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## 'Sticker Shock' Coalition, S&S team up against underage drinking

By Jeff Waters  
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Stop by any S&S Food Store in Suwannee County and you will see a warning posted on the alcoholic beverages cooler. The sticker warns against purchasing or giving alcohol to persons under 21 years of age.

Spearheaded and funded by the Suwannee Drug Free Coalition, the campaign, pegged "Sticker Shock," was a way for the coalition to get the word out about underage drinking.

"Warning," the sticker reads. "Providing alcohol  
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Carla Blalock, Suwannee Drug Free Coalition chair; Christina Papesca, S&S store manager; and Lester Scaff, owner of S & S Food Stores, next to a beverage cooler with a label warning of penalties related to underage drinking.  
- Courtesy photo



### LOCAL LINK:



Brittany Murphy's father, a Branford resident, speaks about the sudden loss of his actress daughter in Hollywood at age 32. Story, Page 14A.

## Three hurt in 2-vehicle crash

By Carnell Hawthorne Jr.  
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Three people were injured in a two-vehicle collision Thursday afternoon around 2 p.m. at the intersection of Winderweede and US 129 North in Live Oak. Carl Vining and daughter Edna Quillen were the occupants of a blue Dodge Ram involved in the crash, according to Nikki Quillen, the daughter of Edna, who arrived at the scene soon afterward.

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This Thursday afternoon crash in Live Oak resulted in multiple injuries.  
- Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.

## Plea deal: 1-year term in death of 11-year-old

### Vehicular homicide charge dropped against Nicole Marie Sallas

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The driver in a crash that killed an 11-year-old O'Brien girl in January will serve a year and a day in prison under terms of a plea deal reached with prosecutors.

Nicole Marie Sallas, 25, of O'Brien entered a guilty plea last week to driving with a suspended or revoked license; death or serious bodily injury; child abuse; neglect resulting in great bodily injury; and neglect of child; in the crash that killed 11-year-old Alyssa Jones. In exchange, a charge of vehicular homicide was dropped.



Nicole Marie Sallas

On January 10, Jones, 11, was the right front passenger of the 2003 Pontiac SUV driven by Sallas when the vehicle crashed while headed southbound on 89th Road near O'Brien. The SUV traveled onto the east shoulder and overturned ejecting Jones from the vehicle, according to FHP reports. The vehicle came to rest after striking a pine tree with its right side. The single-vehicle crash killed Jones instantly.

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Surveillance still of burglary suspect. - Photo courtesy LOPD

## 'Well-dressed' burglary suspect sought by LOPD

Staff

The Live Oak Police Department is asking the public for help in ending a series of burglaries at Suwannee Valley Transit Authority. In the past three weeks, an unknown person or persons has unlawfully entered the SVTA garage during the nighttime hours on three separate occasions, according to an LOPD press release. Property reported stolen in-

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## Jobless rate in Suwannee hits 10.9%

Staff

Unemployment in Suwannee County rose to 10.9 percent in November, according to figures released Friday by the state. October's adjusted figure was 10.1 percent, compared to 6.7 percent for November 2008.

The jobless rate in Hamilton and Lafayette counties rose as well.

Unemployment in Hamilton County rose to 12.4 percent, from an adjusted rate of 11.4 in Octo-

ber and 9.3 in November 2008. Lafayette rose to 8.4 from an adjusted figure of 7.5 in October. The November 2008 rate was 5.3 percent.

The jobless rate for November in Florida in was 11.5 percent, the highest

since May 1975, when it was 11.9. October's adjusted jobless rate was 11.3 percent.

The November 2008 jobless rate in Florida was 7.4.

The national unemployment rate is 10 percent.

### TODAY'S WEATHER, 2B

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The Suwannee Democrat is offering local residents who are receiving unemployment benefits a three-month subscription for \$1.

It's our way of connecting with our community and the people who live here. Unemployment in Suwannee County rose to 10.9 percent in November, according to figures re-

leased last week by the state.

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Arrest Record

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The following abbreviations are used below: SCSO - Suwannee County Sheriff's Office...

Transportation OALE-Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement...

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December 17, Davida Veronica Brinson, 23, 818 Maple St, Live Oak FL...

December 17, Maria Lopez, 29, 1711 Long Ave, Live Oak FL...

December 17, Willie J Jackson III, 26, 520 Broome St, Live Oak FL...

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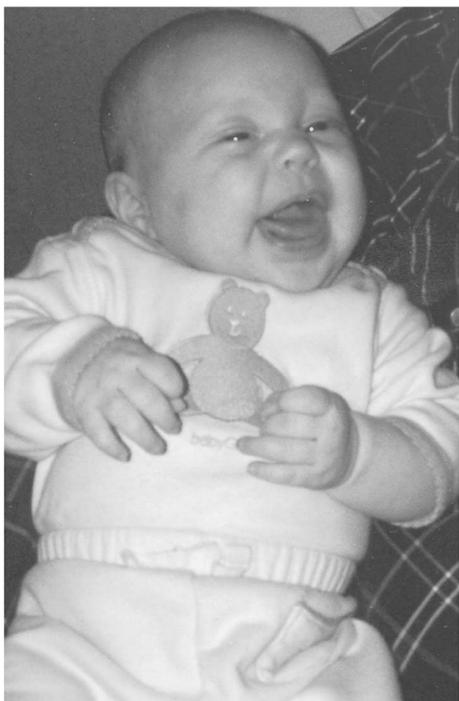
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Ava Ruth Alcorn

Ava Ruth Alcorn Tyler & Jessica and Big sister Emma would like to announce the birth of Ava Ruth Alcorn, born Sept. 14, 2009 at 5:16 p.m. weighing 6 pounds and was 17 1/4 inches long.

Ava's maternal grandparents are Dean and Cathy Jerkins, Paternal grandparents are Tim and Annette Alcorn. Maternal great grands are John Paul and Betty Schneider, late Jr. and Pat Jerkins. Paternal great grands are Bruce and Susan Alcorn and J Sherman and Donna Frier.

Community happenings at Grace Manor

Christmas dinner on a budget

Grace Manor Community Center and Restaurant is offering a free workshop offered in cooperation with the Suwannee County Extension Office. Learn how to prepare a healthful, festive Christmas dinner without breaking the bank! Join our staff and volunteers for an afternoon of hands-on learning and fun. Preregistration is required. Call 386-330-0144.

Saturday, 12/19, 2-4 p.m.

Helping Hands Christmas dinner

Grace Manor Community Center and Restaurant is working with Suwannee River Economic Council to provide hot Christmas meals to local elderly residents. Grace Manor will be preparing and delivering these on Christmas Eve day. Please drop by and see our "Helping Hands Christmas Tree" for more details on how you can help feed a senior in need! Grace Manor is located at 406 Duval Street NE in Live Oak.

Christmas Eve at Live Oak Church of God

The Live Oak Church of God invites families to a special Christmas Eve event from 5 to 7 p.m. This celebration is planned to assist families, especially young families, in creating Family Christmas traditions.

From 5 to 6 p.m., there will be an animal petting zoo where children can pet various animals and have

their pictures taken with the sheep, goats, calves and pony. (Bring your camera.) Families will also enjoy a live nativity scene as they enter and exit the church.

The Creating Family Christmas Traditions celebration will begin in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. and will conclude at 7 p.m. The will feature Christmas

carols, families singing, as well as multimedia presentations. The celebration will honor Christ, encourage families, and help build family values and traditions.

Since this Christmas Eve celebration is only a hour in length, families will still have plenty of time to return home for other Christmas-related activities. At-

tending this short Christmas Eve event is a great way for families to keep Christ in Christmas and to teach children the real reason for the season.

The church is located at 9828 US 129 one mile south of Publix near the library. For more information call 386-362-2483 ext. 10. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Cosmetology students rally for blood drive



TOP and ABOVE: Carolyn Burkett's cosmetology students at Suwannee Hamilton Technical Center rallied to support Life South's recent blood drive. Sherrie Daly, Pricilla Ansely, Patty Floyd, Sara Andrews, Liz Clark and first time donors Candi Butler and Theresa Poor took seriously the slogan, "Give so others live."



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# Gifts for kids, from kids



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**Suwannee County:** Monday, January 25, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Live Oak Guardian ad Litem office  
**Lafayette County:** Tuesday, January 26, 10 a.m. 12 p.m. Jimmy Barrington Agricultural Complex (USDA)  
**Madison County:** Friday, January 29, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Madison County Public Library

## Christmas Eve candlelight service

Faith-in-Christ Anglican Church will hold a candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 11 p.m. The service begins at 11 p.m. and ends at midnight with the Holy Eucharist. Everyone is invited to come and worship with us and see what Christmas is really all about. For more information about the church or the services please call Fr. Don Wilson at 386-754-2827 or 386-208-9882. We are located approximately five miles east of the B&B and 6.5 miles west of I-75, next to Star Tech on US 90.

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## Memorial service for Raymond F. Hood

A memorial service will be held for Raymond F. Hood at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 27 at Fire Rescue Headquarters next to the county airport, 13530 80th Terrace, Live Oak. In the early hours of December 27, 1984, Paramedic Raymond Hood was responding to a call for help when he made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty for the citizens of our county. Ray was hired July 1, 1976 by Suwannee County Hospital to work as an EMT.

At the time of his death Ray was the assistant director of the county ambulance service with eight years of service. Our department has prepared a garden and memorial area in honor of Ray Hood. We invited the public to attend the service. We are looking forward to sharing memories with family, friends, and co-workers. Anyone with information on the location and phone number of family or co-workers, please contact Robert Eyer 386-590-0499.

## Turkey Shoot

The Harry C. Gray Memorial American Legion Post #107 will have its Turkey Shoot on Saturday, Starting at 12 noon, December 26, 2009. 12 Gauge shot guns only, Post will provide shells. Public welcome,

food and drinks available. Post is located at 142nd Street McAlpin. From Live Oak take 129 South 7 miles to 142nd Street, turn left, go 1 mile Post on the right. For more information call (386) 362-5987.

## HOLY LAND TRIP MEETING

An informational meeting about a trip to the Holy Land will be held at Westwood Baptist Church, January 21, at 7 p.m. Dr. Jimmy Deas, pastor of Westwood, will be leading the trip. Call 386-362-1120 for additional information.

## 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

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## BIBLE VERSE

“While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”  
- Luke 2:6-7

## Suwannee Democrat



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Members of the Suwannee Democrat editorial board are Myra C. Regan, publisher, and Robert Bridges, editor. Our View, which appears in Friday's editions of the Democrat, is formed by that board.

## GUEST COLUMN

# ‘Books with training wheels’

By Jim Holmes

It is amazing to me how many opportunities are available to today's youngsters. Things I never even dreamed of are now the norm, thanks primarily to the computer. You know, in 1954, I was given a Webster's College Dictionary and years later I discovered the word "computer" was not in it!

Yep, the PC has given today's kids a whole new way of experiencing the world. But one experience it doesn't allow them is the joy of going to the drug store and after careful deliberation shelling out a dime for the latest issue of your favorite comic book.

Sure, there are plenty of action and super hero comic books out there (none selling for 10 cents), but they are targeted at teens and college students. In fact, put enough gore in your publication — add a couple of drawings of semi-naked gals — and you can bill it as "a graphic novel." You might even get a Hollywood film deal out of it.

Archie, Betty, Veronica and Jug Head are still alive and well, I'm told. In fact, I think I saw something the other day about Archie and Veronica getting married! (If he keeps going, we may eventually see an issue entitled "Archie's First Varicose Veins.") But even that series targets a slightly older kid.

Gone, however, are the joys of picking up a monthly issue of a Donald Duck, Bugs Bunny or Little Lulu. And that, in my opinion, is a shame.

I struggled with learning how to read as a little one. When I was in 4th grade, I was reading at a 2nd grade level. And then I discovered the joy of comic books. My favorite series featured the adventures of Donald Duck, his nephews and Uncle Scrooge McDuck, but each issue also contained a monthly serial featuring Mickey Mouse and Goofy. (I eventually developed a love-hate relationship with those serials, as I never seemed to be able to get the issue that contained the next chapter.)

I poured over each frame of those comic books ... painfully sounding out many of the words. It was hard work for me at the time, but thanks to those brightly colored panels and the friendly characters they housed; it was also a labor of love.

There seemed to be a lot of folks back in those days who questioned the educational value of comic books, but I'd take issue with them. They made me want to read for the first time, in a way "Dick and Jane" either didn't or couldn't. If I had to label those colorful dime magazines today, I'd call them "books with training wheels."

When I was a little older, I discovered those exciting ads inside the front and back covers. I wonder how many of us sold Christmas cards every fall, thanks to an advertisement we found in a comic book? My Red Rider BB Gun was earned with Christmas card sales ... and despite constant parental warnings, I didn't shoot my eye out. Admittedly, however, I came close several times.

I guess you can still buy "collections" of some of the old comic book series, particularly those turned out by Disney. Heck, I might just do so. Maybe I can finally learn what the dickens happened to Mickey and Goofy at the end of all those serials I never finished.

Jim Holmes lives in Live Oak.

## OPINION

# And a new decade is upon us

By Dwain Walden

It's just a few days before we sing Auld Lang Syne, pop some bubbly, hug and kiss and embrace 2010 at midnight. An alternative would be to sing "He Stopped Loving Her Today," have a Budweiser, hug the bartender and go to bed early. Either way, the world will keep on turning, political corruption will still happen, good folks will continue to return lost wallets, bream will still bed and cabbage will still turn into sauerkraut and cole slaw.

