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PCS workers recovering from burns

More surgery ahead for one

By Stephenie Livingston

Two PCS employees who suffered burns last week when a 15-ton boom lift came in contact with a power line are recovering, according to PCS spokesman Mike Williams.

Maintenance workers were moving a motor using the boom lift when it

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Suwannee's jobless rate unchanged

By Jeff Waters

Unemployment in Suwannee County was 10.9 percent in December 2009, according to figures released Friday by the state.

The jobless rate in Hamilton County rose to 12.5 percent for December. November's adjusted figure was 12.4 percent, compared to 10.1 percent for December 2008.

Lafayette rose to 8.7 from an adjusted figure of 8.3 in November. The December 2008 rate was 5.6 percent.

The jobless rate in December 2009 for the state was 11.8 percent, up from November of 11.5 percent. The December 2008 rate was 7.6 percent.

The national unemployment rate is 10 percent.

Dowling Park VFD now under county control

By Jeff Waters

The volunteer fire department in Dowling Park is now part of Suwannee County Fire/Rescue's volunteer service. The station was previously operated independently by the Advent Christian Village.

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Roe v. Wade rally draws a crowd 'We still care about the issue of life'

A crowd of about 100 gathered in protest at Millennium Park in Live Oak Friday on the 37th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.



About 100 protest legalized abortion on 37th anniversary of landmark case

By Carnell Hawthorne Jr.

Nearly one hundred people gathered at Millennium Park in downtown Live Oak Friday morning for a rally on the 37th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the landmark Supreme Court case that legalized abortion.

Locals Kerry Palmer and Michelle Lord decided the event was necessary to remind people of the importance of the abortion issue.

"We just wanted to do something publicly to let people know we still care about the issue of life," said Lord, a mother of five.

The hour-long event gave several local residents an opportunity to share their personal family stories and their opinions on the issue of abortion.

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Bullock license hearing set for April 6

By Carnell Hawthorne Jr.

A hearing has been set for April 6 to determine whether local insurance agent Donald Eugene Bullock gets to keep his insurance license.

This comes after Bullock pleaded guilty last June to grand theft, felony fraud and insurance fraud. The court agreed to withhold adjudication of guilt, and Bullock served no additional jail time.

"Unless he gets the plea agreement set aside, then the prognosis of revocation of his license is not good," said attorney Julie Gallagher of Akerman Senterfitt law firm in Tallahassee, who will represent Bullock at the hearing.

She said scheduling for the licensing hearing took considerably longer in Bullock's case because of the need to wait until completion of the criminal trial.

In regard to the plea deal, on June 2, 2009, Bullock agreed to pay more than \$300,000 in restitution, serve 15 years probation and perform 300 hours of community service.

"At this point we're looking at all Mr. Bullock's options,"

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SINKHOLE

The sky opens up, & so does the ground



A sinkhole formed under this 280th Terrace mobile home in Branford around 1:30 Thursday afternoon. Dorinda Clark, left, said when the sinkhole formed it sounded like the kitchen icemaker. No injuries were reported. - Photo: Jeff Waters

Sinkhole forms under Branford home during rainstorm

By Jeff Waters

A sinkhole opened up in Branford during Thursday's downpour, partially undermining the foundation of a 280th Terrace mobile home.

Suwannee County Sheriff Tony Cameron said about five other sinkholes, none as bad, also opened up throughout Suwannee County.

Cameron said no tornadoes were

confirmed here during the storm. "We just had a few trees blown down but we think it was just big gusts of wind," said Cameron. "We had a lot of sinkholes though."

Public Works Director Jerry Sikes said one of those sinkholes opened up on the walking trail near the intersection of Highway 129 and Highway 27. He said it would take a couple dump truck loads to fill.

"It's about three to four foot wide, and pretty deep," said Sikes.

Another hole was discovered not far away on a county maintained

SEE THE SKY, PAGE 11A

Santa Fe flood warning lingers

By Carnell Hawthorne Jr.

As of Tuesday afternoon, a flood warning for several area waterways was still in effect, according to the National Weather Service in Jacksonville.

In Florida, flooding forecasts remained for the Santa Fe River at Three Rivers Estates affecting Suwannee, Columbia and Gilchrist counties.

Experts have forecast minor flooding. Heavy rains across the Santa Fe Basin including over five inches in Starke on Jan. 22 caused the Santa Fe and nearby tributaries to rise.

Residents and those with interests along the river

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Feds propose nutrient runoff standards

Hearings on EPA proposals set for February

By Stephenie Livingston

New federal standards that could severely impact farmers in Suwannee County and through-

out the state may go into effect soon. The Environmental Protection Agency last week proposed new standards for "nutrient" pollution in Florida's waterways, after the state Depart-

ment of Environmental Protection failed to do the job, according to a federal court ruling. The EPA is now encouraging "those who are knowledgeable of Florida waters" to review the proposal and express their concerns.

The proposed regulations

come in the aftermath of an August settlement with five environmental groups that sued the EPA for not properly enforcing the federal Clean Water Act in Florida. The lawsuit was spurred

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ON THE FLIPSIDE

Arrest Record

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

The following abbreviations are used below: SCSO - Suwannee County Sheriff's Office LOPD - Live Oak Police Department FDLE - Florida Department of Law Enforcement FHP - Florida Highway Patrol FWC - Florida Wildlife Commission DOT - Department of Transportation OALE - Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement P & P - Probation and Parole USMS - US Marshals Service ATF - Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms DOC - Department of Corrections

January 21, Edwin James Henderson, 47, 16318 68th St Live Oak FL, battery (domestic), 1st app n/a pd per wrs SCSO - CPL. L. Willis
January 21, Diane Marie Mathe, 50, 1142 Howard Street Live Oak FL, sale cocaine, poss cocaine w/i sell, 1st app—pd app per wrs, poss cocaine w/i to sell, sale cocaine, poss cocaine w/i to sell, sale cocaine, obts# 6101020775, 1st app—pd app per wrs LOPD-D.

