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Top-notch teachers

Suwannee schools name Teachers of the Year

By Carnell Hawthorne Jr. carnell.hawthorne@gafnews.com

Winners were announced this past week. Here's what they had to say on learning of their selection.



Lisa Gray, Suwannee Primary School, kindergarten: "I'm truly honored to have been chosen among my peers of such dedicated teachers — to represent them as teacher of the year here at Suwannee Primary School."



Nannette "Sam" Bunce, Branford High School, eighth grade language arts, ninth grade English I: "It's wonderful to be recognized on behalf of all the fabulous teachers at BHS. I find that working here brings out the best in me. I work harder, and I enjoy it more knowing that I feel supported by what everyone else is doing. There is no such word as complacency here at BHS. I'm really overwhelmed at being named teacher of the year."



Laura Katherine Roberts, Suwannee Elementary, second and third grades: "I'd just like to say it's a big honor to represent Suwannee Elementary. I feel really humble. It's an honor to be selected from such a fantastic group of teachers. I would like to thank all my students, colleagues and parents for their support."



Theda Severance, fourth grade, Suwannee Intermediate: "Well, honestly there are so many deserving. I feel honored to be chosen out of so many deserving teachers. It's overwhelming, I feel, all the emotions of being chosen."



Linda Keller, Branford Elementary, kindergarten: "I am humbled. For a kindergarten teacher to be named teacher of the year is amazing. I work with a great team, and I appreciate their confidence in me. I'll do my best to work hard and make them proud."



Melissa Cameron, Suwannee Middle School, seventh and eighth grade art: "It's just overwhelming. It's an honor to be considered. It's just too much to take in right now."



Candy Vickers, Suwannee High School, Special Education: "I'm just very appreciative that everyone is starting to realize that what we do is specially important, and that our children are equally capable. I think that all the one's who were named are capable of representing our community well."



Melissa Mapp-Francisco, Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center, Medical Clinical Programs and Office Technology: "I'm very excited and grateful. The Vo-Tech rocks! I hope I represent our school well."

District Teacher of the Year will be announced at a special banquet on Feb. 9 at Phillips Dining Hall at the Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park. For more information contact Hillary Cannon at 386-647-4617.



'Keeping Christ in Christmas'

Annual celebration is set for this Saturday, Dec. 12

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Big win for the Bulldogs

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Killer still on the run



Braswell as he might look today. - Photo courtesy FDLE

Former Suwannee County resident Harry Dana Braswell Jr. escaped from prison in 1983. He's been a step ahead of the law ever since.

By Jeff Waters jeff.waters@gafnews.com

A Suwannee County man who escaped from prison in 1983 is one of 12 fugitives two Florida agencies are seeking as part of a "12 Days of Fugitives" program.

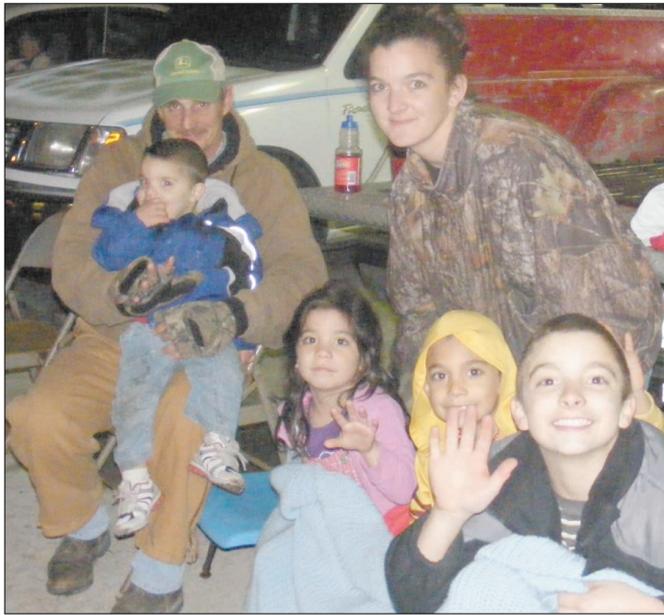
The Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Florida Department of Corrections have cash and want to give away as kind of a Christmas present to anyone who can lead them to any of the 12, including former county resident Harry Dana Braswell Jr.,

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Braswell in prison. - Photo courtesy FDLE

Family fun at the Christmas parade



The Lamberts' faces were all aglow at the Christmas parade Saturday. Pictured from left are: Gregory "Gator" Lambert holding 2-year-old Joshua; Missy, 5; Keith, 7; Gregory, 12, and Gabrielle Lambert (standing). See more parade photos, pages 12-13A.

- Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.

Hazmat scare at I-10 stop

Staff

A semi carrying nearly six tons of hazardous material leaked 110 gallons of flammable liquid at the eastbound I-10 rest area in Suwannee County Monday night, according to Suwannee County Fire/Rescue reports. No one was injured.

Just before midnight, SCFR Stations 1, 51, and 32 responded to a

report from FHP that liquid was leaking from a semi at the rest area. SCFR arrived and put its recent hazmat training to use, evacuating the area and quickly containing the spill. SCFR coordinated its efforts with FHP, the state Dept. of Transportation and Suwannee County Emergency Management.



More than 100 gallons of a flammable liquid leaked from a semi at the eastbound rest area on I-10 late Monday. - Photo: Suwannee County Fire/Rescue

See video of Alan Bedenbaugh's heartfelt plea to the community at suwanneedemocrat.com.

Sparky's Kids need your help, says LOFD

By Jeff Waters jeff.waters@gafnews.com

The Live Oak Fire Department's Toys for Sparky's Kids program is in desperate need, the department says.

LOFD's Alan Bedenbaugh, who organizes the drive, said he has been forced to quit letting people sign up for help. As of Wednesday morning, 400 names were on the list. The department has only enough toys for that number.

"I can handle what I got on the list now," said Bedenbaugh. "When we get more toys I would love to open it back it up. If people put their name on the list, I want to make sure we take care of

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It's all or nothing on golf carts, says city councilman

If police can use them on city streets, private citizens should be able to as well, says Mark Stewart



By Jeff Waters

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If the average Joe can't cruise city streets in a golf cart, then the police shouldn't be allowed to either, according to Live Oak City Councilman Mark Stewart.

The city council voted 4-1 Tuesday to allow Live Oak Police Chief Buddy Williams to buy a golf cart for officers' use during Christmas on the Square and other special events. The purchase will be made with federal stimulus funds LOPD was awarded. Stewart was the lone

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Cracks are back at City Hall

By Jeff Waters jeff.waters@gafnews.com

For the fourth time, city of Live Oak officials are trying to determine why cracks have been forming in different areas of the building. Only this time, the city will have to foot the bill.

City Administrator Bob Farley said cracks

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Greater Visions Support Group

Addiction Support Group: Greater Visions faith-based addictions support group meets at the Grace Manor Restaurant. Meetings are held on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. This group provides spiritual and emotional support in a non-judgmental setting. Come experience the freedom from addictions that is found in Christ.

Greater Visions is an outreach of Christ Central-Live Oak. For more information contact 208-1345.

Suwannee County Republican Executive Committee to meet

The Suwannee County Republican Executive Committee meets in the council chambers of Live Oak City Hall at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. If the first Thursday is the first day of the month, the meeting will be held on the following Thursday.

Each meeting has a guest speaker or current issues will be discussed. All are welcome to attend. For more information call Chairman Carl Meece at 386-776-1444.

Legislative candidate to speak at Republican meeting

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For more information, call Chairman Carl Meece, 386-776-1444.

Terry Rauch, candidate for Dist. 11 Florida House seat, will be guest speaker on Dec. 3.

Branford TOPS meeting changes locations

We now meet every Tuesday at L & M Scrapbooking located at 105 SW Suwannee Ave. in Branford.

Weigh-in begins at 4:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 5.

For more information please contact Donna Hardin at 386-590-2333.

"Take Off Pounds Sensibly."

SREC seeking location in Branford

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc., a non-profit organization is seeking a location in the Branford area that could be used to serve meals to persons 60 years of age or older.

Any business, organization or church that has space available and would be interested in

assisting in this much needed service to the elderly population of Branford, should contact Bruce Evans, Senior Center Director, at 362-1164 or Janis Owen, Director of Client Services, at 362-4115, ext. 240.

Love a mystery?

Try locating your ancestors by working on your family tree. The Suwannee Valley Genealogy Society invites you to join and learn how to find your ancestors. Membership is \$30 for a single member or \$35 for a family. Corporate membership is also available for donations of \$100 or more (tax deductible). Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Genealogy Center at 215 Wilbur Street SW in Live Oak. The library is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and the talented folks there will be glad to help. For more information call Jinnie or Alice at 386-330-0110.

TOPS is here for you

Anyone interested in learning more about nutrition, portion control, and exercise while having fun is cordially invited to come join our TOPS group. TOPS is nonprofit, non-commercial and affordable. TOPS# FL. 662 meets weekly on Thursday mornings at the First Advent Christian Church in Live Oak.

We start our weigh in at 8 a.m., and the meeting begins at 9 a.m. - 10.

For more information please call Elaine at (386) 364-5537. We all make New Year's resolutions about watching our weight. If you are in need of a good support system to help you, make your New Year's resolution come true, please come join us for informative programs and fun. Hope to see you soon.

Seasonal flu vaccines available to eligible veterans

Through Jan. 29

In an effort to reduce the impact of the seasonal flu and connected illness, enrolled/eligible veterans may obtain a seasonal flu vaccination through Jan. 29 at the Lake City VA Medical Center.

This is an especially challenging influenza season this year. Many people suffer severe consequences from the flu. It is very important for every veteran to get his or her flu shot. The flu shot is the only measure of protection from the influenza virus.

SHS SAC meeting postponed

Postponed to Dec. 10

The Suwannee High School SAC meeting that was scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12, has been postponed to Thursday, Dec. 10, due to conflicts in the SHS calendar.

Live Oak Artist Guild invites you to our Celebration

Dec. 11

The Live Oak Artists Guild invites you to our Annual Holiday Celebration December 11, 2009 1-8 p.m. Meet the artists from 5-8 p.m.

Browse our Holiday Gift Shop, sample our artists favorite festive treats. Enjoy inspirational and unique art works.

There will be live holiday music and Enchanted Christmas tree forest.

Yee Haw Country Christmas

Dec. 18

The Live Oak Christian Church is presenting a unique Christmas program on December 18. With music, fun and laughter, we will see the birth of Jesus through a special kind of country humor. The program will begin at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 1015 Ohio Avenue North. For more information call the church at 362-1015 or check our web page at liveoakchristian.org.

Suwannee High Class of 1980

The Suwannee High Class of 1980 is planning their 30 year class reunion. If you were a member, had a child, sibling or relative as part of the graduating class, please email your name (maiden and married), address, phone number and email address to shsclass1980@yahoo.com. Or call 386-362-6309 to leave a message.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the reunion.

Arrest Record

Editor's note: The Suwannee Democrat prints the entire arrest record each week. If your name appears here and you are later found not guilty or the charges are dropped, we will be happy to make note of this in the newspaper when judicial proof is presented to us by you or the authorities.

The following abbreviations are used below:

- SCSO - Suwannee County Sheriff's Office
- 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

cannabis, suw cty wrt vop o/c, dwls SCSO T K Roberts

December 8, Nancy Lynn Boone, 41, 9765 SW CR 145 Jasper Fl, vop o/c conspiracy to sell cocaine SCSO-T.SMITH

December 8, Kristin Michele Noel, 27, 7464 137 Place Live Oak Fl, obtain controlled substance by fraud SCSO-T. Roberts

December 8, Jason Lawrence Wayne, 21, 2500 Paulstan Ct Sarasota Fl, vop-poss -20g cannabis SCSO-S. Law

December 9, Carlos Lazele Byrd, 30, 1085 NW 35th Way Jasper Fl, hamilton co (no valid dl)**cash only bond** SCSO - M. Lee

December 9, Octavio Jimenez, 25, 828 McGee Street Live Oak Fl, vop o/c no valid d/l; reckless driving SCSO-S. Law

December 9, Perry Justin Howell, 37, 7461 52nd St Live Oak Fl, fta o/c battery SCSO-S. Law

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Night	Night
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FANTASY 5	
12/9/09	6,15,29,33,34
MEGA MONEY	
12/9/09	3,24,35,41,20
LOTTO	
12/9/09	5,33,46,47,49,52,5

December 8, Robin Lynch, 35, 12372 Bass Road Live Oak Fl, suw cty wrt vop o/c poss -20g

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Sound of Suwannee makes it to state semifinals

Submitted

The Suwannee High band made it all the way to the semi-finals of the state competition this year and should be applauded for their efforts. The wonderful help of the community over this season and support of our events enabled the boosters to make this trip possible at almost no cost to all the band members. This included two days in Tampa as well as many opportunities for further learning.

Meanwhile, the band and Band Boosters recently had a fund raising drive, raffling off a pair of tickets to the 2010 Daytona 500 along with two passes to the Sprint Fan Zone. This was part of an ongoing effort to provide much needed support for the band.

On Saturday at Christmas on the Square, the winning ticket was drawn. The winner was Tambyr Dana of Mayo. She happily accepted her prize and is now planning her adventure.

It is now concert season, which means more trips to competitions. The Boosters will be doing their best to make this an easy journey for the kids in the band.

Sunday afternoon, after spending all day playing and working booths at Christmas on the Square, and with little advance notice, four Sound of Suwannee band members



showed up at the Live Oak Shrine Club to participate in their annual Christmas party for local patients at the Shrine Hospital. Victoria (Tori) Biladeau (trumpet), Heather Griffin (piccolo), Amanda McClain (clarinet) and John Harmon (saxophone) played an arrangement of Christmas tunes for the patients and their families. Thank you to some great teenagers.



LEFT: At the Shriners Christmas party. From left: Tori Biladeau, Heather Griffin, Amanda McClain, John Harmon. ABOVE: Tambyr Dana of Mayo won a pair of tickets to the 2010 Daytona 500 in a band-sponsored raffle.

- Courtesy photos



A real balancing act

Second grade students at Suwannee Elementary School try hard to balance peacock feathers on their chins Monday during the Circus of The Kids event. - Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.

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wedding announcement

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Lea Jensene Schenck and William Lee Posey

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Schenck, of Live Oak, Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Posey, of Live Oak, Florida, are pleased to announce the marriage of Lea Jensene Schenck to William Lee Posey.

Lea and Wil will be married on December 19, 2009 at Whigham United Methodist Church in Whigham, Georgia.

Wil is a 2005 Suwannee High graduate, a 2009 graduate of Florida Southern, and is currently working as the Youth Coordinator for First United Methodist Church of Live Oak.

Lea is a 2006 graduate of Suwannee High, received her Associate Degree in 2008 from St. Johns Community College, and is currently attending LCCC's PTA Program and will finish June 2010.

Lea and Wil will live in Live Oak until the summer of 2010. At that time they will move to Durham, North Carolina for Wil to pursue his mater's degree from the School of Divinity at Duke University.

WEDDING REMINDER

• Winburn & Jordan

Stephen and Sandra Winburn would like to remind you of the approaching marriage of their daughter Stephanie, to Tyler Jordan.

The ceremony will be December 12, 2009, 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Live Oak. All friends and family are invited.

Suwannee soccer gains steam

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Altrusa Christmas Tour of Homes

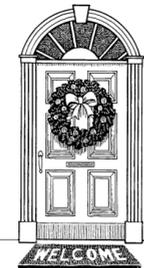
Sponsored by Altrusa International, Inc. of Live Oak Saturday, December 12, 2009 12 Noon ~ 5 p.m. Ticket - \$10 Each

The tour will include special featured homes decked out in their holiday finery sure to put you in the festive spirit.

Tour begins at the Live Oak Garden Club (Next to Shands Hospital - C.R. 136)

You will be provided a map to each home, and refreshments.

Tickets will also be sold on day of event.



Tickets may be purchased in advance at: Live Oak City Hall/Shannon Court McCrimon's Office Supply Any Altrusa Member

All proceeds to benefit community projects.

Thank you

Words cannot express my gratitude for Shands of Live Oak, Century Ambulance and North Florida Regional Hospital. I have always known I was blessed. I never realized just how much.

On November 24, 2009 I had a heart attack and because of the excellent care I received I am doing well.

Thank you to all my family, friends, bosses and staff members of the above facilities. A great big thank you for the prayers, food, cards, and phone calls. May God bless each and everyone of you.

JoAnne H. Milton

A post-Thanksgiving message from Love INC

Submitted

What a wonderful community we live in! Love in the Name of Christ was privileged to be a part of feeding the underprivileged in Suwannee County for Thanksgiving. First United Methodist Church fed 150 people, Publix donated turkeys and a full meal; Save A Lot donated turkeys; Winn Dixie donated meals for four families; Wal-Mart donated stuffing mix, pies, and rolls to go along with the turkeys. Love in the Name of Christ donated 10 complete dinners and Dana Wainwright and Dena Lewis donated 10 dinners. We were able to fill all the requests received during the Thanksgiving season. Praise God!

This was only a part of the generosity shown. Many other churches and ministries were active in a very large way to meet the needs of our friends and neighbors who would otherwise, not have had that excellent meal. We pray that each recipient will honor our Lord with praise and thanksgiving.

LiveOnStage Theatre

In partnership with First United Methodist Church presents:

"A Christmas Carol"

Adapted by Greg Oliver Bodine, A surprise Reading

Date: December 18, 2009

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: First United Methodist Church Sanctuary

Cost: Love Offering

Refreshments will be served after performance in the fellowship hall.

Mrs. Vickers' class yard sale will be held indoors

The annual yard sale by Mrs. Vickers' class will be held indoors this year due to the threat of inclement weather. The class is still taking donations for the upcoming yard sale, set for Saturday. Pickups are available. For more information please call 647-4047 or 344-2993.

USA Weekend

Upcoming Stories December 11-13

Cover: A walk in her shoes Sarah Jessica Parker is a Manolo-wearing Manhattan mom.

12 years after Titanic... Director James Cameron reveals the secrets behind his new blockbuster, Avatar.

Find the perfect toy Gift ideas for children with special needs.

Who's News with Lorrie Lynch -Jeff Bridges does commercial voice-overs for Hyundai and Duracell. -Vera Farmiga says she probably weighed as much as her Up in the Air costar George Clooney. -Julie Benz, who plays the wife on Dexter, says the show has given her baby fever.

In the next issue: Dec. 18-20 -Nine star Penelope Cruz is a perfect 10. -The dreaded Santa question.

USA WEEKEND DECEMBER 11-13, 2009 usaweekend.com Holiday Cheer Sarah Jessica Parker reveals her sexy recipe for being both a mommy and a movie star. How to select toys that teach Titanic director James Cameron shares Avatar exclusives Easy recipes! Perfect holiday appetizers Parker's latest movie, Did You Hear About the Morgans?, opens next weekend.

The Santa Shop needs your help

It is time to start planning for the Santa Shop. Last year, with a community effort, the Santa Shop provided gifts to more than 200 students in the Students in Transition program at Suwannee County Schools. All the leftover donations, toys and gifts were donated to Sparky's Toy Drive.

The need in our community is growing, so the Santa Shop is growing, too.

This year, we plan to provide toys & gifts for the Suwannee County Schools Students in Transition (approximately 180 students at this time), children at

Guardian Ad Litem (280 children), and all the leftovers will be given to Sparky's Toy Drive at the Live Oak Fire Department (Sparky's usually provides gifts for approximately 400 children).

We need toys and gifts for school-age children (4 to 18 years).

With all of us pulling together, we can meet the needs of MANY children in Suwannee County!

Please talk to your clubs, businesses, churches, etc. to get involved!

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EXTENSION UPDATE

Food for a hungry world

By Mary E. Sowerby, Ph.D.
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This is the world.

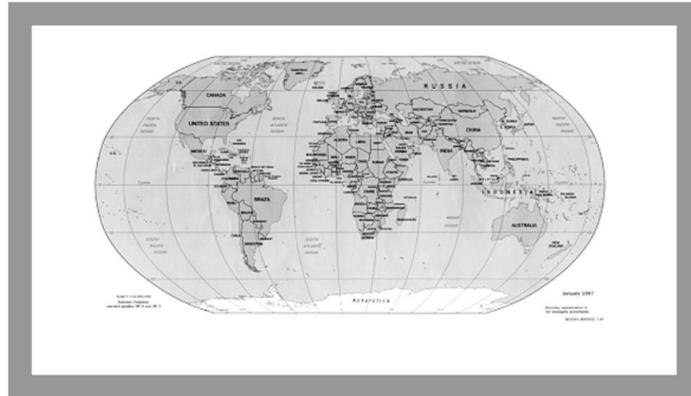
Notice that much of the world is covered with water. Not many people live in or on all that water. The rest of the world is land — land that varies dramatically in topography and climate.



On that land now live over 6.7 billion people. Last night an estimated 900 plus million of those people - that's almost a billion — went to bed hungry. About 42 percent of those hungry people live in two developing countries: India and China. The rest live all over the world and may include your next-door neighbors, given the current economic situation in this country and the world. (Statistics from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.)

It certainly includes the next-door neighboring countries of the United States. While in graduate school I spent one summer as a research assistant for a project evaluating the effectiveness of Mother Craft Centers in Haiti. The primary purpose of those centers was to assist mothers of children with second and third degree malnutrition to learn how to inexpensively, yet nutritiously, feed their children. A combination of beans for protein and rice for carbohydrates was the primary component of the diet being recommended. Sadly, although beans and rice are relatively inexpensive, they were still outside the purchasing capabilities of most of the mothers coming to the centers. Financial as well as nutritional issues obviously needed to be addressed and not just in Haiti, but in much of the world.

That's today. It is predicted by the United Nations that in the next 40 years, by 2050, the human population will increase from today's 6.7 billion to over 9 billion. Along with that population increase they predict a 100 percent increase in the world food demand coming from not just more people, but more affluent people seeking more animal proteins in their diet. That's double the current food output of the world.



