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Mayo's Williams places in fair talent contest



PHOTOS: SUE LAMB

Mayo's Kam Williams was the third-place winner at the talent contest at the fair.

LIVE OAK — The 103rd Suwannee County Fair held its annual talent contest March 24, the last night of the fair, with a huge crowd cheering on contestants.

Contestants ranged in age from 9 to senior citizens with all receiving much applause.

The three judges, who volunteered, had a lot to consider with such great talent on stage. The final decision was Hallie Davis (Jasper/Jacksonville) winning first place, and \$500; Live Oak's Jack Fry, second place and \$100; with Mayo's Kam Williams third and winning \$50.

Williams has sung and played guitar for many years. He has been a contestant in many talent shows, including the Suwannee River Jam auditions at the Music Park. Williams is a fantastic guitarist and also writes songs. He is a huge supporter of Autism support programs, is a volunteer fireman for the Lafayette County Fire Rescue and is self-employed as a handy man. He lists music as his main career.

Davis, 20, an accomplished singer/performer attending college in Jacksonville, is working towards a career in music. She has competed in many contests locally at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, including being in the April 13 finals of the Su-

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Live Oak's Jack Fry, 14, won second in the fair's talent contest.

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PULSE OF THE VOTERS

Local voters divided on Trump's presidency

BY JESSIE R. BOX AND ALEXIS SPOEHR
The Mayo Free Press

MAYO — Dean Franklin had no intentions to vote for Donald Trump in 2016.

However, now that Trump has been in office for more than a year, the 70-year-old Jennings resident has grown to like what the President has accomplished so far.

"I think he has done a pretty good job," Franklin, a retired Marine Gunnery Sergeant, said. "However, if we were neighbors on the same level, we wouldn't be close friends.

"But I would still respect and

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Willonese Tillman-Adams



Robert Ford

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Barrington to run for BOCC

MAYO — I, Kevin Barrington, would like to announce my intent to run for Lafayette County Commissioner District 2.

I will qualify at the appropriate time.



Kevin Barrington

Don Becton announces candidacy for BOCC

MAYO — Don Becton has announced his intent to run for the Board of County Commissioners seat from District 2.

Becton, a Republican, moved to Lafayette County from Polk County in September 1996.

He has been married to his wife, Peggy, for 53 years and they have two children, Billy Becton and Dawn Yeager, and two grandchildren, Anna Yeager and Zackery Yeager.

"Our dream was to have a place in the country and be where God has have us live and serve," Becton said. "We felt like we were at home the first time we walked up on our property on 534."

Becton has been self-employed for more than 30 years, working on auto repair, passenger tires and commercial sales.

"Service has always been a part of my work life, including honesty, open mindedness, fairness and trustworthiness," Becton said. "Serving all the people of our County."

If elected, Becton's goals as commissioner are:

- 1. Keep property taxes down;



Don Becton

Super Saturday planned for Lafayette Babe Ruth

MAYO — Rountree-Moore Chevrolet will provide Lafayette County Babe Ruth with new equipment, monetary contributions and

instructional clinics as baseball players start the season this weekend's Super Saturday at the Edward Perry Sports Complex.

Opening ceremonies for Super Saturday begin at 9 a.m. with all players and coaches lined up by 8:45 a.m. on the 15U field. Ten T-ball, baseball and softball games are then scheduled to follow throughout the day.

The Lake City dealership has joined forces with the national Chevrolet Youth Baseball program to provide new equipment, invitations to free instructional clinics and an opportunity for community members to earn donations for their



Jeff Mosley, general manager

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It's Super Saturday at Edward Sports Complex.

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PHOTO: JESSIE R. BOX

A vehicle caught fire in the Live Oak Plaza on Friday morning.

Vehicle fire in the Live Oak Plaza

BY JESSIE R. BOX
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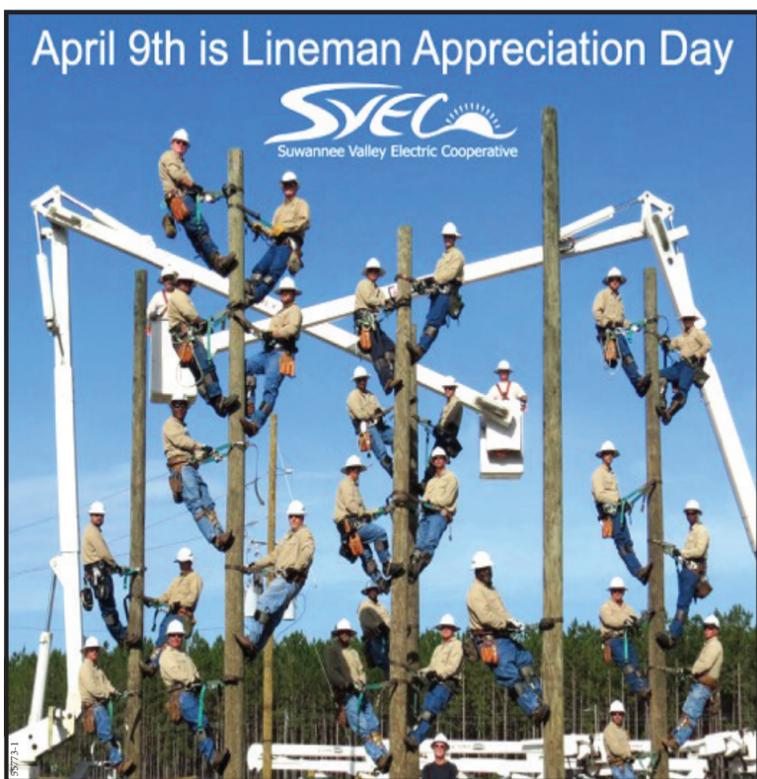
LIVE OAK — A single vehicle fire was extinguished in the Live Oak Plaza on Friday morning.

According to the Live Oak Fire Department, the Ford van was fully engulfed

when they arrived.

Alberto Baltazar, the vehicle owner, said he parked the van and went inside Dollar General. When he came out, his vehicle was fully engulfed with flames.

Baltazar said he will now have to search for a new vehicle after owning the van for more than 20 years.



April 9th is Lineman Appreciation Day



Suwannee County Arrest Record

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FDLE-Florida Department of Law Enforcement

FHP-Florida Highway Patrol

FWC-Florida Wildlife Commission

DOT-Department of Transportation

OALE-Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement

P & P-Probation and Parole

USMS-US Marshals Service

ATF-Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

DOC-Department of Corrections

March 29, Ontra Hayes, 36, RMC Lake Butler, FL. Hold For Other Reason: SCSO-Ford

March 29, William Allen Daniels, 21, 427 SE Melrose Way, Lake City, FL. Probation Violation: SCSO-Ford

March 29, Austin Makail Gilliam, 29, Grand Theft, Probation Violation: SCSO-Henry

March 29, Mark Allen Barfield, 33, 744 NE Ford Drive, Madison, FL. Probation Violation: SCSO-McDaniel

March 29, William Joe Nixon, 71, 201 O'Brien Ave., Branford, FL. Sexual Battery 2cts., Lewd Lascivious Behavior: SCSO-Lane

March 29, Charles Allen Middleton, 65, 19664 111th Drive, O'Brien, FL. Simple Battery-DV: SCSO-Descarreux

March 30, Jimmy Lewis Daniels, 49, 1503 Park Ave., Valdosta, GA. Simple Battery: SCSO-Carter

March 30, Leonard Alfred Davidson, 53, 1006 Pine Ave., Live Oak, FL. Cocaine Possession: LOPD-Slaughter

March 31, Jimbo Chaires, 51, 802 Wind-erweedle St., Live Oak, FL. Disorderly Conduct: LOPD-MacFadden

March 31, Ronald Gene Young, 60, 912 Roberts St., Live Oak, FL. Sexual Battery: LOPD-MacFadden

March 31, LaMonica Niclor Federick, 38, 1120 Silas Dr., Live Oak, FL, DWLS/R, Probation Violation: FHP-Hernandez

March 31, Landen Reese Sigers, 37, 14845 Sawtooth Road, Macclenney, FL, Possession of Controlled Substance: LOPD-MacFadden

March 31, Victor Petrov, 59, 8218 Bor-gia Court, Orlando, FL, DWLS/R Unknowingly: DOA-Porter

March 31, Lawanda Shavette Carter, 23, 902 Douglas St., Live Oak, FL, Possession of Controlled Substance, Simple Battery-DV: LOPD-MacFadden

April 1, Jack Williams, 50, 13514 92nd Trail, Live Oak, FL, Possession of Meth: LOPD-MacFadden

April 1, Kia Logan Champion, 18, 13789 74th Street, Live Oak, FL, Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: LOPD-MacFadden

April 1, Jose Alejandro Vargas, 18, 1405 Duval St., Live Oak, FL, Possession of Controlled Substance: LOPD-MacFadden

April 2, Erika Lameka Baker, 40, 3720 NW Huntsboro St., Lake City, FL, Fraud-Swindle: SCSO-Clark

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- DOA - Department of Agriculture
- DOT - Department of Transportation
- FDLE - Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- FHP - Florida Highway Patrol
- FWC - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- HCDTF - Hamilton County Drug Task Force
- HCSO - Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
- ICE - Immigration and Custom Enforcement
- JAPD - Jasper Police Department
- JNPD - Jennings Police Department
- OALE - Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement

- P&P - Probation and Parole
- SCSO - Suwannee County Sheriff's Office
- WSPD - White Springs Police Department
- Mar. 26, Dmitrii Stanislavovich Saenko, 41, 624 SW 7th Ave. Apt. 1 Hallandale Beach, Fla., FTA 17000118CTAKMK: DOA — Johnson
- Mar. 27, Gene Andrew Ash, 43, 474 Austin Ave. Pearson, Ga., out of state fugitive Ben Hill County, Ga. 18-28482FW: HCSO — Rogers
- Mar. 28, Eric Lamar Ash, 34, 11701 Palm Lake Dr. Apt. 1424 Jacksonville, Fla., DWLS, discharge firearm in public: HCSO — Harden
- Mar. 28, Chain Williams, 38, 21821 County Road 137 Lake City, Fla., VOP-14-21CF: HCSO — Harris
- Mar. 28, Richard Bernard Thomas, 56, 1610 MLK JR Boulevard Bartow, Fla., DWLS: DOA — Townsend
- Mar. 29, Michael Terrell Brinson, 37, 10152 141st Boulevard White Springs, Fla., burgl of dwelling structure or conveyance armed, larc. petit third or subseq. off., home invasion w/ firearm other deadly weapon: HCSO

- Smith
- Mar. 29, Kevin W. Day, 30, 500 E Adams Street Jacksonville, Fla., VOP #24-2013-CF-000193-XX-AMX: HCSO — Jackson
- Mar. 29, Elizabeth Adair Hillhouse, 31, 460 SE Mayhall Ter. Lake City, Fla., 17-306CFMA VOP poss. controlled substance w/i sell, del. poss. contr. sub: HCSO — Windham
- Mar. 29, Tyler Rashad Chapman, P.O. Box 652 Jasper, Fla., resist w/o violence: JAPD — Rickerson
- Mar. 30, Charley Wade Pittman, 47, 4899 Alligator Middleburg, Fla., DWLS-habitual: FDOA — Buckles
- Mar. 31, Clayton Dale Register, 38, 8331 SE 137 Boulevard Jasper, Fla., FTA-warrant #242015CT00040CTAZ, out of county warrant CCSO child support: FHP — Morgan
- Apr. 1, Willie Eugene Hanna, 32, 1351 NW 81st Ter. Miami, Fla., poss. more than 20 grams of marijuana, poss. drug para., DWLS third or subseq. off.: FHP — Hughes
- Apr. 1, Jerry Dean Holbrook, 110 SW Martin Luther King Drive Jasper, Fla., out of county warrant Suwannee County: HCSO — Rogers

United Way to feature Eisenheimer at annual meeting

LAKE CITY — Cindy Eisenheimer, National Weather Service meteorologist, will be the featured speaker for United Way of Suwannee Valley's 2017-2018 50th anniversary annual meeting and awards banquet.



Cindy Eisenheimer

The organization set apart the anniversary event with a change of day and venue. It is set for Friday, April 13, at The Country Club at Lake City. The event will begin with a social time from 6 to 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the annual meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The event concludes the local United Way's annual community fundraising campaign season theme of "Celebrating 50 Years of Our UNITED Community."

Eisenheimer is a lead forecaster at the National Weather Service Office in Jacksonville. In addition to issuing forecasts and warnings, Eisenheimer works closely with local broadcast meteorologists and emergency managers to ensure communities are prepared when hazardous weather threatens. Before joining the National Weather Service she was an air quality forecaster for the State of Alaska.

The guest speaker will provide an overview of services the National Weather Service provides to help local communities, such as on-scene support of emergency management and professional and college football games; discuss seasonal predictions, particularly relevant to the upcoming hurricane season and current drought conditions; share how the National Weather Service partnership with emergency management helps during events; and highlight recent advances in weather tracking science.

The event will include the recognition of outstanding community volunteers and local company giving campaigns as well as the election of the 2018-2019 United Way Executive Committee and Board of Directors. The meal, which will be catered by The Country Club at Lake City, includes roast top round of beef, garden salad, baked potato, cut green beans, warm yeast rolls, iced tea and water and dessert featuring a cake recognizing the local United Way's 50th anniversary.

All individual contributors as well as organizational contributors are invited to attend this annual membership meeting. Contact the United Way office at 386-752-5604, ext. 102, or via email to jayne@unitedwsv.org by Thursday to make reservations at \$30 per person. Tables may be reserved for groups of eight.

An annual highlight of the event is the recognition of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award recipient selected by United Way of Suwannee Valley. The Presidential Volunteer Service Award is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens through presidential recognition to live a life of service. As has been the tradition for the local United Way's presentation of this award, last year's Presidential Volunteer Service Award honoree, John Burns, III, will present this year's honoree.

The event also includes annually a light-hearted video specific to each year's celebration and created by Florida Gateway College with a sponsorship provided by Peoples State Bank. Sponsorship for the facility was provided by Wheeler Insurance Agency. Libations sponsors are John W. Burns State Farm Insurance and John Kasak State Farm Insurance. Head table flowers are provided by CC's Flower Villa.

United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person through community impact and fundraising efforts utilizing volunteers on all levels to advance the common good by identifying unmet community needs and seeking to alleviate those needs through United Way of Suwannee Valley initiatives and the funding of local, affiliated health and human service agencies.

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3/6/2018
Kenneth Beebe, 45
372 SW Justice Drive Mayo, Fla.
trespass with firearm, poss. drug equipment
Dep. Deas

3/7/2018
Floyd Elmore, 34
1385 SE Baltic Road Mayo, Fla.
trespassing, loitering, poss. controlled substance
Dep. Deas

3/12/2018
Brenda Demarius, 35
1410 SE County Road 355 Mayo, Fla.
poss. controlled substance
Dep. Deas

3/12/2018
Doctownus Anderson, 34
185 SW Alachua Street Mayo, Fla.
battery domestic. kidnap-false imprisonment
Dep. Brownfield

3/14/2018
Thomas Richards, 40
1087 NW County Road 101 Mayo, Fla.
aggravated assault with deadly weapon w/o intent to kill, missile into vehicle building or aircraft, poss. of weapon by convicted felon, tamper with evidence
Dep. Willis

3/16/2018
Jesus Covarrubias, 58
388 E Main Street Mayo, Fla.
no valid DL
Dep. Brownfield

3/19/2018
Kayla Humphries
124 NE Hillcrest Circle Branford, Fla.
FTA
Dep. Ellis

3/19/2018
Cody Walker, 32
664 SE Pioneer Street Lee, Fla.
felony VOP
Dep. Ellis

3/20/2018
Candy Revels, 36
838 Roosevelt Circle Mayo, Fla.
grand theft III
Dep. Ellis

3/20/2018
Joshua Rose, 28
395 NE Howard A. Hamlin Road Mayo, Fla.
felony VOP
Sgt. McCray

3/21/2018
Laketa Gillyard, 37
329 NE Thalia Road Mayo, Fla.
grand theft III
Dep. Zirkle

3/21/2018
Meghan Pressley, 24
6736 256th Street O'Brien, Fla.
out of county warrant
Dep. Zirkle

3/22/2018
Cecil Trey Townsend, 33
354 State Road 51 Mayo, Fla.
felony VOP, poss. drug equipment, smuggle contraband
Dep. Zirkle

3/22/2018
Jacorey Williams, 20
501 SW Willow Street Mayo, Fla.
arson 2nd offense
Dep. Zirkle

3/23/2018
Joshua Janouski, 39
246 Laky Joy Road Perry, Ga.
poss. of weapon by convicted felon, grand theft of motor vehicle, trafficking in methamphetamine, poss. drug para.
Dep. Brownfield

3/25/2018
Rebecca Fite, 26
450 NW Clark Road Mayo, Fla.
out of county warrant
Dep. Ellis

3/26/2018
Warren Peeler, 28
867 SW Butzer Drive Lake City, Fla.
battery domestic
Dep. Clark

3/27/2018
Seth Folsom, 39
435 SE Pine Street Mayo, Fla.
battery, battery domestic
Dep. Willis

3/27/2018
Robin Land, 51
1686 SW County Road 351 Mayo, Fla.
hit and run with property damage, DUI, DUI with property damage
Dep. Clark

3/28/2018
Clayton Wilson, 31
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Honorary Member



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Brother Tommy Sanderfeit was recently presented an Honorary Perpetual Membership to Barrett Lodge F&AM by Brother Tom McKinney, Master of the Lodge, for donating a new well.



PHOTO: JESSIE R. BOX

Mayor Sonny Nobles presents Sharon Jordan, tax collector, and her staff a proclamation March 28 declaring April as 'National Donate Life Month.'

Nobles proclaims April as 'National Donate Life Month'

LIVE OAK — Mayor Sonny Nobles on behalf of the City of Live Oak has proclaimed April as National Donate Life Month.

On March 28, Nobles presented Sharon W. Jordan, Suwannee County Tax Collector, along with her staff, with the proclamation.

Jordan and her staff promote Donate Life throughout the month of April through various

events in the office meant to increase education of the life-saving importance of organ and tissue donation. This year, the office is preparing for the second "Be a Hero Family Fun Run/Walk 5K," taking place on Saturday, April 21. The start time is set for 7:30 a.m., with registration beginning at 6:45 a.m. The 5K will begin at Heritage Park and will wind through one of Live Oak's beautiful and quiet neigh-

borhoods before returning to Heritage Park.

The public is encouraged to participate in the community run and learn about this life-saving cause. One's generosity can save up to eight lives through organ donation and enhance the lives of more than 75 people through tissue donation.

Based on information from the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), the non-profit

organization that maintains the nation's organ transplant database, there were 114,826 candidates on the waiting list nationwide as of February 2018. Florida alone has 5,246 candidates on the list.

Donate Life doesn't end in April! People can donate and sign up to be a donor anytime. If anyone is interested in registering as an organ donor, visit www.donatelifeflorida.org to learn more.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Should You Make Extra Mortgage Payments or Boost Your Investments?

Every month, you pay your mortgage. And, depending on your circumstances, you may be able to afford to put in additional payments – perhaps sizable ones. But should you? Or, if you really have the extra money, should you invest it?

Initially, you might think it would be quite nice to rid yourself of that mortgage sooner, rather than later. But is it really the burden it seems?

Actually, you get some real benefits from a mortgage. It certainly provides something of great value to you – your home. If you got your mortgage – or refinanced your home – within the past decade or so, you are borrowing money at a pretty favorable interest rate, by historical standards. And even assuming a mild rate of inflation, such as we've had for the past several years, you'll essentially be paying off your mortgage with cheaper and cheaper dollars over time. Plus, your interest payments may well be tax deductible. (The new tax laws limit deductions on new mortgages of \$750,000 or more. For questions on your specific situation, consult your tax professional.)

So, given these advantages, an argument could be made that you should be in no hurry to pay off your mortgage. Still, you might be tempted to make the extra payments because you'll be building home equity. After all, isn't this equity valuable? It is – to a degree. The larger your home equity, the more money you'll get to keep when you eventually sell your home.

But in the meantime, that home equity may be less useful than you might imagine. For one thing, just building more equity won't make your home more valuable – it will rise (or fall) in value along with whatever's happening in the housing market. By contrast, you could take the extra money and buy more shares in an investment such as stocks – and the more shares you own, the more valuable your investment will be if the price per share rises.

Also, if you were to experience a temporary job loss or some other financial emergency, your home equity might not help you much; if you're not working, you could even have trouble getting a home equity loan. Conversely, your investment portfolio can offer you greater liquidity, depending on your specific investments. Most investment vehicles, such as stocks and bonds, generally can be sold quickly, without much difficulty. (Keep in mind, though, that if you were forced to sell investments when their price was down, you could take a loss on the sale.)

Clearly, you could gain some advantages by using any extra money to invest, rather than paying down your mortgage. Nonetheless, you may simply get emotional and psychological satisfaction by speeding your progress toward the day when your house is paid off – and that type of satisfaction certainly has value. You'll need to weigh these intangible factors carefully in deciding whether to increase your investments or make extra mortgage payments – because, ultimately, you need to feel that you're doing the right thing, for the right reasons.

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SOSMP hosting McMullen's Legend's Show this weekend

LIVE OAK — It's that time again when the very popular country legends' artists take the stage at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park on Friday and Saturday.

Ted "TeddyMac Elvis" McMullen's Legends' show and pre-party will be held this weekend. Tickets are on sale now through noon Friday at the SOSMP by stopping by, calling 386-364-1683 or emailing spirit@musicliveshere.com

Featured during the pre-party and show will be Keith Thrift as Conway Twitty, Dale Bennett as Loretta Lynn, Penny Hannah as Wynonna Judd, Calvin Smart as Johnny Cash, Leamon Nipper as Merle Haggard, Texanna as Patsy Cline, Diane Johnston as Lorrie Morgan, Bobby Long as Willie Nelson, Tresse Hill as Tammy Wynette, Kathy



Diane Johnston portrays Lorrie Morgan.

Stafford as Shania Twain and Karen Black as Karen Carpenter. Ted "TeddyMac Elvis" McMullen will be the emcee and perform as Elvis in the closing act.

The event features tributes to some of the great country artists and artists in a few other genres of music. The tribute artists are from North Florida and



Leamon Nipper will perform as Merle Haggard.

Georgia.

Friday evening is the pre-party when artists just have fun, sing and interact with the audience. Saturday is the big show with glitter and glam, special stage setup and a special Elvis tribute by Ted "TeddyMac Elvis" McMullen that will not be forgotten. Tickets at the door at



Ted "TeddyMac" Elvis McMullen is the closing act.

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SUWANNEE OBITUARIES and Death Notices

Jean Swensen
May 20, 1929 - Mar. 22, 2018



Jean Swensen passed peacefully on March 22, 2018 at the Good Samaritan Center Dowling Park Florida. She was born in Maysville, SC May 20, 1929 to Edward Boyd Muldrow and Margaret Montgomery Muldrow. Jean was the youngest of six children, and she grew up in the area of Sumter, SC. Jean was married in 1952 and was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, James Swensen, in 2007.

Jean was a career nurse, providing care and serving others for more than 30 years. She had a long history of involvement with the church and was most recently a member of the Advent Christian Church in Dowling Park. Jean and "Swede" retired to the Advent Christian Village in 2003, and Jean quickly became an active and contributing member of the community she adopted. Jean and "Swede" are survived by their three children and their spouses Carol Ann and Michael Leto, James Walter and Karen Swensen, Janette Lynn and Jim Schenck, their six grandchildren Jamie, Samantha, Keith, Erik, Curran, Lea, and seven great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at the Bixler Chapel in Dowling Park Fl, at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday March 27. The family requests donations in lieu of flowers. Donations can be directed to Advent Christian Village, 10680 Dowling Park Dr., Live Oak, FL 32060.

