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Pam Blackmon talks about health department dental care. -Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

County health dept. dental unit cuts back

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Florida Health Department Administrator for Lafayette and Suwannee counties, Pam Blackmon, spoke to the Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners on Monday, Dec. 9, about the recent announcement stating that effective Jan. 1, 2014, the dental clinic at the Lafayette health department will no longer provide dental services to non-Medicaid patients.

Blackmon said she found out after returning from Thanksgiving vacation that the resident dentist at the

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LHS guys make All-State football team



From left: Myles Byrd, Josue Diaz, Austin Moody, Brycen Lee, Joan Pedro Negete and Timothy Fleming. Courtesy photo

Six Lafayette High School football players have made the All-State football team.

Making the First Team Offense for Class 1A is kicker Joan Pedro Negete. Making Second Team Offense is offen-

sive line Austin Moody. Making Second Team Defense is line backer Myles Byrd, punter Josue Diaz and Timothy Fleming (WR/DB). Honorable men-

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Come meet the authors!

Local writers at library

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On Tuesday, Jan. 14, from 4-6 p.m., Three Rivers Regional Library System will be hosting a free event

at the Lafayette County Public Library so that you can come meet your favorite local authors.

Lafayette County, as well as much of North Florida is home to many talented authors and on Jan.

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Lafayette County Fire Department works to extinguish the flames. - Photo: Andrew McGee

Wednesday morning fire

No injuries reported

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No injuries were reported following a structure fire Wednesday morning in Lafayette County, according to Lafayette County Fire Chief Gary

Picard.

According to Picard, the home, at 136 SW San Pedro Ave. in Mayo, caught fire around 7 a.m. Wednesday. The cause is under investigation.

The LCFD and Mayo Volunteer Fire Department along with Lafayette County Rescue were deployed to the scene.



Fire department personnel work to extinguish the flames.

Florida Department of Health in Lafayette County announces Temporary flu vaccination payment for pregnant Medicaid recipients

The Florida Department of Health in Lafayette County announces that Florida Medicaid will cover the cost of influenza vaccination for all pregnant women through March 31, 2014. This step is being taken in Florida due to the increased impact of the flu on pregnant women and their babies.

"The flu vaccine is the single best way to pre-

vent flu and it is very important for pregnant women to receive the flu shot," said Pamela Blackmon, Administrator of DOH-Lafayette. "We want to make sure that people are aware of this new opportunity for pregnant women to receive flu vaccination through Medicaid reimbursement."

The Department of

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Congressman Ted S. Yoho, back row, second from left, is a freshman member of the House of Representatives and serves on the Foreign Affairs and Agriculture Committees. He represents North Florida's Third Congressional District which includes Alachua, Bradford, Clay, Marion, Madison, Hamilton, Columbia, Suwannee, Dixie, Union, Lafayette, Levy and Gilchrist counties. Courtesy photo

Yoho hosts human trafficking and awareness summit

Homeland security, local law enforcement officials present

Submitted

Congressman Ted Yoho kicked off his human trafficking task force in Lake City, on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the Columbia County Sheriffs Operations Center with a meeting of lo-

cal law enforcement from all 13 counties in Florida's Third Congressional District. Yoho brought in special guests from the Department of Homeland Security, Scott Santoro, training advisor for the Blue Campaign and Dennis Davidson, section chief for the Human Smuggling and Trafficking Unit.

"The purpose of this meeting was to begin to build the founda-

tion for an anti-human trafficking task force. The practice of human trafficking which is essentially

modern day slavery is abominable. We are taking a stand that

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Lafayette Elementary School - K-2.....Jalen Hill (left) - 3-5.....Enzo Gagliardo (right)



Lafayette Middle School - Audrey Jackson (right) Lafayette High School - Gabriel Lake (left)

Santa visits Haven Hospice Attic in Lake City



Lake City - Over 50 children met Santa and picked out over 200 donated holiday gifts which were wrapped by dedicated volunteer "elves" at the annual Kids Night at the Haven Hospice Attic in Lake City on Dec. 12. Haven Hospice employees, volunteers and members of the community generously donated toys and gifts as well as their time and talents to make the event a success.

About Haven Hospice

Haven Hospice is your not-for-profit community hospice organization providing services since 1979 and licensed in Florida

since 1980. Haven is North Florida's expert in end-of-life and palliative care, receiving national recognition as a Circle of Life Award Recipient from the American Hospital Association for its excellence and innovation. Haven has also been recognized as a Florida Pacesetter for its leadership in promoting advance directives. For more than 30 years Haven has had the honor and privilege to serve more than 60,000 patients and families in North Florida. For more information, visit www.havenhospice.org or call 800-727-1889.

Farm Bureau grant funds local school project

A grant from Florida Farm Bureau will support a special learning experience for a group of students at Lafayette Elementary School. The grant has been awarded for the 2013-14 academic year under Farm Bureau's statewide competitive Ag in the Classroom Program.

Kim Fletcher and Melissa Shaw, teachers at Lafayette Elementary, earned the funding by submitting a successful application for a project that involves an educational learning experience on the life cycle of sugar cane and the process of making cane syrup.

Farm Bureau mini-grants are offered annually to certified classroom teachers who serve young people in kindergarten through 12th grade. The grants are intended to help promote a better understanding of contemporary agriculture among students and teachers. Many successful projects supported by the program include innovation, interdisciplinary approaches to social studies, mathematics, language arts, physical science and natural resource management.

Florida Farm Bureau has awarded mini-grants totaling nearly \$10,000 to 42 teachers across the state for



(L-R) District Women's President Brenda Land with teachers Melissa Shaw and Kim Fletcher, and county secretary Amy Croft. Courtesy photo

the 2013-14 academic year. For more information about the Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom program, contact Mike Rogalsky at Michael.rogalsky@ffbf.org

Florida Farm Bureau is the Sunshine State's largest general agricultural organization with more than 147,000 member-families representing Farm Bureaus

in 60 counties. Membership provides a multitude of benefits and you don't have to be a farmer to be a member of Florida Farm Bureau.

Volunteer opportunity and meeting notice

Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to join its corps of dedicated advocates who protect the rights of elders residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care homes. The program's local councils are seeking additional volunteers to identify, investigate and resolve residents' concerns. Special training and certification is provided.

All interested individuals who care about protecting the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care facility residents - who often have no one else to

advocate for them - are encouraged to call 1-888-831-0404 or visit the program's web site at <http://ombudsman.myflorida.com>.

The local council meets on Jan. 16 at the Alachua Regional Service Center, 14107 NW Highway 441 in Alachua to discuss the program's current activities and give the public a chance to provide comments about long-term care facility issues. These public meetings begin at 1 p.m. Concerned citizens and those interested in volunteering are welcome to attend.



Annual Branford Chili Cook-Off is Saturday, Jan. 11

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The Fifth Annual Branford Chili Cook-Off will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Hatch Park on Craven Street in Branford.

The event will include a silent auction for adults and kids, door prizes, live DJ, antique car show, moon walk, kiddie train rides, Home Depot Kids Workshop, and a chili contest.

First, second and third place cash prizes and best decorated booth will be awarded. The public is invited.

A \$5 admission to the event will include all you can eat chili.

Proceeds from the Fifth Annual Branford Chili Cook-Off will benefit Herry's Kids Pediatric Services, a program of the Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast.

To register your chili or for more information call the Hospice of the Nature Coast at 386-755-7714.

Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast specializes in end-of-life care for adults and children focusing on physical, emotional, spiritual and social comfort. To learn more go on-line www.hospiceofcitrus.org.

18 girls from Patrice's School of Dance performs at 2013 Alamo Bowl

Ten Dancers and 8 twirlers performed at the 2013 Valero Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas on Monday, Dec. 30.

Starting with a Pep Rally for the Oregon Ducks & Texas Longhorns on Friday, Dec. 27 Patrice's School of Dance performed a home routine at the Arneson River Theater on the downtown San Antonio Riverwalk. Practices then began with long hours and a lot of hard work under the direction of Jamal Sims, one of today's most sought after

choreographer/directors in the industry. His list of credentials goes on and on but he has most recently worked on the movies Step Up 4, Footloose and Rent also working with tours such as Jennifer Lopez, Madonna, Usher and Miley Cyrus just to name a few. He was very exciting to work with and the girls really enjoyed dancing for him.

To take a break Jamal did a hip hop dance class for the girls to teach them

some of his new and old moves. The twirling choreography for the halftime show was assembled by Cheryl Byrd and the twirlers did an awesome job impressing the director of dancers, Jamal Sims and the director of bands.

