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"Most kids, by the age of eight, get really attached to the hog and they really care about it, and then they find out it gets made into sausage...but they get over it." **Dustin Hart**

Showing hogs takes 'Hart'

Dustin Hart takes 2nd place in showmanship

Dustin Hart shows his hog at the fair. Courtesy photo

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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The 99th Annual Suwannee County Fair and Youth Livestock Show and Sale was held April 5-12 in Live Oak. Lafayette County had a large presence of youth at the event, one of whom was Dustin Hart, a senior at Lafayette High School, who took second place in Hog Showmanship. The theme for this year's show and sale was "Homegrown, Handmade, & Farm Fresh".

Jana Hart

Dustin Hart on hog raising

A lot of preparation goes into showing a hog at the youth livestock show long before the event ever takes place. Dustin Hart offered a brief explanation of what it takes to get a hog ready for the show. Hart has been showing hogs since he was eight-years-old and he said the first thing one must have is investment money in order to show a hog at the fair.

"That way you can work on building it up while you raise your hog," he said.

When he first started as an eight-year-old, he

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Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show and Sale

Local kids take top prizes

2014 Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show and Sale Swine Grand Champion Krista Lyons, Lafayette FFA with Judge Dallas Locke. Reserve champion photos, Page 3A.

SVYLSS Grand Champion Steer, Jonathan Gaylard, Branford FFA with Judge Brett Bradner.

SVYLSS Feeder Steer Grand Champion, Christian Rodriquez, Suwannee 4-H with Judge Brett Bradner.

Woman's Club and FFA honor Arbor Day & Earth Day at LES, **Page 11A**

Suwannee River Paddle for Autism is April 26

Come paddle for a cause

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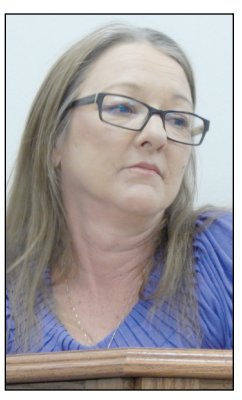
For the third straight year organizers have collaborated to bring the Suwannee River Paddle for Autism to Lafayette County. Proceeds from the event will go to the University of Florida Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) for autism services in the Lafayette County area. Greg Valcante is the CARD director.



Paddle for Autism organizer Peggy Grill asks for support from the Lafayette County Commissioners. -Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

This year's 3rd Annual Suwannee River Paddle for Autism will take place on Saturday, April 26, beginning at the Highway 51 Bridge on SR 51 at 9 a.m. Kayakers and canoeists

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Judge Decker answers formal charges

By Jeff Waters, editor
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Third Judicial Circuit Judge Andrew J. Decker III's attorneys filed an answer to formal charges filed against him in February by the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission (JQC).

Decker

The JQC filed seven formal charges against Decker for several alleged violations of judicial canon and misconduct prior to being elected judge in November 2012.

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River deaths ruled a drowning

NY couple's boat still not found

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Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) spokesperson Karen Parker offered an update on the New York couple whose bodies were found floating in the Suwannee River last

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ELECTION 2014

Driver seeks re-election to school board

I, Darren Driver, am announcing my intent to seek re-election for the office of Lafayette County School Board, District 1.

Day Mailbox

By: Mary M. Santerfeit

Dear Mail Box:

Again, we are near Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday. The greatest of all celebrations. Our church is planning a great celebration. We plan to begin early with church and breakfast. Then we will have a great deal of the season's songs with narrations from the Holy Bible ending with, 'I just saw Jesus' and 'He Lives' and celebrating with the Lord's Supper. My, what a great day!! Remember the sacrifice. He did it all for us.

Last week were out driving in our neighborhood and again had the honor to visit some mighty special neighbors. It was good to visit Carla and George Brock and grandson Brock and also to see Gail and Jerry McCray and their little granddaughter. Good to see Jerry progressing so well. Also we visited with W.L. and June Buchanan. They have the most delicious and pretty strawberries. We are blessed to have such wonderful dedicated neighbors.

We again had the honor and fun to be part of the 'Flea across Florida, Highway 90 yard sale. It is so interesting to see folks coming for miles to get that special "something". We had many antiques, dolls and toys that were donated to the youth for their sale. Hope the people who bought the dolls will enjoy them as well as their late owner. Amazing the things people look for and often find.

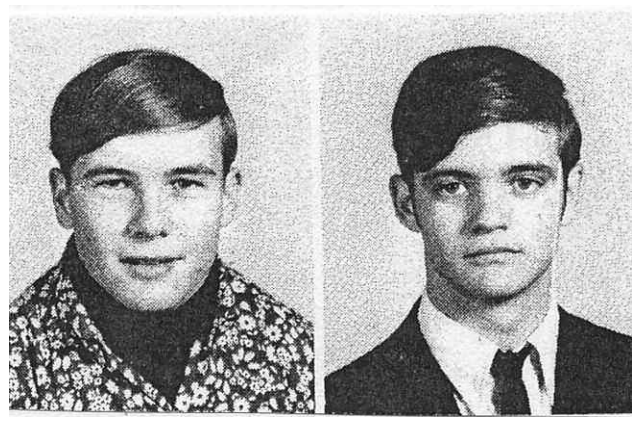
Happy Birthday to Kristopher Pearson, April 20. Also Happy Birthday to Brayden Mortlock, April 26. Please continue sending me your birthday and wedding anniversaries.

Have a Blessed, Happy Easter Celebration!

Memory Lane

Juniors 1968

L-R Richard Brannon, Reba Brock, Mike Brown, Debra Buchanan



L-R Carl Driver, Freddie Edwards

Cool Refreshing Sweets

Punch Bowl Cake II
Diane Rye

1 - 18 1/4 oz. pkg. yellow cake mix 6 med. bananas
2 pts. strawberies (crush one, slice one mix both together
2 - 3 1/2 oz. pkg. Vanilla instant pudding, prepared as directed on pkg.
1 - 24 oz. container Cool Whip, or fresh whipped cream
1 - 20 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained

Prepare cake in two 9" round pans according to directions. Put one layer of cake in the bottom of a punch bowl. Add half of the pudding, half of the pineapple, 3 sliced bananas, half the strawberries and half of the Cool Whip. Put another layer of cake in punch bowl along with remaining pudding, pineapple, bananas and strawberries. Top with Cool Whip and sprinkle strawberry juice on top.

Old Fashioned Cheese Cake
Emma Anderson

1 - 10" graham cracker crust dash of salt
1 - 8 oz. pkg cream cheese, softened 2 eggs
Fresh fruit or canned pie filling of choice for topping
1/2 c. sugar 1 T. lemon juice
Cool Whip for topping 1/4 tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 325 F. In bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar, lemon juice, vanilla and salt. Mix until well blended. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Remove lid from pie crust. Place crust on baking sheet (leave in tin); pour in filling. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 3 hours in refrigerator. Add topping. Fresh fruit with Cool Whip or canned fruit filling and Cool Whip on top.

No Bake Banana Split Supreme
Sharon Cressley

5 bananas 1 lg. container Cool Whip
2 eggs 1 sm. bottle cherries
3 sticks butter 1 pkg. nuts for topping
2 c. powdered sugar
1 - # 2 can crushed pineapple
2 c. graham cracker crumbs

Mix 1 soft stick of butter with 2 cups graham cracker crumbs. Press into bottom of 13 x 9" pan. Beat the following very well, until completely smooth; 2 sticks soft butter, 2 eggs, 2 cups powdered sugar. Spread over graham cracker crust and cover with sliced bananas. Spread drained Pineapple over bananas. Cover with Cool Whip, sprinkle with nuts and cherries. Chill overnight and serve.

Day Mail Box
"Thoughts and Comments"

He is Risen

W.E. Sangster (1900-1960), a well-known pastor in England, contracted a progressive, incurable muscle disease. He lost the ability to move his legs, and eventually his voice faded away. Because Sangster wanted to continue serving God even though he could no longer preach, he became a prolific writer and organized prayer cells throughout England.

On Easter morning, shortly before his death, Sangster wrote a note to his daughter in an unsteady hand. "It is terrible to wake up on Easter morning and have no voice to shout, "He is risen!" he wrote. "But it would be still more terrible to have a voice and not want to shout."

[Easter] You greet me by name, risen Jesus, as you greeted Mary outside your tomb, I proclaim you my Teacher, my Savior, my Lord, my God.

Jesus, even when I fail to see you, help me believe in you. Amen.

What's compelling about Holy Saturday for me is that Jesus' disciples surely descended into their own kind of hell-one to which anyone who has lost a loved one to death can relate. Death's finality and wrenching silence strike fear in us. The silence of Holy Saturday reminds us powerfully that death isn't something to be circumvented or avoided. The truth is that we need to go through a Saturday of death, recognizing its power, before we can realize the power of a Sunday of resurrection, when death is defeated.

When a Sunday School teacher told her class that Jesus was buried in a borrowed tomb, one girl raised her hand to share an insight.

"I know why," the girl said. "It's because Jesus only needed it for three days."

The cross was not a senseless tragedy, but the most important redemptive act in human history. For all who down through the ages have put their trust in Jesus, the cross is their highest blessing as it turns Black Friday into Good Friday.

IT HAPPENED BACK THEN:

April 17, 1961...United invasion of Cuba at Bay of Pigs. It was a failure.
April 17, 1969...Sirhan Sirhan found guilty of murder of Robert Kennedy, Senator
April 17, 1975...Communist led forces seized control of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. This ended five year civil war.

Born on this Day:

April 17, 1741.....Samuel Chase, Supreme Court Justice
April 17, 1837.....John Pierpont Morgan, financier
April 17, 1894.....Nikita Khrushchev, former Russian leader
April 17, 1923.....Harry Reasoner, broadcast journalist

Judge Decker answers formal charges

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Count 1

The first count states that Decker participated in a televised debate on July 31, 2012 and stated that as a lawyer he never had been accused of having a conflict of interest or representing more than one side in a civil case. The JQC stated that was "a false statement." The JQC states Decker violated canons 7A(3)(b) and 7A(3)(e)(ii).

Decker admitted in his response filed April 3, the allegations were factual but states the "imposition of any discipline is subject to the constitutional limitations regarding factual misstatements made in the course of a judicial election and political debate."

Count 2

Decker is charged with stating many times on the campaign trail he is a "committed Christian" which articulates a pledge or promise of future conduct that violates canons 1, 2A, 7A(3)(a), 7A(3)(e)(i) and 3B(5).

Decker states that throughout the campaign for judge, he asked the voters to evaluate his candidacy on the basis of four factors: his faith, family, service to the legal profession and commitment to the community.

"(Decker's) statements regarding his Christian identity are an expression of his values, not a promise or commitment to rule in a particular manner or to favor one group over another," the response stated.

The response states Decker's statements of faith are "indistinguishable" from other statements by state and federal judges in the United States, including that of a current Circuit Judge William H. Pryor Jr., of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, who has written about his Catholic faith being the "foundation of my worldview", among other statements.

The response states that Decker's statements of faith are protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution concerning freedom of speech and of religion.

Count 3

At a forum on June 11, 2012, Decker stated he had converted from the Democratic party to a Republican, and also announced his stance on abortion, being "pro-life."

The JQC states this violates canons 7A(1)(c) and 7C(3).

In the response to charge three, Decker admits he identified himself as a Republican and that he announced his position on the disputed legal and political issue of abortion.

According to the response, Decker's speech as candidate "occupies the core of the protection afforded by the First Amendment."

The response cites case ACLU of Fla. Inc v. The Fla. Bar, "(A) person does not surrender his constitutional right to freedom of speech when he becomes a candidate for judicial office."

Further, it was noted that the Florida Supreme Court has noted "a candidate may state his or her personal views, even on disputed issues."

It was also noted in the response that the JQC has stated it "claims no right to censor such speech" when it comes to a candidate for judicial office expressing an opinion on disputed political and legal issues.

Count 4

The charge states Decker was identified as being affiliated with the Tea Party Executive Committee on June 30, 2012, and that he did not dispute, but embraced, the affiliation. It is also alleged Decker interjected political references in the invocation, stating, "we must get 'those people' out of Washington because they are not capable of running the country." The JQC states Decker violated canon 7A(1, a-d).

The response states Decker denies he was identified or introduced as a member of the Tea Party Executive Committee; denies that he held any position with the Tea Party and denies he interjected political references into his prayer; and denies making the statement about Washington politics.

Count 5

The city of Jasper had an interest in buying property in which Circuit Judge Paul S. Bryan, Daniel A. Dukes, of Union County, and William E. Woodington, of Union County, had an ownership interest. At one time Decker reportedly represented all three owners. He later withdrew from representing Dukes and Woodington. He afterwards reportedly had a phone conversation with attorney Kris Robinson, Dukes' new attorney, regarding the possibility of sale to the city of Jasper. At that time, there was a pending complaint that Dukes filed against Decker with the Florida Bar, claiming a conflict of interest. Decker is alleged having said, "I think we can do this, but I will expect the grievance to be dropped."

Decker reportedly then asked Robinson to try to set up a meeting because he believed that if everyone could sit down together, the issue could be worked out. This conduct violates, if proven true, the policy of absolute immunity for complaints filed against lawyers.

The response admits that portion of the allegations that he asked attorney Robinson to try to set up a meeting because "(Decker) believed that if everyone could sit down together, the issues between the parties could be resolved."

Decker denies that he proposed any agreement that made dismissal of the Dukes grievance a condition of the potential property sale between Judge Bryan and Dukes.

Count 6

Decker represented defendants Jean A. Cornell, Joan T. Cornell, and Option One Mortgage Corporation, against a foreclosure action brought by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., represented by attorney Bart Valdes in Columbia County. This was not a routine foreclosure, and the case was assigned to Judge Bryan. In the same month, Decker began representing Bryan in defense of a separate suit labeled TD Bank, National Association v. Bryan, Woodington and Dukes, pending in Eighth Judicial Circuit in Bradford County.

"During this entire time, neither you nor Judge Bryan disclosed to Mr. Valdes the attorney/client relationship between Judge Bryan and you, and that you were representing Judge Bryan in another suit in another circuit," the formal charges document stated.

The response states that subsequent to resolution of the Wells Fargo v. Cornell matter, Decker learned of an opinion that states "a judge currently represented by an attorney must automatically recuse himself or herself whenever the attorney or members of his firm appear before the judge even if the matter is an uncontested matter."

