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MAYO CHRISTMAS PARADE IS DEC. 8.

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Three injured in hit-and-run

This Honda crashed into a stand of trees off I-75 recently after being involved in a hit-and-run accident. Courtesy photo

Staff

A local lady and two of her friends were injured in a hit-and-run accident on I-75 in Alachua County on Friday, Nov. 16, according to information received Wednesday from the Florida Highway Patrol.

According to the FHP, around 1 p.m., Karen Jacobs, 22, of Mayo, was driving north on I-75 in the left lane near mile marker 391 in Alachua County when another vehicle, described as a black Ford F-150 pickup, went to change lanes and hit the right rear of Jacobs' vehicle. The 2000 Honda spun out of control and traveled off I-75 to the east shoulder, according to the FHP. The Honda then went up an em-

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Two men injured in crash

Driver leaves scene of crash

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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Two Mayo men sustained injuries in a Saturday morning crash on SR 51 just south of 136 Street in Suwannee County, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Reports show that at 3:40 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24, Garrett G. Land, 26, Mayo was traveling south on SR 51 in a 2006 Chevrolet Silverado with passenger Charles A. Williams, 31, Mayo, when a deer entered the roadway from the east shoulder. Land took evasive action by steering to the right and traveling onto the west shoulder. He then over-corrected by steering hard to the left and wound up on the east shoulder of the roadway where the pickup overturned and struck a fence, coming to final rest upright on the east shoulder facing northeast.

Land left the scene without reporting the crash and was charged with failing to report a traffic crash and leaving the scene, reports state.

Land, who was wearing a seatbelt sustained minor injuries and passenger Williams, who was not wearing a seatbelt was transported to Shands Live Oak with serious injuries. Damages to the pickup were estimated at $4,000, according to the FHP report.

North Florida Workforce Board ranks in the top for job placement

Sheryl Rehberg

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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North Florida Workforce Development Board (NFWDB) Executive Director Sheryl Rehberg recently updated the Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners on changes to the interlocal agreement, which the board later approved.

Lafayette County is one of the six counties in the North Florida Workforce region, along with Hamilton, Jefferson, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor counties.

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LHS grad now an ABAC Ambassador

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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Lafayette High School 2012 graduate Cecelia Koon is one of 17 students selected to participate in one of the most prestigious organizations on campus at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, the ABAC Ambassadors.

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Cecelia Koon

Rotarian Trannie Lacquey explains "Why Rotary?"

- Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

Why Rotary? Trannie Lacquey answers

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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John and Trannie Lacquey of Branford have been Rotarians since June 2003. Their travels through Rotary International have taken them to many third world countries and left indelible impressions upon them both.

Trannie Lacquey recently shared some of those experiences with members of the Rotary Club of Mayo, as well as how she and her husband originally got involved with Rotary.

"John and I were in the Booster Club in Branford," she said. "John was president for years and years and years. When our daughter graduated we decided to turn it over."

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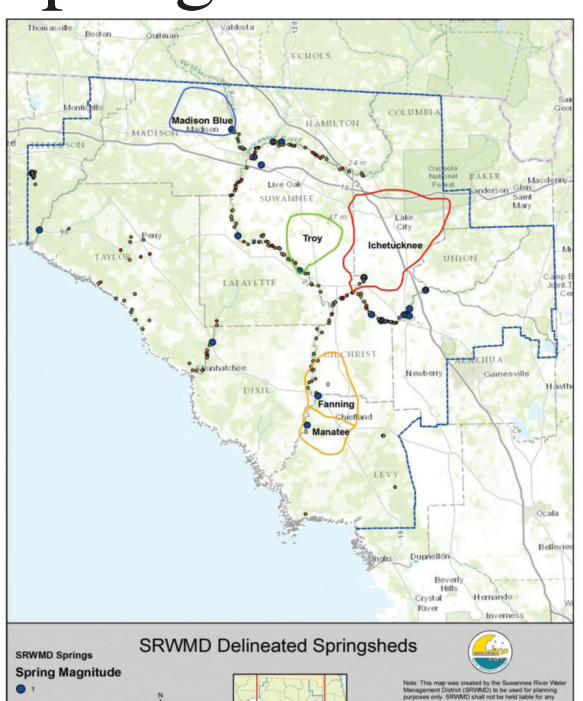
Hornets fall in regional playoff

The Lafayette Hornets district champs failed to beat Trenton in the regional playoff game Friday night, Nov. 23, losing to the Tigers by a score of 42-26. In this photo, always a presence on both sides of the ball, Hornet senior J.R. Bass (5) finished his high school career with two touchdowns in the playoff game and has been the area's top rusher for two seasons. See more, page 4A. - Photo: Jack Howdeshell

SRWMD and FGS discuss springshed delineation



As part of its ongoing efforts to protect springs and to restore impaired springs, the Suwannee River Water Management District (District), and the Florida Geological Survey (FGS), an office within the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, met to discuss springshed delineation.

FGS described various methods that are

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Mayo Manna House Angel Tree is once again at Thriftway in Mayo.

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FREEDOM IS HERE

Getting ready For Christmas!

By John Whittington
Lighthouse Christian Center pastor

Christmas stories have happy endings. In the classic, "A Christmas Carol," Tiny Tim has the opportunity to walk again. In "It's a Wonderful Life" George Bailey gets friendship and support. You'd have a hard time finding a Christmas story with a sad ending!

As a matter of fact, when you look at stories throughout history, you find that there are classics that lift you up, take you into their world, and reveal what can only be described as truth. The great stories inspire and encourage, and ignoble us. And I believe that people keep going back to the great stories for that reason.