The girls did get to take a private boat ride down the San Antonio River and view many historic monuments. Excitement was building as all the girls got ready to perform for a sold out crowd of 66,000.

Congratulations to all the dancers, Krista Lyons, Brianna Celedon, Savannah Medlin, Mariela Tovar, Katelyn Bryant, Nikki Robnett, Savannah Rucker, Kira Whittington, Kimberly Bearden and Alexia Tovar and to the twirlers, Danielle Murray, Bayley Jackson, Katelyn Law, Taylor Adkins, MacKenzie Hart, Alex James, Frances Hilton and Kelsey McKormick.

Studios are located in Mayo and Bradford 386-294-2471.



Some of the girls pose for a photo in Texas.



All bundled up in San Antonio.



The dancers before they performed at the 2013 Valero Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas on Monday, Dec. 30.



Some of the twirlers that performed at the 2013 Valero Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas on Monday, Dec. 30.



All smiles for an exciting time. Courtesy photos

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Yoho hosts human trafficking and awareness summit

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this is a serious offense and will not be tolerated. We aim to partner with our local law en-

forcement to help provide them with the resources they need to identify instances of trafficking and to stop this. Our office will be

promoting several public service announcements in conjunction with Homeland Security's Blue Campaign to educate our communities about the realities of human trafficking. Whether we believe it or not, trafficking is happening here in North Central Florida, in our own communities. We cannot and will not let this happen," concluded Yoho.

Several sheriffs and police chiefs attended the event to learn more about the issue, how their departments can help combat human trafficking and to forge partnerships with Congressman Yoho's office and DHS in making Florida's Third District a zero tolerance zone for trafficking. Among those in attendance were members of the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office including Sheriff Bobby Schultz; Orange Park Police Chief G.A. Goble; Madison Police Chief Gary Calhoun;

Lt. Sirey with Madison County Sheriff's Office; Detective Sergeant Bevan and Detective Frank Scala with Marion County Sheriff's Office; Dixie County Sheriff Dewey Hatcher; Lafayette County Sheriff Brian Lamb; Captain Barry Abramowitz with Clay County Sheriff's Office; Lt. John Stock and Lt. Clint Van Bennekom with the Lake City Police Department; Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter and Captains Joe Lucas and David Loingate from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

In addition to local law enforcement, Third Circuit State Attorney Jeff Siegmeyer joined for a discussion on challenges prosecutors face in taking on cases of human trafficking.

For more information on DHS's Blue Campaign to end human trafficking, please visit <https://www.dhs.gov/es/blue-campaign/blue-campaign>.



Florida Department of Health in Lafayette County.

LHS guys make All-State football team

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tion was quarterback Brycen Lee.

Each Classification has an all state team selected by sports writers from around the state.

"I am proud of our

players who made All-State," said LHS head football coach Joey Pearson. "They all worked hard and are very deserving. it is a great honor to be recognized as one of the best across the state."

Come meet the authors!

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14 you can come meet quite a few of them. They will be on hand to greet you, discuss their books and even sign a copy of one that you purchased.

Authors Drollene Brown, Nancy Singletary, Connie Blosser, Sydney Clary (Lacy Dancer), Jonnie Whittington, Delores

Walker, Anthony Lamarr White, J.J. Mack and Pierce Kelly are just some of the talented writers who will be looking forward to seeing you on Jan. 14.

The Woman's Club of Mayo will be providing refreshments, so be sure to stop in for a fun afternoon at the library and come meet the authors!

Temporary flu vaccination payment for pregnant Medicaid recipients

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Health in Lafayette County recommends that all individuals six months of age and older receive the flu vaccination each year. It is especially important for pregnant women to be vaccinated due to the increased risk of complications associated with contracting the flu while pregnant. The flu vaccination is safe and will protect the mother, the unborn child, and will also help protect babies during the first months after birth.

Additional flu prevention steps include washing your hands often, keeping your hands away from your face and covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing and coughing. Symptoms of the flu include headache, fever, severe cough, runny nose or body aches. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, see your primary care provider immediately for guidance on treatment. For more informa-

tion on pregnant women and influenza, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/pregnant.htm>

It is important for you and your family members to get a flu vaccine every year. Flu vaccines are offered in many locations, including doctor's offices, clinics, health departments, retail stores, pharmacies, health centers, and by many employers and schools. Check with your physician, Florida Department of Health in Lafayette County or visit <http://www.floridahealth.gov/prevention-safety-and-wellness/flu-prevention/locate-a-flu-shot.html> to search for a location to receive a flu vaccine.

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School Lunch Menu

January 13th - January 17th, 2014

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1/14 Tues.	Cereal Crackers Milk Pineapple Tidbits Pancake Syrup	Hamburger Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Steamed Broccoli Wheat Rolls Diced Peaches Milk
1/15 Wed.	Cereal Crackers Milk Oranges Bagel	Chili (Meat & Q) Pizza Tossed Salad Sallines Peanut Butter Sandwich Pineapple Tidbits Milk
1/16 Thurs.	Cereal Crackers Milk Oranges Apple Juice Breakfast Pizza	Chicken & Noodles Mustard Greens Lima Beans Cornbread Applesauce Milk
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County health dept. dental unit cuts back

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health department would be retiring at the end of December. She also said they have been going through other changes at the clinic due to decreased revenues.

"We also started our unit up in Suwannee County about three months ago and that system just has not built up like we need it to, to pay salaries," said Blackmon. "When I found out that Dr. Jones was going to be retiring, it really was an opportunity to continue to provide services at both counties, but reduced services."

Blackmon explained that after looking at budgets and other data, it was decided upon to just continue the dental services to Medicaid patients only.

Several things have happened over the last few years, Blackmon said. Medicaid reimbursements have been reduced about 33 percent, and payments by private pay, non-Medicaid patients only averaged about \$45 per visit. Medicaid, she said, pays the health department \$120 per patient visit.

"We can't provide services," said Blackmon. "We stand to lose \$95,000 in our dental unit in Lafayette County this year and there isn't any other revenue to make up for that."

Commissioner Lance Lamb asked Blackmon if it would be possible to raise private pay fees, but she said the clients wouldn't be able to afford it.

Blackmon said, for now, she will monitor how much revenue comes in from the part time dentist who will only be seeing Medicaid patients, and if that revenue can exceed the amount needed to pay salaries, then she might be able to consider adding private pay clients again.

Blackmon explained that when the dental unit first came to

Lafayette County, it was strictly for Medicaid patients. Then about four years ago, she said the board approved the \$45 per visit rate for private pay clients.

"We now have about 51 percent private pay and 49 percent Medicaid," said Blackmon.

Some of the commissioners said they thought if the private pay rate was raised it could alleviate the revenue problem. Blackmon said she understood, but the health department is supposed to be providing for the under-served.

"The dentist that is currently in Live Oak will travel to Mayo two days a week and she'll be in Live Oak three days a week," Blackmon said.

Throughout the state, Blackmon said, all the health departments are experiencing the same issues and cutting back on services.

"It's a very difficult time, and when I hear that the economy is improving, I don't see it personally," she said.

Emergency Medical Services Director Trevor Hicks stated that the indigent care dental clinic at Shands in Live Oak has a waiting list that is two months long. Although it's an option for dental care, the waiting list is an issue when someone has an immediate need.

"Tooth decay directly relates to the amount of heart disease that a person has," said Hicks. "If that's not taken care of, then they start to lose their overall general health."

Blackmon said her hope is to get the dental unit back to accepting private pay patients, but that it is extremely difficult to find a dentist who will work in a rural area because it simply doesn't pay enough.

"It might take a very long time to find someone," she said.

Salaries alone for the dental unit, Blackmon said, are about \$325,000 and some could lose their jobs if the option to utilize the part time services of the Live Oak dentist for Medicaid patients only for the time being isn't agreed upon.

Suwannee County, she said, has always been Medicaid only for dental patients. Lamb urged Blackmon to do all possible to keep the dental unit going in Lafayette County.

Dental services will still be provided for Medicaid eligible children and adults on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Lafayette. For those not being served any longer, dental records can be obtained from the health department at 140 SW Virginia Circle at no cost by calling 386-294-1321 to request a copy.

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This event features free admission, food samples by

This exquisite wedding cake was designed by Publix Bakery in Live Oak.

caterers, a huge bridal show by the popular Golden Needle of Lake City, entertainment, wedding/event specialists, photographers, travel agencies, florists, Origami jewelry, wedding

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Florida Museum of Natural History lets the dogs out in 'Wolf to Woof' exhibit opening Feb. 15

GAINESVILLE, Fla. --- Visitors will soon be able to uncover the mysteries of man's best friend at the Florida Museum of Natural History's new temporary exhibit, "Wolf to Woof: The Story of Dogs," opening Feb. 15, 2014.