The response states that if Decker had been aware of the opinion or been more familiar with the Florida canons of Judicial Ethics at that time, he would have brought this to Judge Bryan's attention and made a written disclosure to Wells Fargo's attorney.

Count 7

Charge seven involved Decker's handling of a real estate foreclosure case while he was a private attorney and before he was elected judge.

Misconduct and conflict accusations were made in spring 2012 by Dukes, a partner in the B.W.D. Land Trust represented by Decker in foreclosure negotiations with TD Bank. Other trust partners were Circuit Judge Bryan and Woodington.

Among other things, Dukes accused Decker of conspiring with Judge Bryan to transfer Duke's one-third ownership of the foreclosed property to Judge Bryan, then withdrew as Duke's attorney and later represented Judge Bryan in a bankruptcy filing.

He also accused Decker of representing clients before Judge Bryan without disclosing to the opposing side that Decker had served as Judge Bryan's lawyer in other legal proceedings.

The response asks for a motion to dismiss count seven and for an order requiring the allegations be stated in separate paragraphs.

Decker, through his attorneys, is also asking for dismissal of all alleged allegations he violated canons 1, 2 and 3 of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

JQC response

The JQC filed a response Friday to Decker's April 3 response. The JQC response states Decker's motion to dismiss all allegations in canons 1, 2 and 3 and to dismiss count seven are "legally insufficient."

"The JQC's rules make no provision for motions directed to notices of formal charges. Under the JQC's rules an investigative panel investigates the conduct of Florida judges to determine whether there is probable cause to file formal charges. The JQC's rules then provide that upon the filing of formal charges, the judge may serve and file an answer, following which "the hearing panel shall receive, hear and determine formal charges from the investigative panel," the JQC response states.

Further, the JQC response states the motion to dismiss all alleged violations of canons 1, 2 and 3 should be denied as well as the motion to dismiss charge 7.

According to JQC Executive Director Brooke Kennerly, now that a response is made, a hearing before a six member panel is held. After the hearing, the panel determines if the charges were proven true. If any or all are proven true, the matter then goes before the Florida Supreme Court, which then decides what course of action to take against Judge Decker. Kennerly said Judge Decker could face fines and penalties up to removal from office, depending on many variables.

Kennerly said if the six member panel finds nothing was violated, the charges are dropped. Kennerly stated the process of the matter going before a panel and the final outcome could take months.

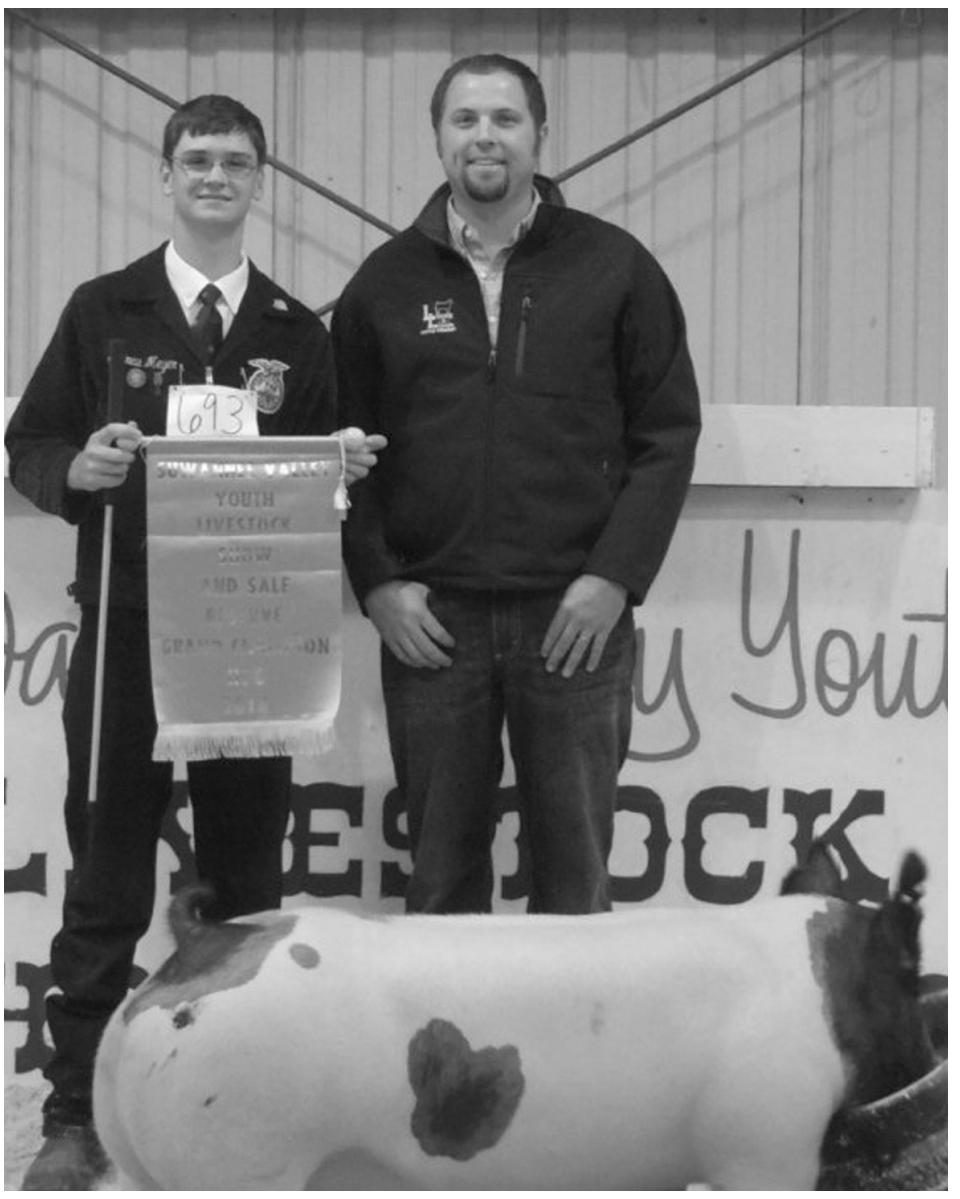
Decker filed a request April 3 that the final hearing be heard in Suwannee County, his county of residence.

Judge Decker is a judge in Florida's Third Judicial Circuit which is comprised of Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor counties. His current assignments are handling cases in Hamilton and Madison counties. He was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1979 and was first elected judge in November 2012. Prior to his judgeship, Judge Decker ran a successful law firm in Live Oak, which his family still operates.

Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show and Sale

SVYLSS Reserve Champion Steer, Arica Land, Branford FFA with Judge Brett Bradner.

SVYLSS Feeder Steer Reserve Champion, Destiny Fennell, Branford FFA with Judge Brett Bradner.



SVYLSS Reserve Champion Swine, Andrew Meyer, Branford FFA with Judge Dallas Locke.

Understanding The Biblical Preparation Day – Part 1

The goal of any Bible teacher should always be to teach the Bible unadulterated; but more than that, to present it in such a way that it challenges the students to study and learn the Word of God for themselves. Many studies have been compiled on how much people know about God and His Word. Many come to the conclusion that a very high percentage of people only know what someone told them about God and His Word. One who studies the Word knows that it is a dangerous thing to allow the tradition of men to hinder the truth of God's Word. Paul wrote "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ." (Colossians 2:8 NKJ)

Many times we are told in the Scripture that Jesus was raised after three days. Mark 8:3l; Matt. 27:63; I Cor. 15:4; just to name a few. Jesus said "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will The Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." (Matt. 12:40 NKJ).

April 18, 2014 is known as "Good Friday" and it is suppose to be the day Jesus was crucified. Matthew 27 tells us that Jesus died about the ninth hour, which would be three pm our time. Remember the Jewish day began at sundown. John chapter 20 tells us that Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, hurriedly took the body of Jesus, prepared it and buried it because it was the Preparation Day. Matt. 27:62; Mark 15:42; and Luke 23:54 tells us it was the Preparation Day. Herein lies the problem: understanding what the Day of Preparation was.

The quality of an occasion and the success of it is often determined by the amount of preparation that goes into it. Many Sunday church services do not accomplish what they should because of lack of preparation. There is no revival most of the time for the last of preparation. Many expect just to show up and God will do great things without preparation. Not so.

God taught the Israelites to prepare for all the Sabbath days. Even the weekly Sabbath, the Jews set apart from 3pm on, on Friday, to wind down from the week affairs and prepare their hearts and minds in preparation for the Sabbath. The Sabbath began at dusk.

The Passover was and is the holiest of all the Jewish Sabbath Days. John 19:31 tells us that this Preparation Day "was a high day". It was the Preparation Day for the most Holy of all Sabbath Days, The Passover. Leviticus 23 tells us about seven of the Sabbath days in their order. The Passover Sabbath was on the fourteenth day of the first month (Nisan). The Unleaven Bread Sabbath on the next day, the fifteenth of the month. (The Weekly Sabbath was the sixteenth day.) The Feast of Firstfruits on the seventeenth day. Feast of Pentecost fifty days later.

No where in Scripture is the weekly Sabbath ever implied as being the day after the crucifixion; however, all four Gospels record it as The Passover Sabbath. Jesus could not have been crucified on Friday. The Friday crucifixion came from the Roman church; using the Talmud.

My prayer is that each will look at this with an open mind. Jesus said three days and three nights. The Friday crucifixion would be one day and two nights.

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HEART MATTERS

By Angie Land

"He is not here; he has risen!" (John 24:6) Happy Easter!! This year as you fill your Easter baskets with brightly colored eggs, marshmallow chicks and chocolate bunnies, don't forget to consider the most beautiful gift of Easter- the empty tomb.

Why is an empty tomb something to celebrate? Jesus' death paid the debt for our sins, and then His resurrection overcame death. He said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10) Jesus lives so that we can be filled with His love and the forgiveness that His death made possible. In contrast, a life focused on pleasing self leaves us empty, dry and searching. This emptiness will destroy our relationships as we use others to make us feel valuable. Emotionally, we become beggars holding out our cup for others to fill. The problem is that even those who love us most will become weary of trying to keep us filled. If our value and worth is tied to their opinion and their actions toward us, we will be in trouble and constantly in need.

Without Christ, we are empty to the point of excess. We can't eat enough, diet enough, drink enough, do enough drugs, spend enough, work enough, sleep enough, take enough medicine, etc. Enough is never enough. Ironically, all of our excess is rooted in emptiness, marked by an insatiable need to be filled.

Proverbs 27:7 says, "He who is full loathes honey, but to the hungry, even what is bitter tastes sweet." Think on the truth of that verse; if we are empty and looking in all the wrong places to be filled, like a starving man, even garbage will start looking good! But when we allow God to fill us with His love and forgiveness on a daily basis, no matter what tempting treat dangles in front of us, we are much more able to resist, like turning down a candy bar after a big steak dinner- Not nearly so difficult!

In contrast, the "fullness" that Christ brings into our life cannot be taken away from us, no matter what circumstances we are in or problems that arise. If we bring our cup before Him, it will be filled to overflowing! We have worth in Christ that is not measured by what we own, who we know, what we look like, or what we accomplish. We can rest, knowing that because the tomb is empty, our hearts can be full. Because of that first Easter morning, all we have to do is ask, because every one of our hearts matter…

Happy Easter
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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Jesus Christ is alive!

Mayo Baptist Church invites you to join us in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Happy Easter.**

Events for the celebration include: lunch, egg hunt with over 2,000 eggs for all ages, special surprises for prize eggs, surprise visits from some very special guests.

The event is Saturday, April 19, from 12-2 p.m. at Mayo Baptist Church.

SRWMD declares April 2014 as springs protection awareness month

For the second year in a row, the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) has joined with the Florida Legislature in recognizing April as Springs Protection Awareness Month. The proclamation encourages all local governments to support springs protection, restoration, and preservation awareness. Additionally, designating April as Springs Protection Awareness Month provides an opportunity to promote awareness of the importance of springs and the need to preserve them.

With more than 300 documented springs, the District has one of the highest concentrations of freshwater springs in the United States. Of the state's 32 first magnitude springs (ones flowing at least 100 cubic feet per second, or 64 million gallons a day), 18 are in the District.

Springs support tourism and provide recreational opportunities that are essential to our state and local economy. They also provide an important habitat for wildlife and listed species. During low flow periods, springs support the flows of many of our rivers including the Suwannee, Santa Fe, and Withlacoochee. Other rivers such as the Ichetucknee and Wacissa are primarily springfed. Springs also reflect groundwater conditions.

"Here in the springs heartland we consider ourselves blessed with the many springs located within our District," said District Executive Director Ann Shortelle. "The health of our springs is essential to our economy and environment, and the District will continue its momentum forward to preserve the flow and water quality of these natural features now and into the future."

The District is committed to protecting these natural treasures. Through the District's Heartland Springs Initiative, the District's goal is to ensure springs have adequate flow and good water quality to sustain healthy biological communities. As part of that initiative, the District has designated significant funding for springs projects over the last two years to implement a number of springs protection and restoration projects in key locations throughout the District.

Residents within the District can join our efforts to help preserve these natural resources. For example, farmers can implement best management practices (BMPs) on their operations to manage wastes and fertilizers and conserve water. Homeowners can implement Florida Friendly Landscaping practices that reduce fertilizer and pesticide use and save water.

To learn how the District's Agricultural Team can provide assistance with BMPs, call 386.362.1001 or toll free at 1.800.226.1066 (FL only). To learn more about Florida Friendly Landscaping, visit www.floridayards.org.

Fanning Springs.

Mayo Library event

NFCC Xcel-IT staff to be at library May 1

On Thursday, May 1, North Florida Community College (NFCC) Xcel-IT staff will be at the Mayo Library to present information to prospective students and other interested parties on two new College Credit Certificates and a new Post-Secondary Adult Vocational (PSAV) Certificate.

The programs to be offered are: a 30 credit hour Network Security Certificate that leads to certification in Ethical Hacking and Computer Forensics and Investigations. This program will be offered exclusively online; a 25 credit hour Certificate in Entrepreneurship for Business. Most of the courses in the Entrepreneurial track will be available online; and a 600 clock hour Post-Secondary Adult Vocational (PSAV) certificate focusing on advanced manufacturing proficiencies including Fanuc Robotics technology and 3D printing systems. This program leads to Certification as a Certified Production Technician through the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC).