How is that going to happen? Three ways, according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization:

First, they project 10 percent more food will come from increased cropping intensity (harvesting more crops per year from every acre).

Second, they project 13 percent more land in developing countries will be converted to agricultural use over the next 30 years. On a global basis this represents a net increase of only 1 percent of available cropland - from 39 percent of the current global land used for agriculture in 2008 to 40 percent. It is projected this 1 percent increase in cropland will help yield 20 percent of the needed extra food.

Third, the remaining 70 percent is expected to come from efficiency improving technology. This is not unprecedented. In the United States between 1948 and 1994 the U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research data indicates that changes in technology more than doubled output of livestock products and crops.

For example, improving crop varieties, irrigation, weed and insect control, and fertilization led to a 292 percent increase in U.S. corn yields from 1950 to 2000. Meanwhile advances in genetics, disease and pest control, and nutrition have led to an 88 percent increase in meat production and 411 percent increase in the output of eggs and poultry between 1950 and 2000 (USDA Economic Research data).

Consider the words of Dr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations: "Science and technology must spearhead agricultural production in the next 30 years at a pace faster than the Green Revolution did during the past three

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Kathie Craig, RN, Risk Manager and Director of Quality Performance at Advent Christian Village, will present a one-hour program on Understanding Compassion Fatigue. An application has been submitted to the Florida Nurses Association for approval of 1.0 contact hour. Following this program, a social hour will be held.

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“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him.”
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OUR VIEW

Suwannee Democrat

Changes are coming to the Suwannee Democrat editorial page. Watch this space for developments. Our View is on hiatus in the meantime.

GUEST COLUMN

Sign, sign ... everywhere a sign!

By Dwain Walden

Once again, a holy sign is perceived on an earthly form. With all due respect while wearing rubber-soled shoes, I will call it “Holy Cow!”



Farmer Brad Davis in Sterling, Conn., reported that a calf has the marking of a cross on its forehead. He thinks it’s a “sign from above.”

It’s not uncommon for people to see “from-above signs” on various things.

Remember the image of The Virgin Mary that a man perceived on a piece of half-eaten toast? He sold it for thousands of dollars on the internet.

I’ve read or heard of several other obscure visions or sightings recently and I’m wondering if they parallel the downturn in the economy. What I mean is, in tough times we may look harder for signs while seeking some comfort.

Now I’m not going to say what this man sees on his calf should not be perceived as a “sign from above.” If he wants to believe that and if other people want to believe that, then it’s their right. There are some folks who would look at the calf, sign or no sign, and say that the calf alone is a sign from above. It represents the miracle of life. Perhaps we should look at the entire plant and animal spectrum in this vein.

Yet I don’t know just how deep our philosophies will wax when we throw fire ants and mosquitoes into that mix. Maybe we just conclude that God has a sense of humor. Or maybe we realize there is no statute of limitations on that forbidden fruit thing.

I have never seen one of these markings on anything that I specifically thought was a sign “from above.” Now it could be that one was there, and I just didn’t stare at it long enough. That’s not to say that I haven’t seen shapes that reminded me of something or someone, just not a sign from God.

For instance, there is a rest room I have visited on more than one occasion where a portion of the plaster is peeling on the wall. And I can see the likeness there of Yasser Arafat.

I’ve often seen shapes in clouds and tree trunks that appeared rather artistic. I just didn’t get a message. In other words, just because Arafat is right there above the urinal does not suggest that I should respond with any obtuse political expression. Nor that I should start wearing a towel on my head to commemorate the long-suffering of Mideastern people.

So now will people come out to see this calf? Will it be auctioned on the internet? Will it inspire other people to start looking for “signs.” Will it be kept for broodstock? Will it become a mascot or featured in “Eat More Chicken” commercials? Will its milk sell for a premium price? Will it become “blessed hamburger”?

While we are talking about “signs from above,” I often have questions about my religion. And they are not all deep questions - just stuff that will pop into my head. Lots of people probably have them but fear being sacrilegious to ask them. Personally, I think God wants us to wonder about stuff. And so one night while I was admiring the beauty of a full moon, I wondered why

Jesus didn’t just tell the people back then that the world was round. But with time probably being irrelevant to God, He may have thought that waiting another 1500 years or so on this issue was no big deal.

Anyway, my stomach is growling. I take that as a sign.

(E-mail Dwain Walden at dwain.walden@gafnews.com)

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Rant & Rave

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Note: In written entries to Rant and Rave, errors in spelling, grammar or punctuation are those of the authors.

I would like to commend Dawn Lamb for the outstanding job she has done to help our drop out rate decline. Her perception of school principal and students is a welcome change from the past.

Christmas on the square is a great tradition and does manage to generate some income. The parade is wonderful. The atmosphere is great. Why do we have to dodge Dogs and what they leave behind at this Gala affair. It would be nice to leave your pet home before a serious dog incident takes place. Someone loves their pit bull as much as you love your schnauzer.

Hey Suwannee County, we all need to take responsibility for the litter problem we have here in Suwannee. I have adopted my road where I live and if we all help we could clean up Suwannee County. Here’s a thought...if every church and business would adopt one road and be responsible for it, there would be a great improvement here. It doesn’t take that long to do and this is GREAT EXERCISE!

Why are illegals coming in and receiving free help, we have disabled vets that are homeless and they need our help. Because they are the ones that fought for our country, not the illegals.

I was just reading about the school system and what the lady said about the tea-bags. The reason you have the tea-baggers is because they are tired of taxes. You must be one of those people who believe in freebies and not paying consequences, but taxpayers pay them and America is going broke, that is why we have to borrow from China. Goodbye.

I just witnessed two dog owners allow their pets to do their business in my yard. It is beyond my understanding how some dog owners totally lack consideration for others, whether from this behavior or are apparently oblivious to their barking. By the way these two people are educated professionals.

I recently attended a Christmas musical at one of the local schools. The children dressed in their Christmas best had worked very hard and were so proud and nervous to be performing for family and friends. There were two groups of children and the audience was politely requested to be quiet, and no moving around and please remain for both performances in to show support for all of the kids. I was appalled at the rudeness of the majority of the audience. It was extremely hard to hear due to talking, phones ringing, people moving around, and children crying. At the end of the first performance half of the audience got up and left. Children are sent to school to learn and part of their instruction is manners and respect for others. What a wonderful example was set for a great deal of those in attendance. Sarcasm intended! If they didn’t want to hear, why bother to go, stay home where they won’t hamper other who do. Courtesy doesn’t cost anything, and if you can’t be respectful of others, stay under the rock you were apparently raised under.

I would like to respond to the comments made in last week’s paper regarding the downtown Christmas decora-

tions and the recent light up event. I find it disheartening that these individuals would find it necessary to complain about an event that offered an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the holidays. This event was led by a small handful of individuals, and I emphasize the word small. Instead of complaining, I would suggest getting involved! The downtown community looks charming and really nice and with so many businesses decorated for Christmas.

There was never a request to have everyone turn on their lights at one time, as was stated in [the Rant & Rave column in] last week’s paper. The only things that were to be lit at a certain time were the two trees in downtown.... and they were. The city of Live Oak did a fine job in decorating the parks, sure they had light problems, but that could not be helped. Here’s a thought; instead of the city having to decorate, which they did not have to do, local citizens could step up and take pride in their community and lead the way.

Constant complaints about our downtown are detrimental to revitalization efforts. As citizens we need to support our business community - both verbally and financially. Hats off to everyone that helped with this event, especially the downtown community! It was a fine kickoff to our hometown Christmas season.

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Branford News

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Carol Frances Holtzclaw passes away at 66



Carol Frances Holtzclaw

By Carnell Hawthorne Jr. carnell.hawthorne@gafnews.com

See obituary, Page 10A.

Wife, mother, grandmother and an overall inspiration, Carol Frances Holtzclaw passed away Monday after a lengthy battle with cancer with family members at her side. Frances was the wife of J.M. Holtzclaw, school board member for Suwannee District 5.

"We were a team and she was the coach," said J.M.

"We were a team and she was the coach," said J.M. Holtzclaw. "I always got the last word in. It was 'Yes, ma'am.'"

Wednesday. "I always got the last word in. It was 'Yes ma'am,'" he smiled, holding back tears.

The couple were married for 47 years, and together raised five children: Mike (Jennifer) Holtzclaw, Mitch (Lisa) Holtzclaw, Mark (Cathy) Holtzclaw, Makyle Holtzclaw all of O'Brien and Mesharia Holtzclaw Cochran (Ross) of Perry.

Mesharia said her mother was "first and foremost a child of God. She loved the Lord."

Seven years ago Frances was diagnosed with colon cancer,

but after some time her illness went into remission.

"It came back in her liver and lungs. We did not know about it," Mesharia said.

Frances was described as a "hometown, country girl" and "a virtuous woman" like the one described in the Bible in Proverbs 31:10-31.

"She was truly that. Just very faithful. You could call her and she would put you at ease with just a phone call," said son Mike.

Frances spent the majority of her life as a homemaker on the family farm.

"She loved her grandkids. And, she loved her animals. She never could turn one away that was hungry.

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Toys for Kids+ overwhelmed with requests

Many kids still aren't covered, say organizers

By Roger L. Burnside

Toys for Kids+ needs your help badly. Christmas is a time of joy and celebration. Unfortunately, there are many children in the Branford area that will be missing the joy of receiving Christmas presents. We are in need of toys, clothes and in some cases, food for these children.

With the economy the way it is right now we are experiencing more requests than in past years. No donation is too small, if you can just provide one toy, a box of food, a winter coat or shoes it will be greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in helping us with this project can take their donations to the Branford Health Department. Thompson Custom Homes at 3554 256th St., O'Brien

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Keeping up with McAlpin 4H



McAlpin 4-H Club donates lollipops to daycares

The Suwannee County Health Department will soon be offering the H1N1 vaccine in area daycares. The vaccine is said to leave a bad taste in the your mouth and if you have taken over-the-counter medicine you know it can taste pretty bad. The SCHD will be handing out lollipops to the children to help mask the horri-

ble taste. Recently the McAlpin 4H Club donated 600 lollipops to the SCHD for the children that will be receiving the vaccine. If you would like to help with this you can take the lollipops to the SCHD and we know the children will appreciate it.

- Tiffanie L. White, McAlpin 4H Club Reporter



McAlpin 4-H Club competes in North Florida Fair Farm Judging contest

Recently a group of Suwannee County 4-H members traveled to Tallahassee to compete in the Farm Judging contest at the North Florida Fair in Tallahassee. The members judged commodities such as cows, grain, peanuts, and hay just to name a few. If you have never farm judged it can be quite hard but fun. The junior team consisting of Tiffanie White, Kara Croft, Cole Herring, and Nathan Barker. The team

won 1st place and Kara Croft was 1st place individual. The Intermediate team won third place and consisted of Taylor Swindell, Carley Herring, Scarlett Mobley, Kenneth Mobley, Emily Barker, and Abby Barker. A big congratulations goes out to these members for their hard work and success. Let's do it again next year.

- Tiffanie L. White, McAlpin 4H Club Reporter



Suwannee County 4-H'ers compete at the North Florida Fair

Recently three Suwannee County 4-H juniors, Tiffanie White, Garrett Greaves, and Destiny Fennell, traveled to Tallahassee to compete in the North Florida Fair Dairy Bowl Quiz. This consisted of two parts a written test and a quiz bowl. On the written test Garrett Greaves and Tiffanie White tied for 1st place and Destiny Fennell won 3rd place. In the Quiz Bowl competition, Garrett Greaves won 1st place, Tiffanie White won 2nd place and Destiny Fennell won 3rd place. We had a good time and it was a great learning experience. We hope to have more club members from Suwannee County join us for

the fun next year. In addition to the Dairy Quiz Bowl, several Suwannee County 4-H Club members also traveled to Tallahassee to compete in other dairy events. I must say that the club members did quite well. Congratulations to Sarah Luther, Taylor Henderson, Terrah Henderson, Tania Henderson, and Destiny Fennell for winning awards and representing Suwannee County with class.

Congratulations to all the club members who did so well in Tallahassee. Keep up the great work!

- Tiffanie L. White, McAlpin 4H Club Reporter

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Branford News

'Keeping Christ in Christmas'

Annual celebration is set for this Saturday, Dec. 12

By Stephenie Livingston
stephenie.livingston@gafnews.com

See vendor application and contract, Page 9A.

Catch the Christmas spirit during

Branford's holiday tradition, the 16th annual "Keeping Christ in Christmas" celebration, on Saturday.

The community will come together as vendors, performers, the young and the old gather at Hatch Park to celebrate the season and all its meaning.

"This event is to remind people of the true meaning of Christmas," said Bruce Arnold, of Beachville Advent Church. The festival and parade is sponsored by Branford Area Inter-Church Ministry (BAICM).

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Food for Thought
The Unchanging Gospel
Since the days of Jesus' public ministry, many things have changed. But one thing that must never change is the gospel message.
1) *To Change The Gospel Is To Pervert The Gospel:* [Gal. 1:6] There are some who will knock on your door and trouble you with a different gospel. They will even call it "another gospel." But to change the gospel is to distort the gospel!
2) *To Turn From The Gospel Is To Turn From God:* [Gal. 1:6-7] How did these folks turn away from God? By embracing a different gospel. Why do we need "another gospel?" Is the Bible not good enough? II Tim. 3:16-17 tells us the Bible is complete. John tells us the Bible is complete. John tells us if we don't abide in the doctrine of Christ we don't have God [II John 9].
3) *To Proclaim A Perverted Gospel Brings Disapproval Of God:* The fact is Paul said twice not to preach another gospel [Gal. 1:8-9]. He said those who do will be accursed. The Greek word is "anathema" which means eternally condemned. *We must preach, believe and practice the Gospel of Christ revealed only in The New Testament.*

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Carol Frances Holtzclaw passes away at 66

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One of her favorite things to do was to camp out in the living room by the fireplace with the grandkids," Mesharia said.

Her warm and generous spirit was felt by everyone she came into contact with, said son Mitch.

"If you met her, you would have felt like you'd known her your whole life. She was the calm in the storm and a rose without thorns."

Frances always made sure her family attended church.

"Growing up, she always made us look our best," Mesharia said. "She never passed judgment, but was always concerned. She just the planted the seeds and watched them grow."

The couple's son Makyle, who took care of his mother right up until the end, wrote: "She feared nothing. She took in everyone and anything. She was the closest one could come to an angel in this world."

J.M. is doing his best to stay strong. That was one of his wife's final requests, Mesharia said. "We were all there with her at her side. She held on for us for fear of us not knowing the Lord. She witnessed that to everyone. That was one of the last things she spoke - to know God and Jesus and to help anyone who didn't."

Toys for Kids+

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has agreed to be an additional drop off site for donations. You may also call Karen at the Branford Health Department at 386-935-1133 or Roger Burnside at 386-935-3343.

Should you know of a child in need you may also call these numbers.

Over the years the folks in the Branford area have brought a lot of joy to the area's children and their families, for this we thank each and every one of you. The smiles and appreciation the children express each year make this project a blessing to all.

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Branford News

Keeping Christ in Christmas

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'Keeping Christ in Christmas'

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"BAICM is a non-profit. We sponsor the Easter sunrise service, Commu-

nity Thanksgiving dinner, Keeping Christ in Christmas and we provide the Pregnancy Crisis Center," said Debbie Yates, a year-

in, year-out volunteer.

Booths will open at 10 a.m. and remain open all day until 4 p.m.

"We'll have food, crafts booths, and even little league sign ups," said Yates. Unique crafts, pottery, quilting and down-home cookin' give the day a special, laid-back feel. "We'll have an 'any way you like it' hotdog stand, hula hoops, art..." said Yates. "Even 'hog on a log' sponsored by the SSA."

This year Santa Claus will also make an appearance at Hatch Park, entertaining children and posing for photos.

There will be musical entertainment throughout the day by the contemporary gospel band Mainstream. Local singers, including Jessie Lynn Kelly and Malynn Moses, will also give special performances throughout the day. In addition, the Branford High School band will perform at 2

p.m. The parade begins at 1 p.m. and will include community floats as well as the BHS marching band. The parade starts at Buccaneer Stadium, travels down US 129 and Houston Street, ending at Hatch Park.

The "Keeping Christ in Christmas" festival and parade was initiated by the late pastor Charles Ketchum of the United Methodist Church in Branford. "He just wanted to bring people together

and keep the true meaning of Christmas alive," said Yates. And for nearly two decades the Branford church community, comprised of several different denominations, has come together each year to organize the event.

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Obituaries

Carol Frances Holtzclaw
August 25, 1943 -
December 7, 2009

Carol Frances Holtzclaw, 66, wife, mother and homemaker passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Monday, December 7, 2009 at the North Florida Regional Medical Center after a lengthy illness. She was the daughter of the late Bernard and Carrie Smith of O'Brien, FL. She met JM. Holtzclaw in high school and later married him on December 8, 1962. She was a bus driver for the Suwannee County School System, a volunteer at the Branford Elementary School, worked on the family farm and was a member of the O'Brien Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years: J.M. Holtzclaw, O'Brien, FL; Children: Mike (Jennifer) Holtzclaw, Mitch (Lisa) Holtzclaw, Mark (Cathy) Holtzclaw, Makyle Holtzclaw all of O'Brien, FL and Mesharia Holtzclaw Cochran (Ross), Perry, FL; nine grandchildren: Markell Holtzclaw, Kyli Holtzclaw, Kara Holtzclaw, Jarrett Holtzclaw, Kenzi Holtzclaw, Sydney Holtzclaw, Lane Cochran, Elizabeth Sieger and Mathew Sieger and extended family Karri Bagley and Debra Knight.

Funeral Services will be held 11:00 am Thursday, December 10, 2009 at O'Brien Baptist Church with Rev. George Fryar and Rev. William Anderson officiating. Interment will follow in the O'Brien Cemetery.

Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. of Branford is in Charge of All Arrangements.

Please sign the online guestbook. Go to www.suwanneedemocrat.com and click on obituaries

Mary Helen Jones
December 24, 1948 -
December 7, 2009

Mary Helen Jones, age 60 of White Springs, Florida passed away Monday, Dec. 7, 2009, at her home in White Springs, FL. She was a native of Live Oak, FL moving to White Springs, FL several months ago. She was a pilot escort with wide load semi trailers and enjoyed crocheting and reading and was a member of the Philadelphia Baptist Church in Live Oak, FL.

Survivors include two sons, James (Brandy) Jones, White Springs, FL; Archie (Christa) Jones of El Paso, TX; two daughters, Deloris (Alton) Chaney, Bell, FL; Soletto Pate Jones, Warner Robins, GA; three brothers, Ronald (Betty) Hingson, Jackson, GA; Bobby (Erlene) Hingson, Live Oak, FL; Marvin (Gail) Hingson, Live Oak, FL; one sister, Marie Marshall, Live Oak, FL; Eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Friday, Dec. 11th from 5 to 8 PM at Harris Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009 at the graveside in the Philadelphia Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Tommy Lindsey officiating.

Please sign the guestbook at www.harrisfuneralhomeinc.net.

Harris Funeral Home & Cremations, Inc., 932 N. Ohio Ave., Live Oak, 386-364-5115 is in charge of all arrangements.

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Zack C Hutcheson
August 25, 1940 -
December 9, 2009

Zack C Hutcheson, 69, of Live Oak, FL Passed away Tuesday, December 9, 2009 at the V.A. Medical Center, Lake City, FL after a short illness. The Rison, Arkansas native moved to Live Oak in 1996 from Missouri. Mr. Hutcheson was a U.S. Navy Veteran Serving During Vietnam Era and was a Project Engineer for Gold Kist.

He is survived by his wife: Polly Hutcheson, Live Oak, FL; One daughter: Kelly Savage, Maryland; One son: Zackary Hutcheson, Live Oak, FL; Six grandchildren and many other family and friends.

Daniels Funeral Homes and Crematory of Live Oak, FL is in charge of all arrangements.

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Annual Christmas dinner

Faith in Christ Anglican Church and the Christian Mission in Action will be sponsoring the free annual Christmas Dinner this year.

The dinner will be a traditional Christmas dinner with all the fixings. We will have turkey, ham, beans, sweet potatoes, greens, cranberry sauce and desserts.

There will be singing, gifts, and a gospel message. We will also have a prayer team circulating for individual prayer needs.

The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Dec. 19 at the Suwannee County Coliseum.

Every one is welcome and this dinner is free to all.



Special thanks from the Mayor

Live Oak Mayor Sonny Nobles presented Anna Corbin of Live Oak with the Mayor's Community Service Award Tuesday. Corbin has helped hundreds, if not thousands, of folks during her years at the former Suwannee Hospital and currently with Shands Live Oak. - Photo: Shannon Court

Dinner with Mr. Dowling

Sponsored by the Suwannee Historical Museum, "Thomas Dowling" (portrayed by Mr. John Bell) will be greeting and visiting with guests at Grace Manor Community Center and Restaurant on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 15. Come enjoy a

festive meal while learning about holiday customs of the era and plans to make Christmas special in this "rugged" part of pioneer Florida. No reservations needed. Grace Manor is located at 406 Duval Street NE in Live Oak, 386-330-0144.



Rauch speaks with Clay Williams, regional director of the Republican Party of Florida. - Photo: Submitted

State House candidate meets local GOP

Terry Rauch, Republican candidate for the Florida House of Representatives District 11 seat currently held by Democrat Debbie Boyd, spoke at the Dec. 3 meeting of Suwannee County Republicans.

Rauch described himself as a politician who "will support capitalism, free market growth by deregulation and know that 'we the people' will be my boss."

The Suwannee County Republican Party meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Live Oak City Hall. The Jan. 7 guest speaker will be John Martz, executive vice president and CEO of Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative. For more information visit www.suwanneegop.com or call Chairman Carl Meece, 386-776-1444.