Slaughter
January 22, Chastity Barwick Bell, 34, 1113 N W 4th Street Jasper FL, dwls 2nd offense, giving false information, poss weap by conv felony, no valid dl (cash bond), alachua county charges FHP Richard W Gill

January 22, Warren Michael Guenther, 55, 410 Santa Fe Street Live Oak FL, work comp. fraud, baker co. wrt FHP-Weaver
January 22, Tommy Ray Reppond, 38, 10982 114th Trail Live Oak FL, sentenced to 6 week ends SCSO-T. Smith

January 22, Jimbo Chaires Sr., 42, 802 Winderweede St. Live Oak FL, poss cocaine w/intent, poss cannabis - 20 grms, poss narc. paraphernalia, resisting w/o violence, 1st app—pd app per wrs LOPD-D. Slaughter
January 23, Connie Horne, 34, 1002 Bynum Ave Live Oak FL, battery dom violence SCSO B Mincks

January 23, Alfonso Laguna, 46, P.O. Box 712 Mayo FL, no drivers license SCSO B Mincks
January 23, Johnny Alderman Odum, 40, 16381 Pearl Drive White Springs FL, dui, 1st app—no pd per wrs SCSO A Robinson
January 23, Pallis Weaver, 36, 112 W Blalock St Perry FL, suw city wrt vop o/c poss, cocaine w/int sell, 1st app—n/a pd per wrs SCSO C Smith

January 24, Coy Lee Hale III, 27, 12910 90 W Lot 61 Live Oak FL, battery (dom viol), dwls (knowingly) SCSO C

Horne
January 25, Gilberto Castro, 38, 1010 5th Street Live Oak FL, battery (domestic) LOPD - C. Kinsey

January 25, Terry Lee Kitchen, 63, 404 Anna Avenue Live Oak FL, traf hydrocodone, sell hydrocodone w/i 1000 feet of place worship, traf hydrocodone, sell hydrocodone w/i 1000 feet of place worship SC-SODTF-R. Sammons
January 25, Ruven Orasco Cruz, 26, 1110 5th St Live Oak FL, fta (dwl) cash bond, order revoking bond SCSO-S. Law

January 25, Marlon Jerroll Lindsay, 23, 17692 189th Road Live Oak FL, vop o/c poss cannabis w/i sell; sale cntl sub; cannab, \$5 000 surety/\$500 to p&p SCSO-J. Law
January 25, William Michael Koon, 29, 15549 128th Street Live Oak FL, vop o/c dwls;habitual; felony dwls 3rd offense SCSO-A. Loston

January 25, Laquanza Gee, 26, 193 Johnson Blvd Live Oak FL, false imprisonment 3cts, sale cocaine, poss cocaine w/i sell, sale cocaine, poss cocaine w/i sell, sale -20gms marijuana, poss -20gms marij w/i sel LOPD J Bates

LOTTERY RESULTS

Florida
CASH 3 Day 1/25/10 . 1,5,9 Night 1/25/10 . 7,6,4
PLAY 4 Day 1/25/10 . .7,4,1,8 Night 1/25/10 . .0,7,6,4
FANTASY 5 1/25/10 2,13,19,24,28
MEGA MONEY 18,22,34,42,16
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BRIEFLY

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.

Lady of the Lake to meet

Jan. 27
The Lady of the Lake Quilting Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 9:30 a.m. at the Teen Town 533 NW Desoto St., Lake City (two blocks north of Duval (US 90) on Lake Jeffery Road). Come and learn what this Guild is all about ... each Special Project Chairperson will give a brief description of what their committee does for the Guild.

This Guild is an organization for anyone interested in quilts and the art of quilting. The Guild makes and distributes over 200 quilts a year to various charities and non-profit organizations in the Suwannee Valley Region and for our Armed Forces.

For more details contact President Ramona Dewees, 386-496-3876.

Learn to square dance

Jan. 28
Beginner lessons starting Thursday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. with the Vagabond Squares at the Hale Community Center, 215 NE Duval St., Live Oak, (across from the fire station).

Caller: Ralph Beekman. For more information call 386-752-2544.

The first night is free, so come check it out!

Suwannee County Fire/Rescue calls for service for Jan. 18 to Jan. 23

Total calls for service: 61

Medical Calls: 47	Nausea/vomiting: 1
Weakness: 4	Fire Calls: 14
Cardiac: 6	Brush Fire: 6
Trauma: 11	Motor vehicle crash: 4
Motor vehicle crash: 10	Medical assist: 1
Misc. medical call: 6	Smoke Investigation: 1
Altered mental status: 2	Down power line: 1
Respiratory: 3	Tree down: 1
Seizure: 2	
CVA: 1	Volunteer Fire Responses: 19
Abdominal pain: 1	

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'Road to Olustee' returns Feb. 5-6

The Suwannee County Historical Museum is the place to be for Civil War history buffs, educators and curious onlookers on Friday and Saturday, February 5-6.