Oh yes, a few people will make resolutions on the first day which are about as useful as a warm bucket of spit.

Already I've heard people asking other people if they will make resolutions for the new year.

I don't make New Year's resolutions. That's not to say that I don't make resolutions, I just think that when a person must draw resolve, January 1 is not a magic place to start. In my book, if I've reached a point in my life where I must declare a course of action and I metaphorically stack up a pile of stones at the spot where I decided, then it can happen just as well on August 21 as on the very first day of the year.

My life is rather simple. I stick to the basics. Probably the most successful of my resolutions in recent years was to lose weight. I didn't announce to myself how many pounds I would lose or a time frame in which to lose it. I just said I would start here (it was in the month of May I think) and I would progress.

You see I have discovered that you can order just one hamburger, not all meat has to be fried, brown bread can fill the hollow and when it comes to exercise, if it doesn't hurt, it doesn't work. Scrap all that talk about getting a six pack by just working out 30 minutes a day for three days a week. It ain't gonna happen good buddy, especially when you're trying to whittle that six pack from a large keg.

Of course I have many smaller resolves that are simple and that I know can easily be done. Such success, even in small portions, is positive re-enforcement.

For instance, I have resolved not to go bungee jumping, sky diving, mountain climbing, underwater cave exploring, and I will not run with the bulls in Pamplona. Also, I will



not invest in hot stock tips on the advice of some guy in Chicago named Carl who acts like when he calls that we are old fishing buddies.

I will not be a contestant in a male beauty pageant, and I will not sit in a dunking booth and let people throw balls at me. As well, I will not shave my head or eat worms if someone donates \$50,000 to their favorite charity. On the other hand, if they donate it to me, I will give it some thought. I'll soon be bald anyway.

I'm confident that I will stay on my health plan and that I will honor these other promises as well.

Now back to January 1. Had I not already done it for you, would you have known how to spell "Auld Lang Syne." In Scottish dialect it means "times gone by."

If your answer was "no", it's okay. The world will keep on turning, cabbage will still turn into sauerkraut, bream will still bed ... etc. etc., and "we'll drink a cup of kindness for 'times gone by.'" Or as my distant cousins in Ireland would say, we'll drink for any good reason or no reason at all, and if it falls on January 1, then so be it.

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## No Williams today



## A MINORITY VIEW



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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

Due to an accelerated holiday production schedule, A Minority View will not appear in today's Democrat. Look for Walter Williams' column in Friday's paper.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

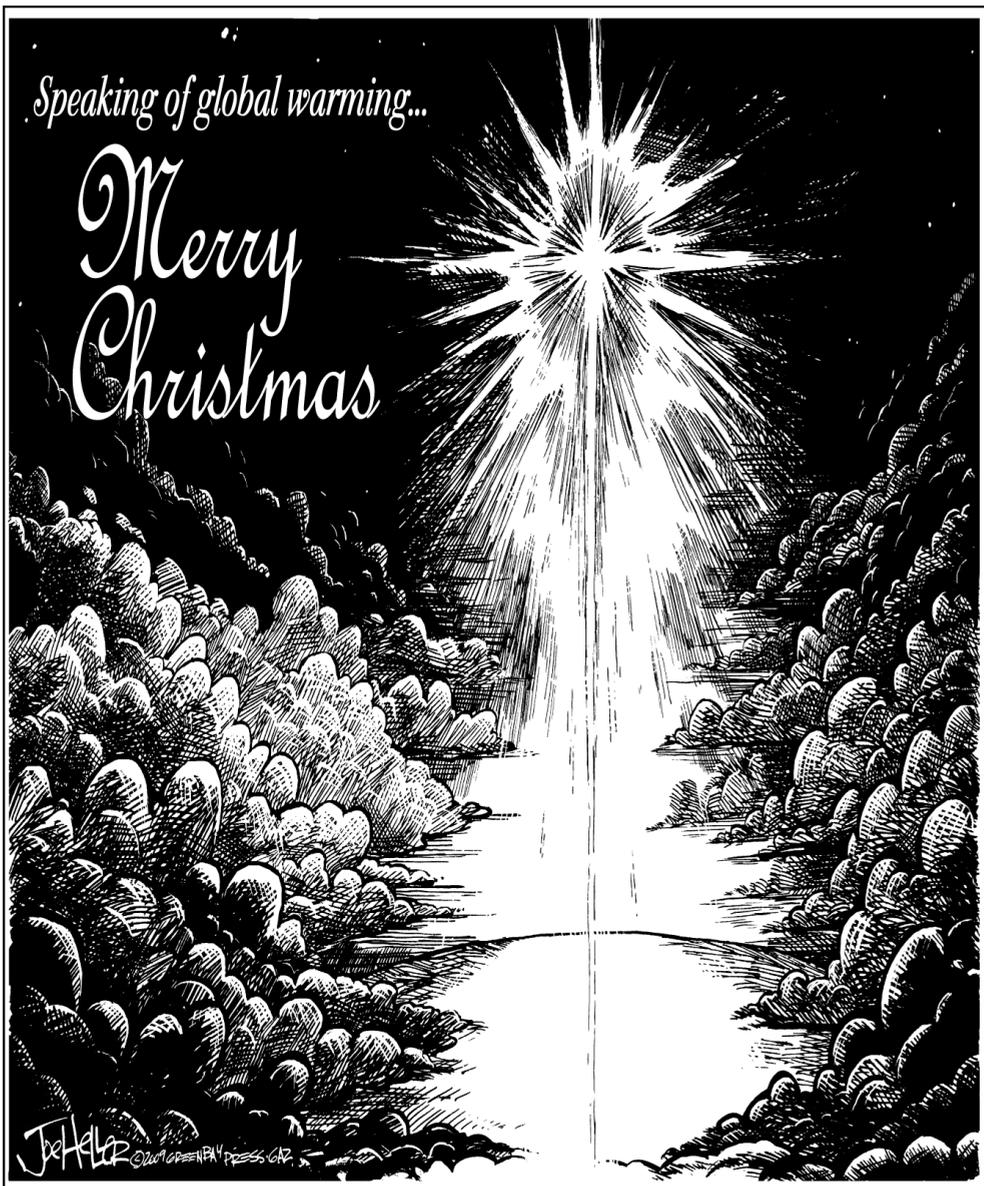
A week ago last Sunday evening, I arrived at the Suwannee County jail to play my keyboard at the trustee service we hold (Rev. Craig Toppings and myself), every week.

Between the front door, my cane and my keyboard, I fell. The paramedics, officers and nurse Vickie were there to give me much needed care, with much needed

care to get me to the local Shands Hospital. Thanks to all of them and the x-ray showing a fracture of my upper arm. What a wonderful Christmas present you gave me (early) by careful kindness shown to me.

Thanks to having such efficient, caring people ready to help in times of need. Merry Christmas, Live Oak, you're the greatest!

Marilyn Kranz



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# Branford News

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## Branford club hosts Christmas Party for Shrine Hospital patients



This little girl is in her second year as a Shrine Hospital patient sponsored by the Branford Shrine Club. She received a stuffed animal from Santa and was thrilled by all of the attention and activity.



Adoptive mother holds Shrine Hospital patient and a gift from Santa. Patients sponsored by Branford Shrine Club were recently given a Christmas party by the club members and their wives.

*Submitted*

The Branford Shrine Club members and their wives recently hosted a Christmas party for the Shrine Hospital patients sponsored by the Branford club. The Shrine Club's Hospital Committee Chairman, Noble Al Greene, noted that the club sponsors 17 children for the Shrine Hospital Program.

The party was held on a wet, windy and cold Saturday and unfortunately only four of the 17 were able to attend. However, there was

plenty of food, games and fun for the children, topped off by a visit from Santa. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon, adults and children alike!

Shrine Hospital care is furnished free of charge for any eligible child up to 18 years of age. It is often quoted that Shriners furnish the "best care money can't buy." It's free! If you know of a child that might need help, please contact any Shriner for more information.

SEE ADDITIONAL PHOTOS, PAGE 9A

## American Legion Post 59 Christmas Party



In attendance at Branford Post 59 Christmas event was Jim Troup, American Legion 3rd District Commander, along with his wife, Joanne.

Branford's American Legion Post 59 members and ladies recently enjoyed a night out and an excellent dinner at the Gathering Restaurant in Branford. The Post's Christmas party was arranged by Vice Commander Larry McGrath, Adjutant Chris Keeney and Past Commander

Mike Magone. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie, the meal and Christmas spirit inspired by the festive atmosphere, along with a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

SEE ADDITIONAL PHOTOS, PAGE 9A

## 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 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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O'BRIEN AND OUR NEIGHBORS

'Bits & Pieces from south Suwannee County



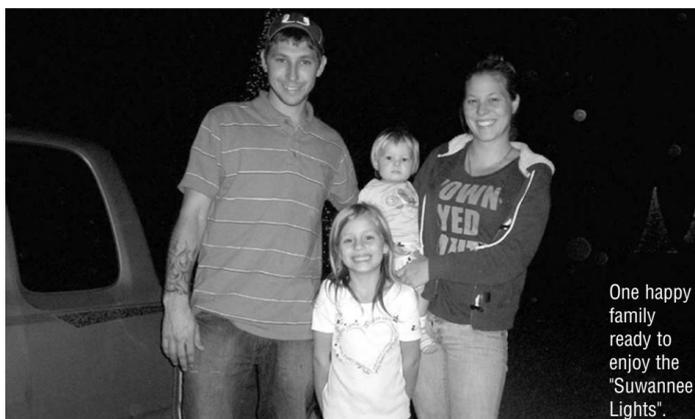
These two families loaded up the pickup and shared a fun-filled evening driving through "Suwannee Lights" at the Spirit of the Suwannee.



Christmas at Branford. This should be "Singing In The Rain" because Audrey Howell and Karen Terry didn't let the rain stop them from singing and dancing to the band, even in the rain.

- Photos: Ana Smith

Christian band "Mainstream" played at the Branford Christmas event despite all the rain.



One happy family ready to enjoy the "Suwannee Lights".



By Ana Smith

Only eight more days, depending on when you read this newspaper, and we'll start off a new year. God willing, 2010 will be a whole lot better for all of us than 2009 was. I hope those of us who have dealt with colds and flu so many times this past year will manage to avoid the same as we go through our 'winter';

that folks dealing with serious illness will find relief and better health; that those who have lost their jobs this past year will find new and better jobs in coming months, and all those little problems that have cropped up will disappear and we'll see the 'light at the end of the tunnel.'

That was easier to write than to expect, I know. But I choose to

remain optimistic ... or at least as optimistic as reality will allow me to be ... and trust that God will keep me on an even keel and keep providing, as He has for me in so many ways.

Throughout the years I have found one truth in my life; no matter how things may have seemed at times, I have always been able to realize that each new year has started off better than the old year ended, and circumstances that seemed pretty dismal in the past have turned out to be lessons learned to

apply to the new year. That is still true for me, and I sincerely pray that is true for you, too.

I have some photos to share this week, a couple from "Suwannee Lights" at the Spirit of the Suwannee on December 1st and a couple from the Branford Christmas day celebration on Dec. 12. I took a couple of photos of the lights, but even though I can tell which of the lighted scenes I'm looking at, the photos are too dark to print in the Democrat. So, if you haven't taken your children to enjoy the lights this year, you still have a couple of nights left in which to do it.

Thanks to the folks who answered the appeal for help to make this Christmas a happy one for the children in the Branford area through "Toys For Kids." As of this writ-

ing I haven't talked with Roger Burnside the last few days, but I did get a couple of phone calls from people who read both his article and mine and wanted to help. Hopefully those calls made it possible to provide something for every child left on his list. Isn't it wonderful the way people reach out to each other? Those phone calls certainly helped lift my spirits! Imagine what it did for those who have worked so hard to make this Christmas a happy one for all the children and their families!

And I received an e-mail that the expansion at the Suwannee County Animal Shelter is finally started. With all that we have worked so hard to achieve in the last few years, that is a project that has been a long time in the works.

It will be such an improvement in the efforts to help save so many animals and find them good homes, and it's all thanks to the hard work of the staff and volunteers. So congratulations to all those who work at and support the county shelter. I can't wait to see the completed facility.

From "Humorous Quotations":

"As you go through life you are going to have many opportunities to keep your mouth shut; take advantage of all of them."

"One of the most difficult things to give away is kindness ... it is usually returned."

"Laughter is the sensation of feeling good all over and showing it principally in one spot."

"Life is like a shower; one false move, and you're in hot water."

"If you look back too much, you will soon be heading that way."

"We need not worry so much about what man descends from ... it's what he descends to that shames the human race!"

God sent His only Son to save us ... take some time to honor both the Father and the Son as we celebrate the birthday of Christ! I pray you have blessing after blessing this Christmas and all through the coming year. God bless!

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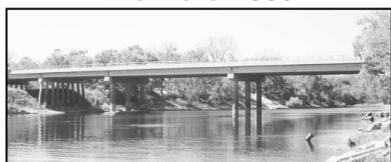
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In center is a shrine patient happy to see Santa, though she doesn't want him too close! Child's mother is at left, while Santa hands out candy canes.



This Shrine Hospital patient is happy with his gift from Santa. Although this patient has actually "graduated" from the hospital program, he was welcomed along with the other children sponsored by the Branford Shrine Club.