ICS Cremation & Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of all arrangements.

George W. (Greg) Harden
Oct. 30, 1961 - Mar. 10, 2018



George W. (Greg) Harden, Jr., 56, of Live Oak, FL passed away on March 10, 2018. He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Harden; brother, Danny Harden and his wife, Brittney; sister, Luschanya Ramsey and her husband, Jim; aunt, Debbie Skeen and her husband, Johnny, a nephew, four nieces, four great-nephews and two great-nieces.

Memorial services were held on March 13, 2018 at the Live Oak Church of God, with Pastor Wes Tanksley officiating and Lois Carlton speaking.

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Annette Hurst
Mar. 27, 2018

Annette Hurst, our loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend, a resident of Live Oak for over twenty years, passed away Tuesday the 27th of March, 2018 at Suwannee Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in 1943 in Palatka, FL, where she grew up and graduated from Palatka High School. Annette was a family-woman. She put her children and her loved ones above everything else. Her laugh was purely infectious bringing joy to everyone around her.

She is survived by her children Charles Edward Hurst Jr., John Eugene Hurst Sr. (Martha), Brian Earl Hurst (Anna), and Danielle Brown (Jason) along with eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren who brought many years of joy to her life. She is also survived by her siblings Yvonne Pitts, Glenda Carroll, Walter "Buddy" Wilkinson, and Marilyn Tomlinson who have always been her greatest friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Lois Irene Wilkinson and Walter Amos Wilkinson Sr. of Palatka, FL, her husband of 42 years, Charles Edward Hurst Sr. of Live Oak, FL, and her grandsons, Herbert Luke Thompson of Mayo, FL, and River Hurst of Live Oak, FL.

The services will be held at Friendship Baptist Church Friday the 30th Day of March, 2018 at 11:00 AM. The family will receive friends 1 hour prior to the service also at Friendship Baptist Church. Interment will follow at the Friendship Baptist Cemetery.

Please sign the guestbook at www.danielsfuneralhome.com.

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

Albert Lee Bronson
Aug. 2, 1928 - Mar. 30, 2018

Albert Lee Bronson, age 89, of Live Oak, FL, passed away Friday, March 30, 2018 at the Suwannee Valley Care Center in Lake City, FL. He was born in Bronson, FL living most of his life in Live Oak. He worked for the Suwannee County Road Department for many years and enjoyed doing carpentry work. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Claudia Bronson, Live Oak; two sons, Stephen (Leeta) Bronson, Live Oak; Mitchell (Linda) Bronson, Port St. John, FL; one daughter, Deborah (Carlton) Watkins, Lake City, FL; six grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held, 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 3, 2018 in the Live Oak Church of God with Brother Wes Tanksley officiating. Interment followed in the Live Oak Cemetery.

Please sign the guestbook at www.harrisfuneralhomeinc.net.

Harris Funeral Home & Cremations, Inc., Live Oak, FL was in charge of all arrangements.

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JASPER OBITUARIES and Death Notices

Phyllis Wetherington Clarke
Apr. 12, 1932 - Apr. 1, 2018

Phyllis Wetherington Clarke, age 85, of Jasper, FL, passed away Sunday, April 1, 2018 at Suwannee Valley Nursing Center in Jasper following an illness of some time. Phyllis was born in Hamilton County, Florida on April 12, 1932 to the late Perman O. and Lorena Royals Wetherington. She was the oldest of nine children growing up in the Wetherington home and always helped with the younger ones as they were coming up. She knew hard times and learned a good work ethic by helping out at home. She worked for many, many years at Shoney's and the Holiday Inn in Valdosta, GA. waitressing. She was quite the character and if the truth was hard to hear, you might cover your ears because if Phyllis thought it, she was going to say it or you might be prepared to hold your sides because she could be a barrel of laughs too. Phyllis enjoyed fishing and caring for her animals. She was preceded in death by her two sons, Randy Smith and Mickle T. Smith. She was also predeceased by brothers, Sam, Odis and Michael Wetherington. Survivors include her daughter Judy Spicer (Danny), Jasper, FL.; two brothers, Lloyd Wetherington (Sharon) and Curtis Wetherington (Linda); three sisters, Linda Erixton (Bobby), Lawana Ritzman and Laverne Lee (Donald); six grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, five great great-grandchildren and her beloved dog April. Also surviving is her best friend, Alice Jones. Memorial services were held on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at Bright Pond Baptist Church with Pastor Gerald Smith officiating.

Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper, FL. was in charge of arrangements.

Nora Ann Dees
Mar. 30, 2018

Nora Ann Dees, 71, of Jasper, FL passed away on March 30, 2018 after a short illness. The Jasper, FL native was a homemaker in her later years and a member of the Jasper Church of God.

She is survived by her one daughter: Katrina (Ronnie) Sadler, Jasper, FL; One son: Kevin (Donna) Johns, Inverness, FL; Three sisters: Bonnie Price, Lake City, FL, Deborah Albury, Lake City, FL and Cynthia Hurst, Jasper, FL; One brother: Michael Smith, Lake City, FL; Three grandchildren: Megan Johns, Kaleb Sadler and Zane Sadler. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Please sign the guestbook at www.danielsfuneralhome.com.

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

Frank "Butch" Smith
Apr. 3, 1952 - Mar. 21, 2018

Frank R. "Butch" Smith, age 65, of White Springs, FL, passed away Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at his home. Butch was born in Miami, FL on April 3, 1952 to the late Frank and Lois Wheeler Smith. He worked most of his adult life in the construction industry. When Hamilton County was awarded the contract to begin construction on a new work camp, Butch was on board as one of the first graduating class of officers for Hamilton Correctional Institution. He spent nearly three decades working for the State of Florida Corrections Department. When he wasn't working, Butch loved to fish and just enjoyed being outdoors. He was a dedicated father and was a passionate grandfather to his granddaughter Finley Claire Smith. Butch was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Phillip Platt and the love of his life Claire DeBono Smith. Survivors include his son, Dylan Smith; a daughter, Nicole Smith; his brother, Joey Platt; his sister and her husband, Mildred and Tommy Pound; granddaughter, Finley Claire Smith and his father-in-law, Louis DeBono. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 in the chapel of Harry T. Reid Funeral Home in Jasper, FL. Interment followed at Swift Creek Cemetery near White Springs.

Harry T. Reid Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MAYO OBITUARIES and Death Notices

Imogene Hart Reeves
Sep. 29, 1931 - Mar. 26, 2018

Imogene died of natural causes at her home in Pensacola, Florida. Imogene is the daughter of Floyd and Else Hart of Mayo. She had two brothers: Wayne and Donald. Two sisters: Merle and Beverly. Imogene married Wade George of Luraville, Florida in 1952. They had four children, all of whom are still living: Sylvia Lawson, Atlanta, GA. Donald Wade George Jr., Atlanta, GA. Peggy G. Grill, Mayo, FL. Roberta Gayle George, Pensacola, FL. There are 6 grandchildren: Jimmy Sanders, Michael Grill, Nikki George, Samantha Neese, Zachary George, and David George. Three great-grandchildren (Jay, Caelan, Rush), and one great grandchild (Abbey Kate). Services were held on Friday, March 30, 2018 in Pensacola at Family-Funeral & Cremation Funeral Home.

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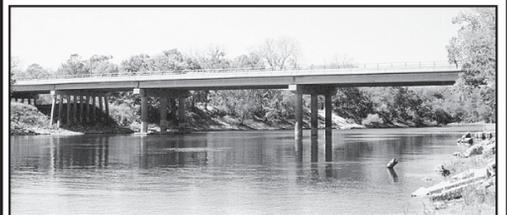
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4/10 Tues.	Entrée #1 Mini Orange Bread Entrée #2 Assorted Cereal served with Honey Maid Graham Crackers Apple Juice Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Whole Grain Cheese Quesadilla Corn Black Beans Yellow Rice Salsa Diced Peas Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Entrée #1 Managers Choice Entrée #2 Assorted Cereal served with Honey Maid Graham Crackers Apple Juice Bananas Assorted Milk	Entrée #1 Whole Grain Cakes Quesadilla Entrée #2 Grilled Beef Nachos Corn Black Beans Yellow Rice Salsa Onion Rings Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk
4/11 Wed.	Entrée #1 Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Breakfast Round Entrée #2 Assorted Cereal served with Bear Cinnamon Cracker Grahams Fruit Cocktail Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Spaghetti and Meat Sauce Mixed Vegetables Romaine Salad served w/ Ranch Dressing Cracker Grahams Apple Slices Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Entrée #1 Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Breakfast Round Entrée #2 Assorted Cereal served with Honey Maid Graham Crackers Oranges Assorted Milk	Entrée #1 Spaghetti and Meat Sauce Entrée #2 Honey Sriracha Chicken Mixed Vegetables Romaine Salad served with Ranch Dressing Cracker Grahams Apple Slices Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk
4/12 Thurs.	Entrée #1 Breakfast Pizza Entrée #2 Assorted Cereal served with Zoo Animal Crackers Diced Peas Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Chicken on a Bun served with Lettuce, Tomatoes, Dill Pickles, Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup Potato Rounds Applesauce Seasoned Fruit Assorted Milk	Entrée #1 Aunt Jemima Whole Grain Pancakes served with Syrup Cups Entrée #2 Assorted Cereal served with Scooby-Do Pineapple Tidbits Bananas Assorted Milk	Entrée #1 Chicken Sandwich Entrée #2 Hamburger on a Bun served with Lettuce, Tomatoes, Dill Pickles, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup Pinto Beans Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk
4/13 Fri.	Entrée #1 Peanut Butter & Jelly Cracker Sandwich Entrée #2 Assorted cereal served with Scooby-Do Graham Crackers Pineapple Tidbits Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Entrée #1 Pepperoni Pizza Entrée #2 Cheeseburger on a Bun served with Lettuce, Tomatoes, Dill Pickles, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup Carrots California Apple Blend Fruit Cocktail Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Entrée #1 Peanut Butter & Jelly Cracker Sandwich Entrée #2 Assorted Cereal served with Scooby-Do Graham Crackers Orange Juice Diced Peas Assorted Milk	Entrée #1 Pepperoni Pizza Entrée #2 Cheeseburger on a Bun served with Lettuce, Tomatoes, Dill Pickles, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup Carrots California Apple Blend Fruit Cocktail Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk

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What we can learn from 'Discrimination and Disparities'

I don't mind saying that this column represents a grossly understated review of "Discrimination and Disparities," just published by my long-time friend and colleague Dr. Thomas Sowell. In less than 200 pages, Sowell lays waste to myth after myth not only in the United States but around the globe.



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One of those myths is that but for the fact of discrimination, we'd all be proportionately represented in socio-economic characteristics, such as career, income, education and incarceration. The fact of business is that there is no evidence anywhere on earth, at any time in human history, that demonstrates that but for discrimination, there would be proportionate representation in anything by race, sex, nationality or any other human characteristic. Sowell shows that socio-economic outcomes differ vastly among individuals, groups and nations in ways that cannot be explained by any one factor, whether it's genetics, discrimination or some kind of exploitation.

A study of National Merit Scholarship finalists shows that firstborns are finalists more often than their multiple siblings combined. Data from the U.S., Germany and Britain show that the average IQ of firstborns is higher than the average IQ of their later siblings. Such outcomes challenge those who believe that heredity or one's environment is the dominant factor in one's academic performance. Moreover, the finding shows that if there is not equality among people born to the same parents and living under the same roof, why should equality of outcomes be expected under other conditions?

In Chapter 2, Sowell provides evidence that people won't take racial discrimination at any cost. The higher its cost the less it will be tolerated, and vice versa. One example is segregated seating on municipal transit in the South. Many companies were privately owned, and their decision-makers understood that they could lose profits by offending their black customers by establishing segregated seating. Transportation companies fought against laws mandating racially segregated seating, both politically and in the courts, but lost. Companies even chose to ignore the law. Faced with heavy fines, though, they began to

comply with the law.

The point is that the difference between the white transportation owners and the white politicians and segregationists was the transportation company owners had to bear the cost of alienating black riders and the politicians and segregationists didn't. Sowell broadens his analysis to show that regulated companies and organizations — such as public utilities and nonprofit entities, including colleges and government agencies — will be at the forefront when it's politically popular to discriminate against blacks but also will be at the forefront when it's politically popular to discriminate in favor of blacks. Why? Because in either case, they don't bear the burden of forgone profits.

In Sowell's chapter titled "The World of Numbers," he points out what I'm going to call out-and-out dishonesty. In 2000, a U.S. Commission on Civil Rights study pointed out that 44.6 percent of black applicants were turned down for mortgages, while only 22.3 percent of whites were turned down. These and similar statistics led to charges of lending industry discrimination and demands that government do something about it. While the loan rejection rate for whites was 22.3 percent, that for Asians and native Hawaiians was only 12.4 percent. Those statistics didn't see the light of day. Why? They didn't fit the racial discrimination narrative. It would have been difficult for the race hustlers to convince the nation that lending institutions were discriminating against not only black applicants but white applicants, as well, in favor of Asian and native Hawaiian applicants.

At several points in the book, Sowell points to the tragedies created in the pursuit of social justice. He gives the example of the Gujaratis expelled from Uganda and the Cubans fleeing Cuba. Many of the Gujaratis arrived in Britain destitute but rose again to prosperity. It's the same story with the Cubans who came to the U.S. and prospered. By losing their most productive people, both Uganda and Cuba became economic basket cases.

The general public, educators and politicians would benefit immensely from reading "Discrimination and Disparities," if only to avoid being unknowingly duped.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University. To find out more about Walter E. Williams and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com.

Guest Column Take time to thank a lineman

As April arrives and the days turn warmer, we in North Florida begin to anticipate the coming storm season. While SVEC strives to provide reliable electricity to our members, Mother Nature sometimes has other plans. Most of us can ride out a storm from the comfort of our homes. However, there is a group of professionals that spring into action when the weather takes a turn for the worst — SVEC's linemen.



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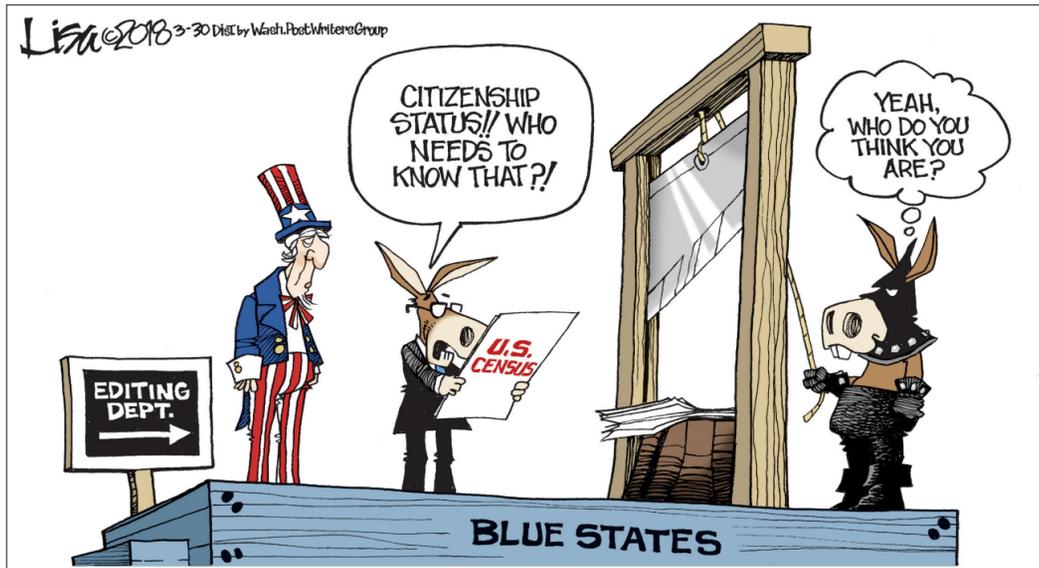
Braving stormy weather, linemen often must work in challenging conditions to restore power. Listed as the 15th most dangerous job in the U.S. by USA Today, linemen perform detailed tasks around high-voltage lines and equipment. To help keep them safe, linemen wear specialized protective clothing and equipment at all times when on the job. This includes special fire-resistant clothing that will self-extinguish, limiting potential injuries from burns and sparks. Insulated and rubber gloves are worn to protect them from electrical shock. While the gear performs a critical function, it also adds additional weight and bulk, making the job more complex.

In the Suwannee Valley, SVEC linemen are responsible for keeping more than 4,000 miles of lines working, in order to bring power to your home 24/7, regardless of the weather, holidays or personal considerations.

While some of the tools that linemen use have changed over the years, the dedication to the job has not. Being a lineman is not a glamorous profession. At its essence, it is inherently hazardous, sometimes requiring them to work at any time of the day or night.

National Lineman Appreciation Day is April 9. So during the month of April, if you see a lineman, please pause to say thank you. Let them know you appreciate the hard work they do to keep the lights on, regardless of the conditions.

Michael McWaters is the CEO of Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative.



You never forget the first time

I will never forget the first time I found an Indian artifact.

I had been looking for one for a few months, and I was not sure how long it would take me to find one. This was not a hobby anyone I had known before I moved to the Live Oak area had participated in. I had seen pictures of what I was looking for. I had heard stories that it was actually possible to find artifacts by looking in the dirt after a hard rain, so I made it my mission to find one.



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That first artifact started me on a journey of discovery and joy that is hard for many to comprehend. I have walked countless miles of farm and freshly planted pine fields in pursuit of this prehistoric art. It is an activity that can be frustrating and, at times, boring, but the feeling that one feels when a nice discovery is made makes up for the duller moments. Now that I have been successful finding many different types of artifacts, I enjoy taking friends and family to find their first artifact. One way to be sure you are never forgotten is to be with someone when they find an Indian artifact.

This past weekend I took a friend of mine who was visiting from Tallahassee to a spot I had looked a few times and that contained significant signs of Indian habitation. I had permission to look in the field where new pines had been planted. One run-in with a person who wants to shoot you for walking on the portion of the earth

that they pay taxes on is more than enough.

When Mark and I got to the spot, I told him to stay close to me at first so I could show him the type of rocks that indicate you are in a likely area for further examination. We quickly found several chips of the type of rock the Indians used to make their tools and projectiles from. I then suggested we walk parallel to each other in between the rows of newly planted pine trees. I had used a similar technique in the past to look in an orderly pattern with other people I was helping to make discoveries.

When we were on our second or third row, I looked over in front of Mark and saw what I was nearly certain was a large spear point. I told him that if he didn't see what he was about to walk over that I would be coming up behind him to scoop it up. He took a few more steps and made his first Indian artifact discovery. He was so excited, and I was excited to be able to share that moment with him. His discovery was about three inches long, made with a multi-color stone, and was completely intact. The rain that we had on Good Friday had been enough to uncover the long-lost artifact.

Helping others find the best object they have ever found in their lives can be just as rewarding as finding something yourself. This recent discovery is hopefully the first of many good things that will occur this spring. The secret is to never stop looking.

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Denver Bierman will perform Monday at First United Methodist Church.

FUMC to host Bierman in concert

LIVE OAK — Denver Bierman will be in concert Monday at First United Methodist Church.

Bierman, who performed at FUMC in August with members of the Gateway City Big Band of Lake City, will return at 7 p.m. Monday.

A love offering will be taken at the event.

According to the group's website, <https://denvermho.com/>, Denver generally plays with the Mile High Orchestra. Blending a red hot horn section, along

with jazz and big band roots, Denver and the Mile High Orchestra have created a power funk sound that defies description and is unlike any other. With the band's recent release called "Mile High Hymns" to their Dove Award-winning children's album "Groovy" they should ensure their fan base far into the future, without disappointing those who have come to love their unique style over the years.

FUMC is located at 311 Ohio Ave. S, Live Oak.

SHS Class of 1957 holds 60 year reunion

LIVE OAK — The Suwannee High School Class of 1957 held its 60th year reunion this past October. The first night kicked off Friday with a potluck dinner prepared by local classmates and following on Saturday, a breakfast at the Dixie Grill

took place, taking advantage of the breakfast buffet. Later that evening, dinner was catered at Advent Christian Village.

Everyone enjoyed the meal and time of fellowship with their peers. The Class of 1957 plans to

meet again on the third Saturday this coming October for its annual meeting. The meeting will be held at the Dixie Grill in Live Oak at 12:30 p.m., however reminder notices will be mailed out at a later date.



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The Class of 1957 held its class reunion last October at Advent Christian Village. Pictured in the first row are Ann Turnage Shumer, Sandra Willis Duval, Betty Brown Young, Patricia McGhin Goolsby and Tresca Shaw Norris. In the second row, Jane Mitchell Wilson, Jean Hingson Andrews, Mary Sue Wise Joyce, Roylyn Cannon Johnson, Shirley Roberson Wood, Billie Skeen Phillips, Louise Wilson Spears, Wylena Dasher Collins, Lemuel Sumner, Jimmy Stanley and Lamar Jenkins. The third row consisted of Edward Murphy, Bobby Harrell, John Wayne Barrington, Leslie Golf, Mary Connell Ingram, Gerald Hicks, Retis Flowers, George Wayne Ross, Tommy Kennon, Betty Foster Gilmer, Annette Taylor Bullard, Norma Dees Phillips and Randall Kight.



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Saul Speights is pictured here with Tina Pinkoson with the Florida School Board Association and his wife, Connie Speights.

Speights completes school board member certification

JASPER — Hamilton County School Board member Saul Speights recently completed his School Board Member Certification.

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lates Speights on his completion. HCSD is proud of this accomplishment and salute this achievement.

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Applications or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Lynn Godfrey, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653; phone 352.955.2200 x 110, e-mail godfrey@ncfrpc.org or by visiting our website at <http://www.ncfrpc.org/TD/td.html>

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You never seem to have a moment to take care of yourself. Know what that makes you? Not the sharpest tack in the box. Why? Have you taken a moment to think who is going to take care of your family if you can't? Or how about that job that you pour your blood, sweat and tears into? Who's going to do it as well as you do? Or the volunteer hours to your community or to your church? If you are not able to volunteer, do you think it will be easy for them to find a replacement for you?

The answers are no. No one does things the way you do. You

are uniquely designed with gifts that only you have to offer. Why are you not taking care of yourself along with everything else you manage to get done in a day?

Let me ask you a few questions:

- Why is it important to be sure your kids eat healthy meals yet you grab something on the run?
- Why is it important for everyone else in the family to get a good night's rest yet you are often running on four hours sleep?
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You understand the importance of healthy food, exercise and rest for everyone but you. Don't feel bad. We all do it. We all put everyone else's needs ahead of our own especially when it comes to our families. But how long do you think you can run on an empty tank of gas?

Show your family that you truly care about them — by taking care of YOU. Here's the thing. You don't need to spend hours at the gym or in the kitchen. Simply find easy healthy recipes you can prepare and eat together as a family. Take a few minutes to head out-

side and play with the kids or dogs. Learn to let the small things slide. It's OK if the laundry isn't done today or there are a few dishes in the sink. Set a bedtime and stick to it.

I love hearing from you all each week, so thank you for not shooting the messenger with today's message. Mother's Day and Father's Day are right around the corner. The greatest gift you can give anyone is a healthy, happy you.

*Have a wonderful week!
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Denise*

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DENISE SANGER

Nashville artist Julia Cole added to Jam lineup

LIVE OAK — Another artist has been added to the Suwannee River Jam lineup.

The Jam, one of the largest country music and camping festivals in the Southeast, is set for May 2-5 at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, and Julia Cole has now been added to the lineup of country music artists set to play.