These programs are grant funded through Xcel-IT and are designed to prepare students to work in Advanced Manufacturing, Internet Technology and other industries requiring business acumen, advanced technology skills and/or credentialing.

The presentation will be at 1 p.m. at the Mayo Library. Staff from NFCC will be available for questions after the presentation. If you are seeking a change and want to learn the latest in technology to prepare for a step-up in employability, attend this NFCC presentation to find out more about the programs and how to apply.

Showing hogs takes 'Hart'

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said he built two sets of pens for the hogs and later, when he was 14, he rebuilt those pens.

"Basically, you build your pens, you buy your hog and you feed it every day," said Hart. "I do mine twice a day. Some people do automatic feeders, which is OK."

Then one must exercise the hog, "kind of run it around and give it a playpen", he said, and make sure it starts gaining muscle.

"You kind of watch it like your own body," he explained. "You make sure it gets the proper nutrition and proper exercise. You're taking care of your pig like you would a kid. You're going to feed it, clean it, clean its sheets, which is basically the bedding," he added with a grin.

He said it's a lot of work raising a hog, but it's good because it teaches kids responsibility.

"Most kids, by the age of eight, get really attached to the hog and they really care about it, and then they find out it gets made into sausage...but they get over it," he said.

Hart said the process of showing a hog is fun, plus you can make money when it comes time to sell it.

Jana Hart

Dustin's mother, Jana Hart, explained the next part of the process is to bring the hog to the show, get it in the barn, and get ready for the Monday morning weigh-in. At this year's show, she said, the livestock board and a lot of volunteers weighed in 198 hogs from Lafayette and Suwannee counties, specifically, Lafayette High School, Suwannee High School and Branford High School.

"We had 25 Lafayette 4-H hogs and 52 Lafayette FFA hogs, for a total of 77 hogs from Lafayette County that will be sold Thursday (April 10)," she said.

The Showmanship portion of the process, she explained, takes into account how the child shows the hog and moves it around the ring, not necessarily what the hog looks like.

"That was supposed to be Monday night, but due to the bad weather, we rescheduled that for Tuesday morning," Hart said. "That lasted Tuesday morning through the early afternoon, then they had the show Tuesday night."

Lafayette County's Shelbi McCall took first place in showmanship for the senior division and Dustin Hart placed second. Krista Lyons from Lafayette took first place in the intermediate division and her sister Emily Lyons took second. They are the daughters of Chris and Kelly Lyons.

There were 16 classes of hogs for the hog show this year. The 198 hogs entered in the show were separated into four divisions based on weight, and the winners of the four divisions were semi-finalists for the grand champion. The hogs ranged in weight from 230-290 pounds.

Krista Lyons from Lafayette FFA won Grand Champion, and Reserve Champion was Andrew Meyer from Branford FFA.

"Those two hogs will be selling first on Thursday morning (April 10), along with the Reserve and Grand Steer," said Hart.

There were a total of 34 steers checked in for the show.

"I would say if you take what Dustin said about his preparation of a hog before the show, you could almost quadruple the effort that goes into raising a steer before the show," Hart said. "They get them earlier, they pay more for them, they feed them more, they need more care, and they need a lot more one-on-one attention from the child to be able to walk that massive animal into the ring and control it as they walk around."

Entered into the steer competition were four from Lafayette 4-H and six from Lafayette FFA.

The awards ceremony took place Thursday morning, April 10, followed by the sale of the animals, which began with the Grand Champion hog and steer, followed by the Reserve Champion hog and steer. After that, the rest of the steers were sold, followed by all the hogs in order of class and their rankings in each class.

(L-R) Dustin Hart, Frankie Hall from Farm Bureau, and Shelbi McCall. Courtesy photo

"When you think about those 198 hogs, there were 198 kids who raised them, took care of them and learned something," said Hart. "Just appreciate the kids in this county who worked really hard. They are missing some school this week, but the teachers have been exceptionally graceful about it, especially when we had to change the showmanship from Monday night to Tuesday morning."

Hart said Lafayette County is fortunate to have so many parents and teachers who are supportive of the agricultural events that go on in the community.

"They know it's making a future generation of responsible and agriculturally smart children," Hart said.

Suwannee River Paddle for Autism is April 26

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are invited to join the procession of boaters for a 3-4 hour leisurely trip along the beautiful Suwannee River to their final destination at Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort and Campground.

There will be free entertainment at the resort from 1-8 p.m. with Mean Mary and the Saltwater Cowboys on the musical lineup, as well as a $10 raffle donation for a chance to win a grand prize 12 foot handcrafted, custom made kayak from Castle Krafters of Lakeland. Second prize is a YETI Tundra 45 cooler.

Organizer Peggy Grill stopped in at a March meeting of the Lafayette County Commissioners and advised them she began sending out sponsor packages early in February.

"I am interested in wanting the county to help sponsor our 3rd Annual Suwannee River Paddle for Autism," she told the board. "My husband and I, along with the Suwannee River Rendezvous, in conjunction with CARD are sponsoring the event."

Grill said that one in every 88 children born today has autism, with 54 percent of them being boys.

"We have 11 students in the county with this disorder," Grill said. "We've raised over $6,000 in the last two years. My goal is $5,000 this year."

Grill said with a portion of the donated proceeds, two iPads have been bought for students.

"Being a rural, small county, there's not a lot of things that can help these kids unless somebody steps up, and here I am," she said. "It's very passionate to me, due to the fact that I have a 12-year-old nephew with it."

At the end of Grill's speech, all the commissioners chipped in and handed her $100 cash from their personal funds as their part in the fundraiser.

Many thanks to this year's sponsors that include Castle Krafters-Lakeland, J&J Gas, McMillan Law Office, Audrey Grill and family, Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, Canoesuwannee.com, Lafayette County Commissioners, Subs 'N' More, Alliance Dairies, Sheriff Brian Lamb and family, Trawick Farms, Linda K. Partney-Goldsmith, Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce, Mayo Town & Country Animal Hospital, Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort & Campground, and Duke Energy.

For boat rental or lodging log onto www.suwanneeriverrendezvous.com or call 386-294-2510. You can also visit canoesuwannee.com or call 386-294-1319. For more information or to become a sponsor check out SuwanneeRiverPaddle-ForAutism on Facebook or call 386-294-3322.

MAYO LIBRARY EVENT

NFCC Xcel-IT staff to be at library May 1

On Thursday, May 1, North Florida Community College (NFCC) Xcel-IT staff will be at the Mayo Library to present information to prospective students and other interested parties on two new College Credit Certificates and a new Post-Secondary Adult Vocational (PSAV) Certificate.

The programs to be offered are: a 30 credit hour Network Security Certificate that leads to certification in Ethical Hacking and Computer Forensics and Investigations. This program will be offered exclusively online; a 25 credit hour Certificate in Entrepreneurship for Business. Most of the courses in the Entrepreneurial track will be available online; and a 600 clock hour Post-Secondary Adult Vocational (PSAV) certificate focusing on advanced manufacturing proficiencies including Fanuc Robotics technology and 3D printing systems. This program leads to Certification as a Certified Production Technician through the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC).

These programs are grant funded through Xcel-IT and are designed to prepare students to work in Advanced Manufacturing, Internet Technology and other industries requiring business acumen, advanced technology skills and/or credentialing.

The presentation will be at 1 p.m. at the Mayo Library. Staff from NFCC will be available for questions after the presentation. If you are seeking a change and want to learn the latest in technology to prepare for a step-up in employability, attend this NFCC presentation to find out more about the programs and how to apply.

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Final Jam audition April 18 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park will select best of the best

Winners will perform at the Suwannee River Jam April 30- May 3 during the largest country music Jam in the South! Competition begins at 7 p.m. - don't be late for some of the best country artists around!

SPIRIT OF THE SUWANNEE MUSIC PARK, LIVE OAK, FLA - The Suwannee River Jam Final Audition is finally here! A large group of very anxious and excited country artists can barely wait to compete for the chance to be on the roster of artists performing April 30-May 3 at the largest country music jam in the South, The Suwannee River Jam! It all takes place Friday, April 18, 7 p.m., at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak, Fla. in the Music Hall where family, friends and fans will gather to cheer on these artists.

Promoter Steve Briscoe of 1st Street Music and Sound Company in Lake City says six will be chosen to achieve their lifetime dreams of being a performing artist at the Suwannee River Jam (SRJ). Before that can happen, there will be dozens of country songs sung for your entertainment and dancing pleasure! Expect some serious celebrating when the winners are announced!

Artists competing for the six performance slots at the Jam are:

*Smokin' Pig BBQ Festival winners Joe Martino and Jasmine Horton, (Lake City), Savanna Bassett (Jacksonville) with Wildcard winner Savannah Ward (Branford).

*Bradford Fest winners Steffanie Renae (Orange Park), Sylvia Griner Howard (Penny Farms) and Jessica Thornton (Starke) and Lindsey Murphy (Keystone Heights) performing as Jessica Lindsey.

*Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park winner Alexus Branscome (Lake City).

*Steinhatchee Fiddler Crab Festival winners Brittney Hall (Stark), Maddie Norris (Greenville) and Josh Hage (Steinhatchee).

*Jacksonville Landing winners George Aspinall and John Shilby (Jacksonville), Abigail Carpenter (Glen St. Mary), Alyssa Billings (Jacksonville), Nesha Moore (Jacksonville) and Jolie Crapo (Glen St. Mary).

Doors to the Music Hall open at 5 p.m. for dinner the night of the competition. Competition begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Those attending who have a large number in their group are urged to call 386-364-1703 in advance to reserve your table as a large number of guests are expected for this event. Oh, and don't forget your dancing shoes as dancing is encouraged during this evening.

Bands which auditioned and have already been chosen to perform at the Jam are Steven Flowers Band (Jacksonville/Gainesville), Crewsn Myles Band (Lake Butler) and 309C (Palatka).

Tickets are still available for the SRJ through www.suwanneeriverjam.com, www.musicliveshere.com, by emailing spirit@musicliveshere.com. You may also purchase tickets at the SOSMP's main office or stop by any S & S Food Store where they have the best prices anywhere on SRJ tickets!

If you would like to make reservations for RV parking, cabins, primitive camping or camper parking for the weekend or longer at the SOSMP for this and other great events happing at the SOSMP, call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com

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.

Alex Branscombe

Alyssa Bllings

George Aspinall

Jessica Thornton

Joe Martino

John Shilby

Maddie Norris

Savanna Leiggh Bassett

The Ichetucknee is one of Florida's crown jewels

The Ichetucknee is a fascinating system. Located within the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) near Ft. White in Columbia County, the river meanders six miles through hammock and swamp before joining the Santa Fe River.

The Ichetucknee River receives nearly all of its flow from the springs. Nine named springs and many unnamed springs discharge an average of 230 million gallons of groundwater per day into the river. Because of the prevalence of springs along the Ichetucknee River, the entire river maintains a cool spring-like temperature year round, and it supports habitats for aquatic plants and animals typical of springs and springruns. Additionally, parts of the river boast the blue and aqua color due to the significant spring inputs.

The Ichetucknee is rich in history and culture. It was home to one of the major interior missions serving the Spanish settlement of St. Augustine, the Mission de San Martin de Timucua, established in 1608. The Ichetucknee served as the lifeblood for Native Americans and later for settlers and the surrounding communities. It eventually became a popular gathering place for the locals. In the 1950s, tubing the river gained popularity.

In 1970, Loncala Phosphate Company sold the property surrounding the Ichetucknee to the state of Florida to be developed as a state park, and in 1972 the U.S. Department of Interior declared the Ichetucknee a National Natural Landmark.

Today, locals and visitors alike are drawn to these crystal clear waters to be refreshed and enjoy recreation. In fact, the Ichetucknee is one of the most popular tubing destinations in the world, drawing an average of 140,000 or more visitors annually, according to the Ichetucknee Springs State Park. Canoeing and kayaking are also popular activities.

The District is actively taking steps to improve spring flows and water quality in the Ichetucknee through aquifer recharge and water quality improvement projects throughout the region. Also, the District measures water quality and spring flow along the Ichetucknee to monitor conditions and trends. Additionally, the District is working with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the St. Johns River Water Management District to establish cross-boundary minimum flows and levels (MFLs) for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs.

The District has joined with the Florida Legislature in recognizing April as Springs Protection Awareness Month to increase public awareness of springs and the need to protect them. In conjunction with that effort, the District is highlighting various keystone springs to promote spring protection and restoration through a series of articles.

For more information about springs visit www.mysuwanneeriver.com. For more information about recreational opportunities at the Ichetucknee visit www.floridastateparks.org and search for the Ichetucknee Springs State Park.

The Ichetucknee Headspring.

SOS Music Park sponsors Suwannee County Fair Talent Contest; winners announced

The Suwannee County Fair Talent Show this year was sponsored by The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP). Two preliminary contests were held with winners competing the last night of the fair, April 12, for a first place win and $1,000 first prize provided by the SOSMP. Winners were as follows:

First place/overall winner of $1,000 - Declaration of Faith from First United Methodist Church, Live Oak, consisting of Erik Swart, Nicole Williams, Jill Hodges and Mike Yarick. Erik sang and played guitar, Nicole sang, Jill played violin and Mike played drums.

Second place - Maddie Norris of Greenville. Maddie is a country singer who has competed in many contests in North Florida. Maddie Norris is an up and coming country artist competing this weekend at the SOSMP on Friday night for a chance to sing at The 2014 Suwannee River Jam April 30-May 3.

Third place - Brittney Powell. Brittney is Suwannee Middle School student who sings and is a SMS band member who plays trumpet. Her dream is to be a Broadway singer one day!

Overall winner Declaration of Faith members L-R are Erik Swart, Nicole Williams, Jill Hodges and Mike Yarick, all of Live Oak. Declaration of Faith won the $1,000 prize money sponsored by The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park while the second and third place winners received a beautiful plaque. Photo: SOSMP

Other finalists competing were Brad Harrison of Live Oak, an LOPD officer and full-time LPN student at Suwannee Hamilton Technical center who sang country and played guitar; Chad Egan of Mayo who owns a hair salon in Perry and loves to sing country music; The Lionhearts, an acoustic band with an EP release coming out this summer featuring lead singer/guitarist Randy, drummer Gerardo and guitarist Kalum all of Live Oak.

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Lyons family places third in state in National Corn Yield Contest

An area corn grower has been honored as a state winner in the 2013 National Corn Yield Contest, sponsored annually by the National Corn Growers Association.