The event will feature pictorial and artifact displays, vintage games, a lighted tour, program events, and a Confederate tea, all of which will display a historically accurate portrayal of life during Civil War.

Known as "The Road to Olustee," this is the second year the event has been staged. It will begin with a walking lighted tour and program of the historic railway and Conner Street district, which is believed to be the route that Confederate troops would have traveled en route to Olustee. The walking tour and program will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday evening at Millennium Park in downtown Live Oak. The tour will return to the park and conclude with a brief presentation featuring stories and tales of Florida's involvement in the Civil War. Guests are encouraged to bring a flashlight to light the path of history. This part of the festivities will be in conjunction with the First Friday street party sponsored by the Live Oak Partnership downtown revitalization committee.

Saturday's event will feature a day of family fun at the museum. Special games and activities are prepared for the entire family. Local entertainment, a video presentation of civil war history, and pictorial and artifact displays. The museum will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

In participation of this event, and bringing the festivities to a close, Grace Manor Restaurant will host a Confederate tea on Saturday evening from 6-8. This event is open to the public, and will feature tea and

Museum illuminates Suwannee's role in Civil War

cakes, stories and etiquette of the era. This event is sure to become a special part of

the Olustee tradition. Guests are invited to come in 1860s attire. Dinner is

available through the restaurant's full menu. Seating will be limited for this

event. Colonial Photography will be onsite for those special photos of this gala

event. "This colorful event, filled with family-oriented activities will capture the imagination of visitors of all ages," said Randy Torrance, the executive director/curator for the Suwannee County Museum. "We strive to provide a historically accurate event for the family; it is an experience not to be missed!"

Torrance also invites local schools to schedule a tour and presentation for Friday, Feb. 5 by calling the museum. Registration is required.

Local re-enactors, entertainers and vendors are encouraged to contact the museum for possible participation.

The museum is located at 208 N. Ohio Avenue in Live Oak in the Historic Atlantic Coastline Freight Station. Operating hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed from 12-1 for lunch). Admission is free, donations are accepted. The museum's phone number is 386-362-1776. The museum's blog-site is www.suwanneemuseum.wordpress.com.



A Confederate encampment during the inaugural "Road to Olustee" in 2009. - Courtesy photos



Marching down Conner Street during the inaugural "Road to Olustee" in 2009.

'Coupon Queen' makes its debut in North Florida Focus

Tough economic times are inspiring shoppers to make dollars stretch any way they can - like using coupons.

Coupon clippers in Suwannee, Hamilton and Lafayette counties are about to be treated to a resource almost as handy as a sharp pair of scissors.

A new column by Jill Cataldo, known around the country as the "Coupon Queen," makes its debut in the North Florida Focus section on Wednesday, Jan. 27 and Thursday, Jan. 28.

"Coupon Queen" will now appear each week, running in the North Florida Focus section.

Thanks to her crafty clipping, Cataldo saves \$40 to \$60 per week on groceries. Through her column, the mother of three teaches readers clear, step-by-step couponing strategies and explains techniques such as stacking coupons, how to take advantage of the 12-week cycle in grocery stores and stockpiling techniques that can help control

household expenses.

Cataldo explains that Americans are truly re-discovering coupon clipping, a trend that her statistics show has more than tripled since 2005.

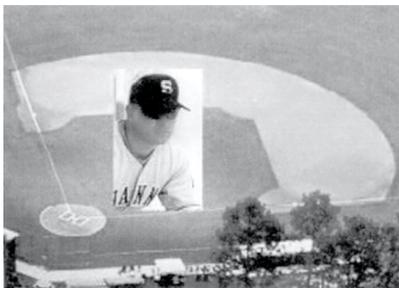
"It's a fact of life: Coupon usage increases in uncertain economic times," Cataldo writes. "Now more than ever, shoppers of all ages and income levels are looking for ways to save on their weekly grocery bills. The 'Coupon Queen' is here to help."

"Coupon Queen" currently appears in 100 newspapers coast to coast. Cataldo's work as a coupon-workshop instructor and writer has been featured by such major media outlets as the Chicago Sun-Times, WGN Superstation and ABC Morning News.



Jill Cataldo

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suwannee living

Anniversaries Hamlins to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Alvin and Edith Hamlin would like to invite you to the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. This special occasion will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at "A Perfect Setting" building in Branford, from 2-5 p.m. For more information call 935-0382, 294-1918 or 294-3277, ask for Shanna or Teresa.

Cyber safety presentation for schoolkids

Suwannee County schools and the Attorney General's office are teaming up to educate parents about the importance of cyber safety. Every day 77 million children use the Internet and, of children ages 10-17, one out of every seven will be sexually solicited online. In 2007, Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum's Cyber Safety Education Program debuted at middle and high schools across the state, including our own Suwannee Middle and High School and Branford High School. During the interactive 50-minute presentation, students learn about the risks of and tactics used by online predators as well as what constitutes a cyber crime and how to report it. The program is presented by specially trained members of the Attorney General's team.

The Attorney General's office now has a team that teaches parents how to identify potential threats that could endanger their child as well as important tips and safety measures. It is designed with parents in mind as they pursue their primary responsibility of protecting the youngest members of their family. For more information, resources and tips, visit www.safeflorida.net.

Please join us at the First United Methodist Church of Live Oak on Feb. 18 at 6 pm. The event is FREE and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Lisa Garrison, Suwannee County Schools Parent Liaison, at 386-647-4623.