Cole has created fresh country music for some time true to her Houston roots. Hailed as "Country with a Kick," Cole's signature sound combines country, R&B and acoustic pop with her soulful vocals. Now, this volleyball playing Vanderbilt graduate is on the road opening for acts such as Carrie Underwood, Kenny Chesney, Eli Young Band, Canaan Smith, Jake Owen, LO-CASH, Chris Lane, Hunter Hayes, Kane Brown, Chase Rice, Clare Dunn, Brooke Eden, Jon Langston, Kevin Fowler and more.

Cole joins this year's star-studded lineup at the Jam of Alan Jackson (recent Country Music Hall of Fame Inductee), Josh Turner, LOCASH (just nominated for this year's ACM Vocal Duo of the Year and New Vocal Duo

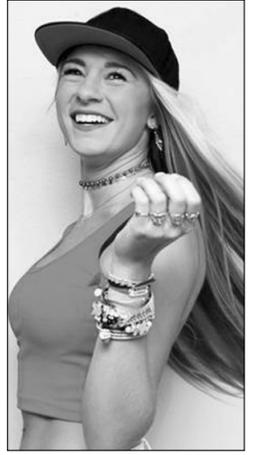


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Julia Cole has been added to the lineup for the Suwannee River Jam in May.

or Group of the Year), Tyler Farr, Easton Corbin, Rodney Atkins, Pam Tillis, Kentucky Headhunters, The Lacs, Cody Johnson and comedians Williams and Ree who will emcee and also perform.

In addition to the national artists, many well-known Florida and Georgia country singers, duos and bands will also perform at the 2018 SRJ.

Cole's "Priority Acoustic Mixtape" is available at juliaColemusic.com, Spotify, iTunes, google play, YouTube and Apple Music.

Bowden to speak at Church of God

LIVE OAK — College Football Hall of Fame coach Bobby Bowden will be at the Live Oak Church of God on Tuesday.

Bowden, the legendary Florida State University coach, is the special guest speaker at the church's "Iron Sharpens Iron" free men and boy's event Tuesday at 7 p.m. Doors to the church, which is located at 9828 U.S. Highway 129 South, will open at 6 p.m.

The event is presented by the Live Oak Church of God Men's Ministry.

Bowden was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2006 and retired following the 2009 season as the Seminoles' head coach. In 34 years at FSU, Bowden led the Seminoles to a 304-97-4 record including national championship in 1993 and 1999. Total, Bowden won 346 games to 123 losses in 40 years as a Division I head coach.

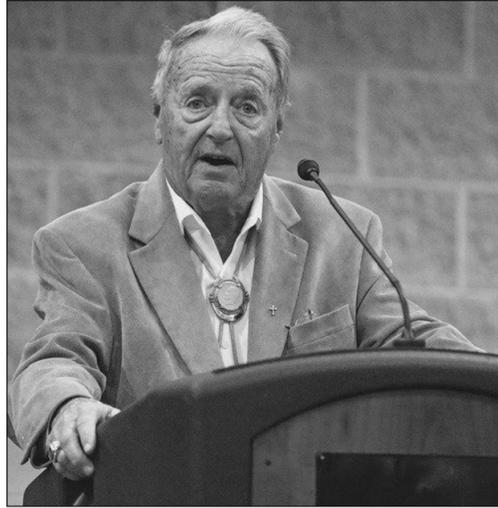


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Former Florida State football coach Bobby Bowden speaks at the Boy Scouts of America's 2018 'Building Leaders' dinner in Valdosta last month.

SVEC to waive transfer fee prior to annual meeting

LIVE OAK — Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative has created a "grace" period prior to this year's annual meeting to allow electric accounts to be transferred into the

name of the person who pays the bill.

The normal \$35 transfer fee will be waived from April 2-27. All other fees are still applicable.

Electric bills are often paid by a person such as a child or other relative whose name is not on the account. While this is generally not an issue, only a member — the owner of an account — can register at the co-op's annual meeting or vote in trustee elections.

"One of the founding principles of a cooperative is democratic member control," SVEC CEO Michael McWaters said in a release. "By establishing this 'grace' period, we are encouraging our members to participate in the upcoming annual meeting."

SVEC's 81st annual meeting will be held at the Suwannee County Agricultural Coliseum on Saturday, April 28. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 10 a.m.

Each member who registers will receive a \$10 credit to their account and have the chance to win one of more than 100 door prizes. More prizes will be given away during Bingo from 9-9:45 a.m.

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Life in White Springs

Why read 'Life in White Springs?'

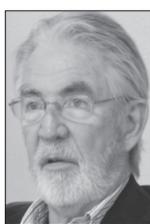
Why should you read a column called "Life in White Springs?"

It's a fair question, especially if you live in Suwannee County or Lafayette County. I mean, why would you folks who live in or near Live Oak, Wellborn, Dowling Park, Branford, McAlpin, O'Brien, Mayo, Day or way over in Hatch Bend want to know what's going on in White Springs? Well, if you'll bear with me and read this column, probably for the first time, I think you'll usually find some universal substance in the content that is of interest to all of us. This is not a gossip column. It is a column that explores the pleasures, benefits and challenges of small town/rural life. This is not a society column but it is a column that appreciates both the multi-generational families and the "newcomers" who value the diversity of our people and the history, tradition, heritage, culture, architecture, folklife and natural wonder that surrounds us all. Life in White Springs more than likely has a lot in common with life in your small town, and in this column we will explore the many aspects of small town/rural life that we share. Like the Suwannee River that flows through our region, we have a common thread in the fabric of our community lives. It may be a little different in White Springs than it is in Live Oak, Branford or other places in the region, but, like the river, we all have some things in common, some things that we all share, we all care about, and that make us realize that we're all in this rural, North Florida, Suwannee Valley life together. Together, we can be more aware, stronger and more resilient.

If you live elsewhere, this column will occasionally entice you to come to White Springs, perhaps for the Florida Folk Festival, perhaps to canoe on a section of the river that is different from where you live, perhaps to hike out to Big Shoals and experience the majesty of Florida's only class three rapids, located on "your" Suwannee River. We might get you to come for the White Springs Quilt Trail. Now gentlemen don't resist! A lot of these quilts are located on buildings you would enjoy visiting! White Springs is part of the Florida Quilt Trail

that now encompasses the communities of Trenton, Madison, Lake City, Live Oak, Inglis, Chiefland, High Springs, Horseshoe Beach, Branford, Monticello, Wellborn, Williston, Jensen, Jasper, Bell and Yankeetown. Quilt trails bring visitors to town, and visitors help our small town economies. White Springs has a beautiful historic district and a nice antique mall located in one of the region's few remaining old country store buildings, The Adams Country Store. We might invite you to come see our spring, which is now flowing again! We may share with you our concerns about water issues and springs that apply to all of us. Perhaps you'll come ride some of our bicycle trails or attend one of the seven cycling events hosted by the Suwannee Bicycling Association. Seven bicycling events??? Hosting hundreds of riders per event???? And they're all from out of town, folks. It's called eco-tourism and it's because we have hundreds of miles of the best rural on-road and off-road bike trails in the state. Or, if you've got agricultural roots, we may persuade you to come to the Antique Tractor and Engine show. It's this weekend and it's amazing! (More on that further down in the column.)

The point of all this information is that there is a lot going on in White Springs that will be of interest to you, wherever you live. We welcome you! But we also realize that White Springs is not a world unto itself, that there is a lot going on in your part of our region that is worth sharing. We are curious to know more about your area too. We can share information and resources, and even problems and solutions. Again, we're all in this together. "Life in White Springs" is all about information that is helpful in building a stronger and more vibrant community, and we'll often ignore city limits and county lines in our mission. To help us build a better, larger, stronger and more informed community all



WALTER MCKENZIE

across our Suwannee region, give "Life in White Springs" a try and, more importantly, give us some feedback and let us hear from you!

Do you love old antique farm tractors? We have some wonderful events over at our partner's place, the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park, and coming up this weekend is one of my all-time favorite events at the park, The Antique Tractor and Engine Show! A visit to this event puts you in touch with your rural heritage in a way that no history book could ever duplicate. Merri and I have been to practically every one of these tractor and engine shows and we have many photos of us and our family members sitting on some of the old tractors. It's a hands-on experience where I've seen everything from gasoline powered washing machines to antique, fully operational steam engines, and it's a perfect, outdoor event for the whole family, because adults and kids really have a great time sharing the experience. Antique tractors and farming equipment reflecting 200 years of rural American history will be on display throughout the festival. Visitors will be able to watch demonstrations of wheat threshing, shingle milling, corn grinding and unusual engines used for everyday purposes. Exhibits will include collections of flywheels, hit and miss engines, water pumps, vintage pedal tractors, antique cars and farm equipment. These "antiques" are alive, and if the running of an old "hit or miss" engine can't transport you back in time, then you are too firmly stuck in the present! There will be competitions and games for the whole family! On Saturday, an antique tractor parade will feature everything from customized lawn tractors to restored farm machinery. There are "Tractor Pulls" daily. This event takes place from Thursday, April 5, to Saturday, April 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The 51st Easter Sunrise service in White Springs at the Stephen Foster Park was, as always, a singularly unique and powerful gathering, unlike any other in the area, state or nation. Held outdoors in a striking setting at the base of the world's largest tubular bell carillon

tower, the service was officiated by a diversity of representatives hailing from 11 different area churches, with a mighty Sunrise choir comprised of choir members from seven churches and accompanied by a large chorus of morning songbirds! The event was attended by a large and inclusive audience from as near as White Springs and as far as Gainesville. It was worth the early rising and the trip, short or long, because it brought together a community for a spiritual celebration that will be remembered and cherished. If you were there, I don't need to explain it, and if you weren't there, my efforts to describe it would fall far short. You'll just have to come next year to the 52nd.

Now let us give thanks! Events like the Sunrise Service don't just happen. They require a lot of planning and a lot of work! Thanks go out to the staff of the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park and the White Springs area churches and all the many people of those organizations too numerous to mention by name here. It takes a village!

Lovely Mae Williams is someone who has always been kind and warm to Merri and me, starting back when Merri first came to White Springs in the early '70s. Now we want to join the community in wishing Lovely Mae a happy birthday in advance of April 12, when she will officially celebrate her 85th year! (yes, I got her permission!) Happy Birthday Lovely Mae! I hope your good health and generous spirit are contagious!

I'm always glad to hear about goings on in the community and will be glad to share anything appropriate for this column. Email is the best way to contact me, but any way is welcome. I am thankful that we truly are all connected, and I hope that we can continue to feel proud of who we are and where we're headed, and that we all appreciate that White Springs and its surrounding region is a very special place, to be honored and protected. As always, I look forward to seeing you out and about, enjoying your community and your life in White Springs or wherever you may be.

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like him a lot.”

But not everybody respects and likes Trump or his presidency.

The Mayo Free Press and CNHI newspapers across the country have launched the Pulse of the Voters project, a newspaper initiative that gauges the political discussion in the community. The project will include the papers speaking with voters four times each year through the next presidential election in 2020.

The project is being mirrored in communities across the country served by CNHI newspapers, from Georgia to Iowa, from New Hampshire to Texas.

Locally, Trump was popular in the 2016 election.

In Suwannee County, Trump and Mike Pence received 76 percent of the votes. That number climbed to more than 82 percent

in Lafayette County. Not quite 63 percent of Hamilton County voters went for Trump and Pence.

Some of those were similar to Franklin. Voters who weren't originally fans of Trump who still cast their ballot in support.

That includes Ivie Fowler, a former Suwannee County commissioner.

Fowler admits he wasn't a die-hard Trump fan, but when faced with the choice of the President or Hillary Clinton, he went with the Republican nominee.

“I personally think Trump is trying but he is not a politician,” Fowler said. “He's done the best he can with the help he has, we need to send him better help.”

On the other hand, White Springs' Willonese Tillman-Adams also found herself facing two candidates that she wasn't fond of voting for.

However, the 73-year-old die-hard Democrat ended up casting her vote for Clinton, despite her reservations.

“I voted for Hillary, although I was not that fond of her because she was kind of elitist like,” she said. “I am a die-hard Democrat and I thought Bernie Sanders was a little old.”

“Even though I did not like Hillary I disliked Trump even more.”

Now more than a year into his term, Trump has yet to change Tillman-Adams' opinion.

In fact, she said her opinion on the President has worsened since he took office.

“He will say one thing today and then tomorrow it is a whole other thing,” she stated. “To me it is dangerous to have a person who you can not trust his word. Going back to the Parkland incident he said you're just scared of the NRA and then they had a meeting with him at night.”

Suwannee County resident and veteran Robert Ford also has not been impressed with the Trump presidency so far.

“I am disappointed in the lack of cohesion in the President's

administration,” Ford said. “There seems to be a lot of turnover and turmoil.”

Terry Land, who owns Land Creations Nursery and Landscape in Live Oak, was a bigger supporter of Trump's. But after switching from Democrat to Republican in the past six years, Land said he is more concerned with the individual candidates.

“I don't like his arrogance but you have to do research on the candidates,” said Land, who added he switched parties due to the Democrats getting “more liberal in their thinking.”

“I vote for the best man for the job.”

Fowler agrees. “I think you need to put people ahead of party,” said Fowler, who also has switched parties.

“I believe the Democratic party left me. I didn't leave them years ago.”

White Springs resident Ronnie Tomlinson said he will never vote Democrat. It's a mindset he said he obtained after paying

closer attention to the views of the respective political parties.

“This is free, that is free, but nothing in life is free,” the 31-year-old Tomlinson said. “With Trump in office, there is a lot of room to make up as far as national debt is concerned. That really bothers me because who is going to have to pay that? My children? Their children?”

Tomlinson has also been bothered by labels thrown his way since the election.

“I have been called a racist because I voted for Trump, which is the most ludicrous thing I have ever heard,” Tomlinson said.

“You can call me what you want, it's not going to change how I do things in my life.”



Dean Franklin

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wanee River Jam auditions. She sings in many restaurants and contests in Jacksonville and took second place in the 2018 and 2017 Southside Idol talent contest in Lake City.

Fry, 14, sang “Great Balls of Fire” and accompanied himself on the keyboard with a rousing response from the audience. He is an accomplished piano player, singer and has acted in multiple live shows at North Florida Community College, including the role of Oliver in the The Musical Adventures of Oliver Twist as a young child. He's played piano in special presentations at First Baptist Church of Live Oak since he

was 7, recited the books of the Bible in a dynamic presentation and is a YouTube star.

The other contestants were Tom Schoenbacker (Live Oak), Brandi Creasy (Hahira, Ga.), Kassidy Kolwyck (Branford), Chrystal Furst (Live Oak), Charlotte Cook (O'Brien), Andy Cockran (Micanopy), Jennifer Campbell (Live Oak), Elizabeth Gold-Kenny (Lake City), Madison McMillian (Live Oak), Karis Twigg (Live Oak), JA Weisner (Branford), Harley Grace Gold-Kenny (Lake City), Ken Campbell (Live Oak) and Saige Tanner (Pierson, Ga.).

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park sponsored the stage during the entire nine-day fair.



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Hallie Davis, of Jasper, won the annual talent contest at the Suwannee County Fair on March 24.

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“We will conduct youth clinics featuring current and former MLB/MILB players and coaches; or, we will have instructors from Ripken Baseball.”

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County Babe Ruth. An opportunity to earn additional funds comes when community members take test drives to help support their league.

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Man charged with sexual battery

BY JESSIE R. BOX

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LIVE OAK— A 71-year-old man was charged with sexual battery on a victim under the age of 12 on March 29.

According to the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office, William Joe Nixon, of Branford, forced a girl to perform sexual acts on him and he touched her over the course of a two-year period.

The report states that a relative told authorities the suspect had also touched her.

According to SCSO, an older relative also came forward and told law enforcement, the suspect touched her when she was younger.

The report states there are multiple other victims who are now adults that just recently disclosed they were sexually abused by the suspect.

According to SCSO, Nixon has a criminal history that includes incest, sodomy and first degree sexual battery.

Nixon was charged with two counts of sexual battery on a victim under the age of 12 and lewd lascivious behavior on a victim under the age of 12.



William Joe Nixon

Around the Banks

A trip down memory lane

“Backward turn backward, Oh time in your flight. Make me a child again just for the night.”

So many times, readers of my column tell me they enjoy my column because it brings back fond memories. I was thinking about the Hamilton County of 50 years ago in 1968, and I realized how much change had taken place since that time.

In 1968, at this time of the year, Lyndon Baines Johnson was still President of the United States, but he had announced he would not seek re-election because of something called the Vietnam War. Richard M. Nixon would narrowly defeat Hubert Humphrey in 1968, due partially to the fact that George Wallace, a third-party candidate summarily swept five states of the Old Confederacy with a strong margin.

In 1968, at this time of the year, the nation received the shocking news that the great Civil Rights Leader, the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., had been killed by an assassin's bullet in Memphis, Tennessee. Many thought his death would bring an end to the movement, but they were mistaken.

Later in the summer of 1968, Democratic Presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy would be assassinated.

In Hamilton County, Hamilton County High School was in its second full year of consolidation. The school was virtually segregated with very few African American students in attendance. That would change in two more years. By 1970, the all-black schools had been shut down, and full consolidation of the schools had taken place as a result of the Title IX Order of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 being enforced.

At either end of Hamilton County, North Hamilton Elementary and Jerry Jackson Elementary at Jennings and South Hamilton Elementary and Carver Elementary at White Springs, included grades 1-8. Public Kindergarten would be included in 1969, and would be the first fully desegregated classes in the county. My brother, Jerry Lawrence Bullard, was in that class at South Hamilton Elementary taught by the late Jimmie Crawford-Jacobs.

In Jennings, Mr. Owen Hinton Jr. was the principal and at South, Mr. Hal M. Worth was principal. Mr. Harry T. Reid was the School Superintendent and Mr. M.L. Powell was the principal at Ham-

ilton County High School. Mr. M. Sanders was the principal of the all-black J.R.E. Lee High School.

Then, Occidental Chemical Company, which was part of the parent Company, Occidental Petroleum Company, owned by the late Dr. Armand Hammer Jr. was employing large numbers of skilled and unskilled laborers at its White Springs Plant. In addition, the company employed several ladies who were part of its clerical and financial staff. The late Mr. Maywood Chesson, was the first CEO of, then, Occidental, and many family incomes and prospects of staying at home and living at home, increased as a result of the presence of, then, Occidental Chemical Company.

Tags for automobiles were numbered according to the population of that county, I remember vividly, Columbia County was 29, Suwannee was 31, and Hamilton was 56. I still have some of those tags at the farm, and I still wish the State of Florida would use this number system for its tags.

Hamilton County had a population of approximately 7,800 people in 1968.

Agriculture and the timber industries, then, as now were very big factors of the local economy. Unlike now, the major cash crop for the farmers was flue cured tobacco. Tobacco markets were located in Jasper, Live Oak, Lake City, Madison and High Springs, here in the north central Florida area. Large amounts of company-owned and privately-owned timber lands were owned or leased to: Owens Illinois Corporation, ITT Rayonier, or Continental Can Corporation.

However, the tide of agricultural related jobs shifted dramatically when the phosphate industries moved into the county.

At White Springs, the historic White Sulphur Springs were still in operation, and the Stephen Foster Memorial were still attracting a goodly number of tourists, though not nearly the number once attracted before the advent of the Interstate Highway system.

Family-owned grocery stores were still very much a part of the economy in those days and, of those, several still delivered



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groceries to their customers including: Carver's Grocery Store in White Springs, Mallory's in Jasper, and I am sure, at least one grocery business in Jennings.

Jasper had two home-owned pharmacies in operation, Kayo's Pharmacy, owned and operated by the late Mr. Clyde "Kayo" McGlenn; and Wise's Pharmacy, owned and operated by the late Mr. Woodrow Wise.

Jasper had at least two department stores with A. Levin and Son and Lang's. The town had several grocery stores, as well as county hospital, Hamilton County Memorial Hospital.

In neighboring Suwannee County which was the largest flue cured tobacco market in the state, the county was still largely agricultural. Live Oak had a number of home-owned department stores in its downtown area including: Fleet's, Gilmore's, Gibbs Company and a bit later, the Renee Shops.

Live Oak had a movie theater, the Alimar, as well as Live Oak Drive-In Theater.

The town had several pharmacies, and home-owned grocery stores. I can still remember the hand dipped ice cream at the W.B. Howland Company when it was located in its old store at Five Points in Live Oak, fond memories and, also the A & W Root Beer Drive In, where you parked your car and a car hop attended to your order.

If you made a telephone call from White Springs to Live Oak, it was long distance, and you dialed "O" for operator to get operator assistance. Most folks in highly rural areas were on a party line with more than one person. Our first telephone was installed at the Still in 1966, and I can still remember what joy I took in being able to phone my Grandma Bullard in White Springs.

What I wrote above is a thumbnail sketch. Since that time, 50 years ago, much has changed including our own physical looks, and, since that time, some things have progressed in these counties and some things have definitely regressed.

No longer can we shop a great deal at home from home-owned stores, and now there are no longer schools in White Springs or Jennings. The tobacco markets, which once boomed with enthusiasm, are closed and silenced. The phosphate mining continues but under another company, Nutrien, and two others since

Oxy previous to that, Phosphate Company of Saskatchewan, PCS, and, later, Potash Corp - White Springs. The phosphate companies still employ a goodly number of people though not nearly as many as they did at their apex in the mid-1970's when upward of 2,000 people were employed there. Still, they are one of the area's largest employers.

Churches then, as now, played a major role in the lives of the various communities. They were the center of much religious and social life. The churches in the area were primarily Protestant, and the Roman Catholic presence in north central Florida was in Suwannee and Columbia Counties. The only Roman Catholics I knew at that time in Hamilton County were the late Misses Alice and Virginia Bell and the late Cecilia "Ceil" Pound, White Springs. Episcopalians then, as now, went to church in Live Oak or Lake City. There was a larger Baptist, Pentecostal (Church of God, Assembly of God, Congregational Holiness), United Methodist and Presbyterian presence, as well as Church of the Nazarene.

Neighboring Columbia County has grown that the fastest rate of any county in the region and continues to grow by "leaps and bounds", while the population of Hamilton County has grown by maybe 25 percent in the last 50 years. If you back the prison population out, the county has approximately 12,500 and with the prison population counted about 14,500. Suwannee County, too, has grown dramatically, and the population of the county has nearly doubled in the past 50 years, which Columbia County has grown by a rate of about 400 percent.

It was interesting to "look back" and it brought back many fond memories. It was a day "BC" before computers, when typing was state of the art, and the IBM Selectric Typewriter was chic. When Xerox machines first began to make their advent, and when dial telephones were still the norm and not the exception.

Letting my mind drift back without drifting too far in regards to this article brought smiles and a few tears too, as I thought about this place we call home which is still wonderful today, "Around the Banks of the Suwannee."

From the Eight Mile Still on the Woodpecker Route north of White Springs, wishing you a day filled with joy, peace, and, above all, lots of love and laughter.

Spirit of the Suwannee holds annual Easter egg hunt

LIVE OAK — The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park held its annual Easter egg hunt Saturday to the delight of kids, parents and grandparents.

The Easter Bunny was a special guest who was happy to have photographs with the kids for lasting

memories.

A huge crowd of kids of all ages attended from all across North Florida and South Georgia at this annual event where 1,000 eggs were hidden with golden eggs in each age category. Prizes were awarded for the golden eggs, first, second and third place.

Some newcomers were a bit reluctant at first but got into the rhythm of visiting with the Easter Bunny and searching for hidden Easter eggs. Those who won prizes were especially happy. Fun was had by all involved including Music Park employees.



Bentley, a young fan of the Easter Bunny, confers on potential surprises Easter morning at the SOSMP's annual Easter egg hunt.