Lyons Family Farm of Mayo placed third in the state in the Irrigated Class with a yield of 266.1173 bushels per acre. The hybrid used in the winning field was Pioneer/P2023BVT.

The local grower was one of 434 state winners nationwide. The 2013 contest set a participation record with 8,983 entries from 47 states. Of the state winners, 18 growers – three from each of six classes – were named national winners, representing ten states.

The average yield among national winners was 354.67 bushels per acre, greater than the 2013 U.S. average of 158.8 bushels per acre. Five of the national winners recorded yields of 400 bushels or more per acre.

"This fall, U.S. corn farmers reaped the bounty of their labors, harvesting a record crop that will provide food, fuel and fiber for our nation and our trading partners around the world," said NCGA President Martin Barbre, a corn grower from Carmi, Ill. "Our contest participants demonstrated that America's farmers continue to strive for excellence while adopting state-of-the-art tools which help them meet those goals," Barbre continued. "The top yield in this year's contest – a tremendous 454.98 bushels per acre achieved by David Hula of Charles City, Va., – is a testament to these efforts."

Farmers are encouraged through the contest to utilize new, efficient production techniques. Agronomic data gleaned from the contest reveal the following:

• Average planting population for the national winners was 39,166 seeds per acre, compared to 32,160 for all entrants.

• National winners applied an average of 293 pounds of nitrogen, 76 pounds of phosphorus and 156 pounds of potassium per acre.

• Average commercial nitrogen use per bushel of yield was 0.83 pounds for the national winners and 0.86 pounds for all entrants.

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• Use of manure as a fertilizer was consistent. Twenty-two percent of national winners applied manure, compared to 14 percent of all entrants.

The National Corn Yield Contest began in 1965 with 20 entries from three states. The highest overall yield was 218.9 bushels per acre, while the national yield average was in the mid-60 bushel-per-acre range.

The winners were recognized February 28 at the 2014 Commodity Classic , the premier convention and trade show of the U.S. corn, soybean, sorghum and wheat industries, held this year in San Antonio, Texas. For a complete list of winners and for more information about NCYC, visit the NCGA website at www.ncga.com.

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Camera Club meets

The Branford Camera Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, with an occasional exception, for the purpose of sharing, learning, and enjoying all things photographic. We are an eclectic group with experiences ranging from complete novice to consummate professional. Please join us.

For more information, please contact:

Carolyn Hogue, Program Chair, 386-935-2044

Skip Weigel, Technical Consultant, 386-9382

FWC "Gone Coastal" column

Spring means return of Spanish mackerel to north Florida waters

Across Florida there are signs that spring has sprung, from the fine layer of yellow pollen coating everything in the north to folks returning to the water sans wetsuit in the south. Warmer water also means the return of Spanish mackerel, a feisty fish that migrates south when the water temperature dips below 70 and should be returning to north Florida waters right about now.

Spanish mackerel are easy to catch, making them a great target for kids and those new to the sport, but their aggressive fighting behavior when on the line also makes them exciting for seasoned veterans.

Interested in catching a Spanish mackerel or two? Spring and early summer are a great time to target these fish as they move north along the coast. They frequent nearshore sandy and grassy areas, from bays to beaches and piers, but can also be caught farther offshore. Spanish mackerel typically follow baitfish, so look for areas where fish are jumping.

The main two ways to target Spanish mackerel are trolling for them (running a line behind your boat while it is in motion) and casting.

When it comes to gear, the goal is to replicate baitfish.

If you are trolling for them, many people use what is called a mackerel tree, a series of hooks on a line with pieces of tubing acting as lures near each hook followed by a trolling spoon.

If you plan to fish for Spanish mackerel by casting, then spoons, jigs or any shallow diving lure will work. Spanish mackerel are a fairly fragile fish that need to be handled carefully and quickly when catching and releasing. If your artificial lures have treble hooks on them, consider bending down all the barbs or replacing the treble hooks with single hooks. Treble hooks can cause significant damage to a fish.

Unlike some species, Spanish mackerel will go after a wide variety of artificial lures, but if you are a natural-bait fan, try threadfin herring, cigar minnows or finger-sized mullet.

Mackerel have extremely sharp teeth. So if you don't want to lose your lure and your line, make sure to use a leader that is at least 30 pound test. Above that, a good light spinning rod with 10- to 15-pound test will be plenty to reel in the fish.

Whether or not you ever hit the daily bag limit of 15 Spanish mackerel per person in state waters, there are plenty of other fish nearby to target, such as bluefish and lady fish, which also follow bait around.

Be sure to keep a measuring device nearby. The minimum size limit for Spanish mackerel is 12 inches fork length, which is measured from the tip of the lower jaw with the mouth closed to the center of the fork in the tail. Be sure to use a straight line measurement and not a flexible tape, as this can throw off your measurement.

Size limits and bag limits help ensure the Spanish mackerel population remains sustainable for future generations. The first statewide daily bag limit was set in 1986 and was four fish per person. This was increased to five in 1991, to 10 in 1993 and to where it is today, 15, in 2000. The size limit went into effect in 1999.

Find a keeper or two? Spanish mackerel are best eaten fresh, not frozen, within the first three days of being caught. Make sure to ice them down good and keep them cold. They can be grilled, fried, baked or smoked.

Catch a really big one? The current state record is 12 pounds, caught off Fort Pierce in 1984, and the world record is 13 pounds caught in North Carolina in 1987. If you think you can beat that, visit the International Game Fish Association website at IGFA.org or, for state records, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater" and "Grand Slam/Fishing Records."

Learn more about Spanish mackerel at MyFWC.com/Fishing by clicking on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Mackerel, Spanish." Email comments, questions, photos or suggestions to Saltwater@MyFWC.com.

Don't forget to record all of your catches on the iAngler phone app or at snookfoundation.org.

"Gone Coastal" is one of many ways that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Division of Marine Fisheries Management is helping recreational anglers understand complex saltwater regulations and learn more about saltwater fishing opportunities and issues in Florida. We are also available to answer questions by phone or email anytime, and we would love the opportunity to share information through in-person presentations with recreational or commercial fishing organizations. To contact the FWC's Regulatory Outreach subsection, call 850-487-0554 or email Saltwater@MyFWC.com.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO.: 14-04-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF

ELDIS LAURIE HOWELL, JR.,

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of ELDIS LAURIE HOWELL, JR., deceased, whose date of death was December 30, 2013; File Number 14-04-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lafayette County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 120 West Main Street, Post Office Box 88, Mayo, FL 32066. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is April 10, 2014.

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DANIEL MICHAEL HOWELL
Personal Representative
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Live Oak, FL 32060
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Mayo Legals

****OFFICIAL****
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

I, Ken Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that a GENERAL ELECTION will be held in LAFAYETTE County, State of Florida, on the FOURTH day of NOVEMBER, 2014, A.D., to fill or retain the following offices:

Representative in Congress: District 3
Florida Cabinet - Governor
Florida Cabinet - Lieutenant Governor
Florida Cabinet - Attorney General
Florida Cabinet - Chief Financial Officer
Florida Cabinet - Commissioner of Agriculture
State Representative: District 7
First District Court of Appeal: Retention of Six Judges
Circuit Judge, Third Judicial Circuit: Groups 4, 6 and 7
School Board: Districts 1, 3 and 5
County Commissioner: Districts 2 and 4
Lafayette Soil and Water Conservation District: Groups 2, 3, 4 and 5
04/03, 17

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AVISO DE ELECCIONES GENERALES

Yo, Ken Detzner, Secretario de Estado del Estado de la Florida, por el presente notifico que se llevarán a cabo ELECCIONES GENERALES en el Condado de LAFAYETTE, Estado de la Florida, el día CUATRO de NOVIEMBRE de 2014 d. C., para determinar la ocupación o la retención de los siguientes cargos:

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Gabinete de la Florida - Vicegobernador
Gabinete de la Florida - Procurador General
Gabinete de la Florida - Funcionario Principal de Finanzas
Gabinete de la Florida - Comisionado de Agricultura
Representante Estatal: distrito 7
Tribunal de Apelaciones del 1.er Distrito: retención de 6 jueces
Juez del Circuito, 3.er Circuito Judicial: grupos 4, 6 y 7
Junta Escolar: distritos 1, 3 y 5
Comisionado del Condado: distritos 2 y 4
Distrito de Conservación de Tierra y Agua de Lafayette: grupos 2, 3, 4 y 5
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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR A CONTINUING CONTRACT

The Lafayette County School District requests qualifications from Construction Management firms to provide construction management services for a continuing contract. The firm or firms selected under this contract will be responsible for assigned facility projects which do not exceed $500,000 in construction costs. This contract will have an initial period of one year with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods. Selection of finalists for consideration will be made on the basis of construction manager qualifications including experience and ability, financial capability, scheduling experience, cost estimating and cost control ability, on-site staff, and distance to site. Firms must be properly licensed in the State of Florida at the time of submittal. The selection will be made in accordance with Section 287.055, F.S.

INSTRUCTIONS: Firms interested in being considered for this Continuing Contract must submit four (4) copies of their submittal with a table of contents and tabbed sections in the following order:
1. A letter of interest detailing the firm's qualification to meet the above-referenced selection criteria.
2. Resumes of proposed staff and firm organization.
3. Any examples of project report manuals, schedules, past experience and examples of similar projects completed by the firm.
4. References from prior clients received within the last five years.
5. Copies of the firm's current Florida Professional Registration License.
6. For Corporations only: If the firm offering services is a corporation, it must be properly registered with the Department of State to operate in Florida and must provide a copy of firm's current Florida Corporate Registration.

Submittals must be received no later that **3:00 PM** (local time) **May 16, 2014,** and should be mailed or delivered to **Joey Pearson, Director of Support Services, Lafayette District Schools, 363 NE Crawford Street, Mayo, FL 32066**. Facsimile submittals are not acceptable and will not be considered. Applications will be reviewed and a ranking developed on **May 19, 2014**. A selection committee will recommend a short list of three firms to the Lafayette County School Board for final selection and approval on **May 20, 2014**. The selected firm or firms will be given official notice of selection results by fax and/or mail.

Applications that do not comply with these instructions or those that do not include the requested data may not be considered. All information received will be maintained with the project file and will not be returned. Any protests of the selection must be made within 72 hours of the posting. Failure to file a protest within 72 hours (not including Saturdays, Sundays, and or legal holidays) after the posting shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, F.S.
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Lafayette County Entries SVYLSS Hog Show

Lafayette High FFA member Krista Lyons receives the congratulatory handshake signifying the Grand Champion Hog winner for the 2014 Suwannee Valley Youth Live Stock Show and Sale.

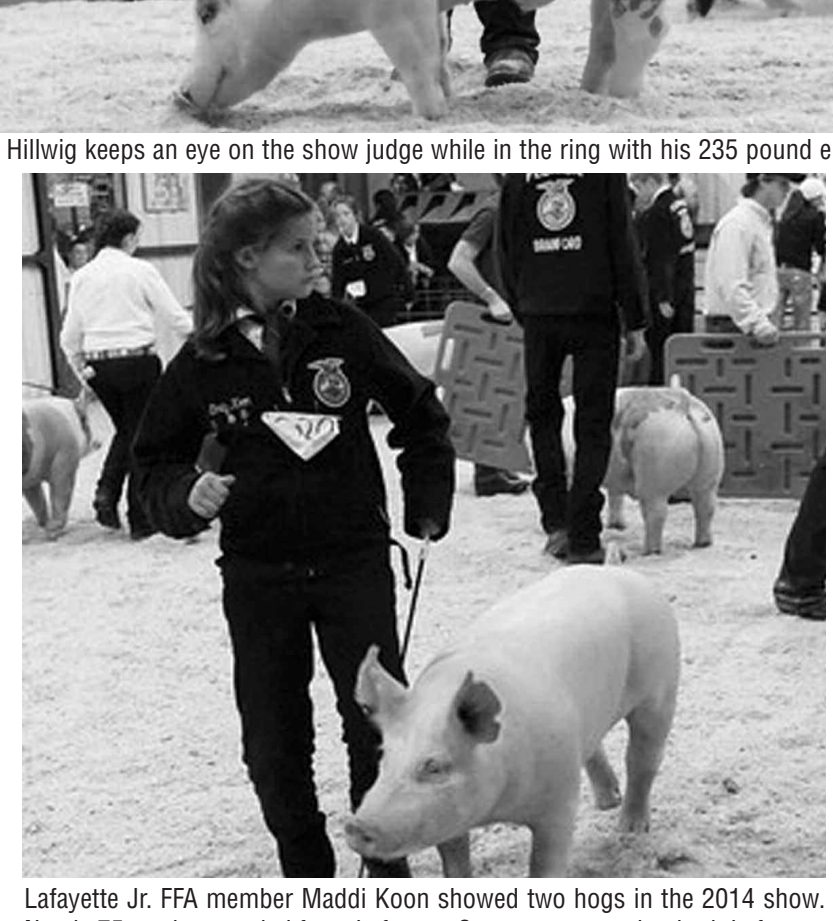
Shelbi McCall, who earlier in the day won the Senior Swine Showmanship honors, shows her hog Tuesday evening during the SVYLSS.

Lafayette 4H member Elijah Clay keeps his hog in front of the judge, while maintaining eye contact during the 2014 Hog Show in Live Oak.

Lafayette 4H member Evan Murray works to turn his hog during the 2014 SVYLSS Hog Show.

Dillan Hillwig keeps an eye on the show judge while in the ring with his 235 pound entry.

Brianna Celedon representing Lafayette FFA shows her entry in the Suwannee Valley Youth Live Stock Show and Sale held in conjunction with the Suwannee County Fair.



Lafayette Jr. FFA member Maddi Koon showed two hogs in the 2014 show. Nearly 75 entries traveled from Lafayette County representing both Lafayette 4H and Lafayette FFA.

Giving a whole new meaning to sister act, Emily and Krista Lyons share the ring while taking home several honors during this year's Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show and Sale.

Lafayette FAA's Evan Starling took home runner-up honors with his hog in Class 13.