AARP tax filing service suspended

Due to volunteer leadership staffing difficulties, AARP Tax-Aide has found it necessary to temporarily suspend its free volunteer tax preparation service in Suwannee, Hamilton and Columbia counties this tax filing season that would have begun Feb. 1. AARP Tax-Aide wants all citizens to know that they are deeply committed to assisting the taxpayers in these areas, and they are working to rectify this situation for next year.

In the interim, to locate an alternate site near them, taxpayers may visit the AARP Tax-Aide Web site at www.aarp.org/taxaide, or call toll-free 1-888-227-7669. AARP Tax-Aide is a program of the AARP Foundation, offered in conjunction with the IRS.

Congratulations, Caroline Croft!



Caroline Croft

Congratulations, Caroline Croft, for receiving the high academic award on the JV football cheerleading squad. 4.0, way to go! We love you.

Mom, Kendall, Big Daddy Mason, Grandmommy and Granddaddy

Samford University graduates 227 seniors

Samford University graduated 227 seniors from 19 states and four foreign countries during Fall commencement, Dec. 12. Dr. Freida H. Hill, a 1973 honor graduate of Samford who became chancellor of the Alabama Community College System Dec. 1, was the speaker.

Samford enrolls 4,658 students from 39 states and 19 countries. It offers programs in schools of the arts, arts and sciences, business, divinity, education and professional studies, law, nursing and pharmacy.

Local graduates:

Eric Stephen Linton, Master of Divinity, Live Oak.

Colby L. Hooper, Bachelor of Science, Mayo.

Women's Club open house

It's the second annual Women's Club of Live Oak open house!

When: On Friday, Jan. 29.

Where: At our clubhouse on CR 136 just pass the Coliseum on the right.

Time: 5-7 p.m.

We look forward to meeting you. Please come and learn about all the things we are doing here in our community. Beverages and finger foods will be provided.

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Obituaries



Violet Marie Matson Larson

January 19, 2010

Violet Marie Matson Larson, of Advent Christian Village-Riverwoods, in Dowling Park, Florida, passed away on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, following complications from pneumonia.

Originally from St. Paul, Minnesota, Violet was the devoted, loving mother of six children, and a lifelong Lutheran who remained close to her Scandinavian heritage. She also enjoyed spending time at home with her dogs and birds. She earned two Master's degrees in Nursing, and used her knowledge and commitment to others in work ranging from in-hospital direct care, to teaching at the university level and community outreach to Florida's rural population.

Funeral Services were held Monday, January 25, 2010, at 2:00 pm in the Chapel of Williams-Thomas Funeral Home Westarea, 823 NW 143rd St. with Rev. Dan Prugh of the First Lutheran Church of Gainesville officiating. The family received friends prior to service. Interment followed in Memorial Park West. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Shands UF Hospital - LifeFlight in Jacksonville, Florida.

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Troy Berthold "Bert" Dunn

January 18, 2010

Troy Berthold "Bert" Dunn, 89, of Greenville, Tenn., died January 18, 2010 at Laughlin Memorial Hospital.

Services were held January 23, 2010 at 11:30 am at Jeffers Funeral Chapel, Greenville, Tenn. The Rev. James Peyton officiated.

Survivors include 2 sons and daughter-in-law: James "Jimmy" Dunn of Greenville and Chris and Nancy Dunn of Birmingham, AL. 2 grandchildren: Jason Dunn of Greenville and Kelsey Dunn of Birmingham, AL. 1 great grandchild Jason Michael "Mikey" Dunn Jr. of Greenville. 1 sister Dorothy Kerdus of CA. 2 brothers-in-law: Ralph B Johnston of Greenville. Hugh Johnston of Orlando, FL. 1 sister-in-law Barbara Johnston of Greenville.

Mr. Dunn was preceded in death by his wife: Edith Johnston Dunn. 3 brothers: Carl Dunn, Kenneth Dunn and Henry Dunn. Infant son: Samuel Hugh Dunn Sister: Betty Pickering

Mr. Dunn was a former employee of Florida Power Corporation. He was a WWII Veteran in the Army Air Corp.

Organizations: V.F.W., Elks, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Mr. Dunn was of a member of Cedar Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church and of the Presbyterian Faith.

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Goldwing Express. - Courtesy photo

Goldwing Express performs tonight at the Spirit

Direct from Branson, Missouri the Goldwing Express will take the stage at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park tonight for a special concert of classic country, gospel and bluegrass music along with comedy.

This rare opportunity to hear a featured group from the Branson stage while they are traveling in Florida will thrill the audience as Bob Baldrige and his sons Paul, Steven and Shawn perform. Known also as the one of America's leading bluegrass ensembles, Bob Baldrige

and his sons play banjo, guitar, bow fiddle and upright bass while Bob also does a good bit of comedy in the show. The group won the 2003 Midwest division award for Entertaining Bluegrass Band of the Year presented by the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America (SPBGMA) and have been nominated for the national SPBGMA award in the same category. The group has recorded nearly a dozen CDs and travels the US performing at festivals and special events when

not in Branson at the God and Country Theatre.

Doors to the Music Hall open at 5 p.m. for dinner with the show getting underway at 7 p.m. Admission is \$7 per person. As always, the SOS Café and Restaurant will have delicious food and beverages available at regular prices during this special event.

For more information call 386-364-1683, go to the Web site at www.musiclivehere.com or email us at spirit@musiclivehere.com

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 Jan. 28 to March 25 and will be held on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m.

We are now recruiting participants for this program. If you have been

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THE SUWANNEE SCRIBBLER

A worthy idea?