How do you know that a story is such a classic? Disney makes a movie out of it!

* Sleeping Beauty, where the kiss of the prince awakens the girl from her sleep of death.

* Beauty and the Beast, where someone's self-sacrificing love turns a monster into a prince.

When you read one of the classics, you think, this has such beauty and appeal! The truth must be in here somewhere! It at least makes you wish it could be true. When you watch such a movie, or read a story like this you walk away from it thinking, If only the world could be that way!

But then real life kicks in and 30 minutes later, you're back to the same old - same old. Or, you look at history, you look at reality, and you don't see the sacrificial love, you don't find the prince you breaks your spell. You don't find the beauty whose unfailing love transforms you from a monster to a prince!

And if you read the Christmas story you get that some wonderful feeling that this is true, or at least it ought to be - because this would change the world! But that's the good news of the story of Christmas. The story of Christmas is that truth, such as you would find in one of these other wonderful stories has become reality!

See, if the Christmas story started, "once upon a time..." If it started, "A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away..." Then it would be like any other story. You would read it, you would love it, and you would feel good for a little while. Then real life would kick in and remind you, it was just a story.

But the Christmas story is not like those other stories. In Matthew One we read the resume´, the lineage, the genealogy of the Son of God. The book starts out Matthew chapter one, "A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:"

It traces the human ancestry of the Son of God. It tells us that truth became reality. Jesus really lived! Jesus grew up, and became a man. He told the Good News, he healed the sick, he gave the blind their sight and made the crippled walk again! He was betrayed and even executed. But just when you think it's all over, he rose from the dead and is victorious! As you prepare for Christmas this year, reread the story and remember: In Jesus, all the truth we long for became reality!

Pastor John Whittington
Lighthouse Christian Center
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You can have assurance of salvation

By Hugh G. Sherrill

These days in which we live are filled with uncertainty. We have an economy that is uncertain, a government that is uncertain, world peace is certainly an uncertainty; especially with the things going on with Israel. There is so much uncertainty going on we could not record them all.

Today with so much uncertainty where can one find some assurance? The place to turn for assurance is God's Word. I John 5:13 says "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".

As I visit from church to church and talk to people, almost daily I hear someone say "I hope I am saved", "I hope I make it", "I am trying to get to heaven", etc, etc. Many have no assurance of their salvation. Webster defines "assurance" as meaning a pledge or guarantee: the state of being sure or certain; insure against risk; security, servitude; confidence. In the realm of salvation, the word "assurance" occurring six times in the Bible, means "full of confidence", and expresses the guarantee the believer has that he is forever secure. As Dr. Scofield expresses it, "Assurance is the believer's full conviction that, through the work of Christ alone, received by faith, he is in possession of a salvation in which he will be eternally kept. And this assurance rests only upon the Scripture promise to him who believes." The Biblical statement of this vital Bible truth is given by Isaiah – The "work" of righteousness shall be peace; and the "effect" of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

This assurance of salvation is plainly written over the pages of the New

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HEART MATTERS

By Angie Land

Everyone has a perspective…all you need to do in order to be convinced of this fact is to ask two or three different people to describe the same thing to you. For example, the most effective way to get "the whole story" in marriage counseling is to talk to the husband and wife separately, and then put the pieces together to form one picture of what is really happening. Generally, our perspectives are formed as we look through the lens of our own understanding, experiences, values, and beliefs. If we remember this, it is much easier to understand someone else's perspective, especially when it is in opposition to our own.

In John 4:1-3, the Bible records the following situation:

"The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John (the Baptist), although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee."

In order to understand all that was going on in these few verses, let's check out the perspectives of everyone involved:

Pharisees: We often label the Pharisees as "bad guys" but from their perspective, they were serving God and following tradition. However, tradition can sometimes keep us from recognizing God at work right in front of us. These religious leaders resented Jesus' popularity almost as much as they resented the fact that His message challenged much of their teachings.. It is possible they thought that Jesus left Judea because He heard of their displeasure and was afraid of them. In any case, they were probably very glad that He left and hoped that would be the end of their trouble.

Jesus: Although Jesus was gaining disciples, it was actually the disciples who were baptizing, and not Jesus himself. According to many verses in the four gospels, Jesus did not challenge the Pharisees opposition because it was not yet the right time. He was confident of His mission and as we read in John 4:4, Jesus left Judea because He had a very important meeting with a Samaritan woman.

John the Baptist: After reading John 4:1-3, if anyone should be concerned over Jesus gaining and baptizing more disciples than John, wouldn't it would be John? However, the Bible records John's answer to this very question when some of his own disciples seemed concerned about the same issue: "He (Jesus) must become greater; I must become less." (John 3:30) John the Baptist was able to answer this with confidence because he was very clear about the purpose of his ministry. John 1:29 reveals this purpose: "…the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." John understood that Jesus was here on a mission much bigger than simply competing with ministry numbers!

Jesus' Disciples: Remember these were the ones actually doing the baptizing. They understood what was going on very clearly because they had left everything to follow Jesus. In John 1:35-42 we find that two of Jesus' disciples actually started out as disciples of John: "…John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!' When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus." One of the two was Andrew and, "The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and bring him to Jesus. Jesus immediately changed Simon's name to Peter and then proceeded to change his life! No wonder these disciples were baptizing…they had experienced the power of God through a relationship with Jesus and they wanted others to know!

The different perspectives found in these verses give us the big picture and the whole truth: Only Jesus can change a life…the rest of us have the option of pointing the way or standing in the way. What is your perspective?

