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Mayo man seriously injured in motorcycle accident

MAYO — A 43-year-old Mayo man suffered serious injuries when he crashed his motorcycle April 12.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Charles Wil-

liams was traveling south on County Road 251 near North-east Graybeard Trail around 4:30 p.m. when he lost control of his motorcycle.

The motorcycle went off the

roadway and onto the eastern shoulder of CR 251, the FHP report states.

Williams then fell off the motorcycle and sustained serious injuries, according to the

report.

Williams, who was not wearing a helmet, was transported by helicopter to UF Health Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

He has been charged with

failure to drive in a single lane, operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration more than six months, expired driver's license (six months or less) and attaching tag not assigned.



PHOTO: FILE

Matthew Pearson, the Executive Director of the Suwannee River Economic Council, spoke to the Rotary Club of Mayo last week.

SREC provides assistance to Lafayette County

BY ALEXIS SPOEHR

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MAYO — The Suwannee River Economic Council Inc. provides a number of programs to the 12-county area it serves.

According to SREC's Matthew Pearson at the Rotary Club of Mayo's April 11 meeting, a transportation program is one way it makes a difference in Lafayette County.

"For our public transportation program we were able to use money from a grant to have buses taking students from Lafayette High School to Big Bend Technical College every day," Pearson said. "Melissa Hewett was the one who asked if there were funds for some form

of transportation for the students who can not make it to Big Bend every day themselves.

"She asked we had the funds and now there are five buses that take students."

Pearson said by next year the SREC is wanting to have morning, mid-afternoon and evening buses to give all the students a chance to attend the class they need. The morning bus will leave and bring students back to Lafayette County and then take the next group to Big Bend and wait for the afternoon classes to finish before returning to Lafayette County.

In addition to the bus, Pearson also explained a few of the other programs

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Lamb addresses identity theft with Woman's Club

BY ALEXIS SPOEHR

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Lafayette County Sheriff Brian Lamb spoke about identity theft at last week's Mayo Woman's Club meeting.

MAYO — Thanks to the Internet, identify theft is a growing problem.

Lafayette County Sheriff Brian Lamb shared different ways to protect against it at last week's Mayo Woman's Club meeting.

Lamb stated the best way to keep one's bank account safe is to use a credit card or a prepaid gift/visa cards. He also

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PHOTOS: JESSIE R. BOX

Halford Harris fries some catfish at the festival.

Thousands attend Catfish Festival

BY JESSIE R. BOX

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BRANFORD — Thousands of people attended Branford's fourth annual Suwannee River Catfish Festival on Saturday at Greenway Park.

The event began at 9 a.m. and ran through 6 p.m. with various vendors, live music and \$7 catfish dinners. Approximately 1,200 plates and 350 pounds of catfish was sold at the event.

Halford Harris, vice president of the festival, said the event had great attendance.

He estimated the attendance upwards of 5,000.

The money raised at the festival will be donated to the

Gainesville Fisher House. A final tally was not available at press time.

The Gainesville Fisher House is an organization that offers shelter and support during a medical crisis to military families.

The rest of the funds raised will go towards scholarships.

Scholarships were awarded to two high school seniors who participated in this year's essay contest. Weslyn Paget and Kailey Greene both won a \$500 scholarship.

The winner of the 5K Run was Bill Marshall.

The Suwannee River Catfish Festival will return next year on the second Saturday in April.



A boy dances as Quadravan performs.



Toddler Miss Catfish Festival Cali Davis walks around at the festival.



Teen Miss Catfish Festival Ariel Fernandez and Pre-Teen Miss Catfish Festival Kelsea Corbin enjoy the festival.



Festival-goers wait in line for fried catfish dinners.

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Rant & Rave only publishes in the weekend Suwannee Democrat.

Williams receives Presidential Volunteer Service Award

LAKE CITY — The United Way of Suwannee Valley recognized Mike Williams with the Presidential Volunteer Service Award at the agency's 50th annual meeting and awards banquet, conducted at the Country Club at Lake City on Friday evening.

John W. Burns III, last year's honoree, presented the award, citing Williams' years of service to our community which followed his 24 years of service to our country.

"This year's Presidential Volunteer Service Award recipient, like many, supports our community through a diverse array of volunteer efforts, all of which benefit from his exceptionally strong leadership, organizational, and interpersonal skills," said Burns.

Williams has served the local United Way in various capacities including as

president of the board of directors, chair of the leadership giving committee, secretary of the board, and member of both the Building Committee and Capital Campaign Committee.

Williams has also fulfilled many community service roles including the Kiwanis Club, in which he has served as president and as lieutenant governor; March of Dimes Walk for Babies; Foundation for Florida Gateway College; Catholic Charities Lake City; Columbia County School District Strategic Plan Advisory Committee; and the Haven Hospice Advisory Board. Also an active member of the Chamber, Williams was recognized by the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce as the 2017 Citizen of the Year.

United Way initiated the annual presentation of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, a national

recognition of outstanding community volunteers who have given a lifetime of service, in 2008 in conjunction with the agency's 40th anniversary. Williams joins a distinguished list of outstanding community leaders who have been bestowed this honor through the local United Way. Past recipients include Tom Brown, the 2008 award recipient; Joe Persons, 2009; Jeff Parker, 2010; Keith Leibfried, 2011; Vern and Maureen Lloyd, 2012; Mike McKee, 2013; Dave and Renee Cobb, 2014; Jim Moses, 2015; James Montgomery, 2016; and Burns, 2017.

The Presidential Volunteer Service Award is the highest honor the White House gives for volunteer service to thank and honor citizens who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to serve. The award was initiated to



PHOTO: ROB WOLFE

Mike Williams was recognized with the Presidential Volunteer Service Award by John Burns III at the United Way of Suwannee Valley's annual meeting Friday.

acknowledge our country's long and proud tradition of volunteer service. In 2002 President George W. Bush issued a challenge to all Americans to dedicate at least 4,000 hours to volunteer service and help to foster a culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility. In 2003 the Presi-

dent's Council on Service and Civic Participation was formed to find ways to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making to our nation. The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation created the President's Volunteer Service Award.

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- LOPD-Live Oak Police Department
- 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

April 12, Thomas Ann Humphrey, 37, 10583 County Road 349, O'Brien, FL, Possession of Methaqualone, Possession of Drug Equipment, Probation Violation: SCSO-Roberts

April 12, Thomas Ashley Eaton, 30, 457 SE Wagon Wheel Trail, Lee, FL, Probation Violation: SCSO-Smith

April 12, David Mitchell Joiner, 35, 217 NE Kalmia Lane, Branford, FL, Conditions of Pretrial Release, Hold for Other Reason: SCSO-Tompkins

April 12, Stormie Brooke Fivecoate, 33, 10939 156th Street, McAlpin, FL, Produce Methamphetamine: SCSO-Garcia

April 12, Brandon Lee Turner, 29, Probation Violation: SCSO-Brooks

April 13, Luis Resendez-Ramirez, 40, 701 2nd Street, Live Oak, FL, No Driver License: LOPD-MacFadden

April 13, Davy Rodriguez Evans, 36, 9407 Mulberry St., Tampa, FL, Hold For Other Reason: SCSO-Hunter

April 13, Anthony Jessie Stewart, 19, 11099 NW 38th Street, Jasper, FL, Probation Violation: SCSO-Hunter

April 13, Chaze Jennings Greathouse, 19, 5069 County Road 795, Live Oak, FL, Simple Battery-Domestic Violence: SCSO-Carter

April 13, Ashley Nicole Mallory-Raines, 33, 7849 41st Drive, Live Oak, FL, Burglary, Aggravated Battery, Aggravated Battery-Elderly: SCSO-Harmon

April 14, Jessica Rena Fisher, 31, 17231 47th Drive, Wellborn, FL, Probation Violation: SCSO-Lee

April 15, Jalen Jarod Edwards, 21, 624 Webb Drive, Live Oak, FL, Failure to Appear: SCSO-Howard

April 15, Scott Kenneth Klein, 30, 2209 Riverside Drive, Clearwater, FL, Possession of Controlled Substance 3 cts., Sell/ Manufacture/Deliver/Possess with Intent of Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Equipment: SCSO-Harmon

April 16, Houston Samuel Cumbess, 21, 410 Shelby Ave., Live Oak, FL, Simple Battery-Domestic Violence, Simple Assault-Domestic Violence: SCSO-Descarreaux

April 16, Jackie Berger, 33, Hold for Other Reason: SCSO-McDaniel

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White Springs holding election Tuesday

WHITE SPRINGS — The names may be familiar in Tuesday's White Springs Town Council election, but the voting location won't be.

The new voting location for Tuesday's election, with polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., will be at the White Springs Public Library, 16403 Jewett Street. The old location is now the new Health Clinic for southern Hamilton County.

There are three Council seats open with five candidates running, including three incumbents and one

former council member. Willie Jefferson, Spencer Lofton and Walter McKenzie all currently serve on the Council and will be on the ballot. Also running are former council woman Helen Miller and Arthur Natteal.

The Town of White Springs does not have districts so the three with the most votes will win the open seats.

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How much attention do you pay to your calves? You know. Calf muscles that are located in your lower legs? Chances are you don't think too much about them at all. I didn't either UNTIL my first half marathon but after that event, I am grateful for everything my calves do for my body.

I was excited about my first half marathon. Not sure what it is about me but all the events I have completed were not even a thought for me until I hit my 50's. Let that be a lesson — age should never deter you from reaching your goals.

Flew into Washington D.C. two days before the event which was the Nike Women's We Run DC. Probably the best event I have ever attended as far as organization and support. I like half marathons because it allows me to see a city from the ground up versus as a tourist. Running through the monuments and next to the Potomac is something I will always remember.

Super fun event UNTIL the evening of the day I completed the event. I went to stand up and literally could not walk because my calf muscles had tightened so much that they felt locked. Yes, I did training. Yes, I was doing strength training but like many people, I did not devote the time to training my calf muscles that I should have.

The importance of our calf muscles goes well beyond any event you may participate in. Sheila, in my Silver Sneakers class, told me her doctor said it's extremely important that we pay attention and train our calf muscles. Why? Our calf muscles are often called calf muscle pump or secondary heart.

It takes one heart beat to pump the blood from our heart to our legs BUT it takes quite a few strong heartbeats to push the blood back up the leg to the heart. Why? Your blood is going against gravity to return to the heart. The return process is a combination of blood pressure from the heart's pumping, the valves and muscle movement from the calves that pumps the blood back to the heart.

Not only do our calves help to stabilize our body but they are also extremely important for the circulation in our legs. Pretty good reasons to spend some time on our calf muscles. How hard is it to train your calves? The most difficult part as in any exercise program in general is actually doing it.

The exercises we do in a Silver Sneakers class can easily be done at home. (As always, please check with your doctor before beginning an exercise program.) Simple calf raises in which you raise your heels off the ground, then lower

your heels back to the ground strengthens the entire calf. For balance, you can hold onto the wall or a chair. As you get stronger, try to repeat this exercise with your heels together to work the calf muscles in a different way.

Are you busy Thursday, April 19, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.? If the answer is no, come on over to Country Strong Gym (formerly Dog Pound) located on 11th across from Howland's for its grand opening. It's free and you can check out the facilities and meet the new owners.

Get up and get moving. Yes you CAN! Have an amazing week.

*To your health,
Denise*



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Saft to discuss wind-resistant trees

LIVE OAK — Hurricane season is still more than a month away from officially beginning, but it will still be part of a presentation Thursday at the Live Oak Public Library.

Carolyn Saft, from the UF/IFAS Suwannee County Extension office, will provide a wind-resistant trees presentation at noon Thursday.

Saft's presentation will include discussion about taking hurricanes into consideration when choosing a new tree for one's Florida landscape, or deciding whether to remove a tree. Those in attendance will also learn which trees are best to plant and can withstand hurricane-force winds.

For more information, please call the library at 386-362-2317.



CAROLYN SAFT

Lowder to perform at Live Oak Library

LIVE OAK — Suwannee River Regional Library Concerts Live will present a local musician Monday at the Live Oak Public Library.

Jasper Lowder will perform Monday at 6 p.m.

Lowder is a local musician, who will be performing a variety of

music from country to original songs, while singing and playing on his acoustic guitar. He has performed internationally in Europe and locally in Dowling Park and Lake City.

For more information, please call the library at 386-362-2317.

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DAC - Department of Agriculture Commission

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 Ag-

ricultural Law Enforcement

P&P - Probation and Parole

SCSO - Suwannee County Sheriff's Office

WSPD - White Springs Police Department

Apr. 9, Adrian Esparza, 21, 3757 NW 107 Ave.

Jasper, Fla., VOP felony - 16205CF, FTA: mis - 17000401CTAXMX:

HCSO — Bryd

Apr. 9, Frank Edward Shaw, 65, lewd lascv behavior offender 18 yoa

older victim less 16 yoa: JAPD — Harris

Apr. 10, Stanley Daron Johnson, 44, 1213 Park

Bridge Acwarth, Ga., DWLS, resist officer with-

out violence, out of state fugitive Georgia: DOA —

Williams

Apr. 10, Seth John Devereux, 26, 45 Bushyhill

Street Tapanui, nonmoving traffic cool. attach registra-

tion license plate not assigned, drive without

valid commercial DL, fail to stop at agriculture

inspection station: DOA — Miller

Apr. 11, Kimberly Chris-

tine Muse, 39, 8354 Pine

Ave. Macclenny, Fla., out of county warrant Baker

County: WSPD — Davis

Apr. 11, Jayla Moneet Houston, 19, 1106 Martin

Luther King Drive Jasper, Fla., poss. over 20 grams

of marijuana, neglect child without great bodily harm:

FHP — Hughes

Apr. 11, John Peter Kenny, 56, 1472 74th

Street Ocean Marathon, Fla., poss. no more than 20

grams of marijuana: DOA — Townsend

Apr. 11, Kevin Moore, 46, 1704 E Rivercove

Street Apt. 8 Tampa, Fla., warrant #17000074CFAX-

MX battery on Law Enforcement Officer: HCSO — Jackson

Apr. 11, Carolus Duran McKire, 55, 16652 Mill

Street White Springs, Fla., DWLS knowingly 3rd or

subsq. offense, poss. drug para.: WSPD — Anderson

Apr. 11, Michael Alan Hill, 34, 20074 County

Road 137 Wellborn, Fla., 17-56MMAXMX FTA

resisting without violence: HCSO — Byrd

Apr. 12, Kendrick La-

mar Robinson, 41, 232 MLK Drive Jasper, Fla.,

poss. more than 20 grams of marijuana, poss. drug

equip., DWLS habitual offender: JAPD — Rickerson

Apr. 12, Douglas Andrew Graham, 41, 15723

102nd Trail White Springs, Fla., harassing comm. permit obscene or harassing

phone calls: HCSO — Williams

Apr. 14, Terrell Lee Greer, 23, 825 Moon Street

Akron, OH, DWLS knowingly, fail to stop at ag inspection station: DOA

Apr. 14, Oliver Franisco Lopez, 34, VOP warrant

#16000174CF, poss. controlled subs., poss. of cocaine, out of state warrant:

HCSO — McDaniel

Apr. 14, Daniel Omar Juvav Cooks, 32, 16744

Branch Street White Springs, Fla., out of county

warrant hold U.S. Marshall Service: WSPD — Davis

Apr. 15, Doraelia Ortiz-Gutierrez, 28, 1895 NW

US Highway 41 Jennings, Fla., operate motor vehicle

without valid license, refusing to aid officer: JNPD — Holton

Library hosting 'Teen Coffee House and Open Mic Night'

LIVE OAK — The Live Oak Public Library will turn into a "Teen Coffee House and Open Mic Night" on Thursday evening.

From 5:30-7 p.m., teens can enjoy a friendly, relaxing jazz cafe-inspired atmosphere where they can read poetry and listen to music.