Brianna Bailie, 10, Jacksonville, took second in the 10-13 age bracket at SOSMP.



Trinity Watson, 13, Live Oak, found the golden egg in the 12-14 bracket and took home a great prize at SOSMP.



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Alesana Montes, 11 months, Jacksonville, found two eggs at SOSMP.



Hayden Sheffield, 2, Live Oak, was a golden egg winner at the SOSMP 2018 Easter egg hunt.

State & Region

Pulse of the Southern Voter

Public shares views on Trump presidency

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By 7 a.m., the Busy Bee in Cullman, Alabama, is alive with the sound of bacon sizzling on the griddle and eggs cracking against an iron skillet.

The air outside is frosty, and a freight train rambles about 50 yards away from the landmark eatery's front door. The mood inside the Bee is warm and engaging like a vibrant family gathering.

Jerry Parker is a self-described conservative independent who's a Busy Bee regular.



PHOTO: CULLMAN NEWS

Jerry Parker of Cullman, Alabama, says his state remains strong for President Trump despite the recent election of a Democrat to a vacant U.S. Senate seat.

He's been there since about 6 a.m., dressed in his familiar winter attire — a cowboy hat, boots, leather vest and a duster worthy of a Clint Eastwood movie.

Parker lives in a city that, like much of Alabama, is deeply Republican and conservative. Politics is one of his favorite topics. A lifelong resident of Cullman County and a faithful voter, Parker remembers when times were different.

He blames the national Democratic Party for the enormous swing to conservative Republican politics in Alabama.

"Democrats were the norm. They were conservative Democrats, or Dixiecrats as everyone called them," Parker said. "The Democratic Party on the national level kept pushing its liberal politics and were essentially saying they didn't want us. Then Reagan came and the shift was on."

Understanding President Ronald Reagan's message of a strong country and traditional values is the key to understanding President Donald Trump's rise to the presidency, he said.

"I can remember when you could fit all the Republicans around here into a phone booth. I didn't even know what one looked like. Everybody was a Democrat, but a lot of the Democrats now are not what many people can identify with," he said.

Parker said he believes Democrats need to move more to the center and consider how typical Americans feel about issues.

A bit of a political junkie, Parker said Trump came along at a time when voters were frustrated with politicians who were unable to step up and take action on issues that affect average income people.

"Trump is a billionaire who eats hamburgers with construction workers," Parker said. "He actually got out and met with people. He listens. He's a crusader for the working man."

Taking the Pulse

The national media was caught off guard in the 2016 election, predicting a decisive win by then candidate Hillary Clinton. It can be argued that the media just was not paying attention to America, especially rural America.

As we approach midterm elections, we want to listen — really listen — and that's why we are publishing the Pulse of the Voters.

Newspapers across multiple states and regions conducted grassroots interviews in an environment where participants can feel comfortable. CNHI newspapers plan to speak with voters four times each year through the next presidential election in 2020.

The project is being mirrored in communities across the country served by CNHI, from Florida to Iowa, from New Hampshire to Texas.

We specifically wanted to get a snap-

shot of how voters in the South feel about the current state of affairs.

For this report, we talked to voters in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi.

Divided We Stand

Barbara Stratton, 66, is a Republican and strong supporter of President Donald Trump. She said she sees disdain from people everyday, whether it's from people she knows or from what she sees on the news.

The former government employee and current administrative assistant for J. Glenn Gregory Architects said ever since Trump was elected, close Democratic friends have been cold toward her. They always had different opinions, she said, but it never came between their friendship.

"I don't know what happened, but it was almost immediately after he got elected," Stratton said. "It was immediate. There became a wall there. They just think that if you like Trump, something's wrong with you."

Stratton, a Valdosta, Georgia, resident, said she is disappointed with the Republican Party. She said the party is straying from its conservative roots, and she doesn't like the Democratic Party at all.

"They don't want to get along with us, so I don't want to get along with them," Stratton said. "The total disdain is everywhere. I don't see how we can live in the same country for much longer. I don't know what we can do. I mean, we would have to divide in half. You take half and we take half."

A Democrat who has previously voted for Republican senators, Dr. Robert Harding, a Valdosta State University professor, said he was shocked to learn the result of the 2016 presidential election.

He is a supporter of the #MeToo movement and does not support the National Rifle Association or Trump's decision making.

"I do not agree with anything that comes out of his mouth," Harding said. "He is a habitual, pathological liar. He is an out-and-out racist nationalist who does not represent my views to any degree."

Harding said Trump has no comprehension on how the economy or how American leadership works.

He said he doesn't believe there's a possibility that Trump will be impeached with Congress being in the hands of the Republicans.

"If enough of them aren't willing to go against their own party and their own president, it's not going to happen," he said.

Redder Shade of GOP

Colquitt County, Georgia has maintained a deeper shade of red than the state as a whole.

All countywide constitutional officers are Republicans. Six of seven Colquitt County Commission seats are held by Republicans, and in 2016, Trump won more than 72 percent of the county's vote, eclipsing Mitt Romney's 69 percent in 2012 and John McCain's 68 percent in 2008.

Judging by the Trump bumper stickers still decorating the back of SUVs and pickup trucks, buyer's remorse doesn't seem to have descended on the community.

Among the people in Trump's camp is Sgt. Jerome Burgess, who thinks the president is checking off on his list of promises, even though he has a unique style.

"I think we're trying to recover from eight years of bad policy," said Burgess, an investigator with the Colquitt County Sheriff's Office's Drug Enforcement Team. "I think some of the changes of the Trump administration have had a benefit. I think it's going to benefit working-class people."

Since Trump's election, Burgess said he feels more hopeful for his children's future.

"I think of myself as way right. I'm a right-wing patriot; I'm a constitutionalist," he said. "Not that people on the left are unpatriotic. They just have different ideas."

Burgess said he would like to see more elected officials in Washington working together on issues where common ground can be found.

Echoing that sentiment is Moultrie, Georgia, resident Brooks Sheldon, a retired banker. He said there is a separation between people on the ideological spec-

trum.

The separation is exacerbated by the ability to get information that reinforces personal beliefs and from entertainment with a political tilt.

Sheldon said he stopped getting his news from TV during the rancorous 2016 election cycle.

Shifting Political Landscape

While Parker said he has seen a dramatic shift in Alabama from a primarily Democrat electorate to a strong Republican state over the years, Georgia is one state that is slowly seeing a shift in its political landscape in the other direction, but it is way too early to tell what that might mean.

In 2016, Trump took Georgia's 16 electoral votes, garnering 51.3 percent of the vote, but the political landscape could be changing. Voters in Georgia will see more contested races on the ballot this year, with Democrats running for office in numbers that have not been seen in the state in more than a decade.

Georgia voters will also find more women candidates as options.

"It really is a year where women feel more empowered by the state of current affairs," said Melita Easters, executive director of the Georgia WIN List, which is a political action committee that backs pro-choice Democratic women. "The 'Me Too' and 'Times Up' movements have brought up and stirred up memories for many, many women, and they are ready to knock on doors and make phone calls and help other women get elected."

Compared to the 2016 election, the number of women running for the state Senate jumped 40 percent, according to analysis from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. There was a 25 percent increase in women candidates in the House.

It is the largest group of Democratic candidates running for the Georgia House of Representatives since 2004, as Democrats try to chip away at Republican control in both chambers in Atlanta.

Getting Along

Politicians in Washington, however, aren't the only ones who need to work on getting along.

In an effort to bring residents of Thomsville, Georgia, together, the city held a session on inclusiveness as part of its community engagement and outreach. During the session, attendants sat next to someone they did not know and were given topics to discuss.

While those interviewed were reticent about views on national politics, they were open in how they receive and trust information.

"You actually find yourself watching less and less news," Andy Goodwin said. "I'd rather watch something else because it's so negative. It's hard to believe everyone on the right is right and everyone on the left is right, or everyone on the right is wrong and everyone on the left is wrong. It's impossible. There seems to be like a virus of anger. It was even local in our elections."

Before the ground rules of the inclusiveness session were laid down, Nathaniel Abrams said he worried it might devolve into what television political talk shows have become.

"One thing I was afraid of, I thought we were going to be like those commentators on the talk shows — we would talk over each other all night," he said. "I can't stand watching that stuff. When three people are talking, I can't hear. All they're doing is arguing."

Abrams said he and his wife are turning less to the network and cable outlets for their information and tuning into National Public Radio to hear a more unbiased description of the day's events and happenings.

"The stuff that is on the news isn't news. It's opinions," he said. "NPR is the old Walter Cronkite, give you the facts, and they're done with it. They do have programs that are opinionated. When you get NPR news, I think you get closer to the middle. I really do."

Come Together

For Gary Wisenbaker, who was a part of Trump's Georgia campaign staff and is a political consultant in Valdosta, Georgia, members of both parties should strive to come together and have respect for different points of views.

"I don't think the conservative, Republican right has a monopoly on virtue

and all the right answers any more than the liberal, left, socialist Democrats do," Wisenbaker said. "Somewhere between the mix you can formulate policy that will continue to drive this nation forward."

What separated the Democrats from the Republicans in the 2016 campaign, Wisenbaker said, is that Trump pulled together the base where the Democrats tried to go further left and abandon their base.

"The Democrats have gone to their left extreme to accommodate them as opposed to accommodate a broader spectrum of their voters," he said. "If their base is more left/moderate and you just accommodate that most left end with (Senator Minority Leader Chuck) Schumer and (House Minority Leader Nancy) Pelosi, those moderates will leave the party."

First, Worst Election

The 2016 presidential election didn't leave Jacob Ledford, a Chatsworth, Georgia, resident and senior history major at Dalton State College, with any good options. The 23-year-old said it was his first and worst presidential election race.

"It was a terrible choice," Ledford said. "This was my first presidential election, and I couldn't vote for either of the two main party candidates. I didn't want to tell my kids that the first person I voted for president was Donald Trump. I just couldn't do it."

His biggest fears of a Trump presidency have already come to fruition, he said.

"He has embarrassed us on the international stage several times," Ledford said. "His use of Twitter is just beyond the most un-presidential thing I have ever seen. I think joking about nuclear war on Twitter is a dangerous thing."

Faith Bigger than Fears

Judy Justin, a 59-year-old administrative assistant in Athens, Georgia, voted in the 2016 presidential election, but not for Trump. She said she doesn't think Trump represents her values about people, science and other matters.

"We need to start believing in facts again, and if we have questions, research," she said. "Don't just seek information that confirms what you already believe and ignore anything that challenges it. Use multiple sources to find the truth. And I think it behooves all of us to take a break from social media — it's not particularly productive or educational."

Like most Americans, she has particular concerns.

"I'm worried about the rise of hate groups, deep cuts in education and the lack of diplomacy when it comes to foreign relations," she said.

She said she also worries about intolerance toward immigrants.

"Our faith has to be bigger than our fears," she said.

Kristi Lacey, 22, knows what it is like being an immigrant in America. After being abandoned by her mother, Lacey spent the first eight years of her life in a state-run, Ukrainian orphanage until a couple from Winfield, Ala., adopted her.

Now, the Athens State University math major remembers how rough life was in the Ukraine, an experience that continues to inform her opinions of the United States and its leader.

A committed Republican, Lacey described America as "heaven" compared to her home country and said she thinks America is neither "going uphill or downhill."

Overall, she thinks Trump is doing a good job, noting that he runs the country like a businessman. She said she believes the president is doing well when it comes to foreign relations.

"He is doing a great job communicating with other countries and is trying to be friends with them," she said.

Keeping Informed

For Marianne Hill in Tifton, Georgia, keeping up with national politics is an important part of being a good citizen, and immigration is her top concern.

"The big concern right now is, of course, the immigration problem," Hill said. "And I'm glad it's not my problem to solve. If I was in charge, I would stop all immigration of any kind until we solve the problem of who's already here."

Hill wants to see DACA, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, resolved in a way that protects children who were brought here, often referred to as Dream-

Nation

Heartland solid for Trump policies, not the chaos

BY BILL KETTER

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As presidential terms go, this last 15 months has been unprecedented, altering political norms and jolting the nation with President Donald Trump's drama-packed mission to make haste on his campaign promises and waste of his antagonists.

Whether he has achieved success to date depends on who you talk to in America's heartland, the broad middle swath of the country that lifted him to his Electoral College victory in the 2016 election that almost no one foretold.

Rust Belt Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Iowa joined Florida, the conservative midland states and the rock solid Republican South to put Trump in the White House. Voters of both major parties in small cities and rural towns turned the tide for a wealthy non-politician and reality TV star as the light at the end of their tunnel of anguish.

His braggadocio personality, his exaggerations, his impolitic temperament and even his sexual improprieties didn't matter. The heartland, including a majority of white women, wanted change from the natural order of politics.

Since January, CNHI newspapers in scores of heartland communities have met with voters, listening to them in their kitchens, their living rooms and elsewhere about their concerns, disappointments and approvals.

The conversations have covered perceptions of Trump and the partisan Congress, views on the polarizing issues of health care, taxes, trade policy, gun control, race and immigration — and how attitudes have changed or not since the 45th president took office.

The unscientific conclusion: From northern Michigan to southern Georgia, the mood remains behind Trump's policies as voters see them, but wavering on his leadership style and his persona, especially his quick Twitter finger and his turgid vocabulary.

The economy — job growth, tax cuts, fewer regulations, stock market gains — overshadow Trump's shortcomings in the eyes of even those who disagree with his chaotic governing style. Many working class voters still await their promised prosperity but are patiently counting it to come. Evangelicals, conflicted by Trump's boorish behavior, appear to be the softest support group.

"As a pastor, I don't think name calling is appropriate in any circumstance," said the Rev. Chuck Ferguson of the evangelical Freewill Baptist Church in Ashland, Kentucky. "The way this president has attacked, impugned and ridiculed women is atrocious. To see how he describes people who have been fired from the White House, he basically calls them worthless, 'they're not qualified.' And yet they stand for him. I find that difficult to accept. Not politically, morally."

Lee Thompson, a retired insurance agent from Enid, Oklahoma, put it this way: "I don't like him as a person. I think he's an egotistical narcissist. But I admire him for putting his money where his mouth is. It's what he said he's going to do and he's doing it. And I like much of what he's accomplished. It's just him that I don't care for."

Christy Dolinich, director of the Head Start program in Crossville, Tennessee, said Trump brings business knowledge to the presidency and good business decisions are being made. "But his rants are absolutely uncalled for. You can be a leader and still show kindness."

Jake Smith, 38-year-old father from Mineral Wells, Texas, said Trump has delivered on his promise to advocate for policies that benefit Americans. "The best thing he has done is the economy," he

said. "More Americans are working."

But Smith said the president is his own worst enemy on social media. "I would prefer he didn't tweet at all. He's a businessman and he's been a businessman his entire life. I don't think his ability to communicate effectively is shown in his tweets and sometimes on Facebook."

Tony Griffith of Effingham, Illinois, a red spot in a blue state, said he's an example of Trump's business smarts. Griffith gave \$1,000 bonuses to each of his 65 fulltime employees after Trump signed the GOP tax cut bill, anticipating it will save his trucking company and related businesses \$100,000 annually.

"I'm excited for my employees," said Griffith. "This gives them hope that they are not just working at some hum-drum job, paying them the same until they die."

Tabitha Bonner, 22, a black student at the Texas A&M Commerce satellite campus in Corsicana, considers herself a conservative and is generally pleased with Trump, with the exception of his handling of race relations. "He needs to remember he is the president of everyone. He needs a consultant to help him communicate better and be more sensitive."

In Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where Trump was the first victorious Republican in the last five presidential elections, George Leitner, a retired educator, said he voted for Trump, breaking a vow to never vote for president again because occupants of the Oval Office seldom make a difference.

Leitner said Trump hasn't accomplished as much as he'd prefer and he's not fond of the White House tumult or spending billions of tax dollars on a Mexican border wall. For now, however, he's sticking with the president. "He has a lot of good ideas. That's why he got in."

In Beecher City, Illinois, Dallas Buzzard and his wife, Sherry, convene a family coffee klatch around their kitchen table that features two boxes of locally-made glazed doughnuts. Present are two brothers and a brother-in-law who wears a ball cap with "Presidential Coalition" inscribed on the front and "Trump Team" on the back. They are joined by their wives.

Dallas, a retired 78-year-old railroad worker, aligns with the Tea Party wing of the GOP. He blames the news media for stirring up disrespect for Trump. "CNN and MSNBC, you flip it on any time during the day or night, and they've got somebody they've brought in to put Trump down. Some is justified, maybe to a certain extent, but not 24/7."

Madison County, Indiana, went 2-to-1 for Trump but voters contacted by the Anderson Herald Bulletin said they generally dislike his Twitter outbursts and wish he would act presidential more often. They do, however, like his willingness to challenge the establishment, tell it like it is and push forward with deregulation, tougher immigration standards and tax cuts.

Donald Moore sits in the dining room of the home he built 40 years ago in Madison County's tiny Markleville community. He's 81 years old and voted for Trump, mainly because the president is "unpredictable" and the opposite of former President Barack Obama.

Moore and many other heartland voters object to the extreme political partisanship in Washington and across the country. They want politicians of variant ideologies to come together and solve problems with programs that create economic opportunity, good paying jobs and a better life.

In West Virginia, where coal is king, the president remains overwhelming popular. Ed Gilger, who owns an insurance business in Princeton, explains why: "Trump has put West Virginia back on line with coal and jobs. We were down and out but now we're coming back."

The need to find common political

ground on tough issues like immigration, health care and trade policy echoed widely with Democrats, Republicans and independents. They expressed disapproval of conflict politics.

Joni Lawler, 44, of Moulton, Iowa, who votes the candidate and not the party, disagrees with Trump's tactic to destruct Obamacare. "Health care should be a right for all people," she said. "It should not (financially) break anybody."

Tariffs on steel and aluminum drew objection in farm country. Dan Fleming, who farms in southern Indiana, said import duties will increase the price of tractors and other equipment needed to make a living from the soil. "A lot of steel goes into a new \$300,000 tractor," said Fleming. "That's a big expense."

And, he added, American farmers will suffer the harsh consequences of retaliation by U.S. trade partners, pointing out U.S. agricultural exports amount to \$140 billion a year, creating a \$23.1 billion trade surplus — a positive not mentioned by the president when he deplores America's overall trade deficit.

Nina Licastro, a Hillary Clinton voter from blue collar Johnstown, Pennsylvania, said she understands why western Pennsylvania voted for Trump — the successes of Obama's presidency did not filter down to Rust Belt communities, where good jobs at good wages are key.

"The most pressing issue in the majority of this country is poverty," said Licastro. "Until you address poverty, you can't address education, you can't address family planning, you can't address the job market. Poverty and jobs go hand-in-hand."

Immigration remains a dominant heartland issue. Voter sentiment resonates for illegal immigrants staying in the U.S. if they were brought here as young children by their undocumented parents. The DACA "Dreamers" program does that but it has been in limbo for months.

As for other illegals, the heartland is with Trump on deporting them, terminating chain migration and going to a merit-based immigration system. "We have immigrants who are not coming to assimilate to our culture," said Dr. Tracy Lott, a dentist in Meridian, Mississippi. "They are coming to seek government assistance."

Lott, who doesn't particularly care for Trump, favors his border wall to stop illegals from entering the county. But he also wants a complete overhaul of the immigration system. "My biggest concern is losing our society as we know it, our culture. We have a broken immigration system; we have porous borders that are causing the United States to become a magnet for illegal immigration."

Teresa Herrera is 40 and Hispanic. She is the city secretary in Palestine, Texas, voted for Trump and wants him to change his hard stand on immigration. "I don't understand why the wall is so important. My parents became legal through amnesty. I am both a product of the process, and I firmly believe in it."

John Blake, a former judge in Garvin County, Oklahoma, where Trump won 74 percent of the vote, is fearful of the nation's direction. "Presidents come and go, but I'm not happy the way things are moving now," he said. "The only thing that's constant is the lack of direction — and that leads to the sense of chaos."

Then there's gun control. Heartland America long ago chose sides in the regulation debate recently given new intensity with the school shooting tragedy in Parkland, Florida.

Gun owners insist owning arms is an immutable right precisely protected by the Second Amendment. They say the core problem is criminals and the mentally deranged and not guns. In contrast, critics are better organized to lobby their cause for tougher gun laws due to recurring

mass shootings. They contend there are too many guns, including military-style assault rifles, in the country; that greater control is needed over who is allowed to own them and at what age.



FILE PHOTO BY RON RUSSEK II/CNHI

President Donald Trump motions to Press before boarding Marine One on South Lawn of White House.

Brian Poelker, a retired teacher from Heartville, Illinois, represents the issue's new momentum — "responsible gun control" — that even Trump, the darling of the National Rifle Association, appears to embrace. "If you're a normal person, taking the safety courses and stuff and a law-abiding citizen, then OK. I don't like these magazines that hold all these rounds. I don't like military weapons in the civilian population."

It is 7 a.m. at the Busy Bee restaurant in Cullman, Alabama, and the sound of bacon sizzling on the griddle and eggs cracking against an iron skillet provide atmospherics for political talk in a county that went 87.8 percent for Trump. Jerry Parker holds forth in his cowboy hat, boots, leather vest and Clint Eastwood-style duster. He blames the Democratic Party's liberal politics for Alabama's deep red tradition, although voters chose Democrat Doug Jones over Republican Roy Moore in a recent special U.S. Senate election.

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Cody Loveland, 34, who owns a company that builds aerodynamic race cars and parts in Buckley, Michigan, said he voted for Trump because of his policies. He has concerns about his ability as the military's commander in chief but is sticking with him for now.

"I will say he's bold," said Loveland. "He comes off as an idiot at times, but everyone says stupid stuff."

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ers.

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Lose, or Save Country

Meridian, Mississippi, dentist Dr. Tracy Lott said illegal immigration is where we "lose the country or save it."

"My biggest concern is losing our society as we know it, our culture," Lott said. "We have a broken immigration system, but we have porous borders that are causing the United States to become a magnet for illegal immigration."

Lott said he prefers a merit-based immigration system instead of the current Diversity Immigrant Visa program, also known as the green card lottery system.

Lott, who said he doesn't particularly care for Trump, said he is in favor of a border wall in some areas to help with immigration, but the system itself needs a massive overhaul.

"We have immigrants who are not coming to assimilate to our culture," Lott said. "They are coming to seek government assistance, and I worry with chain migration that follows the visa lottery that multiple family members come over with no merit and no way to support themselves that creates even a greater problem from the visa lottery."

Taking Aim at Gun Control

For Sammy Roberts, a 24-year-old Baldwin County, Georgia, native, gun control is

a topic of concern.

Despite voting for Trump and siding with conservatives on the majority of issues, Roberts takes issue with the availability of automatic weapons for people in the general public.

"I realize that Trump can come off as an (expletive), but I already knew that going in to my choice in the election. I wouldn't say I would go back and do it again if the election were to happen again, I still wouldn't vote for Hillary," he said.

He is for guns, but also believes that people don't need assault rifles in their homes.

"I think your basic pistol, shotgun, or rifle is fine," he said. "Since this past shooting, I think it's been brought a lot more to the limelight."

Valdosta, Georgia, resident and retired salesman Hoot Gibson said he isn't a big fan of the president, but believes a man of

bad character can be a great president.

"I think Trump is an outstanding president," Gibson said. "The things he has been able to accomplish in spite of all the things he has had to contend with makes him great. He is the kind of man who gets things done. I guess you would call him a pragmatist. He solves problems, and that is what our nation needs right now."

But Gibson isn't completely satisfied with Trump. He said Trump is incapable of taking advice and Tweets before he thinks.