Because Every Heart Matters, 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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Day Mailbox

By: Mary M. Santerfeit

We had the opportunity to attend the Pine Tree Festival in Perry. It thrilled us to see Lafayette's own T.W. Byrd Logging selected as their grand marshal. Byrd Logging is the National Logger of the Year. They are wonderful representatives for our county. Congratulations!

It Happened Back Then

Nov. 29, 1929: Richard E. Byrd heads crew of airplane making first flight over the South Pole.

Nov. 29, 1963: President Lyndon B. Johnson names persons to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Nov. 29, 1981: Natalie Wood, age 43, drowns off California coast in an apparent accident.

Brewer Lake Baptist Church celebrated their Fall Festival late this year. The children are shown on a hayride and trick or treating. The youth leader or an adult makes appointments for the children and gives an approximate time they will arrive. Those that host the trick or treat group are very prepared for their arrival.

Our congratulations to Ms. Marie Winburn on the celebration of her 100th birthday. She has always been a wonderful, sweet Christian lady. So happy she has reached this milestone. We all love you Ms. Marie. God bless you with many more great years. She turned 100 on Nov. 20.

New Hope Baptist Church celebrated homecoming last Sunday. This church was established in 1870, making the church 142 years old and having services honoring the Lord Jesus Christ.

Homecoming was especially very special this year because it was most likely the last one celebrated at their present location.

It was a bittersweet time for those who have been a part of New Hope for many years. Many wonderful memories of loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord, weddings held there, baby dedications, baptisms, VBS, Christmas programs, fall festivals, Easter programs and the list goes on and on.

The church is relocating to Hwy. 51. They are beginning a new chapter in their church. The Rev. T.J. Santerfeit, former pastor, offered the morning message. Special music was also enjoyed. Pastor Charlie Walker gave the welcome to Pastor Santerfeit and family and to all those attending.

According to Homecoming Director Martha Murray, New Hope, over the past few years participated in three Lay Revivals. Members have been instrumental in starting a summer camp for children from Lafayette County and in the past four years have participated in county-wide revivals with all Baptist churches in Lafayette County. In August, 2012, they began construction of their new church building. Keep up the good work for Him.

Food for the cooler days
Homemade Vegetable Soup
by Deanna Mullis

2 lb. beef stew
3 white potatoes, cut up
2 cans diced tomatoes
2 onions, chopped
2 cans Niblets corn
1 can Veg-All vegetables
3 Tbsp. frozen okra
2 Tbsp. macaroni

Cook beef for about two hours covered in water; add other ingredients until done and salt and pepper to taste. You can also use a ham bone or ham leftovers to make this soup.

Turkey Wild Rice
by Mildred Mullis

1 can pumpkin
1 Tbsp. dehydrated onions
2 cans fat free chicken broth
2 c. cooked ground turkey
1 Tbsp. seasoned salt
2 c. cooked wild rice (I use Uncle Ben's 90 second in microwave)
1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Makes 1-1/2 cups serving.

Taco Soup
by Kim Fletcher

1 to 1-1/2 lb. ground beef
1 pkg. taco seasoning
1 pkg. dry Ranch dressing mix
1 can whole kernel corn, drained
1 can Ranch style beans
1 can Ro-Tel tomatoes
Cheese, shredded
1 small onion, chopped
1 can diced tomatoes
Sour cream

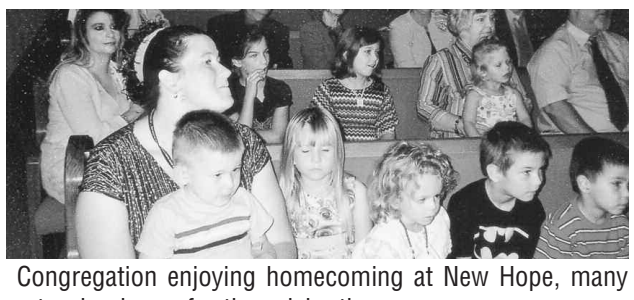
Brown ground beef with chopped onion and drain. Add the other six ingredients. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer for 30-45 minutes. Top each serving with sour cream and shredded cheese. Serve with tortilla chips or corn chips.

Logger T.W. Byrd served as grand marshal at the Pine Tree Festival.

Brewer Lake children/youth seen trick or treating at the home of "yours truly."

T.W. Byrd in Pine Tree Festival parade in Perry. They are the National Logger of the Year.

Brewer Lake youth and adults enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Shown here on their hayride.



Congregation enjoying homecoming at New Hope, many returning home for the celebration.

Pastor Charlie Walker welcomes former pastor T.J. Santerfeit.

Brewer Lake youth and adults shown on hayride and Brewer Lake trick or treaters are the T.J. Santerfeit's and granddaughter BreeAnn.

OBITUARY

Shirley Marie Lawson
Oct. 19, 1953
Nov. 27, 2012

Shirley Marie Lawson, age 59, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012 at Doctors Memorial Hospital. She was born in Suwannee County, Fla., on Oct. 19, 1953 to the late Elbert J. Pearson and the late former Winifred Campbell. Mrs. Lawson was a lifelong resident of Lafayette County, Fla., and worked with the Department of Corrections as a Correctional Officer. In her spare time she enjoyed arranging flowers, crocheting, arts, and crafts.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Strickland.

She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Thomas Lawson, of Mayo, Fla., (2) sons, William Lawson and wife Amanda, of Blairsville, Ga., Thomas Lawson and wife Crystal, of Live Oak, Fla., (7) grandchildren, (4) sisters, Eileen P. Reaves, Barbara Rives and husband Sam, Leta Hawkins, Lena Cook and husband Barry, several nieces, and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held at Burns Mayo Chapel on Friday, Nov. 30, 2012 at 2 p.m. with Bro. Lamar (Cooter) McCray officiating. Interment will follow in Cooks Hammock Cemetery. Family will receive friends prior to the service starting at 1 p.m. at Burns Mayo Chapel.