Hot coffee and tea will be served as well as other drinks and snacks, all for free.

If anyone wants to come and play an instrument, sing a song or just have fun laughing at the host's horrible jokes, the Open Mic Night is available as well.

The "Teen Coffee House and Open Mic Night" will return May 17 and June 21.

For more information about youth library programs, please contact the library at 386-364-3479.

Snipes, Jones retain town council seats

JENNINGS — There will not be an election for the Jennings Town Council after all.

During last week's qualifying period, incumbents Billy Snipes and Carmen

Jones were the only two to qualify for the two open seats on the council.

Due to running unopposed, Snipes and Jones will retain their seats for another two-year term.

PUBLIC NOTICE CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Beginning April 30, 2018 through May 11, 2018, the city will institute a bi-annual cemetery wide clean up in both the Main City Cemetery and the Eastside Cemetery. During this time, the city will be sprucing up the cemeteries by removing faded flower arrangements and other weathered items. Prior to this date, the city is encouraging families to please remove any items that they do not wish to be removed by the city.

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Phil Lesh and the Terrapin Family Band.

Nobles issues Sexual Assault Awareness Day proclamation

LIVE OAK — Mayor Sonny Nobles issued a proclamation April 12 to declare Tuesday, April 17, as Sexual Assault Awareness Day.

The proclamation states that one in six boys and one in four girls become victims of sexual assault and sex-

ual harassment and that sexual violence creates a climate of fear, anger and/or disbelief in the workplace, schools, families and communities. According to the proclamation, sexual violence also affects all people regardless of age, race, religion, gender and in-

come level.

Nobles' proclamation also said that people in the community need to work together to support survivors, to educate others about sexual violence prevention and speak out against harmful attitudes and action.



PHOTO: SUBMITTED

Mayor Sonny Nobles issued a proclamation declaring Tuesday, April 17, as Sexual Assault Awareness Day.

Wanee returns to Music Park

LIVE OAK — The Wanee Music Festival returns to the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park this weekend.

Wanee Wednesday kicks off the long-time event, which then runs Thursday through Saturday.

This year's lineup includes Widespread Panic, Phil Lesh & The Terrapin Family Band, As the Crow Flies, Dark Star Orchestra (Thursday on the Peach Stage), St. Paul & The Broken Bones, Jaimoe's Jasssz Band, The Chris Robinson Brotherhood, North Mississippi All Stars, Karl Denson's Tiny Universe (Eat A Bunch of Peaches

featuring George Porter Jr. & Marc Quinones), Pigeons Playing Ping Pong, Walter Trout, Sonny Landreth, The Marcus King Band, George Porter Jr. & Runnin' Pardners), Pink Talking Fish (Tied To The Whipping Post), Soul Rebels, Les Brers, Bobby Lee Rodgers Trio, The Main Squeeze, Big Something, New Orleans Suspects, Berry Oakley's Indigenous Suspects, Midnight North, The Yeti Trio and Crazy Fingers. Wanee Wednesday will kick off the weekend April 18 with Roosevelt Collier Trio playing homage to Jimi Hendrix (Jimi Meets Funk), Crazy Fingers, Ben Sparaco and the New EF-

fect, Juke and also Bonnie Blue getting this music festival underway.

Tickets are still on sale and can be purchased online at www.waneefestival.com. All sales are final. Wanee Music Festival will take place rain or shine. One must be 18 and older or accompanied and supervised by a parent or legal guardian, to attend. See the website www.waneefestival.com for more.

Wanee was hosted for the first 10 years by the Allman Brothers Band until the band officially retired. Still, many of the band members continue to play each year with other bands at Wanee.

Matt Johns Band to play Concert in the Park

JASPER — The Hamilton County Veterans Park will host the Concert in the Park on Friday.

The concert, which begins at 5 p.m., will feature the Matt Johns Band.

The Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce encourages those planning to attend to bring chairs or blankets to enjoy the concert.

There will also be food and drink vendors set up at the park.



Matt Johns will perform at Friday's Concert in the Park at the Hamilton County Veterans Park.



Widespread Panic.

Clayland reunion planned for May

LIVE OAK — The Clayland School will have its annual reunion on Saturday, May 5, at the Clayland Church Fellowship Hall (old lunch room).

Those attending are asked to bring

a dish to share for a mid-day meal with lots of reminiscing.

The reunion will begin at 10 a.m. with no time set for it to end.

For more information, call Inez Hingson Linton at 352-339-1859.

The Arc seeking golf tournament sponsors

LAKE CITY — The Arc North Florida Inc. is looking for sponsors for its upcoming benefit golf tournament.

The 501(c)(3) non-profit agency, which provides advocacy and services to individuals with an intellectual and/or physical disability, will hold its eighth

annual Benefit Golf Tournament on May 11 at Quail Heights Country Club, 161 SW Quail Heights Terrace in Lake City. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

The organization encourages golfers to register early with players from West Palm Beach, Jacksonville and Alachua planning to attend in addition to local golfers.

The tournament is also still looking for sponsorships from community businesses. Corporate and Gold sponsorships are available. For more information, please contact Lisa

Perry at 386-362-7143, ext. 0, or devcord@arcnfl.com.

The Arc has also partnered with American Fundraising Foundation, which has provided silent auction trips, which will also raise funds for The Arc North Florida.

The trips are for two people, all-inclusive and good for three years. The variety of destinations include Alaska, Ireland, Bodega Bay golf, Costa Rica and St. Andrew's.

The silent auction will be held the day of the tournament.

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School Lunch Menu

DATE	LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY		LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL	
	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
4/23 Mon.	Entree #1 Reduced Fat Donut Entree #2 Assorted Cereal Diced Peaches Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Fish Sandwich served with Lettuce, Tomatoes, Oil Pickles, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup, Tartar Sauce Potato Rounds Pineapple Tablets Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Entree #1 Reduced Fat Donut Entree #2 Assorted Cereal served with Dick and Jane Crackers Diced Peaches Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Entree #1 Hamburger on a Bun Entree #2 Fish Sandwich with Lettuce, Tomatoes, Oil Pickles, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise Potato Rounds Pineapple Tablets Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk
4/24 Tues.	Apple Scone Assorted Cereal Honey Maid Graham Crackers Applesauce Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Beef Taco served with Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheddar Cheese, Salsa Refried Beans Yellow Rice Diced Peaches Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Entree #1 Mini orange bread Entree #2 Assorted Cereal served with Honey Maid Graham Crackers Applesauce Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Entree #1 Beef Taco served with Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheddar Cheese, Salsa Refried Beans Yellow Rice Diced Peaches Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk
4/25 Wed.	Entree #1 Cherry Cassis Bar Entree #2 Assorted Cereal served with Bear Cinnamon Cracker Graham Fruit Cocktail Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Chicken Parmesan Corn Romaine Salad served with Ranch Dressing Bread Sticks Applesauce Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Entree #1 Cherry Cassis Bar Entree #2 Assorted Cereal served with Bear Cinnamon Cracker Graham Fruit Cocktail Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Entree #1 Chicken Parmesan Entree #2 Sesame Beef Lasagna Romaine Salad served with Ranch Dressing Bread Sticks Applesauce Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk
4/26 Thurs.	Entree #1 Pancake Wraps served with Syrup Cups Entree #2 Assorted Cereal served with Zoo Animal Crackers Diced Peaches Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Cheese and Ham Macaroni Low Sodium Green Beans Carrots Biscuits Applesauce Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Entree #1 Pancake Wraps served with Syrup Cups Entree #2 Assorted Cereal served with Zoo Animal Crackers Applesauce Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Entree #1 Cheese and Ham Macaroni Entree #2 Cheddar Beef Lasagna Low Sodium Green Beans Carrots Biscuits Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk
4/27 Fri.	Entree #1 Chicken Biscuit Entree #2 Assorted Cereal served with Scooby-Doo Graham Crackers Pineapple Tablets Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Entree #1 Pepperoni Pizza Entree #2 Cheeseburger on a Bun served with Lettuce, Tomatoes, Oil Pickles, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Carrots California Veggie Blend Fruit Cocktail Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Entree #1 Pop Tart served with Yogurt Tzatz Entree #2 Assorted Cereal served with Scooby-Doo Graham Crackers Pineapple Tablets Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk	Entree #1 Pepperoni Pizza Entree #2 Cheeseburger on a Bun served with Lettuce, Tomatoes, Oil Pickles, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Carrots California Veggie Blend Fruit Cocktail Assorted Fresh Fruit Assorted Milk

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Suwannee River Jam Audition winners going to perform at the 2018 Suwannee River Jam are, left to right, duo of Al Enzian and Bryan James, duo of Alex Sandlin and Karley Scott Collins, Kamryn Palmer, Austin Harden, Hallie Davis and Sadie Miller.

Davis, Miller among acts selected for Jam

LIVE OAK — It was a night of tension, excitement, spectacular performances and disappointment for some when the 2018 Suwannee River Jam (presented by S & S Food Stores and Budweiser) Audition finals were held at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park on Friday.

Two duos and 12 solo artists brought their inspiring talent to the Music Hall stage during the evening hoping to move on to the stages of the annual Suwannee River Jam from May 2-5 at the SOSMP.

When the winners were selected, the duo of Bryan James (Oviedo) and Al Enzian (High Springs) and the duo of Karley Scott Collins and Alex Sandlin (Lake City) were named winners along with Kamryn Palmer (Indian Harbour Beach), Austin Harden (Lake Butler), Hallie Davis (Jasper/Jacksonville) and Sadie Miller (Branford). Cliff Dorsey (High Springs) was later invited to be part of opening night in the Music Hall on May 2. The winners

will have various performance times during this year's Suwannee River Jam, the South's Country Music and Camping Festival, along the banks of the historic Suwannee River.

Also performing at the Jam will be Abigail Carpenter (Jacksonville), winner of the Rising Star Talent Competition and Katie Ondrejicka (Jacksonville), winner of the Clay County Fair Youth Division.

These winners will join a huge lineup of country artists such as recent Country Music Hall of Fame Inductee Alan Jackson along with Josh Turner, LOCASH, Tyler Farr, Easton Corbin, Rodney Atkins, Kentucky Headhunters, Pam Tillis, The Lacs, comedians/performers Williams and Ree, Texas country artist Cody Johnson and Nashville artist Julia Cole. Regional bands are Amy Rae Band (Conyers, Ga.), Andy Pursell Band (Branford area), Cole Tomlinson Band (Blackshear, Ga.), Kellen Vincent Band (Lake City), Ricky Valido Band (Hialeah), Snake

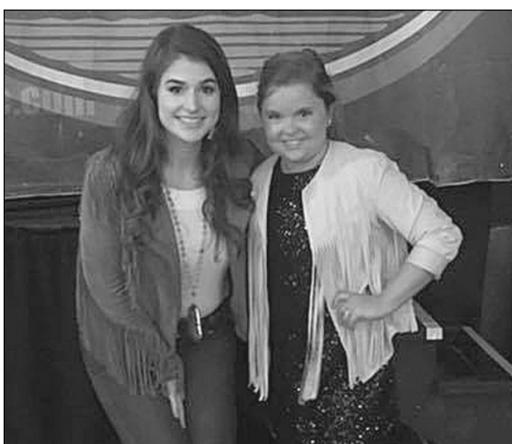


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Local artists Hallie Davis and Sadie Miller were among the winners at the Suwannee River Jam Audition finals.

Blood Remedy (O'Brien), SoulShine Band (Valdosta, Ga.), Sondra Hunt Band (Lake Butler), Southern Burn Band (Gainesville) and Treble Hook Band (Alachua).

Other great artists in the audition finals were Ashley Holbrook (Orange Park), Brittanie Powell (Live Oak), Callie Leigh Johns (St. Augustine), Chyann Rose (Statesboro, Ga.), Jimmie Coleman (Jacksonville), Katrina Alexis (Jacksonville) and Lori Hill (Jacksonville).



PHOTO: SUBMITTED
Hallie Davis.

OBITUARIES and Death Notices

Dwight G. Edmonds Oct. 17, 1935 - Apr. 14, 2018

Dwight G. Edmonds, 82 of Dowling Park, passed away Saturday, April 14, 2018 in Dowling Park from a long illness. The Tazewell, VA native was born Oct. 17, 1935 to Audrey and Gladys Graham Edmonds. He worked in construction before retiring, moved to Dowling Park 19 years ago from West Palm after living there 35 years. He attended the First Baptist Church of Dowling Park, FL

He is survived by his companion, Tina Thompson of Dowling Park; one son, Dwight D. Edmonds, Sr. & Carol of Dowling Park; two sisters, Alma Peery & Marshall and Betty Farmer & John both of Roanoke, VA; two grandchildren, Jessica LaFlesh & Corey and Daniel Edmonds; one great-granddaughter, Ellianna LaFlesh.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, April 16, 2018 at 11:00 am in the Daniels Memorial Chapel with Rev. Shawn Johnson officiating. Interment will follow later in the Maplewood Cemetery, Tazewell, VA

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services from 10-11 at the Chapel.

In Lieu of flowers, please make donations to the First Baptist Church of Dowling Park Building Fund, 11274 235th Lane, Dowling Park, FL 32064

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

Mary E. Griess Apr. 9, 2018

Mary E. Griess, 89, of Live Oak, FL passed away on April 9, 2018. The Philadelphia, PA native moved to Live Oak in 1994. Mary retired after a career as a bank Vice-President. She was a long time member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church of Live Oak FL. Where she was a member of the Council of Catholic Women and worked with the altar servers in the parish. She is survived by her children William Griess, John Griess, Carolyn Carter, Mary Lippincott, Michael Griess and sister Teresa Hillman. Mary had 14 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents Francis Leroy Hillman and Elizabeth Mary Finley Hillman. There will be a funeral mass at 11:00 am Tuesday April 17, 2018 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the St. Francis Xavier Building Fund.

Please sign the guestbook at www.danielsfuneralhome.com.

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Alton W. Hunt

Alton W. Hunt, 48, of Dover, Florida, born on December 12, 1969 in Lake City, entered into eternal rest on April 12, 2018. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

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A mayor's most important job

When World War II ended, Washington, D.C.'s population was about 900,000; today it's about 700,000. In 1950, Baltimore's population was almost 950,000; today it's around 614,000. Detroit's 1950 population was close to 1.85 million; today it's down to 673,000. Camden, New Jersey's 1950 population was nearly 125,000; today it has fallen to 77,000. St. Louis' 1950 population was more than 856,000; today it's less than 309,000. A similar story of population decline can be found in most of our formerly large and prosperous cities. In some cities, population declines since 1950 are well above 50 percent. In addition to Detroit and St. Louis, those would include Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

During the 1960s and '70s, academic liberals, civil rights advocates and others blamed the exodus on racism — "white flight" to the suburbs. However, since the '70s, blacks have been fleeing some cities at higher rates than whites. It turns out that blacks, like whites, want better and safer schools for their kids and don't like to be mugged or have their property vandalized. Just like white people, if they have the means, black people can't wait for moving companies to move them out.

At the heart of big-city exoduses is a process that I call accumulative decay. When schools are rotten and unsafe, neighborhoods become run-down and unsafe, and city services decline, the first people to leave are those who care the most about good schools and neighborhood amenities and have the resources to move. As a result, cities lose their best and ablest people first. Those who leave the city for greener pastures tend to be replaced by people who don't care so much about schools and neighborhood amenities or people who do care but don't have the means to move anywhere else. Because the "best" people — those who put more into the city's coffers than they take out in services — leave, politicians must raise taxes and/or permit city services to deteriorate. This sets up the conditions for the next round of people who can do better



WALTER WILLIAMS

to leave. Businesses — which depend on these people, either as employees or as customers — also begin to leave. The typical political response to a declining tax base is to raise taxes even more and hence create incentives for more businesses and residents to leave. Of course, there's also mayoral begging for federal and state bailouts. Once started, there is little to stop the city's downward spiral.