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Bankruptcy court OKs Pilgrim's Pride reorganization plan

PITTSBURG, Texas - Pilgrim's Pride Corporation announced Thursday that the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas has approved the amended joint plan of reorganization for the company to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Following a court hearing held Tuesday in Ft. Worth, Judge D. Michael Lynn today entered an order confirming the amended plan of reorganization, paving the way for the

company to exit bankruptcy later this month. Pilgrim's Pride said that it expects to emerge from bankruptcy before the end of December.

"This is a proud day for everyone at Pilgrim's Pride who has worked so hard over the past year to restructure our business," said Don Jackson, president and chief executive officer, after the court hearing. "The past 12 months have been filled with tremendous challenges and unprecedented opportunities. There have been a lot of tough, painful decisions made about the future of this company, yet our employees have joined together to create a new market-driven organization that is clearly focused on serving

our customers." Pilgrim's filed a joint plan of reorganization with the court in September. Under terms of the joint plan of reorganization, Pilgrim's Pride has entered into an agreement to sell 64 percent of the new common stock of the reorganized Pilgrim's Pride to JBS U.S.A. for \$800 million in cash.

Sparky's Kids need your help, says LOFD



LOFD says thanks to all those who have donated toys so far. However, they still need more. Pictured from left: Jeff Waters (LOFD), Katrina Tannichion, Steve Riggs, Brandon Nobles and Alan Bedenbaugh. - Photo: Jeff Waters

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them." The original cut-off date for sign-ups was Dec. 14. The need this year is tremendous, said Bedenbaugh. Last year about 300 kids received toys. With 400 signed up already, that number could double last year's total, were enough toys available, Bedenbaugh said.

One local resident who donated a few stuffed animals Wednesday said it would be a shame for one child to wake up Christmas morning, only to see an empty tree.

Cracks are back at City Hall

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began to appear in the building early in 2002. Repairs were promptly made. However, in late 2003, the problem resurfaced.

"Cracks started to reappear," said Farley. "So we notified our insurance agent ... the cracks and settlement of the building was monitored for about six months and at the end of that period it was determined that the building stopped settling."

Earlier this year more cracks were noticed throughout the building. More extensive testing was done this time, said Farley. He said crews were looking for a sinkhole but couldn't locate one. In any case, the city's insurance claim for repairs was denied.

Now the city has to decide how to fix the problem. Farley said he has contacted a Jacksonville engineering firm for advice.

"The city has an asset here," said Farley. "To replace this building would be rather costly, we have to do something."

Farley said cracks a half inch thick are noticeable in some places. He said some city employees have even heard cracking.

The building was constructed in 1978.

"The need out there is so high, it is really astonishing," said Jim Ketcham.

To donate toys, drop them off at LOFD on East Duval Street. There are also boxes inside the Duval/Ohio Jiffy Store, Publix, Wal-Mart and the Dollar General next to Publix.

The toys will be distributed to those on the list on Dec. 21 beginning at 8 a.m. at LOFD. Bedenbaugh said he hopes to be able to give each child five toys.

Woman escapes crash without serious injury

By Carnell Hawthorne Jr. carnell.hawthorne@gafnews.com

A local woman was involved in a single-vehicle wreck Thursday morning when her SUV slid off the road and crashed into a tin covered, barbed-wire fence on US 90.

Rita Ogburn was traveling west toward Live Oak when her Chevrolet Trailblazer slid off the north side of the roadway, said Suwannee County Fire Chief Charlie Conner. Ogburn appar-

ently attempted to steer back onto the roadway, but her vehicle ended up halfway through the fence, just east of Suwannee River Log Homes, said Conner.

Ogburn, the only person in the vehicle, did not appear to be seriously injured, Conner said. She was transported to Shands at Live Oak for further observation. In addition to Suwannee County Fire Rescue Station 1, Suwannee County sheriff's deputies and Florida Highway Patrol responded.



Emergency workers tend to a woman involved in a single-vehicle crash on US 90 east of Live Oak Thursday. - Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.

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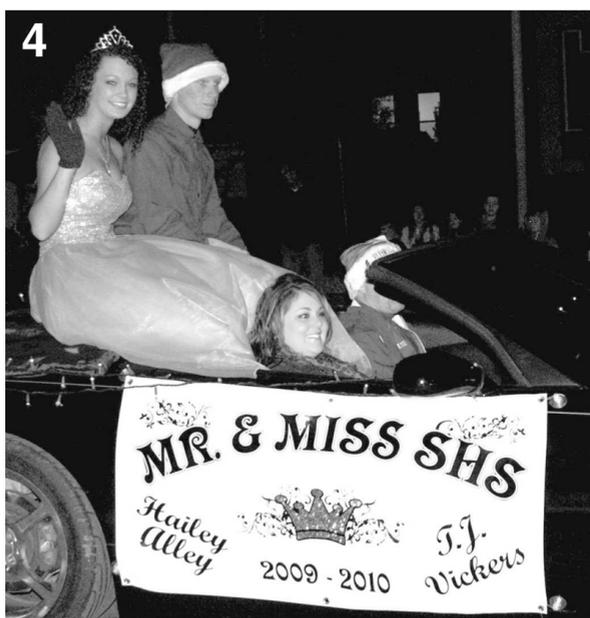
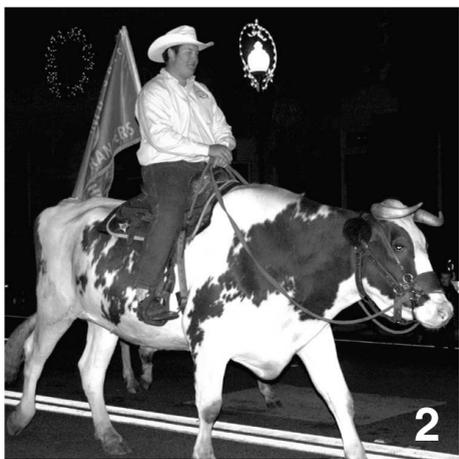
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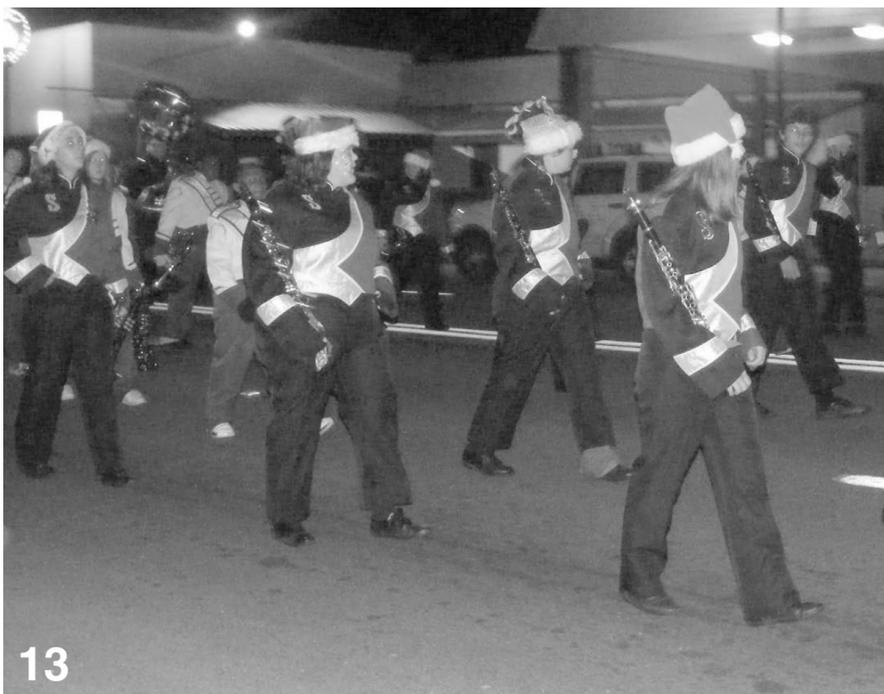
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- 1. Miss Majestic 2009 Tociona Anderson and Little Miss Majestic Kailah Henderson. - Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.
- 2. Moo-vin' alone through the parade! - Photo: Angel Weeks
- 3. Santa Claus waves to the crowd of onlookers. - Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.
- 4. Mr. and Miss SHS, T.J. Vikers and Hailey Alley. - Photo: Angel Weeks
- 5. Making seasons bright. - Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.
- 6. Rockin' around the Christmas tree: The Suwannee Schools Transportation Dept. entry was voted over all top float in this year's parade. - Photo: Angel Weeks
- 7. Groups of people lined the streets Saturday to watch the Christmas parade go by. - Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.
- 8. Sideline seats. Many sat along US 129 to get a good view of the holiday floats. - Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.
- 9. Parade participants passed by filled with glee. - Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.
- 10. A joyful *Suwannee Democrat* group decked the halls. - Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.
- 11. A rockin' little Christmas! - Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.
- 12. Smiles at Christmastime. - Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.
- 13. The SHS Sound of Suwannee Marching Band entertained the holiday crowd. - Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.
- 15. An antique fire engine from the Live Oak Fire Department. - Photo: Submitted
- 16. Following the north star through downtown Live Oak. - Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.
- 17. Lowe's employees were out in full swing. This entry took first place in the commercial division. - Photo: Submitted





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Killer still on the run

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who, if still alive, would be 51 today.

Braswell, 17 at the time, was sentenced to life in prison for the 1975 murder of a 79-year-old Suwannee County man in his home.

According to an investigative report by the FDLE, Braswell, along with Marshall Eugene Dunbar, Joseph Perry Padelford and Billy Wayne Taylor, were riding around in Braswell's 1963 red Ford Falcon on February 19, 1975, looking for a house to break into so they "could get some money."

Dunbar said they should target the home of John J. Robbins, who lived near him. After discussing how to proceed, it was determined that they would fake car trouble and ask for assistance. They parked the Falcon down the road from Robbins' home. Robbins told them he could not help due to several broken ribs.

Robbins did, however, let the four use his 1975 Datsun station wagon to try to jumpstart the car. The four drove the Datsun to Running Springs and decided

to go back to the home, enter it and demand money.

Dunbar, armed with a .25 caliber handgun, and Braswell, armed with a .38 caliber special, knocked on the door and told Robbins that they could not get their car started, at which time Robbins invited them in for a "cold drink."

According to the FDLE report, "the two followed him into the kitchen where, when Robbins opened the refrigerator, they pointed the guns at him. Robbins turned around and asked, 'Is this a stickup?'"

The two said it was and Taylor, armed with a knife, and Padelford, armed with a .22 rifle, then entered the home. Robbins gave them \$5 and offered \$200 in traveler's checks, which they refused. The four then took turns watching Robbins as the other three ransacked the home. Padelford cut the phone lines.

Robbins was then taken to his bedroom, made to sit on his bed, and asked if he planned to tell anyone about the incident.

"Robbins advised them that if not tomorrow, then

the next day," the report said.

A "conference" was held in the hallway of the home and it was determined that since Robbins knew Dunbar and that he would turn them in, he "would have to die."

Robbins' hands were tied across his stomach with a necktie, while another necktie was tied around his feet and to the foot of the bed. Dunbar and Robbins then tied Robbins' hands to his feet with a blue cloth woman's belt.

The four poured alcohol onto a cloth and placed it over Robbins' face, because Dunbar thought that by inhaling the alcohol, Robbins would develop amnesia and forget the incident. When that didn't work, Braswell placed a pillow over Robbins' face for about 10 minutes, killing him. The ties and belt were then removed and Robbins was placed on his bed with his right hand to one side. A sheet was then pulled up to Robbins' chest.

The four then drove to Running Springs where they abandoned the Falcon

by pushing it over an embankment into the river.

The four were arrested just three days later.

Braswell was sentenced to life in prison, but he wasn't there long.

According to the Web site of the TV show America's Most Wanted, Braswell and another inmate were loading filing cabinets onto a truck at the Sumter Correctional Institution in 1983 when the two climbed into separate cabinets and hid until the truck left. Once the truck left the prison, the two jumped out. The other inmate was located a few years later during a routine traffic stop in Oregon. Little information is available as to the whereabouts of Braswell. He has reportedly been spotted just to the north of us in Jasper, as well as in Odessa, Texas. Up to \$2,500 is available to anyone with information leading to the capture of Braswell. He was last seen with a tattoo of a cross and chain on the back of his right hand, and another tattoo of his initials, "HDB," and a heart on his left arm.

Man used guitar as weapon, say police

By Jeff Waters

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A Live Oak man was arrested Monday for striking his girlfriend with a guitar and holding her against her and her son's will, according to Suwannee County Sheriff's reports.

Anthony Ray Martin, 48, of 5762 Pinecrest Blvd. was arrested and charged with aggravated battery (domestic violence), reckless driving, two counts of false imprisonment (domestic violence) and battery (domestic violence), jail records show.

According to SCSO deputy Tommy Roberts, Martin became angry when his girlfriend flushed his Xanax pills down the toilet because she felt he was "getting out of control." The girlfriend and her three-year-old son left the home after Martin allegedly retaliated by pushing the girlfriend. Roberts said the girlfriend and her son returned sometime later to retrieve some personal items. Martin reportedly left the home several times and kept returning, each time in a more agitated state.

The girlfriend told Roberts that Martin then "lost it" and reportedly hit her with the guitar. Martin also allegedly punched and kicked his girlfriend several times "all over her body."

The girlfriend reported she tried to leave several

times but said Martin took her car keys. She retrieved her spare keys and tried to flee again but Martin allegedly dragged her and her son back up the steps of the home.

At one point in the struggle, Roberts said the girlfriend's shirt was pulled off. When the girlfriend was able to escape, Martin allegedly pushed her, causing her to fall on top of her son. Martin then followed her to town in his van, reports show.

Roberts said he noticed several marks on the girlfriend's head, arm and torso. The report does not indicate the child was injured.

Martin was arrested and booked into the Suwannee County Jail. He has since been released.

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It's all or nothing on golf carts, says councilman

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dissenting vote.

The award was for \$83,000 and can be used for such purposes as crime prosecution and prevention, drug treatment and various other programs. As part of the stimulus agreement, Williams was required to supply a list of items he wanted to buy with the funds, for approval by the city council.

One of those items was for a golf cart or similar such vehicle.

"We would use the vehicle for the occasional detail work and events such as Christmas on the Square," said Williams.

But Stewart said if city residents can't operate golf carts on certain roads in the city, the police department shouldn't be able to either. He said that would be "unfair." The council passed a golf cart ordinance in June, allowing residents to operate the carts on streets with a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less.

Stewart said at Tuesday's meeting that he didn't "care about Florida Statutes" after Williams explained that Florida law distinguishes between what law enforcement officers may do that regular citizens cannot. When contacted by phone Wednesday, Stewart backed up his

original statement.

"I don't care that the Florida Statutes say that they (law enforcement) can drive on the city streets, that does not sway my opinion," said Stewart. "I know what the statutes are and what they mean, but it does not sway my opinion."

He said he had no problem, however, with the department using the carts for special events. But, "when you have an ordinance in the city that disallows the citizens to do something, it's not right."

Additional items on Williams' list include a voice stress analyzer, protective gear for the Radkids program and Taser guns with cartridges.

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SPORTS

Suwannee soccer gains steam



The SHS men's soccer team. - Photo: Submitted

By Jimmy Prevatt

Even if you are not a soccer fan, one can appreciate the week the Suwannee men's program had last week.

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SPORTS COMMENTARY

Naughty or nice?

It is Christmastime and Santa is checking the list. In the world of sports there is always a naughty and nice.

Sportabout By Tom Daniels



Table with two columns: Naughty and Nice, listing various sports events and outcomes.

As everyone's mother always said, "it all works out for the best." Be careful for what you ask for, you might actually get it.

Melody to battle Arlington

The Melody Christian Wildcat basketball team will take on the Arlington Country Day School of Jacksonville in District 3-1A play Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Wanted: Sports News!

The Suwannee Democrat needs you. Coaches and parents, send us your sports news, stats, articles.



Travis Laxton breaks away easily from his opponent at a recent match. See additional photo inside. - Photo: Rudy Fletcher

Mid-pack finish for SHS

By Jeff Waters jeff.waters@gafnews.com

Suwannee placed 13th out of 30 teams at the Durant tournament Dec. 4 and 5.

Suwannee was only four points behind Wakulla for the 10th place position.

"This was the premiere tournament of the state," said coach David Lax-

ton. "This was the best of the best." Jamie Alvarado placed third in the 285 pound class.

"As a team we learned a lot," said Laxton. "I felt we got a little better."

A win and a loss for the 'Dogs

By Jeff Waters jeff.waters@gafnews.com

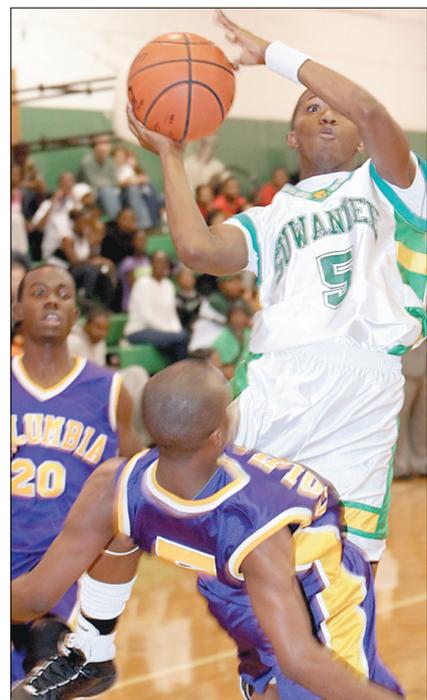
The Suwannee High School boys basketball team fell to Santa Fe Dec. 4, 60-47.

"What we're lacking right now is point guard play," said coach James Perry.

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Keith Cherry leaps over his opponents for the basket.

- Photo: Paul Buchanan - SuwanneeSports.com



SPORTS

4th Annual Charity Truckers 200 raises \$21K

Each sponsored family gets \$7K

For those who were not able to attend last weekend's 4th Annual Charity Truckers 200 presented by Fountain Motorsports at Orlando SpeedWorld, you missed a great event.

Founder Rick Bristol had to make a tough decision on Thursday after checking with the local

weatherman about Friday's inclement weather coming in. As it turned out, he made the right call as Friday saw plenty of the wet stuff much of the day.

Said a very tired but happy Rick Bristol, "I really want to thank all of the drivers, crews, fans, officials and sponsors for their tremendous support of the 4th Annual Charity Truckers 200, FFH Concert and Golf Tournament this year. While we

learned a lot this year attempting our first golf tournament and concert, the main portion of what we raised was the Charity Truckers 200 weekend".

"I really want to thank Gary Fountain (Fountain Motorsports), Ronnie Laing (Biscayne Roofing), Mike Sergi (MJS ConcreteInc.), Joe Coulter (Coulter Motorsports), Phil Guadagno (Aaron's), Alan Bruns (Brun Inc. General Contractors), Doug

Webb (Webb's Commercial Services) and McCutchen Farms for being sponsors of the event. To all the award sponsors and lap sponsors thank you so much".

The total raised was \$21,315.33. Each family will receive \$7,105.11.

"I want to thank my Lord for blessing our events and using me to help others, it is such a blessing to be able to help people. To all my friends, family, officials

who donated their time to work I can only say in words thank you from the bottom of my heart.

You all will never know how much you mean to me. I pray a special blessing for each of you this Christmas and wish you a happy new year. May 2010 be better for many families who are hurting. God Bless "

Bristol is already hard at work planning the 5th Annual Charity Truckers 200.

FWC Commission meeting opens with recognitions

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) December meeting opened with a host of recognitions for people who have dedicated their lives and careers to promoting fish and wildlife conservation. Among those recognized by the Commission: an FWC law enforcement officer, a retired FWC biologist, a landowner who works with the FWC to promote youth hunts, and a fish and wildlife artist.

Col. Jim Brown recognized FWC Officer Benjamin "Bret" Gill of Levy County, recipient of the Shikar-Safari Club International Officer of the Year Award. Gill earned recognition from the group for his dedication to protecting fish and wildlife resources while patrolling Florida's woods and waters.

Commissioners also recognized Tim Regan for his 35 years of service and retirement from the FWC's Division of Habitat and Species Conservation. Regan, a biological administrator, worked out of the FWC's West Palm Beach office, coordinating landowner conservation efforts.

The Commission also recognized John Rife, recipient of the Youth Hunting Program of Florida Landowner of the Year Award. Rife is a volunteer landowner who graciously opens his property - the Magnolia Hunt Club in Central Florida - to youth hunters.

In addition, Commissioners recognized Naples artist

Steve Whitlock for capturing stunning images of native fish and wildlife. Whitlock is known for his game fish illustrations and marine art on navigational charts, and he does pencil art and wildlife illustration.

Finally, the Commission was introduced to the Kissimmee Okeechobee Everglades Big Cypress Coordination Team. The team is made up of FWC South Region staff, with expertise in managing imperiled species, inland and coastal habitats and fisheries. The team coordinates the FWC's involvement in the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force, including the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

FASCAR and the U.S. Marine Corp. Reserves 'Toys for Tots' party

On Monday December 14, please join FASCAR in having some fun and helping underprivileged children receive a gift from the U.S. Marine Corp. Reserves Toys For Tots program.

The event will be hosted at the Garage Bar at the Route 46 Entertainment District in Sanford, from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. The Garage Bar will have a \$4.99 All You Can Eat wing special along with numerous drink specials.

The U.S. Marine Corp. will be attendance collecting toys and donations to purchase toys for children ages 9-16. We would like to invite the entire FASCAR family, New Smyrna Speedway, Orlando Speedworld and Columbia Motorsports Park to be a part of this event to help bring some Christmas joy to some very deserving youngsters.

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Joe Lewandoski at 386-547-6030 (cell) or 386-427-4129 (office) or you can contact Sgt. Hunter at 386-868-8755.

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Check out the Suwannee Democrat page on Facebook.

Warning: Don't pick up dead bears

Take this Florida road-kill quiz. You're driving along a highway and see a large, dead bear on the side of the road. Other drivers slow down and gawk in wonder at its hulking bulk. What do you do?

Correct answer: Report it to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) at 888-404-3922 and keep driving. An official will be along to remove it.