You may send condolences to the family at: www.joepburnsfuneralhomes.com

OBITUARY INFORMATION

All obituaries are paid notices and are placed by the funeral home or crematorium handling the arrangements as a service to the family.

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DEATH NOTICE

Thomas Newsome
Nov. 21, 2012

Thomas Newsome a resident of White Springs, Fla. passed away Nov. 21, 2012 in North Florida Medical Center in Gainesville, Fla.

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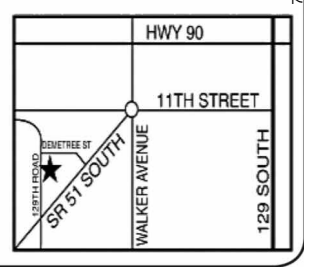

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LUNCH LAFAYETTE ELEM. SCHOOL	Corn Dog, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Banana, Milk	Macaroni, Cheese & Ham, Carrots, Green Beans, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk	Breaded Beef Fingers, Rice w/Tomato Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Applesauce, Milk	Baked Chicken, Mashed Potato w/ Gravy, Broccoli, Diced Peaches, Rolls, Milk	Pizza, Corn On The Cob, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Fruit Cocktail, Chocolate Pudding, Milk
BREAKFAST LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL	Cereal, Crackers, Assorted Muffins, Yogurt, Juice & Milk	Cereal, Crackers, Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk	Pancake On A Stick, Cereal, Crackers, Juice, Milk	French Toast, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Crackers, Juice, Milk	Sausage Biscuit, Yogurt, Cereal, Crackers, Juice, Milk
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Hornets fall in regional playoff

By Jack Howdeshell

The Lafayette Hornets district champs failed to beat Trenton in the regional playoff game Friday night, losing to the Tigers by a score of 42-26.

The Lafayette Hornet football team began their 2012 season by traveling to Trenton on Aug. 31 to face the Tigers in what was a rematch of the first round playoff game from the 2011 season. The result this past August was a 42-26 loss that initially may have given Hornet fans the impression the team remained the same as last year.

Moving ahead through the season to Friday's game on Nov. 23, the Hornets found themselves on an eight game winning streak that included a thrilling home win over then reigning state champions Jefferson County Tigers to claim the district title, and also a first round playoff win over the Hilliard Flashes.

The number three ranked Hornets with their 8-2 record were prepared for the fourth meeting with the number one ranked and undefeated Tigers from Trenton in two seasons. There are probably not two teams playing in Class 1A that know each other better, especially over the past two seasons. Fans from both sides can quickly identify the offensive weapons for both schools and the big hitters on defense.

On this night the Hornets knew as before that they must strike quickly and control the ball as Trenton has proven throughout the season it can score effectively and often. Hornet head coach Joey Pearson put his team in exactly that position and they looked like they were running through the mall on this Black Friday, grabbing up bargains the way they were scoring.

Two huge touchdown runs by senior J. R. Bass and a touchdown reception for senior Rodney Brown had the Hornets up 19-7 just before halftime. As time was nearly out for the half, the Hornets punted and pinned the Tigers back at the goal line with the length of the field to travel. In under a minute, the quick-strike home team traveled that distance and cut the margin going into the half,19-14.

Coming out for the second half of action, both teams knew the season rested in the balance. For one group of seniors this would be their last game and there was no way they were saving anything for next week.

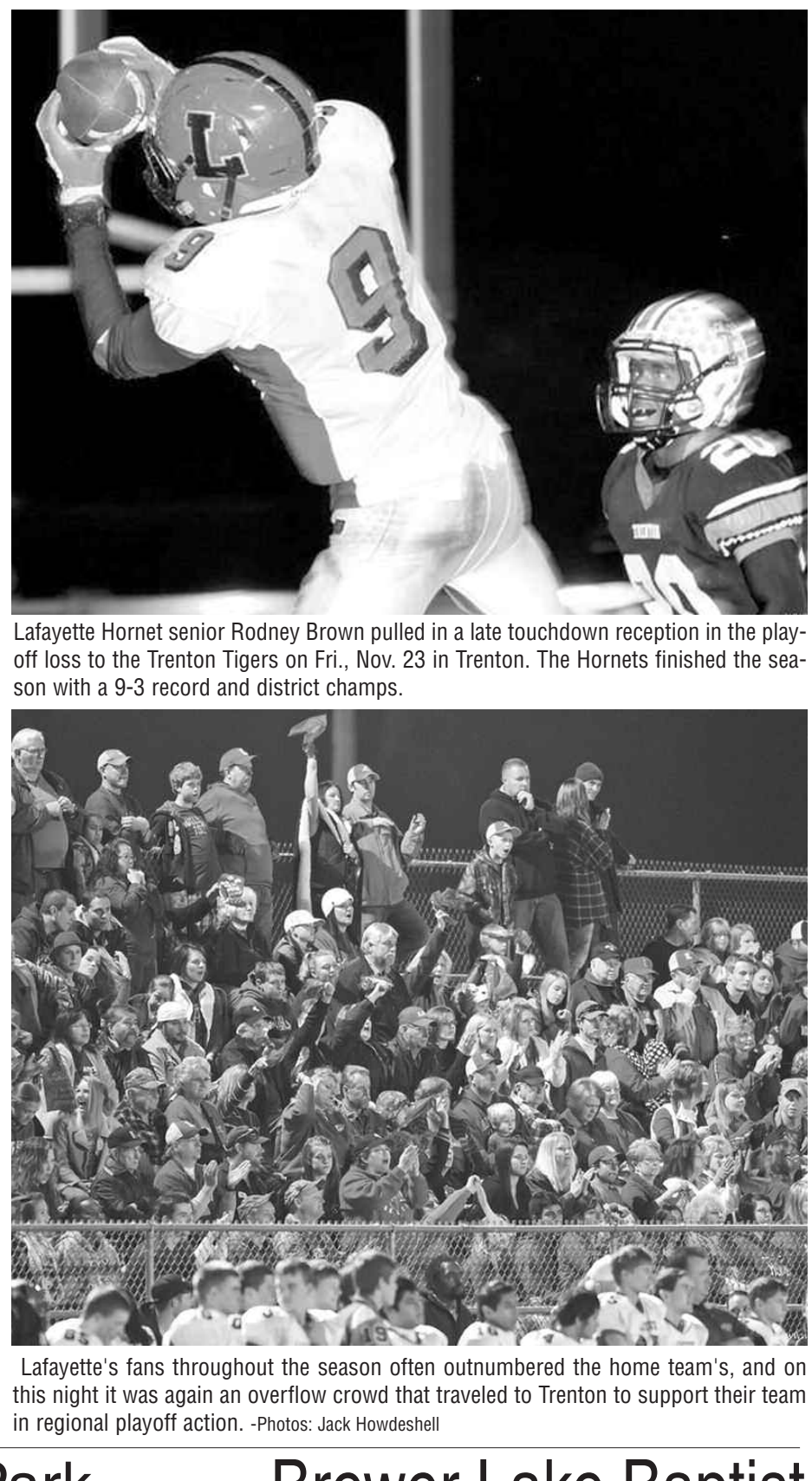
Trenton was able to add one touchdown in the 3rd quarter and failed on the conversion leaving the score going into the final period nearly tied, 20-19. What followed was reminiscent of the last two meetings between these teams. Trenton took control of the game and went on a 22 point run that decided the contest.