Lafayette 4H member Anna Rogers handles her 270 pound entry in the SVYLSS in Live Oak on Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

3rd Nine Weeks HONOR ROLL

Lafayette High School

12th Grade
A
Sydney Barry
Jason DeGroff
Emily Fredriksson
Darby Guyton
Haley Koon
Lydia Land
Kaley Koon
Ashlin Morgan
Audra Shiver
Dalton Wimberley

AB
Brian Archer
Michael Cooley
Caitlyn Creamer
John Demarais
Chanequa Gray
Savannah Hamlin
Megan Hollis
Danielle Kolvinsky
Austin Moody
Corey Murray
Maria Raymer
Miguel Raymer
Ana Silva
Cameron Thomas
Brooke Walker

11th Grade
A
Timothy Bell
Kassidy Brady
Keely Dyjak
Mariah Edwards
Zachary Ellis
Logan Hewett
Katelyn Law
Breanna Singletary

AB
Will Boney
Angel Carlos
Timothy Fleming
Ashley Freeman
Ben Lake
Dalton Land
Noah Leake
Josh Nabholz
Austin Phelps
Larshonda Smith
Ryan Weaver

10th Grade
A
Ashlyn Perry
Lacey Swafford
Alana Wimberley

AB
Ashleigh Brantley
Ryan Fredriksson
Hunter Gentry
Marlenia Herring
Kilder Honkala
Clay Jackson
Nathan Jones
Danielle Murray
Darby Pearson
Kelby Pearson
Grace Perry
Dixie Randolph
Michaela Shaw
Evan Starling
Ana Walker

9th Grade
A
Diana Hernandez
Juan Vences

AB
Trevor Garland
Lang Guyton
Shane Harris
Coley Hingson
Adam Land
Harli Lawson
Nathan Massey
Osiel Moreno
Destany Newbern
Andrew Perry
Hannah Poole
Monica Powe

8th Grade
A
Austin Baumgardner
Kaden Carter
Brianna Celedon
Krista Lyons
Leesa Price
Josh Singletary
Autumn Smith

AB
Tara Byrd
Kendall Calhoun
Marcos Carreon
Savannha Cooke-nour
Preston Edwards
Cameron Ellis
Kerby Hanson
Sarah Jackson
Brayden Lamb
Caleb Land
Holly Mann
Mia McCray
Savannah Medlin
Kaylin Morgan
James Newman
Ilich Purcell
Ashley Rehberg
Garret Spikes
Mariela Tovar
Adam Yates

7th
A
Carrigan Buchanan
Kinady Crews
Case Jackson
Grace Jackson
Graham Jackson
Kyla Lents
Mackenzie Long
Truett Maund
Caroline Perry
Gabrielle Perry
Ainsley Peterson
Ali Singletary
Veronica Zamora

AB
Ragan Barnes
Sean Bulnes
Eric Cardona
Landry Driver
Lauren Fillyaw
Julya Flores-Johnson
Sarah Hamlin
Anica Land
Kaci Law
Jasmine Lewis
Hannah McCray
Perla Negrete
Audrey Posada
Taylor Revels
Haley Russ
Flor Santiago
Haley Shows
Priscilla Swinson
Blanca Vences
Camryn Warner

6th Grade
A
Blake Braswell
Audrey Jackson
Dawson Jackson
Tristyn Johnson
Savannah Lents
Dylan Mock
Haley Murray
Jarrett Pearson
Adam Perry
Joseph Perry
Katie Grace Sadler
Shae Vervisch

AB
Brianna Bearden
Daisy Hernandez
Alexis Koch
Wyatt Liles
Richelle McDonald
Heather Moreno
Jenna Nall
Angie Paz
Jacqueline Ramirez
Harmony Richard-son
Jada Shower
Amber Slone
Aleks Sullivan
Ryan Thompson

Purple Hatters' Ball adds its first ever pre-party for the 2014 music festival May 9 - 11

It's the first official onsite pre-party in the 7-year history of PHB taking place May 8. Other firsts will be two campground stages and a new yoga and workshops program

Purple Hatter's Ball announces its first official onsite pre-party in its seven-year history. Kicking things off Thursday, May 8, fans are invited to get settled in at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) a night early and enjoy music from The Fritz, Monozygotic, Moon Hooch and more. Pre-party tickets are available for $20 and include camping, music and all fees.

Purple Hatter's Ball 2014 Artist line-up includes Beats Antique, Emancipator Ensemble, The New Mastersounds, The Motet, The Heavy Pets, The Floozies, The Nth Power, DubConscious, Space Capone, Rising Appalachia, Greenhouse Lounge, The Fritz, Avis Berry Band & Scott Campbell, Catfish Alliance, Locos Por Juana, Grandpa's Cough Medicine, Applebutter Express, Trial By Stone, Ketchy Shuby, Stillwood, Cherry Royale, Shoes and Laces, SPORE, Herd of Watts, Parker Urban Band, Squeedlepuss ,Jason Lamar & the Rig, Jacksonvegas, Love Chunk, Morning Fatty, Stereo Vudu, Flat Land, Hail Cassius Neptune, Bells and Robes, DJ Ruby, MSNRA, Parker Robinson, Universal Green, Yankee Slickers, Famato, The Silent Disco, Vlad the Inhaler, Sir Charles, Zak tha Blak, Trillucination, LeGinge, Ellofunk, Combustible, SethEdemik, Bit Deff, Mason Masters and Matthew Connor.

The festival, taking place May 9 - 11, honors the memory of music festival lover Rachel Morningstar Hoffman.

The schedule unveils the addition of two campground stages playfully pitting bands embedded in the Jacksonville music scene versus those from Gainesville. Fans can watch them go head-to-head from noon to 8 p.m. Purple Hatter's is also directing energy toward a new yoga and workshops program including Acro Yoga, Partner Thai Yoga Massage, Permaculture, a Natural Medicine Panel; Reiki, Juicing 101, a drum workshop with Luke Quaranta and Weddie Braimah of Toubab Krewe and more. Festival goers will be treated to live art from 20 painters and have the opportunity to get down late at night in the Silent Disco.

The most touching moment of the weekend comes from Rachel's loving mother, Margie Weiss (aka Mama Margie), who leads an emotional Mother's Day Ceremony, celebrating her daughter's memory.

Taking place in the spring, the SOSMP venue is a virtual playground with endless fun and activities such as swimming, canoeing, kayaking, disc golf, hiking, biking and much more. The park also offers guest cabins, a general store, a full-service restaurant and bar, showers and water stations.

Tickets include three days of music, primitive camping and all taxes and fees. The SOSMP is also generously offering a deeply discounted cabin and golf cart rental package to Purple Hatter guests. Cabins are limited, so call quickly to 386-364-1683. Advance tickets available for $100 at www.PurpleHattersBall.com.

For more about The SOSMP or to find out more about the many other exciting upcoming events at the SOSMP, call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com.

The SOSMP is located at 3076 95th Drive 4.5 miles north of Live Oak.

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Purple Hatter's Ball Information:
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www.facebook.com/PurpleHattersBall
Twitter + Instagram: @PurpleHatters (#PHB2014 #PurpAllDay #RachelHoffman)

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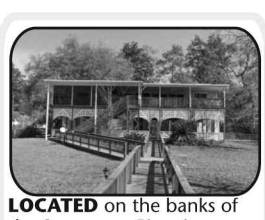
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Woman's Club and FFA honor Arbor Day & Earth Day

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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On Tuesday, April 22, at 2 p.m., the GFWC Mayo Woman's Club, with the help of Lafayette Future Farmers of America (FFA), will be presenting five Eastern Redbud trees to Lafayette Elementary School in honor of Arbor Day and Earth Day, both of which fall in the month of April.

Five of these Redbud trees will be planted at LES. Courtesy photos

Members of the Mayo Woman's Club will also be helping to plant the trees. Earth Day is April 22, and Arbor Day is April 25, so this will be a combined celebration of both events.

The showy pink flowers of the Eastern Redbud trees form in large clusters and they are one of the first to bloom in late winter or early spring. After the blooms appear, dark green, glossy leaves begin to create a majestic backdrop, making the rosy-pink blooms stand out even more.

Redbud trees, when mature, stand 20-30 feet tall and develop into a dense, round shape. They grow in a variety of soils and climates, and they are hearty in Florida.

The beautiful pink flowers of the Redbud tree.

Redbud's are strong trees with a deep root system, and once the newly-planted trees establish themselves, they are resistant to disease and wind damage.

The Mayo Woman's Club wishes to honor the fifth grade students who will be moving on to middle school next year, and sincerely hope this gift will inspire happy days for the wonderful teachers and all the children.

River deaths ruled a drowning

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month and preliminary findings from the medical examiner's office, she said, show the cause of death to be drowning.

The bodies of James and Grace Maynard were found floating on the Suwannee River over the weekend of March 21-23. Their bodies were discovered at two different locations along the river in Dowling Park and Mayo, and a floating cooler offered information on their identities.

The Maynard's truck was later located at Gibson Park boat ramp in Hamilton County where they apparently launched a small boat into the river.

"According to the medical examiner (ME), the preliminary cause of death for both subjects is drowning," said Parker. "We are still waiting on the complete report from the ME but that may take another 8 to 12 weeks."

The boat, Parker said, has not yet been found.

"High water river conditions can make the vessel harder to find," said Parker.

The boat is a 13-foot Gheenoe-type boat with a two and a half horse powered engine. According to family members of the deceased, the boat is either light brown or olive drab green.

This is what the boat looks like from the side.

"This vessel would have a New York registration number displayed on it," Parker said. "If anyone has seen the boat, they can call Wildlife Alert at 888-404-3922 to report it."

With the river being so high right now, the public is not being asked to go out searching for the boat as conditions could be dangerous.

Prevent mouth injuries during summer sports fun

The warm weather beckons children outside to play. Whether they participate in organized sports or enjoy pick-up games with friends, sports are a way to remain physically active and pass the days of summer in a fun way. A variety of leading oral health organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the American Dental Association, have teamed up to remind parents, coaches and athletes to play safely when they're playing sports.

A child or young adult's mouth and face can be easily injured if the proper precautions are not used while participating in sports or recreational activities. In fact, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than half of the seven million sports- and recreation-related injuries that occur each year are sustained by children as young as five years old.

In 2012, the National Youth Sports Safety Foundation forecasted that more than three million teeth would be knocked out in youth sporting events. They also reported that athletes who don't wear mouth guards are 60 times more likely to damage their teeth. Yet, in a survey commissioned by the American Association of Orthodontists, 67 percent of parents admitted that their children do not wear a mouth guard during organized sports.

At a time when a good football helmet or hockey stick may cost a few hundred dollars, mouth guards remain inexpensive pieces of protective equipment. Mouth guards save teeth and protect the jaw. When a mouth guard is working properly, it will hold teeth in place, resist tearing and allow for normal speech and breathing. Rely on a dental professional to recommend a properly fitted mouth guard for a vast array of sporting activities.

Mouth injuries during sports play can be prevented when athletes wear custom-fitted mouth guards.

Here are some additional sports safety tips to consider to reduce young athletes' risk of injury.

* Wear a mouth guard when playing contact sports. Mouth guards can help prevent injury to a person's jaw, mouth and teeth, and they are significantly less expensive than the cost to repair an injury. Dentists and dental specialists can make customized mouth guards to provide the best fit. Other less-expensive options are the boil and bite mouth guards, which are softened in boiling water to fit the mouth, and stock mouth guards, which are ready-to-wear but may not fit as well as their customized counterparts.
* Wear a helmet. Helmets absorb the energy of an impact and help prevent damage to the head.
* Wear protective eyewear. Eyes are extremely vulnerable to damage, especially when playing sports.
* Wear a face shield. Rely on a face shield to avoid damage to the delicate bones around the eyes, nose and jaw. Hockey pucks, basketballs and racquetballs can cause severe facial damage to athletes of any age.

Summertime is an opportunity to engage in recreational sporting activities. Athletes of all ages should wear the appropriate safety gear while competing to greatly reduce their risk of injury.

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Superintendent's Corner

Graduation requirements and industry certifications were the main topics of Parent Night at LHS this past Thursday. I would like to thank Stewart Hancock, Melissa Hewett and everyone who worked in the background to make this happen. Taylor Technical Institute, Suwannee-Hamilton Votech, North Florida Community College and Col. Scott Vervisch (JROTC) were present to share information with our students and parents.

Topics covered were programs we currently offer, programs we plan to offer in the future, graduation requirements/diploma designations, etc. If you have a student entering high school in the coming year, this information is for you.

The idea of "go to college or fail in life" is not something we share. No one will argue the value of a college education and we certainly encourage our students to continue their education after high school. However, we also realize many of our students will choose not to attend college for different reasons. Our goal is for each student to leave with a clear direction in life. No matter if it's college, learning a trade, becoming industry certified, or joining the military, we hope to provide our students with the opportunities to be successful in life.

We currently offer industry certification in the following areas: Adobe Dreamweaver, Adobe Flash, Adobe Photoshop, Ag Tech, and Ag Biotech. Additional industry certifications will be available on our campus beginning with the 2014-15 school year. Announcements of those courses will be made as soon as all agreements have been finalized.

Additional courses we hope to offer are: Certified Food Protection Manager, Early Childhood Development, NCCER Welding levels 1-3, Pharmacy Tech, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Microsoft Specialist, and JROTC. This could be through offering courses on our campus, through an agreement with a technical college in our area, or through transporting our students to area votech schools.

Offering new courses requires a tremendous amount of planning. We also have to work within the budget allowed by state and federal dollars. Some of the courses mentioned above will be available in the coming school year. We hope to add additional courses as resources become available. We would like to hear from you as to which courses are more desired by students and parents. This will help us focus our energy on what is important in our community.

We will soon be updating the LHS website to include descriptions of these courses, along with availability. We will also have information concerning graduation requirements (by grade level), and descriptions/requirements for the different diploma designations. Please check our website periodically for updates in these areas.

As always, we appreciate your interest in our schools and value your input. Thank you for supporting our schools.

-Photo: Superintendent Robby Edwards

Department of Health warns of health risks after a flood

• Practice basic hygiene: Always wash hands with soap and water

• Do not allow children to play in floodwaters•

Practice mosquito prevention with "Drain and Cover"

Mayo – The Florida Department of Health in Lafayette County encourages residents and visitors in the Mayo area to use caution as flooding and standing water form as a result of the large amount of rain received during recent storms.

"We urge residents and visitors in affected areas to protect themselves and their families from potential health risks presented by floodwaters," said FDOH-Lafayette Environmental Supervisor Michael Mitchell. "As we continue to respond to the storms' impact, life safety is our first and foremost concern and everyone should continue to heed instructions from local officials."