Last week, Gary Evers, the owner of 1st Quality Plumbing in Orange City, heard about a large, dead black bear on Interstate 4 in Volusia County. He thought he'd like to get it

mounted, so he sent his son, Christopher Evers, 27, of Orange City, and two employees to go pick it up. The two employees were Antony M. Pitti Jr., 46, of Port Orange, and Stephen E. Germany, 38, of Cas-

sadaga. He told the younger Evers, however, to first check with the FWC to see if it was OK for them to take it and get it mounted.

Seminole County Fire/Rescue and a Department of Transportation law enforcement officer were already there when Evers, Pitti Jr., and Germany got to the dead bear. The DOT officer told them they

could take the carcass, but they needed to check with the FWC.

Somewhere along the way there was a misunderstanding and nobody called the FWC. Instead, the three men just took the dead bear back to the plumbing shop. Another employee, William A. Townsend, 32, of Pierson, skinned it out so the hide could be mounted, and cut the meat into steaks. They put all of the parts into a couple of coolers.

Before long, Gary Evers heard a news report that the FWC was looking for the bear carcass, since it is against the law to pick them up or possess them. That's when he called the FWC and explained what had happened.

FWC Law Enforcement Officer Chris Goodreau arrived at the scene and gave warnings to Christopher Evers, Pitti, Germany and Townsend for possessing Florida black bear parts.

"Because another law enforcement officer told them they could take the bear, the father called in to report the whole thing, they didn't try to hide the parts and willingly cooperated with the investigation, I gave them written warnings," said Goodreau. "They didn't kill the bear - they just picked it up."

Officers confiscated the bear remains and disposed of everything except for the hide, which the FWC will use to help educate people about Florida black bears.

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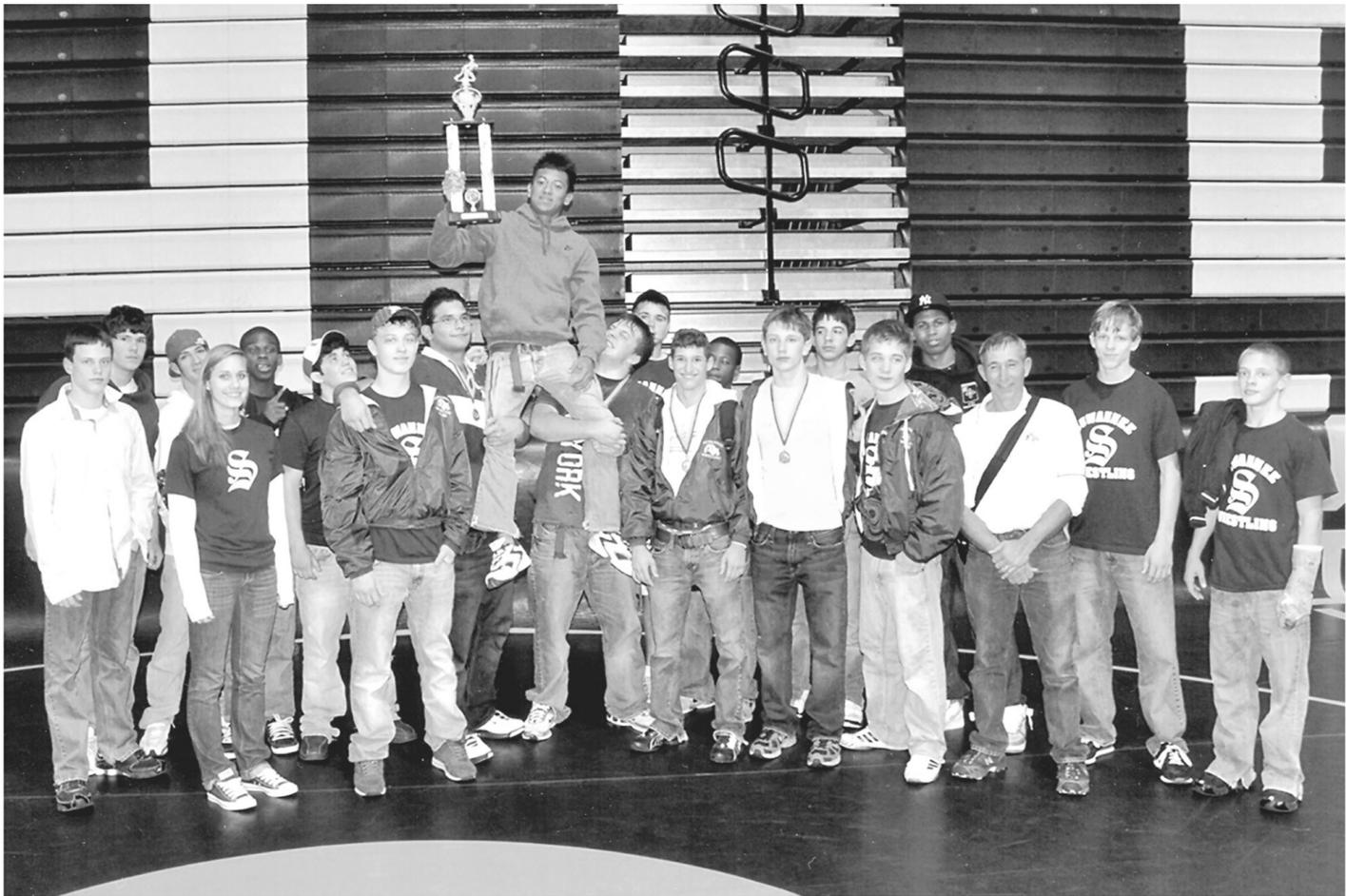
Area Cities and National Cities. Tables listing cities and their weather conditions.

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SPORTS

Mid-pack finish for SHS



The SHS wrestling team took first place at the Ocala Forest High School wrestling tournament recently. - Photo: Rudy Fletcher

Suwannee soccer gains steam

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for the season at 6-0-1.

On Tuesday, Dec. 1, Suwannee broke a mental block by downing chief district rival Sante Fe 3-0 at Sante Fe. It was the 'Dogs first win over the Raiders since 2003. The 'Dogs and Raiders began the first half sluggish during each teams first game after the Thanksgiving holiday. As the half wound down, the play finally stepped up when Suwannee scored 36 minutes into the half. Freshman Justin Shirah crashed the goal and buried a rebound off the goalie to put the Suwannee up 1-0. Sante Fe was quickly reeling when just minutes later, senior Tripp Prevatt hit a bullet past the keeper off a volley of a loose ball 30 yards out. In the second half the Raiders never really got any momentum as the Bulldog defense kept the ball on the Suwannee half of the pitch. The final tally came when Zach Dennison took an Austin O'Connor pass in front of the goal and slid it past the keeper to finish the win 3-0.

Suwannee traveled to Jacksonville on Thursday, Dec. 3 to play the defending state champ and undefeated Bolles Bulldogs. The start of the game was delayed. Bolles would not relinquish the artificial turf field. They had extended preparation for their state semifinal playoff game. Suwannee prevailed in a hard fought physical battle over Bolles 2-1.

From the outset, Bolles was hounded by the 'Dogs. The defense and senior

goalkeeper Jake Hayes held Bolles scoreless in the first half. Meanwhile, Suwannee took the lead just 16 minutes into the game when Justin Shirah scored an unassisted goal on a shot off a rebound off a defender.

Inspired by the play of the defense, the offense came out quickly in the second half. Just eight minutes after the break, Prevatt took an O'Connor through-ball and broke away behind the defense. Prevatt pulled the Bolles keeper to the right side of the goal and then buried the shot inside the left back post to take a 2-0 lead.

Play got a little "chippy" as Bolles' frustration mounted with the Suwannee defense. Bolles finally got a score with nine minutes remaining in the game. A Bolles midfielder broke through on the left driving uncontested for the goal. Bolles then turned up the offensive heat and the physical play. However, Suwannee gave it right back to them. Senior defender Cory Cox got a big defensive save by sweeping away a Bolles shot on an open goal. Suwannee held on for the 2-1 win.

Suwannee wrapped up the third game of the week with a home win Friday night, Dec. 4, in a steady rain over P. K. Yonge, 3 -1. The Gainesville soccer power also swept into town brandishing an undefeated record but left with muddy 'Dog prints on their backs.

After the late return trip from Bolles, the 'Dogs were slow to start. P. K.

Yonge took advantage of the 'Dogs late night by quickly scoring in the first eight minutes. The 'Dogs offense finally got untracked 36 minutes into the half when Prevatt sent a long cross field pass to O'Connor making a deep run. O'Connor chested the pass down and beat the keeper with a low driving shot to tie the game

1-1. Just three minutes later, O'Connor tallied his second goal of the half off a quick pass from Shirah. In the second half, the defense stiffened limiting P. K. Yonge to just two shots on goal. Prevatt put the game out of reach 3 -1 with five minutes to play on a low shot off a rebound.

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Ongoing church meetings

AWANA clubs-Wednesday nights, First Baptist Church of Live Oak. Info: 386-362-1583, www.fbcliveoak.org-click on children's ministry.

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Dec. 19

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WEDNESDAY Family Night Supper...6:00 pm AWANA Club...6:30 pm Prayer Meeting...7:00 pm

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together... but encouraging one another. Hebrews 10:25 565546-F

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WEDNESDAY Prayer Meeting...7:00 p.m. 555677-F

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TUESDAY Men's Prayer Group meet at Dixie Grill...6:30 a.m. Lady Quilters...9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal...7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Ladies Prayer Group...9:30 a.m. Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal...5:00 p.m. Mid-Week Service...6:30 p.m. Youth Group...6:30 p.m. RA's, GA's, Mission Friends...6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal...7:30 p.m.

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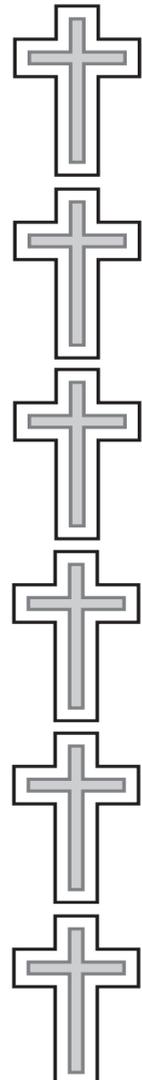
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Virtue requires doing the right thing with no expectation of reward, and still doing it happily, but without becoming too proud of our good deeds. When we are raising our children, we often use punishment and reward to shape their behavior. But as they grow older, we want them to understand that some things are inherently good (or bad) and must be done (or avoided) regardless of whether one is rewarded (or punished) for doing them. If punishment and reward are overemphasized, we run the risk of raising children who are only good when they are being supervised. Likewise, we don't want to be adults who are overly concerned with reward. The idea that we will be rewarded in heaven for our good deeds is often comforting when we are being punished for them here on earth. But, if that is the only reason we are doing good deeds, to be rewarded for them, then surely we've tainted the pure effect of those good deeds. Virtue is indeed its own reward, and we shouldn't expect to be paid handsomely for doing what is right. We should do the right thing simply because it is the right thing to do.



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RELIGION

What a great time to make memories

By now you are probably getting ready for (or at least thinking about) some sort of Christmas celebration. I can't help wondering what you have in mind. Of all the things we enjoy most about the holidays, the extra time spent with family and friends probably tops the list.



Heart Matters
By Angie Land

What a great time to make memories! I guess we all get that picture perfect, holiday in mind from those Norman Rockwell paintings and the holiday commercials that promise us the "most wonderful time of the year". Trouble is, rarely does the real world live up to those promises. Perhaps you are spending Christmas without a loved one this year because of death or divorce, or maybe just too many miles between you. Possibly unresolved conflict or just conflicting schedules have left you feeling left out and things haven't turn out like you hoped. Mary and Joseph knew a little bit about that:

"So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her first-born, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:4-7

Can you even imagine? When the first real labor pain came, Mary had to be thinking, "This is not how it was supposed to be!"

Giving birth to your first-born is a big enough deal, but giving birth to God's Son? Surely Mary didn't see the stable and manger when she pictured her due date. Those pretty Nativity scenes we set up each year are wonderful decorations, but the real deal was dirty and it smelled like animals. Not exactly the place for a newborn. Only because Mary had a heart of thanksgiving and was obedient to God's plan ("I am the Lord's servant, may it be to me as you have said. Luke 1:38) was she able to make those sacrifices with such grace. Instead of a soft, clean bed, she gave birth on the floor of a stable. Instead of her mother and

other women tending to her, she was alone with Joseph, who was no doubt as overwhelmed as she was. Instead of a cradle to lay her son, she placed him in a feed trough; nope, not at all what she had in mind.

As you think about this, and the rest of the story, consider the fact that if Mary and Joseph had been anywhere else, those shepherds, whom God chose to be the first witnesses of the birth of his Son, would have missed it. Shepherds were not exactly high on the social ladder, but who better to understand the amazing truth that God had just provided the perfect "Lamb" that would one day be the sacrifice to take away the sins of the world? Don't miss that fact that while the shepherds were not whom Mary and Joseph were expecting, they were invited by a host of God's angels.

Could it be that when we feel like there is no room for us anywhere, it is because God has made room for us somewhere else, or that He is making room for someone else to be with us? Try this perspective when dealing with holiday plans for your family. If someone can't be there, look around and see who that makes room for. Perhaps a single adult or someone without any nearby family. If too many miles or your schedule cause you to miss family celebrations, look around to see where God is making room for you. Celebration is ultimately up to us, and the attitude we choose to take. Our plans may not work out exactly like we hoped, but it could be that God has something extra special in mind this year. Believe it, because your heart matters.

Blessings,
Angie

We would love to hear about your most memorable Christmas celebration, and what made it special. Email Angie at angieland3@windstream.net

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.

A Christmas that lives beyond time and space

By Derek Maul

There's a lot to like about two consecutive rainy cool days in West Central Florida.

One - of course - is the constant hum of the tea kettle on the boil.

Weather like this lends itself to British style hot tea and what's left of Thanksgiving's date-nut bread. The constant background, though, has been the weaving of a devotional tapestry via pretty-much every seasonal music CD we own.

I enjoy watching my wife, Rebekah, move through the house with creative purpose, slowly assembling an Advent ambiance that is unique every year. It's an art form, a kind of festive feng-shui.

Yesterday evening, rounding the corner with two cups of steaming tea in hand, I saw her tinkering with the tree, adjusting something that spoke subtly of Advent hope, a private smile lighting the edges of her



mouth.

"What are you enjoying so much?" I asked. I think I already knew, but magic spoken aloud is that much more compelling.

"Just a memory," she said. But it was more than a memory, it was a moment;

this moment, this slice of our life together, lived out in peace and served up with hot tea, experienced in a home that we have crafted together out of faithful lives and years of raising children, in the context of abiding faith and the deep knowledge and experience of grace upon grace.

We may live in the now; but this exact time in "chronos" is layered with meaning and purpose that make more sense in terms of "kairos".

When Rebekah paused - her hand resting on a particular object that called up both memory and promise - what occurred happened both at 8:45 p.m. in the evening of Dec. 4 ... and in the context of a timeless

interface with the Kingdom that Jesus talked about so much via parable and invitation.

I believe this is the secret to embracing the coming of Jesus in a fresh way each year. Not a drummed up emotion leveraged by ritual or by guilt or by nostalgia... but an apprehension that we exist - as human beings - in a realm that is neither limited by time and space nor by the narrow constructs we impose, rationales necessarily limited by the parameters of our finite brains and "verifiable" experiences.

My advice? Be open to the Spirit of God.

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Is Christ in your church?

By David H. Matier

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In Revelation (notice there is no "s" on the end of that word) the Apostle John writes as he was commanded of the Holy Spirit about the seven churches. During his life time these churches were seven literal churches but they also represent seven ages of the church; seven periods that the church would go through. And I submit to you that today the church is in the last age, or the age of the seventh church, the Laodicean Church (Revelation 3:14-22)

In Revelation 1:19 God gives you the outline of the Book of Revelation: "Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;" The seven churches fall under "which are." Beginning in Revelation chapter 4 you have the things "which shall be hereafter." That is why when someone asks you, "Do you think we are living during the time of the seventh seal?" or something pertaining to something after chapter 4 in Revelation you know they are not adhering to sound doctrine because they are not following the outline that the book gave of itself in itself. What better outline could you use?

Too often students of the Word jump over the study of these churches. William R. Newell, in his book Revelation Chapter-By-Chapter has an interesting statement at the beginning of the second chapter. He states the portion of the Revelation the messages to the churches take up and then says, "The true student of God's word learns to give most attention to what God most emphasizes. Therefore we beg the reader not to pass lightly over these seven solemn messages from the Lord Himself concerning our own days, nor to be in undue haste to get over into the distinctly prophetic and more spectacular part of The Revelation, beginning at chapter four." Then he writes, "Someone truly says, 'There is always a tendency in the human heart to become occupied with the dispensation in which we are not.'"

First of all God said to the Angel of the church - the messenger or pastor if you please "I know thy works" (Revelation 3:15). God knows. He knows that the church is not capable of bringing comfort because it is neither "cold" nor "hot." You need to pray like the two blind men the Lord encountered along the way side. When He asked them what they wanted they said, "Lord that our eyes may be opened" (Matthew 20:33). In effect, today's church makes Him sick; "I wilt spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods and have need of

nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counseled thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be clothed and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent" (Revelation 3:16-19). And then in verse 20, the verse we so often use in evangelism the Bible says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." This verse, in the context is speaking about the church. It is time that the church let Jesus in! It is about time for the church to include Jesus in their services! But the real problem is most churches aren't even aware of his absence!

The Lord Jesus stands at the door, waiting for you to repent of "playing church." Waiting for the church to say, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." Next time you go to church claim His promise - "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). This is a specific promise to those who came together for a specific purpose - to worship and praise Him! And watch His Spirit work in your midst as you expect Him to.

Let the children in your church grow up seeing the real thing. Don't let them be like the young boy, that when asked to write a letter to God, by his Sunday School teacher, wrote, "Dear God, We had a good time at church today. Wish You could have been there." Oh, that God might work in our midst!

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Annual Christmas dinner

Faith in Christ Anglican Church and the Christian Mission in Action will be sponsoring the free annual Christmas dinner this year.

The dinner will be a traditional Christmas dinner with all the fixings. We will have turkey, ham, beans, sweet potatoes, greens, cranberry sauce and desserts.

There will be singing, gifts and a gospel message. We will also have a prayer team circulating for individual prayer needs.

The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Dec. 19 at the Suwannee County Coliseum in Live Oak.

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RELIGION

Behold, the Christmas Grinch cometh

By Rev. James L. Snyder

I never have to look at the calendar to know when the Christmas holiday season is approaching. As soon as I lay down my fork on Thanksgiving Day, the battle drums begin to roll. Somebody, who apparently does not have much of a life, takes a pot shot at the Christmas holiday. You would think, from some of their comments, the Christmas holiday was the greatest conspiracy in all of human history.

According to these protesters, the very word "Christmas," offends them to no degree. They forbid people to say cheerfully, "Merry Christmas," as if those words in and of themselves would create the repair of damage to the person hearing them.

To placate these value-challenged patrons, some businesses have chosen not to put the word "Christmas," anywhere near their business, replacing that offensive word with the words, "Happy Holidays." Even employees are prohibited wishing customers a Merry Christmas but rather a "Happy Holiday." This, according to the all-wise Christmas Grinch, is more acceptable than simply saying, "Merry Christmas."

Of course, anybody who is as smart as a fifth-grader knows that the word "holiday," according to Webster's dictionary, means, "A religious feast day; a holy day." So instead of saying "Merry Christmas," they want us to say, "Have a happy holy fest day," which seems

more religious to me.

I am thinking of starting a grassroots movement of people who are offended by people who are offended by the word "Christmas." The only problem with this, I would have a hard time finding people as nasty, venomous and as grey-matter-challenged as those offended by the word "Christmas." Generally speaking, people who believe in Christmas and the Christmas spirit are a rather good, loving and generous people.

Part of our agenda would go something like this. People offended by the word "Christmas" and by celebrating the Christmas season should not be allowed to take Christmas day off with pay. I do not hear any of these people complaining that they have Christmas day off with pay. If they really were offended by the Christmas season they would refuse taking any time off and getting paid for it.

Along with this, all those objecting to Christmas would not be eligible for any kind of Christmas gift or Christmas bonus. All of these "offensive goodies," would go to those who love and appreciate the Christmas season.

All government offices would be opened on Christmas day and staffed by all those people who find the Christmas season so very offensive. Why isn't the post office open on Christmas day? Moreover, why don't I get my Christmas Cards delivered to me on Christmas day?

To further our agenda, all those of-

fended by Christmas should not be permitted to shop at Christmas time to purchase "Christmas gifts." Nor should they accept any Christmas gifts. If they are really honestly offended by the Christmas season this should be anathema to them.

Any businessperson with a store should not have a Christmas sale. If they are really offended by Christmas, why do they insist on benefiting from those who delight in Christmas?

And while I am on the subject, why are all of these people who want to take God out of government, our school system and businesses still greedily accepting American dollars that has clearly printed on it, "In God we trust." If they were really true to their beliefs, they would never touch another American dollar in their life.

This would be another part of our grassroots agenda. Those desiring to take God out of all of these things, if they are honest people, should surrender all their money to people who believe in God. After all, if you do not believe in God, why accept money that boasts in believing God?

Throughout the rest of the year, prayer in school offends these Grinches. This has always "wondered me." They do not believe in Christmas or God and yet when either is mentioned they go into a convulsive seizure as though their very life is being threatened.

If I did not believe in something as radically as these people say they do not

believe in God or Christmas it would not threaten me. I might smile at people who believed in it, but it sure would not bother me and I would not be upset to the point where I would forbid others celebrating it. After all, I do not believe in Halloween, but I have not started a movement to ban it from our country. I think it rather silly for people to get all dressed up in scary costumes, pretending to be something they are not and begging for candy. As of today, I have not started a movement to ban them from running for political office.