Intelligent mayors could prevent, halt and perhaps reverse their city decline by paying more attention to efficiency than equity. That might be politically difficult. Regardless of any other goal, mayors must recognize that their first order of business is to retain what economists call net positive fiscal residue. That's a fancy term for keeping those people in the city who put more into the city's coffers, in the form of taxes, than they take out in services. To do that might require discrimination in the provision of city services — e.g., providing better street lighting, greater safety, nicer libraries, better schools and other amenities in more affluent neighborhoods.

As one example, many middle-class families leave cities because of poor school quality. Mayors and others who care about the viability of a city should support school vouchers. That way, parents who stay — and put a high premium on the education of their children — wouldn't be faced with paying twice in order for their kids to get a good education, through property taxes and private school tuition. Some might protest that city service discrimination is unfair. I might agree, but it's even more unfair for cities, once the magnets of opportunities for low-income people, to become economic wastelands.

Big cities can be revitalized, but it's going to take mayors with guts to do what's necessary to reverse accumulative decay. They must ensure safe streets and safe schools. They must crack down on not only violent crimes but also petty crimes and misdemeanors, such as public urination, graffiti, vandalism, loitering and panhandling.

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If your were bored Saturday, it was your own fault

I wish there was a way to make a copy of myself. I could leave one copy at work, and the other copy could go fishing or hunting or golfing or boating or...you get the idea. This past Saturday I needed at least two copies of myself. I would have sent one copy to the river to enjoy the incredible weather. I would have spent the entire day at the Catfish Festival in Branford, and the other copy would have gone to nearly every booth and table set up for the Flea Across Florida on U.S. Highway 90 around Live Oak.

Imagine how nice a float down the Ichetucknee would be just as the river and all the life around it is coming to life again for the spring. Travis, a friend of mine visiting from Jacksonville, had come to our area for just such a float down the Ichetucknee River with his son this weekend. I suggested we meet up in Branford around lunch time, after their drift down current. I knew he and his son would enjoy the food and the music that has made the Catfish Festival such a success.

The last time I came to the Catfish Festival, I made the mistake of waiting until dinner to try some of the fried fish that gives this event its name, and they were sold out. This year, I arrived much earlier and was able to enjoy some of the best fried catfish I have ever had. The fish was light and fluffy and was not greasy. The beans and slaw that came with the meal were also better than your average beans and slaw. I wish there had been some cocktail sauce to go with the fish, but this fish was so good I was able to enjoy it without my usual dipping sauce.



ERIC ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ

Quadravan was on the south stage as I arrived at Ivy Memorial Park. Hearing them sing about the places and people that make our area special is always a treat. Their song "Alligator" about a reptile that lived at the now defunct Suwannee River Cove brings back memories of eating at that restaurant and watching the wildlife near the river. When I asked K.J. Wingate about their music he said, "It comes straight from mouth-to-ear rumors and the headlines of the Suwannee Democrat." He said his band could play three-hour sets of original songs and a wide range of covers. I can't wait to be there for one of those sets one day.

Later, while eating lunch under the tent, I saw the Social Club on the north stage. The singer said they were doing songs O'Brien style and that was just fine by me. I really enjoyed their rendition of Skynyrd's "Simple Man" and Collective Soul's "Shine." I could have stayed in Branford listening to music several more hours, but I wanted to at least look at a few of the tables set up by folks at the Flea Across Florida. Before leaving, I had a chance to talk to the winner of the Catfish Festival pageant. Queen Weslyn Paget told me she was also the winner of the essay contest. She would be attending the Suwannee High School prom later that evening, so she could not chat for long.

Saturday night I could have also used a couple copies of myself. One would have gone to Florida State's spring game and concert. One would have chaperoned the prom, and I would have gone to see the Kiss tribute band at the Spirit of the Suwannee. I guess I will have to rock and roll all night some other time.

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SUNLIGHT PROJECT Police: They keep us safe

We all know that the call of duty for police officers and sheriff's deputies is to serve and protect.

What we sometimes forget is that by protecting us, they often put themselves in harm's way.

In this edition, the SunLight Project team of reporters and editors takes a look at what law-enforcement officers do to keep us safe in public spaces and public events.

It would not be wise for us to disclose everything they do in micro detail but the macro view clearly demonstrates that public safety is not always an easy or simple task.

We are all indebted to law-enforcement personnel and other public-safety workers who serve our cities, counties and region.

These dedicated men and women go to work each day, sometimes putting themselves at risk, willingly, in order to keep us all safe and protected.

They have chosen a profession that requires a high level of training and expertise and their compensation is often not commensurate with their skill sets.

Unlike most of us, the men and women who work in law enforcement and public safety often do not know what any given day will bring and they leave home in the mornings unsure of what dangers they might encounter during the day. Something as routine as a traffic stop can turn tragic in a second.

These brave men and women are generally passionate about serving their community both during the ordinary daily routines and in rising to the challenge in the midst of violence, tragedy or even disaster.

As a community, we should show our support for the men and women in uniform.

There are many ways to show support, not the least of which is showing respect for the work they do and the authority they must exercise when we interact with them.

In so many ways, all of these men and women are just like us. We shop in the same stores, we attend church together, sit beside each other at ball games or school plays. They are our friends, neighbors and family.

They make our community a better — and more safe — place to live and we owe them a sincere debt of gratitude.

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Around the Banks

Reminiscing on spring days past

"All right then, run, lady, and you keep on running. Buy yourself a bus ticket and disappear. Change your name, dye your hair, get lost — and then maybe, just maybe, you're gonna be safe from me."

— Ben Quick (played by Paul Newman) in 1958's "The Long Hot Summer"

This past week, my mind traveled down some paths of memory, and I thought about my early days of teaching at South Hamilton Elementary in White Springs, Florida. I taught seventh and eighth graders there for a number of years, and, at that time, our school, housed grades K-8 and was a vibrant place; the center of our community. Our principal at that time, the late Mr. Hal M. Worth, was wonderful about allowing you to take your class on trips; provided you didn't travel too far. In those days, if the day was fair, I would phone the gatehouse over at Stephen Foster, and procure a letter from Mrs. Irene Morgan requesting permission for us to enter, and, off we would go, with bats, softballs, bases, snacks, Frisbees, and we would spend the afternoon at the park, the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park, and, as Mrs. Maude Havener often wrote in her social column for "The Jasper News" "a good time was had by all."

Thinking of those days B.C. and B.C.P. before "Before Computers" and "Before Cell Phones," back when, if you were fortunate, your television might, might, "pick up" three channels, and we thought were in "high cotton" when VHS players made their debut, I asked some of my readers to share some of their memories of those times, and, for events, they enjoyed. Here are some of their responses:

"Dragging our wagon around town collecting coke bottles to trade for candy at Hollingshed's Phillips 66 Station in White Springs. We even collected roadkill and took them to my paternal grandma's backyard on River Street for funerals and burials. We had our own cemetery."

"During the late springs and summer months, I would walk the dirt road to my Granny's picking flowers all the way and surprise her with a beautiful bouquet of weeds, but, to her they were like lilies and orchid and always displayed in a place of

honor in her home."

"On a hot, hot summer day, walking to Steve's Stop and Shop in White Springs to get 2 big scoops of butter pecan ice cream, the best ice cream in the world!! Then walking to the spring house to take a dip in the cold spring."

"Going to Steinhatchee to get mullet. Daddy would get two, number 3 wash tubs full of ice. It would be day long trip. Back then, no restaurant. He would get a couple of tins of sardines, soda crackers, snack cakes and 'soda waters,' (that's Co-Colas to those who have been here a while. Soft drinks to those who haven't). Best picnic in the world at the Gulf side. The swampy smell of the marshlands, not much down there at that time; life was much slower back then. We would go during mullet roe season. He, Mama and Granny would clean the fish, then freeze them. I would love some of that fresh mullet right now and the mullet roe."

"Picking wildflowers from our backyard from Mama. When I brought them in she would put them in a juice glass and place them on the window sill above the kitchen sink."

"Spending hours wading in the creek past 'Booger Bottom' in White Springs from Bobby and Avis Bullard's driveway down to Booger Bottom and back, we caught crawfish, found arrowheads, got muddy and wet. Good times."

"Vacation Bible School. In those days, the Vacation Bible Schools were not nearly the production they are now, but almost everyone in your class went to Vacation Bible School. For refreshments in those days, you received a cup of tepid Kool Aid in a Dixie Cup and two cookies. You mother adjured you before leaving home. 'Be sure and thank the ladies for your refreshments and DO NOT ask for seconds.' In those days, manners were taught in the home, the school reinforced them, but they were not expected to teach them. In my opinion, a village can help with the upbringing of a child, but it takes parents to raise a child.



JOHNNY BULLARD

The raising of a child is not the responsibility of the school."

"Going to Suwannee Springs on hot days with a couple of watermelons. We would 'cool' the ripe watermelons in the springs, and then cut them open and eat them. Wonderful. Juice running down your face, arms and elbows, and before you got sticky, back in the springs again. Wonderful memories."

"My mother could make an event out of anything. We didn't have a lot of money, but with her imagination, she created something special for us. Our farm was located not far from the Suwannee River, and on spring days, with a wicker laundry basket, a blanket, fried chicken, boiled eggs, a homemade chocolate layer cake or pound cake, a jar of mayonnaise, homemade pickles, and two thermoses full of cool tea, off we would go. We would play 'hide and go seek' or freeze tag, while Mama made deviled eggs, and then we would have picnic, no eating until we said grace. My Mama's laughter and stories. I can close my eyes and remember those days."

"Fountain cokes at the drug stores. Back then the drug stores had fountains. You could order, a cherry coke, vanilla coke, or cherry smash. Those were treats, and that crushed ice. Wonderful."

"The A and W Drive-In located in Live Oak on Ohio Avenue. I absolutely loved it. Chicken in a basket, the wonderful hamburgers and French fries, and you could buy Root Beer by the gallon in a gallon jug (glass) and take your jug back when you had cleaned it out. Great memories of a time that will not come again."

"Going with my cousins and older brother and sister to the Alimar Theater in Live Oak for the matinee and spending the afternoon at the movies. You saw everyone there, and for a small price, popcorn, coke and the wonder of the big screen. It was magical, and I still think about those days. We had such a good time."

"The springhouse and the springs in White Springs. We didn't have computers. We didn't have cell phones, but we did have the springs, and for a dime, we could get into the springs and swim all day. My grandmother bought a season pass for us. I think it was \$5.00. We were there when the springs opened, and were there when they

clicked the lights for you to go home. We practically lived there during the summer months."

"Plaiting the maypole on the state at South Hamilton and at the Florida Folk Festival. I can still see those little red skirts made by Mrs. Barbara Edwards, and Mrs. Earnestine Johnson, and Mrs. Ruby Williams would teach us how to plait the maypole as the piano was played by the late Mrs. Virginia Daniel and, later, Mrs. Delores Howell. Great memories."

"Dancing and singing at the Florida Folk Festival with Mrs. Howell's class at South Hamilton Elementary in White Springs. Great memories. We always had to sing 'Old Folks at Home' and we would do hand clapping rhymes, jump rope rhymes, and 'tinikling,' a Filipino Folk Dance. We had a great time. The schools, since consolidation have gained a modern school facility, but they've lost that community closeness. I am glad I was a student when we had it."

"The excitement of the Florida Folk Festival. When I was a child and, into my teens, the Florida Folk Festival was held the first weekend in May. There was a banner stretched across U.S. 41 about two weeks before the Festival began advertising 'Florida Folk Festival.' Cousin Thelma Boltin was the mistress of ceremonies, and she made her rounds to area schools telling students about the Florida Folk Festival and telling stories. The Folk Festival is still wonderful, but it's lost something with children not being a major part of it any longer. All of Friday's performance and audience in those days, was largely comprised of school children."

I want to thank my readers and supporters for sharing their memories with me, and, spring, which brings milder weather and "end of school events" often elicits memories that are unique to our home "Way down upon the Suwannee River." It's an old movie, but a great one, I think I'll go pop the 1955 classic "Picnic" or "The Long Hot Summer," 1958, both are great. Well, lots of "things" that had their beginnings in the 50's are GREAT (ho hum).

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.

United Way announces accomplishments at 50th anniversary meeting, awards banquet

LAKE CITY

— With a change in date and in venue to set apart its 50th anniversary event, the United Way of Suwannee Valley announced the year's achievements at the organization's annual meeting and awards banquet at the Country Club at Lake City on Friday evening.

The event focused on the many volunteers whose collective efforts resulted in the 2017-18 community fundraising campaign results and on the receipt of grant funds for human services. Numerous companies and individuals were acknowledged for their contributions toward the accomplishments achieved.

John Burns, III the 2016-17 Presidential Volunteer Service Award recipient honored by United Way, presented the 2017-18 award to Mike Williams, a United Way past president and participant on a variety of committee and community efforts.

Columbia County Emergency Manager Shayne Morgan, who is a long-time United Way Board participant, introduced guest speaker Cindy Elsenheimer, a lead forecaster at the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Jacksonville.

"Our United Way has been responsible for supporting our community through recoveries following tropical storms, hurricanes, river flooding, and a tornado as well as for supporting response efforts in the county Citizens Information Center and Emergency Operations Center," stated Morgan. "Community members may not be aware of the support provided by the National Weather Service."

In addition to issuing forecasts and warnings, Elsenheimer works closely with local broadcast meteorologists and emergency managers to ensure communities are prepared when hazardous weather threat-



PHOTOS: ROB WOLFE

Cindy Elsenheimer, a lead forecaster at the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Jacksonville, was the guest speaker at the United Way of Suwannee Valley's annual meeting Friday.

ens. Before joining the National Weather Service she was an air quality forecaster for the State of Alaska. Elsenheimer discussed weather threats that impact northern Florida, the services of the National Weather Service, and new technologies used by forecasters.

Don Fenneman, the local United Way's general campaign chair, kept to the end of the program the announcement of funds benefitting the community as a result of United Way's efforts. The community fundraising campaign raised \$478,124. Grant funds secured through collaborative applications submitted by United Way totaled \$1,209,464. Cumulatively, this results in a total community impact of \$1,687,588.

"It has been a good year," stated Chris Dampier, 2017-18 Board President, "challenging at times, but good."

The fundraising campaign dollars help support the community safety net of services provided by local United Way affiliated agencies and are allocated through a citizen review process. The grant funds primarily provide for services for those who are homeless or at risk of homeless with funds sub-granted to local agencies such as Another Way and Vivid Visions for emergency shelter services for victims of domestic violence, Catholic Charities and United Way for homeless prevention and re-housing services; and Volunteers of America of Florida for permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals including veterans. Additionally, funding for homeless services administered by the local United Way includes Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) which provides for homeless outreach and case management.

Other grant funds received during the organization's 2017-2018 fiscal year include its ReadingPals grant and funds for long-term recovery assistance. ReadingPals is an early literacy initiative focused on screening, training and engaging volunteers in local Florida communities to increase the number of students who read at grade level by the end of third grade. This is United Way's third year of the grant, thanks to a gift by the Carol and Barney Barnett Fund within the GiveWell Community Foundation. Locally, ReadingPals currently has



Board President Chris Dampier, right, hands the gavel to incoming President Don Fenneman at Friday night's meeting.

142 Volunteers working with 227 children. Long-term recovery funds have been used to assist survivors of Hurricanes Irma and Maria through the Suwannee Valley Long Term Recovery Committee's work with individual households.

Special recognition was provided to Florida Gateway College and to Nutrien, formerly PotashCorp-White Springs. Mike McKee, past United Way Board President and emcee, received an award on behalf of Florida Gateway College to recognize the contributions made above its employee giving campaign in the form of facilities and staff expertise. Nutrien's local employee campaign team received recognition for its outstanding results which the corporation matched.