By Jim Holmes

I took a vow years ago. I swore that if I ever moved into a new community, I would NEVER say something like this to long-time residents: "Well, back home we did it this way and it was better." To make the statement even more memorable, the comment was usually delivered to me in a condescending tone suggesting the speaker felt he was talking to someone with the IQ of a turnip.

Until three years ago, I spent most of my life in the South Florida town of Fort Pierce, located in Saint Lucie County, and I hated it when new arrivals did that to me. I always wanted to respond, "Feel free to head back to where you did it so well and leave us simpletons alone."

Well, I hope I don't break my vow today, but if you think I do, I ask for your forgiveness.

This column is prompted by the recent announcement by the *Suwannee Democrat* that in the coming year, it will give special attention to the thorny issue of consolidating the Live Oak and Suwannee County fire departments so as to save tax dollars.

OK, here's where I start telling you about how Saint Lucie County tackled the same issue back in 1959. And I think it important to point out that back then, the population, tax base, economy and life style of Saint Lucie was virtually identical to what we have here today.

Leaders in Saint Lucie convinced the state legislature to create a countywide fire tax district, which was not under the direct control of either the county or the city of Fort Pierce. Instead, its operation, finances and governing authority were placed under the control of a five-member board consisting of two county commissioners, two Fort Pierce city commissioners and a member-at-large appointed by the governor. (Two Port Saint Lucie City Council members were added to the fire board later, when that municipality came into its own.)

The concept seems to have worked amazingly well in Saint Lucie County. Yes, there are administrative tax savings to be had by this approach. Of greater importance in the long run, however, is the fact that an independent fire board focuses on issues solely related to fire protection and funding it. This frees the county and city governments to focus on the many other challenges facing them.

Yet another important benefit in Saint Lucie County is that feuds between city and county governments (and over the years there have been some big ones) never seemed to adversely impact fire board business. There have been times when city and county elected officials in Saint Lucie would barely speak to one another over matters like annexation. But those differences were not evident when the same officials met for fire board meetings.

I don't know if this approach would work for Live Oak and Suwannee County. But as a resident who loves this area — and worries about how safe his home is from fire — I think I would be remiss if I didn't at least put the idea out there so folks — more qualified than I — might evaluate its local merit.

City and county governments are expected to provide their residents with certain basic services. Public safety — including the best possible fire protection — tops any list. I have nothing but respect for our local firefighters — both fulltime and volunteer — but I think we need to find a better way of protecting ourselves from fire. I suspect our firefighters would be among the first to agree.

Jim Holmes lives in Live Oak.

BIBLE VERSE

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." - James 4:10

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OPINION

We need diversity

A MINORITY VIEW



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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

It's not at all uncommon to watch a college basketball game and see that 90 to 100 percent of the players are black. According to the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport report titled "The 2008 Racial and Gender Report Card," the percentage of black male basketball players in Division I was an all-time high at 60.4 percent. It was 45.9 percent in football and 6.0 percent in baseball.

Diversity is worse in professional sports. In the National Basketball Association, almost 82 percent of the players are people of color, higher than last year's 80 percent. This is the highest percentage of players of color since the 1994-1995 season. The percentage of black players increased to 77 percent from last year's 76 percent mark. The percentage of Latinos remained constant at 3 percent. Football diversity is not much better. During the 2008 NFL season, the percentage of white players remained constant at 31 percent while the percentage of black players increased slightly from 66 to 67 percent. Casual observation shows that most sports lack sex diversity. Segregation by sex is the rule rather than the exception.

One can understand the absence of concern for diversity in professional sports; they are in it just for the money. But one is left flummoxed by the lack of sports diversity in college sports. After all, you can't listen to any college president or provost speak for more than five minutes before the word "diversity" drops from his lips. Colleges take diversity seriously and they spend tens of millions of dollars on it. Juilliard School has a director of diversity and inclusion; MIT has a manager of diversity recruitment; Toledo University, an associate dean for diversity; Harvard, Texas A&M, California at Berkeley, Virginia and many others boast of officers, deans, vice presidents and perhaps ministers of diversity. But, in what appears to be the height of deviousness and deceit, these diversity-driven administrators allow sports, the most visible part of the college, be the least diverse and least inclusive.

Let's look at George Mason University, where I've taught in its distinguished Economics Department for 29

years. According to university race/ethnic statistics, its campus consists of: 7 percent blacks, 7 percent Hispanics, 12 percent Asians, 43 percent white and miscellaneous others. If there were true basketball diversity, we would see at least two white players, and one each Asian, Hispanic and black on the starting five. I don't watch GMU basketball, and have no idea of whether our starting five looks like America, but I'd bet the rent money that our Office of Equity and Diversity has failed at producing basketball diversity.

You say, "Williams, the reason blacks dominate basketball and football is that they are better than whites." Careful! That's an attitude that could win you a charge of racism. It differs little from suggesting that the reason why not many blacks are nuclear physicists is because they are not as good as whites. It should be remembered that diversity creed holds that we are all equal and would be proportionately represented by race across all activities but for the fact of discrimination and oppression.

Basketball, football and nuclear physics aren't the only areas of our lives sorely lacking diversity and proportional representation. American men are struck by lightning six times as often as American women. Men are about 54 percent of the labor force but suffer more than 90 percent of job-related deaths. Cervical cancer rates are five times higher among Vietnamese women in the U.S. than among white women. Pima Indians of Arizona have the highest diabetes rates in the world. Prostate cancer is nearly twice as common among black men as white men. Half of all Mexican wives are married in their teens while only 10 percent of Japanese wives are married that early.