I allow those who do not believe in Christmas or in God to celebrate their holidays: Halloween and April 1. Just let me celebrate my holidays.

I celebrate Christmas because of what the Bible says. "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father" (Galatians 4:4-6 KJV).

Christmas means that God provided redemption for all humanity. Jesus is the reason for the season.

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SPORTS

JV 'Dogs beat Santa Fe, Madison

Submitted

The Suwannee High School JV basketball team defeated district rival Santa Fe Dec. 4, 75-63.

After coming down from a victory over Lake City the previous night, the boys were lethargic as they began the game. The score at the end of the first quarter was only 11-8 in favor of the 'Dogs. However, the team rallied in the second quarter with a scoring run led by **Marcus Lane**.

Lane ended the night with 17 points, three steals and four rebounds. Guard **Jimmie Taylor** also came alive to end the first half with three, three-point shots in a row. **Taylor** also passed for five first-half assists to four different players. He ended the night with 21 points, two steals, 11 rebounds and a shot block.

Second-half scoring was led from the inside by **Tony Frierson** and **Lane** with a combination of three-point shots and steals which led to layups. Santa Fe didn't give up easily and came back in the fourth at the hands of a

sharp three-point sniper to narrow the margin to several points. But the team rallied with just over two minutes left on the clock and held on to end the game. **Frierson** had 10 points, six rebounds, one shot block and one assist. Other notable rebounders were **Alex Robinson** (6) and **AJ Robinson** (5). **Jeremiah Ross** totaled three steals from the top of the key, and **Dontavious Hampton** also scored seven points.

The next night, the JV 'Dogs did their part in an exciting SHS four-game sweep of Madison. The final score was 72-47.

The JV game can only be summarized in one word: Teamwork. The 'Dogs would end the first quarter with a lead of 24-18. Guard **AJ Robinson** showed special pizzazz as he passed for four assists, had one steal, four rebounds and four points. The powerful trio of **Taylor**, **Frierson** and **Alex Robinson** combined for 23 rebounds.

The second half was played primarily by an en-

ergetic and exciting bench that showed promising depth, including play from **Jeremiah Ross**, **Dontavious Hampton** and **Austin Miller**. **Ross** had 12 points, two steals and one assist. **Hampton** had 10 points, three steals and one assist and **Miller** had eight points, four rebounds and one assist, while shooting 67 percent from the field and 100 percent from the free throw line.

On a humorous note, players and fans alike learned that there is a technical foul violation equivalent of football's "excessive celebration," as two excited young players were called for a midair body-bump after a pass-score combination.

Additional player stats include (Pts, Rbs, Ast, Stl): **Taylor**: 13-12-2-0. **Lane**: 7-5-1-2. **Frierson** 8-6-0-1. **Alex Robinson** 5-5-1-2 and **Williams** 5-3-0-0.

Come out and support the JV 'Dogs. They take on Baker County tonight, Jasper tomorrow and Branford Tuesday. All games are scheduled at the SHS gym.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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roundabout. Info: 386-362-2483.

Fellowship of Christian Cowboys meeting

Fellowship of Christian Cowboys meeting; 5:30 p.m.; first Saturday; SRRS Arena in Branford; and 5:30 p.m., second Saturday; Suwannee County Coliseum Arena, Live Oak.

"Coming to terms with your divorce"

First Baptist Church of Live Oak, Howard Street; nine-week course, "Coming to Terms with Your Divorce." Info: 386-362-1583.

Broken Lance Native American Church

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Services at noon on Wednesdays at Ebenezer AME Church

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A 3-year-old and an adult bald eagle take off.

Bald eagles respond to help

By Wendy B. Dial
FWC

Stretch your arms straight out for an instant idea of the bald eagle's wingspan. Then add a couple of feet.

The U.S. Congress was impressed enough by the large, fiercely majestic-looking bird of prey to make it the national emblem in 1782. More than two centuries later, the eagle still is the symbol of U.S. government, freedom and democracy.

It is also the symbol of one of America's best environmental success stories. Due to outstanding conservation measures, the federal government removed the bald eagle from its endangered species list in 2007. Florida took the bird off its imperiled species list the following year.

"Just because it has been delisted does not mean that it's no longer protected," said Ulgonda Kirkpatrick, eagle plan coordinator for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). "No; you can't take down the tree with the bald eagle nest in it. Bald eagles are certainly still protected."

You might think a strong, high-flying bird with fearsome talons, a sharp beak and even sharper vision could fend for itself. "Haliaeetus leucocephalus" can see for a mile and a half. The second-largest North American bird of prey isn't a fussy eater, either. It scavenges for fish carcasses and carrion of other animals, swipes food from other animals and hunts live prey when needed.

The problem; the fix

Nevertheless, it was no match for habitat loss; being shot, trapped or poisoned; and the ravages of the pesticide DDT on the birds' eggshells. What mankind wrought, mankind had to fix. In 1972, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency banned DDT. Congress passed the Endangered Species Act in 1973 and added the bald eagle to its protective umbrella in 1978.

These changes made a difference. Florida's population of bald eagle nesting territories went from 200 in the 1970s to 1,340 in 2009.

"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says Florida is showing the rest of the nation how to protect and manage the species — by leaps and bounds," Kirkpatrick said. The state has more bald eagles than any state other than Alaska and Minnesota.

Even when the numbers were low, Florida was better off than other states because of its aquatic habitats and rich supply of fish — eagles' favorite food. An FWC scientist coordinated a project to help Georgia, Alabama and Oklahoma jumpstart their eagle populations a



quarter-century ago. Scientists gathered 18 bald eagle eggs and rushed them to Oklahoma to hatch. The hatchlings were fed by eagle puppets, so the chicks wouldn't imprint with humans. When the birds were strong enough, scientists took them to roosts in the three states.

Parents are daredevils

The courtship ritual looks like warfare. Bald eagles are daredevils. They literally fall head-over-heels for each other. They "fly to great altitude, lock talons, and tumble/cartwheel back toward earth," breaking off at the last

minute to avoid crashing, according to "The Birds of North America Online."

They're basically monogamous for life and good parents. Eagles walk carefully around the nest with clenched feet, apparently to prevent their talons from piercing the one to three eggs in a typical clutch. Breeding adults may be very territorial, but bald eagles are social at their communal roosts, chattering away the hours.

One quirk belies the eagle's mighty image. The big bird sometimes has a weak voice. "The Birds of North America" describes it as a rapid chinking sound: "Ki-ki-ki-ki-ki-ker."

Recognition

This nation's emblem is actually a bald eagle that is 5 or more years old. Young eagles start out completely dark brown and gradually become the easily recognizable dark brown bird with white head, neck and tail. In between, juvenile birds are a mottled brown and white.

Before leaving home, fledglings practice flying from one side of the nest rim to the other, then to nearby branches. Half of the first "flights" are unsuccessful, according to "The Birds of North America." Those that fall to earth may have to stay there a week or so to regain strength. In the meantime, if the parents can get to the young eagle, they'll feed it while it is on the ground.

Once on wing, juveniles in Florida tend to disperse north.

The bald eagle flies by slow, deep wingbeats. It holds its wide wings at a right angle to its body on a flat plane. Its golden eyes watch intently over the wild landscapes of America.

Scientists, government agencies and citizens are watching the bald eagle too, this time to protect it. To learn more, go to MyFWC.com/Wildlife.

Keep your distance

Eagle Watch
Dominick Martino



Part of the FWC's management plan for eagles involves making sure people and development keep their distance. Nests are protected

Despite being removed from Florida's imperiled species list, the bald eagle can't be disturbed or harmed except under conditions specified by federal and state permits. Management plans, such as Florida's, and the science of population surveys also ensure future chapters of the eagle's bittersweet success story have a happy message.

To think: In the first half of the 20th century, humans placed bounties on eagles. Now, those who illegally kill or endanger a bald eagle have to pay fines of up to \$200,000 under the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Laws even prohibit possessing the bird's feathers without a permit.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) adopted its new Bald Eagle Management Plan in 2008. It outlines strategies to maintain the Florida population of bald eagles at or above current levels "in perpetuity." This plan closely follows the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's national guidelines.

By state rule and federal laws. Under state rule, an FWC eagle permit is not needed for any activity occurring outside the recommended 660-foot buffer zone. The FWC prohibits all activity within 330 feet of a nest during nesting season or when eagles are using a nest.

If the FWC management plan guidelines cannot be followed, the agency recommends obtaining a permit, whether for disturbance, nest-removal or scientific collecting. The FWC offers technical assistance for projects requiring a permit and ample information about its Bald Eagle Management Plan online at MyFWC.com/Eagle.

"The new guidelines reflect optimism in mankind," said Ulgonda Kirkpatrick, bald eagle coordinator for the FWC.

"Luckily, people are respectful of the eagle and of regulations protecting it. Being such an important symbol, it evokes a lot of emotion."

Get involved

- If you suspect potential wildlife law violations, call the FWC's toll-free Wildlife Alert hotline: 888-404-3922.
- If you find a nest, make sure it is an undocumented one by using the eagle nest locator on the FWC website, and follow the directions to report a new nest. Still unsure? E-mail baldeagle@MyFWC.com with the name of the county the nest is in, the global positioning system (GPS) location or nearest address, direction and distance to the nest and your complete contact information.
- Volunteer with Audubon of Florida's Eagle Watch. Spend 20-40 minutes a month documenting eagle activity. Visit fl.audubon.org/who_centers_CBOP for more information.



The fish in this eagle's talons is supper.

Scientists skim treetops to study nests

FWC



A plane flies over an occupied bald eagle nest during the FWC's annual nesting-territory survey.

"Love and marriage ... go together like a horse and carriage. ... You can't have one without the other." These lyrics to an old Frank Sinatra song apply to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) bald eagle nest survey and management plan. One exists for the other.

For three decades, FWC biologists working for the agency's Fish and Wildlife Research In-

stitute have climbed into a small plane from late fall to early spring to count the number of bald eagle nesting territories, each one made up of an active nest and surrounding habitat. A bald eagle's territory often includes unused nests.

Janell Brush, an avian research biologist with the FWRI, coordinates this annual count.

"We used to go nest-to-nest throughout the entire state, but now that we have more than 2,000 potential nesting territories, we'd be sacrificing solid information on productivity to continue doing that," Brush said.

Statisticians recommended the FWC survey a third of the state each year. With the new system, retired FWC biologists Steve Nesbitt and John White have time to make two to five passes over each active nest to record everything from the presence of adult eagles to the number of eggs in a clutch, incubating behavior and the number of chicks.

Pilots ferrying Nesbitt and White skim the treetops so the biologists can observe what goes on in the giant nests. One U.S. nest reportedly weighed thousands of pounds. Another nest, in St. Petersburg, measured 9.5 feet in diameter and was 20 feet tall, according to "The Birds of North America Online."

The FWC's 2009 survey found 1,340 nesting territories. The 2008 survey reported 1,280. Nests produced 1,796, young compared to 1,495 the previous year. Florida's eagle population totals 3,565 adults and 5,360 with nestlings included.

"The immediate impact of the survey is that if a nest is active, then we apply the Bald Eagle Management Plan guidelines about buffer zones and permitting to that nest," Brush said.

"Many territories discovered when we started conducting surveys are still active today," Brush said. Longevity in a territory is a sign of good habitat.

The survey shows that bald eagles' favorite tree for nesting is a dominant live pine. Knowing such details about working habitats helps scientists ensure the bald eagle's continued recovery.



Retired FWC biologist John White records data from a nesting-territory survey.

Be an eagle-eyed observer

Think about all the places you have seen the bald eagle symbol. See how many you can find.

1. What denomination of paper money bears the symbol of the bald eagle?
2. What common American coin has the bald eagle on it?
3. How are eagles connected with flags?
4. What National Football League team has a bald eagle insignia?
5. What large fleet of vehicles bears an eagle symbol?
6. Name government agencies that use the eagle symbol.

Answers: 1. The one-dollar bill. 2. Quarter (not the new state coins). 3. Some flagpoles are topped with an eagle. 4. Philadelphia Eagles. 5. U.S. Postal Service. 6. Besides departments of Defense, Treasury, Justice, State, Commerce and Homeland Security, the offices of the President and Vice President, Congress, the department on the Great Seal of the United States, the eagle is on the seal for many military units.



Sweet Celebrations

Festive desserts with an exciting twist

FAMILY FEATURES

A great dessert makes any special occasion even more wonderful. Celebrate this season with classic dessert recipes given an exciting twist with the sweet addition of California dried figs.

Dark purple Missions and golden, slightly nutty flavored Calimyrnas are the secret touches that will turn these recipes into new holiday favorites.

Chocolate Crinkles are chewy on the inside and have rich chocolate taste with bursts of sweet fig flavor. Chewy Ginger-Molasses Fig Cookies take traditional ginger molasses cookies and add sweet chunks of Mission figs, making them crispy on the outside, chewy on the inside. They freeze well, so make a double batch and save some for giving.

This German Chocolate Cake recipe starts with the ease of a cake mix. The crowning glory is the luscious topping made with California dried figs, coconut, and toasted pecans. Wow family and friends by popping the cake under the broiler just before serving for an outstanding finale.

Interchangeable in most recipes, dark Mission and golden Calimyrna figs are chewy, sweet and moist, always available, and easy to keep on the shelf for snacking and cooking.

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Chewy Ginger-Molasses Fig Cookies

Makes about 30 cookies

- 2/3 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 large egg white
- 3 tablespoons light molasses
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup stemmed, finely chopped Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Figs
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. Beat brown sugar and oil in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until blended. Beat in egg white and molasses.

In separate bowl combine flour, ginger, soda, cinnamon and salt. On low speed, slowly beat in flour mixture until combined. With spoon, stir in figs.

Shape 1-tablespoon portions of dough into balls. Roll in granulated sugar. Place 2 1/2-inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Place sheet in center of oven and bake cookies 7 to 9 minutes, until crackled on top and set around edges. Cool on wire rack.

Chocolate Fig Crinkles

Makes about 30 cookies

- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate, melted
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup stemmed, finely chopped Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Figs
- 1/3 cup confectioners' sugar

Beat brown sugar and butter with electric mixer on medium speed until blended. Beat in melted chocolate. Beat in eggs, one at a time, and vanilla.

In medium bowl, stir together flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and salt. On low speed, slowly beat into chocolate mixture. Stir in figs. Cover bowl and chill 3 hours.

To bake, preheat oven to 350°F. Form 1-tablespoon portions of dough into balls. Roll in confectioners' sugar. Place balls, 2 1/2-inches apart, on greased baking sheet. Place sheet in center of oven and bake cookies 7 to 9 minutes, until crackled on top and set around edges. Cool on wire rack.

German Chocolate Cake With Broiled Fig and Coconut Topping

Makes 2 single-layer cakes

Cake:

- 1 18 1/4-ounce German Chocolate Cake Mix (Check cake mix for additional ingredients — oil, eggs, water)

Fig-Coconut Topping:

- 1 cup stemmed, chopped Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Figs
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 6 tablespoons whipping cream
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1/2 cup chopped, toasted pecans

Follow package directions and prepare two 8-inch round cakes. Bake and cool as directed.

For topping, in medium saucepan combine figs, sugar, butter and cream. Stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a simmer. Simmer 1 minute, stirring constantly. Stir in coconut and pecans. Spread warm topping on top of each cake layer, dividing evenly.

Place one cake at a time on a baking sheet or heatproof pan. Broil 4 to 5 inches from heat for 15 to 30 seconds, or until topping bubbles, watching constantly. Remove from oven. Repeat with second cake. Cool. Transfer cakes to serving plates to serve.



Chocolate-Fig Banana Bread

Makes 1 loaf

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups mashed, very ripe bananas (about 4)
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup stemmed, chopped Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Figs
- 1/2 cup miniature chocolate morsels

Preheat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, soda and salt.

In separate bowl, whisk together bananas, eggs, oil and vanilla. Whisk liquids into dry ingredients, mixing just until blended. Stir in figs and chocolate. Scrape batter into oiled 9 x 5-inch loaf pan. Bake in the middle of the oven for 60 to 70 minutes (cover with foil after about 30 minutes to prevent over browning) or until pick inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool 10 minutes in pan. Run sharp knife around edge of pan and remove bread from pan to wire rack to cool. Wrap airtight and store at room temperature or freeze.



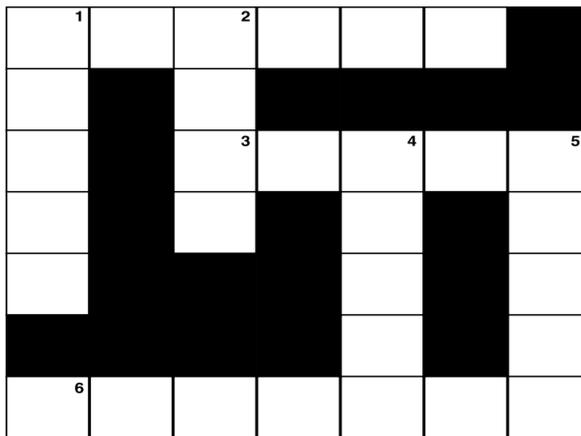


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WHAT IS A DIFFERENT NAME FOR SANTA CLAUS?

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ACROSS

- 1. Santa's transportation
- 3. ___ Pole
- 6. Day of celebration

DOWN

- 1. Jolly guy
- 2. Very long time
- 4. Shape of Santa's belly
- 5. Holiday plant

Answers:
Across
1. sleigh 3. North 6. holiday
Down
1. Santa 2. eons 4. round 5. holly

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Regional News

Mayo company will have a role in 'Extreme Makeover: Home Edition'

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Mayo Truss will donate the trusses for an "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" build in Gainesville this week. Company employees will donate their labor.

College sweethearts Tobin and Jill Wagstaff started their own non-profit music school to provide an arts education that would be available for everyone, including those with financial lim-

itations or disabilities. After dedicating all their time and resources to the school, little is left for the vast and necessary repairs needed to their home, according to a press release. This week, Extreme Makeover team leader Ty Pennington and the design team, along with others in the Gainesville community will rebuild the home that is "literally crumbling around them," according to the press release.

The Wagstaffs started Studio Percussion, Inc. in 2002 as a non-profit music

school and arts center. Specializing in the use of drums and percussion, The Wagstaff's use music to encourage and inspire students towards community involvement and leadership development.

Fred and Wayne Hamlin, owners of Mayo Truss, said they are excited to be part of a project giving back to a family that gives so much to their community. Chad Little, a resident of Mayo and employee at Mayo Truss, designed the trusses for the home.

5-year sentence for burglaries

Reduced sentence for Pridgeon; will testify against co-defendant

By Stephenie Livingston

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A Dixie County man was sentenced Monday in Mayo for his role in a burglary ring that hit as many as 100 homes in Suwannee, Lafayette, Columbia, Taylor, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy and Madison counties.

Cody Eugene Pridgeon, 23, was sentenced to five years in prison, fined \$5,000 plus court costs and ordered to pay nearly \$100,000 in restitution.

Pridgeon was arrested in June along with Michael Christopher Hackle, 27; Allen Lynn Thomson, 36; and Dwayne Mertz, 38.

It was "in my best interest" to plead guilty, Pridgeon said during his hearing Monday at the Lafayette County Courthouse. Public Defender William W. Blue said Pridgeon had been "hooked on drugs" and asked that he eventually be given a reduced sentence and allowed to enter a halfway house on terms that he complete a drug program.

"He was funding a drug habit," said Blue.

Judge David Fina said the decision to enter a halfway house was up to the Department of Corrections.

Pridgeon was given a reduced sentence partly on the condition that he testify against Mertz. Pridgeon's cooperation with police throughout the investigation was also taken into account, noted Blue.

A trial for Hackle was set for next month.

R. J. Murphy is going places - fast

Submitted

R. J. Murphy, son of Wade and Renee Murphy of Jennings, is on his way to an incredible racing career. R. J., who is 9, started racing in 2007, and is stilling racing strong. He is a six-time points champion with accomplishments such as 2007 Winter Points, 2007 Christmas in Dixie Champion, 2008 Track Champion, and 2008 Winter Points Champion. Also, R. J. recently claimed the 2009 Dirt and Asphalt Track championship.

While running a FKA State Race this year, R. J. broke the track record for fastest time, set the pole and won the race! He has the ambition and determination to do what it takes to win. He looks forward to the future years. He looks forward to racing every Saturday night.



R. J. and his dad, Wade Murphy. - Courtesy photo

Look for R. J. Murphy and his racing kart in Friday's Christmas parade in Jasper.

School report a mixed bag for Lafayette

Fewer dropouts, but also fewer graduates

By Stephenie Livingston
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Lafayette High School saw a significant improvement in dropout rates this year compared to last, according to an annual report from the Florida Department of Education. However, graduation rates did not reflect as well.

The local dropout rate fell from 2.8 percent in 2007-08 to just 0.7 percent



Superintendent Tom Lashley

this year. The graduation rate dropped to 79.7 percent in 2008-09 compared to 92 percent last year.

"We are usually above average and this year we remain above the state average," said Superintendent Tom Lashley. "Dropout rate is a predictor for the future. Because we are reducing our dropout rate, our graduation rate should stay strong."

Statewide, graduation rates rose to 78.6 percent in 2008-09, an increase over last year's 75.4 percent. The state dropout rate continued to fall to 2.3 percent this year from 2.6 in 2007-08 after reaching 3.5 percent in 2005-06.

"Our district is focused on identifying those who are at risk for dropping out," Lashley continued. "We have progress monitor testing and teachers trained to work with guardians to identify who our troubled kids are."

Lashley said the Lafayette school district has many talented individuals working hard to prevent drop outs and give students a chance at a brighter future. "I am very pleased with the work that is being done," he said.

30th annual Christmas Parade is Saturday

This year's theme: 'Jesus! The only way'

By Stephenie Livingston

Experience the reason for the season at the 30th annual Mayo Christmas Parade Saturday. This year's theme is "Jesus! The only way."