The Hornets did continue to fight until the end, adding a final touchdown reception by Brown to close out his career as a Hornet. In the end, the scoreboard matched the score from August, 42-26. It was a great season that had the Hornets back as district champs, but still looking for a way through Trenton to reach their goal of a state title game appearance.

Coach Pearson will be losing several talented seniors that include Bass and Brown, but has a very talented group of underclassmen returning. His group of sophomores from this season, many with a second full season of varsity action, will return with their junior counterparts and may be one of the best groups in the state.

Hornet fans have a lot to look forward to over the next few seasons with this group and the groundwork put in place by this departing senior class.

Lafayette Hornet John Demaris (50) and the entire defense kept the high scoring Tigers in check in the first half of the second round playoff game before falling 42-26. The Hornets finished the season 9-3 and reclaimed the district title for 2012.



Lafayette Hornet senior Rodney Brown pulled in a late touchdown reception in the playoff loss to the Trenton Tigers on Fri., Nov. 23 in Trenton. The Hornets finished the season with a 9-3 record and district champs.

Lafayette's fans throughout the season often outnumbered the home team's, and on this night it was again an overflow crowd that traveled to Trenton to support their team in regional playoff action. -Photos: Jack Howdeshell

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Saturday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Tickets for this year's program can be obtained at no cost for the Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon performances at the Village Church office (386-658-5344) or at The Music Center in Live Oak. Tickets are not required for the Sunday morning performance.

Brewer Lake Baptist Christmas Dinner

Brewer Lake Baptist Church will be hosting our annual "Christmas Dinner" on Saturday, December 1st, 2012. The dinner will be held in our Fellowship Hall in Day.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to join us in this fellowship and reminisce with friends and loved ones.

We will assemble together at 11:30 a.m. with our program commencing shortly after. Lunch will be served around 12 noon.

Please plan to join us on this very special day. Our program this year will include an inspirational message, Christmas music and a wonderful meal. There will be a gift for each guest attending.

We look forward to seeing you and celebrating Jesus...God's most wonderful gift to everyone!

Tis the season to be merry in Lafayette County.

The Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Best Christmas Decorated Business contest with a prize of $100 to be decided on December 23, 2012. We will have several of our Chamber members combing the neighborhood to find those that have gone out of their way to decorate their businesses in the best spirit of Christmas. Show your pride to all by decorating your business this year.

You can have assurance of salvation

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Testament. Christ and His apostles lived in the air of certainty. Doubt in a regenerated heart is everywhere condemned. The epistles glow with the truth that we may "know" we possess salvation. They present a tenor of joy in a present experience, but the tragedy is that, while all who are saved have the right to assurance, all do not experience it. As a letter can be written, and yet now sealed, so grace may be written within the heart, but faith is not strong enough to set the seal of assurance to the accomplishment of the Holy Spirit. Faith in the heart, however, should appear in the fruit of assurance.

Do I believe in once saved, always saved? Yes, with all my heart! John 3:16 says for those who believe they would have "everlasting life". If it was not "everlasting" Jesus could not have said it was. If any sin could cause you to lose your salvation, then any sin would. If I did not have assurance of eternal life, then I would have to spend all my time taking care of me and would have no time for anyone else. I John 1:8 says: we all sin; and if we don't do what I John 1:9 says, then we will suffer the consequences of the sin but never lose our salvation.

I John says that we can know we have eternal life. If you don't know, maybe you don't. Make certain today that you do.

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Holiday food safety

By Mike Mitchell
Suwannee and Lafayette county environmental health director

Everyone has his or her favorite food to eat during the holiday season. It may be a dessert, part of the main course, or an afternoon snack. It does not matter if cooking is involved; we need to be thinking about food safety.