"Wolf to Woof" is the largest and most comprehensive traveling exhibit on the history, biology and evolution of dogs. It shows how dogs have secured a special place in human society as an incredibly diverse and versatile species that serves as hunters, herders, guards and companions.

"The canine/human relationship is something so special and unique in nature," said Tina Choe, Florida Museum exhibit developer. "As a dog owner, I am thrilled to share this experience with our visitors."

The exhibit reveals an in-depth history of dogs and their connection with wolves through four themed sections featuring artifacts, multimedia displays, photomurals and dioramas.

Visitors may participate in interactive, hands-on activities like climbing into an avalanche scene to see what it's like to be saved by a search-and-rescue dog. Visitors may also guess what dogs are saying in a "howling area" and test their nose against a dog's powerful sense of smell.

The museum will host an opening celebration event for the exhibit on Feb. 22 that will include a dog adoption drive and service dog demonstrations. Admission is \$7 for adults (\$6 Fla. residents and seniors); \$4.50 for ages 3-17 and free to museum members and University of Florida students with a valid Gator 1 card.

The museum will display the exhibit through Sept. 1, 2014.

For more information, visit <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/exhibits>.

SRWMD and FWC are working to restore the natural flow at Bell Springs in Columbia County

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) are partnering to restore the natural spring run and ecology of Bell Springs in Columbia County.

Prior to the District acquiring the property, the spring flow was interrupted by the installation of earthen berms and culverts to partition the spring run into three distinct ponds.

The narrow spring run was converted into a 1.3 acre pond and two smaller ponds. Interruptions in the natural flow caused the main pond to become dominated by algae and the smaller ponds to be overrun with duckweed.

The District acquired the 54-acre Bell Springs Tract in 2008 to protect water quality, floodplains, and natural systems. The spring discharges about 350 gallons per minute or 180 million gallons per year. It flows to the Suwannee River just northeast of White Springs.

Removing the berms will convert the artificial ponds back to a natural spring run, which will restore the natural hydrology and the natural communities at the spring.

Construction crews are presently removing the berms and relocating the fill on site. The fill will be used to rebuild the natural grade and contours of the original spring run channel.

"The top of the largest dam was about 30 feet above the natural grade," explained Patrick Webster, project manager for the District. "In total, 3,019 cubic yards of fill, which is enough fill to cover a football field nearly 1.5 feet deep, will be removed from the spring run to allow the spring to flow uninterrupted to the Suwannee River."

Native trees and vegetation will be planted along the spring run to restore natural habitat and prevent erosion. FWC will monitor survival of vegetation and habitat improvements.

"The deeper, relatively stagnant waters of a pond system supports a different vegetation community, and provides habitat for a different suite of fish and wildlife species than the shallow flowing waters of a spring run," said Patrick McCord, project manager for FWC. "We're working to restore the natural hydrology of the system, which in turn will support important habitat communities that are associated with a spring run."



Construction crews use excavators to remove one of four earthen berms at Bell Springs, which has interrupted the spring's natural flow.

McCord said FWC is pleased to partner with the District on a restoration project of this nature.

"The vast majority of projects that FWC is involved with are focused on managing the impacts that human disturbance and landscape alteration has on habitat quality. At Bell Springs we have an opportunity to remove the source of disturbance from the landscape altogether, and actually restore a natural system back to the way nature intended it to be," said McCord. "We don't run across very many opportunities to do true restoration like this. We're very pleased to be working with the District on a common goal of springs restoration."

"The District appreciates the opportunity to partner with FWC to achieve restoration of the ecological integrity of Bell Springs, which will yield benefits to the public through enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat and restoration of the natural hydrology," said District Executive Director Ann Shortelle.

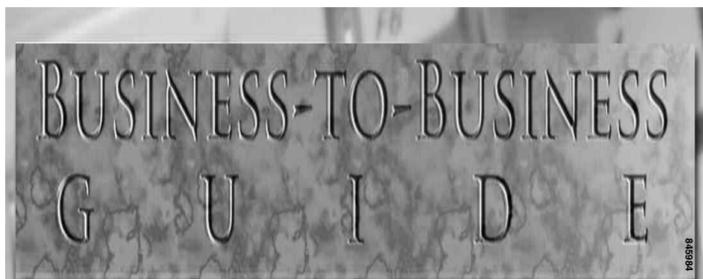
The FWC provided funding for the topographic survey, construction services and planting of native trees and ground-cover vegetation for the project. The District provided the engineering and design for the site plans, the construction specifications and drawings, and secured all permits for the construction activities.

During construction, the Bell Springs Tract will be closed. The construction phase of the project is scheduled for completion in a few weeks.

SRWMD Governing Board Meetings

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014, the Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet at 9 a.m. at District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060. The meeting is to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory, real estate, and other various matters. A workshop will follow after the Governing Board meeting. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by visiting the District's website at www.mysuwanneeriver.com.

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Gold City, Wilburns headline Pure Gold Gospel Music week



Gold City

Gold City, the nation's leading southern gospel quartet, and Wilburn and Wilburn will headline two gospel music concerts at Yogi Berra's Jellystone Park in Madison, Florida.

Wilburn and Wilburn, which features Jonathan Wilburn, former lead vocalist for Gold City, and LifeSong will be in concert on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m.

Gold City, the Stephen Jones Band and LifeSong will take the stage Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. A free chili dinner will be available during the evening.

With their unique style and versatility, Gold City has produced over 49 hit songs and more than 40 recordings, as well as earned numerous awards and nominations. Gold City is known for their hit songs, "Midnight Cry," "John Saw," "In My Robe of White," "There Rose A Lamb," "It's Just Another Red Sea," "God Handled It All," "I Think I'll Read It Again," "Truth Is Marching On," and

most recent, "Peter, James and John."

For over 30 years Gold City has consistently delivered a concert and a message that ministers to each person individually in a way that is genuinely and sincerely felt by all, and they are committed to continue doing so for as long as God makes a way. As they continue to add hit songs to the list, and as the bus continues to roll week after week, it's not about the who, when or where, it's about the why: to minister to those in need, through the greatest music on earth, and following His lead, every step of the way.

Wilburn and Wilburn is a new name but familiar faces. This father and son duo combine a solid foundation of "Old School" with a flare of youthful presence to bring the message of Christ in a song.

Jonathan Wilburn has taken the stage with his family the Wilburns and was the lead vocalist with Gold City for over a decade. His tenure in gospel music has

brought him close to the heart of people from all ages. It seems as though the fans agree, for Jonathan has been nominated and voted America's favorite lead vocalist five times by the subscribers of the Singing News magazine.

Jonathan is noted for his distinguished voice on Gold City classics such as "Midnight Cry," "He Said," "I'm Not Giving Up," "That Little Baby," and many more.

"We are looking forward to our return to Madison," Jonathan said. "We love singing here and sharing with some of the greatest gospel music fans in the world. It's also a blessing to be in a bit warmer climate. Sweet Florida and gospel music!"

For more information, please visit www.lifesonggospel.com or call (850) 464-0114.



Wilburns

Attention bridge players

A group of bridge players meet every Monday at 6 p.m. at Sakura Restaurant, 1548 S. Ohio Ave., Live Oak to play Chicago bridge. We have openings for players. Please contact Lucille Heinrich at 362-5995 for more information.

Want to learn bridge or brush up on your skills? Meet at Sakura Restaurant on Monday at 5 p.m. for an hour of FREE tutoring. Contact Lucille Heinrich at 362-5995 to register.

Volunteers needed

Learn how to be a SHINE volunteer in your community. SHINE volunteers offer free counseling and assistance to Florida Seniors and those with disabilities, on topics related to Medicare, Medicaid, long term care planning, prescription drug assistance, supplemental in-

urance and more. Volunteers are needed in Suwannee County. Comprehensive three day training will take place in Lake City on March 25-27. Costs for transportation are reimbursed and meals provided. Call 1-800-262-2243 for information and application.

Stay healthy when the sick season of sneezes and sniffles arrives

The cold weather brings with it a season of smiles, the first snowfalls and, unfortunately, cold and flu outbreaks. While everyone else is suffering, there are ways you can make it through the season unscathed.

It is estimated that a billion people across North America will succumb to the cold virus this year, says Medline. Considering there is no cure for cold and flu viruses, prevention remains a person's best option at fending off cold and flu. There are different precautions to take that can help protect you against getting sick or at least reduce the frequency and severity with which cold and flu strikes.

Although there is no magic pill to take that will prevent you from catching a cold or the flu, there are ways to improve your odds.