Line up for the parade will begin at 6 p.m. The parade starts at 7 p.m. and will feature commercial and non-commercial floats as well as Santa Claus.

"Santa will be pulled by a sleigh and will throw out candy all along the route," said parade organizer Jim Hollis.

After the parade the park will be full of booths, food stands and the sounds of joyful Christmas music. All items sold must be cleared with the Chamber of Commerce prior to set up the night of the event. There will be a charge of \$5 for tables or booths.

There will be karaoke for anyone interested in singing (all songs and music must be of a Christmas nature) and Christmas carolers. Any churches interested in participating by singing carols are welcomed, said Hollis.

All area churches are also asked to participate in the program, with singing, preaching, or by just talking about their churches. There will be a table set up on which any and all churches may place brochures or information. All participants must contact the Chamber of Commerce before placing brochures on the table.

Festival of Lights at Stephen Foster Center

The Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park will host the Festival of Lights, displaying more than two million lights throughout the park, beginning Saturday. Pictured here is the museum next to a brilliantly illuminated oak tree. - Courtesy photo





SPORTS

Watson shines at state meet

Submitted

Seven year old Kyla Watson scored the highest in the all around for Cheek's Gymnastics in the last competition of the season for the program. Watson completed in first place with a 38.0500.

The competition was held in Lakeland Nov. 21 and 22 for the three, five and six divisions.

"As a matter of fact, Kyla placed first on bars, beam and floor with a 9.475, 9.625, and a 9.575 respectively," said Tom Cheek. "Kyla will definitely go to a higher level next year."

A gymnast in level two or three (beginning) can compete in a state meet without any qualifying score, but all level four, five and six gymnasts must have a 32.000 or better.

"All the gymnasts had a good meet, but not a great meet," said Chris Cheek.

"Some gymnasts peak at the right time and obviously Kyla peaked just right," said Tom Cheek. "But don't get me wrong, our gymnasts gave it all they had, it's just some had a harder time than others." "A gymnast goes through an extremely focused and disciplined attitude when she competes, the balance beam is probably the hardest," said Cheek.

The level three gymnasts had a high scoring meet which consisted of Carson Frier, 7, SarahBeth Lee, 8 and Stephanie Lawrence, 10. Frier had her best meet placing second in vault with an 8.950 and fourth on balance beam with a 9.050. Lee hit 36.4000 in the all around for another personal best, but her 9.575 on vault for a second place and 9.375 on beam placing third, thrilling everyone that watch her.

Lawrence hit a third on vault for a 9.375 and 9.050 on beam.

"Our level 3 gymnasts had a fun, outstanding meet to say the least," Chris Cheek said. "I can't wait to get these four gymnasts in the next level to see how quick they can get the skills for this division."

There were three level five gymnasts competing this year. Stephanie Stewart, 12, had a 9.025 for a second on vault and a 9.000 on bars for a third place. Grecia Lagunas, 12, and Emily Gill, 12, had a fairly good meet for their first year in level five.

"Grecia is one of our most dedicated gymnasts," said Tom Cheek. "She's always at the gym working out hard. We are looking for good things in the upcoming years."

Gill has come a long way having a disadvantage going to school in Lake City having to travel everyday to Live Oak just to get her workout in.

"Emily is a very quiet gymnast, but I believe this helps her to focus on focusing, which is 25 percent of a routine," said Tom Cheek. "Plus, as tall as Emily is we've got to keep her center of gravity low for her sake."

All three level fives will stay at their level so they can work harder to increase strength and flexibility to better their scores for next year.

Tessa Ferreira, 12, hit a 35.300 for a fifth place all around and also placed second on vault with a 9.350.

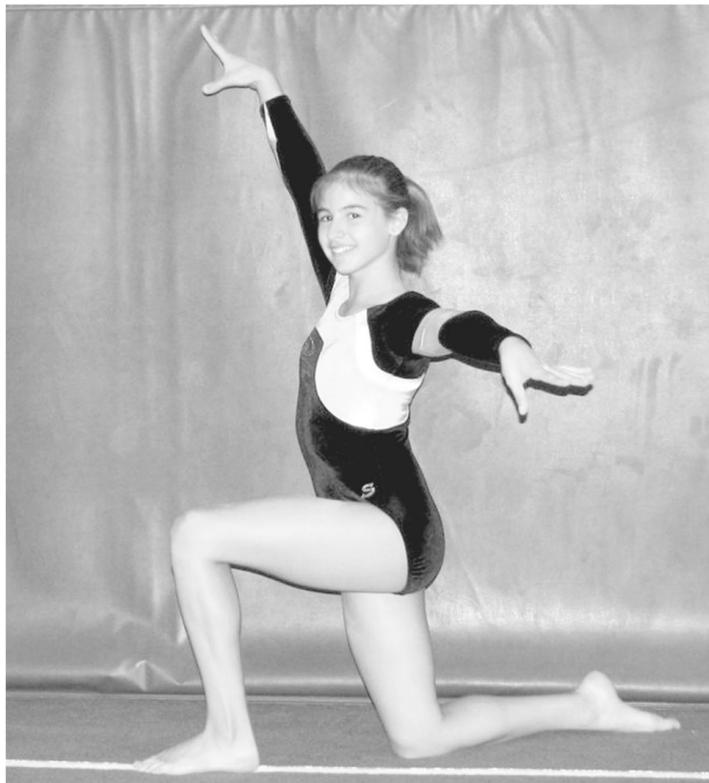
The gym is located on the second floor of Suwannee Health and Fitness Gym at 405 11th Street. We urge anyone and everyone to come in and look around.



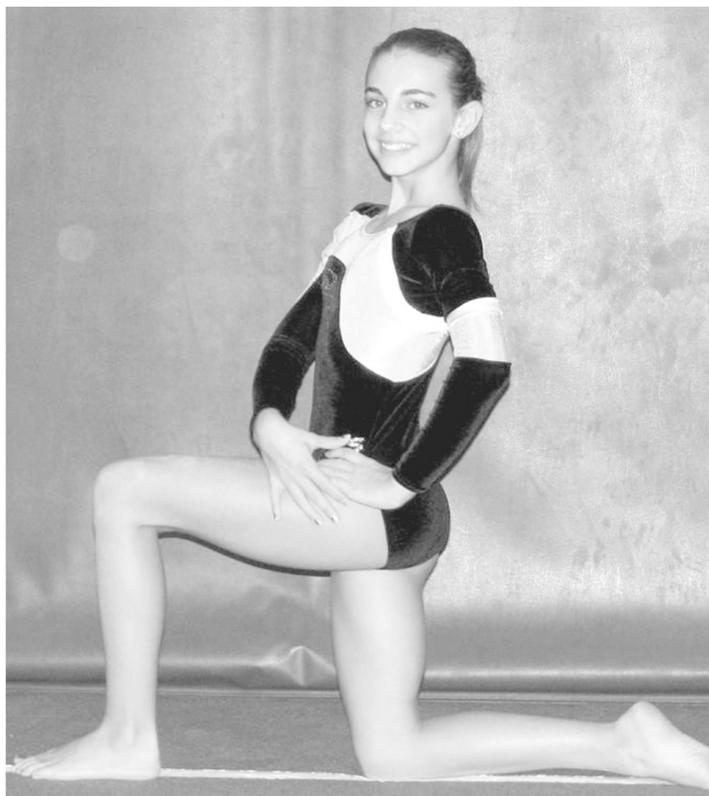
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Kyla Watson



Stephanie Stewart



Tessa Ferreira

A win and a loss for the 'Dogs

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got to cut that out."

The community showed their support Saturday, with a near sell-out.

"I was so pleased and shocked so many came out to

support us," said Perry. "Especially with the Christmas on the Square and the parade."

Brandon Soler led the team in points against Santa Fe with 13.

Sam Cherry led with 18 against Madison.

Vs. Santa Fe stats:

Keith Cherry	15
Andre Zanders	14
Josh Randolph	10
Joey Dukes	6
J.T. Devore	2
Quinton Swader	1

Vs. Madison stats:

Sam Cherry	9
Keith Cherry	8
Andre Zanders	5
Xavier Perry	4
Quinton Swader	4
Joey Dukes	2
Jarvis Jordan	2



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ACC STANDINGS (Through Dec. 5) ATLANTIC DIVISION COASTAL DIVISION

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The AGO this week

PART ONE Bowl Preview



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Goodbye — dadgummit!

One of the most distinguished coaching careers in college football history will extend into a seventh decade, but just barely, as Florida State's Gator Bowl encounter with West Virginia on New Year's Day 2010 will mark the end of the line for the venerable Bobby Bowden.

When presented with the prospect of becoming a lame duck figurehead in the fall of 2010, Bowden decided to step away from the only profession he has ever really known and from the university that he helped turn into a household name.

Considering that he first came to national prominence as the Mountaineers' head coach, West Virginia is the perfect opponent for Bowden's finale.

Gator Bowl (Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 1) West Virginia vs. Florida State

Records: West Virginia 9-3 (5-2 Big East); Florida State 6-6 (4-4 ACC Atlantic). Coaches: West Virginia's Bill Stewart (27-32); Florida State's Bobby Bowden (388-129-4). Series: Florida State leads 2-0. Kickoff: 1 p.m. ET. TV: CBS.

Keys for West Virginia: A big game from Jarrett Brown. The senior quarterback, who missed most of a 24-7 win over Marshall on Oct. 17 with a concussion, threw for 1,190 of his 2,129 yards and eight of his 11 touchdowns in the first five games of the season.

Keys for Florida State: Establish the running backs. Quarterback E.J. Manuel led the Seminoles with 27 yards on 11 carries, and starting tailback Jermaine Thomas had 21 yards on seven carries in a 37-10 loss at Florida in the regular-season finale.

Meineke Car Care Bowl (Charlotte, N.C., Dec. 26) Pittsburgh vs. North Carolina

Records: Pittsburgh 9-3 (5-2 Big East); North Carolina 8-4 (4-4 ACC Coastal). Coaches: Pittsburgh's Dave Wannstedt (34-26); North Carolina's Butch Davis (71-37). Series: North Carolina leads 4-2. Kickoff: 4:30 p.m. ET. TV: ESPN.

Keys for Pittsburgh: Don't give up the big play. Pittsburgh gave up an 88-yard scoring run to West Virginia's Noel Devine in a 19-16 loss on Nov. 27 and allowed Cincinnati All-American Mardy Gilyard to score on a 99-yard kickoff return and a 68-yard reception in a 45-44 setback this past Saturday.

47 carries. . . Move the chains. In addition to ranking among the nation's top six in yards allowed, the Tar Heels have given up first downs on only 28.7 percent of the third downs they have faced.

Keys for North Carolina: Pass protection. The Panthers are first among 120 FBS teams with a per-game average of 3.8 sacks. . . A secondary that features two All-ACC performers, Deunta Williams and Kendrick Burney, must create difficulty for Pittsburgh quarterback Bill Stull, who threw four of his eight interceptions on the season and averaged 177.5 passing yards the past two weeks.

Emerald Bowl (San Francisco, Dec. 26) Boston College vs. Southern California

Records: Boston College 8-4 (5-3 ACC Atlantic); Southern California 8-4 (5-4 Pac-10). Coaches: Boston College's Frank Spaziani (9-4); Southern California's Pete Carroll (96-19). Series: Southern California leads 2-0. Kickoff: 5 p.m. PT. TV: ESPN.

Keys for Boston College: Getting on the scoreboard. The Eagles have cracked the 20-point mark only once in the last five games (a 31-10 win over Central Michigan on Oct. 31). . . Follow the lead of linebacker Luke Kuechly. The freshman, who ranks second among FBS in tackles per game, has made a combined 35 tackles the last two games.

Keys for Southern California: A consistent Matt Barkley. The true freshman quarterback has thrown for 2,385 yards with 13 touchdowns and 12 interceptions on 184-of-315 passing this season. . . Defensive line play. The Trojans rank 16th and 17th, respectively, among FBS teams in tackles for loss and sacks per game.

Music City Bowl (Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 27) Kentucky vs. Clemson

Records: Kentucky 7-5 (3-5 SEC East); Clemson 8-5 (6-2 ACC Atlantic). Coaches: Kentucky's Rich Brooks (130-155-4); Clemson's Dabo Swinney (12-8). Series: Kentucky leads 8-4. Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. CT. TV: ESPN.

Keys for Kentucky: Randall Cobb variety show. Cobb, a sophomore who ranks third in the SEC with 147.2 all-purpose yards and 8.2 points per game, returns kicks, catches passes and will occasionally put the ball in air when he takes a snap. . . Closing strong. The Wildcats allowed a total of 12 second-half points in five of their final seven games (all wins), but they let second-half leads get away from them in a 31-24 loss to Mississippi State on Oct. 31 and a 30-24 overtime loss to Tennessee on Nov. 28.

Keys for Clemson: Better success against the run. Before yielding a combined 213 yards on 46 carries to the Georgia Tech duo of Jonathan Dwyer and Josh Nesbitt in the ACC Championship Game, the Tigers allowed South Carolina, which ranks last in the Southeastern Conference in rushing offense, to run for 223 yards in a 34-17 loss on Nov. 28. . . Silence the doubters. The failure to beat an SEC also-ran (South Carolina) and win the program's first conference title in 18 years has many thinking that Clemson has rediscovered its penchant for folding under pressure.

2-MINUTE DRILL

This week we name a player of the year for each conference team:

BOSTON COLL. Senior center Matt Tennant, one of six finalists for the 2009 Rimington Trophy, was a big reason why Montel Harris rushed for 1,355 yards and Rich Gunnell moved among the top four in school history in receptions, receiving yards and touchdown receptions.

CLEMSON Senior C.J. Spiller capped a week that saw him win ACC Player of the Year honors and a spot on the American Football Coaches Association's All-American team by running for 233 yards and four touchdowns in a 39-34 loss to Georgia Tech in the conference title game.

DUKE Senior Thaddeus Lewis became the second quarterback in program history to earn all-conference honors in consecutive seasons when he was named a 2009 second-team All-ACC selection.

FLORIDA ST. Maxwell Award semifinalist QB Christian Ponder, who suffered a season-ending shoulder injury on Nov. 7, led the ACC with an average of 321.8 yards of total offense and a completion percentage of 68.8.

GA. TECH Junior defensive end Derrick Morgan, who was named a first-team selection on the American Football Coaches Association All-American team, a finalist for the Ted Hendricks Award, and the ACC Defensive Player of the Year, tallied 17 tackles for loss and a conference-best 12.5 sacks.

MARYLAND Although Maryland had its worst season under Ralph Friedgen, junior Alex Wujciak carried on a tradition of strong linebacker play that has been characteristic of the Friedgen era, becoming Maryland's sixth first-team all-conference linebacker since 2001.

MIAMI Sophomore Jacory Harris was "Quarterback U's" first resilient signal-caller since Ken Dorsey, who led the program to the 2001 national title. Harris helped the Hurricanes to their first nine-win regular season in four years by throwing for 3,165 yards, which currently ranks fifth on the school's single-season list.

N. CAROLINA Sophomore defensive end Robert Quinn was one of four Tar Heels defenders to be named first-team All-ACC. Quinn led the conference with 19 tackles for loss and ranked second among ACC players with 11.0 sacks and six forced fumbles this season.

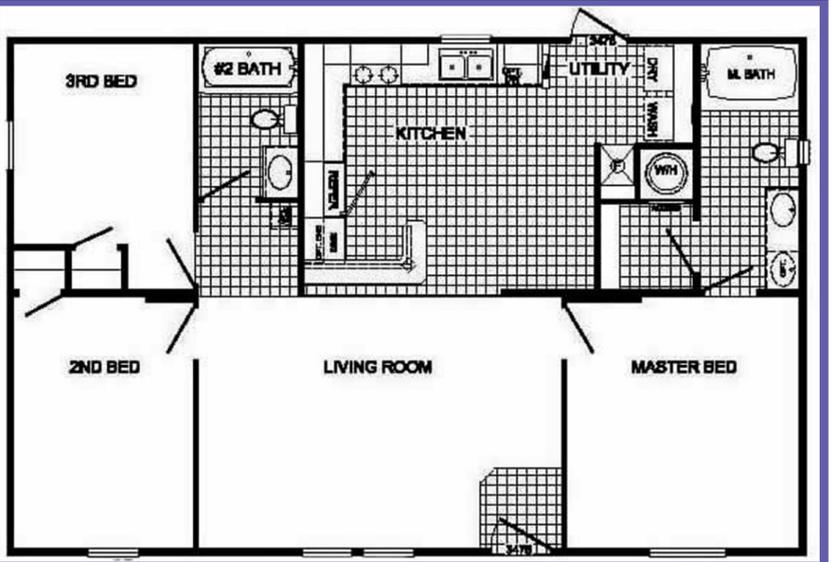
N.C. STATE Quarterback Russell Wilson closed out his sophomore season by throwing for 259 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions on 20-of-27 passing in a 28-27 win over North Carolina. Wilson threw for 3,027 yards and 31 touchdowns and added four more scores on the ground.

VIRGINIA Senior nose tackle Nate Collins ranked second on the team with 77 tackles and snagged ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week honors twice during the 2009 season. The first-team all-conference selection registered his first interception and touchdown on the same play in a 20-9 win over Maryland on Oct. 17.

VA. TECH Redshirt-freshman running back Ryan Williams earned conference Rookie of the Week honors seven times and was named ACC Offensive Rookie of the Year. The co-holder of the conference record for rushing touchdowns and touchdowns by a freshman currently ranks fourth on the conference's single-season list with 1,538 rushing yards.

WAKE FOREST Quarterback Riley Skinner, who threw for a career-best 372 yards and a school-record five touchdowns in a 45-34 win at Duke on Nov. 28, ended his phenomenal career as the school's all-time leading passer and as the conference's fourth leading all-time passer.

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The SEC this week

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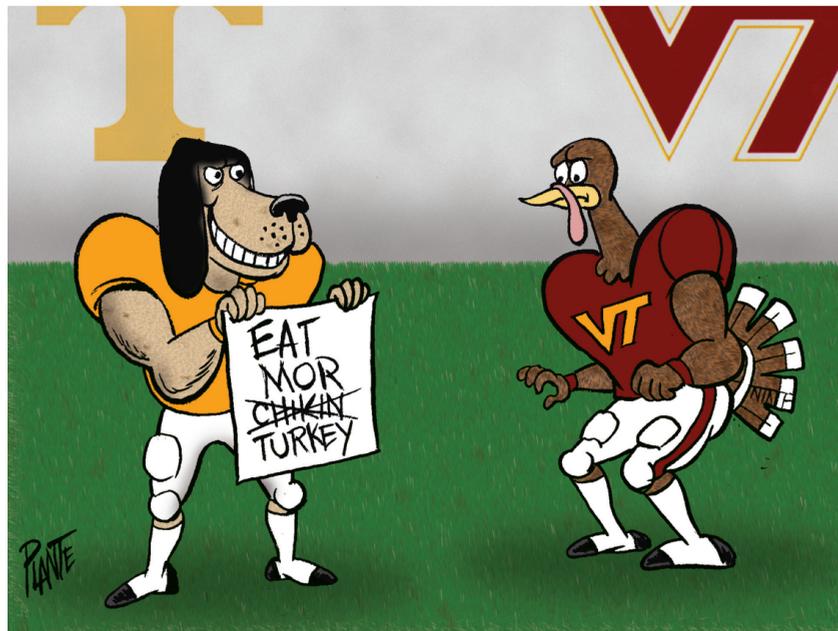


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Vols' return starts here

Lane Kiffin and the University of Tennessee football program may be on the verge of changing people's perceptions. Kiffin could have been viewed as nothing more than an NFL washout with a penchant for running his mouth after the Volunteers jumped out to 3-4 start this season.

However, the progress that Tennessee had made from an unceremonious 5-7 campaign that signaled the end of the Phil Fulmer era was evident by the fact that those four losses, including one to SEC Champion Alabama and Sugar Bowl-bound Florida, came by a combined 20 points. Tennessee's lone slipup over its final five games was a 42-17 loss at Mississippi, which came on the same week as the arrest of three players.

Chick-fil-A Bowl (Atlanta, Dec. 31) Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee

Records: Virginia Tech 9-3 (6-2 ACC Coastal); Tennessee 7-5 (4-4 SEC East). Coaches: Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer (228-115-4); Tennessee's Lane Kiffin (7-5). Series: Tennessee leads. Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. ET. TV: ESPN.

Keys for Virginia Tech: Establish Ryan Williams early. The ACC Freshman of the Year had his fourth-consecutive 100-yard rushing game (and ninth of the season) with a career-best 183 yards and four touchdowns in a 42-13 win at Virginia on Nov. 28. Be prepared to see plenty of Montario Hardesty. The Tennessee senior running back has rushed for a combined 350 yards and four touchdowns on 71 carries in the Volunteers' last two games.

Keys for Tennessee: A fond farewell for senior quarterback Jonathan Crompton. The much-maligned Crompton has flourished under the new Tennessee regime, throwing for 2,565 yards with 26 touchdowns and 12 interceptions on 209-of-358 passing this season. Don't fall victim to "Beamer Ball." Virginia Tech, which has developed a reputation for exceptional special-teams play and unconventional scoring methods under Beamer, leads the ACC in net punting, kickoff return average and turnover margin. A strong first half. The Volunteers were outscored by a combined margin of 77-43 in the first half of their four conference losses and a 30-24 overtime win over Kentucky in the regular-season finale.

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Keys for Kentucky: Limit the impact made by Clemson running back C.J. Spiller. The ACC's career leader in all-purpose yards, who rushed for 233 yards and four touchdowns in a 39-34 loss to Georgia Tech in the conference title game, is a prolific kick returner and receiver capable of throwing the football. Expose Clemson's apparent weakness against the run. After South Carolina ran for 223 yards in a 34-17 win over the Tigers, the Tigers allowed Georgia Tech's Jonathan Dwyer and Josh Nesbitt

to run for 213 yards and three scores on a combined 46 carries. Find the red zone. Clemson's opponents have scored on 90.3 percent of their trips inside the Tigers' 20 this season.

