

COUNTRY MUSIC LEGEND JOHN ANDERSON TO HEADLINE AT THE 59TH ANNUAL FLORIDA FOLK FESTIVAL

- Florida's music, dance, food, crafts and stories will be celebrated -

WHITE SPRINGS - The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Park Service will host the 59th Annual Florida Folk Festival on May 27 through 29, at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park. Nashville recording artist John Anderson will headline the prestigious festival on Saturday evening, May 28.

The story of John Anderson and his platinum-plus album, *Seminole Wind*, is the story of the country music "come-back" of the decade. It's the true-to-life, yet larger-than-life, saga of one of the most dramatic career turn-arounds of the 1990's. It's the story of just reward for a singer who originally took country music by storm and helped keep it true to its roots back in the early '80's. His memorable hits from that musical era included *Wild and Blue*, *I'm Just An Old Chunk Of Coal*, *1959, I Just Came Home To Count The Memories*, *Black Sheep* and *Swingin'*. *Swingin'* was not only the Country Music Association's 1983 Song of the Year; more recently it was cited by the A.M.O.A. as one of its all-time top forty jukebox hits--right up there with *Hey Jude* and other perennial favorites by *The Beatles*, *Elvis Presley*, *Frank Sinatra*, *Patsy Cline*, *George Jones*, and *The Rolling Stones*.

Straight *Tequila Night*, the lead-off single from *Seminole Wind* (Anderson's debut album for BNA Entertainment), went to number one across the board on every country chart. It was his first bona-fide chart-topper since *Black Sheep* in 1983. When *It Comes To You*, the second single, reached number two, while *Seminole Wind*, the heartfelt title tune soared to number one when released in 1992. Jay Orr, a noted music writer for the *Nashville Banner*, was one of several critics to list *Seminole Wind* in a top-ten album round-up for 1992.

Seminole Wind is a vivid personal statement which Anderson wrote after visiting his 95-year old grandmother, and after driving around Florida observing the drastic ecological changes that time and progress wrought on his native state. Its accompanying video was shot at a cypress preserve in the Florida Everglades which assis-

ted him with their "Career Achievement Award." The same year he received the Country Music Association "Album of the Year" for *Common Threads: The Songs of the Eagles*. *Swingin'* won the CMA "Single of the Year" in 1983. He has also received numerous nominations for Grammys, ACM's and CMA's and has several gold and platinum album certifications.

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Discounted advance tickets for the Florida Folk Festival are now on sale through May 20, 2011. Advance tickets for the Florida Folk Festival are \$20.00 per day or \$40.00 for the weekend for adults and \$25.00 per day or \$50.00 for the weekend for children under six years of age are admitted free of charge. Ticket prices for children between the ages of six and 16 for the entire weekend are \$4.00 in advance or \$5.00 at the gate. Credit card purchases can be made by calling 1-877-635-3655, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To order by mail, send a check or money order to: Florida Folk Festival, Post Office Drawer G, White Springs, Florida 32096. Checks should be made payable to Florida Folk Festival.

For more information, visit the website www.floridastateparks.org/stephen-foster or www.FloridaFolkFestival.com

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Other awards include a Grammy Award in 1996 for *Amazing Grace: A Country Salute To Gospel*. In 1994, the Academy of Country Music hon-

ored him with their "Career Achievement Award." The same year he received the Country Music Association "Album of the Year" for *Common Threads: The Songs of the Eagles*. *Swingin'* won the CMA "Single of the Year" in 1983. He has also received numerous nominations for Grammys, ACM's and CMA's and has several gold and platinum album certifications.

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NFCC Brain Bowl Team members, left to right, Stephanie Rodriguez (Suwannee County), James R. Handson (Lafayette County), Donna Law (Hamilton County) and Jared Altmix (Hamilton County) were recognized for their outstanding academic achievement.

NFCC HONORS TOP STUDENTS AT HONORS CONVOCATION CEREMONY

Lafayette's James R. Handson recognized for outstanding academic achievement at NFCC

Rep. Leonard Bemby honored as "Friend to the College"

MADISON, FL - North Florida Community College's brightest students were honored during the college's Honors Convocation ceremony in April. Students from various academic areas and student organizations received recognition for outstanding achievement and character during the 2010-2011 academic year. NFCC faculty and staff announced each award recipient as NFCC President John Grosskopf and Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Sharon Erle presented the awards.

Lafayette County resident James R. Handson received an Outstanding Student Award for his contributions to the NFCC Brain Bowl Team. Dr. Tony DeLia, NFCC instructor and Brain Bowl Team sponsor, commended Handson and all the Brain Bowl Team members for their commitment to the team and their enthusiasm for learning and excelling academically.