These and many other statistics about racial differences suggests that there will be full employment for people in the diversity business for decades to come.

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FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor:

Independent, aggressive and critical media are essential to an informed Republic. But mainstream media are increasingly cozy with the economic and political powers they should be watch dogging. Mergers in the news industry have accelerated, further limiting the spectrum of viewpoints that have access to mass media. With U.S. media outlets overwhelmingly owned by for-profit conglomerates and supported by corporate advertisers, independent journalism is compromised.

The *Suwannee Democrat*, Suwannee County's main media outlet is owned by one of those mergers, for-profit conglomerates and supported by corporate advertisers. Don't get me wrong, you have to have money and a lot of it to buy the ink and paper to provide the news and this is done through advertisers.

There is an upward trend in the average tendency to endorse a candidate, and in particular an incumbent one, is now being adopted by our own media outlet the *Suwannee Democrat*. I just imagine they will continue the average ideological slant of endorsements systematically giving more coverage to Democratic topics of civil rights, health care, labor and social welfare.

The *Suwannee Democrat* has adopted that ideological slant, just look at their Thursday, January 07, 2010 edition. 31 1/2 column inches were spent on "Boyd suits up for 2010." Did you see the incumbent's challenger announcement to run? Probably not, because it was on the fourth page, and if I recall right it was only 4 column inches.

In the same edition, on the front page the *Democrat* pushes its views — to endorse candidates, right along side Boyd's half page picture. What the *Democrat* does not know is that - we know that they have been endorsing already and some of us resent it. Yes they have been endorsing systematically since the new owners (a corporate conglomerate) took over.

I voted for Allen Boyd, I just believe in newspaper standards, like fairness and accuracy in reporting. Under this standard, taking sides on an issue would be permitted as long as the side taken was accurate and the other side was given a fair chance to respond. Many professionals believe that true objectivity in journalism is not possible and reporters must seek balance in their stories (giving all sides their respective points of view), which fosters fairness.

Is there balance in the *Suwannee Democrat*? You tell me if it's balanced when they tell us how to vote and what needs to be done to turn this county around. You see, the media really thinks we need to be told who to vote for and tell our Commissioners what to do. Well that's understandable - just look at the thinking of one Commissioner "What's one point on our ISO ratings." (God help us).

Please don't give me idle rhetoric and your point of view on the news page *Suwannee Democrat*.

I believe we need objective journalism. Journalistic objectivity can refer to fairness, factuality and nonpartisanship, but most often encompass all of these qualities. Oh well, just be objective in your reading.

Randy Henderson

The Democrat responds

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Now on to Allen Boyd. Like it or not, a visit from a U.S. Congressman is news. Boyd is one of 435 men and women with enormous power over the daily lives of every American. His opinion on health-care legislation — back when a final vote on that contentious issue appeared imminent — was surely of great interest to our readers, whatever their political leanings.

Note, too, that under questioning from the *Democrat*, Boyd admitted he might change his original "no" vote on health-care to an "aye," depending on how the bill was altered during House/Senate conference sessions. Surely this was Page One news to local voters, many of whom strongly oppose both versions of the bill.

As for endorsing local candidates, we made clear from the start that ours wasn't the only voice that mattered. Here's what we had to say, in case you missed it:

"With each endorsement will come a careful explanation of the reasoning behind it. That doesn't mean we expect you to take our word for it, though. Your job is to weigh our opinion against your own insights and observations, then make a choice that reflects your values.

If your opinion matches ours, fine. If not, that's fine too. As always, you will be welcome to share your views, either in a Letter to the Editor, a submission to Rant & Rave, or online in our Facebook forum."

— From "A new era for the Democrat," Jan. 8, 2010, Page 1A.

As for your final point, Mr. Henderson, you're right about bias in the media. It's always been there and always will be. We don't believe you'll find it in our pages — we make a clear distinction between news and opinion, and label each accordingly.

Nonetheless, we welcome your input. As you note, the free exchange of ideas remains essential to the health of the Republic.





Branford News

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A hot (and spicy) time in Branford

Inaugural Chili Cook-Off a big hit



The sweet sounds of bluegrass were everywhere.



Host Larry Geiger, public relations coordinator for Hospice of the Nature Coast.



John and Karen Lowe of Hospice of the Nature Coast. - Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor, Correspondent

By Joyce Marie Taylor
Correspondent

It was a chili cook-off with benefits! Benefits for Hospice of the Nature Coast, that is. With an estimated 200 people in attendance, the inaugural Chili Cook-Off was a whopping success with all proceeds going to Hospice.

The scenic location at Ivey Memorial Park on the Suwannee River in Branford, along with the picture-perfect weather that graced the day, made for a fun and enjoyable afternoon for everyone.

Host Larry Geiger, public relations coordinator for Hospice of the Nature Coast, kept the action going

throughout the day, as he announced the different events, which included a silent auction. The five judges, Wesley Wainwright, Barry Baker, Shirley Hatch, Shirley Clark and Tony Cameron, kept everyone in suspense as they tasted samples of

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North Central Florida 9-12 Project meets, makes plans

By Sharon Higgins

Despite heavy downpours and a tornado watch, 120 people came to the first meeting of the year for the North Central Florida 9-12 Project on Jan. 21, at the Vineyard Church in Lake City.

It was a night of doing a bit of reorganizing; we had a short survey for our members and guests to fill out in an effort to determine which issues are most important to work on in the near future.