- Courtesy photos

American Legion Post 59 Christmas Party



Enjoying the American Legion Post 59 festivities (left side, front to back) are Walt and Martha Sherrod and Judy Roberts; right side, front to back are Elsie Law and Bernice and Sam Cobean.

Christain Keeney and his dad, Edwin Lee, enjoyed the evening together. Chris, the Post Adjutant, took the opportunity to sign up his dad for membership. Mr. Lee, 83, is a US Navy veteran and was a radioman on the Battleship Wisconsin during World War II.



Al Donovan, Post Chaplain and WWII Vet, and his daughter Erin (Sarge) Donovan, a Gulf War vet. Chaplain Donovan led off the party with a prayer and blessing of the Christmas dinner.



Keeping time with Branford Rotary

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Branford, George Petrena presented two watches to Jesse Caskin, a sixth-grader at Branford High School. One watch was for dress the other for play. Jesse said, "Thank you, I feel really good about accepting them."



George Petrena presented two watches to Tiphani Whitley on behalf of the Rotary Club of Branford. One watch was for dress, the other for play. She said, "I feel really good that I got them thank you very much," then hugged the photographer. Tiphani is a sixth-grader at Branford High School.



- Photos: George Petrena



From left: Wendell and Melba Lewis, along with Post 59 member Arthur Wilson. Lewis is the Post's Sergeant-at-Arms and is said to be present "in case anyone gets rowdy!" As there was only Christmas spirit and camaraderie among the crowd, the Sgt-at-Arms sat idle and wished everyone Merry Christmas!

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mas songs for those in the dining hall, and afterwards "decked the

halls" to those who were unable to meet and greet them there.



Kids from Antioch caroling at Surrey Place.



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A joyful noise.



"Deck the halls ..."



Singing to a resident. - Courtesy photos

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NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Don't let food spoil your holiday fun!



By Mary Ward Suwannee County Health Department

The holiday season can bring lots of fun, food and feasting. However, if food is not handled or prepared

properly food poisoning can result and a happy party can quickly turn into an upset tummy or even a trip to the emergency room. Food poisoning is created by bacteria, which in most cases are undetectable by sight, smell or taste. Millions of people get food poisoning each year. Here are a few food safety tips for your holiday gathering:

Thaw meat in the refrigerator, not on the counter top.

Room temperature encourages the growth of bacteria, so defrost your meat in the refrigerator rather than on the counter

top. Be careful with the juices from thawing meat and do not let it drip on other foods.

Cook the stuffing separate from the turkey.

Stuffing cooked inside a turkey may not get hot enough for any dangerous bacteria in it to be killed.

Make sure cooking temperatures are high enough to kill bacteria.

Temperatures between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit are the most dangerous for bacterial growth. A meat thermometer, inserted into the thickest part of the meat but not touching the bone, is the best way to as-

sure proper cooking to at least 180 degrees.

Take extra care with holiday buffets and leftovers.

The longer food is kept out, especially beyond two hours, the greater the risk of food poisoning even if hot trays or chaffing dishes are used. Refrigerate perishables, especially the turkey and other meat and poultry products, as soon as possible after your guests have finished eating.

Leftover turkey can be safely refrigerated for three to four days, but stuffing and gravy should be used within a day or two. To

speed up the cooling process, slice leftovers into serving sizes and store them in several small or shallow, covered containers. Frozen turkey and stuffing should be reheated to the proper temperatures before serving, and leftover gravy should be reheated to a rolling boil.

Raw eggs in holiday recipes require special care.

Be especially careful when making homemade eggnog. Eggnog mixtures made from raw eggs should be cooked or microwaved to 160 degrees Fahrenheit or until it thickens enough

to coat a spoon then refrigerate at once.

The high temperatures required to cook cakes, cookies and candy containing raw eggs are sufficient to kill bacteria. However, the raw eggs in cookie dough may present a hazard, especially to children, pregnant women, the elderly and those with certain health problems so uncooked cookie dough is not safe to eat.

Source: Florida Department of Agriculture publication

http://www.florida-agriculture.com/consumers/foodsafety\_winter.htm

Wash those germs down the drain



By Melissa Cundiff-Garrison, R.N. Suwannee County Health Department

During National Hand Washing Week, the Suwannee County Health Department urges you to be especially diligent in making sure you wash your hands properly. Unclean hands can spread germs, like those that cause the H1N1 virus, to your family members, friends and co-workers. Here are five common ways germs are spread:

From your nose or eyes to your hands and then to others

Germs can spread to the hands by sneezing, coughing or rubbing the eyes and then can be transferred to others. Simply washing your hands can help prevent such illnesses as the common cold or eye infections. Also, try coughing and sneezing into your elbow instead of your hands.

From your hands to food

Usually germs are spread from unclean hands to food by an infected food preparer that didn't wash his or her hands after using the toilet. The germs are then passed to those who eat the food. This is easily prevented by always washing your hands after using the toilet and before preparing

food items.

From food to hands to food

Germs are transmitted from raw foods such as chicken, to hands while preparing a meal. The germs on the hands are then transferred to other uncooked foods such as a salad. Cooking the raw food killed the initial germs, but the salad remains contaminated.

From an infected child to their hands and then to other children

Germs are passed from a child with diarrhea to the hands of the parent during diaper changing. If the parent doesn't immediately wash his or her hands, the germs that cause diarrhea are then passed to others.

From animals to people

Wash your hands after petting animals or touching a surface they come into contact with.

For proper hand washing, you must have these three components:

- 1. Soap
2. Warm water
3. Friction (rubbing your hands together)

Here are six easy steps for washing your hands properly:

- 1. Wet hands with warm, running water.
2. Add soap.
3. Rub hands together vigorously for 20 seconds. Children can be taught to sing their "A, B, C's" or "Happy Birthday." Be sure to wash:
- The backs of hands
- Wrists
- Between fingers
- Tips of fingers
- Thumbs and
- Under and around fingernails
4. Rinse while pointing fingers down
5. Dry vigorously with paper towels or a clean cloth towel
6. Turn off faucet with towel and open door with towel

If you do not have soap or running water, then use an alcohol-based hand rub. To properly remove germs from hands with these rubs:

- Apply about a dime-sized portion of hand rub to palm of one hand
- Rub hands together covering all surfaces of hands and fingers
- Rub until hands are dry

If you would like a presentation on hand washing in for your child's class or group, please contact Mary Ward at the Suwannee County Health Department 386-362-2708 x259.

Health Department observes World Aids Day

By Cindy D. Morgan, R.N. Suwannee County Health Department

The Florida Department of Health joined world, federal, state, and community partners in recognizing December 1 as World AIDS Day. Since 1988, World AIDS Day has been a day of remembrance, awareness, and renewed commitments to stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS. The World AIDS Day campaign encourages continued commitment from policymakers and leaders to keep their promise to achieve universal access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care, and support by the year 2010.

The Department of Health's Bureau of HIV/AIDS continuously works to close prevention gaps among some of Florida's most vulnerable populations. Racial/ethnic minorities and men who have sex with men continue to be disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS.

Expanded HIV prevention efforts, increased testing, and increased efforts to link HIV infected Floridians to care have led to reductions in new infections and decreases in HIV/AIDS deaths. Despite decreases in infection rates and deaths, HIV/AIDS remains as a threat to all Floridians. According to data released from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, someone in the United States becomes infected with HIV/AIDS every 9 1/2 minutes. The DOH Bureau of HIV/AIDS encourages all Floridians to help stop the clock on HIV/AIDS. HIV not only changes the lives of those infected, but it changes the lives of their families, friends, and community. On December 1 many took a moment of silence to acknowledge those who have become infected, remember those lost to AIDS, and make a personal commitment to respond to the HIV epidemic.

For more information on World AIDS Day, please visit www.FloridaAids.org or www.wemakethechange.com. You may also call the Florida AIDS Hotline at 1-800-FLA-AIDS. Information is also available in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole or through a text telephone (TTY) line at (888) 530-7118.

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### Obituary

**Ruby Frances Hughes Rudd**  
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Ruby Frances Hughes Rudd, 85, of Dowling Park, FL passed away Friday December 18, 2009 in the Good Samaritan Center, Dowling Park, FL after a long illness. The Live Oak, FL native lived most of her life in Live Oak, FL. Mrs. Rudd was a Bookkeeper and a member of the

Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints.

Survivors included her daughter: Carol Van Leuven, Provo, Ut; one son: Rudy S. Rudd, Provo, Ut; One sister: Glenna Mae Hughes, Dowling Park, FL; Eighteen Grandchildren, Forty-Four Great-Grandchildren and Seven Great-Great-Grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband: Sherman J. Rudd and daughter: Martha Ann Enlow.

Funeral services will be

held Thursday 10:00 am December 24, 2009 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Live Oak, FL with Mr. Lacy Douglas and Mr. Frank Allen officiating. Interment will follow in the Live Oak cemetery.

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

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## Coalition, S&S team up against underage drinking

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to minors is illegal. Buying or giving alcohol to anyone under the age of 21 can land you in jail."

S&S Food Stores owner Lester Scaff allowed the coalition to place the stickers in all 10 of his Suwannee County stores.

"We don't want to be a part of selling alcohol to minors," said Scaff. "I think it's a good idea, it's a big job for us to train our employees not to sell to minors and we welcome any help with this. We want to do anything we can. We feel we do a good job but if it's not 100 percent,

it's not good enough."

Coalition Director Mary Taylor said underage drinking is "a complex problem."

"The Coalition believes we must seek to address this issue in a variety of ways and providing local businesses with help to stop underage sales is one of the strategies we use," said Taylor. "Unfortunately, many people buy alcohol for minors."

Carla Blalock, coalition chair, hopes that other store owners will follow.

"It is our desire that adults will definitely know that buying alcohol for minors is illegal," said Blalock.

### Kwanzaa: Music and dance



Celebrants gathered Sunday at the Suwannee County Historical Museum to usher in Kwanzaa with music and dance. Guests stopped by throughout the day to take part in the festivities. The holiday of Kwanzaa takes place annually Dec. 26- Jan. 1.

- Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.

### 15-month prison term for White Springs man

By Carnell Hawthorne Jr.

Gerald Nickles, 55, of White Springs was sentenced Thursday to 15 months in prison on one count of grand theft, according to a Suwannee County court document.

Nickles, whose case was heard by Judge Paul Bryan, must serve 45 months probation following his prison



Gerald Nickles

term. According to the document, Nickles is restricted from entering the Wal-Mart in Live Oak, which is where the theft occurred.

Nickles must pay nearly \$2,000 in fines and court costs once released from prison. He was taken into custody Thursday following the judge's decision.

### 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 fol-

lowing Thursday.

The guest speaker on Jan. 7 will be Suwannee Valley Electric Coop CEO, John Martz. All are welcome to attend. For more information call Chairman Carl Meece at 386-776-1444.



S&S Food Stores owner Lester Scaff places a warning sticker on an alcohol beverage cooler at his store on US 129 North recently. - Courtesy photo

### Unemployed? Get a subscription for a dollar

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Myra C. Regan. "Hopefully when these residents find work, they will continue to read the paper and eventually become full subscribers."

Unemployed residents can sign up for the \$1 deal from Dec. 23 through Jan-

uary 22, 2010.

Regan says the *Suwannee Democrat* got the idea after a sister publication, *The Daily* (Dalton, Ga.) *Citizen* made a similar offer this fall.

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# Three hurt in 2-vehicle crash

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Sandra Clark was the driver of the other vehicle, a Mercury Grand Marquis.

The two vehicles appeared to have collided at the center of the crossing, leaving both Quillen and Vining injured.

Quillen complained of chest pain and told rescuers that she had struck her head inside the truck, according to daughter Nikki.

Vining was helped from the truck and appeared to have a deep gash to the head, which covered the left side of his face in blood. Both Vining and Quillen were wearing their seatbelts at the time, Nikki Quillen said.

At the scene, Clark lay

on a medical flat board, hands trembling.

A rescue worker at the scene said Clark appeared to be OK. "She's just shaken up," said a woman who claimed to be the woman's daughter-in-law, but refrained from giving her name.

The injured occupants were removed from both vehicles and transported to Shands Live Oak. Suwannee County Fire/Rescue and Live Oak Fire Department responded.

The injured were not listed as patients at area hospitals as of Monday.

It was not clear which direction each vehicle was traveling at the time of impact. Updates will be available as more information is gathered.

# Plea deal: 1-year term in death of 11-year-old

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Sallas and two other passengers, Marjorie Jones, two years old at the time, and Elizabeth Jones, an infant, were treated for injuries at Shands Live Oak. Neither Alyssa nor Sallas were wearing their seatbelts, according to FHP reports. The other two children were not properly restrained either, reports at the time also showed.

Monday, counsel for Sallas was attorney James M. Janousek II. Prosecutor Craig Jacobsen represented the state and agreed to Sallas' plea to have Count 1, vehicular homicide, a crime punishable up to 15 years in prison dropped. Under Count 2, driving with a suspended license, which is a third degree felony, Sallas will serve a year and a day in prison

and three years probation. Under Count 3, child abuse: neglect resulting in great bodily injury, Sallas will serve one year and one day in prison with three additional years probation following the probation for Count 2 and both prison terms. The prison terms will run concurrently.

On Count 4, neglect of a child, Sallas will receive one year probation in conjunction with the probation for Count 2.

Sallas must also pay \$300 in court costs, \$600 to FHP, and restitution to Shawn Jones for funeral expenses for victim Alyssa Jones.

