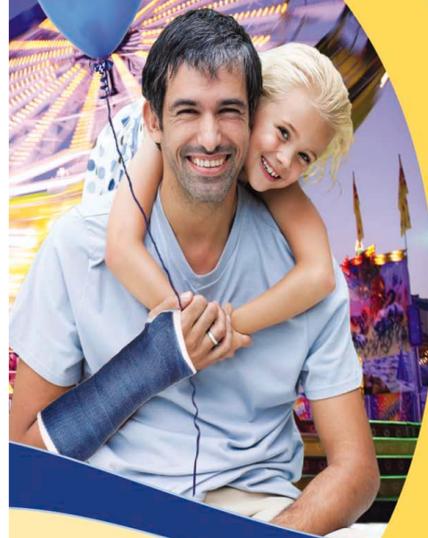
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