* Wash your hands the right way. Washing your hands frequently remains the single-best way to keep viruses and bacteria that can make you sick from infiltrating the body. Washing your hands for at least 20 seconds can effectively remove any dirt, grime and invisible invaders.

* Skip antibacterial products. Because colds and the flu are the result of viruses, which are different in behavior and structure from bacteria, they will not be killed off with the use of antibacterial products. What you may succeed in doing is killing off any beneficial bacteria on your hands as well as creating resistant bacteria that form with over-use of antibiotics and antibacterial products.

* Get the flu shot. There is no vaccination to prevent the common cold, but there are immunizations that can help reduce your risk of getting the flu or help minimize its severity. Doctors' offices, clinics and even pharmacies all offer annual flu shots.

* Use sanitizer on items around the house. Surfaces that are frequently touched by all members of the household should be wiped down with a disinfectant product. A bleach-and-water solution is an effective sanitizer. Surfaces to sanitize include phones, doorknobs, light switches, remote controls, computer keyboards, faucets, toys, and countertops.

* Avoid sick people. KidsHealth.org states that flu viruses and colds can travel up to 12 feet (from a sneeze or cough). Steer clear of anyone exhibiting symptoms, especially someone who is frequently sneezing or coughing.

Parents should keep children home from school if they are sick. Do so until symptoms subside so as not to infect others.

* Use a sanitizer product. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advise that when hand-washing is not readily available, a good way to kill germs is to use an alcohol-based sanitizer lotion. While not as effective as washing hands in warm, soapy water, sanitizing products can be used in a pinch while you're on the go.

* Cough into your sleeve. Rather than coughing or sneezing into your hands, do so into the crook of your elbow since this area rarely touches anything else.

* Skip the buffet lunch. Buffet-style offerings are convenient and offer variety, but they are also a breeding ground for illnesses. These foods may have been sneezed or coughed on. Also, the serving spoons have been touched by dozens of people.

There are many different ways to avoid getting a cold or the flu this season. Diligence is one of the keys to staying germ-free.



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Colbert Croft passes

Prolific gospel songwriter, evangelist and singer remembered

He began what is today the Suwannee River Jubilee at The SOS Music Park

Submitted

One of America's premier gospel songwriters, the Rev. Colbert Croft, formerly of Jasper, passed away from this life in Valdosta early Jan. 1 following a long illness.

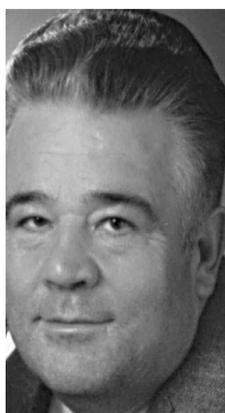
Colbert Croft was known throughout America as a prolific gospel songwriter with his lovely and musically talented wife Joyce. Their 5,000 plus gospel songs have become standards in the gospel music industry.

The Crofts were part of the Suwannee River Jubilee held at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak for the past 25 years.

"He was the fellow who made the key contact with the Florida Boys' Les Beazley," said SOSMP co-founder Bob Cornett. "Les Beazley headed up the Florida Boys' gospel group at that time," Cornett said. "The Dixie Echoes were a part of it, and they put it (the Jubilee) on together. But Colbert was the main man that made the deal originally and called the Florida Boys to set it up," Cornett said of the beginning of the Jubilee. Colbert and Joyce hosted the Bean Supper every year on Wednesday night before the three-day gospel sing began. A gospel concert followed the bean supper. Joyce said she and Colbert led the morning worship every morning during the Jubilee each year. Both were involved in the event throughout the first 25 years celebrated in 2013.

The Crofts were married nearly 50 years and were traveling evangelists who spread the gospel through music, song and Colbert's preaching. Colbert's love of the Lord was exemplified by his willingness to help others, share his music and always offer a helping hand to those trying to break into gospel music or in need.

Colbert founded and pastored Faith Chapel in downtown Jasper. It was here he would invite numerous famous gospel groups to stop by and sing. Many of those groups would ask for any new songs available from the couple and of course, Colbert always had a compilation disk ready, according to long-time friend, The Rev. Randy Lamb of Brunswick, Ga. "I would sing the new songs for the compilation disks," he added. Randy also recorded, "Daddy Had A Friend," written by the couple. It went to #88 on gospel charts in 1988, Lamb said. "I never knew if Colbert wrote that song about my granddaddy who was an old-time preacher or how he got the words, but it described my granddaddy, the Rev. Jack



Colbert Croft

Lamb, perfectly." Lamb, a former youth leader and evangelist who is also a gospel singer and pastor, said he saw God use Colbert to heal people several times over the years, but Colbert never told anyone God had used him in that way. "He had the gift of healing," Lamb stated emphatically.

Gospel's Best Words and Music Song Book lists the names of 525 of the best gospel songs which includes the following songs written by the Crofts: "The Future's Looking Brighter," "I Believe He Died For Me," "I Can't Even Walk (Without You Holding My Hand)," "I'm The Reason" and "Is That Footsteps I Hear?" The Crofts' names are listed in this book among the best gospel songwriters such as Rogers and Hammerstein, Bill and Gloria Gaiher, Rusty Goodman, Mylon LeFevre, Kris Kristofferson, Marion W. Easterling, Cleavon Derricks, Reba Rambo, Aaron Wilburn, Eddie Crook, Dottie Rambo, Wally Fowler, Albert E. Brumley, Adger M. Pace, Squire Parsons, Gov. Jimmie Davis, Ralph Carmichael, Elton John, G.T. Speer, J.D. Sumner, Jack W. Campbell and more.

One of their songs, "Flow Through Me Holy Spirit," was translated into the Navajo language by Guy James and recorded on video for the Navajo nation to hear the word of God in their language. County music great Marty Stuart recorded the Crofts' "I Can't Even Walk" on his 13th album, Souls' Chapel. The album was nominated for a Dove Award for Country Album of the Year in 2006 at the 37th GMA Dove Awards. The song was also included in 16 Great Southern Gospel Classics, Vol. 2.

Perhaps the most well-known of all, "I Can't Even Walk (Without You Holding My Hand)," a standard in Southern gospel, was recorded and sung by many and included in 'The Worlds' Greatest Southern Gospel Songs (50 Southern Gospel Clas-

sics) edition.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, at Perimeter Road Baptist Church in Valdosta. Viewing and family visitation was

Monday, Jan. 6, from 5 - 7 p.m. at Carson-McLane Funeral Home, 2215 N. Patterson Street, Valdosta, Ga. Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery in Jasper, Fla.

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AGENDA TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF MAYO, FLORIDA REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014, 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM, 276 WEST MAIN STREET

REGULAR MEETING

1. Adopt Agenda
2. Approve Minutes
3. Citizen Input
4. S.W.A.T.
5. First Reading of Ordinance 14-01.
6. Department Reports
 - a. Sampson Edwards
 - b. Aaron Lawson
 - c. Bobby Johnson
 - d. MVFD
 - e. Sheriff Brian Lamb
7. Miscellaneous Items
8. Pay Bills
9. Adjourn
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lafayette County Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Lafayette County Courthouse in Mayo, Florida. Listed below is an agenda for the meeting.

By Order Of:

/s/ Lance Lamb
Lance Lamb, Chairman
Lafayette County Commission

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

1. Open the meeting.
2. Invocation and pledge to the flag.
3. Approve the minutes.
4. Requests and comments from the community.
5. Department Heads:
 - A) Marcus Calhoun-Maintenance.
 - B) Scott Sadler-Public Works
 - C) Donnie Land-Emergency Management.
 - D) Bobby Johnson-Building/Zoning.
 - E) Trevor Hicks-EMS.
 - F) Jana Hart-Extension Office.
6. Consider proposals for Construction Management Services for the new Public Works Building and the Industrial Park Renovation.
7. Approve the DOT Amendment to the CR 351 project.
8. Discuss the acquisition offer from DOT for the expansion of the turning radius at the red light.
9. Discuss the acquisition of property for the Day Volunteer Fire Department.
10. Consider an Indigent Burial Request.
11. Approve the updated lease agreement by NFGS for space at the Jimmy Barrington Building.
12. Authorize the County attorney to prepare the following draft ordinances:
 - 1) Regulating burials on private property.
 - 2) Update the special assessment and impact fee ordinances.
13. Leenette McMillan-Fredriksson-various items.
14. Approve the bills.
15. New Business.
16. Adjourn.