Judge David Fina signed the plea agreement on Dec. 14, but has ordered a pre-sentence investigation to be completed by Dec. 25. Sentencing is set for Feb. 4.

# Branford man grieves loss of movie star daughter

By Stephenie Livingston  
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Brittany Murphy

Angelo Bertolotti, the father of late actress Brittany Murphy, is a resident of Branford. He recently spoke out about the tragic death of his actress daughter.

Murphy, 32, died Sunday morning at the home of her husband, screenwriter Simon Monjack, in West Hollywood Hills, according to the Associated Press. Murphy was officially pronounced dead at 10:04 a.m. after being transported to the hospital. Cause of death was cardiac arrest, according to MSN and other news

sources.

"She was just an absolute doll since she was born," Bertolotti told AP. "Her personality was always outward. Everybody loved her ... she was just a regular gal."

Bertolotti continued, "She was just a talent. And I loved her."

Murphy is famous for her roles in "Clueless," "8 Mile" and "Girl, Interrupted," among others. She was also the voice of the character Luann on the animated series "King of the Hill."

The investigation continues, but AP reports that Murphy appears to have died of natural causes.



Another image of burglary suspect. - Photo courtesy LOPD

# 'Well-dressed' burglary suspect sought

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cludes mechanic's hand and power tools. LOPD Det. Sgt. Ron Shaw noted that the stolen tools belong to employees of the business, not the company itself. The cost of the stolen tools is in excess of \$2000, said Shaw. Property damage caused during the burglaries also exceeds \$2000.

Accompanying this article are two photos taken from surveillance cameras at the business. "The photos are fuzzy, but this person is a well-dressed burglar," said Shaw.

The suspect is described as an African American male with "very low cut hair and tight sides," said Shaw. "He dresses well for a burglar, wearing a leather jacket, khaki pants, and black dress shoes.

Suspect appears to be light to medium complexioned. Height about 5'10" to 6' feet tall, weight unknown."

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SPORTS

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Lady 'Dogs suffer first district loss

By Jeff Waters jeff.waters@gulfnews.com

The Suwannee High School ladies basketball team suffered their first district loss Dec. 11 against Williston, 34-31. The 'Dogs came out a little flat after being delayed due to Christmas festivities in Williston.

The ladies were led by Kristiana Evans with eight points. She also had eight rebounds and two steals. Tatiyanna Thomas followed with six points and four assists. Hope Chambers had six points, six rebounds, three assists, three steals and six blocked shots. Kemberlee Beaty had five points, three rebounds and one steal. Tiyrenee Riley and Rictoria Merrick each had three points.

On Dec. 5, the ladies defeated Madison County 36-30. They were led by Kristiana Evans with 14 points, seven rebounds and five steals.

Hope Chambers followed with five points, nine rebounds and six blocked shots. Tatiyanna Thomas: five points, four rebounds and three steals. Kemberlee Beaty: four points and six rebounds. Rictoria Merrick: four points, three steals and two blocks. Tara Oliver: four points and Tiyrenee Riley: two points.

On Dec. 8, the Lady 'Dogs traveled to Ft. White and defeated them 53-10. The ladies jumped out in front with a commanding 40-4 lead at half time and continued with a running clock in the second half. They were led by Tatiyanna Thomas with 19 points, five rebounds, six steals and two blocked shots. Rictoria Merrick had eight points and three rebounds. Kemberlee Beaty: seven points, three rebounds and three blocked shots. Kristiana Evans:



Kemberlee Beaty reaches for the ball. - Photo: Paul Buchanan - SuwanneeSports.com

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SPORTS COMMENTARY And then there was one

Sportabout By Tom Daniels



The New Orleans Saint' vision of an undefeated season came to an abrupt halt Saturday as they lost to the Dallas Cowboys. New Orleans should not be too disappointed. There were decades when it seemed they didn't win 13 games. They were, after all, the original Ain'ts. Paper bags, ticket burnings, etc.

They have been replaced by the Detroit Pussy Cats. The AFC playoff picture includes about everyone. The Colts are in, the Chargers are in and it appears the Patriots and Bengals are almost in.

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Looking forward

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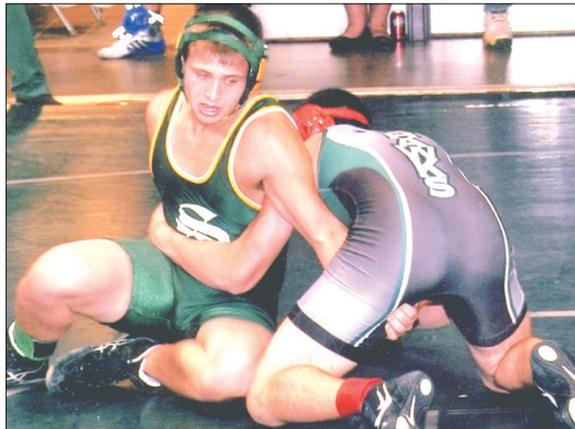
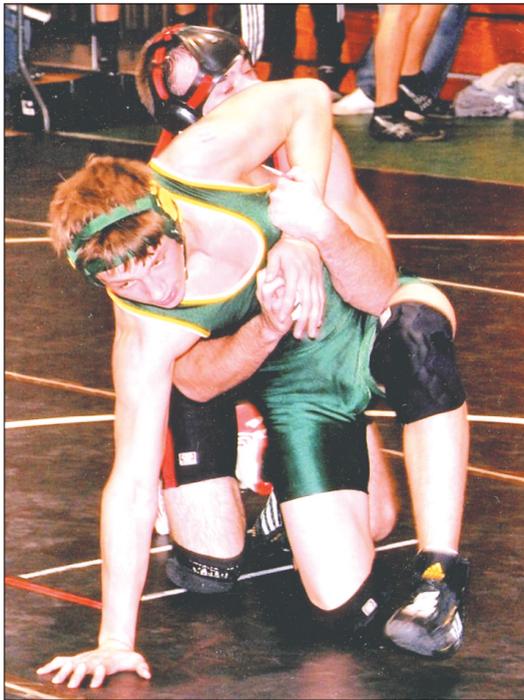
Suwannee Dog Pound ended its first season.

After many emails, meetings and research, Suwannee Dog Pound became a reality. SDP was accepted as a member of the Pop Warner Little Scholars Putnam Athletic League in late July and DeWayne Charlton or Coach "D" was accepted as commissioner of the league.

Although SDP started late, they took off with determination. Training sessions, which were held in Green Cove Springs, Palatka, Starke and Keystone Heights, had to be attended, tests had to be taken and passed in order to receive completion certificates. Funds had to be raised for league fees and equipment.

Coach "D" worked really hard to get a SDP board, SDP football coaches, trainers and SDP cheerleading coaches in place to meet the deadline. Football and cheer coaches had to be trained and granted certification by the deadline to qualify for the season. Pop Warner accepted four football and cheerleading teams for Suwannee Dog Pound in the Putnam Athletic League. Accepted teams were Tiny Mites division, Mity Mites division,

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ABOVE: Logan Register in recent action. LEFT: Logan Fletcher works hard for his escape point. - Photos: Rudy Fletcher

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Joy Baker

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# Lady 'Dogs suffer first district loss

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seven points and two steals. **Joy Baker:** four points. **Tiyrenee Riley:** three points, four rebounds and three steals. **Caity Foreman:** two points.

**Tara Oliver:** two points and **Hope Chambers:** one point, eight rebounds.

On Saturday, Dec. 12, the ladies downed the Hamilton County Trojans, 71-41.

Leading the pack was **Tatiyanna Thomas** with 12 points, five rebounds, six steals and two blocks.

**Kristiana Evans** had 15 points.

**Joy Baker** had eight. **Hope Chambers:** eight points and seven rebounds.

**Caity Foreman:** seven points and three steals. **Kemberlee Beaty:** six points and three blocks.

**Rictoria Merrick:** three points. **Jawanza Pipin:** three points.

**Tiyrenee Riley:** two points, four rebounds and three steals.

The Lady 'Dogs record stood at 5-4, 3-1 since as of the Hamilton game.



**RIGHT:** Caity Foreman keeps a hold on the ball.  
- Photo: Paul Buchanan - SuwanneeSports.com

SPORTS COMMENTARY

# And then there was one

**Sportabout**  
By Tom Daniels

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The Broncos and Ravens are one up on the Jaguars, Texans, Jets, Dolphins, Steelers and Titans. The Giants, Packers and Cowboys will fight for two playoff spots in the NFC. The Eagles, Saints and Vikings are in.

The Jets and Bills are the only thing that stands between the Colts and an

undefeated season. The Jets are first up and they must win to have a shot at the playoffs. The Bills' season will rest on beating the Colts in Buffalo. If the Colts make it we will once again be pummeled by stories of the Old Dolphins and the almost perfect Patriots. Give them there due but there is no classier act then Peyton Manning. Win or lose, the NFL should tape his interviews as learning tools for the Me generation.

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# Looking forward

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Jr. Pee wee division and Pee wee division. Participants were ages five through 13.

The league required that each participant (football and cheer) have certain hours of practice in order to participate. Before the first game, the players and cheerleaders worked very hard to get their hours logged in order to be eligible to play. Records had to be kept by the coaches and the records were checked before each game by Putnam officials.

SDP traveled to Keystone Heights for the Putnam Athletic League Popwarner Kickoff Classic to start the season off. There were over 1,500 participants and family members in attendance for this event. SDP had the opportunity of hosting three home

games here at Paul Langford Stadium. At times, SDP had to travel in different directions with different divisions which made decisions hard when a family had players or cheerleaders on different teams, but the pound had plenty of team support. The teams traveled to Gainesville, Starke, Palatka and Keystone Heights, Alachua, Crescent City, Deltona and Lake City for games.

Suwannee Dog Pound has done great for their first year. The football teams did not make the play offs this year, but they did play in several bowl games. The Mitey Mites team placed second in Tallahassee in The Big Bend League. The Jr. Pewee team placed second in the Jacksonville Jaguars league, and also the Gainesville Putnam League.

The Pee wee team won both of their bowl games that were played in Jacksonville and Gainesville.

SDP cheerleaders traveled to Keystone Heights for cheer competitions. The Jr. Pee wee and Pee wee squads placed second in the district and went on to compete in regionals in Orlando during Thanksgiving holidays. Cheer teams from Pensacola all the way to Miami attended the regionals in Orlando. SDP squads competed against 108 other teams and while they did not place in the regionals, their performance was highly rated by the judges for a first time year.

Suwannee Dog Pound also sponsored an after school program to help the students maintain the 2.0 grade point average that is required to play Pop

Warner sports. There was an average of 25 to 30 students who attended the after school program Monday through Thursday. The program was a success and the students showed an improvement in grades and test scores from the help they received while attending the program.

Suwannee Dog Pound was commended by the Putnam Athletic League for their hard work, dedication and great performance for a first year program. The season ended with a banquet of trophies, plaques, gifts, good food and great fellowship. The coaches thanked parents, volunteers and team members for their hard work. President Arnold Philmore thanked everyone for their hard work, patience and understanding with the program in its first year. Coach "D" expressed his grati-

tude to everyone for their support, patience, prayers, donations and time given to the program. He expressed that he could not have done this program and made it a success without the parents, sponsors, volunteers and most of all the children who put their hearts into the program while participating. We are all excited and looking forward to next season being better now that we know more about what is expected of us, and what we can expect also. SDP will be looking for dedicated people to fill positions in the program to help make it continue to be a success.

Special thanks to our sponsors, volunteers, parents, Christian Mission in Action, coach Jerry Odom and Andrea Davis for their support, advice and encouragement.

## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 12/23	Thu 12/24	Fri 12/25
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Daytona Beach	73	61	cloudy	Melbourne	74	61	pt sunny	Saint Augustine	69	61	cloudy
Fort Lauderdale	78	69	rain	Miami	77	70	rain	Saint Petersburg	72	61	pt sunny
Fort Myers	79	61	pt sunny	N Smyrna Beach	72	60	cloudy	Sarasota	76	59	pt sunny
Gainesville	71	56	pt sunny	Ocala	74	57	pt sunny	Tallahassee	67	54	cloudy
Hollywood	79	66	rain	Orlando	74	60	pt sunny	Tampa	74	59	pt sunny
Jacksonville	68	59	cloudy	Panama City	67	58	cloudy	Titusville	73	60	cloudy
Key West	76	71	rain	Pensacola	65	60	cloudy	Venice	76	60	pt sunny
Lady Lake	73	58	pt sunny	Plant City	76	59	pt sunny	W Palm Beach	77	66	rain

**National Cities**

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
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Chicago	33	31	sn shower	Miami	77	70	rain	Seattle	42	31	cloudy
Dallas	68	40	t-storm	Minneapolis	27	18	sn shower	St. Louis	49	47	rain
Denver	28	16	snow	New York	32	25	mst sunny	Washington, DC	35	22	sunny



### EXTENSION UPDATE

# Grow your own Christmas cactus during the holidays



The Christmas cactus is a hybrid that was produced in the late 1840s at the Rollisson Nurseries in England. - Courtesy photos

By Carolyn Saft  
UF IFAS Suwannee County Horticulture Agent & Judy Morelan  
SUF IFAS Suwannee County Master Gardener



Even though the skies have been dreary and gray, a flowering plant can rejuvenate your spirit. I've been getting some questions on how to take care of and how do you get a Christmas cactus to bloom? Here is a little information about the various holiday cacti.