Gibson called him a narcissist, which is why he doesn't take advice, but Trump being a narcissist isn't a completely bad thing, because he is right more than he is wrong.

"Trump may be a narcissist, but he's my narcissist," Gibson said. "He is in a position where he thinks he's right, and he's not going to listen to anybody else, and that's good — if he's right."

THE YEAR THAT 1968 CHANGED AMERICA

1968 tragedies threw America into turmoil

BY RICK DANDES

The (Sunbury, Penn.) Daily Item

Fifty years ago this month, America was in turmoil.

Martin Luther King had been assassinated on April 4.

In response, Robert Kennedy, campaigning in Indiana for the Democratic nomination for president, pleaded for his audience “to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world.”

Tragically, Kennedy’s own life would be taken two months later in Los Angeles following a victory in the California primary.

In this second part of a year-long series looking back at 1968, the year that changed America, CNHI newsrooms across the United States look back at the tumultuous months of April to June.

It was a period that also saw America’s continued involvement in Vietnam, riots and student rebellions in major cities like New York and Paris, the Prague Spring and the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

“This was a very dramatic time,” said NBC veteran newsman Tom Brokaw, who lived through it all, covered it as a news reporter and anchor, and later documented the year in his 2007 best-selling book, “Boom: Voices of the Sixties.”

Brokaw was 28 and a rising star in Los Angeles in 1968 where he helped cover the Robert Kennedy assassination.

He spoke to CNHI about 1968 and the night Kennedy was killed by Sirhan Sirhan, moments after claiming victory in the crucial California primary.

“I was principally the anchorman of KNBC in Los Angeles,” Brokaw recalled, “but I spent my days covering the big stories around California.”

The big story in politics at the time, Brokaw recalled, was Kennedy versus Eugene McCarthy for the Democratic president nomination, especially after President Lyndon Johnson on March 31 announced he would not seek a second presidential term. The nomination would eventually go to Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

“The assassination itself was the god-awful climax of what had been a very intense campaign in California and on the west coast,” Brokaw said. “Senator Kennedy had lost Oregon, much to his surprise. And I have this vivid memory of the Kennedy campaign. They were coming into California ... they had been in and out, but after they lost Oregon, they came down and they knew it was do or die at that point. If they lost California it was over.”

Kennedy had the full California political apparatus at his beck and call after the loss in Oregon, Brokaw said. Jess Unruh was the speaker of the California assembly and the most powerful Democrat in the state “and they went ‘balls out’ so to speak, for one week. It was culminated by a Meet the Press TV appearance by McCarthy and Kennedy on the Sunday before the election.

“McCarthy made a fatal error on Meet the Press and Bobby moved in on it,” Brokaw recalled.

“McCarthy said the solution of Watts was a redistribution of the population, so that they (African Americans) would have more opportunities culturally and economically. Bobby said, ‘You’re going to take people from Watts and distribute them across Orange County?’ A terrible idea. Well, it was a very callous attack, but by doing that he began to win white, middle-class working-class voters.”

Night of the RFK assassination

“I was on the air the night Bobby was shot,” said Brokaw, who was dividing time between the local and the network newscasts. He said he was just getting ready to go on the air with the local election returns when the word came that there would be a delay.

“Something had happened at the hotel,” Brokaw recalled of the shooting at the Ambassador Hotel. “Frank McGee (the NBC national anchor in New York) said there had been a shooting. Charles Quinn, who was covering Kennedy came on ... the first report was that he had been shot in the hip and then it was ‘no, he was shot in the head.’ That’s when we knew this thing was not going to have a happy ending.”

Everybody gathered at the hospital where Kennedy was taken. Brokaw was “out on the curb, until two or three in the morning,” he said, “when (Kennedy Press aide) Frank Mankiewicz came out and described the nature of the wound and you knew at this point it was fatal.”

Kennedy died the next day, 63 days after King was killed in Memphis.

Brokaw had also been working at KNBC at the time when Martin Luther King was assassinated on April 4. Following the shooting, riots in more than 100 cities, including Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Kansas City, Newark and Washington, D.C., broke out. Across the country 46 deaths were blamed on the riots.

There was a riot in Los Angeles after MLK was shot, Brokaw recalled, “but not to the same degree that it happened in other places. It didn’t flare up as much as it did in other cities. I’m not entirely clear why. I think there was kind of an exhaustion there. Obviously, it played dramatically across south central Los Angeles, but not like it did in other northern cities.”

Watershed moment

1968 represented a watershed moment for the civil rights struggle in America, said Karlos K. Hill, Interim Director and Associate Professor, African and African American Studies, University of Oklahoma, Norman.

“Yes, it was the year Dr. King was assassinated, but it was also a year in which the black power movement eclipsed the civil rights struggle. And you saw the development of several black power groups. Probably the most prominent was the Black Panther Party in 1967. By 1968, they had become the most well-known black power organization.”

“With King being assassinated,” Hill said, “it created a leadership vacuum at the top, which was filled by younger, more militant activist organizations.”

Malcolm X had been killed in 1965, but his legacy was kept alive by individuals in the Black Panther Party. “In many ways,” Hill said, “the Black Panther Party saw themselves as the children of Malcolm X.” Malcolm stood for many things, such as building autonomous black institutions, black Pan-Africanism and black nationalism.

“The interesting thing about King was, that when he died, he was at his most unpopular,” Hill said. “In April 1967, King had given a controversial speech on the Vietnam War. In that speech, he called the United States the greatest purveyor of violence in the world. You can imagine that this speech did not go over with his allies in the White House. Because of the negative attention it got in the media, many of his supporters in the civil rights

movement fled from him. And he was really isolated afterwards, after that speech.”

It is not clear whether King would have been able to bounce back from that speech and the positions that he was beginning to take, Hill said. “If anything, King was becoming more radical as he matured as a leader, as an activist. There is no assurance that King would have become the King that we remember now, if he had lived to the present.

“King died at a moment where it was possible for us to still look back on the 1963 March on Washington and see it as his defining moment,” Hill said. “It happened that he was taken away from us at a time where that moment could still define him, even though ... for people who were living in 1968, it would have been that Vietnam speech that was most remembered. Not the 1963 March on Washington and the speech that he gave there.”

Shifts in society

The months from April to May 1968 were pivotal because they started to showcase the consequences of the social movement that was developing at the time, particularly in the United States, said Chris Ellis, Bucknell University associate professor of political science

“Things didn’t magically change in April,” Ellis said “But until this time, this movement felt like many other periods of social unrest in the past — full of sound and fury, but signifying nothing. After King’s death, and after the signing of the Civil Rights Act, we started to see what real social change actually looked like, and what real resistance to it actually looked like.”

In 1968, the baby boomers were setting the pace, so to speak, Brokaw said. “They were changing almost everything: the economy, the culture and they were certainly changing politics.”

Brokaw offered this scenario: “Imagine what it was like in a working class household in Detroit, when a guy who was in the Marines in World War II and still wears a crew cut, comes home at the end of his shift, sits down and looks across the kitchen table and sees his daughter, who introduces him to Zeke, and they’ve decided to move in together. Zeke has sunglasses, a tattoo, and plays in a rock band. And it’s not entirely clear what kind. Long scraggly hair. The World War II veteran then turns to his son, who has hair down to his shoulders and is wearing a T-shirt with the American flag in tatters across his chest and he says, ‘Ain’t going to Vietnam, Dad. I’m going to Canada.’ I think some variation of that was going on in a lot of families at that time.”

It was an extraordinary cultural shift that was happening, in a way that we were not prepared for, Brokaw said, “because post World War II was a time of great boom in America, where people had money they never expected to have, and were able to buy their first homes, buy cars, send their kids to college and play by the old rules. Then, suddenly, the generation that was the beneficiary of all that turned on them.”

Now we have a different kind of rebellion against the establishment, he said. “It’s more from the right. And it is a kind of consolidation, as I see it, of traditional Anglo mores. They are not as determined to uproot the establishment in every conceivable way. They are kind of getting into the bunker and hanging on. Societies change from time to time and we’re going through a big change now.”

MLK would weep at ‘incarceration nation’

In the spring of 1997, my future brother-in-law and I drove through Detroit’s east side, with 8Ball & MJG booming from the sound system. En route to his mother’s house, we passed blighted blocks, laced with vacant houses and abandoned buildings, some so hollowed out that brush and trees had reclaimed them.



JEFF GARRITT

I had just landed a job at the Detroit Free Press, where I worked for nearly 20 years, writing about, among other things, prisons, urban issues, and the criminal justice system. Shannon had just gotten out of prison, after serving four years for a drug offense.

We were feeling good, kicking it. Shannon talked about growing up here: Getting shot at 15 and selling drugs to help feed his family. What I remember most, though, is him telling me that, among his peers who grew up with him in the 1980s, all of them had gone to prison.

By the 1990s, prison had become something truly insidious for many young black men in poor urban neighborhoods: an unspoken expectation. Federal statistics showed one in three black males were expected to go to prison in their lifetime, compared to one in 17 white males.

This would have astounded Martin Luther King, Jr., who was assassinated 50 years ago, on April 4, 1968, while in Memphis to support striking sanitation workers.

King fought inequality, racism, segregation, and in later years poverty and the Vietnam War. The civil rights movement he led secured many legal rights, vastly improving conditions for most black Americans.

Mass incarceration had not yet reared its ugly head in the 1960s. Today, it is the nation’s most troubling social, economic, and human rights problem. In Texas and around the country, African Americans are imprisoned at rates five times higher than are whites. More black men are under correctional control — in prison, jail, or on probation or parole — than were enslaved in 1850.

In 1968, the year of King’s death, the nation’s prison population was 188,000. By 2010, it had increased nearly nine times, to more than 1.6 million. Including county jails and local lockups, roughly 2.3 million Americans are behind bars — nearly 40 percent of them black Americans.

An \$85-billion-a-year industry, correction systems are a major employer and lobbyist. The U.S. has become the world’s leading incarcerator. With less than 5 percent of the planet’s population, it holds 22 percent of the prisoners.

Texas is a big contributor, with more than 140,000 inmates. The Lone Star State has the nation’s largest prison system, as well as one of the highest incarceration rates. Despite recent reforms, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice still runs one of the worst prison systems in the country. A 2015 Newsweek article called the state “the prison rape capital of the United States.”

Crime rates, which have remained relatively stable in the last 50 years, did not create the incarceration nation. Public policy changes did that, including three-strikes’ laws and harsh drug sentencing that disproportionately affected black Americans. Among the most notorious: the 100-to-1 sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine.

Studies show black Americans do not use illicit drugs more than whites do. Still, they are arrested for drug use at far higher rates.

The effects of mass incarceration go far beyond prison walls. They have severed social networks and left one in nine black children with a parent in prison, making them six times more likely to go to prison as adults. Incarceration also creates lifelong employment barriers for the 95 percent of prisoners — nearly 700,000 people a year — who go home.

Politically, felony convictions prevent an estimated 5.8 million Americans, including one in every 13 black Americans, from voting. In Florida, a battleground state, nearly one in five African Americans are ineligible to vote.

As a reporter, editorial writer, and columnist, I’ve visited nearly 50 prisons and talked with hundreds of men, and women, who were either in prison, coming out of prison, or on their way. I’ve witnessed a cancer that robs the nation of not only scarce resources but something far more precious: the priceless potential of talented people to contribute to their communities and country.

Whenever I’m invited by prisoners to speak, often at ceremonies honoring King or Malcolm X, I often assert that if King were alive today, he would be here, in a prison, taking on what has been called America’s new Jim Crow.

I could easily add: “And he would weep at what he saw.”

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APRIL

▲ **APRIL 4:** Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. Riots erupt in major American cities, lasting for several days afterward. After being given the news of King's killing, Sen. Robert Kennedy delivers a powerful speech in Indianapolis that many credit as the reason that city is spared riots.

▲ **APRIL 5:** A political plan known as the "Action Programme" is published by Czechoslovakian First Secretary Alexander Dubcek and his associates in the Communist Party. In it they acknowledge the importance of individual liberties and political and economic reforms. It is the basis for the Prague Spring and the ensuing Warsaw Pact invasion by the USSR in August.

▼ **APRIL 11:** President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1968, also known as the Fair Housing Act. The legislation is a follow-up to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, religion or national origin, and guarantees equal housing opportunities.



▲ **APRIL 23-30:** Students at Columbia University in New York City shut down the university and clash with NYPD officers in protest of the Vietnam War and the construction of an alleged segregated gymnasium in nearby Morningside Park. At least 30 Columbia students are suspended.

THE YEAR THAT

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SECOND OF FOUR PARTS: It was perhaps the most turbulent year in modern history – the deadliest year of the Vietnam War; the year many cities erupted in violence after the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.; the year in which Sen. Robert Kennedy was killed en route to securing the Democratic nomination for president. It was also the year in which President John F. Kennedy's dream of putting a man on the moon moved closer to reality, as Apollo 8 became the first manned spacecraft to orbit the moon. On the 50th anniversary of that pivotal year, CNHI presents a quarterly look back at 1968 – the year that changed America.



MAY

▲ **MAY 10:** The United States and North Vietnam begin formal negotiations in Paris, bringing hope that the war might be settled quickly – but talks rapidly degenerate.

JUNE

▲ **JUNE 3:** Pop artist Andy Warhol is shot in his Manhattan studio by radical feminist Valerie Solanas. He is initially pronounced dead, but doctors are able to resuscitate him.

▲ **JUNE 5:** Sen. Robert F. Kennedy is shot at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles moments after addressing a large crowd of supporters upon winning the California and South Dakota Democratic presidential primaries. The gunman is Sirhan Sirhan, a 24-year-old

Jordanian living in Los Angeles. Investigators believe the killer was angry about several of the candidate's pro-Israel speeches. Kennedy dies from his injuries the next day and is buried June 8.

▲ **JUNE 8:** James Earl Ray is arrested for the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. at London's Heathrow Airport. The prison escapee had fled Memphis after the assassination, driving to Canada, then traveling to England and Portugal before his arrest. He would escape from prison briefly again in 1977 and eventually die in prison in 1998.

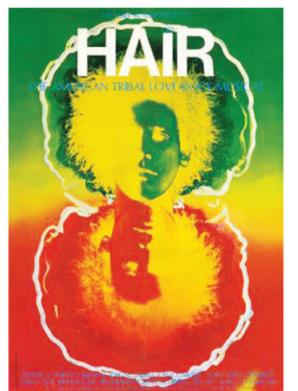
IN POP CULTURE

▲ **APRIL 2:** The movie "2001: A Space Odyssey" premieres in Washington, D.C.

▶ **APRIL 3:** The movie "Planet of the Apes," starring Charlton Heston, Roddy McDowall, Kim Hunter and James Whitmore, is released.



▼ **APRIL 29:** The musical "Hair" officially opens on Broadway. A product of the hippie counterculture and sexual revolution, it becomes synonymous with the peace movement with its profanity, depictions of illegal drug use, racial overtones and nudity. It is considered the first "rock musical."



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Child Abuse Prevention Month



Identifying signs of child abuse and neglect

In January of 2014, four-year-old Myls Dobson died in a New York City apartment from injuries sustained after days of abuse by his caregiver. Janaie Jones admitted to burning Myls, beating him with belts and hangers and keeping him locked up and alone in the bathroom for long, extended periods of time. Jones said this was all just a form of corporal punishment to control the young boy.

In another horrifying instance of child abuse, a couple from Monroeville, Ind. were arrested the same month and charged with felony child neglect after several of their children were left in a frigid van parked outside of a motel. The remainder of the children were zip-tied to a chair in a motel room.

Stories like these may be shocking, but unfortunately they are not rare. The organization Child Help says a report of child abuse or neglect is made every ten seconds in the United States. Every year, more than three million reports of child abuse are made, and around four to seven children die each day due to neglect and abuse. Child abuse occurs at every socioeconomic level, across ethnic and cultural lines, within all religions and at all levels of education.

While many cases of abuse are discovered and reported, it's likely that many more are not. It is estimated that between 50 and 60 percent of child fatalities due to maltreatment are not recorded as such on death certificates. Third-party observers may be unaware abuse is taking place until it is too late.

Child abuse can be hard to distinguish, but certain visual clues or changes in behavior may indicate there is a problem. The Child Abuse Prevention Center and other organizations offer these signs of child abuse or neglect.

- There may be visible signs of injury, including bruises or burns.
- Abused children may appear scared or anxious. They may also seem withdrawn or depressed. However, abused children also may act like nothing is wrong or become "class clowns" in an attempt to avoid unpleasant feelings.
- Some abused kids may fear going home or to places where they may be abused.
- Changes in school performance may indicate a problem. Some children will fall behind on work or have difficulty concentrating. Others may do especially well on tests or be obsessive about getting good grades for fear of punishment.
- Abused and neglected children may suffer from a lack of personal care or hygiene. Clothing may not be appropriate for the weather or appear dirty.
- Abused kids could have sleep disturbances that cause them to appear tired.
- Behaviors such as bed-wetting, thumb-sucking or other habits of early childhood may be brought on by abuse. Some children may have memory problems or stop speaking.
- Children who are abused may balk at normal, appropriate touch. They may not be able to distinguish between good and bad touch.
- Risk-taking behavior may be present in abused children. The youngsters may be testing their minds and bodies to extremes or looking for another form of escapism.
- Children who have been sexually abused may exhibit overly sexualized behavior or use explicit sexual language.

If you have concerns that abuse is taking place, report your feelings to a local or state child protective service agency or the police precinct. Doing so could save a child's life.

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Sports

SHS track and field hosts Senior Day



Start of the race.

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LIVE OAK — The Suwannee High track and field teams hosted Senior Day on Thursday.

SHS senior athletes recognized at the event were Ciandra Smith, Elexxis Davis, Abigail Gregory, Kelsey Middleton, Natalie Lord, Alexis Thompson, Zay McMillan, Logan Gray, Jeremiah Baptiste, John Fry, Timmy Choe, Joey Collazo-Gonzalez and Logan Martin.

Not pictured is senior Micah Hilliard, who was competing at the Pepsi Florida Relays at the University of Florida, where he set an SHS school record in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:19.29.



SHS seniors.



Senior Elexxis Davis competes in hurdles.

Lafayette tops Hamilton County in pitchers' duel

BY MIKE JONES

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MAYO — Chi Chi Purcell is starting to starting to establish himself as a big-game pitcher.

The Lafayette senior tossed a complete-game three-hitter

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PHOTO: MIKE JONES

Chi Chi Purcell threw a complete game to lead Lafayette past Hamilton County last week.

Love, Yulee shut down Suwannee

BY MIKE JONES

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LIVE OAK — With an ERA below 1.00 and big strikeouts numbers, Nick Love has been a standout pitcher this season for Yulee.

He held Suwannee to three hits Friday as the Hornets earned a 2-0 victory. Working fast and staying in rhythm the entire game, Love finished with 11 strikeouts.

“That’s a type of pitcher you schedule to see, because you know they are going to challenge you,” SHS coach Justin Bruce said of Love. “We didn’t do enough as a team to put him in pressure situations. “Late in the game, we were taking too big of swings instead of putting it in play. We didn’t cause him to have to work.”

Suwannee’s first hit didn’t come until the fourth inning when Bo Bonds lined a hanging curveball to left field for a single. Trett Wadford finished 2-2 with a walk, but the Bulldogs never got a runner past second base.

Yulee (11-4) took a 1-0 lead in the third inning and tacked on another run in the sixth.

Hueston Morrill started the game for Suwannee and pitched six strong innings, allowing one earned run while striking out six. Bonds came on to pitch the final inning and struck out two.

“We’ve got pitchers who are pitching well enough to win. Defense behind them has been

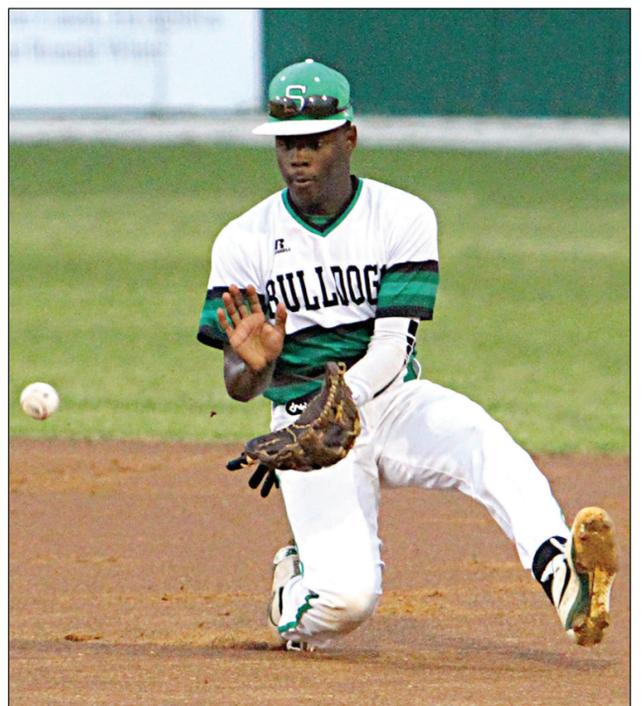


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Josh Wharton makes a sliding stop to deny Yulee a hit.

our downfall,” said Bruce, whose team committed two errors Friday. “Once we can put a full game together, we’re going to be in better shape in those high-pressure games.”

UP NEXT: Suwannee (7-7, 1-1) has two big district games this week against Bolles. SHS travels to Jacksonville on Thursday and then hosts Bolles on Friday.

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Suwannee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2

Wadford — 2-2, BB

Bonds — 1-3, — 1 inning pitched, 2 strikeouts

H Morrill — 6 innings pitched, 1 earned run, 4 hits, 6 strikeouts

Sports

SHS sports notebook

Wheeler, Penn State win NIT

Former Bulldog Jamari Wheeler capped off a great freshman season at Penn State by winning the NIT (National Invitation Tournament).

Wheeler dished out an assist in the Nittany Lions' 82-66 win against Utah on Thursday at Madison Square Garden.

For the season, Wheeler had 52 steals and 56 assists while averaging 2 points per game in 39 games for Penn State. He made three starts. His best game came Nov. 24 when he totaled 14 points, seven rebounds, five steals and four assists against Oral Roberts.

Four Suwannee weightlifters qualify for state tournament

Skyler Fritz, Chase Clark, Brantley Roberson and KJ

Scott have qualified for the FHSAA Class 1A State Weightlifting Finals that will be held Friday at Arnold High School.

The four qualified through a regional meet March 24 at Baker County. Fritz (119-pound division) lifted a total of 315 in the bench press and clean and jerk. Clark (129-pound class) lifted 425 pounds. Roberson (139 pounds) lifted a total of 430. Scott (219 pounds) lifted 560 pounds.

Clark was both a district champ and a regional champ. Of the 20 state qualifiers in his weight class, Clark had the second-best regional total. Only Alex Smith of Anclote, who lift-



PHOTO: PAUL BUCHANAN (SUWANNEESPORTS.COM)
The SHS football team bears cold weather in preparation of the season.

SHS football team hard at work

The Suwannee High football team has been working

ed 455 pounds, was better. hard in the morning looking to get ready for the upcoming season. The spring season is less than a month away.

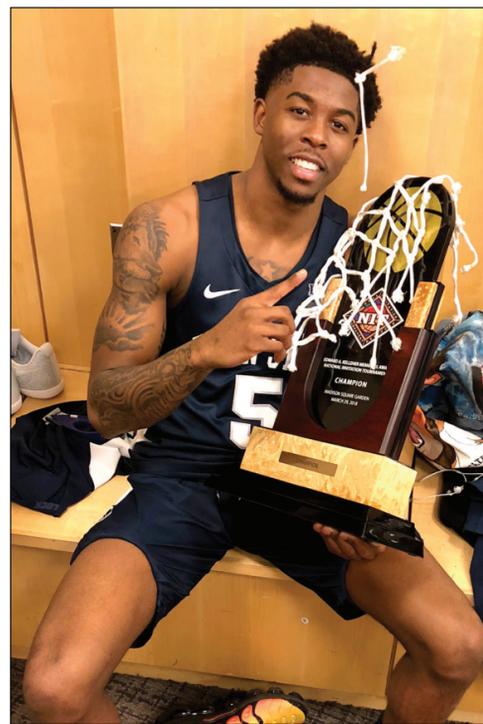


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Jamari Wheeler with the NIT Championship trophy.