Flu is common this time of year. If you are sick, you should stay out of the kitchen. If you must prepare food, make sure that you wash your hands before handling foods, especially cooked foods. In addition, wash all fruits and vegetables before using and do not use a knife to cut cooked foods after cutting raw meats and vegetables.

When preparing the food, keep foods below 41oF or above 140oF. If your food temperature is between these temperatures, you have four hours to get it out of that range. After this time, bacteria can start to quickly grow and be a cause of sickness.

Therefore, reheat any pre-cooked food as close to mealtime as possible or keep the meal in the refrigerator as long as possible to keep the food safer longer.

It is easy to forget about food safety when we are celebrating during the holiday season, but no one wants the food we enjoy to make us sick. For more information, view the FDA, CDC, or DOH websites. You can also call the Environmental Health Section of the Suwannee County Health Department (386-362-2708 x256) if you have any other questions.

Okay, that wasn't funny

Rev. James L. Snyder, D.Litt

Let me make it very clear right up front that I am in favor of as many "ha ha moments" as possible. I could not get through a week without my daily dose. I firmly believe that laughter is the appropriate medicine for the soul. Some people, according to their demeanor, need a little more laughter than they are presently getting.

That said, let me quickly point out that some things are not funny.

Of course, most things in my life and about my person are marvelous targets of humor. I do not take myself very seriously. I am not sure any wise person would take me seriously either. In fact, I would highly suspect a person who took me seriously. I can take a joke as well as the next person and I can give it back as well as the next person.

I have had some weeks that if it was not for a little bit of humor I do not know how I would have gotten through. So, if you can't do anything you can at least laugh. I firmly believe that the best laugh is when you can laugh at yourself. You might as well laugh at yourself, everybody else is.

Then, there are those serious moments in life that beg for no laughing. I would recommend that warning signs are put around these areas reading, "Positively No Laughing Zone." With this sign should come a severe penalty for those who violate it.

That said; let me explain an area in my life where the sign should be permanently erected.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were having supper with another couple. We try to do this at least once a month and keep up with each other's progress or lack thereof.

We were having a great meal and as we came to the end, I stopped the waitress and said, "I would like some ice cream for dessert." As far as I am concerned, that is a rather reasonable request and quite in keeping with the environment I was in.

"What kind of ice cream," she queried, "would you like?"

When it comes to ice cream, ice cream is simply ice cream to me. If there is a flavor of ice cream I do not like, it has yet to be invented. I love ice cream. My favorite song is, "I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream." In my date book, there is no better ending to a wonderful meal than ice cream.

I remember my grandfather's favorite ice cream was vanilla. He would not eat any other ice cream; he thought they were polluting it with colors. To him an ice cream sundae was as close to blaspheme as he ever would get. "Why ruin," he objected, "the ice cream with all that slop?" He wanted nothing coming between him and the purest experience of ice cream he could get.

Me, I love ice cream regardless of the flavor or color or "slop."

I looked at the waitress and simply said, "I don't care what flavor you bring me. Surprise me. As long as it isn't broccoli." That was supposed to be a joke. Ha ha ha.

As the waitress left our table, we resumed our conversation and shortly she returned with the ice cream.

Upon her arrival, I looked at her and then the ice cream she was bringing and almost screamed aloud. Of all the blasphemous things to do to a customer, this has to take the cake.

First, she had an ice cream bowl with three scoops of ice cream, vanilla, strawberry and chocolate. No problem. However, on the side of the dish in plain view for everybody to see, especially me, was a piece of broccoli. Broccoli! The forbidden fruit or whatever it is.

My dining companions thought this was the funniest thing they had ever seen. Particularly, the dining companion that was going to come home with me that night.

Not only did they laugh. The waitress laughed. The table next to us began to laugh. The table next to them began to laugh. It was not long before everybody within 173 miles was laughing at my ice cream/broccoli dessert.

Actually, not everybody was laughing. I was not laughing. Broccoli, no matter the presentation, is no laughing matter in my book.

If matters could not be worse, my wife, through her hilarity spasms, reached over, picked up the broccoli and began eating it in my presence. Talk about adding insult to injury, my injury was vastly insulted.

I may have been smiling on the outside, but I assure you I was more than frowning on the inside. Some things are funny; broccoli is not one of those things.

Driving home amid the muffled chuckles on the other side of the front seat, I thought of what the apostle Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (KJV), "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

I know that when Paul said, "In every thing," it included things like broccoli. I must say that there are some things in life, like broccoli, where the thanksgiving is a matter of faith. I will never learn to love broccoli, but I can muster up enough faith to thank God for all things, including broccoli.

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28th Annual Christmas on the Square in Live Oak is Dec. 1

CHRISTMAS IN CANDY LAND

By Bryant Thigpen
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Live Oak will be celebrating Christmas in Candy Land on Saturday, Dec. 1 which is the theme for this year's Christmas on the Square. This event will mark the 28th consecutive year that the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce has hosted Christmas on the Square, an event that has gained much popularity throughout the years. The festivities will begin at 8 a.m.

The event will feature over 200 vendors in downtown Live Oak.

"For the past three years we have sold out on vendor spots, and we're hoping to do the same thing this year," stated Susan Hillhouse, coordinator for the event.

Due to road closures caused by sinkholes from TS Debby, there will not be vendors on sections of Wilbur and Warren streets.

Shenandoah Dairy will be sponsoring the agricultural section of Christmas on the Square. For the past three years, the dairy has coordinated the agriculture market, which will be located in front of the Paul Langford Stadium on Wilbur Street.