Contaminated flood waters may cause illness. Do not wade through standing water. If you have open cuts or sores exposed to the floodwater, practice basic hygiene and keep them as clean as possible by washing with soap and disinfected or boiled water. Do not allow children to play in floodwaters or with toys that have been in floodwaters until the toys have been disinfected. Avoid eating or drinking anything that has been contaminated with flood waters.

In addition, heavy rains and flooding can lead to an increase in mosquitoes. Prevent mosquitoes by practicing "Drain and Cover":

• Drain standing water

• Cover your skin with clothing and repellent

• Cover doors and windows with screens

For additional tips on how to keep your family healthy and safe from floodwaters, see the Flood Information Sheet, below.

For more information on how you can keep your family healthy and safe, please contact the Florida Department of Health in Lafayette County at 386-294-1321 or visit http://www.floridahealth.gov/chdLafayette/index.html.

The Florida Department of Health protects, promotes and improves the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

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Flood information sheet

Health risks after a flood
Tips on how to protect your family

Food Safety: Preventing Foodborne Diseases

• People should not eat any food that may have come into contact with contaminated water from floods or tidal surges.

• Commercially prepared cans of food should not be eaten if there is a bulging or opening on the can or screw caps, soda bottle tops or twist-caps.

• Undamaged, commercially canned foods can be saved if labels are removed and cans are disinfected in a bleach solution. Use 1/4 cup of bleach in 1 gallon of water; re-label the cans including expiration date and type of food. Assume that home-canned food is unsafe.

• Infants should preferably be breast fed or fed only pre-mixed canned baby formula. Do not use powdered formulas prepared with untreated water, use boiled water instead.

• When the power is out, refrigerators will keep foods cool for approximately 4 hours. Thawed and refrigerated foods should be thrown out after 4 hours.

Sanitation and Hygiene: Preventing Waterborne Illness

• Basic hygiene is very important during this emergency period. Always wash your hands with soap and water. Use only water that has been boiled or disinfected for washing hands before eating, after toilet use, after helping in cleanup activities and after handling items contaminated by floodwater or sewage.

• Flood water may contain fecal matter from sewage systems, agricultural and industrial waste and septic tanks. If you have open cuts or sores exposed to the floodwater, keep them as clean as possible by washing them with soap and disinfected or boiled water.

• Apply antibiotic cream to reduce the risk of infection. If a wound or sore develops redness, swelling or drainage, see a physician.

• Do not allow children to play in floodwater. They can be exposed to water contaminated with fecal matter.

• Do not allow children to play with toys that have been in floodwater until the toys have been disinfected. Use 1/4 cup of bleach in 1 gallon of water to disinfect toys and other items.

Power Outages: Preventing Fire Hazards

• Using battery-powered lanterns and flashlights is preferred.

• NEVER use candles.

Post Flood Clean-up

• Clean up debris carefully to avoid injury and contamination.

• Chainsaws should only be operated in safe conditions (not in water soaked areas) and by people who are experienced in proper use.

• Lift heavy debris by bending knees and using legs to help lift.

• Wear shoes to avoid injury to the feet from glass, nails or other sharp objects.

• Avoid contact with downed power lines.

• Be alert to wildlife (snakes, alligators, etc.) that may have been displaced as a result of the flood or storm. If you see a snake or other wildlife, back away from it slowly and do not touch it. If the snake is in your home, immediately call the animal control agency in your county.

Clearing Standing Water: Preventing Mosquito-borne Illness

• Heavy rains and flooding can lead to an increase in mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are most active at sunrise and sunset.

To protect against mosquitoes, DOH urges the public to remain thorough in their personal mosquito protection efforts by following the suggestions below:

DRAIN standing water:

• Drain water from garbage cans, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flowerpots or any other containers where sprinkler or rainwater has collected.

• Discarded old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used.

• Empty and clean birdbaths and pet's water bowls at least once or twice a week.

• Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.

• Maintain swimming pools in good condition and appropriately chlorinated. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

COVER your skin with:

• CLOTHING - If you must be outside when mosquitoes are active, cover up. Wear shoes, socks, long pants and long sleeves.

• REPELLENT - Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing. Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with 10-30 percent DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are effective.

• Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months old.

COVER doors and windows with screens:

• Keep mosquitoes out of your house. Repair broken screening on windows, doors, porches and patios.

Tips on Repellent Use

• Always read label directions carefully for the approved usage before applying a repellent to skin. Some repellants are not suitable for children.

• Products with concentrations of up to 30 percent DEET are generally recommended.

• Other potential mosquito repellents, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and

• Prevention (CDC) in June 2007, contain picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. These products are generally available at local pharmacies. Look for active ingredients to be listed on the product label.

• Apply insect repellent to exposed skin, or onto clothing, but not under clothing. In protecting children, read label instructions to be sure the repellent is age-appropriate.

• According to the CDC, mosquito repellents containing oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under the age of 3 years. DEET is not recommended on children younger than 2 months old.

• Infants should be kept indoors or mosquito netting should be used over carriers when mosquitoes are present.

• Avoid applying repellents to the hands of children. Adults should apply repellent first to their own hands and then transfer it to the child's skin and clothing.

• If additional protection is necessary, apply a permethrin repellent directly to your clothing. Again, always follow the manufacturer's directions.

Tips on Eliminating Mosquito Breeding Sites

• Clean out eaves, troughs and gutters.

• Remove old tires or drill holes in those used in playgrounds to drain.

• Turn over or remove empty plastic pots.

• Pick up all beverage containers and cups.

• Check tarps on boats or other equipment that may collect water.

• Pump out bilges on boats.

• Replace water in birdbaths and pet or other animal feeding dishes at least once a week.

• Change water in plant trays, including hanging plants, at least once a week.

• Remove vegetation or obstructions in drainage ditches that prevent the flow of water.

For more information, contact the Florida Department of Health in Lafayette County at 386-294-1321 or visit the following websites for other state and federal information on emergency and disaster planning: www.floridahealth.gov , www.FloridaDisaster.org , www.redcross.org, www.ready.gov or www.fema.gov.

Florida Department of Health in Lafayette County.

Calendar of Events

Vendors wanted
Branford River Reunion

The Branford River Reunion committee is getting ready for the 4th of July celebration this year on Friday, July 4.

We are accepting booth applications for this day. We are looking for food, crafts and entertainment booths. It is $30 to set up a booth at Hatch Park in Branford. If you have a local club that needs to raise some money this is a good opportunity.

If you are interested in getting an application, give Peggy a call at 386-935-0021 and if no answer, please leave a message.

SAR Meeting

The Lake City Chapter of The Sons of The American Revolution

Will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, April 14, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will take place at a new location, Grand China Buffet, which is located at 345 W. Duval Street, Lake City. Visitors are always welcomed. For more information, call Ralph Wright at 386-961-9112.

Homecoming at Mt. Pisgah

Homecoming at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, 77th Road, McAlpin, will be Sunday, April 27. Church service at 11 a.m. with Doyel Thomas, our pastor, delivering the homecoming message. A covered dish meal will follow at the fellowship hall. All are welcome.

FREE
Divorce forms workshop

Get help with the Florida Supreme Court Approved Divorce Forms. We will go over the standard forms package includingthe Financial Affidavit, Parenting Plan, and Child SupportGuidelines Worksheet.

This workshop is free but you must register in advance. Toregister you must call 386-269-0942 during regular business hours at least five (5) days prior to the class date.

NEXT CLASS : APRIL 21, 2014
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www.NorthFloridaMediation.

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For assistance, please call the Elder Helpline at 1-800-262-2243 to have a volunteer return your call or come see us at:

Fri, April 18th 10:00am-Noon
Branford Public Library

Wed, April 23rd 1:30-3:30pm
Lifestyle En richment Ctr (Lake City)

Floral design class

The Live Oak Garden Club is offering a three day floral design class on Tuesday, May 13; Monday, May 19 and Friday, May 23. Classes will be at the clubhouse next door to Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center on 11th Street. Enrollment is limited to 30 students. Contact Lucille Heinrich, 386-362-5995, or lucille.heinrich@aol.com, for more information and to register.

Save the date - May 8

2013-14 schools retiree, SREOY and TOY reception

Please join Suwannee County Schools and the Professional Development Council

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Water Conservation Month:

Week two – ways to save residential water outdoors

Water demand in April, the last month of Florida's dry season, is typically higher than in other months. This increase in water usage is a result of rising temperatures and establishing new residential landscapes. Landscape irrigation accounts for the largest percentage of household water use in the state of Florida.

Water is Florida's most valued natural resource. The water that we use primarily comes from the aquifer, which is also the source of our drinking water. Water conservation is the least costly and easiest way to preserve our freshwater resources.

While there are many ways to save water indoors, there are also plenty of ways to save water outdoors.

Outdoor Cleaning:

· Wash your car on the grass, this will also water the lawn and prevent wasteful runoff.

· Equip your hoses with automatic shutoff nozzles for car washing and hand watering.

· Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways, sidewalks and decks.

Lawn and Garden – Watering:

· Water on your assigned day before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. to reduce water evaporation.

· Water your lawn in several short cycles rather than one long cycle; this will allow the water to be better absorbed.

· Only water your lawn when needed. You can tell this by simply walking across your lawn — if you leave footprints, then it is time to water.

· Use sprinklers with automatic timers, and preferably equipped with rain sensors.

· Adjust sprinklers so you only water the lawn, not the street or sidewalk.

It is important to follow the District's lawn and landscape irrigation measures, which are in effect throughout the year. Additional information about the lawn and landscape irrigation measures is available at www.mysuwanneeriver.com.

Lawn and Garden – Planting:

· Group your plants according to their water needs.

· Use only drought-resistant or native plants and grass.

· Mulch around plants to hold moisture in, promote plant growth and reduce weeds.

· Weed your lawn and garden regularly. Weeds compete with other plants for water.

· Prune back heavy foliage. Reducing leaf area reduces water needs.

· Replace some of the grass in your yard with ground cover, shrub or landscaping rock.

· Adjust the height of lawnmower blades so that you never remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade. Shorter grass requires more water.

· Mow your lawn less frequently. Mowing your lawn too often can stress your lawn, causing it to need more water.

Implementing Florida Friendly Landscaping™ will conserve water, reduce fertilizer use, and protect our springs. Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ is a set of nine guiding principles which help protect natural resources and preserve Florida's unique environment, while still allowing for a beautiful landscape. Visit www.floridayards.org for more information on landscaping the Florida-friendly way.

These actions will save water and money every time.

Visit www.mysuwanneeriver.com/waterconservation to learn about additional ways to save water outdoors.

During the month of April, the District is publishing a series of articles promoting water conservation. Water Conservation Month serves as an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of water.

OBITUARY

Ronald Lee Johnson
May 19, 1936
April 14, 2014

Ronald Lee Johnson, 77, of Mayo, Fla., passed away Monday, April 14, 2014 in Baya Pointe Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Lake City. Ronald was born May 19, 1936 in Pennsylvania to Mr. and Mrs. Carmen and Della Johnson. Mr. Johnson was of the Baptist Faith and a veteran of the U.S. Air National Guard.

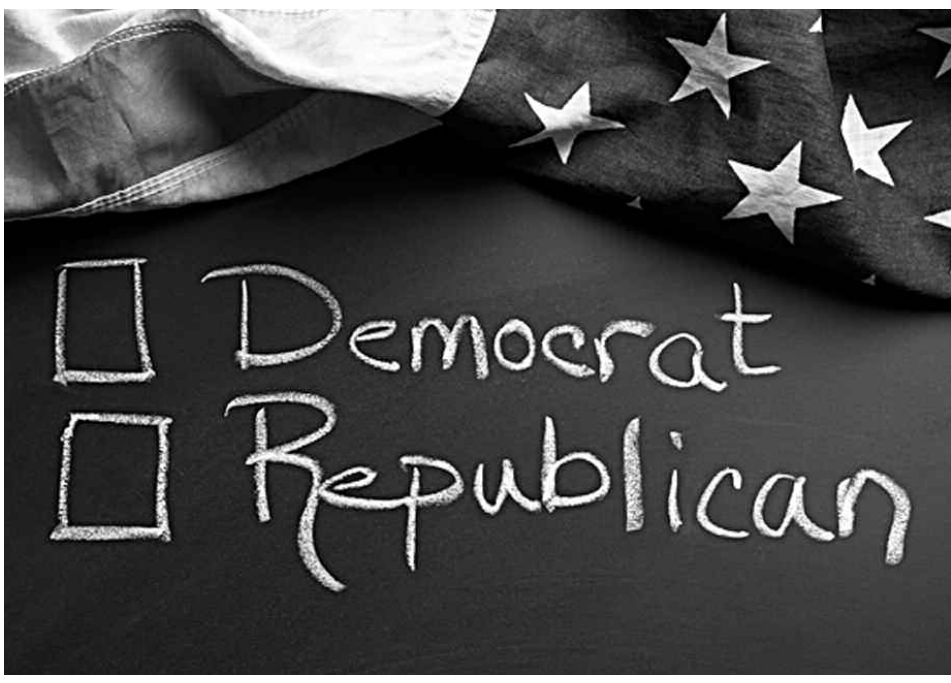
He worked as an electronic technician for Lockheed Martin in Orlando for more than 10 years before working as a switchman for Alltell where he retired after 20 years of service. He was preceded in death by his parents Carmen and Della Johnson, and a son Jerry Johnson in 1987.

He is survived by, a son, Michael Lee Johnson, and his wife Betty, of Live Oak, a daughter Laurie Feagle, of Lake City, 1 sister, Rita Randall, of Decatur, AR, 3 grandchildren, as well as numerous other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at Joe P. Burns Funeral Home of Mayo with Bro. Randy Waters officiating. Interment will follow in Riverside Baptist Church Cemetery in Mayo. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at Joe P. Burns Funeral Home of Mayo. All arrangements are under the care of Joe P. Burns Funeral Home of Mayo.

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

Switching political parties may be a simple strategy of convenience



PICK ONE: Yes, changing one's mind can be a good thing. But it's difficult to say that in politics because "it's hard to know who is the real person is behind the candidate," a political pundit says.

By Marianela Toledo | Florida Watchdog

MIAMI — As the old political adage goes, where you stand depends on where you sit.

Take Charlie Crist for example.

He was elected Florida's governor in 2007 as a Republican, but near the end of his first term he left the party, became an independent and launched an ill-fated campaign for the U.S. Senate against GOP nominee Marco Rubio and Democrat Kendrick Meek.