Jimmy Smith Jr of Madison and Karla Stephanie Rodriguez of Live Oak both received NFCC's prestigious "Student of the Year" award. Smith serves as the Student Government Association (SGA) President and is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society. Rodriguez is Vice President of SGA, President of PTK, and a member of the NFCC Brain Bowl Team.

In addition to recognizing outstand-

ing students, NFCC also named its 2010-2011 "Friend to the College." Representative Leonard L. Bemby was recognized for his continuous support of education and NFCC. Rep. Bemby is a Greenville, Fla. resident and NFCC alumnus who serves District 10 in the Florida House of Representatives. "Representative Bemby knows that this college and the communities we serve are worth fighting for, and he has not been afraid to do so," said Grosskopf.

NFCC's Honors Convocation ceremony is held annually in April to recognize outstanding students and celebrate student achievement prior to NFCC's Spring Term commencement ceremony in May.



Lafayette's James R. Handson receives an Outstanding Student Award for his contributions to the NFCC Brain Bowl Team.

STUDENTS HONORED DURING NFCC'S HONORS CONVOCATION ARE:

HAMILTON COUNTY

Jared K. Altmix Brain Bowl Team - Participant
Donna F. Law Biological Science Award
Brain Bowl - Most Valuable Member
Phi Theta Kappa Member
Raven M. Weise Psychology Award

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

James R. Handson Brain Bowl Team - Participant

MADISON COUNTY

Thomas C. Cheek Astronomy Award
Jacob C. Connell Excellence in Drawing Award
Steven M. Godfrey Digital Media Award
Alfa C. Hunt Creative Writing Award
Lauren I. Maultsby Accounting Award
Leona E. Murfin Mathematics Award
Brain Bowl Team - Participant
Selena B. Phillips Computer Science Award
Arielle D. Prevot Art Award
Taylor L. Rykard Anatomy & Physiology Award
Kayla L. Sapp Economics Award
Jimmy Smith Jr. Student of the Year Award
Andrew J. Tillman Education Award
Caleb J. Tuten SOAR Award | Save Our Animal Resources ecology club

SUWANNEE COUNTY

Jennifer M. Bursleson Academic Writing Award
Robin L. Faircloth Business Award
Karla S. Rodriguez Student of the Year Award
Brain Bowl Team - Participant
Phi Theta Kappa Award
Kasey L. Whitehead Brain Bowl Team - Participant
Tyler J. Winburn World Religion Award

TAYLOR COUNTY

Garrett S. Beach Captain Brain Bowl Team - Most Valuable Player
Nichole B. Gold Spanish Award
Joseph D. Sinclair Chemistry Award
Physics Award

Home Country Slim Randles

"We were a-doin' okay 'til Dewey showed up," said Steve, behind the sale barn.

Doc and Bert were there to watch the Saturday sale.

"Dewey?" asked Doc. There's a world of intrigue around here in the pronunciation of those two syllables, although we all love Dewey Decker and wish him well. But when he shows up in his truck, disaster is usually riding shotgun.

"I was helping out with the branding over at the Diamond D," Steve said, twitching his oversized moustache. "We were about halfway done when we saw the dust of the pickup coming along the road."

Doc said, "Dewey's helped out at brandings before this, hasn't he?"

"Sure," said Steve. "The last time, he inoculated ol'

Dud for blackleg. 'Course, Dud hasn't had blackleg since then, so there you go. Well, you know the problem with Dewey. It's finding him something to do where he can't hurt himself, livestock, property, other people, or the federal government. Bob said maybe Dewey could take pictures, but it wasn't to be ..."

"Not good," said Bert.

"Nope. Ol' Doo stepped out of the truck with a brand-new nylon catch rope and said he was there to heel the calves and drag them to the fire for us."

"But that's usually the boss's job," Doc said. Most of us know the corral protocols.

"I know, but ol' Bob had this gentle horse, and you know how hard it is to say no to Dewey, so he let him. Now Dewey'd been practicing roping buckets

and dogs and stuff, so he shook out a loop and ..."

"I don't want to hear this ..." said Doc.

"...dabbed it over the head of this 400-pound calf and that calf ran around behind the horse and the rope went under the horse's tail ..."

"Oh no ..."

"And the calf ran over Bob and Bob hit me on his way down and I went backwards into the water trough. Dewey got halfway bucked off before we got the rope loose."

Steve shook his head. "Then ol' Bob got up slowly, looked at Dewey and said, 'Son, you are now our official photographer.'"

Brought to you by Slim's new book "A Cowboy's Guide to Growing Up Right." Learn more at <http://www.nmsantos.com/Slim/Slim.html>.