The Live Oak Fire Department will sponsor the antique and classic car and truck show that will take place downtown from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The annual Christmas Lights Parade, set to begin at 6 p.m., is a favorite among adults and children alike. The lighted parade sets the tone for the Christmas spirit and brings a cheerful heart to those who experience it. The parade route will begin at the Suwannee Elementary School on South Ohio Avenue and will travel north. From Ohio Avenue, the parade will travel west on Howard Street and then turn left onto Houston Avenue where it will end at Paul Langford Stadium.

The grand marshal for this year's parade is Lisa Kriehn of Love INC.

This year's stage will be filled with a variety of talent, with dance shops taking the stage early in the morning. At 11 a.m., different music acts will perform until the conclusion of the event.

"We are really excited about this year's event and hope that everyone will come out and join us," Hillhouse said.

For more information, please call the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce at 386-362-3071.

Angel Tree

Just a reminder that the Mayo Manna House Angel Tree is once again at Thriftway in Mayo. Please stop by and choose a boy or girl angel off the tree and either purchase a gift or you may leave money for a gift to be purchased. Please return the angels with the gift or money. Deadline for returning is Dec. 19. If you have questions please contact Gloria Johnson at 386-294-1294.

Three injured in hit-and-run

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bankment and struck several trees.

The Ford left the scene and witnesses were unable to get a license plate number.

According to the FHP, Jacobs and passengers Jackie Howze, 22, and James Howze, 23, both of Wellborn, were injured and transported to Shands UF in Gainesville.

Jacobs told the *Free Press* that she is still healing from her injuries.

"I'm still on crutches and still not able to use my left leg," she said.

Her friends are still recovering from various injuries, she said.

North Florida Workforce Board ranks in the top for job placement

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The NFWDB is a private non-profit organization that brings together businesses, elected officials, educators and other collaborative partners to build and enhance a workforce to meet the needs of a demand driven economy. It is supported by federal funds and is affiliated with Workforce Florida, Inc. and the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation.

Rehberg asked the commissioners at their Nov. 13 meeting to approve a revised interlocal agreement for the North Florida Workforce Consortium.

"I want to say a special thanks to Commissioner (Donnie) Hamlin who has been very faithful to serve in that capacity for Lafayette County and keeping up with what's going on in the Workforce system," said Rehberg. "He and I have had lots of visiting time together and he is very faithful to the meetings of the consortium."

Each county, Rehberg said, is responsible for approving their participation in the interlocal agreement. The changes to the language of the agreement are to comply with the 2012 legislative requirements, she said.

"For one thing, I updated the population of the region in this agreement because it has been two or three years since it was done," said Rehberg.

Another change was a reduction of consortium staff to the minimum as directed by Governor Scott.

"They will retain the 51 percent majority of private sector members on the board," Rehberg continued. "That has not changed."

Rehberg said the consortium has the legislatively required seats on the workforce board and the same number plus one private sector members.

"It is a public/private board and the law requires that it be led by a majority of private sector members," she said.

Another change she noted was that all efforts must be made to assure representation from all six participating counties, which changed, she said, from assigning a specific number of members from each county.

"I also want to report that over the last four weeks or so, our board has been ranked in the top 10, often in the top performing region in job placements," said Rehberg. "A year ago this month the governor instituted a daily job placement report where all 24 workforce regions are ranked as to who is the best in placing people in jobs and we have ranked at the top."

Why Rotary? Trannie Lacquey answers

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Two weeks after getting out of Booster Club, Trannie Lacquey said her husband was invited to a Rotary Club meeting.

"He said, come and go with me," she said. "We've been there ever since and we really didn't know what we were getting into."

Immediately, they both fell in love with the organization and were impressed with all the Rotary projects. Lacquey said she and her husband are not the type of people to just go to a meeting for a "meet and eat".

"We like to be involved," she said. "If you're involved, good things happen. You get so much more than you give."

With a desire to do more than just projects for their community, the Lacquey's went to their first Rotary district conference where one of the subjects of discussion was international projects. They were immediately intrigued. After speaking with Rotarian Carl Dickerson, who has done many projects in Central and South America, they were invited to Costa Rica to have a look around.

"So, we went down and spent a few days because John and I had never been to Costa Rica and we're willing to go anywhere once," Lacquey said.

While there, they visited several schools as part of a Rotary literacy project, whereby library books were being brought into the schools.

"They had already done textbooks, so they wanted to do library books," she explained.

As an education major, Lacquey said the literacy project really struck her in the heart, especially since it was for the children. One school they visited had only three books in the library.

"John and I put a lot of time and energy into this project, as well as some of our own money," said Lacquey.

The Rotary clubs in the district, she said, came up with about $100,000 in matching grant monies for the project. They obtained the books from the Give a Book Foundation and retail value turned out to be about $400,000 worth of books for the libraries in Costa Rica, she added.

The books were then shipped out from Pensacola on a container vessel to Costa Rica.

"John and I were fortunate enough to go back down and help distribute the books," she said.

Meanwhile, the Lacqueys had already gone to the Live Oak Publix store and were able to get their corporate office to provide coloring books and crayons, which were shipped along with the books. One thing they didn't have enough of, however, were pencils.

Right before the Lacquey's left for Costa Rica they did manage to get the pencils and they put them in their luggage.

"The first school we went to in Costa Rica, John and I got to hand out the pencils," she said.

One child's mother came up to John and asked for one of the pencils and he obliged. Then a teacher asked for one and he obliged again.

Lacquey said, "He looked at me and he said, "Trannie, if I had known this we would have gone and bought every pencil we could find."

She said the kids were so proud of the Publix pencils. She was amazed at how differently the kids reacted to things as compared to here in the US.

"Those kids were happy with anything they got," said Trannie. "Plus the parents were so supportive."