Keys for Clemson: Use a pass rush that led the ACC with 3.8 sacks per game to stifle the nation's 104th best passing offense. An efficient and effective Kyle Parker. The redshirt-freshman quarterback misfired on 20 pass attempts against South Carolina and threw for 91 yards with two interceptions on 10-of-17 passing against Georgia Tech. Get off the field. Georgia Tech converted 11 of its 18 third downs and held the ball for 37 minutes and 17 seconds this past Saturday in Tampa.

Independence Bowl (Shreveport, La., Dec. 28) Texas A&M vs. Georgia

Records: Texas A&M 6-6 (3-5 Big 12 South); Georgia 7-5 (4-4 SEC East). Coaches: Texas A&M's Mike Sherman (10-14); Georgia's Mark Richt (89-27). Series: Texas A&M leads 3-1. Kickoff: 4 p.m. CT. TV: ESPN2.

Keys for Texas A&M: Some defense to complement a prolific offense. The Aggies are fifth among FBS teams in yards per game and 15th in points per game, but they are ranked 104th or worse nationally in points allowed, passing yards allowed and total yards allowed. Another major performance from Jerrod Johnson. The junior quarterback accounted for 439 yards of total offense and three for four touchdowns in a 49-39 loss to Big 12 champion Texas on Thanksgiving Night. Hope Georgia incurs the wrath of the officials. The Bulldogs averaged an SEC-worst 69.9 yards in penalties this season.

Keys for Georgia: A.J. Green's health. The Bulldogs' leading receiver has not played since suffering a shoulder injury in a 31-24 win over Auburn on Nov. 14. Contain Von Miller. The Aggie junior ranks first and fifth, respectively, among FBS players in sacks and tackles for loss per game. Run the football as effectively as it did in a 30-24 win at Georgia Tech in the regular-season finale. Washaun Ealey and Caleb King rushed for 183 yards and 166 yards, respectively, against the ACC champions.

Outback Bowl (Tampa, Fla., Jan. 1) Northwestern vs. Auburn

Records: Northwestern 8-4 (5-3 Big Ten); Auburn 7-5 (3-5 SEC West). Coaches: Northwestern's Pat Fitzgerald (27-22); Auburn's Gene Chizik (12-24). Series: First meeting. Kickoff: 11 a.m. ET. TV: ESPN.

Keys for Northwestern: Winning on third down. The Wildcats have converted 48.0 percent of their third-down chances this season, while their opponents have a third-down conversion rate of 34.6 percent. Try to duplicate Alabama's success against Auburn running back Ben Tate. The Doak Walker semifinalist had just 45 yards on 18 carries in a 26-21 setback to the Crimson Tide on Nov. 27. The punting game. Although Stefan Demos is one of the Big Ten's best placekickers, he ranks last in the conference with a punting average of 35.3 yards and the Wildcats rank 115th in the FBS in net punting.

Keys for Auburn: Disrupt Mike Kafka's rhythm. The Northwestern quarterback has completed 65.7 percent of his passes for 2,898 yards. Find Darwin Adams early and often. Over the Tigers' last four games, the sophomore wide receiver has collected 411 yards and five touchdowns on 20 receptions. Push the Wildcats off the football. Northwestern ranks last in the Big Ten with a per-game average of 5.2 tackles for loss.

2-MINUTE DRILL

This week we name a player of the year for each conference team:

ALABAMA Sophomore running back Mark Ingram, who is also a finalist for Walter Camp Award, Maxwell Trophy and Doak Walker Award, surpassed Bobby Humphrey as the school's single-season rushing leader by running for 113 yards and three scores in the Tide's 32-13 win over Florida in the SEC Championship Game.

ARKANSAS Redshirt-sophomore quarterback Ryan Mallett orchestrated an assault on the program's record books in his first season with the Razorbacks, setting single-season school records with 3,422 yards and 29 touchdowns, and tying or breaking 10 other Arkansas records.

AUBURN Defensive end Antonio Coleman closed out his final regular season by registering five solo sacks and three assisted sacks in the Tigers' final five games. Coleman, who registered 12 quarterback hurries on the season, is the conference leader with 9.0 sacks and 15.5 tackles for loss.

FLORIDA There is no doubting the impact that senior quarterback Tim Tebow has had on college football and America's sporting culture. The 2007 Heisman Trophy winner will enter his final collegiate game as the owner of four NCAA, 13 conference and 25 school records.

GEORGIA An argument could be made to split the team Most Valuable Player award between Ray Guy Award finalist and AFCA All-America Drew Butler and Lou Groza Award finalist Blair Walsh, but that would discount the contributions of junior linebacker Rennie Curran. The Lombardi Award semifinalist concluded the regular season as the conference's leader with an average of 10.2 tackles per game.

KENTUCKY The Wildcats should have two prolific playmakers returning next season. Junior running back Derrick Locke accounted for 1,097 yards and eight touchdowns from scrimmage and ranked as the conference leader in punt-return average, while sophomore athlete Randall Cobb ranked second in the conference in points per game and fourth in all-purpose yards.

LSU Senior left tackle Ciron Black tied current Cincinnati Bengal Andrew Whitworth's school record for consecutive starts when he got the nod for a 33-30 overtime win over Arkansas on Nov. 28. Whitworth and Black, who will most likely play in the NFL next season, were LSU's only starting left tackles over the last 104 games.

MISSISSIPPI Mississippi senior Dexter McCluster collected 260 yards on 22 rushes and seven receptions in a 30-17 win over Arkansas on Oct. 24. Following that game, he ran for at least 148 yards in three of his next four contests, including a school-record 282 yards in a 42-17 win over Tennessee on Nov. 14.

MISS. STATE Running back Anthony Dixon was named the winner of the 2009 Conerly Trophy, given to be the best college football player in the state of Mississippi, after completing a senior season that saw him rush for a school-record 1,391 yards and become the school's all-time leader with 3,994 rushing yards and 42 touchdowns.

S. CAROLINA Senior linebacker Eric Norwood was the backbone of a defense that ranked 11th and 15th, respectively, in the FBS in pass yards and total yards allowed. The Butkus Award finalist registered 71 total tackles, 11 quarterback hurries, seven solo sacks, three blocked kicks and two interceptions.

TENNESSEE Junior free safety Eric Berry, a finalist for the Jim Thorpe, Bronko Nagurski and Lott trophies who recorded 83 total tackles and a team-high 18 defensive big plays this season, ranks second in FBS history with 494 interception return yards.

VANDERBILT One bright spot for the rebuilding Commodores was the play of freshman running back Warren Norman, who became the second player in conference history to score three touchdowns in a season on kickoff returns and set a school single-season record (and record for conference freshmen) with 1,941 all-purpose yards.

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VEHICLE KEYS FOUND: They have been turned into Suwannee Democrat. They were found on 185th Rd.

Auctions

SUWANNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AUCTION

There will be a Sheriff's Office auction at 9:00 AM, Saturday, December 12, 2009. The auction will be located in the field across from the Suwannee County Jail at 305 Pine Avenue SW, Live Oak, FL. An assortment of vehicles will be available for sale.

For more information, please contact John Mills at 386-362-2222. 12/4, 9, 11

Special Notices

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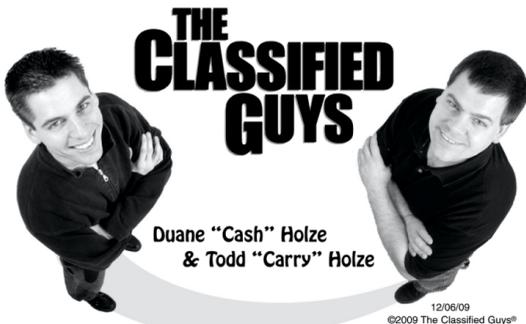
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Ask the Guys

Dear Classified Guys, I have had my cat, Tabitha, for a long time. I found her many years ago from a classified ad when she was a just a kitten and needed a new home. Now after being pregnant and having a son, I find that I am allergic to her. To be honest I don't know what to do. Tabitha has been a part of my life for so long. I know giving her up is the best thing for my allergy, but I can't do that to her again. My doctor tells me that cat dander is the likely culprit for my irritated sinuses. That just leaves me with more questions than answers, such as what exactly is cat dander? Is this the hair she sheds? If so, I don't mind vacuuming all the time to keep it clean. I practically do that already. Can you help me on what I can do to keep from taking out the dreaded "Free to good home ad"? And please hurry, I'm running out of tissues!

Carry: A runny nose does not make having pets a pleasant experience. Fortunately, there may be hope for you and Tabitha since many people with allergies continue to live with pets.

Cash: Cat dander is not actually the hair of your cat. Instead, it is the scales



THE CLASSIFIED GUYS

Duane "Cash" Holze & Todd "Carry" Holze

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of dead skin that your pet sheds on an ongoing basis. It's similar to how humans shed skin, but pet dander is much smaller in size and not visible to the naked eye.

Carry: Due to the microscopic particle size, pet dander can remain airborne for several hours before settling into your carpets or furniture. The result is that you inhale the dander, which in turn can irritate your sinuses or cause an allergic reaction.

Cash: To reduce the amount of dander in your home, vacuum and dust on a regular basis. Be sure to use a vacuum

that has a HEPA filter to catch the dander. Otherwise, vacuuming will recirculate the dander into the air. Also, consider adding an air purifier where you and your pet spend most of your time.

Carry: To further help, keep Tabitha off your bed and other furniture. Her dander can collect and penetrate those fabrics quickly. And be sure to place her litter box in a remote area where it won't contribute to an allergy problem.

Cash: With these simple steps, you and Tabitha can still enjoy a long life together. And hopefully you can stop buying tissues in bulk!

Fast Facts

Achoo!

Most people say, "God bless you" or "Gesundheit" after someone sneezes. But where did the tradition start? The true origin is unknown, but it could have come from ancient superstitions. Some believe that sneezing allowed the soul to escape the body or allowed evil to enter. In either case, these phrases were used to thwart the opportunity and save the soul. "God bless you" began its use in the 6th century when Pope Gregory the Great used it during the bubonic plague epidemic. The German word "gesundheit", meaning "good health", was brought to North America by German-speaking immigrants.

Loving Pet

Despite our allergies, we do love our pets. An estimated 6 million Americans have an allergy to cats, yet about 33% of them have a cat in their home. It seems people will choose watery eyes over no pets at all. For most people the allergen culprit is the protein that is present in the pet's saliva and dander. This protein or dander can remain airborne for several hours. It is also quite sticky and can remain on clothing, carpets and furniture for months, even with regular cleaning.

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Reader Humor

Hard to Handle

My husband loves his bulldog, Barney, and has had him for years. Barney may look small, but he's solid and lifting him can be quite the task for anyone. Unfortunately, Barney's getting older and developed an eye problem so we took him to the veterinarian. My husband was a wreck and worried about what the doctor might say. With the help of two nurses they lifted Barney to check him out. After a few "uh-has" and "ums" from the doctor, he turned to my husband and said, "We're going to have to put him down now."

My husband then panicked, "You mean we have to put him to sleep?" "Calm down," the doctor replied. "I just meant 'set him down'. He's very heavy!"

(Thanks to Patricia P.)

Laughs For Sale

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority will hold a Special Meeting, December 15, 2009 in the Regency Room of the Ramada Inn North, 2900 North Monroe St., Tallahassee, Florida. Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. E.S.T. The meeting will be open to the public. 12/4, 11

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3rd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 61-2009-CA-000193

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIE FORD SR, A/K/A WILLIE FORD, et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AUDREY D. BENTLEY Last Address: unknown Attempted At: 3709 Alpine Dr., Lansing, MI 48011 2675

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HELEN C. BENTLEY

Last Known Address: 15775 128th Place, Live Oak, FL 32064 Current Residence Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

PARCEL 20-2 PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 13 AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 12 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FOR POINT OF REFERENCE COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00°59'07" EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 24, A DISTANCE OF 666.47 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89°02'37" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1465.94 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 00°54'50" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 800.42 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89°05'37" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 332.84 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00°54'50" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 800.42 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89°02'37" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 332.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 6.12 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

The improvements thereon bear the municipal number 15775 128th Place, Live Oak, Florida 32064.

Being the same property acquired by Helen C. Bentley by virtue of that certain Warranty Deed (Parcels 20-2 and 20-3), dated 12-21-87, from Dove Meadows, Inc., which is recorded in OR 335 Page 486 on 2-28-88. Thereafter, Helen C. Bentley sold off a portion of the property (Parcel 20-3) by Warranty Deed, dated 12-22-87, to Rona H. Aytell, which is recorded in OR 335 Page 486 on 2-28-88. Thereafter, Helen C. Bentley conveyed the entire parent parcel by Warranty Deed (Parcels 20-2 and 20-3), dated 3-10-90, to Audrey D. Bentley which is recorded in OR 792 Page 170 on 3-10-90. This deed states that Helen C. Bentley conveyed both Parcels 20-2 and 20-3 to Audrey D. Bentley, however, Helen C. Bentley sold off Parcel 20-3 in the prior deed. A Corrective Warranty Deed, dated 8-24-90, was executed to correct the above deed in which only Parcel 20-2 was actually being conveyed, and states that the grantor reserves a life estate, which is recorded in OR 818 Page 364 on 8-24-90.

Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marshall C. Watson, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 on or before January 18, 2010, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the () Please publish in SUWANNEE DEMOCRAT 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.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), disabled persons who, because of their disabilities, need special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator at 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064 or Telephone Voice/TDD (386) 362-0551 prior to such proceeding.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 3rd day of December, 2009.

SEAL

Barry A. Baker As Clerk of the Court

By: Sharon Hale As Deputy Clerk 09-34598 12/11, 18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 61-2009-CA-000375

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL

ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR RAMP 2006RZ3,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SANDIP BAROT A/K/A SANDIP B. BAROT, et al.

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated November 30, 2009 and entered in Case No. 61-2008-CA-000375 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for SUWANNEE County, Florida wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR RAMP 2006RZ3, is the Plaintiff and SANDIP BAROT A/K/A SANDIP B. BAROT; RICKEY J. DONOVAN; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS IN FRONT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 5th day of January, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 1, IN BLOCK C, OF GOFF'S SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA;

AND

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, IN BLOCK C, OF GOFF'S SUBDIVISION, AND RUNNING NORTH TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT; THENCE EASTWARD, ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF HELVENSTON AVENUE, 52 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWARD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; IN THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 13 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA A/K/A 600 HELVENSTON STREET, LIVE OAK, FL 32064

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 30, 2009.

Barry A. Baker Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Sharon Hale Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F08110317 GMAC-CONV-- 12/11, 18

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction to be held at: Duncan Tire & Auto 970 Hamilton Ave., NE Live Oak, FL 32064 386-362-4743

Auction Date & Time: December 21, 2009 at 3:00 pm

The following vehicle will be auctioned for unpaid storage and towing charges:

1997 Ford 1FTR10A8V7A26417 1993 Honda JHMEG8651P5000847 1989 Mercedes WDBEA90D9K101918 12/4, 11

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform you that Suwannee County will hold a pre-bid conference and walk-thru for the weatherization work of twelve (12) single-family dwellings in the Suwannee County Weatherization program.

This meeting will be held Thursday, December 10, 2009, the first six (6) beginning at 8:00 am and the second six (6) beginning at 1:00 pm at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Office, 1171 Nobles Ferry Road, Bldg 2 Live Oak, Florida.

The conference and walk-thru is mandatory, no exceptions, for contractors who plan to bid. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. requires each contractor to be properly licensed, carry general liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000.00, POI (Pollution Occurrence insurance) and Workers Comp insurance (No Exemptions) before bid opening.

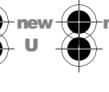
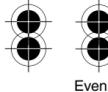
Original bids for these units will be due by 12:00 noon, Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Office, 1171 Nobles Ferry Road Bldg 2, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Please mark envelope "Sealed Bid for Name of Homeowner". Bids to be opened and awarded, Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. has the right to reject any and all bids. The bids will be awarded on the most cost effective basis. 12/11

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Suwannee Legals

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 61-2009-CA-000006

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

PEDRO L. RIVERA A/K/A PEDRO L. RIVERA AVILES, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated November 30, 2009 and entered in Case No. 61-2009-CA-000006 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for SUWANNEE County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and PEDRO L. RIVERA A/K/A PEDRO L. RIVERA AVILES; LUZ J. MARTIN; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS IN FRONT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 5th day of January, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 11, BLOCK 11 OF INGLESIDE REPLAT, THE SAME BEING A REPLAT OF BLOCKS 1 TO 6, 11 TO 16, BOTH INCLUSIVE, AND THE E 1/2 OF BLOCK 7 OF INGLESIDE SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 13 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGES 92, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1311 MAIN STREET NE, LIVE OAK, FL 32060

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 30, 2009.

SEAL

Barry A. Baker Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Sharon Hale Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F08115864 NBNY-SPECFHLMC 12/11, 18

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of RED MUSTANG RANCH

located at: 10468 155 Lane Live Oak, Fl 32060

in the County of Suwannee in the City of Live Oak, Florida 32060

intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Live Oak, Florida, this 11th day of December, 2009. 12/11

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 61-2009-CA-000015

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC TRUST 2006-HE4, Plaintiff,

vs.

ARNALDO MIRABAL, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated November 30, 2009 and entered in Case No. 61-2009-CA-000015 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for SUWANNEE County, Florida wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC TRUST 2006-HE4, is the Plaintiff and ARNALDO MIRABAL; OLGA MIRABAL; ELIO VAZQUEZ; MARIA VAZQUEZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS IN FRONT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 5th day of January, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

PART OF THE WEST HALF (WEST 1/2) OF NORTHEAST QUARTER (NORTHEAST 1/4) OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SOUTHWEST 1/4) OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID WEST 1/2, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID WEST 1/2 A DISTANCE OF 524.81 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG THE WEST LINE NORTH 00 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 262.40 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 664.17 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID WEST 1/2; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE A DISTANCE OF 262.40 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 664.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SUBJECT TO ROAD RIGHT OF WAY ALONG THE WEST 15 FEET THEREOF, ALSO KNOWN AS THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN OR BOOK 484 PAGE 220, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH A NONEXCLUSIVE PERPETUAL EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: THE WEST 20 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH A NONEXCLUSIVE PERPETUAL EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER AND ACROSS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: THE WEST 20 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 13250 39TH PLACE, WELLBORN, FL 32094

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 30, 2009.

Barry A. Baker Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Sharon Hale Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F09000245 ASC-CONV 12/11, 18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 61-2009-CA-000037

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

PAMELA D. WILKINSON, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated November 30, 2009 and entered in Case No. 61-2009-CA-000037 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for SUWANNEE County, Florida wherein GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, is the Plaintiff and PAMELA D. WILKINSON; ANTHONY M. WILKINSON; TENANT #1 N/K/A ANDREW WILKINSON are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS IN FRONT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 7th day of January, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

County, Florida wherein GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, is the Plaintiff and PAMELA D. WILKINSON; ANTHONY M. WILKINSON; TENANT #1 N/K/A ANDREW WILKINSON are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS IN FRONT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 7th day of January, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF LITTLE RIVER FARMS, A RECORDED SUBDIVISION, A DISTANCE OF 1861.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 1328.57 FEET TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTH BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 341.18 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 410.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 18.56 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 914.90 FEET TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF LITTLE RIVER FARMS SUBDIVISION; THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTH BOUNDARY, A DISTANCE OF 322.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

A/K/A 7758 180TH STREET, MC ALPIN, FL 32062-0000

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 30, 2009.

Barry A. Baker Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Sharon Hale Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F09006471 GMAC-CONV- 12/11, 18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 61-2009-CA-000052

TAYLOR, BEAN AND WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

LEO RANDALL MUSGROVE, JR., et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated November 30, 2009 and entered in Case No. 61-2009-CA-000052 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for SUWANNEE County, Florida wherein TAYLOR, BEAN AND WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORPORATION, is the Plaintiff and LEO RANDALL MUSGROVE, JR.; FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF FLORIDA; STATE OF FLORIDA - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS IN FRONT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 7th day of January, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 13 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 55.00 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY PAVED ROAD FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 18

SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTH, BOUNDARY 1280.54 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREE 00 MINUTE 41 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 374.18 FEET; THENCE RUN 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 1280.65 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY PAVED ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE 01 MINUTE 43 SECONDS EAST ALONG EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY PAVED ROAD 374.18 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

A/K/A 3628 133RD ROAD, LIVE OAK, FL 32060

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 30, 2009.

Barry A. Baker Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Sharon Hale Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F09009160 SAXONFID-SPECFHLMC 12/11, 18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 61-2009-CA-000134

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

SHILA DALE AULT A/K/A SHILA D. AULT, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated November 30, 2009 and entered in Case No. 61-2009-CA-000134 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for SUWANNEE County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and SHILA DALE AULT A/K/A SHILA D. AULT; TENANT #1 N/K/A JOHN MARTA N/K/A JOHN MARTA are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS IN FRONT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 7th day of January, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 5, THE TRAILS, PHASE IV, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 309, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME

LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO: VIN NO. N88318A AND N88318B

A/K/A 21161 184TH STREET, LIVE OAK, FL 32060

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 30, 2009.

Barry A. Baker Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Sharon Hale Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F09046472 NBNY-FHA- 12/11, 18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 61-2009-CA-000138

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

HEATHER NOGER, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated November 30, 2009 and entered in Case No. 61-2009-CA-000138 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for SUWANNEE County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and HEATHER NOGER; TENANT #1 N/K/A WILLIAM UNDERHILL are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS IN FRONT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 7th day of January, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 11 EAST SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

SUBJECT TO A PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES OVER AND ACROSS THE EAST 30 FEET THEREOF.

TOGETHER WITH A 1999 MERI DWMH ID NO. FLHML3B248Y20244A AND FLHML3B248Y20244B.

A/K/A 21539 136TH STREET, LIVE OAK, FL 32060

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 30, 2009.