The Christmas cactus is a hybrid that was produced in the late 1840s at the Rollisson Nurseries in England. It is from the Schlumbergera family that is native to the tropical jungles of the Americas and with other jungle natives of the family Cactaceae have also been called the "Jungle Cacti."

Christmas cactus is a member of a group sold as Holiday cacti that also includes Thanksgiving cactus and the Easter cactus. The difference is as follows:

Christmas Cactus (*Schlumbergera bridgessii*) - The Christmas cactus has scalloped stem segments (phyllodes) with no points and bloom from Thanksgiving to Christmas. These are also called True Cacti and the flowers are

radially symmetrical (actinomorphic).

Thanksgiving Cactus (*Schlumbergera truncata*) - The Thanksgiving cactus is also called the Crab or Yoke Cacti. Virtually identical to the Christmas cactus, except it has sharper points on its stem segments (phyllodes) and blooms earlier than the Christmas cactus. The flowers

of this variety are asymmetrical (zygomorphic).

Easter Cactus (*Rhipsalidopsis gaertneri*) - The Easter cactus flowers usually once a year in the April timeframe. This plant is similar to the Christmas cactus but the flower is much different. It has thicker stem segments with no points and has soft bristles at each of its stem segments. This plant is more difficult to grow and has a habit of shedding its segments if the watering requirements are not just right. Also this plant may not decide to bloom one year for no apparent reason.

The Christmas cactus will keep its blossoms longer in cooler temperatures. Keep the plant in a well-lit location away from drafts from heat vents, fireplaces or other sources of hot air. Drafts and temperature fluctuations can cause flower buds to drop before they have a chance to open.

The Christmas cactus is considered a tropical type plant, but it is not quite as drought tolerant as its desert relatives and may drop flower buds if the soil gets too dry and wilt when under drought stress. It needs to be planted in a well-drained soil. If plant dries out too frequently, that is a signal that it needs to be repotted. Water thoroughly when the top inch or so of the soil feels dry to the touch.

This plant can adapt to low light but more abundant blooms are produced on plants that have been exposed to more light intensity. Indoors plants can be kept in a sunny location, but in the summer if they are outdoors, move to a filtered sunny area. Leaves will turn red if exposed to too much sunlight and direct full sun can actually burn the leaves and cause them to become limp.

Pruning after blooming will encourage the plant to branch out. The sections that you remove can be rooted in moist vermiculite or loose soil.

There are two ways to get a Christmas cactus to bloom. One way is to give it an uninterrupted dark period approximately 12 hours each night. Begin the dark

treatments mid-October to have plants in full bloom by the holidays. Some people place their plants in a dark closet for 12 hours each night for 6 to 8 weeks or until they see the buds form.

The second way to encourage your Christmas cactus to bloom is if it is subjected to cooler temperatures of about 50 to 55 degrees F eliminating the need for the dark treatments. Plants will bloom for the holidays if cool treatments are started by early November.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and gardening success in 2010!

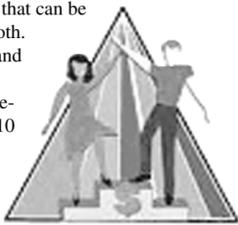
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Class is open to all. Because seating is limited, pre-registration is required. The fee is \$7 per person (\$10 per couple), which includes taste testing and class materials. There are many similarities between health and personal finance issues and behavior change strategies. No step is too small to get started and you can never be too early or too late! Call the Extension office at 386-362-2771 to pre-register before January 4, 2010. First class starts on January 6, 2010 at 6 p.m. at the Extension office in Live Oak.

For more information or to register contact the Extension office at 386-362-2771.



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## Take charge of your diabetes

An educational program for adults with Type 2 diabetes

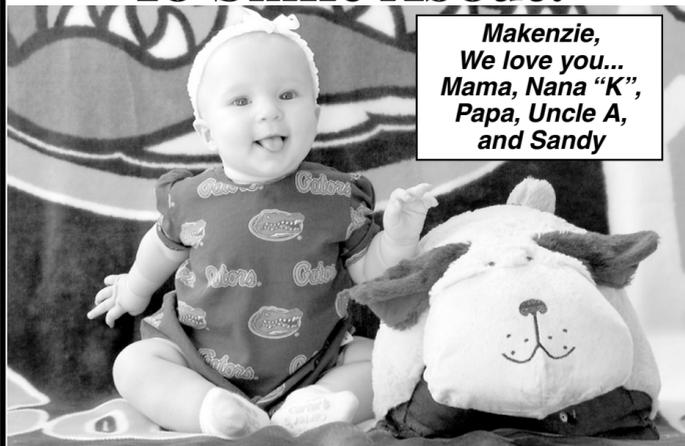
Suwannee County Extension is now offering an educational program to help adults with type 2 diabetes control their blood sugar to feel better and reduce risk of health complications. The program will include nine classes taught by a team of qualified educators and health professionals, and a personal consultation with a registered dietitian. Health assessments (height, weight, and blood pressure measurements) are included. Classes will run from January 28th to

March 25th and will be held on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m.

We are now recruiting participants for this program. If you have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, are at least 21 years old, and are interested in being a part of this program, please call the Extension office at 386-362-2771 by Jan. 25. The \$75 program fee includes the educational classes, nutrition consultation, program materials and health assessments.

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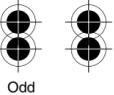
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**Commercial Division winners**

1st Place, Lowe's. Pictured here are parade organizer Roy Crain and Marina Cordova, Lowe's supervisor. This is the third year in a row that Lowe's has taken top honors in this division. - Photos: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.



2nd Place, Wal-Mart. Pictured here is Roy Crain, parade organizer, with Wal-Mart safety team leader Russell Williams and assembler Bob Lansford.



3rd Place, Suwannee Valley Electric Coop. Pictured here is parade organizer Roy Crain with SVEC representatives Trevita Riley, Ashley Glover, June Kirby and Daniel Carver.

# Chamber of Commerce recognizes Christmas on the Square parade winners



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2nd Place, Advent Christian Village. Pictured here is Craig Carter, ACV President and CEO, and Roy Crain, parade organizer.



3rd Place, Farm Fresh 4-H. Pictured here are parade organizer Roy Crain and club leader Mellisa Fennell.





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**26.9%.** Newspaper share of local online advertising is 26.9% exceeding yellow pages, TV sites and radio sites combined.

**\$3.1 Billion.** Advertising on newspaper websites exceeded \$3.1 billion per year

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## 'Live! At Dowling Park' Artist Series

# Tim Zimmerman & The King's Brass coming to ACV

By Sally Q. Smith  
Office for Member Services  
Advent Christian Village

The 22nd annual 'Live! At Dowling Park' Artist Series at Advent Christian Village commences the New Year with return performers, Tim Zimmerman & The King's Brass, on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010, at 7 p.m. in The Village Church.

The King's Brass is comprised of professional musicians from all over the United States. For more than twenty years, the ensemble has performed over 100 concerts each year with three trumpets, three trombones, a tuba, percussion, and keyboards.

The unique blend of these instruments is applauded by secular and sacred music critics alike that, in turn, reward their performances with comments such as "the best in sacred brass music," "superb in every way," and "Truly, an unforgettable experience!" Presenting a repertoire of diverse classics - from Handel and Gabrieli to hymns, jazz spirituals and patriotic marches - these musicians have a desire to use their instruments to uplift audiences of all ages and lead them in praise and worship.

The King's Brass' original arrangements are featured on 12 recordings. The latest CD is their "Classic Hymns" release, featuring organists Diane Bish, Rebecca Kleintop Owens, and Samuel Metzger with the Ruffatti Pipe Organ of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church of Ft. Lauderdale.

Additional information about Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass can be found on their Web site: <http://kingsbrass.org/>. Please help us welcome this ensemble as they 'strike up' some tunes ... once again!

Season Pass tickets, which cover this event and all other events held during the 2009-2010 'Live! At Dowling Park' Artist Series season, continue to be on sale, and prices are as follows: ACV Members: \$47.38, Adults (i.e., non-ACV Members): \$58.32, Students (ages 13-18): \$18.22, and Children (ages 5-12): \$10.93. The Family Plan ticket is \$94.77.



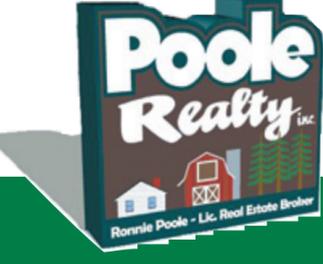
Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass. - Courtesy photo

Individual ticket prices for this concert are as follows: ACV Members: \$15, Adults (i.e., non-ACV Members): \$18, Students (ages 13-18): \$5, and Children (ages 5-12): \$3. Admission for children ages 4 and under is free.

All tickets are available at the ACV Cashier's Office, as well as in Live Oak at The Music Center and the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce. Tickets may also be purchased at the door on the evening of the concert.

'Live! At Dowling Park' is pleased to welcome guests participating in the Reciprocity Program: North Florida Community College (NFCC) and Community Concerts of Lake City, Inc.

For more information about this concert, please call Dick Grillo at 386-658-5557, or e-mail [dgrillo@acvilage.net](mailto:dgrillo@acvilage.net).



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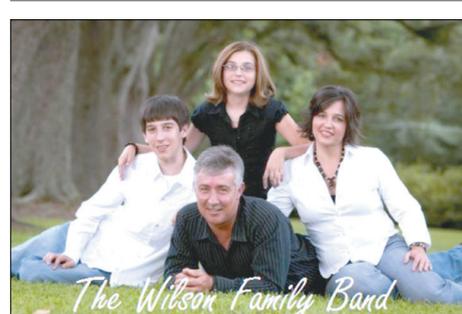
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Originally known as The Sego Brothers and Naomi, this group began gaining exposure in the late 1950s. James Segos, along with his wife Naomi and brothers W.R. and Lamar, hosted a popular television program on WMAZ-TV in Macon, Ga. It was during this time they traveled to Nashville and recorded their first hit that would gain them national recognition, "Is My Lord Satisfied With Me." However, superstardom came in 1962 when The Sego Brothers and Naomi became the first group in history to record and sell one million records with the song, "Sorry, I Never Knew You." The rest of the 1960s saw them touring the globe with many other hit songs. During the 1970s their popularity increased with performances on the popular TV show "The Gospel Singing Jubilee." Perhaps one of their biggest songs came along during that time as they enjoyed the success of the chart topper "Hallelujah Square."

The late 1970s saw tragedy as well as success. In 1979, James Segos, Naomi's husband, passed away. During the 1980's Naomi continued to travel and record. She remarried, to a Texas evangelist named Vernon Reader, and the group underwent a name change to Naomi and The Segos. Vernon passed away in October 1998.

Now in their fifth decade of gospel music ministry, this group continues to press forward for the cause of Christ. Traveling some 200 dates a year all over the United States and Canada, the message of this group remains strong and powerful. Perhaps it is each group member's own personal experience with God that continues to drive their excellence in performance and ministry. Naomi and The Segos is a legendary name in Gospel Music. With their traditional sounds, musical excellence, and sincerity, they produce a message that will lead people to Christ.

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# Limerock Music Fest coming to the Spirit

Talk about bluegrass musicians! The brand new bluegrass and gospel Limerock Music Fest Jan. 8 & 9, 2010 at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) will feature The James King Band (Bluegrass Storyteller), two time Merle Travis National Thumbpicking Champion Bob Saxton, The Wilson Family Band, The Gandy Brothers, Tomorrow's News and Gentle River. Don Miller will be the emcee.

Tickets are \$10 Friday, \$15 Saturday or \$20 for a weekend pass. Tickets will only be sold at the door, cash only, no credit cards or bankcards accepted. Come enjoy a weekend of quality bluegrass and gospel music in the comfort of the Music Hall at the SOSMP. Shows begin at 7 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday, continuing until the evening.

Door prizes and 50/50 raffle all day Saturday!

James King is known in the bluegrass world as the best lead singer in bluegrass today with his band. He exhibits a mastery of the balance needed to sing today's bluegrass while maintaining an eloquent sound. He and his band are in great demand and will be making two appearances on Saturday only.

Bob Saxton has performed with Patsy Cline, Merle Travis, Charlie Louvin, Bobby Gentry, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, been on the Grand Ole Opry, played backup for Dinah Shore, won the national thumb picking champion twice, is a member of the Mississippi Artists hall of fame, the Kentucky Living Legends Thumb-pickers Hall of Fame and is an honorary member of the Chattanooga Thumb-pickers. Bob Saxton will bring the crowd to its feet with his picking! Bob will be on the program both Friday and Saturday.

Featured both Friday and Saturday, the Wilson Family Band will entertain you with their variety of instruments and talent. Mention The Wilson Family Band around anyone who's had the opportunity to hear them and the response is enthusiastic comments. "You should hear that little Katie sing!" "Young Clint is developing into a phenomenal talent!" "Each time we hear

them, they keep improving!" "The Wilson Family really knows how to entertain." People are impressed by the music, family commitment, faith and, perhaps most of all, genuineness.

Tomorrow's News is one of Florida's premier bands. Its hard-driving sound and tight harmonies bring new life to the bluegrass sound. The band enjoys entertaining people and it shows during performances. Definitely a band on its way up. "Tomorrow's News is one of the best groups to come along in quite some time, with tight family harmonies and hard driving banjo. They are exciting to see and hear," said Travis Perry of Great American Bluegrass Festival.