We had two guest speakers. John Knapp gave a short talk on a project he is working on. He is going to have a billboard painted encouraging people to make a change when they vote in 2010. His hope is to have the billboard completed by the first part of February and then hold a short TEA party below it on the first Saturday following the completion. The billboard will be located on I-75 near the Cannon Air Park.

Our next speaker was Bob Root from Perry. He gave us information about a national movement called "Fire Fifty." This is a novel idea to identify and elect conservative, constitutionally-minded individuals to certain seats of Congress. These seats have been determined to be vulnerable in the coming election. He showed a video of a candidate that they have identified in South Florida s being just the type of candidate they are looking for. The idea is to get at least 50 of these type people in office, beholden to neither part, nor special interests. Once elected, these people will hold a lot of power, requiring the leaders of both parties to have to work with them in order to pass any legislation. For more information on this movement, go to www.firefifty.com.

We look forward to a busy year; our next big endeavor is to have a booth at the Olustee Festival and hand out information about our group. We will be handing out pocket constitutions and other information about the things going on in our government, in an effort to reach many more people and give them tools to help make a difference.

The 9-12 Projects were founded last spring in an effort to let people know that they are not alone, there are many other people out there who feel the same way that we do about the direction our country is heading. We strive to find ways to make a positive difference in returning our country to the constitutional republic that it is supposed to be.

There are nine values and 12 principles that we agree are important. The name also stems from the people that we were on September 12, 2001, one

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Branford News

A hot (and spicy) time in Branford



The Gathering Café took top honors in the professional division.



Tastebud Inferno: The name says it all.

A hot (and spicy) time in Branford

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each entrant's chili.

Once the judges finished their taste-testing, and while they were tallying up the scores, it was time for the crowd to grab a bowl and a spoon to do their own judging. Of course, everyone had their own opinions about who whipped up the best chili, but it was the panel of judges who made the final decision.

The Gathering Café won first place for Best Professional Chili and Claudia's Cure-All Chili won Best Amateur Chili.

On tap for entertainment were the Bleaugrass Boys and the Kentucky Sleepy Hollow Bands, as well as a few other singers. Then performers from Southern Dance Academy wowed the crowd with hula-hoop and baton routines.

John and Karen Lowe were front and center, representing Hospice of the Nature Coast, handing out brochures and informing people about their mission. They currently have eight locations throughout Florida that serve Alachua, Branford, Citrus, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Putnam, Suwannee and Union counties.

With a fully trained staff of physicians, nurses, home health aides, social workers, chaplains and volunteers, they provide hospice services, not only to the patients, but to their families as well. It's all about choices and really good care. They also cater to our nation's veterans with unique services for those who have sacrificed so much for the rest of us. For more informa-

tion about veterans services, please contact Hospice of Citrus County at 352-527-2020 or 866-642-0962.

One recent addition to their growing list of services in several of their facilities is the use of therapy dogs, aptly named PUPS, which stands for Pets Uplifting People's Spirits. If you would like more information about this new program, contact Marcey Mast, volunteer manager, at 866-642-0962.

Hospice of Citrus County/Hospice of the Nature Coast is a 501(c)3 charitable, not-for-profit organization, which has earned the Gold Seal of Approval from the Joint Commission. Since 1985 they have been specializing in end-of-life care for adults and children. Volunteers are always needed, so call your local office today and lend a hand. Help your fellow man maintain dignity and personal control of their quality of life during their time of need.

Now, let's all get busy perfecting our chili recipes for next year's Chili Cook-Off!

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The judges: Shirley Hatch (from left) Tony Cameron, Barry Baker and Wesley Wainwright. Not pictured: Shirley Clark. - Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor, Correspondent



A beautiful day at Ivey Park.

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Branford R/C Speedway



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OFF ROAD TRUCKS OPEN - A-MAIN

1-Preston Carroll, Live Oak-11 laps (top qualifier); 2-Jason Carroll, Live Oak-11 laps; 3-Mike Pacarien, Fort White-9 laps; 4-Deven Morri, Mayo-8 laps; 5-Chris Frye, Branford-Did not start (not pictured)

A hot (and spicy) time in Branford

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Students from Southern Dance Academy perform a baton routine. - Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor, Correspondent



A crowd favorite.



Silent auction items.

Hometown Service News

Air Force Reserve Tech. Sgt. William R. Humphries has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal for participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involv-

ing members of the U.S. Armed Forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also

assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

Humphries, a security forces member with 24 years of military service, is assigned to the 349th Security Forces Squadron, based at Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, Calif.

He is the son of Rennie D. Humphries of 240th St., O'Brien, Fla.

Branford Babe Ruth League

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'We still care about the issue of life' Fed's propose nutrient runoff standards

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Eric Musgrove, Suwannee County historian, along with wife Sarah, shared their story of being faced with the decision to either terminate a pregnancy or chose life for their unborn child.

A few years ago, the Musgroves learned during one of their pregnancies that Sarah had developed preeclampsia, a condition pregnant woman experience resulting in high blood pressure and other symptoms.

"The doctors recommended abortion," Eric Musgrove told the crowd. "My wife and I are Christians and not in favor of killing babies," he said.

Faced with a tough decision and the risk of losing both Sarah and the baby, the couple decided to follow through with their pregnancy.

"We were going to do the best to preserve this unborn life, and preserve both lives," he said.

Hannah Angel Musgrove was born on July 7, 2002, but only lived for a few hours. The Musgroves stood proud of their decision.