Barry A. Baker Clerk of the Circuit Court

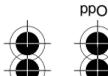
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Healthy and Hearty Meals



Risotto With Dried Plums and Radicchio

Makes 6 servings

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 1/2 cups Arborio rice
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 6 cups hot low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup coarsely chopped arugula
- 1 cup coarsely chopped radicchio
- 1 cup (about 6 ounces) quartered California pitted dried plums
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon grated Meyer lemon zest
- Salt and pepper
- Shaved Parmesan cheese

In large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until translucent. Add rice and garlic; cook, stirring, about 5 minutes or until rice is hot. Increase heat to medium-high. Add wine; stir until wine is absorbed.

Add chicken broth, 1 cup at a time, stirring frequently and letting each addition be absorbed before adding the next addition. When rice is tender and creamy, stir in arugula, radicchio, dried plums, grated cheese and lemon zest; season with salt and pepper. Portion into 6 shallow bowls and garnish with shaved Parmesan cheese.

Winning dishes from Gold Medalist Natalie Coughlin

FAMILY FEATURES

Gold medalist and World Champion swimmer Natalie Coughlin is an avid cook and a passionate advocate of healthy eating and lifestyle choices.

"I love the challenge of creating healthful dishes that really taste great," says Coughlin. "I use California Dried Plums as a versatile ingredient that enhances the flavor in both sweet and savory dishes. They're also a source of important vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fiber."

These recipes are just a few of the ways she makes delicious, nourishing foods part of her healthy lifestyle.

For a quick lunch, try **Pizzettas With Dried Plums and Caramelized Onions**. "Use store-bought naan bread instead of making pizza dough to save time," says Coughlin. Top these flatbreads with caramelized onions, goat cheese and California Dried Plums, then add a side salad to round out your meal.

"When I have friends over," says Coughlin, "I like to stir up a creamy **Risotto with Dried Plums and Radicchio**. It has arugula, radicchio and just the right touch of fruity sweetness from California Dried Plums."

Want to jazz up your everyday salad and give your greens a nutritional boost? Try Coughlin's **Mesclun Salad With Dried Plums, Goat Cheese and Pecans**. Add crunchy candied pecans, creamy goat cheese and nutritious California Dried Plums to your favorite salad greens.

For more recipes, visit www.californiadriedplums.org or www.tummywise.com.



CDPB spokesperson Natalie Coughlin cooks with California Dried Plums and snacks on them to help maintain her peak performance. And she often recommends them to her coaches and teammates.



Pizzettas With Dried Plums and Caramelized Onions

Makes 4 pizzettas

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 small onions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
- 4 (6-inch) round tandoori naan
- 1 cup crumbled fresh goat cheese
- 1 cup (about 6 ounces) quartered California pitted dried plums

Heat oven to 400°F. In large skillet, heat olive oil. Add onions, salt and pepper. Cover and cook over medium-low heat until onions are soft. Add rosemary and thyme and cook uncovered, stirring frequently, until onions are golden brown.

Place naan on baking sheet; spread 1/3 cup onion mixture on each naan, leaving a 1/2-inch border. Sprinkle evenly with 1/4 cup goat cheese and 1/4 cup dried plums. Bake about 5 minutes or until crust is golden and toppings are hot.



Mesclun Salad With Dried Plums, Goat Cheese and Pecans

Makes 4 servings

- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon minced shallot
- Salt and black pepper
- 8 cups mesclun lettuce
- 3/4 cup (about 4 1/2 ounces) quartered California pitted dried plums
- 1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese
- 1/2 cup candied pecans

To make vinaigrette, in small bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar and shallot; season with salt and pepper. In large mixing bowl, toss lettuce with enough vinaigrette to coat lightly. Divide among 4 salad plates; sprinkle each salad with 3 tablespoons dried plums, 2 tablespoons goat cheese and 2 tablespoons pecans.

Get off to a great start

Natalie Coughlin starts the day with her easy and delicious take on the favorite Swiss whole-grain cereal, Bircher Muesli. "Just soak rolled and steel-cut oats, almonds, sunflower seeds, grated apple and California Dried Plums in juice, and top with yogurt and fresh fruit, to jump-start your morning with a boost of long-lasting energy."



Bircher Muesli With Dried Plums

Makes 4 servings

- 1 cup coarsely grated unpeeled apple
- 1/2 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup steel-cut oats
- 1/2 cup chopped raw natural almonds
- 1/2 cup raw sunflower seeds
- 1/2 cup (about 3 ounces) quartered California pitted dried plums
- 1 1/2 cups apple juice
- Grated zest and juice of 1 orange
- Sliced bananas and yogurt, for serving

In large bowl, combine apple, oats, almonds, sunflower seeds and dried plums. Add apple juice, orange zest and orange juice; mix well. Refrigerate, covered, overnight or up to 3 days. To serve, portion into bowls and top with bananas and yogurt.





SUDOKU

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!

Puzzle 1

			9		3			
		5						
1								6
		6				7		
7	9	1		8	5			2
8				9	2			
			4					7
5								8
		4	5		1	6		

Puzzle 2

		4	8			7		
	3							
					7			
5	1				6		3	
3		7			1	2		4
					2	8		
4				9				2
9		5						3
						6	8	

Puzzle 3

5	9				4			
	3							
2		1	5					6
					2	5		9
				9				4
3	1				5			
		6						2
9			6					7
7	5		3					

Puzzle 4

			5			4	9	
					6		8	
				8				7
	9			6	1			
	8	2		7		3	5	
5			1			7		
7					2		1	4
		3						

Puzzle 5

2	6	3		7		5	8	
9	4	8			3			2
	5							
				8				
	7		6			3	9	
	1			9	4		5	6
6	2	5	1		9		3	7
	8						1	5
						6	2	9

Puzzle 6

	8		4					
2					5	4		3
	5		1					
5			2	1			7	4
		7		6	4	2		1
			7				3	8
		6	9		7	1		
	7	1		8			2	9
9		5		4		8	6	

ANSWERS

Puzzle 6

9	2	5	3	4	1	8	6	7
4	7	1	5	8	6	3	2	9
8	3	6	9	2	7	1	4	5
1	4	2	7	5	9	6	3	8
3	9	7	8	6	4	2	5	1
5	6	8	2	1	3	9	7	4
6	5	4	1	3	8	7	9	2
2	1	9	6	7	5	4	8	3
7	8	3	4	9	2	5	1	6

Puzzle 5

4	3	1	8	5	7	6	2	9
7	8	9	2	3	6	4	1	5
6	2	5	1	4	9	8	3	7
8	1	2	3	9	4	7	5	6
5	7	4	6	1	2	3	9	8
3	9	6	7	8	5	2	4	1
1	5	7	4	2	8	9	6	3
9	4	8	5	6	3	1	7	2
2	6	3	9	7	1	5	8	4

Puzzle 4

1	4	3	6	5	7	8	2	9
7	6	8	9	3	2	5	1	4
5	2	9	1	4	8	7	6	3
3	1	7	8	2	5	9	4	6
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4	9	5	3	6	1	2	7	8
9	5	1	2	8	4	6	3	7
2	3	4	7	9	6	1	8	5
8	7	6	5	1	3	4	9	2

Puzzle 3

7	5	2	3	1	9	6	4	8
9	4	3	6	2	8	1	7	5
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3	1	9	8	4	5	2	6	7
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4	6	7	1	3	2	5	8	9
2	7	1	5	8	3	4	9	6
6	3	4	9	7	1	8	5	2
5	9	2	6	4	7	3	1	8

Puzzle 2

1	7	3	5	2	4	6	8	9
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8	9	1	6	4	7	3	2	5
7	3	6	2	1	5	4	9	8
2	5	4	8	3	9	7	1	6

Puzzle 1

9	8	4	5	7	1	6	2	3
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6	1	2	4	3	8	9	5	7
8	4	3	7	9	2	1	6	5
7	9	1	6	8	5	1	2	4
2	5	6	3	1	4	7	8	9
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Culinary Kids Create SWEET SUCCESS

FAMILY FEATURES

Children are naturally curious when it comes to the ways of the kitchen, and parents are equally curious about how to include them in cooking and baking activities.

“The best way to promote lifelong healthy eating is to get kids involved in cooking at an early age,” said Mitzi Dulan, registered dietitian and author. “Promoting the kitchen as a fun gathering place for the whole family will help build a positive attitude towards enjoying food.”

With a little adult assistance, kids can easily learn their way around the kitchen and help create fun meals and snacks.

“Introduce kids to the kitchen by having them help prepare their own snacks,” Dulan said. “A favorite snack for my children is a honey and peanut butter sandwich. Even very young kids can use a spoon to spread honey and peanut butter on whole wheat bread or a tortilla.”

Here are three simple steps to heighten your child’s desire to learn and be involved in the kitchen:

Tour the kitchen. Sure they eat there, but take time to familiarize them with measuring cups, cutting boards, hot pads and the general layout of the kitchen. Point out where kitchen staples such as honey, spices and other dry ingredients are stored and use this time as an invitation to talk about flavors and favorite tastes.

Make meal planning a family event. Browse through cookbooks, old family recipes or visit honey.com for kid-friendly and tasty recipes. Invite kids to pick at least one recipe to make each week to get them involved and interested in the family’s eating habits.

Assist your little chef. Safety is a top priority for kids in the kitchen — adults should be active participants and lead by example. Always demonstrate safe kitchen practices — from knife skills and cleanliness to age-appropriate cooking activities.

The National Honey Board provides a collection of kid-friendly recipes and fun facts in the “From Honey Bees to Brain Freeze Kid’s Guide to Cooking with Honey” brochure, including colorful illustrations and photography. To receive a free copy of the brochure, download recipes, or find out more about the benefits of using honey, visit honey.com.

Mitzi Dulan offers seven tips for raising food-smart kids

- 1. Introduce a variety of foods.** The key to expanding kids’ food preferences is to try new flavors early and often. Be persistent — it can take 5 to 20 times of trying a new food before your child actually enjoys it.
- 2. Avoid being a short-order cook.** It’s fine to frequently include some of their favorite foods, but you don’t want to end up making four different meals each night for everyone in the family.
- 3. Switch to whole grains.** Bread, pasta, pancakes, tortillas, pitas, cereal, crackers and brown rice. It might not always be possible to eat whole grains when eating out, but it should be a no-brainer when you are making meals at home.
- 4. Put the brakes on fast food.** Fast food can seem like a great option when you are pressed for time, but try to limit the number of times you eat fast food. Instead, make a double batch of favorite foods and freeze half for later.
- 5. Make activity a family affair.** Go for a family bike ride or walk. Find local tennis courts, trails or a track and get moving!
- 6. Ask for their help.** Get children involved with grocery shopping. Make it fun by exploring colors and shapes in the produce section. Let kids select a new fruit or vegetable to try at home.
- 7. Look for pure foods.** Buy foods with short ingredient lists or single ingredient foods like honey and kiwi.



Honey Berry Waffle Sandwich

Makes 4 servings

- 1 1/2 cups fresh berries*, divided
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/3 cup honey
- 8 frozen waffles, toasted

To prepare honey syrup, purée 1/2 cup berries in a blender or food processor; set aside. In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Add honey and bring to a boil; simmer 2 to 3 minutes, then add berry purée. Continue to simmer 2 to 3 minutes more until syrup thickens slightly. Set aside and keep warm.

For each serving, place 2 waffles on plate. Top one waffle with 1/4 cup fresh berries. Drizzle with 1/4 of syrup, and top sandwich with remaining waffle.

*Raspberries, strawberries and blueberries work well.

Honey Turkey Rollers

Makes 6 servings

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/4 cup mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder, optional
- 6 8-inch whole wheat tortillas
- 1 1/2 cups Colby Jack cheese, shredded
- 12 thin slices of turkey

In medium bowl, beat cream cheese with an electric mixer until fluffy. Add honey, mustard and onion powder; mix well.

Spread 1 to 2 tablespoons of honey cream cheese mixture out to the edge of each tortilla. Sprinkle each tortilla with 1/4 cup cheese, leaving about 1 inch around the edge. Place 2 slices of turkey on each tortilla. Roll up each tortilla tightly and wrap in plastic wrap. Chill at least 30 minutes, then slice each tortilla log into 8 1-inch rounds and serve.

Peanut Butter Honey Play Dough

Makes about 1 pound

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Food coloring, optional

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl; mix thoroughly until “dough” begins to come together. Do not over mix. If desired, add a few drops of food coloring to dough and mix; add additional food coloring if needed to reach preferred color. Store dough or shapes in an airtight container at room temperature for up to three days.





CRAFT YOURSELF A

Merry Little Christmas

FAMILY FEATURES

Handmade holiday items bring a unique and personal touch to the season, making the giver and receiver feel special. This year, millions of families will be spending more time together creating low or no-cost crafts such as gifts, cards and decorations. In fact, the Craft & Hobby Association (CHA) estimates that in almost 43 million U.S. households people will create handcrafted holiday gifts and decorations this year.

"Crafting provides an opportunity to spend time with friends and family while creating unique, one-of-a-kind gifts that don't need to cost a lot of money," said CHA President and CEO Steve Berger.

To inspire you, here are a few ideas from the CHA's Designer Holiday Trend Report, and three projects to get you crafting this holiday season.

Hybrid Crafting

According to Terri O, author, home arts expert and CHA spokesperson, crafters love their computers.

- Using the latest 3-dimensional embellishments combined with downloaded images is part of a huge trend in the craft world.
- Hybrid crafting takes customizing to a new level. You can follow a trend and yet personalize your project by printing your own written phrases, names and dates.

Color Trends

- Traditional red and green will be the primary colors, with the green moving from lime green to a more traditional green such as forest green, avocado and Kelly green.
- Glitz and sparkle will abound with the colors of silver and gold. Sparkle will also be added to traditional items to give them an expensive look.

Motifs

- Snowmen that are sweet and happy will remain strong, along with reindeer.
- Birds, snowflakes, trees, retro critters and teddy bears.
- A nature influence will show up in cones, leaves, berries, pine boughs and branches in neutral and classic combinations with texture, layers and embroidery.

For more inspiration and ways to celebrate the season through crafting, visit your local craft store or go to www.craftplace.org.



Family Holiday Wreath

Courtesy of www.terriocraftprojects.com

- Materials:**
- Wreath
 - Words of inspiration (K&Co.)
 - Rub-ons (K&Co.)
 - Favorite photos or seasonal stock photographs from www.iStockphoto.com
 - Heavy cardboard
 - Metal saying
 - Wire
 - Wire cutter
 - Glue gun

1. Attach metal saying with wire to center of wreath.
2. Print or download photos. The ones in this craft were printed in sepia.
3. Adhere photos to heavy cardboard to fit the size of photo.
4. Add rub-ons to photos.
5. Glue words to wreath.

Swirl Place Setting

Courtesy of www.ilovetocreate.com

- Materials:**
- Aleene's Fabric Fusion
 - Aleene's Fast Grab Tacky Glue
 - Tulip 3D Fashion Paint
 - 65088 Gold Glitter
 - 65408 Gold Metallics
 - Red placemats and napkins
 - Gold fabric — 1/4 yard
 - Cardstock paper
 - Buttons — gold (4)
 - Bulky yarn — red
 - Eyelash yarn — red
 - 1-inch low tack masking tape
 - Scissors
 - Scratch paper
 - Paper towels
 - Pencil
 - Ruler

Placemats

1. Use tape to mask off around edge of placemats and across one corner of napkin. Start the flow of the Gold Metallic paint on a paper towel using an even pressure on the bottle. Squeeze thin lines of gold in assorted sizes of swirls on placemat. Immediately and carefully place scratch paper over paint then lightly rub over paper. Remove paper and tape. Let dry. Continue with remainder of placemats and napkins.
2. Add a Gold Metallic line around edge of pattern and across the diagonal on the napkin. Let dry.
3. Squeeze a thin line of Gold Glitter to all swirls and let dry.
4. Squeeze a thin line of Fabric Fusion next to edge on the top of placemat. Press bulky yarn into glue. When dry, flip placemats over, apply a bead of glue to edge then press in eyelash yarn, twisting yarn so fibers show around edge. Let dry.

Napkin Rings

1. Measure and cut a strip of cardstock 2 x 7 inches. Apply Fast Grab to one end of strip, overlap and hold with tape until dry. Continue with desired amount of napkin rings.
2. Cut strips of gold fabric 4 x 7 1/2 inches. Apply a thin even coating of Fast Grab to the ring; press on fabric then smooth with fingers. Apply glue to the fabric edges then fold to the inside and press to secure. Let dry.
3. Cut a 12-inch piece of both yarns then wrap together. Tie around napkin ring and knot on top. Add a dot of glue to the back of the knot to hold in place. Trim ends.
4. Cut the shank from the back of button; add glue and press in place over the knot.

For votive and place card instructions, visit www.ilovetocreate.com.

Photo Collage

Courtesy of Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores
Designed by Connie Glennon-Hall

- Materials:**
- Paper mache letters: P, E, A, C, E
 - Brown and red acrylic paints, 5 shades total
 - Sepia tone photos
 - Scrapbook papers in coordinating theme
 - 1 package brown cardstock
 - Chestnut ink pad
 - Small bird nest
 - Branch
 - Brown and plaid ribbons, 2 widths
 - Stickers: word, alphabet, family themes
 - Metal flower embellishments
 - Flower punches
 - Corner rounder
 - Glue stick
 - Paper trimmer
 - Scissors
 - Paintbrush
 - Water
 - Paper towels
 - Foam plate

1. Print out 15 to 20 family photos in sepia tone.
2. Paint each letter a shade of brownish-red found in the photos. Allow letters to dry.
3. Working with one letter at a time, create a composition that combines scrapbook paper with the photos trimmed to fit the area. Use corner rounder on some of the photos and paper. Ink the edges of each component, then glue in place.
4. Create a focal point on the letter "P" using a long photo and a long tag. Spell out the family name using stickers, punches and other inked embellishments, along with the branch, buttons and ribbon.
5. Create a second focal point by filling a bird nest with leaves, flowers and buttons. Glue everything into the nest and then glue the nest in the open area of the letter "C."
6. Add other embellishments, such as word stickers, punched and inked flowers and buttons on each of the other letters.



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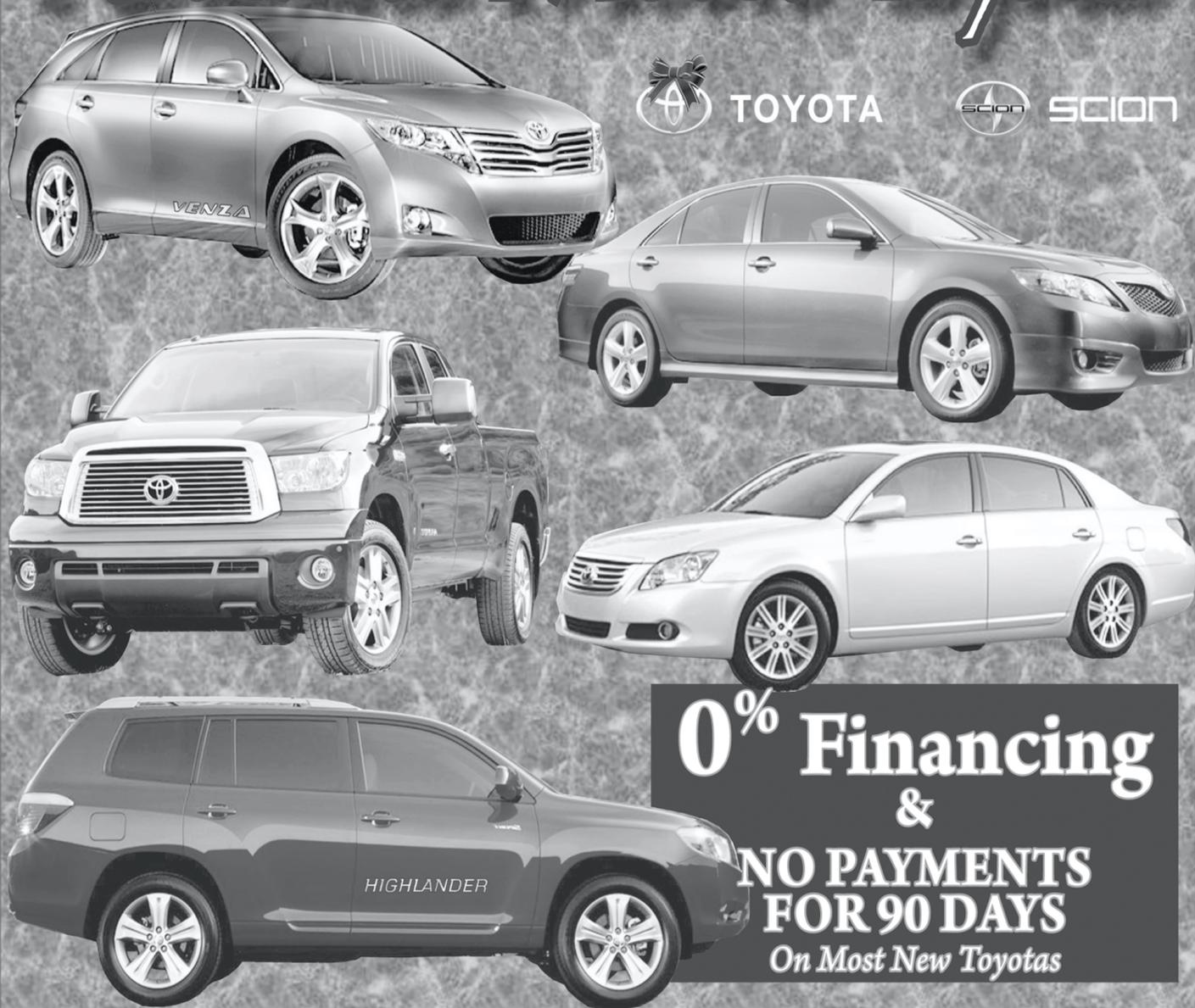
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