All members of the public are welcome to attend. Notice is further hereby given, pursuant to Florida Statute 286.0105, that any person or persons deciding to appeal any matter considered at this public hearing will need a record of the hearing and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (386) 294-1600 or via Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771. See www.lafayetteclerk.com for updates and amendments to the agenda.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. 13-31-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF

DONALD KEITH KOON, SR.

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DONALD KEITH KOON, SR., deceased, whose date of death was August 24, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lafayette County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 88, Mayo, FL 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

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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 the first publication of this notice is January 2, 2014.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The District School Board of Lafayette County will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.** in the School Board Meeting Room of the Lafayette School District Administration Building, 363 N.E. Crawford Street, Mayo, Florida 32066 for the purpose of amending various school board policies based on legislative changes and to reflect editorial, grammatical, and citation edits. (The School Board approved for advertisement of a Public Hearing at their regular meeting on December 17, 2013.)

Authority for amending and adopting policies and forms is found in Article IX, Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida and in Florida Statutes 1001.41.

The following policies will be considered for revision:

1. CHAPTER II-SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATION
 - A. 2.05-Board Meetings
2. CHAPTER III-SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
 - A. 3.06-Safe and Secure Schools
 - B. 3.10-Flag Display and Pledge
 - C. 3.12-Public Information and Inspection of Records
 - D. 3.25-Background Screening for Contractors
3. CHAPTER IV-CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
 - A. 4.013-Academic Acceleration
 - B. 4.017-Early High School Graduation
4. CHAPTER V-STUDENTS
 - A. 5.101-Bullying and Harassment
 - B. 5.15-Administration of Medication
5. CHAPTER VI-HUMAN RESOURCES
 - A. 6.113-Responsibilities of School Bus Operators
 - B. 6.37-Professional Ethics
 - C. 6.39-Report of Misconduct
6. CHAPTER VIII-AUXILIARY SERVICES
 - A. 8.03-Inspections
 - B. 8.14-Automotive Equipment
 - C. 8.21-Transporting Students in Private Vehicles
7. CHAPTER IX-SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS
 - A. 9.03-School Reports

A. Name of person presenting the proposed policies: Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Lafayette County Schools. Date of Approval by Board for Advertisement: December 17, 2013.

B. Explanation of the purpose and effect of school board policies: Provide policies required by Florida Statutes (F.S.) State Board of Education Administrative Rules (S.B.E.R.) and other controlling regulations; and to provide policies for matters for which it appears prudent for the orderly operation of the school system.

C. A summary of the proposed policy revisions is as follows: Policies necessary for the effective operation and general improvement of the school system for the District School Board of Lafayette County, Florida.

D. Economic impact of the proposed policies: None

School Board Policies may be examined at the District School Board Office at 363 N.E. Crawford Street, Mayo, Florida between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

/s/ Robert Edwards
Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools
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Sallie Lou Koon 90th birthday

Please join our family on this joyous occasion when our mother, grandmother and great grandmother Sallie Lou Koon celebrates her 90th birthday on Jan. 19, 2014 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Mayo Community Center Mayo, Florida

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A great big thank you

Manna House of Mayo, Joe Rotunda and Gloria Johnson, want to say thank you to everyone who participated and got gifts for the Angels on the Angel Tree or donated money for the gifts.

We want to thank Mayo Thriftway for letting us put the Angel Tree in their store. Also we appreciate the employees helping with the gifts that arrived at the store.

This year was a success because of Lafayette County residents' big hearts. They helped 38 under-privileged children from this county have a nicer Christmas.

This is a list of businesses who participated:

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Mayo Cafe
Lafayette County Farm Bureau
Mayo Fertilizer
Byrd Brothers Trucking
Kenny Hart Land Clearing
Lafayette County Fire Department

God bless each and every one of you! Always remember the scripture Matthew

18:15, "Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me [Jesus]."

Manhattan Piano Trio live at St. Luke's in Live Oak

St. Luke's Episcopal Church (1391 SW 11th Street, Live Oak) is once again hosting the Manhattan Piano Trio for a musical event on Monday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. We invite the public to join us for this unusual and delightful presentation of chamber music. We look forward to the community joining us. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Hailed by critics as "a grand departure from the usual" (News Herald), the Manhattan Piano Trio has quickly become one of the most creative, exciting, and dynamic young ensembles in the United States. With more than 500 performances since its inception in 2004, MPT is one of the most active groups in the classical music scene, welcomed by enthusiastic audiences in over 35 American states, Italy, South Africa and Australia. The Washington Post described the Trio as "impressive" and "outstanding," while the Sarasota Herald Tribune said, "one seldom is privileged to enjoy music of such a wide range of styles performed with self-effacing skill

and relaxed assurance."

The Trio comprises Milana Strezeva (Piano), Wayne Lee (Violin) and Dmitry Kouzov (Cello); all award winning soloists in their own right. Since its inception in 2004, the Trio has captured grand prizes at the Plovman Competition and at the Chesapeake Competition; and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Listeners' Choice Award in Melbourne.

Strongly committed to educating new generations of musicians and music lovers, the MPT is adept at weaving informative talks into its performances, thereby imparting greater musical insight and emotional clarity to its audiences. As part of the community rebuilding effort in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, they were one of the first musical groups to perform in the city and were honored to give a benefit concert at the University of New Orleans.

To learn more about them please visit their website: www.manhattanpianotrio.com

Suwannee Weddings Expo

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you are sure to find wedding attire for everyone in the bridal party.

Admission is free to this popular event held from 1 - 4 p.m. Jan. 12 in the spectacular Grande Hall, one of North Florida's most favorite and most beautiful wedding reception venues. The large Grande Hall is located on the banks of the famous Suwannee River and features a beautifully decorated wedding, reception,

family reunion, birthday, anniversary or business event facility with a covered, wrap-around porch and huge, open-air deck. Step inside the beautiful double doors at the front or back, and you'll see the Grande Hall's two elegant staircases leading to a second floor balcony, a first floor open fireplace with a one-of-a-kind, hand-made metal sculpture and unique decor. A kitchen is available and tables and chairs are available to rent or we can

recommend an offsite vendor.

The SOSMP has RV sites, primitive camping and beautiful, luxurious cabins available for the pleasure of you and your guests during your special event on the banks of the Suwannee River in North Florida. Consider spending your honeymoon in our spectacular tree house overlooking the Jam field with its own balcony and gorgeous views.

For more information about the Wedding Expo,

email Michelle Goddard at michelle@musicliveshere.com or call her at 386-209-2798. To contact the SOSMP directly, email spirit@musicliveshere.com, call 386-364-1683 or go to www.musicliveshere.com.

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive 4.5 miles north of Live Oak, Fl off US 129 at the famous Suwannee River. The park is 4.5 miles south of Interstate 75 and 4.5 miles north of Interstate 10 off US 129.



The Manhattan Piano Trio.



Sports



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January "Outta' the Woods"

Finding hunting success on small-acreage leases

By Tony Young

Many people think you need a large tract of land for hunting to harvest a mature buck. But for a lot of us, leasing a large chunk of property is just not financially feasible. So I'm here to tell you that you don't need a large tract of land if your small hunting lease is in the right spot and you manage your herd correctly and let the young bucks walk.

My wife and I lease a little patch of woods less than 30 minutes from where we live and work. It's barely 20 acres but has provided us some nice hunting over the past couple seasons.

So we've made our little lease as good as we can make it. We've got corn and soybean feeders and mineral rocks out. We hire a good friend to bring over his tractor, and we plant cool-weather and warm-weather food plots twice a year.

There's a flock of turkeys on the property and a small deer herd. We're familiar with the deer that use the property because of the game cameras we have out and from what we see with our own eyes.

This season, we decided not to shoot any does dur-

ing the archery and antlerless deer seasons because we want to increase our herd. There are a few young bucks, including a 6-pointer, which we've seen and passed on because we want to give them the chance to grow another year or two, giving us something nice to go after in the future. But there were two nice, mature 8-points that we have seen on camera for the past two years, and those were the only two deer that we were going to target this season, unless some other mature bucks showed up.

The dominant buck in the herd, however, was a 4.5-year-old 8 point with a heavy and very symmetrical rack and a white patch of hair between his shoulders. That's the deer I set my sights on. We named him "Blaze" – a fine Florida buck.

During one short, afternoon sit, there was a steady, northeast wind, perfect for our favorite tree stand. I had only about 45 minutes to hunt before dark. Soon as I settled in, two does stepped out of the woods and into the food plot followed, by a spike. It was the pre-rut period, and we were seeing more deer activity, especially bucks,



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during daylight hours. Things looked promising.

I enjoyed watching the three deer graze on oats, wheat and rye, and I heard the turkeys fly up to roost at sunset. The does were still upwind but started acting strange, and one of them put its tail up and started blowing. They all ended up running off.