Supporting the efforts of the general campaign team is the Challengers' Club, the local United Way's leadership giving group. Chaired by Dave Cobb, the Challengers' Club contributed 32 percent of the overall amount raised.

Janie Richardson, chair of the United Way Planning Committee, highlighted the community impact initiatives undertaken during the year which supported efforts of the County Health Improvement Plans and utilized grant funds received by United Way. Two projects focused on minimizing accidental injuries among children by providing scholarships for summer programming and swimming lessons. National Children's Dental Health Month was observed by providing dental health kits

distributed in coordination with the Health Departments to elementary school children in the four-county United Way service area. The National Heart Association's CPR Anytime training was implemented through the purchase of CPR Anytime kits with the anonymous grant funds. Sites throughout the four-county service area were identified which were willing to host a CPR Anytime training and to continue this self-directed training for its participants.

During the event, attended by more than 140 community members, outgoing board members were recognized and the 2018-19 leadership announced. Dampier passed the gavel to Fenneman, the incoming Board President.

Fenneman announced the officers for the 2018-19 board, which includes Pam Cochran, president elect and general campaign chair; Williams, secretary; Cammy Scott, treasurer; Dampier, past president; Lori Simpson, Columbia County Campaign Chair; Kecia Robinson, Suwannee County Campaign Chair; Christine Cribbs, Hamilton County Campaign Chair; Cobb, Challengers' Committee Chair; Barbara Doonan, Admissions and Allocations Chair; Dr. Alvin Jackson Jr., Loaned Executives Chair; Renee Cobb, Communications Committee Chair; Richardson; Planning Committee Chair; Mark Hilliard, Homeless Coalition Liaison; and Morgan, Community Disaster Preparedness, Recovery and Response Liaison.

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Wings over Suwannee set to take flight



An airplane after a flight at last year's Wings over Suwannee fly-in festival.

LIVE OAK — Airplane enthusiasts and those with a curiosity for flight will flock to the Suwannee County Airport this weekend.

The third Wings over Suwannee fly-in festival begins Friday at 8 a.m. and lasts through Sunday with a full slate of events the first two days. There is free admission and free on-site

camping available.

The Live Oak chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association will be hosting a Young Eagles rally during the fly-in, offering free flights to children, ages 8-17. The program, which requires a parent or legal guardian present to sign up, is designed to engage children into aviation.

Last year, more than

200 children received free flights with close to 3,000 people in attendance on the Saturday of the fly-in.

According to Alex Melia, one of the organizers for Wings over Suwannee, the hope is this year is even bigger and better.

"We're really amping it up this year, and we're hoping for a big turnout compared to last year," Melia said. "We're just really trying to get the public involved out there."

"Let them know what we're doing and how they can get involved."

In addition to the Young Eagles flights, airplanes will also be on display as well as cars and motorcycles. There will be a radio control airshow, seminars for pilots and a military fly over. Food and drink vendors will also be on hand.

There will also be a corn roast and twilight bonfire Friday night.



PHOTOS: FILE

Children get buckled in for a Young Eagles flight at last year's Wings over Suwannee fly-in.

SREC

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the SREC provides to Lafayette County as well as Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor and Union counties. Among those were the Aging program, Assistance/Self Sufficiency program and more about the Housing/Transportation programs.

The Aging program includes the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative, Community Care for the Elderly, Emergency Home Energy

Assistance for the Elderly and Home Care for the Elderly among others. Those various subprograms can provide help with medical care, services, supplies and even some bills.

Covered as part of the Assistance/Self Sufficiency program are the Community Services Block Grant, Emergency Food and Shelter Program, Energy Neighbor Fund and Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Those programs also can help cover utility bills as well as food and housing for emergencies.

The Housing/Transportation programs include

the State Housing Initiatives Partnership program, Weatherization Programs and Transportation. SHIP can provide assistance for repairs as well as down payments and closing costs for home owners depending on eligibility. There also could be aid for home repairs through the Weatherization programs.

For more information about Lafayette County Aging programs and services, contact Lafayette Senior Center, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 386-294-2202.

For more information about SREC, visit its website at www.srecinc.org.

Lamb

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stated that in the past week there have been two incidents in the county dealing with identity theft.

"There are a lot of ways that people can steal someone's information," Lamb said. "With the availability of the Internet, everybody has one or more ways to access it and use it in a negative way, whether it is an iPad, laptop or cell-phone."

Automated phone calls, if answered, will transfer to an actual person. Lamb specifically stated that if they ask for personal information, people should simply not to give it to them. If the individual is already working with the business then it has that information already

and should not be asking again.

The main information people try to get is name, date of birth and social security number. He also explained they take that information and fill out credit card applications.

Some do not receive any back while others have received one or more credit cards in that person's name. He said in one case, a person received eight different credit cards, all between \$500 and \$750, off one person's private information.

Lamb also shared an incident at a gas station in Perry where a skimmer was placed on the tape with a bluetooth signal that was transferring credit and debit card information to another source. The FDLE and state inspector were present when the device was found.

Lamb also said one had been placed on a pump at the Jiffy store in Mayo.

Several MWC members asked if there was a way for people to scan the information from someone's phone or computer by just standing next to each other.

Lamb said because everyone, when using wireless internet is connected it is easier for them to receive that information, but if it is plugged into the actual server it is safer.

Upcoming events

The Mother's Day Tea at Oakridge Assisted Living will be May 5, and the GFWC Conference will be in Orlando on May 4-5.

The Mother's Day Desert Auction is slated for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 11. The District 3 workshop will be in Live Oak on May 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Life in White Springs

There's no place like home!

"There's no place like home," said Dorothy after her return home from her epic adventure in the land of OZ. As I write this on Sunday, a strong storm front with a line of thunderstorms and potential tornadoes is approaching White Springs, and the entire east coast of the USA is posting severe storm warnings. I hope that my choice of this "No Place Like Home" headline is in no way prophetic of having a traveling experience similar to Dorothy's, which started with a tornado! I chose this headline in anticipation of the trip we are embarking on today, a trip to Vilano Beach, a favorite haunt of ours over the years that still has some hints of "Old Florida." We'll have to delay our departure today until the worst of the storm has passed.

Our destination, Vilano Beach is next door to St. Augustine, a place that first blossomed into a major tourist attraction in the 1880s after Mr. Henry Flagler built the Florida East Coast Railroad and the fabulous Ponce De Leon Hotel. White Springs perhaps deserves some credit for that. Mr. Flagler had visited here for political reasons over the years and maybe our budding tourism industry inspired him. Who knows? It may or may not be good history, but it is a good story and it might even be true.

At any rate, I'll tell you in advance of our trip some predictable outcomes that will make me appreciate home. We'll stay up too late and then sleep in a strange bed. We'll eat a little too much and I may gain a little weight. Our visits to our favorite places will yield varying results, as "progress" diminishes the authenticity of a place that once qualified as "old Florida." I can only

hope that my fierce love for authenticity does not too much diminish my enjoyment of the places we visit. We are gathering for a reunion with our far-flung tribe of friends from all across the eastern seaboard, and their authenticity is unchallenged, so I know that we will have a good time. I can't be sure that any or all of my hopes and concerns for this trip will come true, save one. Upon returning to White Springs, I know that my conviction will remain strong that "There's No Place Like Home!"

As I said last week, since this is "Life in White Springs," here's a good reason for White Springs' folks to stay home and for the rest of you to come visit us. In White Springs there will be a Native Plant Workshop at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park this Saturday, April 21, from 1-2 p.m. You'll be able to discover the benefits of using native plants for landscaping and you'll be introduced to a few of the exotic invasive plants that threaten our natural areas. This program is free with park admission. For more information, call Teri Graves-McKinstry, Park Specialist, at 386-397-2733.

The White Springs United Methodist Church has asked me to share with you that they will be having an Old Fashion Hymn Sing on Sunday, April 22, at 4 p.m. at the church, 16580 Spring Street (U.S. Highway 41). Whatever your denomination, don't miss this opportunity for a shared musical experience because



WALTER MCKENZIE

everyone is invited! We know we can sing together but knowing is not always enough, sometimes you've just got to show people!

Under the topic of "things I learned en route to learning other things. I went to the book signing at White Springs Public Library last week for Khrys Kantarze's book, "Wisdom From the Suwannee." It was a full house and the diversity of the crowd was gratifying. As I had hoped, Khrys gave some amazing insight into the creative process that went into the writing of this book. I went there to learn about the writing process, and learn I did, but while there I also was enticed to learn about something else by the knowledge of a new movement for White Springs. Craftivism!

Craftivism is a national movement that caught the eye of our friend and local educator and farmer, Roberta Lacefield of Lacefield Farms, and craftivism's message inspired her to find a niche for it in White Springs. Because people have grown tired of so-called traditional ways of activism, they are looking for a way to connect and deepen their understanding of things. Yelling doesn't change things, but dialogue does. Craftivism in White Springs is a developing concept, and was explained to me as a way of looking at life where voicing opinions through creativity makes your voice stronger, your compassion deeper and your quest for justice more infinite. This is less about mass action and more about realizing what you can do to make things around you better. This is about doing things intentionally in order to learn about and better process the happenings in our

town, our state and our world. And, perhaps most importantly, this is about creating dialogue with others in the hope for positive change. Wow! I love it that small towns like White Springs are not limited to small ideas. I'll share more with you about the Craftivism movement in White Springs as it develops.

Some things are worth saying two weeks in a row. Don't forget to vote! White Springs' Election for Town Council is on Tuesday, April 24. The old polling place on U.S. 41 near the Baily Ogburn Sport complex is closed. As I said last week I'm not going to tell you in this column who to vote for, but I will tell you where to vote! The new voting place is the White Springs Library. Go there on Tuesday, April 24, and exercise your right to vote. It's a right that others have fought and died for. Honor their sacrifice.

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.

Walter McKenzie
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Howell to discuss memoir at Branford Library

BRANFORD — Local author Susie H. Baxter will discuss and sign copies of her newest book, "Pumping Sunshine, A Memoir of My Rural Childhood" at the Branford Library next week.



Susie H. Baxter

The book signing will be held Monday at 6 p.m.

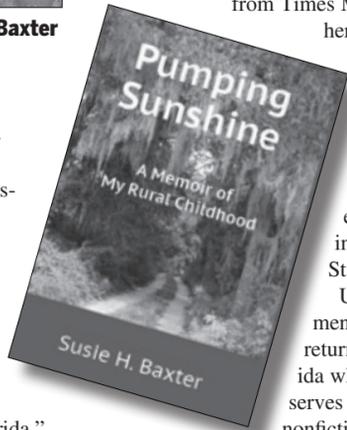
At the event, Baxter will read selections from her memoir, set in Suwannee County, will answer questions about the book and talk about writing memoirs. Afterwards, there will be refreshments and a book signing.

"Susie Baxter weaves a charming tale using threads of memories and front porch stories from her home near the Suwannee River in rural North Florida," said Cassie Dandridge Selleck, the author of The Pecan Man. "Heartwarming, nostalgic, and honest. Pumping Sunshine is a joy to read."

Added Jonellen Heckler, author of White Lies: "A treasure. Touching, honest, brilliantly detailed. Pumping

Sunshine leaves its mark indelibly on the heart."

Baxter, who was known during her childhood as Susanette Howell, attended Ladyland School in southwest Suwannee County before graduating from Suwannee High School in 1962. Baxter received the coveted Editor of the Year award from Times Mirror for



her work as an acquisitions editor and publisher for a health-science publishing house in St. Louis.

Upon retirement, Baxter returned to Florida where she serves as a creative nonfiction editor for Literary Review and teaches memoir writing at Santa Fe College in Gainesville.

Her other books are "C.G. & Ethel: A Family History" and "Write Your Memoir: One Story at a Time," which are available at amazon.com.

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Branford 2018

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The City of Live Oak CRA herein referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids marked "SEALED BID FOR CITY OF LIVE OAK / CRA — COURT STREET PHASE I IMPROVEMENTS" Sealed bids will be accepted by the City of Live Oak / CRA, Florida, until **Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 3:00 P.M.** in the City Clerk's office located at City Hall, 101 White Ave. S.E., Live Oak, Florida 32064. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Any uncertainty regarding the time a bid is received will be resolved against the Bidder. Bids will not be accepted via fax. **Bid opening will be promptly at 3:05 P.M. on Thursday, May 10, 2018, in the City Council Chambers located at City Hall, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for the provision of:**

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Interested parties should contact the City of Live Oak / Kim Smiley, KSmiley@cityofliveoak.org at 101 White Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064, phone (386) 362-2276, fax (386) 330-6507 for a complete set of documents. Plans and 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's website, www.cityofliveoak.org, under the Request for Qualifications / Proposals / Bids.

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City of Live Oak / CRA
Kim Smiley, CPP,
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101 White Ave. S.E.
Live Oak, Florida 32064
04/18, 04/20/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. 2018-16-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES RICHARD MELLETTE, SR.

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JAMES RICHARD MELLETTE, SR., deceased, whose date of death was December 1, 2017 and whose social security number is ***-**-7173, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 Ohio Ave S, Live Oak, FL 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 whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN

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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 18, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative: ls/Lindsey.Lander
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C/O Lindsey Lander
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04/18, 04/25/2018

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

CASE NO. 16-0099-CA

K-LAW PROPERTIES, LLC, Plaintiffs,

vs.

ERICA WASHINGTON, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered on September 28, 2017, in the Circuit Court of Suwannee County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Suwannee County, Florida, described as:

LOT 7, SHADY HOLLOW ESTATES, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 546, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THAT CERTAIN RETENTION AREA NOTED IN PLAT OF SHADY HOLLOW ESTATES, IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 546 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TAX PARCEL # 14-025-13E-0498701.0010 THROUGH 0080.

commonly known as 11774 72nd Pass, Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida 32060, including all buildings, appurtenances, and fixtures located thereon.

This shall be a public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash. Sale shall be held on the front steps of the Suwannee County Courthouse, Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida, on **MAY 24, 2018 at 11:50 a.m.**

Any persons 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 10th day of April, 2018.

(Court Seal) **BARRY BAKER**
Clerk of Court,
Suwannee County, Florida
Live Oak, Florida 32064

By: ls/Felicia.Flowers
Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO. 18000024CAMXAX

SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND

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ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN VERNON WELKNER, JR. A/K/A JOHN VERNON WELKNER (DECEASED), et. al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION- 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 JOHN VERNON WELKNER, JR. A/K/A JOHN VERNON WELKNER (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 NO.(S) 21, TIMBERS UNIT 3 SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AT PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 241, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1990 DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME CONTAINING VIN#S H60252GL AND H60252GR

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 Suwannee County, Florida, this 4th day of April, 2018.

(Court Seal) **Barry A. Baker**
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: ls/Felicia.Flowers
DEPUTY CLERK

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, AND SCHNEID, PL ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
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PRIMARY EMAIL: mail@rasflaw.com
04/11, 04/18/2018

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

CASE NO.: 13-00084

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AR2,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES, VIRGIE, et al,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated April 4, 2018, and entered in Case No. 13-00084 of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Suwannee County, Florida in which U.S. Bank National Association, As Trustee For Greenpoint Mortgage Funding Trust Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Series 2007-AR2, is the Plaintiff and James, Virgie, James, Stennett, Vann Needy People Minis-

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tries, Inc., 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 24th day of May, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

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Dated in Suwannee County, Florida this 5th day of April, 2018.