The Gandy Brothers had many different influences, including original bluegrass artists such as Bill Monroe and Jimmy Martin all the way to today's new bluegrass artists like Cadillac Sky, The Infamous Stringdusters, Nickel Creek and Mountain Heart. The group also draws influences outside of bluegrass from such artists as Lynyrd Skynyrd, Kutless, Third day, Switchfoot and many others.

Gentle River Band is a bluegrass/gospel band from the South Georgia, North Florida area with a sweet sound. The leader of the band is George Wells who plays guitar and sings lead/tenor vocals. Darren Wainwright plays banjo/guitar and sings lead/baritone. Bruce Sheridan plays bass guitar and sings bass. Danny Smith plays mandolin and sings baritone/tenor vocals. Gentle River Band plays mostly at churches, fairs and festivals.



James King Band, Bob Saxton, Wilson Family, Tomorrow's News, Gandy Brothers and Gentle River will be featured

Carrie Vohl PHOTOGRAPHY

ABOVE: The Gandy Brothers. ABOVE RIGHT: Gentle River Band. BELOW: Tomorrow's News. BOTTOM: The Wilson Family Band. - Courtesy photos



### Schedule

Friday  
7 - 8 p.m. - Gentle River  
8 - 9 p.m. - Bob Saxton  
9 - 10 p.m. - Wilson Family Band

Saturday  
1 - 2 p.m. - Tomorrow's News  
2 - 3 p.m. - Gandy Brothers  
3 - 4 p.m. - Bob Saxton  
4 - 5 p.m. - James King Band  
5 - 6 p.m. - Supper Break  
6 - 7 p.m. - Gandy Brothers  
7 - 8 p.m. - Tomorrow's News  
8 - 9 p.m. - Wilson Family Band  
9 - 10 p.m. - James King Band

Emcee: Don Miller  
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Call Lynn Brannon, Activities Director at 386-362-7860 or 386-590-2961.

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Do you sing or play an instrument? Do you act or dance? Do you like to read or spend time with a friend in wonderful conversation?

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## Head Start/Early Head Start early enrollment

Suwannee Valley 4Cs Head Start/Early Head Start is accepting applications for children from birth to age 5. Head Start/Early Head Start is a FREE comprehensive early childhood education program that includes health, dental, nutrition and VPK services to eligible children/families.

Centers are located in Suwannee, Hamilton, Lafayette and Columbia counties. Parents bring proof of income and child's age to register.

For more information call 386-754-2222.

## Customers needed!

Dairy Queen of Live Oak will host Dairy Queen Benefit Night the second Tuesday of every month from 6-8 p.m. to help buy books for Suwannee Middle School.

## Donations needed!

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

## Register now!

### Descendants of Calhoun family plan reunion in 2009

Descendants of the late Sarah Calhoun, Eva Calhoun and Thomas Calhoun are invited to a family reunion to be held in 2009. Info: misstheresamartin@yahoo.com or predop@aol.com.

## Coffee with your councilman

City Councilman for District 4 Mark Stewart invites his constituents to "Coffee with your Councilman" at JAVA JAX located in the Publix shopping center.

Come and meet with him on the second Tuesday of each month from 7 a.m. till 8:30 a.m. This will be a time to get to know each other and discuss current issues and citizen concerns.

## CJBAT tests

Monday - Thursday

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

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Monday - Thursday

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

## TABE tests

Monday - Thursday

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

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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.

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## 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.

## Toys for Kids+

"We really need your help" By Roger L. Burnside

Toys for Kids+ really needs your help. 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. 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.

## 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.

## 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!

For more information please contact Lisa Garrison at 386-647-4623, Debra Ross at 386-647-4628, Tammie Williams at 386-364-7720 or Missy Norris at 386-364-3789.

## 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, noncommercial 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.

## 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.

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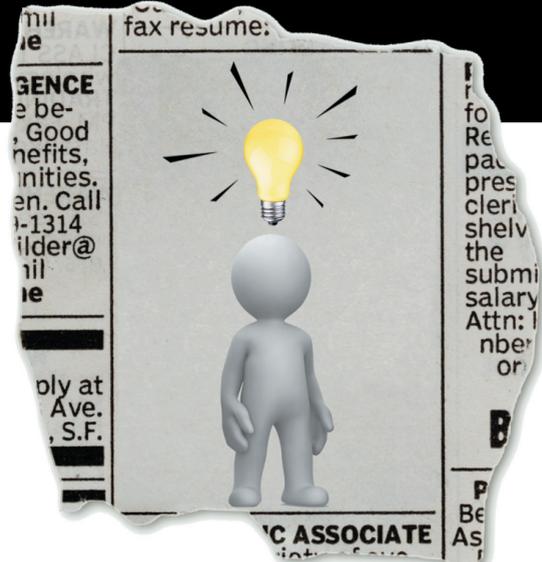
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- May 15 - Chicago
- May 29 - David Crowder Band
- June 12 - Steven Curtis Chapman
- June 19 - Tye Tribbett & Kirk Franklin
- June 26 - Billy Ray Cyrus
- July - Great American Country Network - Emerging Artist Showcase (date to be confirmed)
- July 10 - Rodney Atkins
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*Classified Style*

'Twas the night before Christmas, when I heard my spouse  
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The front yard should glimmer with holidays so near,  
I'm hoping to win 'Best Display of the Year!'"

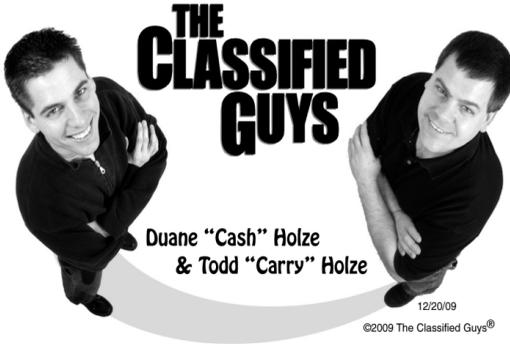
So I headed outside with the lights in my hand,  
I knew a few bulbs were burnt out on each strand;  
But I plugged them all in and I headed indoors,  
And hoped that my wife was done listing the chores.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from my chair to see what was the matter.  
The lights were ablaze, Santa's sleigh was aflame,  
The reindeer were melting, and I was to blame.

With a stomp of my foot and a watering spray,  
I managed to put out the smoking display.  
I surveyed the place decorations once stood,  
And soon it was clear the display was no good.

"That's it!" I exclaimed, "I've had quite enough!  
I just don't have time to go buy all new stuff!"  
So I opened the paper to the classified section,  
I looked, and I looked through the wondrous selection.

There were plumbers, and roofers, and some babysitters,  
A painter, a groomer and even a knitter.  
Now some could work mornings, and some could work nights,  
But who of this group could put up my new lights?



And then there it was, right in front of my face,  
The ad of a service to clean up my place.  
I picked up the phone, and I called in a fret,  
I could tell they were swamped, but the man said, "No sweat!"

And then, in a twinkling, he pulled in the drive,  
His license plate read the date "12-25".  
The rusty old pickup was painted bright red,  
For a moment it looked like Santa's red sled.

Decorations in back that were stacked to the sky,  
And a pile of lights at least 20 feet high.  
He jumped from the cab, in the driveway he stood,  
And he yelled, "Ho, Ho, Ho" as he leaned on his hood.

His eyes -- how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!  
His cheeks red like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His sweet little mouth was drawn up in a smile,  
And his beard looked like snow in a neat little pile.

In his teeth was a pipe and he let out some smoke,  
That encircled his head every time that he spoke.  
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old man,  
And he laughed as he gave my house a quick scan.

I told him I needed a prize winning scene,  
One so elaborate it's never been seen.  
My wife has been wishing to win "Best Display",  
But as you can see, I just fried Santa's Sleigh!

He went straight to work as I headed inside,  
I returned moments later amazed and wide-eyed.  
The display it was huge, and he did it so quick,  
Now wait just a minute, could this be St. Nick?

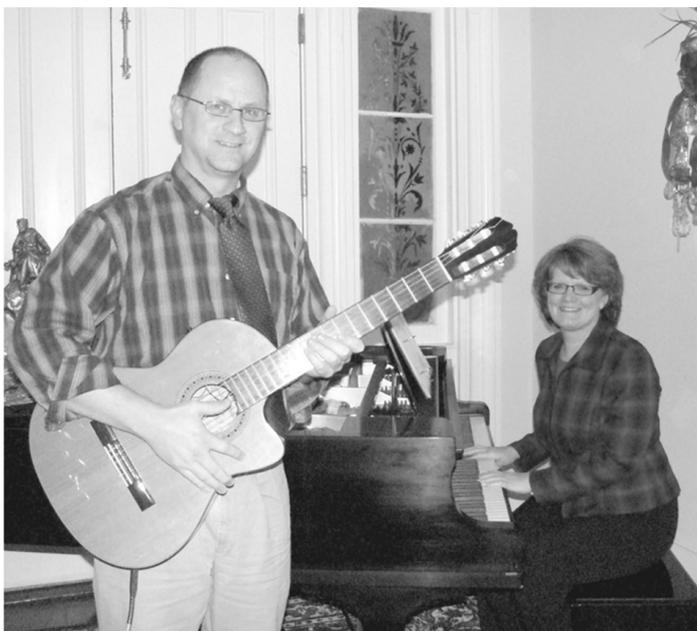
But before I could ask, he had sprung to his truck,  
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# NFCC welcomes visitors to Christmas at the Mansion



Jay Hicks and Lynn Sapp play music for the "Christmas Spectacular" holiday reception Dec. 8 at NFCC's Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center. - Courtesy photo

## Community enjoys "Christmas Spectacular" open house

MADISON - North Florida Community College, Friends of the Mansion and members of the community celebrated "Christmas Spectacular" during a holiday reception at the Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center (The Mansion) on Dec. 8. Guests were welcomed by NFCC President John Grosskopf, WSG Coordinator Maria Greene and Director of the NFCC Foundation and Alumni Relations Gina Rutherford.

The evening reception offered visitors first glimpse at the Mansion's holiday décor and was a wonderful prelude to the Mansion's holiday open house held Dec. 9-13. This year's "Christmas Spectac-

ular" theme featured the various rooms and corridors of NFCC's historic conference beautifully decorated by area businesses and community members. Guests of the holiday reception also enjoyed music by Jay Hicks, guitar, and Lynn Sapp, piano.

The main hallway was spectacularly decorated by the Madison County Junior Auxiliary. Downstairs rooms included the Library decorated by Wendy Bartlam and April Yungel; the Parlor by Cheri, Harold, Troy and Traci Platt, Debbie Scott and Diane Sullivan; the Dining Room by the Madison Women's Club; and the Music Room by the Madison Garden Club.

Atop the garland wrapped staircase, visitors enjoyed the upstairs hall decorated by Madison Market and Antiques; the Breckinridge Room by The Madison Florist; the Guest Room by Thelma DeHart and John and Laura Fine; the Rose Room by Madison County Commu-

nity Bank; and the Children's Room by Bali's Base Street Florist. The outside of the Mansion was decorated by Mary Kay Blume, Ann Smith and Libby Welch. Coordinating the decorations was Jackie Johnson.

"I thank all the volunteers, from this year to years past, for their time and effort in decorating the mansion and acting as hostesses," said Greene. "Without our community volunteers, the Christmas at the Mansion holiday open house would not be possible."

The Madison County Junior Auxiliary also hosted its "Cookies with Santa" event on Dec. 12 at the Mansion inviting area children to stop in and have their picture taken with Santa Claus. There was a wonderful turn out for the event.

For more information about NFCC's Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center, contact Maria Greene, Mansion coordinator, at 850-973-9432 or email [greenem@nfcc.edu](mailto:greenem@nfcc.edu).

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Madison Junior Auxiliary's Kara Washington, Missy Cherry and Beth Ebberson help with the "Cookies with Santa" event Dec. 12 at the Mansion. - Courtesy photos



The 2009 Christmas at the Mansion featured spectacular holiday decorations throughout the Wardlaw-Smith-Goza Conference Center (The Mansion).

# NFCC welcomes visitors to Christmas at the Mansion

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Depending upon the severity of the fracture, some breaks can be healed simply with a cast, while others may require surgery to stabilize the ankle and help prevent arthritis issues down the line. Here are the typical treatments for an ankle fracture.

- 1. Ice and elevation:** Swelling will most likely occur with a break. Elevating the foot and applying ice helps reduce swelling and prevent damage to surrounding tissues.
- 2. Reduction:** If there is displacement of the ankle joint, a reduction --where they re-align the joint and bones -- will be performed. This may be done under mild anesthesia.
- 3. Surgery:** Surgery is necessary for many types of ankle breaks. Surgery will be discussed on an individual basis and may require the insertion of metal hardware (such as plates, wires, pins, or screws) to further stabilize the bones. Surgery will be done under full anesthesia and there will be one or more incisions to reach the bones. The hardware may be left in unless it poses discomfort, or removed after the stabilization is complete.
- 4. Immobilization:** With or without surgery, some type of immobilization of the ankle will occur. This may be achieved with a splint, short-leg cast, removable cast, or whatever the orthopedist recommends. There may be several different immobilization methods used as swelling diminishes. For example, a patient may start out in a splint, progress to a cast, then be given a walking support boot.
- 5. Non-weight bearing:** There will be a portion of time where no weight will be allowed on the injured ankle. Crutches, canes and walkers can be used to support the body and prevent weight from being placed on the foot. Typically, it takes 6 to 8 weeks for a fracture to heal in an adult. However, this doesn't mean the patient will be up on his or her feet after this point in time. Many doctors prefer little to no weight be placed on a fracture for several months. It could be 3 to 4 months before a normal shoe can be worn. It's important not to place weight on the fracture until the doctor advises, otherwise treatment may be delayed and reinjury may occur.
- 6. Physical therapy:** The doctor may recommend physical therapy to help strengthen the muscles surrounding the ankle and improve flexibility of the joint.