Now Crist wants to be governor again, but this time he's running as a Democrat.

Crist is not unique. He's not the only Florida politician who changed their political stripes.

State Rep. Ana Rivas Logan of Miami was a Republican and is now a Democrat, and the state party welcomed her with opened arms.

"The GOP of today is not the party I joined," said Rivas Logan in a news release announcing her change is affiliation. "It's a party that has been radicalized and held hostage by a group of extremists."

Scott Herman is another. He ran for state representative in 2012 as a Republican, but lost to Democrat incumbent Perry Thurston. Shortly after that race, Herman switched to the Democrats and he's running again.

It's not just politicians jumping ship. The Democratic Party of Miami-Dade recently held a news conference to celebrate a group of citizens who changed their party registration from Republican to Democrat.

While the common denominator seems to be disappointment in their party's core values, one can't help but wonder if there's more to the story.

"Sometimes it's rational to change one's mind," said Kenneth W. Goodman, a professor and director of ethics programs at the University of Miami. "When one party no longer represents the values of the candidate, it becomes a responsibility to change parties."

But Goodman questions the motives of the political turnabouts.

"Do you change your party as a point of intellectual commitment or do you change your party because you think you are going to get more votes?" he asked.

It's hard to know.

"One of the things we lack in politics — this is not new — is we lack of authenticity," he said. "It's hard to know who the real person is behind the candidate."

Pollster and political strategist Dario Moreno told the Miami Herald that Rivas Logan's change of party was likely motivated by her desire to "resurrect herself as a state representative." He said "those seats are becoming more competitive," and in this case, the Democrats are running what he considers to be "a competitive candidate" against State Rep. Erik Fresen.

There's no law against changing parties, according to a study from the Legislature's Committee of Ethics and Elections, "Legal Implications of Candidate Party Switching in Florida Elections". All that's required is a declaration the politician hasn't been a member of any other political part for at least six months before the general election in which they are qualifying.

For Crist, the party switch may be a good move. A poll by Sunshine State Newsshows that in the race for governor, incumbent Rick Scott leads Crist by only a thin 1 percentage point margin, 45 percent for Scott to 44 percent for Crist.

"While Scott's lead is within the margin of error, the poll reveals the Republican holds an important 5 point lead over Crist among Floridians more likely to cast votes in the November election," states the survey, which was conducted March 31-April 3 with 800 registered Florida voters. The margin of error is plus or minus 3.46 percent.

Contact Marianela Toledo at Marianela.Toledo@FloridaWatchdog.org or on Twitter @mtoledoreporter

NFCC to share information on new programs at Lafayette Public Library

On Thursday May 1, North Florida Community College (NFCC) XCEL-IT staff will be at the Lafayette County Public Library in Mayo at 1 p.m. to present information to prospective students and other interested parties on two new college credit certificates and a new Post-Secondary Adult Vocational (PSAV) Certificate.

The programs to be offered at NFCC are:

• 30 credit hour Network Security Certificate that leads to certification in Ethical Hacking & Computer Forensics and Investigations. This program will be offered exclusively online.

• 25 credit hour Certificate in Entrepreneurship for Business. Most of the courses in the Entrepreneurial track will be available online.

• 600 clock hour Post-Secondary Adult Vocational (PSAV) certificate focusing on advanced manufacturing proficiencies, including Fanuc Robotics technology and 3D printing systems. This program leads to Certification as a Certified Production Technician through the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC).

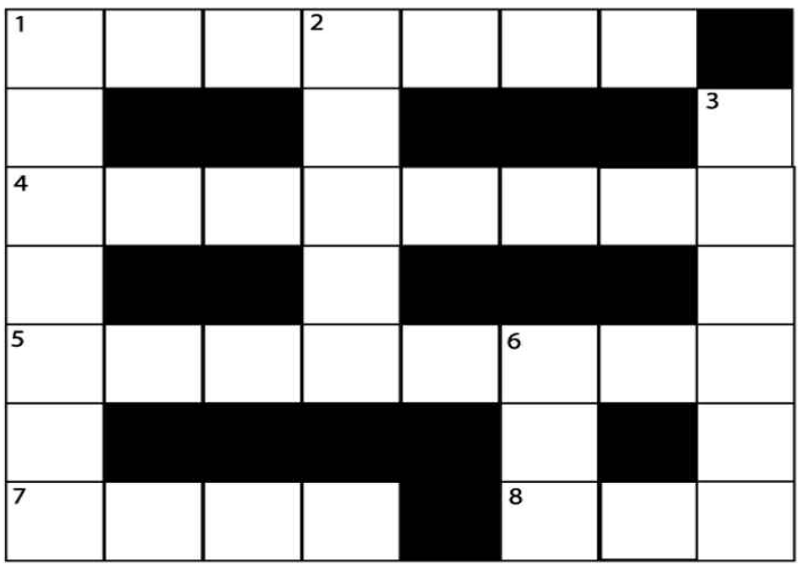
These programs are grant funded through XCEL-IT and are designed to prepare students to work in Advanced Manufacturing, Internet Technology and other industries requiring business acumen, advanced technology skills and/or credentialing.

"If you are seeking a change and want to learn the latest in technology to prepare for a step-up in employability, attend this presentation to find out more about NFCC's new programs and how to apply," said Patricia Saunders, NFCC XCEL-IT grant program coordinator.

The presentation will be held at 1 p.m. at the Lafayette County Public Library. Staff from NFCC will be available for questions after the presentation. For more information, contact Patricia Saunders at 850-973-9442 or xcelit@nfcc.edu.

(Funded in part by the U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Education Trade Assistance Action Community College and Career Training program (TAACCCT).

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Getting bigger
4. Seems like roots
5. Hard part of egg
7. Dirt
8. Small insect

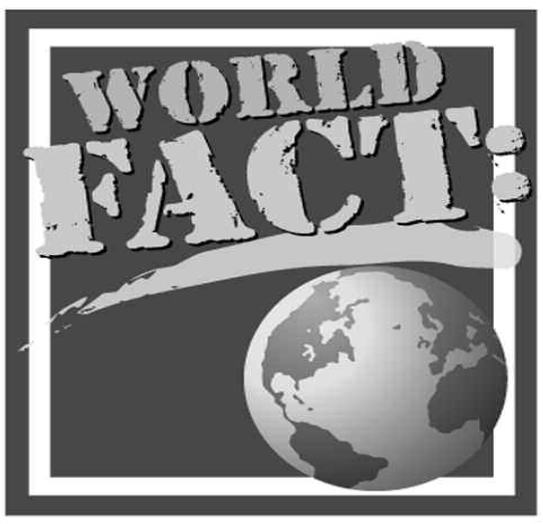
DOWN

1. Planned spaces of plants and flowers
2. Units of power
3. Plan land again
6. Unit of time

Answers:
Across
1. Growing 4. Rootlike 5. Eggshell 7. Soil 8. Ant
Down
1. Gardens 2. Watts 3. Replot 6. Era

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

- **1912:** HARRIET QUIMBY BECOMES THE FIRST WOMAN TO FLY AN AIRPLANE ACROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.
- **1941:** BOB FELLER OF THE CLEVELAND INDIANS THROWS THE ONLY OPENING DAY NO-HITTER IN THE HISTORY OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL.
- **1947:** THE TERM "COLD WAR" IS COINED.



WHAT IS THE LARGEST FLOWER GARDEN IN THE WORLD?

ANSWER: KEUKENHOF, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE NETHERLANDS

New Word

FERTILIZE

amend soil with nutrients

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Dirt

SPANISH: Suciedad

ITALIAN: Sporcizia

FRENCH: Poussiére

GERMAN: Schmutz

Did You Know?

SOME PLANTS BLOOM AT NIGHT TO ATTRACT INSECTS THAT POLLINATE AT DUSK. THAT MEANS GARDENING DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A DAYTIME ACTIVITY.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: EARTH EXCAVATOR

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING AN INOPERATIVE OR MALFUNCTIONING OUTDOOR LIGHT

Light Out?

We Need to KNOW.

If you are aware of an inoperative or malfunctioning outdoor light on Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative's lines, please call the Cooperative so that the outdoor light can be repaired. When reporting a problem, SVEC would like the following information so that we can make the repair and contact you if there should be any questions:

1. Specific street address of where the outdoor light is located.
2. A description of where the outdoor light is located on the property.
3. A description of the type problem with the outdoor light.
4. Sufficient contact information to include your name, address and telephone number. Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative members are asked to provide their account number as well.

Following these procedures will help ensure the proper response for your request. We certainly appreciate your help in this matter.

To report an inoperative or malfunctioning outdoor light, contact Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. at (386) 362-2226 or 1-800-447-4509 for Hamilton & Columbia service areas.

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Upcoming workshops

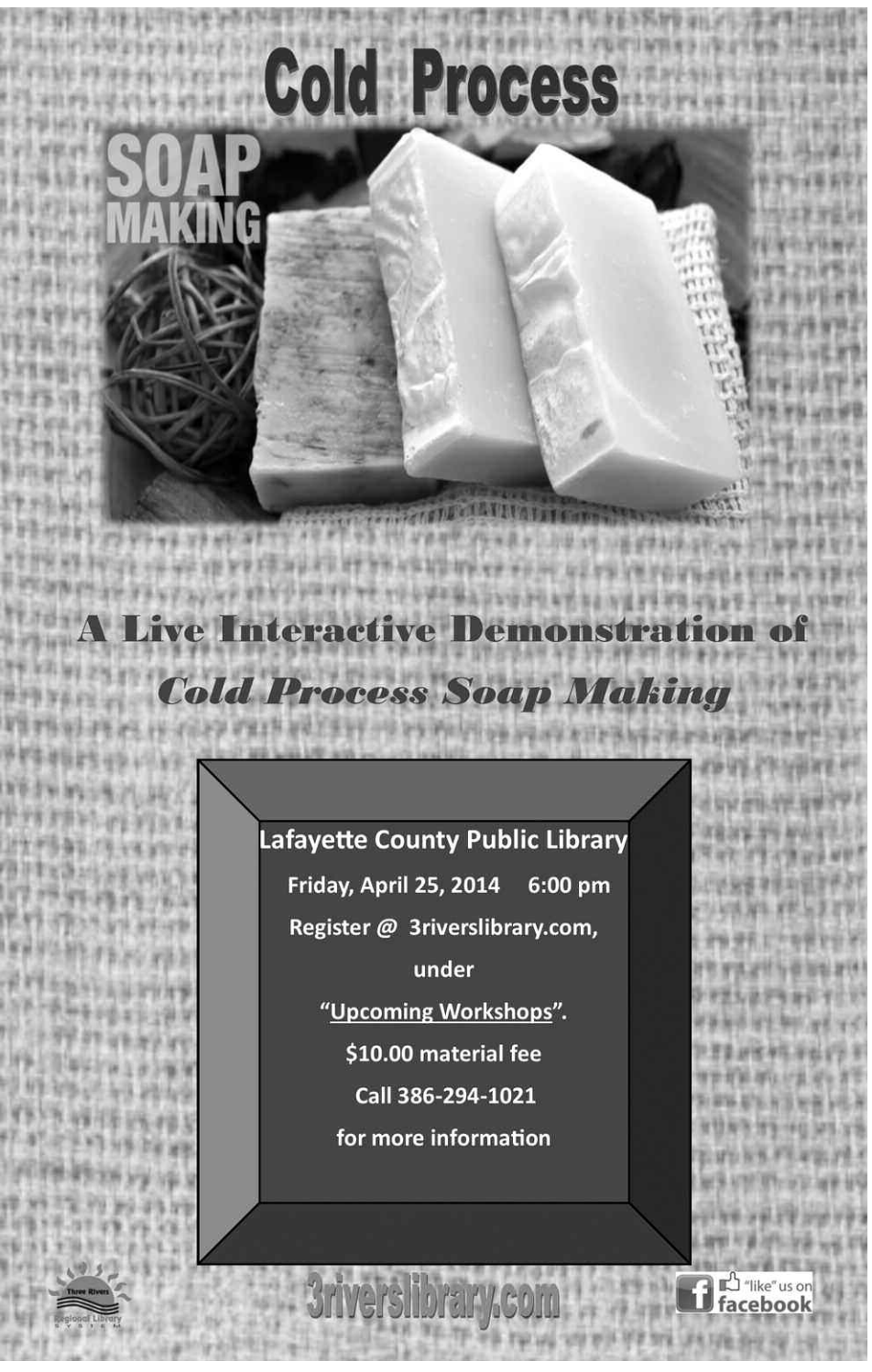
• April 17 at 6 p.m.: Acrylic Art workshop, material fee $15.