Lafayette

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Thursday to help the Hornets topple Hamilton County 3-1. It was Purcell's second straight district win — he defeated Madison County on March 22 — and fourth consecutive win on the mound.

Purcell got ahead of hitters, putting forth another efficient performance that allowed him to pitch the entire way.

"I knew if we could get a couple runs I felt pretty good about holding the lead because Chi Chi is throwing really well," said Lafayette coach Tim Hanson. "The focal point has been throwing a pile of strikes, throw to contact and let the defense play behind you."

The only run Purcell allowed was unearned. Hitting with one out in the top of the sixth, Javy Zamora reached second base on a dropped fly ball. He later scored on a wild pitch.

Zamora also picked up one of the Trojans' three hits, along with Preston Parks and Brad Peacock.

"We competed until the end. That's all you can ask for," said HCHS coach Chris Howard. "Got to give

credit to Purcell — he was the man tonight. He kept the ball down in the zone, had his changeup working well and his curveball.

"He was tough."

Purcell and Caleb Land had two hits apiece for the Hornets, who scored once in the first inning and then picked up two important runs in the fifth inning to take a 3-0 lead. Land started the fifth inning with a double and Purcell followed with a single.

Land scored from third base thanks to a well-placed safety-squeeze bunt from Kerby Hanson. Jarrett Pearson drove in Purcell with a fielder's choice grounder. Pearson hustled hard down the line and beat the throw to first base to prevent a double play that would have ended the inning.

"Those runs were big," said Tim Hanson. "In games like this, runs are such a premium."

"We've been working on those things in practice — 'give me a groundball to see if we can score somebody from third and put down that bunt to see if we can score.' I was glad to see we did that because we've been working on it."

Purcell finished with eight strikeouts. He was in an early battle with Zamora, the Trojans' pitcher. Zamora struck out seven and threw well for the first four innings, but he was forced to exit because of a high pitch count.

He allowed one unearned run in four innings.

UP NEXT: Lafayette (7-4) hosts Fort White on Thursday. Hamilton County (7-6) hosts Columbia on Thursday.

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Lafayette

Beach — 1-4, 1 run, stolen base
Richardson — 1-3, BB
Land — 2-4, 2 doubles, 1 run
Purcell — 2-3, RBI, BB, 1 run — 7 innings pitched, 3 hits, 1 unearned run, 8 strikeouts
Hanson — 1-2, RBI
Pearson — 0-3, RBI
Severance — 1-2, HBP

Hamilton County

Zamora — 1-3, 1 run — 4 innings pitched, 4 hits, seven strikeouts, 1 unearned run
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LHS soccer standout signs with Warner

BY MIKE JONES

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MAYO — Oshean Simpson has been passionate about soccer for a long time. Growing up, he got started by making a goal out of his grandfather's irrigation pipes and using chicken house wiring as the net.

His love for the game continued to grow and so did the amount of time he put into practicing. Then, right before his freshman year at Lafayette, he made the decision to focus even more on soccer.

"I've always loved it," Simpson said. "I really got into soccer when I was going from eighth grade to ninth grade, moving up to varsity. The world cup was on TV — that's when I really got inspired and decided I want to dedicate my time to soccer."

His dedication led to some outstanding seasons at LHS where he had 59 goals and 22 assists as a four-year player. On March 28, he signed with Warner University (Lake Wales, Florida) to play college soccer.

"It's a big honor," Simpson said. "We've only had three or four kids from the school sign for soccer. It's a really big deal to me."

Simpson recorded eight hat tricks during his high school career, none more memorable than his three-goal game against Maclay on Dec. 8, 2016. A sophomore at the time, Simpson led LHS to a 4-4 tie against the powerhouse Maraunders, who won every other district game that season except for that tie.

"We didn't expect to hold up with



PHOTO: MIKE JONES
Oshean Simpson signs to play college soccer.

them," Simpson said. "We had gotten blown out by them several times. That night I just had it in me. That was my best memory."

Lafayette soccer coach Stephen Clark spoke about Simpson's hard work and the accomplishment of signing to play in college.

"Soccer has really been his life. I haven't had a more hard-working player than Oshean the past few years," Clark said. "He puts it all out there — practice and games — each and every time he goes out."

"We don't have a lot of guys sign every year. So I hope he knows how big an accomplishment it is and how proud we all are of him."

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE

“...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:2 NIV

Heart Matters

Save yourself trouble, avoid assumptions

Over the past several months of counseling, I noticed that several of the cases I was working on had something in common.

In fact, I began to recognize this very same culprit showing up in everyday conversations with friends, co-workers and family. His name is Assumption. The dictionary defines assumption as “a thing that is accepted as true or as certain to happen, without proof.” Much to the detriment of our relationships, we all assume things. In other words, we think we know what another person is thinking, or why they made a certain decision, or acted a certain way. Even worse, we are so sure that our assumptions are correct that we base our response to what was said or done solely on what we think is true without ever bothering to ask the other party. Anybody else want to admit guilt here?

This was on my mind when I came across a story in the Old Testament book of Joshua

recently. Joshua 22:10-34 recounts a story about assumption that ends well, so it is definitely worth our attention.

The children of Israel were looking forward to a time of rest after conquering the Promised Land under Joshua’s leadership, and dividing the land between each tribe. The tribes of Reuben, Gad and half of the tribe of Manasseh had received their land on the east side of the Jordan River, but crossed over to help their brothers fight for the rest of the territory. Now, upon returning to their land, they built an altar by the Jordan River. When the other tribes heard of it, “the whole assembly of the people of Israel gathered at Shiloh to make war against them”(Joshua 22:12). Their assumptions rise to the top as they accuse the tribes of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh of building the altar to rebel against the Lord. Thankfully, they sent one leader from each of the tribes to investigate.

What they found to be true was just the opposite. The people of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh built the altar as a witness to the generations to come to confirm their commitment to serve God, not rebel against him. “And the report was good in the eyes of the people of Israel. And the people of Israel blessed God and spoke no more of making war against them to destroy the land where the people of Reuben and Gad were settled” (Joshua 22:33).

What a mess this could have been, and how many have we made by jumping to assume we know something with little to no proof. What do you say we try something different?

“Don’t make assumptions. Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness and drama. With just this

one agreement, you can completely transform your life.”

— Miguel Ruiz

*Blessings,
Angie*



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Try something new with sweet potato chorizo mole

Traditional mole sauce typically gets some of its depth from the addition of bittersweet chocolate. This recipe for “Sweet Potato Chorizo Mole” from Joy Manning and Tara Mataraza Desmond’s “Almost Meatless” (Ten Speed Press) utilizes bittersweet chocolate as well. The result is a flavorful dish that’s sure to please.

Sweet Potato Chorizo Mole
Serves 4 to 6

Ingredients:

- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 4 ounces (about 2 links) chorizo sausage
- 1/2 small onion, cut into 1/4-inch dice (about 1/2 cup)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced (about 1 tablespoon)
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh oregano leaves, or 1 teaspoon dried
- 1 28-ounce can whole peeled tomatoes, juices strained and reserved, tomatoes chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon ancho chile powder
- 1 ounce bittersweet chocolate, chopped (about 2 tablespoons)
- 1 cup fresh or frozen corn, or 1 11-ounce can, drained
- 1 1/2 cups dried black beans, cooked, or 1 15-ounce can, drained and rinsed
- 2/3 cup water
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 pounds yellow or orange sweet potatoes, peeled and cut lengthwise into 1/8-inch slices, or in disks
- 8 ounces Cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 avocado, sliced, for garnish
- 2 limes, cut into wedges, for garnish
- Cilantro sprigs for garnish



Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375 F. Brush a 9 by 13-inch baking dish lightly with oil.

To prepare the tomato mixture, heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Slice the surface of the sausages lengthwise to remove the meat from the casings. Crumble the meat into the hot pan and sauté for about 5 minutes, breaking it up further as it cooks and begins to brown. Add the onion and sauté for 2 minutes. Add the garlic and oregano and cook for 30 seconds more.

Pour the reserved tomato juices into the pan to deglaze, scraping the bits from the bottom. Add the chopped tomatoes, cumin, chile powder, and chocolate. Stir to combine while the chocolate melts. Add the corn and black beans, reduce the heat to medium, and allow the mixture to simmer for about 10 minutes. Stir in the water. Taste for seasoning and add salt and pepper if necessary.

Meanwhile, to assemble and cook, spread one-third of the sweet potatoes on the bottom of the prepared baking dish, overlapping the slices. Scoop half the tomato mixture (a heaping cup) and spread evenly across the first layer of potatoes. Top with one-third of the shredded cheese. Repeat this layering process, ending with a layer of potatoes. Reserve the last third of the cheese.

Once assembled, cover with foil, pushing it onto the surface of the top layer, and bake for 1 to 1 1/2 hours, until potatoes are fork tender (yellow sweet potatoes tend to take longer). Remove the foil and sprinkle the remaining third of the cheese atop the potatoes. Bake for an additional 10 minutes.

Remove from the oven and let rest for at least 10 minutes to allow the layers to set up.

Cut and serve with avocado and lime wedges. Garnish with cilantro as desired.

Simplify cocktail party prep

Hosting is a big responsibility that only gets bigger when food is being served. Hosts without much time on their hands to prepare foods for cocktail hour need only a few minutes to whip up the following recipe for “Gorgonzola Canapés with Walnuts” from A.J. Rathbun’s “Party Snacks!” (Harvard Common Press).

Gorgonzola Canapés with Walnuts
Makes 30 canapés

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups crumbled Gorgonzola cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 30 sturdy round crackers
- 3/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley



Directions:

1. In a medium-size bowl, toss the Gorgonzola and walnuts. When tossing, be gentle, as you don’t want to end up with big clumps.
2. Top each cracker with a small mound of the cheese mixture, pressing the mixture lightly onto each cracker to keep it from slipping off. Top each cracker with 3 or 4 cranberries, and sprinkle a touch of minced parsley on top of each.

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When consumed in coffee, caffeine may help prevent certain diseases. Caffeine, which is a mild stimulant by nature, has been linked to lower risks of Alzheimer's disease. The NIH also says caffeine may lower a person's risk of developing Parkinson's disease and other dementias, while also boosting concentration and memory. The biologically active compounds in coffee also can help prevent diseases like stroke and certain cancers.

The research study, "Adenosine, Adenosine Receptors and the Actions of Caffeine," first published in February 1995, states that caffeine blocks an inhibitory neurotransmitter called adenosine. When this occurs, the amount of other neurotransmitters,



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such as norepinephrine and dopamine, can increase. This can improve the firing of neurons, leading to improvements in mood, memory, energy, and general cognitive function.

For individuals looking to shed a little extra weight, caffeine may help there, too. Several studies show that caffeine can boost metabolic rate by three to 11 percent, according to Healthline. Coffee, which boasts the vitamins B2, B5, B3, manganese, and

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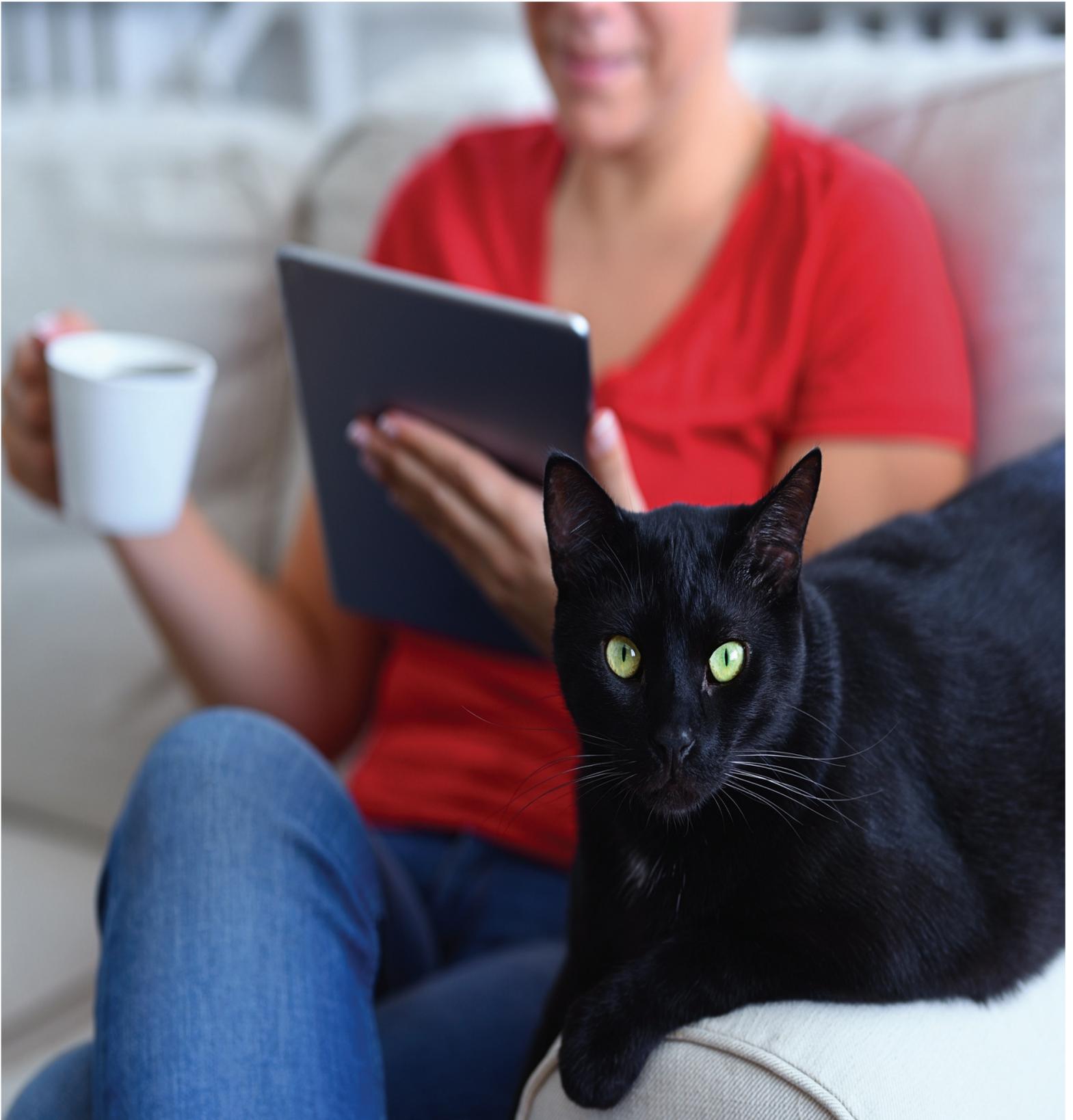


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Your Cat's *SCRATCH* Has Met Its Match

Why cats scratch and how to safely stop it

FAMILY FEATURES

Ever since the day the first feline became a house cat, destructive cat scratching has plagued owners. All the affection and loving care owners shower upon their cats can feel like wasted energy when the thanks they get looks more like hatred: shredded furniture, carpet and curtains.

It's a normal human response to be angry or frustrated about damage inflicted by cats' scratching, but equally normal is a cat's need to scratch. Cat scratching is a behavior that fulfills both physical and emotional needs. Cats scratch to stretch their bodies, maintain their hunting and climbing skills, groom their claws and mark their territory, showing they're in a safe space.

However, these behaviors cats exhibit to establish a safe living space can be anything but pleasant for their human companions. This can lead frustrated owners to take drastic measures to modify behavior, but those decisions can be risky, especially when it comes to a permanent and potentially harmful practice like declawing.

Many pet owners believe that declawing their cats is a harmless and quick fix for unwanted scratching,

similar to trimming one's nails. However, if a declawing procedure were performed on a human being, it would be like cutting off each finger at the last knuckle.

"Not only does the practice cause pain, it removes an important self-defense tool and the surgery itself poses risks related to anesthesia and infection," said Dr. Valarie V. Tynes, president of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists, licensed veterinarian and veterinary services specialist at Ceva Animal Health. "All of this can lead to behavioral issues that may be worse than a shredded couch."

Declawing is an irreversible measure to address a normal behavioral issue in cats. Declawed cats may be less likely to use a litter box, more likely to bite and the disruption of the natural scratching behavior can cause lasting physiological problems.

That sentiment is echoed by national organizations such as the American Association for Feline Practitioners, which deems the practice of declawing an ethically controversial procedure that is not medically necessary in most instances. In fact, declawing cats is now illegal in several U.S. cities.

Find alternatives to declawing, and cat-scratching solutions, at savethecouches.com.

5 Humane Alternatives to Declawing

There are numerous safe and painless alternatives to declawing, including these ideas from the pet behavior experts at Ceva Animal Health:

1. Routinely trim nails. Regular nail care is an important part of general care and hygiene for your cat, but it can also help prevent scratching damage by eliminating the sharp, destructive claw tips. Properly trimmed nails are less likely to snag or split, and cats with well-trimmed nails are less likely to resort to scratching as part of their own self-grooming rituals.

2. Create scratch-friendly zones. Keeping cats from scratching areas you don't want them to bother is far more likely if you provide areas where they can scratch at will, such as scratching pads and posts. Pair these scratching areas with a product such as FeliScratch by Feliway, which is clinically proven to prevent destructive scratching by redirecting cats to scratch in the right place. Cats are attracted to the drug-free, naturally derived product and will feel compelled to scratch where it's applied, leaving that chair or couch alone.

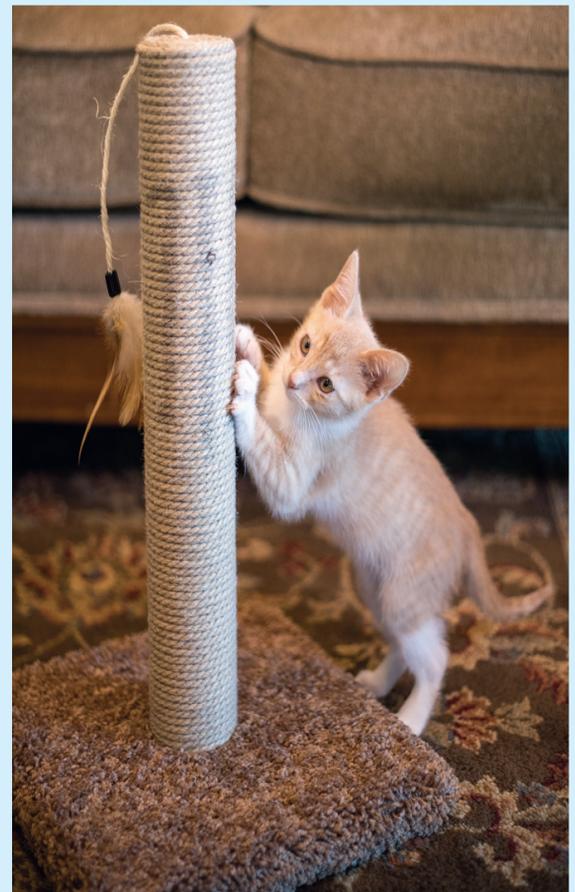
"Cat owners can now have damage-free home decor without putting their cats through the stress and potential

physical harm of the painful declawing procedure," Tynes said.

3. Reinforce off-limits areas. Cats are highly tactile, so applying textured materials like double-sided sticky tape or rough, crinkly aluminum foil to areas you don't want scratched can be an effective deterrent.

4. Consult a behaviorist. Not all cases have easy answers, but an expert with experience in animal behavior can provide guidance based specifically on your cat's personality and circumstances to help create a custom solution.

5. Eliminate negative reinforcements. Avoid punishing your cat for undesirable behavior. This includes shouting, spraying with water or swatting your cat. Punishment can increase stress and anxiety. It can make the problem worse and may even make your cat afraid of you.



DIY Scratching Post

Designating a spot for your cat to safely scratch is one of the most effective ways to minimize damage to your possessions. A homemade scratching post is a quick and easy project.

1. Cut foot-long length of 4-by-4-inch wood and a 1-foot square piece of plywood. The exact sizes can vary, but these are good starting points that you can adjust up or down, depending on your space.
2. Sand away splinters and rough edges.
3. Add a sturdy fabric wrap or paint to lend aesthetic appeal to the plywood base.
4. Wrap the post tightly with heavy-gauge rope or carpet scraps (or both), securing tightly with glue and reinforcing with a staple gun.
5. Securely attach the post to the base using a long bolt.
6. Place the post in an area your cat enjoys spending time, and consider adding a pheromone therapy spray to attract your cat to the post.

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CITY OF LIVE OAK / CRA BUILDING DEMOLITION / ASBESTOS REMOVAL & ABATEMENT SERVICES

The City of Live Oak / Community Re-development Agency, herein referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids marked "SEALED BID FOR CITY OF LIVE OAK / CRA - BUILDING DEMOLITION / ASBESTOS REMOVAL & ABATEMENT SERVICES". Bid packages will be received by the City of Live Oak City Clerk for the Demolition of the Old Suwannee Meat Packing commercial structure and foundation, located at 780 Cooper St SE, Live Oak, FL 32064

Proposals shall be addressed to the City of Live Oak / CRA Attn.: Kim Smiley, CPP - Purchasing Agent 101 White Ave. S.E. Live Oak, Florida 32064

Proposals shall be delivered to the City Clerk's Office, located at 101 White Avenue, SE, Live Oak, Florida, 32064 no later than **2:00 P.M. on May 10, 2018**. Proposals shall be designated as "SEALED BID FOR CITY OF LIVE OAK / CRA - BUILDING DEMOLITION / ASBESTOS REMOVAL & ABATEMENT SERVICES". All bids must be submitted in triplicate. Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at **2:05 P.M. on May 10, 2018** at City Hall, Council Chambers at the above address.

Interested parties should contact Kim Smiley, CPP Purchasing Agent, KSmiley@cityofliveoak.org, (386) 362-2276 for a complete set of bid documents. Bidding Documents will be transmitted electronically to interested parties at no charge. Bidding documents may also be downloaded directly from the City of Live Oak website, www.cityofliveoak.org, under the Public Notices Tab.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid on-site meeting and location inspection is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. on location at 780 Cooper St. SE, Live Oak, FL 32064.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids. The City of Live Oak is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Each Bidder must deposit with his/her bid, a security in conformance with the conditions provided in the Bid Documents.