It's important not to get discouraged during ankle fracture treatment. With time, most of the range of motion and strength of the ankle will resume. However, this will not happen overnight. Even after the doctor has given his or her approval for weight bearing, there may be tenderness, swelling and the need to limp on the foot for some time after. It could take up to one year for the swelling to diminish as much as possible

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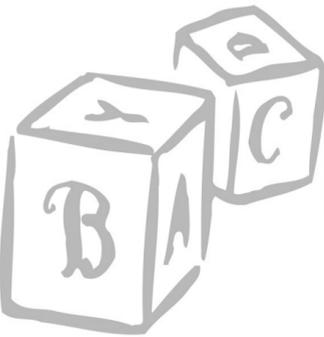
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# Pregnancy A to Z

FAMILY FEATURES

**M**ost pregnant women — especially first time moms-to-be — have a lot of questions about their own changing bodies and questions about their baby's development in the womb.

When Dr. Christine Harris, Ph.D., was pregnant with her children, she had some of the very same questions. "My practitioners offered good care," she said, "but their answers to my questions about my baby's development always seemed vague."

Like so many other women, she wondered what features were present at different stages and if her baby was processing any sensory information.

She eventually found answers while researching a textbook. She realized that a lot of parents-to-be could benefit from this information, so she developed "The Pregnancy Journal" (Chronicle Books). The third edition of the best-selling book is fully revised with the latest medical information on both mom's health and the baby's development.

"It's my hope that the journal will help parents-to-be feel knowledgeable, aware and comfortable about the process of their pregnancy and development of their baby before birth," she said. "It can also be a keepsake to share with your baby when he or she is older."

With over 1 million copies sold, the journal is a day-by-day guide to what is happening during pregnancy. There are also tips for coping with the many changes to a woman's body and places to record notes, thoughts and feelings.

**This A to Z guide comes from information in the journal and will give expectant parents a glimpse into what happens during this amazing time of life.**

**Appetite.**

Day 57: You may find your appetite increasing now that some of the nausea and discomfort has stabilized. If food isn't your friend yet, look for some relief by week 17.

**Backache.**

Day 116: Most pregnancy backaches consist of low back pain, because the narrowest part of your back has to balance your growing uterus and because the normally stable joints in your pelvis have loosened somewhat.

**Cheeks.**

Day 22: Between Week 4 and Week 8, the development of your baby's facial features takes place.

**Digestive System.**

Day 69: Your baby's intestines are now in the abdomen. Over the next two days, the muscles in the walls of your baby's digestive tract will become functional.

**Eyes.**

Day 165: Over the next four days, brain wave activity will begin for your baby's visual and auditory systems.

**Fatigue.**

Day 234: You'll notice more fluctuations in your energy level this month. Use your energy bursts wisely doing things you absolutely need to do and preparing for the birth.

**Glucose.**

Day 40: The metabolism of glucose may play a role in morning sickness. To make sure their glucose level doesn't fall too low by morning, pregnant women are advised to eat a light snack before going to bed (milk, toast, etc.).

**Hair.**

Day 86: Over the next three days, the baby's scalp hair pattern will be determined.

**Iron.**

Day 69: Pregnant women need at least 30 mg of iron each day to support the extra volume of blood and increases in red blood cell production.

**Jaws.**

Day 35: The upper and lower jaws are present in your baby.

**Kidneys.**

Day 103: Sometime this week, your baby's kidneys will reach their final mature position. This ascent took nearly 10 weeks to complete.

**Lunar Months.**

Baby development is measured in lunar months, not calendar months. Each lunar month consists of 28 days organized into four weeks of seven days each.

**Movement.**

Day 176: Your baby's muscle tone is gradually improving. Its hands can grip with some strength now.

**Nausea.**

Day 13: If you need to settle your stomach, snack on dry crackers or dry cereal. Ginger, lemon, peppermint and licorice are flavors that can help with nausea.

**Orienting Response.**

Day 242: Your baby will now automatically turn toward a source of light. This permits your baby to practice being more aware of its environment.

**Protein.**

Day 139: Protein must be provided for the growth of the baby, placenta, uterus, breasts, and to permit necessary increases in blood volume.

**Quickening.**

Day 143: The first movements you feel your baby make will be caused by arm and leg activity. These first motions are called quickening.

**Reflexes.**

Day 67: Now when your baby's face is touched, it will open its mouth. This is called the rooting reflex and helps babies find the food source.

**Skin.**

Day 188: By today, the surface of your baby's skin is smoother and whiter as body fat accumulates under its surface.

**Teeth.**

Day 82: Baby's tooth buds are present under the gums.

**Ultra Sound.**

Diagnostic test that uses high-intensity, inaudible sound waves to project a visual image, or sonogram.

**Vocal Cords.**

Day 74: Over the next few days, the vocal cords will form in your baby's larynx.

**Weight Gain.**

Day 265: Your weight gain has probably slowed or even reversed itself in the past two weeks or so.

**X-Rays.**

Day 53: X-ray exposure should be avoided since the radiation can penetrate your uterus.

**Yogurt.**

Day 172: Yogurt is a good source of protein. Some women who are lactose intolerant can tolerate yogurt.

**Zinc.**

Day 83: Zinc is a trace element that forms part of the structure of bone and helps protect the development of the brain and nervous system. The recommended daily intake during pregnancy is 15 mg.

For more about the journal, visit [chroniclebooks.com/pregnancy](http://chroniclebooks.com/pregnancy).



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**Need a Baby Shower Gift Idea?**

- Give a gift certificate for a photo book from [shutterfly.com](http://shutterfly.com), [kodakgallery.com](http://kodakgallery.com) or [snapfish.com](http://snapfish.com). Parents upload baby's photos and create a lasting keepsake of baby's first year.
- Buy a family photo session with a creative local photographer.
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# EASY ELEGANT

# Holiday Entertaining

## WITH AMERICAN LAMB



Pecan Crusted Rack of Lamb

### Roasted Leg of American Lamb With Feta Vinaigrette

Serves 8 to 10

- 1 6 to 7-pound boneless leg of lamb
- 1 pint plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 4 cloves minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

Mix all marinade ingredients together and rub over lamb. Marinate overnight in fridge.

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Place lamb on roasting rack in a roasting pan. Roast lamb for approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes or until the internal temperature reaches desired doneness. Once lamb is removed from oven, let it rest for 15 minutes. Slice to desired thickness and top with feta vinaigrette. Serve with roasted fingerling potatoes and green beans.

#### Feta Vinaigrette

- 1/2 cup juice from 2 lemons
- 2 ounces red wine vinegar
- 1/2 bunch parsley chopped
- 4 ounces extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 pound feta cheese (coarsely crumbled)

In a bowl mix together all ingredients except cheese. Add cheese at the end.

### American Lamb Lollipops With Minted Tomato Sauce

Serves 8

- 1/2 cup Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh rosemary
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 frenched racks of lamb

Combine mustard, balsamic vinegar, oil, rosemary, garlic and salt. Place lamb in a roasting or sheet pan with the ribs curving down, and coat the tops with mustard mixture. Allow to stand for 1 hour at room temperature.

Preheat oven to 450°F.

Roast lamb for 20 minutes. Remove from oven and cover with aluminum foil. Allow to sit for 15 minutes, then cut into individual ribs and serve with sauce.

#### Minted Tomato Sauce

- 1 clove garlic, crushed with a little salt
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 to 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 to 3 tomatoes, crushed
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped mint

Combine all ingredients in food processor and blend for 1 minute.



American Lamb Lollipops With Minted Tomato Sauce



Roasted Leg of American Lamb With Feta Vinaigrette

#### FAMILY FEATURES

Nothing says special celebration like elegant, delicious American Lamb. Whether it's a holiday feast or an intimate family dinner, American Lamb is elegant yet easy to prepare. From the traditional leg roast to the quintessential rack, there's a lamb dish for every holiday occasion. American Lamb's unique, rich flavor can make any meal seem special and will make your family and friends feel especially appreciated.

#### Rack of Lamb — a Show-Stopping Favorite

An impressive presentation that is surprisingly easy to prepare at home, the rack offers versatility for holiday entertaining. The rack of lamb is an icon of fine dining menus across the country. Serving a rack of lamb during the holidays makes it easy to have an effortless, restaurant quality meal at home.

#### Rack Lingo

**Lollipops** — the rack is cut into individual chops and trimmed of all fat for an appetizer that is simple to make, impressive to present, and easy to eat right off the bones.

**Frenched** — A few inches of meat removed from the end of the bones, creating an attractive presentation.

#### Tips

For a holiday party, cook two rack roasts at a time; they will fit side by side in most roasting pans and two rack roasts will feed 8 people. Serve the two racks interlaced with fresh herbs twisted around the bones for a show stopping presentation.

#### Pecan Crusted Rack of Lamb With Rosemary Balsamic Sauce

Serves 8

- 2 frenched racks of lamb
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons coarse grain mustard
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 3/4 cup fresh bread crumbs
- 3/4 cup toasted and chopped pecans
- 4 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary, divided
- 4 ounces semi-soft goat cheese, crumbled
- 1 cup balsamic vinegar

Preheat oven to 425°F. Rub lamb with oil and salt. Place in a roasting pan, fat side down. Roast 8 minutes. Turn and continue roasting 8 minutes. Remove from oven, leaving oven on.

Combine mustard, bread crumbs, garlic, pecans, 2 tablespoons rosemary, and goat cheese. Spread over lamb. Return to oven and cook 15 minutes, until crust is golden brown. Remove from oven and cover with foil to keep warm.

In saucepan, combine balsamic vinegar and remaining 2 tablespoons rosemary and let simmer for 6 to 8 minutes or until reduced to half.

Slice lamb into individual chops and drizzle sauce over chops. Serve with roasted butternut squash.

#### American Lamb Roasts for Holiday Entertaining

Perfect for relaxed entertaining, American Lamb roasts make a great holiday meal for sharing with family and friends. Nothing could be easier than roasting lamb. While lamb roasts need to cook slow and low, they take very little preparation time, allowing you to spend time with your guests while the lamb cooks to perfection!

Leg of lamb is a popular and traditional roast and is readily available at most grocery stores during the holidays. Shoulder roast and boneless loin roasts are also great options but may need to be special ordered by your grocery store or butcher.

#### Tips

Let the lamb roast rest for 10 to 15 minutes until the internal temperature reaches the ideal temperature. A cooling period will allow the meat's juices to settle and make carving easier.

Serve lamb roasts family style with carved, sliced meat arranged on a large platter with fresh herbs and roasted vegetables.

For more recipes and cooking information visit [americanlamb.com](http://americanlamb.com).





# 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

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	1				9	6	5	8

Puzzle 2

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8					5	2		
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Puzzle 3

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Puzzle 4

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

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2					3			5
		6	8			1		
							6	
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5				9	7			1

Puzzle 6

1								3
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6					9			
				6		3		7
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# ANSWERS