I decided to give it a last-ditch effort by doing a multiple-note "tending" grunt call. There were about five minutes left of legal shooting hours, and I started gathering my things together when the flash of my old-school game camera went off.

Something had just walked in front of the camera: a deer, and a pretty

good-sized one at that.

I slowly picked up my rifle and looked through the scope. It was a racked buck, but it was hard to tell if it was one of the younger bucks that we didn't want to shoot. The buck was looking right at me, and I knew I didn't have much time to make a decision. That's when he bent down to feed and I saw the white patch on his back! That's when I knew it was Blaze!

"Buck fever" immediately set in; my heart just went to poundin' and my hands a-shakin'. This was the deer I'd been hunting for two seasons. This was the dominant buck of our little patch of woods, and I needed to pull myself together and make a good shot.

Time was running out, my hands and breathing were all over the place, and Blaze was facing me, not presenting me with the shot I wanted. All of a sudden he turned to his left and gave me his right shoulder. I managed to calm down and steadied the crosshairs on his right shoulder. I slowly squeezed the trigger.

After the recoil, I could see the buck's white belly, laying on the ground right where he had stood. I immediately climbed down

and walked over to my trophy buck. His 172-pound body and perfect rack were just as grand as they looked on all the game cam pictures.

And the shot placement was right on the money and humane. My .270-caliber bullet found its mark, killing the deer instantly.

So it just goes to show you that you don't need a large piece of land to find hunting success. All you have to do is put in a little time providing year-round, quality food sources, and if you want the chance to shoot a mature buck year after year, let the young bucks walk, and manage your deer according to the herd size.

And another thing – some hunters say they don't like the game cams that use flash photography because that scares off big

bucks. Well, not only did my old-school cam not scare away Blaze, but if it hadn't flashed, I may not have known he was even there.

I hope you enjoyed a great Christmas holiday, and I wish you a very happy new year. Remember, you can get big things from small packages, and deer season is not over yet in central and north Florida. And I still have that other big 8-point deer running around somewhere on our little piece of hunting paradise too.

Tony Young is the media relations coordinator for the FWC's Division of Hunting and Game Management. You can reach him with questions about hunting at Tony.Young@MyFWC.com.

Lafayette recreation basketball sign-ups

The Lafayette recreation basketball sign-ups will be held on Jan. 11, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Lafayette High School gym. This is for grades 1-6, but not over the age of 12. Anyone interested in coaching, please call Ann Murphy at 386-294-3443.

DAYTONA Rising January project update: Daytona International Speedway kicks off the new year with race-ready preparation



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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – Daytona International Speedway has shifted its focus to race-ready preparation for the 52nd Anniversary of the Rolex 24 At Daytona and Budweiser Speedweeks 2014. Construction activities related to the DAYTONA Rising project will continue during this time. However, the Speedway's main goal is to accommodate and entertain hundreds of thousands of race fans during its premier events in the early part of the year.

"We are proud of the progress thus far on the DAYTONA Rising project and equally excited to welcome fans for the start of the 2014 racing season," Daytona International Speedway President Joie Chitwood III said. "They will get an up close and personal look at all the progress we've made to date and hopefully, they will share in the excitement that we've felt since the groundbreaking in July. Our partners at Barton Malow and ROSSETTI have put us in a great position to continue momentum for the DAYTONA Rising project while preparing the facility so we can deliver unforgettable experiences for our loyal fans during our marquee events."

Race-ready activities that are currently underway:

- Relocating merchandise store building pad outside the frontstretch
- Setting up hospitality village and the Budweiser 1876 Club
- Building temporary suite tower lobby and temporary ticketing trailers
- Mobilizing the Americrown temporary kitchen
- Admission Gates relocation completed and ticket scanning systems tested
- Paving within the construction site to support fan access and pedestrian traffic

Here is a recap of key construction activities since the last update in December:

- Steel installation near the middle bowl section of the frontstretch grandstand
- First slab on the metal deck (first elevated concrete pour)
- Completed pile cap installation

About DAYTONA Rising

DAYTONA Rising is a \$400 million reimagining of an American icon – Daytona International Speedway. Five expanded and redesigned entrances, or "injectors," will lead fans to a series of escalators and elevators, transporting them to three different con-

course levels. Each level features spacious social areas, or "neighborhoods," along the nearly mile-long frontstretch. At the conclusion of the redevelopment, Daytona International Speedway will have approximately 101,000 permanent, wider and more comfortable seats, twice as many restrooms and three times as many concession stands. In addition, the Speedway will feature over 60 luxury suites with track side views and a completely revamped hospitality experience for corporate guests.

DAYTONA Rising: Reimagining an American Icon, expected to create 6,300 jobs, \$300 million in labor income and over \$80 million in tax revenue, will be completed in time for the 2016 Rolex 24 At Daytona and DAYTONA 500. DAYTONA Rising was recently cited as a key source of expected job growth in Volusia County as part of the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey.

Barton Malow is serving as the design-builder for the project. In addition to DAYTONA Rising, Barton Malow has renovated the University of Michigan "Big House" and the Rose Bowl.

ROSSETTI, an award-winning architectural design and planning firm for the past 40 years, which headed the design for Ford Field NFL Stadium, University of Notre Dame Compton Family Ice Arena and five Major League Soccer Stadiums, is leading the master planning of the DAYTONA Rising site.

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Race fans can follow the progress of the DAYTONA Rising project by visiting www.DAYTONARising.com and connecting with Daytona International Speedway on Twitter, Facebook and Pinterest. Also, fans can see the construction project up close by taking one of the daily tours available at the Speedway on non-event days throughout the year. Visit www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com/tours or the Speedway Ticket and Tours Building for more information.

For tickets and more information on Daytona International Speedway events, visit www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com or call 1-800-PITSHOP.

About Daytona International Speedway

Daytona International Speedway is the home of "The Great American Race" – the DAYTONA 500. Though the season-opening NASCAR Sprint Cup event garners most of the attention – as well as the largest audience in motorsports – the approximately 500-acre motorsports complex boasts the most diverse schedule of racing on the globe, thus earning it the title of "World Center of Racing." In addition to eight major weekends of racing activity, rarely a week goes by that the Speedway grounds are not used for events that include civic and social gatherings, car shows, photo shoots, production vehicle testing and police motorcycle training.

Pony Express & North Florida Equestrian Team

Open/4-H horse shows. Jan. 18, Feb. 1, March 1, Last show TBA. Registration starts at 9 a.m. Classes at 10 a.m. Bob Holmes arena 1302 11th SW Live Oak, Fla. 32060.

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If you have any questions please feel free to email Us at ponyexpress4h@hotmail.com or call

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Lafayette arrests Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2013