City of Live Oak, Florida
Ron E. Williams, City Manager
Address: 101 White Avenue S.E.
Live Oak, Florida 32064
04/04, 04/06/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. 2018-45 CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT V. BOLKS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **Robert V. Bolks**, deceased, whose date of death was **December 7, 2017**, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is **200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064**. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is April 4, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative: **William B. Brannon, Jr.**
E-Mail Address: bill.brannon68@gmail.com
Florida Bar No. 327484
934 NE Lake DeSoto Circle
Lake City, Florida 32055
Telephone: (386) 755-3456

Personal Representative: **Susan K. Oliver**
230 Lexington Circle
Athens, Georgia 30605
04/04, 04/11/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 61-2014-CA-000179

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS OF BANCO DE AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-8 MORTGAGE PASSTHROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-8,

Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES,

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GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, GEORGIA D. TEFFT A/K/A GEORGIA DARLEEN TEFFT, DECEASED, et al,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated March 15, 2018, and entered in Case No. 61-2014-CA-000179 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for Suwannee County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., As Trustee for the Certificateholders of Banco de America Alternative Loan Trust 2006-8 Mortgage Passthrough Certificates, Series 2006-8, is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against, Georgia D. Tefft a/k/a Georgia Darleen Tefft, deceased, Jeffrey Allan Tefft, Jr., as an Heir of the Estate of Georgia D. Tefft a/k/a Georgia Darleen Tefft, deceased, Stephanie L. Tefft, as an Heir of the Estate of Georgia D. Tefft a/k/a Georgia Darleen Tefft, deceased, are defendants, the Suwannee County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front steps of the Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 South Ohio/Dr. MLK, Jr. Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064, Suwannee County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 10th day of May, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

PART OF THE NORTH WEST ONE FOURTH OF NORTH WEST ONE FOURTH OF SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH RANGE 11 EAST SUWANNEE COUNTY FLORIDA BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS FOR POINT OF REFERENCE COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 15 THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 15 A DISTANCE OF 687.34 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 573.16 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 380.00 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 573.16 FEET TO SAID WEST LINE THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID WEST LINE A DISTANCE OF 380.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING A/K/A 12068 225TH RD, LIVE OAK, FL 32064

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

Dated in Suwannee County, Florida this 20th day of March, 2018.

(Court Seal)
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Suwannee County, Florida

By: */s/ Felicia Flowers*
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation to participate should call the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, (386) 719-7428, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770.
04/04, 04/11/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2018-CA-000048

VALIDATION OF \$1,000,000 SCHOOL BOARD OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2018

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, a school board organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida,

Plaintiff,
vs.
THE STATE OF FLORIDA, and the taxpayers, property owners and citizens of Suwannee County, Florida, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation therein, and others claiming any right, title or interest in property to be affected by the issuance of the bonds herein described or to be affected in any way thereby,

Defendants.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

TO: THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THROUGH THE STATE ATTORNEY FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, AND TO THE SEVERAL TAXPAYERS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITIZENS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, INCLUDING NON-RESIDENTS OWNING PROPERTY OR SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREIN, AND OTHERS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE ISSUANCE OF THE PLAINTIFF'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, HEREINAFTER MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED, OR TO BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY THEREBY:

Plaintiff, the School Board of Suwannee County, Florida ("Plaintiff"), having filed its Complaint for Validation ("Complaint") in this action pursuant to

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chapter 75, Florida Statutes, seeking to determine the authority of the Plaintiff to issue its Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, in the amount of not to exceed \$1,000,000 ("Bonds") (a more particular description of the Bonds being contained in the Complaint), to determine the legality of the proceedings had and taken in connection therewith, and the legality of the provisions, covenants and agreements contained therein and the revenues pledged to the payment thereof, and seeking a judgment of this Court to validate the proceedings for the Bonds, the revenues pledged for the payment thereof, and the Bonds when issued pursuant thereto, and the Complaint now having been presented to this Court, for entry of an Order to Show Cause pursuant to chapter 75, Florida Statutes, and the Court being fully advised in the premises:

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the State of Florida, through the State Attorney of the Third Judicial Circuit of Florida, and the several taxpayers, property owners and citizens of Suwannee County, Florida, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation therein, and others claiming any right, title or interest in property to be affected by the issuance of the Bonds or to be affected in any way thereby, be and they are each hereby required to appear and show cause, if any there be, before this Court on May 9, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the undersigned Circuit Judge at the Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064, why the prayers of the Complaint should not be granted and why the proceedings for the Bonds when issued pursuant thereto and the revenues pledged to the payment thereof should not be validated and confirmed as therein prayed.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that this Order to Show Cause be published in the manner required by section 75.06, Florida Statutes. **AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that by such publication of this Order to Show Cause all taxpayers, property owners and citizens of Suwannee County, Florida, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation therein, and all others having or claiming any right, title or interest in property to be affected by the issuance of the Bonds or to be affected in any way thereby, or of the validity of the Bonds, or of any revenues pledged for payment thereof, or of the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, including any remedies provided for their collection, be and they are made parties defendant to this proceeding, and that this Court shall have jurisdiction of them to the same extent as if named as defendants in the Complaint and personally served with process in this cause. **DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida, this 26th day of March, 2018.

/s/ David W. Fina
DAVID W. FINA
CIRCUIT JUDGE

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Carrina Cooper, Court Administration, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, Florida 32055 (386) 758-2163, cooper.carrina@jud3.flcourts.org, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
04/04, 04/11/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2018-CP-40

IN RE: Estate of ADAM THOMAS BRANTLEY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Adam Thomas Brantley, deceased, Case No. 2018-CP-40, the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064; that the Decedent's date of death was September 2, 2017; that the total value of the non-exempt assets of the estate is \$0.00 and the name and address of the individual to whom the assets have been assigned by such order is Justin Waters, whose address is 10332 34th Place, Live Oak, Florida 32066.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the Decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the Decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court **WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH 733.702(1), FLORIDA STATUTES OR THE CLAIM WILL BE BARRED.**

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) OR MORE YEARS AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of the notice to creditors is April 4, 2018.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice: */s/ Rose Decker Chauncey*
ROSE DECKER CHAUNCEY
THE CHAUNCEY LAW FIRM, P.A.

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FLORIDA BAR NO. 47021
320 White Avenue-Street Address
Post Office Drawer 548-Mailing Address
Live Oak, Florida 32064
Telephone: (386) 364-4445
Telecopier: (386) 364-4508
Email: rdc@chaunceylaw.com

Person Giving Notice: */s/ Gina Waters*
GINA WATERS
10357 34th Place
Live Oak, Florida 32060
04/04, 04/11/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting **Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.** in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340, 850-973-1618, or email galyardc@nfcc.edu. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653 or news@nfcc.edu. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.
04/04/2018

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 **SUWANNEE COUNTY, State of Florida, on the SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018, A.D.**, to fill or retain the following offices:

- United States Senator
- Representative in Congress: District 2
- Florida Cabinet - Governor
- Florida Cabinet - Lieutenant Governor
- Florida Cabinet - Attorney General
- Florida Cabinet - Chief Financial Officer
- Florida Cabinet - Commissioner of Agriculture
- State Representative: District 10
- Circuit Judge, Third Judicial Circuit: Groups 2, 3 and 5
- School Board: Districts 3, 4 and 5
- County Commissioner: Districts 2 and 4
- Suwannee County Conservation District: Groups 2 and 4
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OFFICIAL 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 **SUWANNEE, Estado de la Florida, el día SEIS de NOVIEMBRE de 2018 d. C.**, para determinar la ocupación o la retención de los siguientes cargos:

- Senador de los Estados Unidos
- Representante ante el Congreso: distrito 2
- Gabinete de la Florida - Gobernador
- 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 10
- Juez del Circuito, 3.er Circuito Judicial: grupos 2, 3 y 5
- Junta Escolar: distritos 3, 4 y 5
- Comisionado del Condado: distritos 2 y 4
- Distrito de Conservación del Condado de Suwannee: grupos 2 y 4
04/04, 04/11/2018

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Northeast District Draft Air Permit No. 1210467-004-AC Suwannee County Solid Waste Department Suwannee County, Florida

Applicant: The applicant for this project is Suwannee County Solid Waste Department. The applicant's authorized representative and mailing address is: Mr. Randy Harris, County Manager, Suwannee County Solid Waste Department, 13150 SW 80th Terrace, Live Oak, Florida 32060.

Facility Location: Suwannee County Solid Waste Department operates the municipal solid waste landfill and air curtain incinerator, which are located in Suwannee County at 10901 S. 144th Street, Live Oak, Florida

Project: The facility operates an Air Burners, LLC Air Curtain Incinerator Model No. T-400 Trench Burner that utilizes an earthen trench. The unit is designed for the high temperature burning of yard trash, forest slash, land clearing debris and untreated wood waste. Particulate matter and unconfined particulate matter emissions are generated from the wood burning process, transportation and stockpiling of materials. Pollutant emissions (including HAP emissions) are below Title V major source thresholds. No add-on controls are utilized at the facility.

The unit has a maximum incineration rate of 6 tons/hour and the fuel consumption rate of the diesel engine is approximately 2.5 gallons/hour. The proposed construction project authorizes an increase in operation hours for the Air Burners, LLC Air Curtain Incinerator Model No. T-400 Trench Burner (EU001) from 275

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hours per year to 1300 hours per year.

Permitting Authority: Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210 and 62-212 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and an air permit is required to perform the proposed work. The Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project is the Northeast District. The Permitting Authority's physical address is: 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. The Permitting Authority's mailing address is: 8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. The Permitting Authority's phone number is (904) 256-1700.

Project File: A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 am. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at the physical address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the Draft Permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the application and information submitted by the applicant (exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S.). Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project engineer for additional information at the address and phone number listed above. In addition, electronic copies of these documents are available on the following web site: <https://fldep.dep.state.fl.us/air/emission/apds/default.asp>.

Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue an air construction permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of the Air Burners, LLC Air Curtain Incinerator Model No. T-400 Trench Burner will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-296 and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a Find Permit in accordance with the conditions of the proposed Draft Permit unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. or unless public comment received in accordance with this notice results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the proposed Draft Permit for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of the Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of this 14-day period. If written comments received result in a significant change to the Draft Permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the Draft Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection.

Petitions: A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of

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the Public Notice or receipt of a written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. A petition for administrative hearing must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) with the Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. **Agency Clerk@dep.state.fl.us** before the deadline. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, any email address, telephone number and any facsimile number of the petitioner; the name, address any email address, telephone number, and any facsimile number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how each petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petitioner must so state; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this Public Notice of Intent to issue Air Permit. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Permitting Authority on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Mediation: Mediation is not available in this proceeding.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 17000026CAAXMX

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Gary E. Stein; Unknown Spouse of Gary E. Stein; Cross Roads Estates Homeowners' Association, Inc.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Order Canceling and Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 13, 2018, entered in Case No. 17000026CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, in and for Hamilton County, Florida, wherein PennyMac Loan Services, LLC is the Plaintiff and Gary E. Stein; Unknown Spouse of Gary E. Stein; Cross Roads Estates Homeowners' Association, Inc. are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the south front door of the courthouse, 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, FL 32052, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 18th day of April, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 13, CROSSROADS ESTATES, PHASE 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 19-21, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 19th day of February, 2018.

(Court Seal) W. Greg Godwin As Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Individuals with a disability who require special accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055, (386) 719-7428, within two (2) business days of receipt of this notice to appear. Individuals who are hearing impaired should call (800) 955-8771. Individuals who are voice impaired should call (800) 955-8770. 03/29, 04/05/2018

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO: 2018-CP-13

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

JOE BURWELL STALLINGS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

Within three months from the time of the first publication of this notice, you are required to file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Florida, Probate division, the address of which is 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, Florida 32052 a written and verified statement of any claim or demand you may have against the estate of JOE BURWELL STALLINGS, deceased.

Each claim must be in writing and must indicate the basis for the claim, the name and address of the creditor or his agent or attorney, and the amount claimed. If the claim is not yet due, the date when it will become due shall be stated. If the claim is contingent or unliquidated, the nature of the uncertainty shall be stated. If the claim is secured, the security shall be described. The claimant shall deliver a copy of the claim to the clerk who shall furnish a copy to the personal representative.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2018.

/s/ Donald Rudsder Donald K. Rudsder Florida Bar No. 120735 P.O. Box 948 Jasper, Florida 32052 (386) 792-1933 rudserd@windstream.net Attorney for the Personal Representative 03/29, 04/05/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 18000012CAAXMX

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MONTINE C. HALL, DECEASED, et. al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION-

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CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MONTINE C. HALL, DECEASED,

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOT #24 OF LAKEWOOD FOREST WEST SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 76 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before 30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Hamilton County, Florida, this 19th day of March, 2018.

(Court Seal) GREG GODWIN CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Cynthia Johnson DEPUTY CLERK

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, SCHNEID, PL ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487 PRIMARY EMAIL: mail@rasflaw.com 04/05, 04/12/2018

In the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, in and for Lafayette County, Florida

Case No: 2018-33-DR

In The Interest of:

Riley A. Smith

Robert A. Fleming and Kathy M. Fleming - Petitioners

Brett Smith - Respondent

You are notified that an action for Petition for Temporary Custody by Extended Family has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any,

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to Karen D. Hatton, PA, Attorney for Petitioners, PO Box 446, Mayo, FL 32060

On or before May 16, 2018 and file the original with the Clerk of Court at 120 W Main Street, Mayo, FL 32060, before service on the undersigned attorney or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The Action is asking the Court to award Temporary Custody by Extended Family.

Copies of all court documents in the case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and Email address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law form 12.915) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or emailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

Warning: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of Pleadings. 04/05, 04/12, 04/19, 04/26/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO: 2018-CP-19

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

KENNETH MARTIN WALDRUP, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

Within three months from the time of the first publication of this notice, you are required to file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Florida, Probate division, the address of which is 207 NE 1st Street, Jasper, Florida 32052 a written and verified statement of any claim or demand you may have against the estate of KENNETH MARTIN WALDRUP, deceased.

Each claim must be in writing and must indicate the basis for the claim, the name and address of the creditor or his agent or attorney, and the amount claimed. If the claim is not yet due, the date when it will become due shall be stated. If the claim is contingent or unliquidated, the nature of

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the uncertainty shall be stated. If the claim is secured, the security shall be described. The claimant shall deliver a copy of the claim to the clerk who shall furnish a copy to the personal representative.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

Dated this 29th day of March, 2018.

/s/ Donald Rudsder Donald K. Rudsder Florida Bar No. 120735 P.O. Box 948 Jasper, Florida 32052 (386) 792-1933 rudserd@windstream.net Attorney for the Personal Representative 04/05, 04/12/2018

JASPER SUPER STORAGE 1213 US HWY 129 N JASPER, FL 850-253-5584

The contents of the following storage units will be sold on April 12, 2018 at the address stated above:

Angela Brinson - Units 41

Unknown Occupant(s) - Unit 39

Gerri Hill - Unit 43 03/29, 04/05/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340, 850-973-1618, or email gaylardc@nfcc.edu. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653 or news@nfcc.edu. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer. 04/05/2018

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 HAMILTON County, State of Florida, on the SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018, A.D., to fill or retain the following offices:

United States Senator

Representative in Congress: District 5

Florida Cabinet - Governor

Florida Cabinet - Lieutenant Governor

Florida Cabinet - Attorney General

Florida Cabinet - Chief Financial Officer

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Florida Cabinet - Commissioner of Agriculture

State Representative: District 10

Circuit Judge, Third Judicial Circuit: Groups 2, 3 and 5

County Judge: Group 1

School Board: Districts 1, 4 and 5

County Commissioner: Districts 2 and 4

Hamilton Soil and Water Conservation District: Groups 1, 3 and 5 04/05, 04/12/2018

OFFICIAL 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 HAMILTON, Estado de la Florida, el día SEIS de NOVIEMBRE de 2018 d. C., para determinar la ocupación o la retención de los siguientes cargos:

Senador de los Estados Unidos

Representante ante el Congreso: distrito 5

Gabinete de la Florida - Gobernador

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 10

Juez del Circuito, 3er Circuito Judicial: grupos 2, 3 y 5

Juez del Condado: grupo 1

Junta Escolar: distritos 1, 4 y 5

Comisionado del Condado: distritos 2 y 4

Distrito de Conservación de Tierra y Agua de Hamilton: grupos 1, 3 y 5 04/05, 04/12/2018

PUBLIC AUCTION

Location: Dennis' Garage 8109 NW CR 146 Jennings, FL 32053

Date: 04/16/2018 Time: 8:00 A.M.

2014 VOLK VIN: 3VVW17AJ6EM409832

2008 HONDA VIN: 2HGFG11688H562820 04/05/2018

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AGENDA, TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF MAYO, FLORIDA REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018, 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM, 276 WEST MAIN STREET

REGULAR MEETING

- 1. Adopt Agenda
2. Approve Minutes
3. Citizen Input
4. Old Business
5. Review Commercial Site Plan for Drummond Park
6. Department Reports
a. Sampson Roberts
b. Aaron Lawson
c. Mack Hinkle
d. Sheriff Brian Lamb
e. Lafayette Activities Group
f. Severance Disposal
7. Miscellaneous Items
8. Pay Bills
9. Adjourn
04/05/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 342012CA000093CAAXMX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,

vs.

CORY R. SNIDER A/K/A CORY RUSSELL SNIDER, et al

Defendant(s).

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

RE-NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale filed February 14, 2018 and entered in Case No. 342012CA000093CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for LAFAYETTE COUNTY, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff, and CORY R. SNIDER A/K/A CORY RUSSELL SNIDER, et al are Defendants, the clerk, Steve Land, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 A.M. Lafayette County Courthouse, North Door in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 20th day of April, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Lis Pendens, to wit:

PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, LYING SOUTH OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 320, SITUATED IN SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 11 EAST, LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FOR POINT OF REFERENCE COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, A DISTANCE OF 14.83 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 600.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 666.53 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 329.99 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 159.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 270.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 320 (FORMERLY COUNTY ROAD NO. 251); THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE

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OF 508.54 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated at Mayo, LAFAYETTE COUNTY, Florida, this 12th day of March 2018.

(Court Seal) Steve Land Clerk of said Circuit Court

By: /s/ Hannah Owens As Deputy Clerk

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Individuals with a disability who require special accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055, (386) 719-7428, within two (2) business days of receipt of this notice to appear. Individuals who are hearing impaired should call (800) 955-8770. 04/05, 04/12/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE #: 2017-CA-000108

Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff,

vs.

Mary T. Baxter a/k/a Mary Baxter; Stephen D. Baxter a/k/a Steve Baxter; Unknown Spouse of Mary T. Baxter a/k/a Mary Baxter; Unknown Spouse of Stephen D. Baxter a/k/a Steve Baxter; David M. Morse; Amelia L. Morse; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, as to Main House, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, as to Main House, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #3, as to Mobile Home, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2017-CA-000108 of the Circuit Court of the 3rd Judicial Circuit in and for Lafayette County, Florida, wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff and Mary T. Baxter a/k/a Mary Baxter are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Steve Land, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the North door of the Lafayette County Courthouse, located at Fletcher Street, Mayo, Lafayette County, Flor-

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ida, at 11:00 A.M. on May 10, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

ALL OF LOT 23, AND ALSO THE WEST 166.00 FEET OF LOT 24 AND ALSO THE WEST 200.00 FEET OF LOT 22, BUCK COUNTRY SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK A, PAGES 96-97, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 173 Northeast Hernando Street, Room 408, Lake City, Florida 32055; (386) 758-2163 adamail@jud3.ficourts.org at least 7 days before your scheduled appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

(Court Seal) Steve Land CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Lafayette County, Florida

By: /s/ Hannah Owens DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT 04/05, 04/12/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 18-48DR

BRITTANY TOWNSEND, Petitioner,

and

FRANCISCO GARCIA-BIZA, Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: Francisco Garcia-Biza LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Mexico Neveo Balza gro

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Brittany Townsend whose address is 4929 NE CR 354, Mayo, FL 32066 on or before April 27, 2018 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 88, Mayo, FL 32066 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: March 21, 2018

(Court Seal) Steve Land CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Hannah Owens Deputy Clerk 03/29, 04/05, 04/12, 04/19/2018

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No: 2017-000152-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WAYNE R. PETRENA a/k/a WAYNE RANDY PETRENA, as Personal Representative of the Estate of George H. Petrena, Jr., Deceased; and UNKNOWN TENANT #1 and UNKNOWN TENANT #2,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: WAYNE R. PETRENA a/k/a WAYNE RANDY PETRENA as Personal Representative of the Estate of George H. Petrena, Jr., Deceased 199 SE Camp Street Lake City, Florida 32055 (Last Known Address)

WAYNE R. PETRENA a/k/a WAYNE RANDY PETRENA as Personal Representative of the Estate of George H. Petrena, Jr., Deceased 2237 Hickory Court Tallahassee, Florida 32305 (Last Known Address)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage securing a debt on the following property in Lafayette County, Florida:

LOT 147 OF RIVER BEND, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK A, PAGE 32 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney, J. Marshall Conrad, whose address is Ausley McMullen, Post Office Box 391, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, on or

Community Calendar



Community Calendar APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easter	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Tax Day	18	19	20	21
22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

April 4
Francis Gary Powers, Jr. Presentation and Book Signing
6 p.m.
Francis Gary Power, Jr., international lecturer on the Cold War and son of Francis Gary Powers, the U2 pilot shot down over Russia in 1960, will speak on the spy plane incident. He recently published a book Letters from a Soviet Prison: the personal journal and correspondence of CIA U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers. Copies of this book will be available for purchase and signing.
Suwannee River Regional Library
386-362-2317

April 5
Health Insurance Marketplace Navigator Assistance
9:00am
A certified Health Insurance Navigator will be available starting at 9:00am to assist with questions about the Affordable Care Act. Please call Beverley Fountain of Suwannee River Area Health Education Center to schedule an appointment at (386) 249-4260 or (386) 462-1551.
Suwannee River Regional Library
386-362-2317

April 5
Woodturning Bowls
12:00pm-1:00pm
Dana Homminga will discuss woodturning bowls. as part of the Pioneer Life series.
Suwannee River Regional Library
386-362-2317

April 6
"Fried Chicken Friday"
"Fried Chicken Friday", Friday, April 6, from 4-7 p.m., at Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, located at 145 SW Sweetbreeze Drive, Lake City (386-752-3807) – take US-90 West past Harvey's Supermarket.
Dinner includes: Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Roll & Brownie. Children half price. **Takeout available.**

April 6 & 7
Yard Sale
The Live Oak Church of God will be hosting a yard sale on April 6 and 7 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a variety of items for sale. Proceeds will benefit the Ladies' Ministries. The church is located at 9828 U.S. Hwy. 129S in Live Oak.

April 7
April Gathering of the SongFarmers
The April Gathering of the SongFarmers of the Suwannee River Valley will be Saturday, April 7, 7:00-9:00 PM, at St. James Episcopal Church, 2423 SW Bascom Norris Drive, Lake City, 32025. They will be joined this month by Skip Johns and the Lowlands Band. Acoustic jam style format. Musicians, friends and families welcome. No charge. For additional information, contact Skip Johns at 386-344-2906 or visit the Suwannee River Valley SongFarmers Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/songfarmersofthesuwanneerivervalley/>

April 7
Yard Sale/Car Wash
Mt. Olive Baptist Church youth will be hosting their annual yard sale and car wash on Saturday, April 7 from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge building in downtown Wellborn on CR 137. A chicken and rice dinner will also be available starting at 11 a.m.

This is a fundraiser to help the youth go to summer camp. Guests are welcome to get their car washed for a donation, shop the yard sale and stay for lunch. Mt. Olive Baptist Church thanks the community for their support.
For pricing information, contact Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

April 7
Spring Fling, yard and bake sale
The Live Oak Garden Club will be hosting a spring fling on April 7 from 8 a.m. until noon. The spring fling will be held at their clubhouse between Shands Hospital and the Coliseum. In addition to the plant sale, there will be a yard and bake sale with plant and craft vendors. A "Hibachi Highway" food truck will be present so guests may buy a snack or stay for lunch.

April 10
"Iron Sharpens Iron" event
The all-men's event, "Iron Sharpens Iron," Proverbs 27:17 will be held on April 10, with former FSU coach Bobby Bowden sharing a word to the men and boys of how God can change your life in many ways. Doors open at 6 p.m. A love offering will be received. The event is free to attend. For more information, contact the Live Oak Church of God.