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

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Puzzle 5

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Puzzle 4

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Puzzle 3

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Puzzle 2

7	1	3	2	4	9	6	5	8
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Puzzle 1





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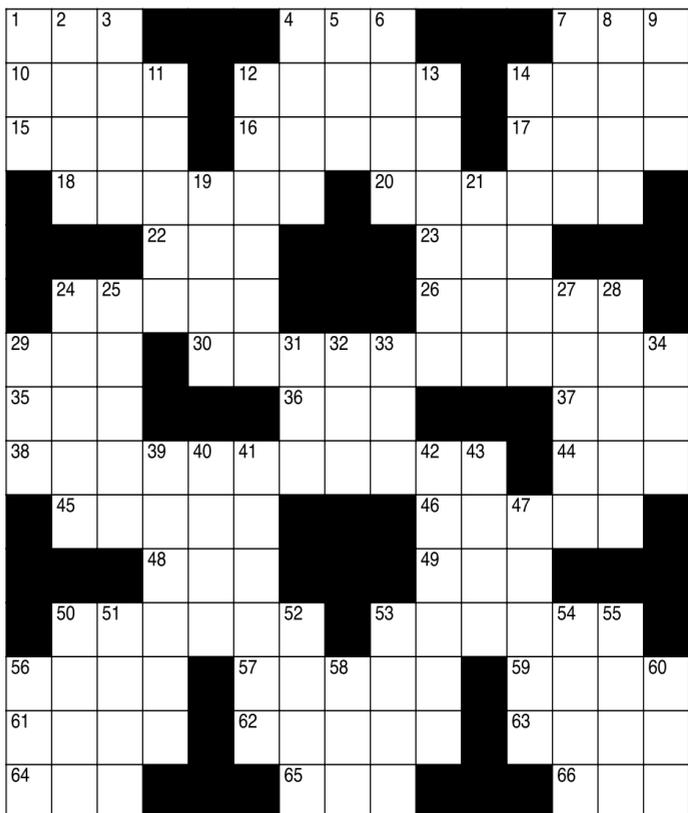
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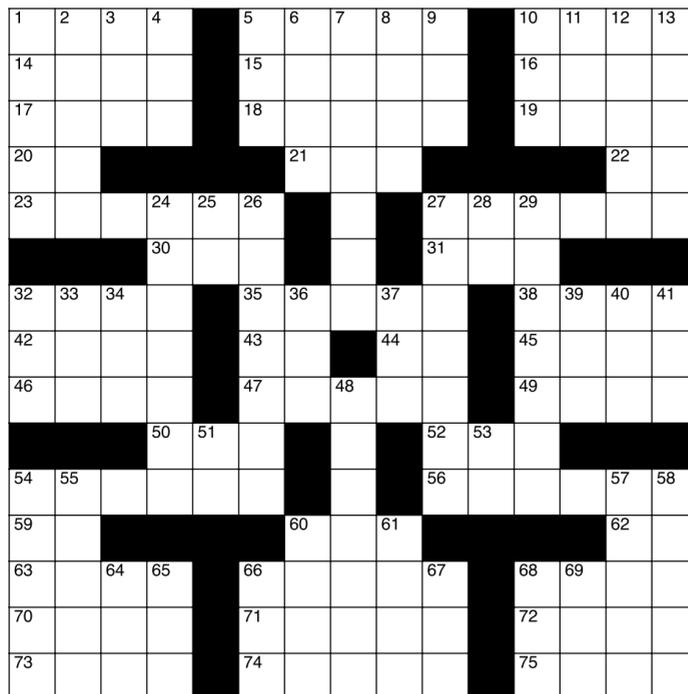
**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Married woman
- 4. Converged
- 7. Point one point S of due E
- 10. Table condiment
- 12. Trade
- 14. Indian frock
- 15. Bombast
- 16. Blighia tree (var.)
- 17. Pre-college school
- 18. Give clear expression to
- 20. \_\_\_\_\_ Tomei, actress
- 22. Tall hardwood tree
- 23. Actress Ryan
- 24. Not true
- 26. Organic compounds
- 29. Hill (Celtic)
- 30. Apprehension
- 35. They \_\_\_\_\_
- 36. 1st state abbr. (var.)
- 37. Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ King
- 38. "Me & Bobby McGee" singer
- 44. Horny jaws of a bird
- 45. Beheaded queen Antoinette
- 46. Goatlike Eurasian antelope

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Mutual savings bank
- 2. Abnormal breathing
- 3. E. European people
- 4. Nutmeg covering spice
- 5. Large northern deer
- 6. Spill over
- 7. Auricles
- 8. La \_\_\_\_\_ Tar Pits in L.A.
- 9. A way to take in liquids
- 11. Mercaptan
- 12. One who fires
- 13. Sewed together
- 14. Water tap

- 19. Vogue publisher Conde
- 21. \_\_\_\_\_: of the kidneys
- 24. Nummulite
- 25. Space for public entertainments
- 27. Chinese dynasty 502-557
- 28. Genus of the Soleidae
- 29. \_\_\_\_\_ Mahal
- 31. Tokyo
- 32. High spirits
- 33. Not in good health
- 34. Seize suddenly
- 39. Bearded plants
- 40. Beget
- 41. Shouted derisively
- 42. No man is one
- 43. A hammered fastener
- 47. N.W. state
- 50. Old Italian money
- 51. Aroma
- 52. Detergent
- 53. Demeanor
- 54. Sports paraphernalia
- 55. \_\_\_\_\_ Romeo, car
- 56. No (Scottish)
- 58. \_\_\_\_\_ Lanka
- 60. Fall back time



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 'n Boots
- 5. So. Am. Cuniculus
- 10. Boston Orchestra
- 14. Herb for burns
- 15. Higher up
- 16. Scottish hillside
- 17. Br. King 1016-1035
- 18. Evil spirit
- 19. Mentally healthy
- 20. Cathode
- 21. Licensed practical nurse
- 22. \_\_\_\_\_, denotes past
- 23. Benniseed
- 27. In an abject way
- 30. Lacking vigor
- 31. Equalled 100 centavos (abbr.)
- 32. The rate of movement
- 35. Assists in wrongdoing
- 38. Swiss river
- 42. Turkish leaders
- 43. Megabyte
- 44. 2001 Spielberg film
- 45. Diagonal fabric cut
- 46. \_\_\_\_\_ na: 91765
- 47. African antelope
- 49. "Natural Affection" author
- 50. Metric capacity unit
- 52. Point between NE and E

- 54. Covers wall with wood
- 56. Window pane frames
- 59. Egyptian sun god
- 60. \_\_\_\_\_ Lanka
- 62. Atomic #79
- 63. Whale ship captain
- 66. The absence of war
- 68. Wooden pins
- 70. Queen of the gods
- 71. Ire
- 72. Affirmative! (slang)
- 73. Arabian Gulf
- 74. Singer Della
- 75. God of fire (Hindu)

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Wrapped containers
- 2. Forearm bones
- 3. Small coin (French)
- 4. Place in a mounting
- 5. Cushion-like mass
- 6. Cain and \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Make a calculation
- 8. River in England
- 9. 1/100 yen
- 10. Non-commercial TV
- 11. Opening
- 12. One part of 54 Across

- 13. Shabby and untidy
- 24. Inspiring admiration
- 25. Partner of Pa
- 26. Tooth coverings
- 27. In addition to
- 28. Equally
- 29. Skin disease caused by mites
- 32. Soft baby food
- 33. Gone by
- 34. Cambridge river
- 36. Where wine ferments (abbr.)
- 37. Browning of the skin
- 39. Own (Scottish)
- 40. A scrap of cloth
- 41. Point between E and SE
- 48. Norm
- 51. Lincoln's state
- 53. Sodium
- 54. Other name for Czech capital
- 55. Expressed pleasure
- 57. MN 55120
- 58. Japanese food
- 60. W. Samoan monetary unit
- 61. Frosts
- 64. They \_\_\_\_\_
- 65. Prohibition
- 66. Golf score
- 67. Before
- 68. 1/100 kyat
- 69. Electric brain test



WHAT PIZZA CHEESE IS NAMED FOR THE ITALIAN "MOZZARE," FOR TO CUT?

ANSWER: MOZZARELLA

**What's the Difference?**

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. missing cheese 2. double flames 3. no olives on pizza 4. more tomatoes

**THIS DAY IN...**



**HISTORY**

- 1932: RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL OPENED IN NEW YORK CITY.
- 1945: THE WORLD BANK WAS CREATED.
- 2001: PRESIDENT BUSH NORMALIZED TRADE RELATIONS WITH CHINA.



**GRATE**

reduce to shreds

*How they SAY that in...*

- ENGLISH:** Sauce
- SPANISH:** Salsa
- ITALIAN:** Salsa
- FRENCH:** Sauce
- GERMAN:** Soße

**Did You Know?**

AMERICAN AND CANADIAN PEOPLE WILL EAT 23 POUNDS OF PIZZA PER PERSON, PER YEAR ON AVERAGE.



**GET THE PICTURE?**



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: PIZZA WITH TOPPINGS



Many parents choose to spend more time with their family as their New Year's resolution each year.

### Planning is key to keeping New Year's resolutions

Most people have made New Year's resolutions at some point in their lives — with varying degrees of success. The secret to making — and keeping — a New Year's resolution is to start thinking about it before New Year's Eve.

#### Be Realistic

The surest way to fall short of your goal is for it to be unrealistic. Resolving to never eat your favorite food again is a set-up for failure. Set a goal that is attainable, such as avoiding that food more often than you do now. If your resolution is something like losing weight, do some research to see what a realistic, attainable goal would be.

#### Choose Wisely

Don't decide on a resolution at the last minute on New Year's Eve. It may help to make a list of possible resolutions and develop this list over time. Keep it with you and ask others to contribute ideas. You should know what your goal is well before December 31st arrives.

#### Create a Plan

To be successful, it helps to have clear steps to put into action. Write your resolution and plan down in a notebook or journal. Decide how you will deal with the temptation to backslide. This could include calling a friend for support, taking a walk around the block or simply thinking positively. Start your plan during the first few days of January to harness your motivation. Don't expect overnight miracles. Resolutions are accomplished with a hundred tiny steps that happen throughout the year. You should think of a New Year's resolution as nothing more than a starting point and that developing positive habits will keep your plan moving forward.

#### Talk About It

Tell friends and family members who will be there to support your resolve to change yourself for the better. The best-case scenario is to find a friend or family member who has also made a New Year's resolution and agree to motivate each other.

#### Remain Flexible

Obsessing over the occasional slip won't help you achieve your goal. Do the best you can each day and keep moving forward. Expect that your plan can and will change. Sometimes even the goal itself will change. But most importantly, recognize partial successes at every step along the way. Experts say it takes about 21 days for a new activity, such as exercising, to become a habit, and six months for it to become part of your personality. Give it time and your new habits are sure to become second nature.

## Resolution ideas to consider this New Year's

Each and every New Year's Day, millions of people across the globe resolve to make positive changes in their life. Known as New Year's resolutions, these ideas or commitments can fall by the wayside or prove to be a positive life-changing experience. Some of the more popular resolution ideas include the following:

- \* Losing weight
- \* Saving more and spending less

- \* Visit a foreign country
- \* Volunteer to help the less fortunate
- \* Start (or finish) writing that novel
- \* Quit smoking tobacco
- \* Be more environmentally-friendly
- \* Reduce stress
- \* Spend more time with the family
- \* Read more, watch less television

### Word Search

D O H T A I J C B Z H E K H A  
 Z V Y S A L C H M I K S O T W  
 J B L W I C K A M T J E C U U  
 F A I T A Q I A X Y I M O G U  
 L G T R D J L C H E F A U Z U  
 I E J X M A A R O L D I G H H  
 R W W M Y A A X Z L A S A R K  
 M K J A D R N H A A N K R G F  
 X E N G O L S T Q Q L Y N X S  
 F N O G T D E B E N G A L T O  
 H F N W Q N C I Y H L F A D F  
 F A I W E L W V F Q Y C S P Z  
 L Y S D O G Y A G R A M N C V  
 Z S J M B T R U U V A Z I X S  
 Y N O O C E N I A M X G B M C

- alley
- angora
- bengal
- birman
- cats
- cougar
- garfield
- himalayan
- litter
- lynx
- maine coon
- margay
- meow
- ocicat
- siamese

### Word Search

N T G H S H O R Q Y X T I A G  
 Y D A V I L Q E M Z W S L Y N  
 W R I K V E J G U I L W A R M  
 K A N N T V D N X W L D L I K  
 T B D G O I P I Y B Y R B P E  
 O E E C B U K F B A N Z X H R  
 B A Z V G M N R P V K F T A O  
 C A Z V S I Z E Z M T F B H D  
 V A B B I L C T S X H Y H U O  
 S X N Y T K O T N E E E Q G V  
 D U U D R D W U I H N I X P E  
 N Z E P Y U N B S R E E S E S  
 U Z R J G D T R Y E H Z A D V  
 O T C Y G S E H S T O H D E R  
 M U F J F H A L M O N D J O Y

- almond joy
- baby ruth
- butter finger
- candy
- dove
- hershey bar
- kit kat
- milk duds
- mounds
- oh henry
- payday
- pez
- red hots
- reeses
- twix

## New Year's Eve Fun for Kids of All Ages

New Year's Eve is a great celebration occasion — even for folks who are too young for champagne and are likely to welcome the passage from one year to the next from the cozy comfort of their beds. Kids want to be a part of the fun, so plan a few special activities that will not only make the evening special, but will make special memories of the evening for years to come.

\* Cook up some New Year's merriment. If you're planning to dine at home on December 31st, why not make it memorable? Eat dessert first, then work your way back to appetizers. Or serve a merry mix of everyone's favorites — even if they would never be eaten together at a "normal" dinner. It's as much fun to think up the menu as it is to chow down on the meal.

\* Get crafty. Kids love to make noise, and New Year's is the ideal time to let them have their way (even for a little while!). Noisemakers are easy to make and fun to shake. Start with a clean aluminum can (with edges smoothed) or plastic cup and fill the vessel with beans or pebbles. Close up the

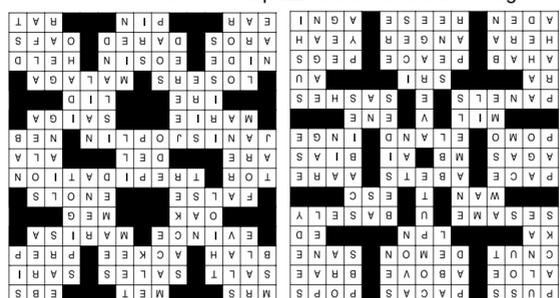
top with heavy-duty tape, cover the entire can or cup with aluminum foil, stickers, ribbons, and other decorations, then shake away! For a quieter time, supply kids with small pieces of paper and have them write out or illustrate a New Year's resolution for everyone in the family. Glue the resolutions to cardboard, attach magnets on the back and place them on the refrigerator where they will serve as cheerful reminders all year long.

\* Make it a movie night. New Year's Eve is the perfect time to cuddle up for a good movie — or even two! It's even more fun if you choose a theme for the evening's entertainment, such as favorites from the year that's ending, movies that depict the celebration of New Year's Eve (Back to the Future) or gems from when you were a kid. And don't forget the popcorn!

\* Are you game for fun? Get out the board games, set out some festive snacks and away you go. Whether you play several fast-paced games or a single marathon session of something more involved, the entire family can get in on the act.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

Crossword puzzles can be found on Page 15



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