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

By: ls/Felicia.Flowers
Deputy Clerk

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04/18, 04/25/2018

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

CASE NO. 612018CP0000360001XX

IN RE: The Estate of

DOROTHY K. PERRY, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of **DOROTHY K. PERRY, Deceased**, File Number 612018CP0000360001XX, Social Security Number ***-**-1706 is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 S Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE UPON THEM.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is April 18, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative: [HAL A. AIRTH](mailto:HAL.A.AIRTH)
P.O.Box 448
Live Oak, FL 32064
(386) 362-4915
FL Bar #306533

Personal Representative:
Larry Landis
800 Belle Terre Parkway
Suite 200, Box 38
Palm Coast, FL 32164
04/18, 04/25/2018

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

CASE NO. 612018CP0000140001XX

IN RE: The Estate of

PATRICIA V. STRAWDER, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of **PATRICIA V. STRAWDER, Deceased**, File Number 612018CP0000140001XX, Social Security Number ***-**-5353 is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 S 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 INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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WILLIAM C. STUBBS, JR.
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04/18, 04/25/2018

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

The Live Oak Housing Authority (LOHA) is accepting proposals from qualified experienced firms or individuals interested in serving as Development Consultant to the LOHA as they pursue development opportunities for affordable housing in Live Oak, Florida. The development consultant would serve in a service capacity, advising the LOHA as needed on all financings and programs of work involving development of affordable housing assets, designed to improve and expand the availability of affordable housing for qualifying families. The LOHA will utilize multiple debt and equity instruments including, low income housing tax credits, mortgage financing, limited partnerships, HOME funds, SHIP funds and public/private collaborations as its principal forms of financing for the creation of additional affordable housing units.

For a copy of the RFP please contact Ms. Vickie Hogg, Executive Director at 386-362-2123. Please submit six (6) copies of your proposal no later than 4:00 p.m. local time on Monday, April 23, 2018. LOHA encourages minority participation. All proposals should be delivered (fax or electronic copies not accepted) to:
Vicki Hogg, Executive Director
Live Oak Housing Authority
406 Webb Drive, NE
Live Oak, FL 32064
04/11, 04/13, 04/18, 04/20/2018

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on March 23, 2018:

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, 19740 US 90, Live Oak, FL 32060 has submitted an application to modify Water Use Permit number 2-121-219095-5, with no change in allocation for industrial use in 1-in-10 year drought conditions. This project is located in Township 15S, Range 11E, Sections 25 and 30 in Suwannee County.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.
04/18/2018

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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, 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 Fam-

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ily 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.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

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

Date: 04/30/2018
Time: 8:00 A.M.

1996 FORD
VIN: 1FMDUJ32P6TUD83968

2000 JEEP
VIN: 1J4GW58N0YC162984

2006 NISS
VIN: 1N4AL11D76C129160
04/19/2018

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Northeast District Office Draft Air Permit No. 0470002-119-AC White Springs Agricultural Chemicals, Inc.-dba PCS Phosphate, White Springs Suwannee River and Swift Creek Complex Hamilton County, Florida

Applicant: The applicant for this project is White Springs Agricultural Chemicals, Inc.-dba PCS Phosphate, White Springs. The applicant's authorized representative and mailing address is: William M. Ponton, General Manager, White Springs Agricultural Chemicals, Inc.-dba PCS Phosphate, White Springs, Suwannee River and Swift Creek Complex, 15843 SE 78th Street, White Springs, Florida 32096.

Facility Location: White Springs Agricultural Chemicals, Inc.-dba PCS

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Phosphate, White Springs operates the existing Suwannee River and Swift Creek Complex, which is located in Hamilton County at 15843 SE 78th Street, in White Springs, Florida.

Project: Air construction permit, which authorizes changes to existing EU008 "Y" Train (#1 MAP/DAP Plant) to add a Mode of operation for the addition of micronutrients to the process; replace the existing pre-neutralizer with a new same capacity one; replace pumps, piping; repair or replace instrumentation as necessary to ensure reliable plant operations for EU008; changes to the scrubbing system arrangement; the addition of a new polishing screen; additional Mode of operation to add sulfuric acid and zinc oxide/sulfate to the process.

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 Office. 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 a.m. 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 appli-

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cation 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://fddep.dep.state.fl.us/air/missions/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 proposed equipment 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 Final Permit in accordance with the conditions of the proposed Draft Permit unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 12

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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 file 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 Rules 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-CA-000110

FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SHAWN L. HEWITT A/K/A SHAWN L. HEWETT; ET AL,
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JESIKA LILLIOTT HEWITT A/K/A JESIKE L. HEWETT A/K/A JESIKA L. HEWETT A/K/A JESIKA JANE HEWITT
Last Known Address: 2449 SE CR 405, Mayo, FL 32066

You are notified of an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Lafayette County:

**A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 12 EAST, LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 12 EAST; THENCE N 0 DEG. 33'51" WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 141.13 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N 0 DEG. 33'51" WEST A DISTANCE OF 301.02 FEET; THENCE N 70 DEG. 39'43" EAST A DISTANCE OF 715.95 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 354; THENCE S 19 DEG. 20'18" EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 212.32 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 4 DEG. 48'02", A RADIUS OF 868.51 FEET, A CHORD OF 72.75 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF S 21 DEG. 44'19" EAST; THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE A DISTANCE OF 72.77 FEET; THENCE S 70 DEG. 39'43" WEST A DISTANCE OF 815.88 FEET TO CLOSE ON THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
Property Address: 2449 Southeast CR 405, Mayo, FL 32066**

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The action was instituted in the Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit in and for Lafayette County, Florida; Case No. 2017-CA-000110 and is styled FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA vs. SHAWN L. HEWITT A/K/A SHAWN L. HEWETT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHAWN L. HEWITT A/K/A SHAWN L. HEWETT; JESIKA LILLIOTT HEWITT A/K/A JESIKE L. HEWETT A/K/A JESIKA JANE HEWITT; LAFAYETTE COUNTY, FLORIDA; LOUIS R. HEWITT; BARBARA JO HEWITT; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Mark W. Hernandez, Esq., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 255 S. Orange Ave., Ste. 900, Orlando, FL 32801, on or before May 21, 2018, (or 30 days from the first date of publication) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter a judgment or decree in the Plaintiff's interest which is binding upon you.

DATED: April 5, 2018

(Court Seal) **STEVE LAND**
As Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Hannah Owens
As Deputy Clerk
04/19, 04/26/2018

NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE SERVICES FOR THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting statements of qualification from real estate agents and/or firms.

SCOPE OF WORK: This is an RFQ to obtain real estate brokerage services to assist the County in selling surplus real property.

INSTRUCTIONS: Documents for this RFQ are available at the Lafayette County Clerk's office. Any firm desiring a copy of the RFQ may obtain a copy by calling the Lafayette County Clerk of Court at 386 294 1600. Hard

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copies and email copies are available.

ADA REQUIREMENTS: Any person with a qualified disability shall not be denied equal access and effective communication regarding any bid/proposal documents or the attendance at any related meeting or bid/proposal opening. If accommodations are needed because of disability, please contact the Clerk of Court at 386 294 1600. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Services by calling (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Voice).

RFQ SUBMITTAL DUE DATE: No later than **3:00PM EST on May 11, 2018** to the below address:

Clerk of Court's office at 120 West Main Street, P.O. Box 88, Mayo, Florida 32066.

The County Commission reserves the right to reject any or all submittals.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS: Notice of intent to Protest the RFQ must be filed with (received by) the Clerk of Court for Lafayette County, 120 West Main Street, P.O. Box 88, Mayo, Florida 32066, 386 294 1600, during the 72-hour period after specifications are made available. Failure to file a Notice of Intent to Protest or a formal, written Protest in accordance with Rule 28-110, F.A.C., within ten days after the 72-hour period ends, as prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of your right to an administrative hearing on the Specifications under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. Rules for RFQ protests can be found in sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., and Chapter 28-110, Florida Administrative Code. A protester shall comply with these statutes and rules.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lafayette County Commission will be holding a regular scheduled meeting on **Monday, April 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Lafayette County Courthouse in Mayo, Florida. Listed below is an agenda for the meeting.

By Order Of:
Earnest L. Jones, Chairman
Lafayette County Commission

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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1. Open the meeting.
2. Invocation and pledge to the flag.
3. Approve the minutes.
4. Requests and comments from the community.
5. Department Heads:
 - A) Marcus Calhoun – Maintenance.
 - B) Scott Sadler – Public Works.
 - C) Robert Hinkle – Building/Zoning.
6. Discuss possible amendments to the Land Development Regulations.
7. Discuss an agreement with the North Florida Economic Development Partnership (continued from the 4/9/18 meeting).
8. Consider an agreement with the Lafayette County Tax Collector.
9. Approve moving the second meeting in May from the 28th to the 29th due to the Memorial Day Holiday.
10. Approve the bills.
11. Other Business.
12. Adjourn.

All members of the public are welcome to attend. Notice is further hereby given, pursuant Florida Statute 286.0105, that any person or persons deciding to appeal any matter considered at this public hearing will need a record of the hearing and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (386) 294-1600 or via Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771. See www.lafayetteclerk.com for updates and amendments to the agenda. 04/19/2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lafayette County Commission will be accepting applications for an operator position at the Public Works Department. Applications may be picked up and are to be submitted to the Clerk of Court's office in the Courthouse at 120 West Main Street, Mayo, Florida. The deadline for turning in applications is Friday, April 27, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. The Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer

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that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex including pregnancy, age, disability or mental status.

By Order Of:
Earnest L. Jones, Chairman
Lafayette County Commission
04/12, 04/19/2018

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on April 11, 2018:

Scott Barrington, 606 SW Freedom Road, Mayo, FL 32066 has submitted a new application for Water Use Permit number 2-067-232174-1, authorizing a maximum average daily use of 0.1108 million gallons of groundwater for agricultural use in 1-in-10 year drought conditions. This project is located in Township 05S, Range 11E, Section 06 in Lafayette County.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report. 04/19/2018

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How safe are we?

Police presence paramount for public safety



BY THOMAS LYNN

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VALDOSTA — Looking at Frank Lathron today, it is impossible to tell the 84-year-old was shot two times in the back at a bar 22 years ago.

The Vietnam and Korean War veteran retired at Moody Air Force Base after 33 years of service and enjoyed hanging out with his wife and friends at The Office Bar and Grille in Valdosta.

Before Loren Allen Denzer Jr. snapped and shot up the bar, it was like any other night at the popular drinking establishment, Lathron said.

"I didn't know at the time, but the owner, Bill Moses, great guy, had to throw Denzer out the night before for harassing some of the women," Lathron said. "So when he came back again that Friday, Moses went and threw him out again.

"Moses always made sure there was no funny business happening in the bar," he said. "If people were going to fight, he would throw them out in the parking lot. He made sure it was a good clean bar."

That evening, after he threw Denzer out for the second night in a row, Moses saw him heading back to the bar with a .357 Magnum and a 10mm semi-automatic pistol. Moses went to stop Denzer but was shot several times.

According to eyewitness testimony at the time, once Moses was on the ground, Denzer turned him over and asked, "What

do you think about this?" and fired two more shots into the proprietor's body.

Moses died at the scene.

The lone gunman continued his rampage, entering The Office Grille and firing several more shots into a crowd of patrons. Lathron was yelling for people to get out or to "hit the deck." His time in the service helped him stay calm and help people.

When the shooting started, a woman at the bar froze and Lathron grabbed her to pull her to the ground, but Denzer saw them and shot Lathron twice in the back.

One of the bullets went through Lathron and into the woman, hitting her in the lung.

"It hurt like nothing I've ever felt before," he said. "The burning was intense. I couldn't do anything after that. The bar was chaos with people screaming and running around. It was a packed night that night."

Denzer continued firing into the crowd, striking two more people. Five people were shot, but only Moses lost his life that night.

Soon after the shooting started, law enforcement arrived. Denzer fired a couple of shots at law enforcement before throwing away his weapons and surrendering.

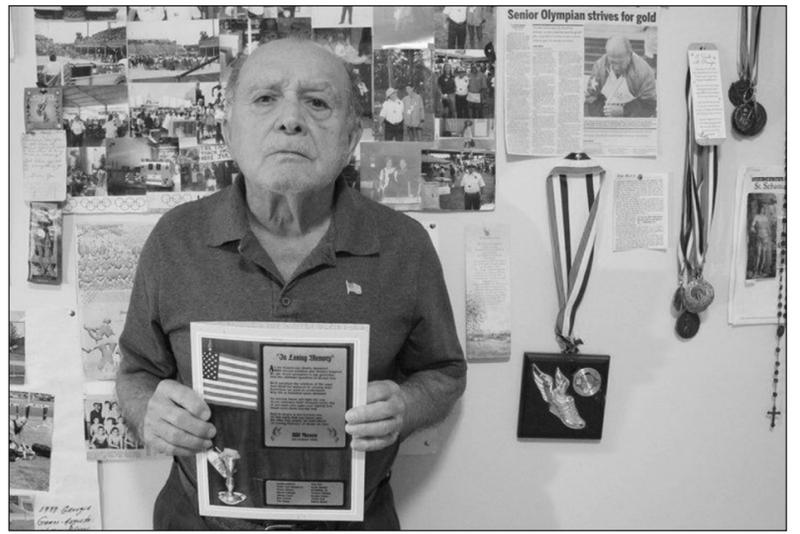
Lowndes County Sheriff Ashley Paulk, who was there that night, said they told him they would kill him if he didn't surrender. Denzer was taken into custody and is currently in prison.

In the decades since the shooting at The Office Bar & Grille, similar scenes have played out again and again across the nation from barrooms to other public places such as Pulse Night Club in Orlando, Florida, a movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, and a more recent shooting at a county music concert in Las Vegas.

However, across the SunLight Project coverage area, which includes Valdosta, Moultrie, Tifton, Thomasville, Milledgeville and Dalton, Ga., and Live Oak,



Live Oak Police Chief Buddy Williams



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Frank Lathron, 84, was shot two times in the back during a bar shooting 22 years ago.

Fla., no other location reported having a large public incident with multiple injuries such as the night at The Office Grille. Also, for every big gathering of people, area law-enforcement agencies said they make a concerted and collaborative effort to keep the public safe.

Police presence deters violence

Officials at police departments and sheriff's offices all said a visible law enforcement presence at public events is the most important deterrent to violence.

Paulk said the sheriff's office lets people know deputies will enforce the law during public gatherings. In 2016, two opposing groups of people gathered at the historical Lowndes County Courthouse, one side protesting President Donald Trump, the other side supporting him.

The sheriff's office and the Valdosta Police Department have a large and visible presence at such public events.

"At events like that you try to make a presence in uniform, so people know you're there, but if you think there is a potential for problems, you have a lot of people in plain clothes working the crowd, listening to people and trying to find the people trying to incite something," Paulk said. "If you get someone who is causing problems, you remove them immediately."

Since the shooting at The Office Grille, he said how law enforcement handles public gatherings and dangerous situations has changed. Paulk said there are more resources available for agencies and more training for officials.

Resources and training make it a lot safer for law enforcement and easier for crowd control, he said, but the tried-and-true method of just being present remains the most effective.

Capt. Stryde Jones has personally walked through crowds during events such as football games and concerts. He said deputies make sure people don't cross the line.

"Every time that I can recall, if it looks like there is going to be a situation, once they realize you're standing beside them, that situation is defused," Jones said. "We want people to have fun and have their

free speech, but at the same time, we won't let them cross that line."

Generally, public gatherings in Valdosta and Lowndes County go off without a hitch, and Paulk attributes that to the community.

"We have a pretty good population here," he said. "But they also know that we are serious about law enforcement. We're going to look out for the general population."

Law-enforcement officers share a similar sentiment across the SunLight Project coverage area.

"We like to be seen," said Capt. Steven Jones with the Thomas County Sheriff's Office.

He compared officers' presence at ball games and other public events to their presence in a school zone with swirling blue lights.

"People slow down," Jones said. "It's the same thing."

Jones said sheriff's deputies "are not leaning against the fence watching the game," nor are they lax at other public places and events.

"We are in the crowd, and people know we're there. They can see us. We want to be seen," he said.