11/01/2013 Jesse Adams DOB 06/05/1985 880 SE Adams Rd Branford Florida Sent from Court 1yr county jail time	959 SW Arlington Rd Mayo Florida Arresting Officer J. Harris Charge Amphetamine Poss, Drug Poss, Warrant Petit Theft x2	05/28/1989 307 Plantation Dr. Ga. Arresting Officer G. Condy Charge Grand Theft III	12/05/2013 Willie Bowden DOB 10/28/1989 895 SW Roosevelt Cr Mayo Florida Arresting Officer G. Condy Charge Discharge Firearm in Public, Tamper w/or Fabricate Physical, Ammo by Convicted Felon, Intimidate or Threaten etc. Witness/Informant w/Deadly Weapon w/o Intent to Kill, Missile Into Vehicle	Florida Arresting Officer R. Lawson Charge DWLSR Third Offense or More	Charge Grand Theft, Poss of Marijuana
11/01/2013 Arthur Sellers DOB 09/23/1992 392 SW Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Mayo Florida Arresting Officer G. Condy Charge Trespassing	11/09/2013 Jessica Thornton DOB 07/03/1989 959 SW Arlington Rd Mayo Florida Arresting Officer J. Harris Charge Drug Equip Poss, Drug Poss, Warrant Petit Theft x2	03/05/1989 392 SW Oak St Mayo Florida Arresting Officer J. Harris Charge Out Of County Warrant	11/22/2013 Lance Reid DOB 03/05/1989 392 SW Oak St Mayo Florida Arresting Officer J. Harris Charge Out Of County Warrant	12/10/2013 Albert Watson DOB 08/26/1985 Po Box 153 Mayo Florida Arresting Officer G. Condy Charge Accessory After the Fact x2	12/19/2013 Nick Ferrio DOB 07/29/1966 652 SE CR 475 Branford Florida Arresting Officer C. Keen Charge Battery, Obstructing Justice
11/03/2013 Keith Kazwell DOB 12/19/1986 7464 137th Place Live Oak Florida Arresting Officer A. Ellis Charge Burglary of a Structure	11/08/2013 Launa Prine DOB 03/27/1977 316 NE Cr 425 Mayo Florida Arresting Officer M. Stutts Charge Petit Theft x2	11/23/2013 Martin Lopez Vasquez DOB 01/25/1991 12910 W US90 Lot 126 Arresting Officer J. Garcia Charge No Valid DL, Attaching Tag Not Assigned	12/07/2013 Michael Miller DOB 04/16/1968 167 NW Fronie ST Lake City Florida Arresting Officer FHP L. Albritton Charge DWLS w/Death/Serious Injury w/Vehicle, DWLS Habitual Offender, DWLS w/Serious Injury	12/11/2013 Kenneth Bronder DOB 08/23/1987 2335 Tall Oak Dr Cantonment Florida Arresting Officer M. Stutts Charge DWLS	12/19/2013 Virginia Pizano DOB 02/20/1975 652 SE CR 475 Branford Florida Arresting Officer C. Keen Charge Battery
11/05/2013 Arthur Sellers DOB 09/23/1992 392 SW Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Mayo Florida Arresting Officer M. Stutts Charge Trespassing	11/09/2013 Marty Holtzclaw DOB 06/19/1984 221 SE Birman Rd Branford Florida Arresting Officer M. Stutts Charge Grand Theft	11/23/2013 Rolando Reid DOB 07/15/1984 309 SW Taylor Ave Mayo Florida Arresting Officer J. Garcia Charge Dealing in Stolen Property	12/07/2013 Willie O. Campbell DOB 12/10/1971 283 SE Malone Ave Mayo Florida Arresting Officer M. Stutts Charge Breach of Peace	12/11/2013 John Russell DOB 01/28/1959 479 Carver Rd Mayo Florida Arresting Officer J. Tysall Charge Poss of Alcohol	12/26/2013 Luciano G. Contreras DOB 11/24/1967 256 SW San Pedro St Mayo Florida Arresting Officer J. Garcia Charge Agg Battery
11/06/2013 Joel Folsom DOB 12/15/1980 283 NW Madison Rd Mayo Florida Arresting Officer A. Ellis Charge VOP	11/14/2013 Thomas McCray DOB 10/18/1978 358 NW Blackberry Lane Mayo Florida Arresting Officer M. Stutts Charge Dealing in Stolen Property 2cts	11/26/2013 Malcolm D. Cook 01/04/1992 358 SW Willow St Mayo Florida Arresting Officer C. Keen Charge DWLS	12/09/2013 Keith Rainey Thomas DOB 01/27/1987 1305 Hickory Terrace Fernandina Florida Arresting Officer A. Ellis Charge Felony VOP	12/15/2013 Carol France DOB 03/22/1962 227 E Main St Mayo Florida Arresting Officer G. Condy Charge Out Of County Warrant	12/26/2013 Pedro Rameriz DOB 03/24/1991 719 SE Walter Henderson Rd Mayo Florida Arresting Officer J. Garcia Charge Battery Domestic
11/06/2013 Joshua Skinner DOB 02/04/1986 Lafayette County Jail Arresting Officer A. Ellis Charge VOP	11/16/2013 Hal Lewis Jr. DOB 01/01/1982 420 SW Mills St. Mayo Florida Arresting Officer C. Keen Charge Burglary w/Assault/Battery, Cruelty Toward a Child/Family Offense, Battery	12/01/2013 Kaylom Tanner DOB 04/12/1989 968 Graceland Rd Mayo Florida Arresting Officer C. Keen Charge Fleeing and Eluding LEO at High Speed	12/10/2013 Sherry Quiones DOB 03/22/1970 11733 110TH Terrace Live Oak Florida Arresting Officer Suwannee County Charge VOP	12/15/2013 James Weldon DOB 03/16/1989 10332 Lawson Rd Jacksonville Florida Arresting Officer G. Condy Charge Poss of Alcohol	12/28/2013 Cole Lawson DOB 05/06/1993 1923 Old Salt Rd Mayo Florida Arresting Officer R. Lawson Charge Battery Domestic
11/06/2013 Eleanor Thomas DOB 02/14/1965 Suwannee County Jail Arresting Officer A. Ellis Charge VOP	11/21/2013 Justin Wiggins DOB	12/03/2013 Cesar Gabrielle DOB 09/05/1995 627 NE Cr 400 Mayo Florida Arresting Officer J. Garcia Charge DUI	12/10/2013 William McCray DOB 05/22/1961 3147 SW CR 534 Mayo	12/19/2013 James Weldon DOB 03/16/1989 10332 Lawson Rd Jacksonville Florida Arresting Officer G. Condy Charge Poss of Alcohol	12/29/2013 Bricten Bowden DOB 10/01/1986 2616 109th Place Live Oak Florida Arresting Officer A. Ellis Charge Shooting Into Occupied Vehicle, Poss of Firearm By a Convicted Felon, Agg Assault, Discharging Firearm in Public

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Eldis L. Howell, Jr.
Dec. 30, 2014

Eldis L. Howell, Jr., 68, of Trenton, Fla. passed away on Monday, Dec. 30, 2014. The Valdosta, GA native served in the U.S. Air Force and enjoyed working as a farmer and cattle rancher.

He is survived by his partner: Linda Starr; two daughters: Anna Laura Howell, Christina Howell; four sons: Daniel Roberts, Jessie Howell, Shawn Howell, Daniel Howell; sister: Jacquelyn Virginia Perry; four brothers: Talmage Walden Howell, Richard Otis Howell, Frank Perry Howell, Eddie Howell.

Services for Mr. Eldis were at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 2014 at Alton Church of God, Mayo, Fla.

Please sign the guest book at www.danielsfuneralhome.com

Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc., Live Oak & Branford, Fla. in charge of arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

Samatha Plummer
Jan. 2, 2014

Samatha Plummer a resident of Live Oak, passed away Jan. 2, 2014 in Gainesville, Fla.

D.M. Udell and Sons Funeral Home are in charge of arrangements.

Charles Young
Jan. 3, 2014

Charles Young a resident of Live Oak, passed away Jan. 3, 2014.

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Pat McAlhany and Margie Stanfield docents from the Lake City ~ Columbia County Historical Museum

United Daughters of the Confederacy, Olustee Chapter, Lake City monthly meeting Jan 20, 2014

Time: 5:15 P.M.

Place: China Buffet
345 West Duval Street,
Lake City, FL

Buffet served after the meeting. Cost \$9.00 (drink extra) Reservations not required.

For more information call Linda Williams 386-454-2580

After Olustee Festival 2003, we formed a group called the Historical Sewing Society out of a need to gather and share our research regarding accurate clothing for civilian living historians and reenactors for the Civil War Era. In addition to the desire to present a "period correct" appearance by dressing as authentically as possible, the need to understand the proper etiquette, behaviors and basic issues of daily life, particularly pertaining to women, was also essential. Our goal, as representatives of the Museum and in our roles of living historians continues to be to portray rural, Southern yeoman farmer class women. No frills, no makeup, complete with proper head coverings, aprons and of course the requisite "underpinnings" and a correct handicraft or activity that would have occupied the time of

Jamie Davis and Southland bands to bring great country music this weekend to The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park

Country music is rocking the SOSMP when these guys come to town so grab those dancing shoes, make plans now and be there this weekend.

Hold on to your cowboy hats, get your jeans starched and ready, shine up those boots and grab your dancing shoes, Jamie Davis and his band and the Southland Band will rock the Music Hall Jan. 10-11 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak.