April 11
Knitting Class
11:30am-12:30pm
Learn how to knit, purl, cast on, and bind off. Please bring needles and yarn.
Taught by Debra Barney
Suwannee River Regional Library
386-362-2317

April 11
Summer Greens Workshop
2:00pm
Learn how to select the right greens to grow and alter your growing techniques to account for the heat, bugs, and potential lack of rain. Presented by Suwannee County Master Gardeners.
Suwannee River Regional Library
386-362-2317

April 14
CPR & First Aid Class
9:00am-3:00pm
Free class taught by Suwannee Fire Rescue. Space is limited. Please pre-register.
Suwannee River Regional Library
386-362-2317

April 18
Crocheting Class
11:30am-12:30pm
Learn how to crochet. Please bring needles and yarn.
Taught by Debra Barney
Suwannee River Regional Library
386-362-2317

April 14
Pancake Breakfast
Pancake Breakfast, Sat., April 14, from 8-11 a.m., at Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, located at 145 SW Sweetbreeze Drive, Lake City (386-752-3807) – take US-90 West past Harvey's Supermarket. **Takeout available.**

April 14
Alligator Lake Spring Festival
The Alligator Lake Spring Festival will be held Saturday, April 14 at Alligator Lake Park in Lake City from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Enjoy a free community festival celebrating nature. Bird walks led by experts start at 8 a.m. on

Community Calendar event submissions

Want to place your upcoming event(s) in our weekly Community Calendar?

Email your events to aimee.buckner@gaffnews.com.

Include basic details such as who, what, where and when.

Please note: profitable events will need to be handled by our advertising department. For more information, contact Aimee via email. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 3 p.m.

the Florida Birding Trail. Walking workshops highlight butterflies, native plants and bird habitats. Featuring a Full Flight Raptor Program, with live owls, falcons and hawks by Accipiter Enterprises™. Vendors and exhibitors offer nature and garden related items, and native plants. Many free activities will be offered for children, music, food and drinks will be available. www.fourriversaudubon.org

April 14
60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Gala
The North Florida Community College Foundation has an elegant night of dinner, dancing, entertainment and reminiscing planned for its 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Gala (student scholarship fundraiser) on Saturday, April 14. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, contact the NFCC Foundation at 850-973-9414 or foundation@nfcc.edu. To make seating and table reservations: (850) 973-9414 or www.ticketsource.us/nfcc.

April 19
Wind Resistant Trees Workshop
12:00pm-1:00pm
When choosing a new tree for your Florida landscape, or deciding whether to remove a tree, take wind into consideration. Presented by Suwannee County Extension Agent, Carolyn Saft.
Suwannee River Regional Library
386-362-2317

April 20
John McEuen and The String Wizards to Perform
The NFCC Artist Series presents John McEuen and The String Wizards on Friday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at Van H. Priest Auditorium. Join Grammy-award winning host John McEuen (founding member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band), with his banjo, guitar, fiddle and mandolin, and The String Wizards on an incredible journey interwoven with music, stories and memories of the iconic 'Circle' album including Dirt Band favorites and hot bluegrass. Tickets: (850) 973-1653 or www.ticketsource.us/nfcc.

April 21
Annual Fitness Run
NFCC's annual Fitness Run is set for April 21 in conjunction with the Madison County Florida Down Home Days festival. 5-K Run/Walk begins at 8 a.m. One-mile Fun Run/Walk begins at 9 a.m. Proceeds from this event will support Relay for Life. Register at www.nfcc.edu/fitness-run or contact Tyler Coody at (850) 973-1639.

April 23
Jasper Lowder in Concert
6:00pm
Local musician, Jasper Lowder will perform a variety of music from country to original songs, while singing and playing on his acoustic guitar.
Suwannee River Regional Library
386-362-2317

April 25
One for the Money Book Club
2:00-3:00pm
Join us to discuss Into the Water by Paula Hawkins. Copies available for checkout at the front desk.
Suwannee River Regional Library
386-362-2317

April 26
Cooking Demo
12:00pm-1:00pm
Cooking Demo by Bonnie Box, Suwannee County Extension Office. Learn about smart snacking options. Bonnie will share recipes that are low-cost, healthy, easy, and tasty.
Suwannee River Regional Library
386-362-2317

April 26
Identity Protection 101
6:00pm
The key topics presented will be: financial fraud, IRS & tax fraud, debit & credit card fraud, wireless pick-pocketing, and how to get your free credit report.
Presented by Kevin Gilpin, Executive Director of National Crime Stop Program.
Suwannee River Regional Library
386-362-2317

April 26
Hamilton County Brotherhood meeting
The Hamilton County Brotherhood will meet at First Baptist Church in Jasper on April 26 at 7 p.m. Bring a covered dish and enjoy a meal and message.
First Baptist Church is located at 207 2nd St NE in Jasper.

April 27 & 28
The Curious Savage Performance at NFCC
The NFCC Sentinel Upstage Players (Com-

munity Theatre) presents The Curious Savage on Friday & Saturday, April 27 & 28 at 7 p.m. at Van H. Priest Auditorium. In this comedic production, the eccentric Mrs. Savage is left 10 million dollars by her late husband and wants to make the best use of it. Her wish is to use the money to help others realize their dreams, but her grown stepchildren will do anything to keep her from squandering away "their" money. With the help of Mrs. Savage's new friends, she leads the stepchildren on a merry chase, and learns the true meaning of family in the process. Tickets: (850) 973-1653 or www.ticketsource.us/nfcc.

July 4
Talent and vendors needed
The Fourth of July committee in Branford is in need of volunteers and vendors for the Fourth of July celebration this year. Those interested may call Peggy at 386-365-3700, or search the Facebook page at Branford Florida River Reunion.

Monthly Meetings

Men's Community-wide Church Fellowship and Supper
The Live Oak Church of God invites the community to join them for their dinner on the third Monday night of each month for their Men's Community Wide Church Fellowship and Supper at 7 p.m. Each month, there will be a guest speaker.
For more information, call Johnnie Philman Men's Ministry at 386-842-5494 or Pastor Wes Tanksley at 386-362-2483.

Suwannee County Conservation District supervisor meeting
The supervisors of the Suwannee County Conservation District will meet on the third Thursday of each and every month at 7 p.m. in the USDA Service Center Conference Room for their regularly scheduled District Meeting. The USDA Service Center is located at 1525-B Ohio Ave. South, Live Oak.

History of Suwannee County
Presented by County Historian Eric Musgrove
Jo Kennon Public Library
10655 Dowling Park Dr.
Live Oak, FL 32064
1st Thursday of the month, 12-1 p.m.
386-658-2670

McAlpin Community Club meeting
The McAlpin Community Club meetings are held on the second Monday every month at 9981 170th Terrace in McAlpin. A covered dish dinner is served at 6 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m.
Find them on Facebook by searching 'McAlpin Community Club.'
For more information, contact Susan Fennell at 386-688-1267 or s.fennell@windstream.net.

Seed Library and Gardening Workshop
Presented by Master Gardener Rhonda Lepper
Jo Kennon Public Library
10655 Dowling Park Dr.
Live Oak, FL 32064
1st Thursday of the month, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
386-658-2670

Recipe Swap
Jo Kennon Public Library
10655 Dowling Park Dr.
Live Oak, FL 32064
2nd Thursday of the month, 1-2 p.m.
Bring in a favorite recipe or dish, meet other foodies and exchange ideas. Call 386-658-2670 for featured recipe of the month.

Florida Native Plant Society
The Sparkleberry Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Hatch Park Community Center, 403 S.E. Craven Street in Branford, presenting a variety of educational programs concerning our Florida native plants, the birds, bees and other wildlife that visit our plants, their place in our landscapes, and the contributions they make to our Florida environment. Meetings are always open to the public.
More at www.sparkleberry.fnpschapters.org, or call 407-319-2488 or 386-364-9309.

Rock Painting
Jo Kennon Public Library
10655 Dowling Park Dr.
Live Oak, FL 32064
3rd Tuesday of the month, 6-7 p.m.
Paint rocks and visit with other rock star artists. All supplies are provided.
386-658-2670

EAA monthly pancake breakfast
The EAA Chapter 797 hosts a pancake breakfast every third Saturday of the month

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from 8:30-10 a.m. in the EAA building at Suwannee County Airport. The EAA building is located at 13302 80th Terr. in Live Oak. For more information, contact 817-308-9752.

Armchair Travels

Presented by Don and Joanne Mott
Jo Kennon Public Library
10655 Dowling Park Dr.
Live Oak, FL 32064
3rd Friday of the month, 10-11 a.m.
Travel around the country and learn about exciting new places to visit.

Dementia Support Group

Location: Good Samaritan Center – Private Dining Room
10676 Marvin Jones Blvd.
Dowling Park, Florida
When: the fourth Tuesday of each month
Time: 10 a.m.
This is for anyone who is a caregiver for someone who is suffering with Dementia or Alzheimers. There is no charge for this support group.
You do not have to have a loved one residing in the Good Samaritan Center to attend this meeting.
For more information please feel free to contact Ginger Calhoun at 386-658-5594.

Book Club for Adults

Jo Kennon Public Library
10655 Dowling Park Dr.
Live Oak, FL 32064
Last Friday of the month, 10-11 a.m.
Join us to discuss our latest read.
386-658-2670

Suwannee Valley Branch of the NAACP meeting

The Suwannee Valley Branch of the NAACP's regular monthly meeting will be at New Bethel Baptist Church located at 205 4th St in Jasper from 7 p.m. every third Monday. Meetings will begin after May 22, 2017.

SREC, Inc. Senior Center monthly events

The SREC, Inc. Senior Center, located at 1509 Martin Luther King Dr. SW in Jasper has monthly birthday parties the third Friday of every month at noon, as well as monthly karaoke the fourth Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Barbara Daniels at 386-792-1136. Events are subject to change.

Mom 2 Mom

The community is invited to Mom 2 Mom on the fourth Thursday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Lafayette Three Rivers Library. Get together with other parents. Door prizes and goodies will be provided. Call Healthy Start at 386-294-1321.
Estas invitada a Mom 2 Mom, un evento que se celebró el cuarto Jueves de cada mes la 1 p.m. hasta la cas 2 p.m. en la Biblioteca de Lafayette. Reunirse con otras mamás. Se propocionarán premios y regalos. Llame a Healthy Start al 386-294-1321.

All-You-Can-Eat Wellborn Blueberry Pancake Breakfast

The All-You-Can-Eat Wellborn Blueberry Pancake Breakfast will be held the first Saturday of each month from 7:30-10 a.m. All new menu items including blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, grifs, bacon, orange juice and coffee.
Located at the Wellborn Community Association Building 1340 8th Ave. Wellborn, FL. For pricing and other information, call 386-867-1761 or visit us online on Facebook or www.wellborncommunityassociation.com. Come join us for great food and help benefit the Wellborn community.

Taylor County Beekeeping Club meeting

Taylor County Beekeeping Club meets the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Taylor County IFAS center: 203 Forest Park Dr, Perry, Fla. 32348
www.facebook.com/tcbeeclub
tacobeekeepers@gmail.com

WoodmenLife monthly member meeting, bring a dish

WoodmenLife monthly member meeting is held on the first of every month. Located at 1339 SR 47 in Lake City. RSVP with your local WoodmanLife representative Kristen Hunt at 386-688-7942.

"Singspiration" at Suwannee Church of the Nazarene

Every 5th Sunday, the church will host a "Singspiration"—a night where members of the congregation sing, read poems, share testimonies, etc.
Want to participate? Visit the church, or call at 386-397-2309, to be added to the list. The more participation, the longer it goes. Afterwards, there will be snacks and refreshments in the fellowship hall. The church is located at 18763 SE CR 137 in White Springs, FL 32096

The Florida Gateway Bee Club meeting

The Florida Gateway Bee Club meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Suwannee Valley Agriculture Center located at 8202 CR 417, Live Oak. Professional and hobby beekeepers are welcome, as well as anyone with an interest in learning about honeybees.

San Juan Mission Catholic Church public Rosary

The community is invited to join San Juan Mission Catholic Church, 304 SE Plant Ave, Branford, for the public Rosary on the first Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. The community will pray for religious freedom, traditional moral standards and freedom of conscience.

The Suwannee Chapter, Florida Trail Association meetings

The Suwannee Chapter, Florida Trail Association holds its monthly meetings on the second Monday, 7-9 p.m. at the Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, corner of US 90 and CR 49, 2 miles east of Live Oak. Programs and activities available, and public is welcome. For more information, call 386-776-1920 or visit Suwannee.FloridaTrail.org.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 126, Suwannee Memorial

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at the hall in John Hale Park, 215 East Duval St., Live Oak. Disabled veterans and their spouses are encouraged to attend and join.

Suwannee Republican Executive Committee

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., Live Oak City Hall
101 White Ave SE
Contact Sherri Ortega 386-330-2736 for more information.
www.suwanneegop.com

Suwannee County Republican Executive Committee

Live Oak City Hall, 101 White Ave SE, Live Oak
Meets first Thursday, 7 p.m.
www.suwanneegop.com

Suwannee Valley 500 Club

Third Saturday of each month, Suwannee Valley 500 Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Thunder Alley, located at 1605 S. Ohio Ave., Live Oak. 386-364-7778.

Clothes Closet open donations

The Jasper First Methodist Church is accepting donations of clean and gently used items of clothing for children, women and men to be offered in the monthly Clothes Closet. The Clothes Closet is open to everyone on the fourth Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Christmas and Thanksgiving months the schedule is subject to change). All items are offered free of charge. For more information call 386-397-2316.
*The Clothes Closet will be closed due to the Christmas holiday on December 16.

Suwannee County Historical Commission

The Suwannee County Historical Commission meets on the third Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. at the Suwannee County Historical Museum (old Freight Depot) on Ohio Avenue in Live Oak. Meetings are open to the public.

Public rosary - first Friday

Join St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church for the public rosary every first Friday of the month at 3 p.m. The church is located at 928 Howard St West. Contact Sheri Ortega at 386-364-1108 or Paul Schmitz at 386-362-5710 for more information.

MOAA-Military Officers Association of America

The Suwannee River Valley Chapter of MOAA meets monthly (September through June) in Lake City. All active duty, retired, and former military officers of all services, including Reserve and National Guard, and spouses/guests are welcome. For information and reservations call Mo Becnel (386)755-0756 or Steve Casto at (386)497-2986. The Suwannee River Valley Chapter, founded in 1990, is one of over 400 MOAA chapters around the world.

Suwannee County Riding Club Bob Holmes Arena, Live Oak

We have roping events on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Sign ups at 7 p.m. and rides begin at 8 p.m. Speed events are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Sign ups begin at 6 p.m. and rides begin at 7 p.m. We ride from the fourth weekend of January until November with the exception of March where we have no rides. If you have any questions contact Brittney Smith at 386-688-1482.

Recipe Swap

Suwannee River Regional Library
1848 Ohio Ave. S, Live Oak
1st Tuesday of the month, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Bring in a favorite recipe or dish, meet other foodies, and exchange ideas. Call 386-362-2317 for Featured Recipe of the Month

Christian Singles

Meet every other Saturday at 5 p.m. Call for more information: 386-623-5810, 386-288-0961, 386-438-3394.

Branford Camera Club

Hatch Park Community Center
403 SE Craven St. Branford
Meets 3rd Thursday with an occasional exception
386-935-2044 or 386-590-6339

Critter Corner

Suwannee County Animal Shelter
11150 144th St., McAlpin, Fla.
(approx. 8 miles South off Hwy 129). If you are missing a pet or would love to adopt a pet, please come see us. Animals can be viewed Monday-Friday 9-1 and Saturday 9-12. Volunteers and transporters are desperately needed; Tues.-Sat., 9-9:30 a.m., see Ms. Norma. Spay/Neuter 386-208-0072

Suwannee County Seniors Free Breakfast and Lunch

Suwannee River Economic Council's Senior Center
1171 Nobles Ferry Road NW, Live Oak. Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Breakfast- 8:30 a.m./Lunch- 11:30 a.m. (make reservation for lunch by 9:30 a.m.) Bingo: (Wednesdays) 10 a.m. Meeting/Service: (Fridays) 10a.m. 386-362-1164

First Baptist Church of Live Oak Clothes Closet

515 SW 5th Street, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (The Old Red Barn)

Suwannee Valley Branch NAACP-Unit #5137

PO Box 6105, Live Oak, FL 32064
President: Alonzo Philmore
Triumph The Church & Kingdom of God in Christ, 410 Taylor Ave. SW off of 7th St.
1st Monday each month, 7 p.m.
Email: a1101st@comcast.net
386-205-9132

American Legion Post 107

10726 142nd St., Live Oak
Off of Hwy 129 S, post is 1 mile on the right.
Meets 1st Thursday at 12 p.m. 386-362-5987

Social Sewing Club

Center Ave., off of 7th St.
2nd and 4th Tuesday
For more information: 386-362-4062

Live Oak Garden Club

1300 11th St. SW, Live Oak
3rd Friday of each month, 11 a.m.
liveoakfloridagardenclub.com
386-364-4189

'Stars Widow Group'

Antioch Baptist Church
5203 CR 795, Live Oak, FL
4th Monday, 10:30 a.m.
386-362-3101

Suwannee Amateur Radio Club

1st Tuesday, social at 6:30 p.m., regular meeting at 7 p.m.
North of I10 & US Hwy 129, Live Oak. Call for exact location and directions.
www.suwanneearc.org
386-249-3616

Live Oak Art Guild

Suwannee River Regional Library
1848 Ohio Ave. S, Live Oak
Meets 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Judith Adams-386-776-2675

Suwannee Democratic Executive Committee

Live Oak City Hall
101 White Ave. SE, Live Oak
Meets 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m.

Suwannee County Bassmasters

Poole Realty Inc
127 E. Howard St., Live Oak
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
386-688-0978 or 386-590-2885

Save the Cats of Live Oak

Help needed at the shelter with feeding and cleaning Monday through Sundays. Help is also needed within the city limits with feeding several cat colonies Monday through Sundays.
Items always needed are food, litter and resalable items for the thrift store located at 217 W. Howard St. downtown. For more information, contact 386-364-1006 or 407-748-0396.

The Arc North Florida

Recycle with us
We recycle cardboard, name brand ink cartridges, laser toners, working cell phones w/charger, digital cameras, GPS, MP3, and laptops.
386-362-7143 ext. 0

Book Club for Adults

Suwannee River Regional Library
1848 Ohio Ave. S, Live Oak
Meets 4th Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.
Join us to discuss our latest read!
386-362-2317

Lunch & Learn – History of Suwannee County

Presented by County Historian, Eric Musgrove
Suwannee River Regional Library
1848 Ohio Ave. S, Live Oak
Meets 2nd Thursday of each month from 12-1 p.m.
Bring your lunch & learn about our historic county!
386-362-2317

Weekly Meetings

Savvy Caregiver Training at Suwannee Regional Library

Savvy Caregiver is a free, seven-session training program designed for caregivers who serve family members and friends with any form of dementia (i.e. Alzheimer's). Training begins Wednesday, March 7. It will be held at the Suwannee River Regional Library, 1848 S. Ohio Ave., in Live Oak. Sessions are from 10 a.m. until noon. Space is limited to the first 15 who register. For information, or to register contact Johnnie Jones III at 352-692-5277 or by email at jonesj@agingresources.org. Pre-registration is required.

Bridge Club seeking players

Monday Bridge Club meets every Monday at 5:30 p.m. at a local restaurant in Live Oak. Club needs players. Contact Diana at 904-254-8923 for details.

Grace Lutheran Church hosting educational prayer classes

Would you like to learn more of Jesus? Do you have questions about the Christian faith? Are you going through a difficult time and seek God's council? Classes starting soon, those who attend can do so to fit their schedules best. Different class times will be available. Please contact Pastor Doug Priestap at Grace Lutheran Church Live Oak, 386-364-1851 or grancelutheranliveoak@gmail.com

Children's Table Food Distribution

The Children's Table Food Distribution will

be at Peace Baptist Church, 7794 S. Hwy. 27, Branford, FL each Wednesday between 2:00-2:30. Bring a large laundry basket or other container to put food in. Donations will be accepted. For further information, 386-935-4681

Beginners AA meeting

Beginners AA at Dowling Park meets Monday-Wednesday-Saturday, 7 p.m. at "The Lighthouse" 23595 CR 250, Live Oak, 32060 For more information call 305-407-0895. www.LiveOakAA.com

Live Oak Seed Library

Every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. Presented by the Suwannee County Master Gardeners. Check out seed packets and get all your gardening questions answered at the Suwannee River Regional Library. 386-362-2317

GriefShare Support

GriefShare is a pastor-supervised, lay-led, Biblically based, Christ-centered, video assisted support group for persons who have lost loved ones or friends by death. The group will meet each Thursday at 10 a.m. beginning May 18 and run through August 10. This 13 week support program will be scheduled throughout the year on different day and time to give those on varying personal schedules an opportunity to participate. All who have experienced the death of a loved one are cordially invited to become a participant in GriefShare. For more information call 383-792-1122.

Finding Your Roots?

The Suwannee Valley Genealogy Society is the place to start! The library, located at 215 Wilbur Street SW near the football field in Live Oak, is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. to help you find your ancestors. You do not have to be a member to use the library. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the library. For further information, including membership prices, call Jinnie Hancock at 386-330-0110 or email JinnieSVGS@windstream.net

SREC, Inc. Senior Center weekly events

The SREC, Inc. Senior Center, located at 1509 Martin Luther King Dr. SW in Jasper hosts weekly support counseling every Wednesday beginning at 10 a.m. and Bible study every Friday at 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact Barbara Daniels at 386-792-1136. Events are subject to change.

Quilting Friends

Each Tuesday from 9 a.m.-noon
Jasper Public Library, 311 Hatley St. in Jasper.
386-792-2285

"He Speaks to Me" bible study for women

"He Speaks to Me," a Priscilla Shirer Bible study for women, will be held on Tuesdays from 9:30-11 a.m. beginning Jan. 17 at Pinemount Baptist Church on Hwy 129 in McAlpin led by Chaplain Judy. For more information, contact her at 364-5558. We hope to see you there!

Suwannee River Church of the Nazarene schedule

The Suwannee River Church of the Nazarene is located at 18763 SE CR 137 in White Springs. For more information, call 386-397-2309.
Sunday School- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service- 11 a.m. – noon
Afternoon Potluck- Noon
Sunday Evening Service- 6 – 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Service- 6-7 p.m.

TOPS #662

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Meets every Thursday. (8 a.m. for weigh-in, meeting at 9 a.m.) at Advent Christian Church, 911 Pinewood Ave., Live Oak, Fla. For more information, call Mary at 386-330-2535.

Branford Seed Library

Every second and fourth Tuesday from 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Presented by the Suwannee County Master Gardeners. Check out seed packets and get all your gardening questions answered at the Branford Public Library. 386-935-1556

TOPS #9798

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
TOPS #9798 is a support group that offers weekly weigh-ins and programs. The programs provide participants with health and weight loss information. Those ready to achieve weight loss and wish for more information may call Barbara at 386-362-5933 or Dori at 386-658-2767.

Mayo AA Group

Located at the First United Methodist Church, meet every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. For more information, contact 386-294-2423 or 386-647-6424

AWANA Club

New Hope Baptist Church, Mayo on Hwy. 51. From 6-8 p.m. and runs throughout the school year. Open to children ages two through sixth grades. For more information, call 386-294-2742.

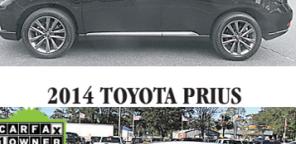
Grief Share

GriefShare, a special support group for people experiencing grief and loss, will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Live Oak. The church is located at 401 W. Howard St. Childcare is provided. Please call the church at 386-362-1583 if you would like to attend.

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