Safety at public buildings

Security extends to public buildings such as the Thomas County Judicial Center and the courthouse across the street, where Deputy Melven Johnson and Sgt. Scotty Richards are in charge of security.

When someone enters the judicial center, they walk through a metal detector, where a weapon or cell phone registers an alarm. The weapon or cell phone shows up in yellow on a computer screen. Locked metal boxes are provided for storing a weapon, while someone is in the building, or it will be taken to the owner's vehicle.

"We check for weapons or anything that can be used as a weapon," Johnson said.

Security cameras are also used for keeping the public buildings safe. A room at the judicial center is equipped with a number of monitors that reveal activity inside and outside the two buildings — from the sole public entrances at each building to courtrooms to holding cells near courtrooms on the second floor.

Officers sometimes respond to tax offices in the historic courthouse when a customer becomes agitated and unruly. Incidents have also taken place in probate court proceedings at the judicial center.

Johnson said some parties in child support and divorce cases have been escorted from the judicial center to their vehicles when arguments break out.

Randa Wharton, Thomas County clerk of court, whose office is at the judicial center, said she feels safe in the building.

"We've got security here. We hope for the best," Wharton said.

The clerk's office previously was in the historic courthouse. Wharton said she thinks security is better at the judicial center.

Occasionally, she said, a customer will become upset and raise his or her voice.

"The officers come right down and check on it," Wharton said.

The office of Tweek Monahan, long-time Thomas County Commission clerk, is on the second floor of the historic courthouse.

Monahan said the historic courthouse



Suwannee County Sheriff Sammy St. Johns



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According to Valdosta Police Chief Brian Childress, every off-duty officer must use a VPD vehicle when they are doing security as a deterrent.



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Crowds at the 2017 Tifton Hometown Holidays celebration.

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now has only one public entrance. Employees, who have a private entrance, must have an electronic key to get into the building.

When talking about safety of government buildings, the Suwannee County, Fla., Courthouse is the first thing that comes to Sheriff Sam St. John's mind.

He said every employee has an access card to enter the courthouse and everyone else must come through the front door.

People must also go through a metal detector before entering, and several deputies are stationed at the courthouse during the week.

Emergency plans crucial

Live Oak Police Chief Buddy Williams said recent events have made law enforcement reconsider emergency plans and see what changes need to be made.

He said safety measures to consider are buzzer entries, thicker glass and installing panic buttons.

"There is never a perfect plan," Williams said. "We have to be as best prepared as we can."

During community events and parades, the sheriff's office and police department work together to ensure the safety of the community.

"We have an operational plan for every event and parade," Williams said.

There has never been a major incident at the events, he said.

The Downtown Development Authority in Dalton coordinates everything that happens downtown, Dalton Police Department Lt. Jamie Johnson said.

"People file with them first, and once they show they have the insurance and everything required, the DDDA sends it over to the police department, to public works, to the fire department, to parks and rec to see if anybody has any questions," Johnson said.

What they look at is the availability of personnel to work the event, he said. If there are closed intersections, they have to have people to work them.

He said the second thing they review is the route.

"We want to make sure they are using a route that is safe for participants, spectators and officers and also has the least impact on traffic," Johnson said. "We have a set route for downtown. One of the reasons we have that route is so that people know if we are having a parade, this is where it is going to be."

The DDDA also handles applications for downtown festivals and concerts. The application process is similar, with the DDDA forwarding the application process to other city departments for feedback.

"We participate in about 72 events a year — providing security, closing roads, having a presence. I can't recall any major issues."

Most are annual events, family oriented or helping a charitable organization or some other good cause, he said.

But officials emphasize "see something, say something" at any public event. If anyone sees something they think is out of place or suspicious, they should feel free to approach an officer and point it out to him or her.

"If it turns out to be nothing, the worst that has happened is that an officer has spent five minutes investigating it," said Bruce Frazier, Dalton Police Department spokesman. "That was five minutes the officer was working anyway."

Valdosta Police Chief Brian Childress said he can't guarantee a shooting such as the one at Pulse Night Club in Orlando, Florida will never happen here.

"We do the best we can," Childress said. "At Pulse, that was a terrible event, but how can you predict something like that? The only thing we can do is have procedures in place and, hopefully, have an officer there, so if an event like that were to happen, at least we would have an officer there to handle it."

Much like police and sheriff's offices across the area, the Valdosta Police Department has plans and procedures in place for every foreseeable situation.

One useful tool the department uses is off-duty officers, who provide off-duty security for businesses such as night clubs, gas stations and other popular haunts.

VPD Lt. Adam Bembry said businesses such as Flash Foods can request security from an off-duty officer during hours of the night that are more subject to problems.

He said officers are prohibited from going to the businesses looking to do security work. There are strict procedures for off-duty officers.

Childress said every off-duty officer

must use a VPD vehicle when they are doing security.

"It's a deterrent, but everything is regulated," he said. "We make sure they know that when they are at these off-duty deployments there are guidelines they have to follow."

For government buildings, VPD posts a guard at every meeting and will post more depending on the agenda. Childress said he attends department head meetings with other city officials to discuss whether a topic is controversial enough to warrant additional protection.

Mayor John Gayle said there has never been a problem at a meeting but people do sometimes get riled up. He said the officer on duty at every meeting keeps an eye on people.

"He's there looking for people who look suspicious, and he's there in case I signal to him that I need someone ushered out," Gayle said. "Now, we have not chosen to have 24-hour security in this building, which is something I have on my radar. With things happening nowadays, we are probably not as secure as we ought to be."

A lot of cities and government buildings have metal detectors. Valdosta doesn't have detectors not because the city doesn't want them, but because of state legislation that makes installing the equipment too expensive, Gayle said.

He said the state passed a law that says if the city provides security it has to provide it 24/7 year-round. That would require the city paying for a guard all day even when the building is empty.

"That makes it difficult on us, because we could have people scanned as they came into the meetings," Gayle said. "Now, we haven't had any problems, but I don't want to wait for something to happen."

The mayor said he has proposed having a facility study done on city offices, which will include security.

Outside of city hall, the city relies on the police department to protect other public spaces. If people want to hold a protest or rally, they have to fill out a permit and submit it to the police for review.

This is typical for most cities and requires departments to be in many places at once.

Between the Baldwin County Courthouse, recreational and high school sporting events, and various banks and private entities, Baldwin County police have no shortage of places to protect.

In their efforts to keep the people of Milledgeville and Baldwin County safe in public places, deputies from the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office protect a multitude of local institutions.

"We work uniform security at Mid-South Credit Union, some of the local churches in town, and different functions like that," said BCSO Major Scott Deason, who oversees the department's field operations division. "The board of education will soon have four uniformed deputies that work their properties, and they reimburse the county for those deputies because they're basically up there all day long. On our side jobs, whether it's churches, banks or the probation office, they'll hire deputies off-duty and contract directly with them."

Aside from the department's court services division, which posts anywhere from two to 10 deputies at the county courthouse at any given time, roughly 12 deputies work side jobs, providing security for local private entities.

Although Deason said no deputies have had to spring into action while securing local events in recent years, the courthouse is arguably the most secure building in the city with metal detectors and cameras aiding uniformed deputies.

At City Hall and large events inside the city limits, the Milledgeville Police Department provides officers for security and to keep the peace, usually on Milledgeville's main downtown square.

At the former Central State Hospital campus, which technically sits inside the city limits but spans more than 2,000 acres, the city contracts security services to the private firm Dynamic Security. Dynamic posts at least one officer on the CSH campus at any given time, but the company did not respond to requests for comment on their training and hiring protocols.

Increasingly in the past few years, deputies and officers have turned to security cameras in businesses and homes for evidence in crimes that happen on the premises, and this trend is likely to continue as the price of in-building surveillance equipment continues to decrease.

One Milledgeville resident said she would feel safe in any public place, thanks to the county's uniformed officers.



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Law enforcement officers from both the Tifton Police Department and the Tift County Sheriff's Office at an event.

"Obviously you can't predict what's going to happen where, but I think we have enough police at our public events to make sure that everyone is safe," Sarah Holiman said. "Even though we always hear about shootings and different things in the news, I've never felt like security at football games or DeepRoots was lacking."

While violent events in more public settings such as schools, churches and night clubs are more often seen on the news, hospitals are not immune.

Between 2000 and 2011 there were some 154 shootings at U.S. hospitals across 40 states, according to a study conducted by Johns Hopkins' medical personnel.

Of those, 59 percent took place inside a hospital building, and 63 were outside on hospital grounds.

In those shootings, 235 victims were either injured or killed.

At Colquitt Regional Medical Center, the hospital has spent \$1 million on a video system with 400 cameras to monitor both the interior and exterior of the facility, said Jim Matney, the hospital's chief executive officer.

To lessen the possibility of an incident, as well as protect employees, patients and visitors, the security system includes security personnel, limited access and a high-tech video surveillance system being augmented with facial-recognition software.

To ensure patient privacy, Matney said no cameras are placed where they can intrude into patient areas.

"I've got a security force that not only roams the hospital, they monitor the security cameras," Matney said. "It's not to watch everybody; we're keeping the public safe and also keeping our staff safe."

The camera system covers corridors and hallways and business areas. Cameras are equipped with sensors that start recording when someone in their vision moves. The recordings can be used by police in their investigations.

So a security officer monitoring the cameras would be alerted if, say, someone were in the pharmacy after hours when no one should be in that area.

In the hospital nursery, newborns are protected from abduction by a Kuddle security system, Matney said. A monitor attached to the babies will sound an alarm and lock doors if someone takes them beyond a certain point.

In the event of an incident inside the facility, all doors — outside and interior — can be locked.

So, if someone is acting violently, or if police give the hospital a description of a suspect who might be inside, the suspect can be isolated the moment the doors are locked.

Along with facial-recognition software being introduced, Colquitt Regional will install panic buttons outside in the parking lot that can alert security in the event of a robbery or other emergencies.

Among the busiest buildings in Dalton are the Colquitt County Courthouse and Courthouse Annex buildings that sit in the center of downtown.

From getting a marriage license at the courthouse to paying property taxes and purchasing tags at the Colquitt County Tax Commissioner's Office in the annex across the street, downtown is a beehive of activity.

There could be 10 or more officers in uniform and in plain clothes on duty during court, but officers' presence is considerable even when court is not in session.

Georgia law requires the sheriff either be at the county courthouse or a deputy be designated to be there at all times the building is open, Colquitt County Sheriff Rod Howell said.

A deputy is stationed at the tax commission office and one is stationed full-

time in Colquitt County Magistrate Court.

"In my experience there's no time you ride by the annex building when a sheriff's car is not sitting there," Howell said.

Colquitt County Human Resources Director John Peters said because the buildings house courtrooms, the public cannot bring guns inside.

At least one armed deputy is at all Colquitt County Commission meetings, and Moultrie police are at all Moultrie City Council meetings.

No discussion of safety in Moultrie and Colquitt County is complete without mentioning Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition.

With attendance of around 100,000 people during a three-day period, the annual farm show is the only event that brings in more visitors than a Packers football game.

Two security meetings are held each year to prepare for the event.

Security for Expo is intense and involves year-round planning, Colquitt County Sheriff Rod Howell said, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Georgia State Patrol, sheriff's office and Moultrie police.

Deputies man the gates, Moultrie police escort vendors carrying money and uniformed officers from both agencies and inconspicuous law-enforcement officers roam the grounds, Howell said.

Some 12 to 15 deputies in uniform are on the grounds each day, and some off-duty officers are hired.

"People don't realize all the resources that are here" for the Expo, he said.

Less security is needed for smaller events such as Colquitt County High home football games. Including deputies in uniform and plain clothes officers, the sheriff's office has as many as 15 people inside, while Moultrie police work the outside and grounds.

The two agencies also provide security for parades and other events in town such as the annual Spring Fling, and the sheriff's office helps at festivals in smaller cities such as May Day in Doerun.

For Tifton, city hall only has a metal detector at the entrance to the meeting room where the city council meetings are held. However, there are cameras monitoring both inside and outside the building.

While City Hall is completely open to the public, other city buildings are not.

Cameras monitor the inside and outside of the police department and fire departments. Both the police department and the main fire station have lobbies for visitors, but the rest of the building is secured and can only be accessed with a pass key.

Fulwood Park is where many of the local festivals and events take place.

In addition to recently installed cameras which monitor the park 24/7, events are usually patrolled by police officers in uniform. Football games, parades and large public events such as the Hometown Holidays parade and celebration are also monitored by police.

The county courthouse and the Charles Kent Administration Building, where the Tift County Board of Commissioners meet and the county government is housed, have metal detectors at the entrances, manned by a deputy from the Tift County Sheriff's Office.

The Tift County Jail has a public lobby, but is secured against public access as well.

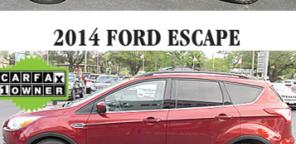
Any court proceedings in either the city or the county have a law enforcement presence and anyone entering the courtroom passes through a metal detector.

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Kendall Croft, Rafeal Martinez and Justin Dalton sign to play college football with Warner University.

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SHS football players sign with Warner

BY MIKE JONES

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LIVE OAK — Suwannee High seniors Justin Dalton, Rafael Martinez and Kendall Croft have earned college football scholarships. Martinez and Croft, both offensive linemen, and Dalton, a kicker/punter, signed with Warner University on Friday.

“A lot of the success we’ve had has been because of these guys,” Suwannee coach Kyler Hall said at the signing. “All three of these guys have battled through injuries. To watch them push through and continue to play hard means a lot to myself, their teammates and the rest of the coaches. They’ve been leaders on the field.

“As an athlete this is always the day you work towards — to be able to sign a scholarship, continue your education and continue to play this great game. I’m sure these young men are going to do great down at Warner and represent Suwannee County and Suwannee High very well.”

The strong-legged Dalton gave Suwannee an edge in special teams as a standout kicker and punter the past two seasons. Dalton’s big kickoffs, combined with his ability to angle the ball anywhere on the field, usually meant Suwannee was winning the field-position battle. He was also solid on extra points and field goal.

It took a lot of individual work, during the season and offseason, and also some help from coaches for Dalton to get to the next level.

“I practiced almost every day of the week,” said Dalton. “I want to thank coach Hall and coach (Dan) Marsee for helping me learn how to kick. They helped a lot for punting technique.

“We’re excited for Aug. 4 when we go down there. It’s nice having a couple guys from school so you can know somebody. We’re going to try and room together.”

Martinez and Croft were part of Suwannee’s impressive of-

fensive line that led to some big rushing numbers the past two seasons. Croft thought practicing against some of those good linemen helped elevate his game. He’s excited to continue his career alongside Martinez and also reunite with 2017 SHS grad Preston Hicks at Warner.

“We liked to have competitions with each other,” Croft said of his battles with other Suwannee O-linemen. “I’m going to miss going to practice with them. Going to the next level and being with a couple of them really helps.”

Martinez, who also saw time on the defensive line, said college football started becoming a reality in the middle of his junior season. Hall spoke highly of his work ethic.

“When you look at Raf and watch him play, it’s one of those guys that you want on your side of the ball,” Hall said. “Whether its on the offensive line or defensive line, he’s always noticed because he plays very hard every play.”

Bulldogs edge Tigers 1-0 in rivalry game

Morrill K’s 13, Wharton squeezes home winning run

LIVE OAK — Suwannee ace Hueston Morrill is the type of pitcher that doesn’t require much run support.

He only needed one run on Friday as the Bulldogs defeated

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PHOTO: FILE

Hueston Morrill dominated Columbia on Friday night.

Lafayette, Branford compete in district meets

Pepper, Veal, Lewis win individual district titles

GAINESVILLE — The Branford and Lafayette High track teams competed in the District 5-1A meet April 11 at Oak Hall High School.

Seven BHS athletes athletes and three LHS athletes

finished in the top four of their events to qualify for a regional meet on April 25 at Cypress Creek High (Wesley Chapel).