Talk about a good time, Saturday, Jan. 11, will see Suwannee County's own Jamie Davis and his band mixing up some great Southern rock, country and get out on that dance floor music for fans! You know Jamie, he's a Nashville recording artist who came back home to get famous in the country music world and did he ever! He and his band have played many times at the SOSMP, played New Year's Eve Night 2013 at High Octane with Rion Paige, has played all over North and Central Florida and continues to wow audiences everywhere he goes. Make plans now to be in the house when Jamie Davis and his band bring some of the best get

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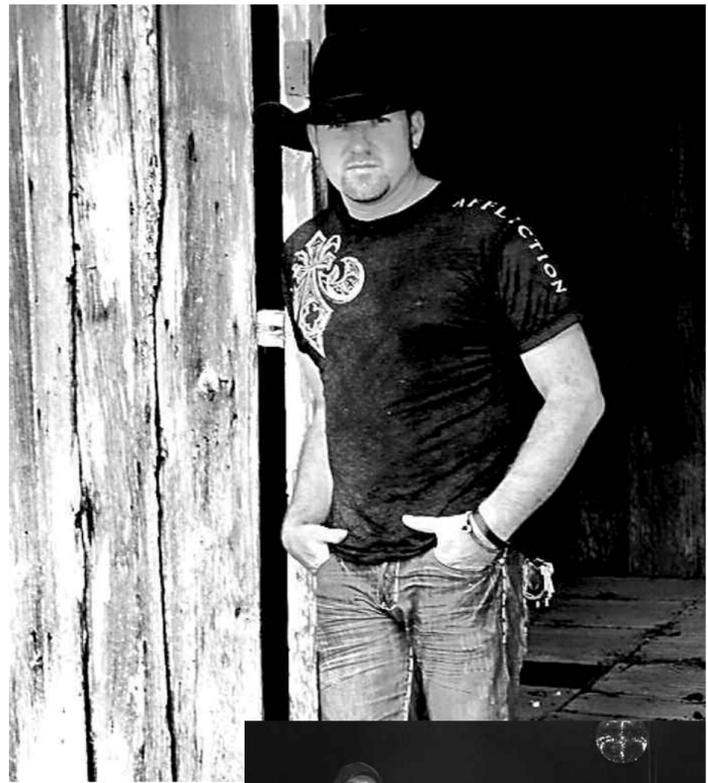
A public memorial service will be held for Porter Claude Crapps, III on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

down music around for your listening and dancing pleasure Jan. 11.

Southland Band of Moultrie, Georgia will open the weekend Friday, Jan. 10, in fine style! This great band will have the rafters shaking when Drew Kelly brings Southland to the Music Hall! Kelly, a singer, musician, songwriter and genuine country boy who loves to play music, has perfected his band for complete enjoyment of fans. Show out, wear those new boots and show off some moves when Southland comes to town with good ole country music Jan. 10.

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The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak, Fla. 32060. 4.5 miles south of Interstate 75 and 4.5 miles north of Interstate 10 off US 129.



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28th Annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire Jan. 25-26 and Jan. 31-Feb. 2

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Experience a world of medieval magic, where jousting knights, dancing gypsies and historic heroes mingle with visitors at the 28th Annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire. During the last weekend in January and the first weekend in February, on Saturday, Jan. 25 and Sunday, Jan. 26 and Friday, Jan. 31 through Sunday, Feb. 2, the Alachua County Fairgrounds transforms into a medieval marketplace filled with hundreds of artisans and entertainers. A special School Day celebration on Friday, Jan. 31 features half-price ticket sales for all guests.

"The Hoggetowne Medieval Faire is a place where people of all ages can appreciate the rich culture of the Middle Ages," said Faire coordinator Linda Piper. "Coming to the Faire and enjoying its authentic atmosphere has be-

come a tradition for families from across Florida."

Fairgoers do not just visit to immerse themselves in the medieval atmosphere, they come to see more than 160 talented artisans, who travel from across the country to display and sell their traditional wares. Visitors can find one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry, stone and wood carvings, blacksmithing, weaving, hand-blown glassware and leather goods. They can also shop for medieval clothing.

After stopping by the artisans' booths, fairgoers can get their hair braided or glimpse into the future at a fortune teller's booth. They can create wax hands or purchase colorful, one-of-a-kind wax roses. The winding pathways of Hoggetowne overflow with troupes of actors, musicians and street performers. Crowds cheer for armored

knights as they joust on the Tournament Field, while eight stages of continuous entertainment feature majestic performances of full flight falconry, aerial acrobatics and unbelievable magic acts. In conjunction with this year's theme of "The War of the Roses," the Tournament Field will host a stunning show of combat entertainment during a living chess match. Watch as Margaret of Anjou tries to surprise and capture Richard, Duke of York, at Hoggetowne, but is thwarted by his superior moves.

Watching these battles is enough to make any guest hungry. At the food court, visitors will enjoy a feast fit for a king. Tasty bloomin' onions, fresh-baked pastries, sweet potato fries, giant turkey legs, homemade ice cream and succulent ribs are just some of the foods available for fabled lords and ladies.

The Faire also offers entertainment for children. They can embark on an adventure to the royal pavilion, where they will become lords and ladies of the court of Hoggetowne, or they can enjoy camel, pony and elephant rides. Thrilling, human-powered push rides will also draw crowds of eager children, who can rock back and forth on a sea dragon or spin around on the Barrel of Bedlam. Adults can join in the fun with more than a dozen old-world games like archery and knife throwing.

Come early to enjoy a day packed with excitement and medieval merriment. Faire hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, and 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children ages 5 to 17 and free for children younger than 5. Tickets are half-price on Friday, Jan. 31. No waiting in line... experience the convenience of purchasing tickets in advance online at www.gvlculturalaffairs.org, at any Domino's Pizza in Gainesville, and in person at the Thomas Center. For more information, call 352-334-ARTS or visit www.gvlculturalaffairs.org.

Florida Trail Association Suwannee Chapter meetings

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, except in July and Aug., at the Suwannee River Water Management District Office, from 7-9 p.m. The SRWMD office is located on US 90 and CR 49, two miles east of Live Oak. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The mission of the FTA is to develop, maintain, promote and protect a continuous public hiking trail the length of the state of Florida, called the Florida National Scenic Trail, and other side and loop trails, together called the Florida Trail System. Further, they

are dedicated to educating the public by teaching appreciation for and conservation of the natural beauty of Florida, and to provide opportunities for hiking, camping and other outdoor experiences.

For further information, you may go to the Florida Trail Association website at: suwannee.floridatrail.org, or Suwannee MeetUp Group at: www.meetup.com/suwannee-FTA. You may also contact the Chapter Chair, Irvin Chance, at andachance@msn.com or by phone at 386-330-2424.

Gold City gospel quartet

The nation's leading southern gospel quartet, Gold City will be returning to Madison on Thursday, Jan. 16, at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park at 7 p.m. Also joining Gold City will

be the Stephen Jones Band and LifeSong. A free chili dinner will be provided during the event. For more information, visit www.lifesonggospel.com or call (850) 464-0114.

Wilburn and Wilburn and LifeSong

Live in concert on Saturday, Jan. 11, Wilburn & Wilburn at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Madison at 7 p.m. Jonathan Wilburn is the former lead vocalist for Gold City and

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you,
 God's love is always there.
 I'm made of many snowflakes,
 Each so unique and small,
 And yet the Lord still knows,
 The details of them all.
 If he knows each snowflake,
 Then he surely knows you, too,
 And he watches tenderly,
 Over all you say and do.
 So each time you look at me,
 May you also look above,
 And may God fill your heart,
 With peace, hope, joy and love.
 Thinking of you and praying,
 You're blessed.
 "We know how dearly God loves us,
 And we feel this warm love everywhere,"
 Romans 5:5 TLB

 It was an honor to see Royce and Deloris Morgan last week. Royce is confined to the Good Samaritan Center in Dowling Park. Shown in

pictures elsewhere on this page is Royce receiving a "Certificate of Membership" of the Day Masonic Lodge. Royce became a member for 60 years.
 On hand was his wife Deloris, his brother and wife, Harvey and Louise Morgan, Junior and Mozeta Buchanan, Robert (Bob) Burns and myself. Also, Karen Redish and two of his nurses.
 Royce is the son of the late T.L. and Ruth Morgan of Day. Royce was born and raised in Day and has remained a resident of Lafayette County all his life. He attended Day Junior High School. He was away, for two years, serving his country, in the Army, during the Korean Conflict. Royce married Deloris Herrin also of this county. They have been married for 51 years.
 Royce and Deloris live near and are neighbors to his only brother Harvey and his wife Louise Morgan near Day. Royce worked and retired from the state of Florida, Department of Transportation. Congratulations to Royce on this accomplishment.

As an annual thing for me, I re-read all my beautiful Christmas cards. It is hard to single out a card and say this one is the best. This card I am going to tell you about and print for you is very pretty and very different. The card was a beautiful red card, with a snow man at the bottom, with stars and snowflakes trickling down the card.
 I especially enjoy reading the notes and letters. Some I had not heard from in a year and some I hear from regularly. Back to the card I just described. The verse went like this:
 I'm just a little snowman,
 Sent to show you someone cares,
 And to gently remind



Pictured watching the presentation is Deloris Morgan, wife of Royce, and Robert Burns.



Making presentation of "Certificate of Membership" and membership pin is Robert (Bob) Burns, former Worshipful Master of Day Lodge.



Pictured from left: Junior Buchanan, Royce Morgan, Robert Burns, Harvey Morgan (brother of Royce).

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