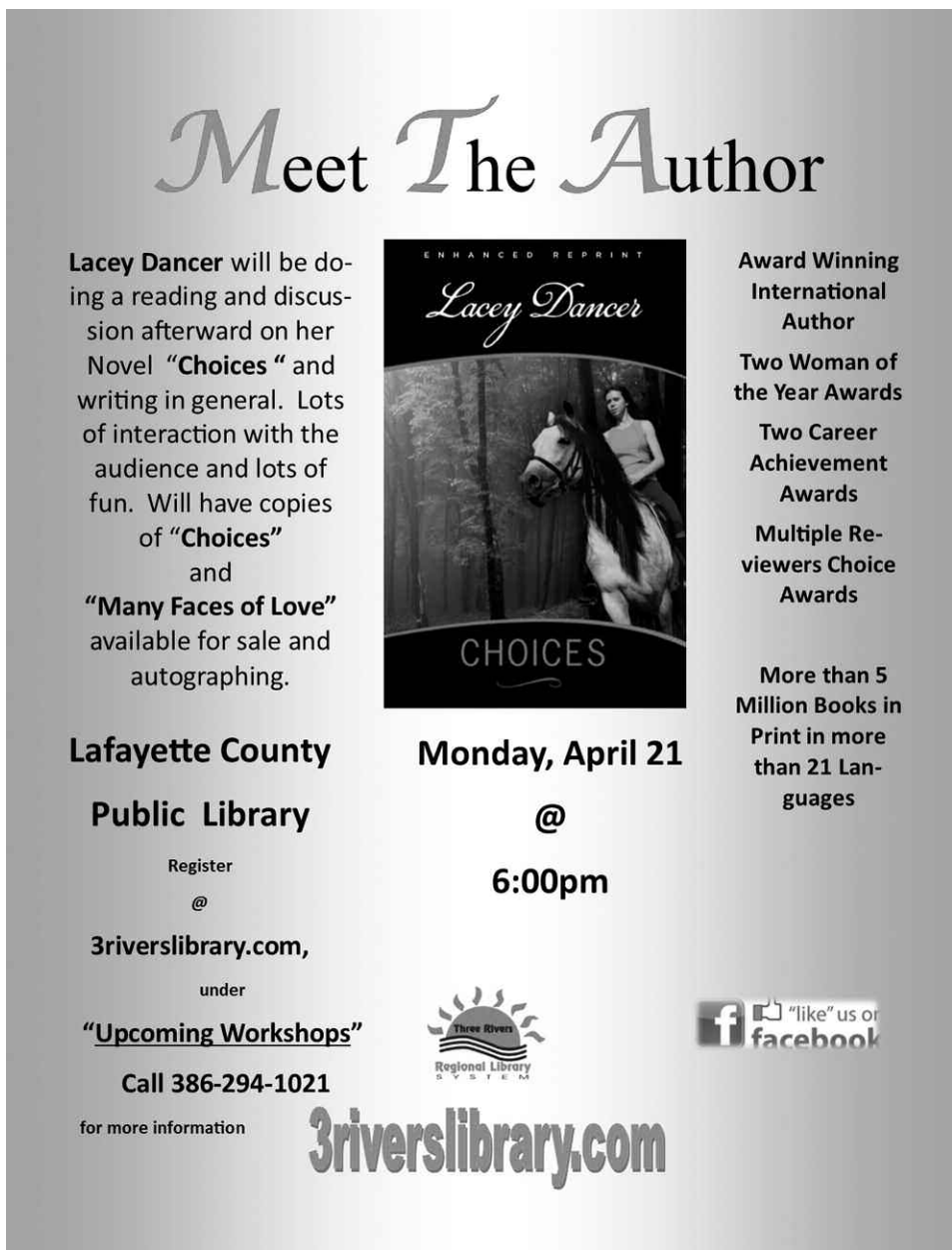
• April 21 at 6 p.m.: Meet the Author (free workshop) Lacey Dancer is one of the pen names for Sydney Clary a.k.a. Sara Chance, Sherry Carr and Sydney A. Clary. She is an award winning author; Romantic Times Reviewers Choice Best All Around Series Author, 2 Romantic Times Career Achievement Awards, and 2 Woman of the Year Awards, just to name a few. Although she is best known for her women's contemporary fiction, she has also published two historical fiction novels. Lacey Dancer will be doing a reading and discussion afterward on her Novel "Choices" and writing in general. Lots of interaction with the audience and lots of fun. Will have copies of "Choices" and "Many Faces of Love" available for sale and autographing.

• April 25 at 6 p.m.: Cold Process Soap Making, Material fee $10. By making soap in your own kitchen you can tailor it to suit any skin type, as well as ensure that only the most beneficial ingredients go into your finished soap.

• April 26 at 10 a.m.: Don't miss the Salves & Tinctures workshop with Judy Pruitt. Material fee $5. This workshop will explore the ancient practice of using herbs for medicinal use. Salves and tinctures can be used for all types of ailments both in and out. Salves are used on the skin, tinctures are digested orally to receive the benefits. Salves, and the more concentrated tinctures, are the natural and effective preparations of herbs used to enhance their medicinal properties. Make your own herbal tinctures and salves. Learn the tools and materials needed, herb types and uses, recipes, bottling, application and more.

Sign up for the workshops at http://3riverslibrary.com/





See all four photos in library classes and maybe squeeze them all together for one collage.

SRWMD's Charlie Houder recognized as conservation steward

Charlie Houder, of the Suwannee River Water Management District (District), was one of three recognized by the Alachua Conservation Trust (ACT) as a 2014 Conservation Steward. Houder was recently honored at the ACT's annual awards ceremony held at Prairie Creek Lodge in Alachua County.

Each year, the ACT recognizes individuals in the community who have made cultural and environmental protection a priority in their lives.

During his 25-year career at the District, Houder has overseen the acquisition and management of more than 300,000 acres of land and conservation easements for the protection of the region's water resources. He has served as the Director of the District's Department of Land Acquisition and Management and Assistant Executive Director. Prior to joining the District, he served as Director of Land Acquisition at the St. Johns River Water Management District and as a forestry consultant.

Houder

He holds a bachelor's degree in forestry, is a Certified Forester and Fellow in the Society of American Foresters.

"It is an honor to be recognized as a 2014 Conservation Steward. It's truly been a privilege to help protect the region's water resources while also preserving and restoring our unique natural areas," said Houder.

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in honoring all of our schools' honorees. This will include the 2013-14 retirees, school related employees of the year and teachers of the year. Please join us in this celebration for our honorees as we recognize them for the achievements and milestones they have accomplished.

Location: Live Oak Church of Christ

Highway 51 from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m.

25 retirees, 11 SREOY and 8 TOY will be honored.

Please come celebrate.

Smith family reunion

All decedents and relatives of J. Addie Smith Burtus Monroe Smith are cordially invited to come to their annual reunion on April 19, 2014 @ Divonia Baptist Church at 11 - until. Please come and bring a picnic lunch. Any questions call Dennis Smith 386-792-2608 or Glenda Roberts 386-362-4474.

1st Annual Spring 5KRun/Walk to Benefit Save the Cats of Live Oak

Saturday, May 3. We need your participation to help finish our rescue building and feed the stray and homeless cats. For information call 386-364-1006 or sign up on active.com.

Cooking School

The Home and Community Education Club, an affiliate of UF/IFAS, will be holding its annual Cooking School on Thursday, April 17, from 6-8 pm. This year the event will be held in the Dining Room area of the Advent Christian Village at Dowling Park. Cliff Burr, director of Dining Services, will share facts and information on selecting, sanitizing, cooking and storing fresh fruits and vegetables. There will demonstrations by 4-H members and Suwannee County Extension staff. Good bags, door prizes, and samples of food will be available to those attending. For more information, please call Donna Wade at 963-3516.

MOAA - Military Officers Association of America

The Suwannee River Chapter of MOAA meets monthly at the Lake City Elks Lodge. The meetings include a social period, dinner, and a program of military or civic interest. All active duty, retired and former military officers, including Reserve and National Guard, and spouses/guests are welcome. For information and reservations call Steve Casto at 497-2968 or Vern Lloyd at 752-4885. The Suwannee River Valley Chapter, founded in 1990, is one of over 400 MOAA chapters around the world.

Wellborn Blueberry Pancake Breakfast

1st Saturday monthly

7am-11am

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SRWMD Governing Board approves its first public-private partnership for dispersed water storage

District Governing Board members and District Executive Director are pictured with Tim Childers, Joe Anderson III, and Doug Anderson, of Anderson Land and Timber Company.

On April 8, the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) Governing Board approved the District's first public-private partnership for dispersed water storage and management with Anderson Land and Timber Company at the Otter Sink tract in Dixie County. This historic project agreement will result in rehydration of approximately 2,000 acres of wetlands, provide for 650 million gallons of water storage volume, and provide approximately 240 gallons of natural aquifer recharge annually.

Dispersed water storage and management is a cost-effective restoration measure that typically consists of elements such as flashboard risers, ditch blocks, and culverts to recreate more natural hydrology. The District will provide the construction materials and engineering assistance for the Otter Sink project, and the Anderson Land and Timber Company will undertake the construction, operation, and maintenance of the structures on their 12,000 acre Otter Sink tract.

"We are glad to be a partner with the District and are looking forward to implementing this important environmental restoration project," said Joe Anderson III, of Anderson Land and Timber Company.

"The District applauds Anderson Land and Timber Company for stepping up in partnership with the District to accomplish this environmental restoration project," said District Executive Director Ann Shortelle. "We look forward to many more partnerships of this nature throughout the District."

Dispersed water storage and management projects reverse old land drainage practices from decades ago. The potential benefits of such projects include rehydration of wetlands and other surface features with resulting habitat restoration, natural aquifer recharge, and downstream flood attenuation. To date, dispersed water storage projects sponsored by the District have been accomplished on public lands. The District looks forward to more public-private partnerships to help accomplish our water supply and restoration goals throughout its 15 county area.

Haven Hospice leadership visits Capitol Hill

Leadership conference and meetings with Florida congressman and senator

In addition to attending the 29th Management and Leadership Conference and the 10th Annual National Hospice Foundation Gala, Haven Hospice leadership met with Congressman Ted Yoho and Senator Bill Nelson to discuss policies regarding end-of-life and palliative care.

The leadership team that represented Haven Hospice in Washington D.C. included Haven Hospice President Tim Bowen and Vice President of Community and Governmental Affairs Jim Poole. Two Haven Hospice Cooperate Advisory Board (CAB) Members also joined the president and vice president on the trip.

Suzanne Norris, Haven Hospice CAB member, is also the regional vice president at TD Bank in Lake City. Eric Godet, CAB member, is also the CEO and president of Godet Industries International in Gainesville.

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 35 years Haven has had the honor and privilege to serve more than 68,000 patients and families in North Florida. For more information, visit www.havenhospice.org or call 800-727-1889.

Haven Hospice Board Member Suzanne Norris, Haven Hospice Vice President of Community and Governmental Affairs Jim Poole, Congressman Ted Yoho and Haven Hospice Board Member Eric Godet.

Calendar of Events

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Wellborn Community Center
Event to benefit Annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival

UF Weight Management Program

Have you heard? Do you qualify? The UF Weight Management Program is funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health. This study will examine ways to promote long-term weight management for men and women in rural counties of North Florida. This is a free program and you can even receive compensation for travel. Sessions will be in the UF/IFAS Extension Office in Suwannee County, 11th Street, Live Oak. Our goal is to help you lose weight, increase fitness, improve nutrition and manage stress. To learn more and to see if you qualify, call 1-877-273-5235.

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Book Club for Adults at the Live Oak Library

The Live Oak Public Library will be hosting a Book Club for Adults on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. in the conference room. Join us to discuss your latest read. Refreshments will be served.

Please call the library at 386-362-2317 for more information.

Camera Club meets

The Branford Camera Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, with an occasional exception, for the purpose of sharing, learning, and enjoying all things photographic. We are an eclectic group with experiences ranging from complete novice to consummate professional. Please join us.

For more information, please contact:
Carolyn Hogue, Program Chair, 386-935-2044
Skip Weigel, Technical Consultant, 386-9382

Suwannee Amateur Radio Club

First Tuesday, social at 6:30 p. m., followed by regular meeting at 7, at its club house, located north of I10 & US129, Live Oak. Call for exact location and directions. Visitors are always welcome! The club offers periodic testing for your ham license. The club's web site is www.suwanneearc.org. Amateur radio operators (HAMS) provide emergency radio communications for those organizations involved in emergencies like law enforcement, hospitals, shelters and the American Red Cross. Contact the club's president, Ron, 688-4057, for more information.

Talent Search

Do you sing or play and instrument? Do you act or dance? Do you like to read or spend time with a friend in wonderful conversation? WE WANT YOU! Suwannee Health Care & Rehab Center is looking for your talent for our residents. Dinner for two - $45; One night at the Beach - $125; One hour volunteering to make memories that last forever - PRICELESS! Call: Lynn Brannon, Activities Director 386-362-7860 or 386-590-2961.

Donations needed!

Suwannee County Environmental Watchdogs, a non-profit organization, seeks donations for yard sale merchandise. Info: Sandy, 386-364-8020.

CJBAT tests

Monday - Thursday at 5 p.m. (by appointment): CJBAT (Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test) at NFCC Testing Center (Bldg. #16), Madison. CJBAT is required for acceptance into Corrections & Law Enforcement programs. Photo ID required. Pre-registration & scheduling time and date are required. To register please call 850-973-9451.

College Placement Tests

Monday Thursday at 5 p.m. (by appointment): College Placement Test (CPT), NFCC Testing Center (Bldg. #16), 5 p.m., Madison. Register in NFCC Student Services 24 hours before test. For information please call 850-973-9451.

TABE tests

Monday - Thursday at 5 p.m. (by appointment): TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) at NFCC Testing Center (Bldg. #16), Madison. TABE is required for acceptance into vocational/technical programs. Photo ID required. Pre-registration & scheduling time & date are required. To register please call 850-973-9451.

Love a mystery?

Try locating your ancestors by working on your family tree. The Suwannee Valley Genealogy Society invites you to join and learn how to find your ancestors. Membership is $30 for a single member or $35 for a family. Corporate membership is also available for donations of $100 or more (tax deductible). Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the Genealogy Center at 215 Wilbur Street SW in Live Oak. The library is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and the talented folks there will be glad to help. For more information call Jinnie or Alice at 386-330-0110.

Free English-speaking and literacy classes

Provided by Columbia County School District's Career and Adult Education Program. Where: Wellborn, Florida, Unity of God Ministries, Inc., 12270 County Road 137 When: Every Thursday, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Activities for children will be provided. Please contact 386-755-8190 for additional information.

Suwannee County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

First Thursday, 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the council chambers of Live Oak City Hall at 7 p.m. City Hall is located on the corner of White St. and US 90 in Live Oak. For more information please visit our website:

Donate your old cars

People may be thinking of donating their old cars as part of a clean up. The Boys and Girls Clubs would be happy to take their old cars. People donating to the Clubs will not only get rid of the unwanted car but will be contributing to the clubs. Boys and Girls Clubs really work with kids in most communities and offer a safe place for them. If you wish to donate a car, call 800-246-0493. Not only will donators be helping the kids, they will be able to take sale price as a contribution for income tax purposes.

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AU 3453 386-935-3788
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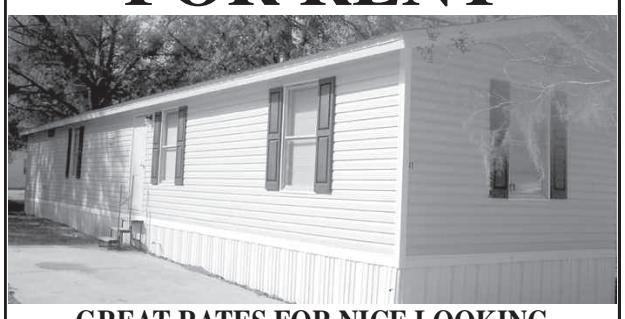

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