Top four finishers for Branford boys
Dakota Stevens — 400-me-

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Four Branford student-athletes sign to play college sports

BY MIKE JONES

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BRANFORD — Four different sports were represented when Branford High School student-athletes signed with colleges on Thursday.

Dylan Kelley (baseball), Carmilla Derringer (cross country), Chloe Linton (softball) and Mary Varga (golf) signed scholarships inside a crowded BHS auditorium.

“Our athletes are on the upper swing,” said Branford athletic director and head baseball coach Alex O’Quinn. “We’ve got a lot of great kids and our coaches are doing a good job of getting them exposure.”

Kelley, who has played for O’Quinn since eighth grade, is headed to South Florida State. The right-handed pitcher caught the attention of coaches at a showcase event at Indian River Community College in November.

He took a visit to South Florida State in December and then made his commitment in January. For Kelley, Thursday’s signing was a moment he had always imagined.

“This may sound a little corny, but since I was 8 years old, I had a list of my life goals on my bedroom door. One of those goals was to play college baseball,” Kelley said. “I can



PHOTO: SUBMITTED

Four Branford High School students signed to play college sports. Dylan Kelley signed to play baseball with South Florida State, Carmilla Derringer will be doing cross country with Florida Gateway College, Chloe Linton will represent Queens University in softball and Mary Varga will play golf with Webber International University.

cross that off now.”

A good fastball with movement has led to big strikeouts numbers for Kelley. In 49 innings pitched during his career at Branford, he has struck out 65. Kelley is 2-0 so far this year with a 4.20 ERA for the Buccaneers, who are 11-4 with three games left in the regular season.

While Kelley has excelled at his sport for a long time, Derringer’s story is a little different. Derringer, who signed with Florida Gateway College, was more of a late bloomer.

“I hated running. In my mile for PE I could not get past 13 (minutes),” she said.

That changed in the last two years as Derringer was named Rookie of the Year

in her junior season of cross country and MVP as a senior.

“The last few years that’s all I wanted to do. If I wasn’t running, I was thinking about running,” Derringer said.

“Coach (KJ) Wingate, coach (Mindy) Sikes and coach (Stefani) Santos all kind of told me to run to have fun. That’s what made me fall in love with it because I didn’t have so much pressure. Then coach CC (Erin Clark) put the pressure on me — like now you have to get the times.”

Derringer has improved her times significantly. When she first started running, her cross country times were around 33 minutes. Now she is down to 26 minutes.

It was actually Linton who encouraged Derringer to run and got her started in cross country. Linton, a shortstop and .379 career hitter at BHS, signed with Queens University of Charlotte in North Carolina.

“I visited several schools, but Queens was home as soon as I stepped on campus,” Linton said. “It means a lot (to sign). I really want younger kids to realize just because you live in a small town doesn’t mean you can’t go anywhere. I’m really happy to represent our school.”

In 76 games with the Bucs, Linton has scored 77 runs and collected 40 RBIs. She’s been one of Branford’s best hitters and also the vocal leader on the infield.

Varga was a six-year varsity golfer at Branford High after starting in seventh grade. She helped the Buccaneers win three straight district championships during her final three seasons. As a senior, Varga was part of the BHS team that finished second at a regional final to advance to the state tournament.

She’s shown improvement throughout her career and now shoots in the low 100’s, with her best score a 97. Varga plans to study Computer Information Systems at Webber International University.

“I visited over Spring Break and I really liked the size of the school and how small it was,” Varga said. “They have a good computer program.”

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Lafayette

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ter dash

CJ Pepper — district champion in pole vault (2.85 meters 9 feet, 4 inches), 110-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles

James Corbin — Pole vault
Top four finishers for BHS girls
Zamaria Granado — 400-meter dash, 4x400 relay

Nathalia Veal — district champion in pole vault (2.4 meters, 7 feet 10 inches), 300-meter hurdles

Trinity Thomas — discus, shot put, 4x400 relay

Kayla Johnson 4x400 relay, Hannah Terry 4x400 relay
Top four finishers for the Lafayette boys

Ben Massey — 100-meter dash
Garris Edwards — 400-meter dash, long jump

Dakota Hilton — 3200-meter run
Top four finishers for the LHS girls
Jasmine Lewis — District champion triple jump (10.6 meters, 34 feet 9 inches), district champ long jump (4.7 meters, 15 feet 5 inches)

Bulldogs

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rival Columbia 1-0 in front of a large crowd at Booster Field.

Morrill struck out 13 and allowed just three hits in his second complete-game shutout of the season. The Bulldogs scored in the sixth inning when Josh Wharton was able to get a bunt down on a high and inside pitch to score Marquis Jones.

“Huston has proven he can carry this team,” said Suwannee coach Justin Bruce. “We’re not scoring a lot of runs, but at the end of the day we get a big squeeze from Josh Wharton and finally we give our pitcher a break.”

Jones started the sixth inning by hustling out a ground ball and beating the throw to first base. He then stole second base, moved over to third on a ground ball, and came in on Wharton’s suicide squeeze bunt.

“Josh has come through with a couple of big bunts,” said Bruce. “I’ve got full faith whenever he comes up that he’s going to get it done because he’s been our guy to do that.”

“We told the team, ‘one play is going to break this game open.’ Marquis gets on with hustle. He steals second — bang-bang play — slides in because of his effort. Two or three plays together getting us that run — that’s what separated this game.”

Columbia (9-9) starter Daveion Love settled

down after the first inning to make it a pitchers’ duel. After giving up three hits in the first and getting out of a bases-load jam unscathed, Love held Suwannee hitless in the final six innings.

The Tigers’ best scoring chance came in the fifth inning. With Dylan Blair on second base and no outs, CHS tried a sacrifice bunt to move him to third. But Morrill got off the mound quickly to field the bunt and tossed to Jones at third to get the first out of the inning. Morrill struck out the next two hitters to end the inning.

Morrill improved to 5-2 on the season and lowered his ERA to .98.

UP NEXT: Suwannee (10-9) plays at Chiles on Thursday.

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Suwannee	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	1	3	1

H Morrill — 7 innings pitched, 3 hits, 13 strikeouts

Bonds — 1-2, BB

W Morrill — 1-3

Jones — 1-2, HBP, 1 stolen base, 1 run
Wharton — 0-2, RBI



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The SHS softball team's five seniors.

Home runs power Suwannee to Senior Night win

BY MIKE JONES

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LIVE OAK — A mighty swing from Maci Brown propelled Suwannee to a comeback win on Senior Night.

Brown hit a difficult, low and away pitch over the wall in right field in the sixth inning for a two-run home run to help the Bulldogs rally for a 4-3 victory against Madison County on Thursday.

“We’ve been working with her in the cage about staying down and staying on the outside pitch,” said SHS coach Jeff Smith. “She really stayed on that one and drove it.”

It was a good night for Brown, who went 2-3 with three RBIs, and Suwannee’s five seniors — Savannah Brown, Caileigh Croft, Skylar Redish, Brandi Davis and Tierney Hollon.

After some excellent pitching early

from Davis and MCHS starter Reese Rutherford, Savannah Brown broke through with the game’s first hit, launching a home run in the fourth inning to tie the game at 1. It was the 19th career home run for the Valdosta State signee and four-year starter at SHS.

Davis, Suwannee’s ace for the last three seasons, had a no-hitter through five innings. She allowed just three hits and two earned runs.

Redish, an Eckerd College signee, went 1-3 with a run scored while Croft and Hollon made all the plays in the outfield in a good defensive performance by the Bulldogs.

“All of our seniors are starters. Most of the them I’ve had for the last seven years,” Smith said. “Great kids. They had an awesome night.”

UP NEXT: Suwannee hosts Bolles on Wednesday.

HEALTHY REASONS TO HEAD TO THE COFFEE SHOP

One of the most widely consumed substances in the world, caffeine is found in varying amounts in coffee, tea, chocolate, soda, and energy drinks.

According to the marketing experts at Brandon Gaille, the United States leads the world in caffeine consumption, taking in around 970 tons every year. The majority of that caffeine is consumed in the form of coffee. Although too much caffeine has been linked to increased anxiety, insomnia and restlessness, those cups of Joe actually may have positive health benefits when enjoyed in moderation. The National Institutes of Health advises that, since coffee beans are loaded with protective compounds, they can help deliver caffeine in healthy ways.

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,



Although too much caffeine has been linked to increased anxiety, insomnia and restlessness, those cups of Joe actually may have positive health benefits when enjoyed in moderation.

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

potassium, delivers caffeine and can be part of a nutritious diet and successful weight-management regimen.

People prone to headaches and recurrent pain may find caffeine can help them manage those symptoms. Caffeine is one of the main ingredients in some pain relievers. The University of Georgia also has found that a moderate dose of caffeine (roughly that found in two cups of coffee) can reduce post-workout pain by up to 48 percent. What’s more, The Journal of the American Medical Association notes that, when caffeine is combined with other pain relievers, only 40 percent of the other drug was needed to provide the same level of efficacy.

Coffee and caffeine provide various health benefits and can be beneficial when consumed in moderation. Anyone who wants to alter their caffeine consumption should do so gradually to see how their body reacts to the changes.

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Suwannee Valley cornhole tourney raises \$2,500

LIVE OAK — The inaugural Suwannee Valley Cornhole Tournament raised nearly \$2,500 for the United Way of Suwannee Valley.

The tournament, hosted by Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, had 25 teams participate Saturday.

“Everyone at the tournament seemed to have a wonderful time,” SVEC Director of Communications Jon Little said in a release. “SVEC is an enthusiastic supporter of the United Way, and we are very pleased by the community’s response to this new fundraising event.”

Topping the field was Rob Chismark and Daniel Helberg, of Middleburg. Allen Kennedy and Richard Stohlmann, of Jasper, finished second. The third-place team was Jay and Randy Papesca, of Live Oak and Jasper.

“Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative’s corn hole tournament was a lot of fun,” United Way Executive Director Rita Dopp added in the release. “It is an activity anyone can play and that spectators can watch. The children who came had their



PHOTO: ROB WOLFE

Twenty-five teams participated in Saturday’s first Suwannee Valley Cornhole Tournament at Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative.

own activities and enjoyed playing together. Generally, it was a great family and community activity, and certainly, United Way appreciates the funds raised. “The United Way employees

who sponsored their team and played have already selected their team name for the second annual tournament.”

CORNERstone sponsors of the event were Farmers Coop-

erative, First Federal Bank of Florida, North Florida Printing Co., Poole Realty and Seminole Electric Cooperative — SVEC’S wholesale power provider.

Prizes were donated by the Brown Lantern and Dairy Queen of Live Oak.

Tournament operations were conducted by North Florida Cornhole.



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Jay Papesca and Randy Papesca, of Live Oak and Jasper, donned their medals for taking third place in the tournament and received gift certificates donated by Dairy Queen of Live Oak.



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First-place winners in the first Suwannee Valley Cornhole Tournament, Rob Chismark and Daniel Hedberg, both of Middleburg, are congratulated by master of ceremonies Joe Barclay, SVEC; and Rita Dopp, executive director, United Way of Suwannee Valley. In addition to receiving first place medals and winners plaques, each received \$50 cash.



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Second-place winners Allen Kennedy and Richard Stohlmann, both of Jasper, received congratulations and second place medals from Joey Barclay, SVEC, and Rita Dopp, United Way, and gift certificates donated by the Brown Lantern.

Heart Matters

Discipline is necessary for building responsibility

Discipline is a recurring theme in the book of Proverbs, and numerous verses are spent urging parents to understand their responsibility in correcting their children. Children are indeed a blessing, and very often a challenge. Someone once described having children as realizing that your heart, formerly safe and protected, is now living on the outside of your body, exposed and in harm’s way. After many years of being a mom, I can confirm this feeling of vulnerability!

Psalm 127:3 says that “Sons (and daughters) are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him.” Who doesn’t agree with this verse while holding a sweet newborn in their arms? But as they grow up and begin to struggle against their parents, it can be difficult to see them as a reward! Responding to a child’s disobedience is frustrating and often leaves us wanting answers. The good news is that these are answers the Bible clearly gives. Hebrews 12:11 states: “No discipline

seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

The most obvious point in this verse is that discipline will not be fun. Not for the giver or the receiver, but it is necessary for training. This training marks the difference between discipline and punishment. Punishment focuses on what the child did wrong and making them pay for disobedience, while discipline focuses on training and teaching the child to choose what is right next time. The harvest that discipline produces is desirable in the life of every child: righteousness and peace. Righteousness is the ability to make wise choices that while difficult, keep us in right standing with God and others. Teaching a child to do what is right at a young age makes it easier for them to choose right as they grow into adulthood. Even in the midst of difficult circumstances, they will

then experience the peace that comes from a clear conscious.

“Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death” (Proverbs 19:18); “Discipline your son and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul” (Proverbs 29:17). As parents we can grow weary in trying to discipline our children, especially living in a culture that condemns this practice. It is easier at the time to give in, but in failing to correct a child, we allow disobedience. We may avoid a temporary battle, but we lose the war in building self-control and responsibility within the child. This allows them to travel a path that leads to destruction of their relationships, reputations, health and possibly their lives. Our desire to be “friends” with our children can be realized after they are adults and will come as a result of the respect gained through the hard work of being their parent when they are

young.

Consistent, loving discipline ultimately teaches our children how to discipline themselves and guard their hearts from the consequences of bad choices. After all, their hearts really do matter!



ANGIE LAND

Blessings,
Angie

Heart Matters is a weekly column written by Angie Land, Director of the Family Life Ministries of the Lafayette Baptist Association, where she teaches Bible studies, leads marriage and family conferences and offers Biblical counseling to individuals, couples and families. Contact Angie with questions or comments at angieland3@windstream.net

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WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE

“ [Love Fulfills the Law] Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.”

Romans 13:8 NIV

Randolph receives Leading by Example award

LIVE OAK — Spurred by a mission to encourage those around him, Dr. Tim Tooten recognized someone else who has always motivated him.

On the first night of his annual three-day revival, Tooten presented the first “Leading by Example” Community Award to Dr. Tommy Randolph on April 11 at the Greater New Bethel AME Church.

“He was someone in the neighborhood we could look up to because he excelled on the basketball court, the football field and especially in the classroom,” Tooten said about choosing Randolph. “Dr. Randolph showed us what was possible if you were committed to working hard.”

Randolph, a 1974 Suwannee High School graduate, has had a family medical practice in Lake City since 1985. That followed a residency at the University of Wisconsin and graduating from Dartmouth College and the medical school at the University of Florida.

“I didn’t get here by myself,” Randolph said after receiving the honor, adding that “It takes a village to raise a child.”

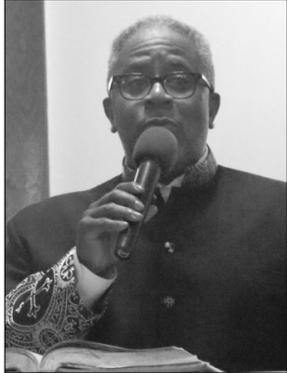
“In the community, there were individuals who were instrumental in helping my parents keep us on the straight and narrow. I learned how to work from an individual who made her living picking beans and peas. She was willing to take some of us hard-headed boys out to the field with her and show us how to work.

“I don’t know if any of you have picked beans before but to pick a handful of beans, that’s work. And in the sun at that.

“So now it’s nothing to put some clothes in the dryer or washer, or to pick up some trash.”

Randolph is married to Dr. Athena Randolph and has three children and two grandchildren.

“It’s evident from looking at the values he and his wife have passed along to their own children why he has set



Dr. Tim Tooten speaks at the Greater New Bethel AME Church.



Dr. Tim Tooten, left, presents the inaugural ‘Leading by Example’ Community Award to Dr. Tommy Randolph last week.