As poor as the people were in Costa Rica, Lacquey said all of them, including parents and teachers, kept the schools clean and neat and helped out in any way they could.

"So, that's how we got started in literacy projects in other countries," said Lacquey.

Since that time the Lacquey's have been to Costa Rica several more times, as well as Panama to continue their literacy projects. Additionally, they continue to do literacy projects in their hometown of Branford at both the elementary and high school. Working with the help of the local library, they were able to get audio books into the library's inventory and they have been a big hit with the kids, she said.

In October, 2006, the Lacquey's pursued another Rotary International adventure called Shelterbox. They applied to become members of the Shelterbox Response Team and were accepted; they were the first team, and the first husband and wife team from the US. Then, the following April they went to England for training. In August they were summoned to go to Nepal to oversee the Shelterbox mission there.

Since then they have been to El Salvador, Guatemala and Colombia on Shelterbox missions. Lacquey's husband went on two separate missions without her to the Turks and Caicos and Haiti. Additionally, they have both been to Mississippi and Louisiana after natural disasters struck those two areas.

The Shelterbox missions which normally last two weeks, Lacquey said, are tough physically, mentally and emotionally. She said when you go on these missions you take three outfits with you; you wash one, you dry one and you wear one."

After two weeks of that she said you don't want to look at those clothes for about six months.

"You rinse them out, but by the time you get home they begin to smell a little bit," she said.

The Lacquey's are both extremely dedicated to any and all Rotary projects they get involved with, no matter how dangerous some of them have been in the third world countries they have visited. Their passion shows through when they speak about their adventures.

"Literacy projects and Shelterbox are my Rotary heartbeat," said Lacquey. "That's what I put my time into. As much as we give, we get so much more in return."

SRWMD and FGS discuss springshed delineation

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used to determine the boundaries of springsheds in the District. Presently, only a handful of springsheds have been delineated. The surface water basins and ground water basins that contribute to the discharge of a spring is called springshed.

The District has the highest concentration of springs and contains the most first magnitude springs in the state. According to the District's Water Resources Director Erich Marzolf, "delineating springsheds helps to prioritize and focus attention for protecting and restoring springs".

The high density of springs throughout the District makes it complicated to delineate springsheds for each spring. Marzolf explained that "in some areas where there a cluster of springs it may be best to delineate a springshed corridor rather than trying to determine individual springsheds".

The District is exploring options to expand and enhance springshed delineations throughout the District. The determination of springsheds will improve meaningful water resource management of our springs.

LHS grad now an ABAC Ambassador

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Koon graduated from LHS last June and went on to college in Tifton, Ga. this year to continue her education. She is now a freshman agriculture education major at ABAC.

The process of being selected to serve as an ambassador involved an application, letters of recommendation and an interview. Then college administrators chose the students they believed to be motivated and those who showed leadership potential.

Ambassadors assist the president, public relations and admissions, and represent and promote the college at a variety of community and college events. They also strive to maintain positive relationships between students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community.

To continue in the ABAC Ambassadors, Koon must maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average and commit at least 35 hours per semester to her service as Ambassador.

You are invited to the United Way of Suwannee Valley December Luncheon

United Way of Suwannee Valley will conduct its December community fundraising campaign report luncheon at the Columbia County Senior Services LifeStyle Enrichment Center, 928 SE Allison Court, Lake City, at noon on December 12. The cost of the luncheon is $12 per person.

The luncheon will feature Bill Caley, executive director of Boys' Club of Columbia County, one of the 21 United Way of Suwannee Valley affiliated agencies. Caley will utilize the theme for this year's campaign, "Imagine Me," to enable guests to identify with the needs addressed through United Way affiliated agencies.

Dana Huggins, chair of the Homeless Services Network of Suwannee Valley, will utilize the Imagine Me theme to speak about the work of the homeless coalition in its four-county area of Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette and Suwannee. The homeless coalition functions as a committee of United Way and continues to be an important community impact initiative of the local United Way.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made by contacting the United Way office at 386-752-5604 x 102 by December 5.

During each month of United Way's annual community fundraising campaign, the local United Way conducts a campaign report luncheon to provide an opportunity for campaign team volunteers, community citizens, business representatives and agency personnel to learn more about the partner agency services, United Way community impact initiatives and businesses supporting our community's well being through their support of the United Way.

United Way of Suwannee Valley is a community impact and fundraising organization which, utilizing volunteers on all levels, advances the common good by identifying unmet community needs and seeking to alleviate those needs through United Way of Suwannee Valley initiatives and the funding of 21 affiliated health and human service agencies.

Book signing Mon. Dec. 3 at Lafayette Library

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On Mon., Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon the Lafayette County Public library will host a book-signing by author Cosette Lewis Sessions, who will be on hand to sign copies of her book, "Lafayette County Settlers and Their Descendants, Volume 2"., a non-profit publication.

The oral histories in the book are about the grandparents, the great-grandparents and the great-great grandparents living in Lafayette County. Sessions describes living conditions people chose in hopes of making a better life for themselves and their descendants.

All proceeds will go to the Sessions/Howell Americanism Award through the Lafayette Penny Foundation.

Pinterest at library

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The Lafayette County Library will be hosting a Pinterest Party on Friday, December 14, from 4-6 p.m. Pinterest is a virtual pinboard that connects folks from around the world who have shared interests.

Pinterest lets you organize and share things you find on the web, such as tips on wedding planning, home decorating ideas and favorite recipes. You can also browse through pinboards created by others to discover new things and get inspired to tackle projects of your own.

This event at the library will be a Show and Tell, so come prepared to share the best pins you have tried.

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