PHOTOS: JAMIE WACHTER

himself apart as someone who leads by example,” Tooten added.

Tooten is also a Live Oak native and a 1976 graduate of SHS. He is the pastor and founder of Harvest Christian Ministries in Baltimore County, Md.

He is also an Emmy-Award winning broadcast education

reporter at WBAL-TV, an NBC affiliate. Wooten is also the author of the best-selling book, “Leading by Example, a Parental Guide to Teaching and Modeling Christian Faith at home.”

He started the annual revival five years ago with his mother, Doris Tooten.

DEP encourages exploration of springs

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — In celebration of April being recognized as Springs Protection Awareness Month, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection encourages residents and visitors to explore the 28 state parks that protect some of Florida’s iconic freshwater springs.

“Florida is home to more large freshwater springs than any other state in the nation. In addition to their

recreational value, and being economic drivers for our communities, springs are also the window into the health of our groundwater, the source of 90 percent of drinking water for Floridians,” said Drew Bartlett, DEP deputy secretary for ecosystem restoration, in a release. “That is why DEP and the water management districts are investing in water quality improvement projects to restore and pro-

tect our springs, including conserving and acquiring land in spring recharge zones such as within our cherished state parks.”

Added Eric Draper, the DEP director of Florida State Parks: “Florida’s springs state parks give people the opportunity to learn about and experience one of the world’s wonders. As we protect these amazing places, we hope that everyone will plan a visit to a springs

park. Our outstanding park staff are ready to make your visit fun and educational.”

Wekiwa Springs, Silver Springs, Weeki Wachee Springs and Rainbow Springs state parks are well-known destinations for springs enthusiasts. But there are also many lesser-known parks that are new to the park system, or perhaps more off the beaten path, that offer visitors the opportunity to discover a

new favorite spring destination.

• Florida State Parks recently welcomed Gilchrist Blue Springs State Park in High Springs as Florida’s 175th state park. The park has a collection of natural springs, including a large second-magnitude spring that produces an average of 44 million gallons of water per day. The other named springs on-site are Little Blue Spring, Naked Spring,

Kiefer Spring and Johnson Spring. Paddling, snorkeling and swimming are all popular at the main springhead and spring run.

• Troy Spring State Park in Branford is a hidden gem in north-central Florida. This 70-foot deep, first-magnitude spring offers opportunities for swimming, snorkeling and scuba diving. History buffs can see the remains of the Civil War-era steamboat Madison, which is nestled in the shallow water of the spring run.

• Lafayette Blue Springs State Park in Mayo offers a tent-only campground and serves as a river camp for paddlers along the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail. The park also offers cabins and is one of the easiest parks to find available reservations.

• Wes Skiles Peacock Springs State Park in Live Oak offers great opportunities for swimming, with two major springs, a spring run and six sinkholes. The park also has an interpretive trail highlighting the unique geology of the region that resulted in the formation of the spring, as well as the unique plants and wildlife that inhabit the park because of its exclusive ecosystem.

The DEP also provides a springs locator map online as a resource to easily research new springs to explore. The map can be found at <https://floridadep.gov/springs/visit>.



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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 19 Wind Resistant Trees Workshop

12:00pm-1:00pm

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April 21 Smith Family Reunion

Burtus M. Smith, J. Adalie Smith and Uncle T. Smith invites relatives and friends to join together on Saturday, April 21 at Divonia Baptist Church. Those who attend are asked to please bring a covered dish and arrive at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Divonia Baptist Church is located on U.S. 129, two miles south of I-75 in Jasper. For more information, contact Dennis Smith at 386-792-268 (home) or 386-303-1260 (cell) or Glenda Roberts at 386-362-4474. The Smiths look forward to seeing those who attend.

April 21 Class of 1960 Reunion

The Class of 1960 Farmhouse Gathering will be on Saturday, April 21 starting at 11 a.m. The class will gather at Jim Ross Farm off of Hwy. 51. To get to the Ross Farm, go south on Hwy. 51, turn left on Allison Road, turn right on the second dirt road (144th Street) and follow the road to the farm. It will be the only house on 144th Street.

Those who attend are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to go with Jim Ross's "grilled specials." For more information, call Paul Deese at 904-626-9136, Allison at 386-390-0697 or Jim Ross at 904-228-0519.

April 21 Wellborn School Reunion

The Wellborn School Reunion will be held on April 21 at the Wellborn Baptist Church social hall, located at Lowe Lake Rd. and U.S. 90. The reunion will begin at 11 a.m. and guests are asked to bring photos or stories relevant to the school or Wellborn in general, as well as a covered dish.

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 <https://www.nfcc.edu/fitness-run/index> or contact Tyler Coody at (850) 973-1639.

April 22 Friendship Baptist Church Homecoming

A homecoming will be held to recognize the current military service members of Friendship

Baptist Church on April 22. The homecoming events will be from 9:45-10:30 a.m., with a gospel sing and southern joy, and worship service will be at 11 a.m. with special music and recognitions of its current members and military service members.

There will be no evening service on the day of the homecoming. The church's new pastor, Rev. Matthew McDonald, will be delivering the message. Friendship Baptist Church is located at 14364 140th St. in Live Oak.

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 (Community 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.

May 5 March for Babies

The March for Babies event will be held Satur-

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.

day, May 5 from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Darby Pavilion on Lake DeSoto near Shands Hospital in Lake City. The march will benefit March of Dimes and there will be family teams, company teams and people walking with friends. A light breakfast and kickoff activities will take place prior to the walk, with lunch and entertainment to be held afterwards. To register for the march, visit <http://www.marchforbabies.org/event/suwanneevalley/> or register at 8a.m. on May 5 at the Darby Pavilion. For more information, contact Vanessa Jackson at 386-406-0808.

May 5 Clayland School Reunion

Clayland School will have its annual reunion on Saturday, May 5 at the Clayland Church Fellowship Hall (the old lunchroom) beginning at 10 a.m. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share for a midday meal with reminiscing. For more information, contact Inez Hingson at 352-339-1859.

May 5 Community Yard Sale

First Advent Christian Church will be hosting a community yard sale on May 5 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Vendors may reserve their space by calling the church office at 386-362-1802. Vendors are asked to bring their own tables, chairs and tents. First Advent Christian Church is located at 699 Pinewood Drive, SW in Live Oak.

May 21 Kerwin Bell to speak

The Live Oak Church of God will have Kerwin Bell as a guest speaker on May 21 beginning at 7 p.m. Kerwin Bell is a former Mayo High School standout in the early 1980s who became a Florida Gator quarterback, then went on to the NFL to play for the Indianapolis Colts, Miami Dolphins, Tampa Bay Bucs. He is now the head football coach at Valdosta State University. Bell will be speaking for an allmen's and boys event. The Live Oak Church of God is located at 9828 U.S. 129 in Live Oak.

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.

Sept. 12-16 Jellystone Park Jam

The Jellystone Park Jam will be hosted from September 12-16 at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Madison. Over two dozen of gospel music's finest talents are scheduled to appear throughout the five-day event. The Jellystone Park Jam is a free event for anyone to attend. For a complete list of the concert events and times or more information, visit <https://www.jellystoneparkjam.com/home>, call 850-464-0114 or email jellystoneparkjam@gmail.com.

Monthly Meetings

Hymn Singing

Old-fashioned hymn singing takes place at White Springs United Methodist Church on the fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. Hymn requests from the congregation are welcome. The church invites the community to attend. White Springs United Methodist Church is located at 16580 Spring St. in White Springs.

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous

The Live Oak Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meet three days each week on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. at 911 Nobles Ferry Road (Gray Precinct Voting Building), the building next to the Health Department. For more information, contact Charlie at 386-364-6410. The number is not monitored 24 hours a day, so please leave a message.

Suwannee River Toastmasters

The Suwannee River Toastmasters Club invites you to join us as we work together to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at the Suwannee River Water Management District Headquarters. Contact Joe Flanagan at 386-209-1912 for additional

information.

Kiwanis Club of Live Oak

The Kiwanis Club of Live Oak invites you to join us in making the world a better place one child and one community at a time. We meet each Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Florida Farm Bureau Insurance building. Contact Joe Flanagan at 386-209-1912 for additional information.

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 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 Alzheimer's. 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.

Community Calendar

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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, grits, bacon, or 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 Brittny 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

Criiter 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. 386-362-5977

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 gracelutheranliveoak@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 JinnieS-VGS@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 Pine-mount 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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Finding Money for College

6 tips for winning scholarships

FAMILY FEATURES

College is a significant investment and millions of families each year face the question of how to pay for it. One way students can position themselves for success is by seeking out various forms of financial assistance.

Earning scholarships can be one way to offset the financial burden, but winning a scholarship can sometimes be as competitive as gaining admission to the college of your choice. While most scholarships don't entirely cover college tuition, they can be useful tools to help cover educational expenses such as room and board, tuition and books.

Some scholarships can be earned by meeting or exceeding certain standards, such as academic performance, while other scholarships are based on financial need or personal interests of the applicant. There's also a wealth of opportunities that support students in specific areas, whether it be from companies, professional organizations or foundations. For example, the America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders program offers industry-specific scholarships each year for those looking to study agriculture-related fields.

While your academic performance, character and extracurricular resume all play a part, knowing where to look for scholarships can make all the difference when it comes time to pay for your education. These tips can help you identify and apply for scholarships that match your interests and credentials.

Complete the FAFSA

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may be required to apply for a number of scholarships, particularly scholarships offered by most colleges and universities based on need. It is also required for other forms of financial aid, such as subsidized or unsubsidized loans. While you can begin filling out the FAFSA on Oct. 1 of the year prior to needing aid, many need-based scholarships give

priority to students who complete the FAFSA by their state's application deadline. It is important to note that some colleges and universities have earlier deadlines.

Talk to Your Counselor

Colleges or universities and scholarship providers often supply information about their award offerings and applications to high school counselors. Many institutions also offer specific awards by major for both new and returning students that can be applied for through the school's financial aid office. These resources, as well as newsletters and bulletin boards outside of these offices, can help you identify scholarships for which you may be eligible to apply.

Apply for Scholarships in Your Field of Interest

Many job sectors have scholarship opportunities available through related clubs, organizations, small businesses and other benefactors. For example, the America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund in conjunction with the FFA, provides \$1,500 scholarships to students endorsed by local farmers for continuing their education at two- or four-year universities and trade schools in agriculture-related fields of study. This year, the program will award more than \$500,000 in scholarships to students in fields such as mathematics, computer science, business, communications, engineering, farming, agronomy, education and more. Students can learn more about the program by visiting GrowAgLeaders.com.

Don't Overlook Smaller Award Amounts

When it comes to paying for your education, every scholarship you receive – even those that come



with smaller, one-time award amounts – can help defray the costs beyond tuition for books, supplies and living expenses. Many times, scholarships with smaller award amounts have fewer additional requirements that must be satisfied outside of materials traditionally required for submission such as transcripts, letters of reference and an application.

Look for Essay Applications

Students are often more likely to forgo applying to scholarships that require essays, videos or additional assets that promote their accomplishments outside of submitting an application and a copy of their transcripts. This typically leads to a smaller candidate pool. Due to the added requirements, these scholarships

can oftentimes come with larger monetary values, as well.

Use a Scholarship Search Engine

While a simple search for "college scholarships" on any search engine is likely to elicit plenty of options, there are sites available that are dedicated to helping students identify college scholarship opportunities. While paid options exist, there are also several free sites, such as Scholarships.com, Fastweb and Scholarship America, that can provide local, regional and national options based on the information you provide. Other, more industry-specific websites, such as FFA.org, can provide scholarship opportunities that pertain to a certain field of interest.

INCREASING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP ODDS

While there is no way to guarantee a scholarship to help offset the costs of higher education, there are things you can do to increase your odds of getting noticed by admissions departments and those who award scholarships. Before sending in your application, consider these tips:

Get Involved

Students who are involved in extracurricular activities, such as volunteer causes, sports, clubs or student government, often give themselves a leg up on the competition when achievements in the classroom are similar. Getting involved outside of the traditional school day is also a way to network, which can be helpful when it comes time to ask for letters of recommendation.

Apply Early

A good rule of thumb is to not wait until the due date to submit your application and other materials as issues out of your control can arise, such as a website malfunction or a not-yet-submitted recommendation letter. In fact, some scholarships close once they receive a certain amount of applicants, and those reviewing applications can put a premium on those received earlier.

Look Professional

Ensure your online presence matches the persona your application depicts. As more college admissions departments, employers and scholarship committees are researching candidates online prior to awarding admission, interviews or

scholarship money, be sure to clear your social media accounts of any inappropriate or unprofessional material, look yourself up on search engines to be aware of any information available about you and use a simple email address that includes your name in some fashion.

Proofread

Read back through your scholarship application as well as your essay a few times once you're finished to ensure everything looks and sounds as you intended. Pay particularly close attention to spelling and grammar, and if time permits, ask someone you trust – such as a parent, teacher or counselor – to double-check your work prior to submitting your application.

State & Region

Former Leon County commissioner Rackleff files for U.S. Rep. seat

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (WTLX) — A former Leon County commissioner will run for U.S. representative of Florida's 2nd congressional district.

On Monday, Bob Rackleff officially filed as a candidate for U.S. Congress, 2nd District, with Florida's Division of Elections for the August 28 Democratic Primary Ballot.

The seat is held by Republican Neal Dunn of Panama City. "In the campaign ahead, I will

carry this vision to every one of the 19 counties of the 2nd District — and will challenge Neal Dunn to account for his betrayal of working families," Rackleff wrote in a remark about qualifying for the primary election.

Rackleff is a former Leon County Commissioner (1998-2010). He was an enlisted sailor and Navy officer for 22 years. He was also a speechwriter for President Jimmy Carter and other Democratic officeholders, a civil rights and environmental

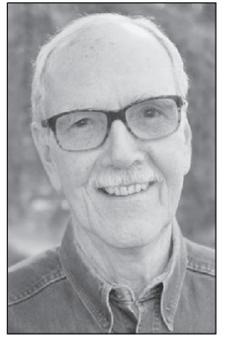
activist, and a corporate writer and consultant.

He moved to Tallahassee in 1952. "I'm running to help win back Congress for the working families of North Florida — to stop the assault on affordable health care, to create good-paying jobs especially in rural communities, and to represent everyone in the district, not just those who support me," Rackleff said.

The Florida State University grad is a parent to three grown children

with his wife Esther Moring, who's been an emergency medical coordinator with Doctors Without Borders since 1995.

Florida's 2nd Congressional District is the largest congressional district in Florida by land area and consists of Bay, Calhoun, Dixie, Franklin, Gilchrist, Gulf, Jackson, Lafayette, Levy, Liberty, Suwannee, Taylor, Wakulla and Washington counties, and portions of Columbia, Holmes, Jefferson, Leon and Marion counties.



Bob Rackleff

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To list your church in the church directory, Please call Ninan 386-362-1734

RaeLynn to Perform at Wild Adventures Theme Park

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Rising country star RaeLynn takes the stage Saturday at Wild Adventures Theme Park. "RaeLynn is our third performance in the 2018 Flash Foods and Circle K Summer Concert Series," said Adam Floyd, public relations manager. "From her time on 'The Voice' to her songs on the radio, she's making incredible music that we're excited to share with our guests."

RaeLynn is best known for such country hits as "Diamonds," "Love Triangle" and her gold-certified debut single "God Made Girls." She recently released her Warner Bros. Records/Warner Music Nashville debut album, WildHorse, which has been heralded as the Best Country Album of 2017 by UPROXX, Stereogum and Rolling Stone.

Admission to see RaeLynn and all Wild Adventures concerts is included with park admission or a season pass. Reserved seats for the show are available. Visit WildAdventures.com, or call 229-219-7080 for more details.



RaeLynn, a rising country star, will be performing at Wild Adventures.

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Fun By The Numbers
 Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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