"We don't have that worry that we murdered our baby, that fear, we don't have that," Eric said.

They now have a son Alex, age 6, and daughter Abigail, 9 months, whom they adopted in 2009. They encouraged others to consider adoption, both unprepared pregnant mothers and those wanting a child.

"When you hear their little heartbeats on monitors, I just don't see how people can go through with abortion," he said.

Organizer Michelle Lord read a letter taken from the Web site silentnomore.org chronicling the emotions of a young mother who chose abortion.

It said, "I knew that the

girl that I was died the day my baby was aborted. It was an unspeakable burden, and the shame was a memorial of the worst kind for my child."

Donna Sandage, executive director of the Pregnancy Care Center in Live Oak, said for so many unprepared mothers, there is nowhere to turn, but that is not the case here in Suwannee County.

The center offers free pregnancy tests, counseling, post-abortion healing programs and community support and referrals, just to name a few of the resources they provide.

"Seven hundred and nine women came through our Live Oak Center last year," Sandage said. "We want you to know that we're here to help."

As the event progressed, there was music, a poetry reading and information tables available with literature.

Suzanne Riordan, a mother of four who attended the event with her children, said, "We're pro-life, we love babies."

Her 4-year-old son Francis stood beside her holding a sign with the message: "Abortion Kills Children."

As the event came to a close, Julie Ulmer, school board member for District 3, shared her personal adoption story with the crowd.

"I had two sets of parents — one that brought me into the world and another who raised me," she said. "My life had a purpose 41 years ago, and had I been born just a few years later, with the passage of Roe v. Wade, I might not be here."

Ulmer, an educator, who has worked relentlessly on issues involving children, said, "I love what I do every day because I know that God created me with a purpose, as He does with all his children."

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by a 2008 DEP report that approximately 1,000 miles of rivers and streams, 350,000 acres of lakes and 900 square miles of estuaries are not meeting the state's water quality standards due to excess nitrogen and phosphorus, which are nutrients. Nutrient pollution can damage drinking water and create health risks and increase algal blooms, which can be dangerous to both humans and animals.

Some state officials have said this most recent move was to pacify outraged environmentalists. Some have gone even further, saying the standards are not based on science. At a November town hall meeting in Branford, Farm Bureau Director of Government and Community Affairs Staci Braswell called the deadlines for setting the EPA standards "hasty" and "litigation driven."

However, EPA assistant administrator Benjamin Grumbles said in a letter to DEP last year that EPA felt it had to step in if the situa-

tion were to be corrected and Florida's waterways protected.

"Despite Florida's widely recognized efforts, substantial water quality degradation from nutrient over-enrichment remains a significant challenge in the state and one that is likely to worsen with continued population growth and environmental and land-use changes," wrote Grumbles. Peter S. Silva, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Water, said, "New water quality standards, developed in collaboration with the state, will help protect and restore inland waters that are a critical part of Florida's history, culture and economic prosperity."

The proposed EPA guidelines establish a numeric "one size fits all" limit for nitrogen and phosphate. The state had argued at the November town hall meeting that most of Florida's water bodies were unique and a single set of standards for all Florida waterways, such as that proposed by the EPA, was not reasonable.

"It is very difficult to set one standard for the whole state," Suwannee River Water Management Executive Director David Still said in November. "The standard will not be achievable if it is not based on science and unique to different districts and different parts of the state."

After reviewing the proposed standards, Still said Thursday that SRWMD does not embrace the EPA's stance.

"We do not agree with their (earlier) decision or their decision prior to that," said Still.

He said SRWMD remains in favor of a "narrative" approach, in which standards are tailored to specific regions.

But despite the state's best efforts, environmentalists like Annette Long of Save Our Suwannee say DEP was "foot-dragging."

"I'm sorry it had to come to this," said Long. "But I'm pleased. The EPA standards appear to be very close to the same as what DEP was considering. This should help DEP move forward."

Leslie Kurtz, co-owner of Kurtz Dairy Farm in Live Oak, said she does not think the new regulations will hurt her farm.

"We are in tune to working with nature," said Kurtz. The Kurtzes gather the farm's manure in a lagoon and recycle it as fertilizer. In addition, they grass-feed their dairy cows. "I think if more farmers work with nature, they will make less problems."

However, the problem of nutrient pollution has not been helped by the dairy crisis, Kurtz noted. Due to low milk prices, Kurtz said farmers are being forced to add more cows so as to increase their profits, further increasing pollution.

When first asked, Kurtz said she was "in the dark" about the new EPA proposed regulation. Many local farmers echoed her saying they were not aware the EPA standards

had been released.

Florida Farm Bureau Assistant Director of Government Affairs Charles Shinn said that is where his agency comes into play.

"We're trying to get the word out," said Shinn. "We are quite concerned. We think these standards could have a tremendous impact on the ability of Florida agriculture to produce crops."

Shinn says the EPA's "one size fits all" approach will put Florida farmers at a disadvantage compared to other states.

"The potential negative impact this will have is off the scale," he said.

As of Tuesday, FDEP would not comment other than in a prepared statement.

"We continue to review the draft rule that EPA just released," FDEP spokeswoman Dee Ann Miller said. "As we review it, we encourage Florida scientists and water quality managers to also engage in assessing and commenting on the proposed criteria. It is critical that those who are knowledgeable of Florida waters share information on the state's unique ecosystems with EPA scientists to best inform their decisions in the future."

The EPA will hold hearings on Feb. 16, 17 and 18 in Tallahassee, Orlando, and West Palm Beach, respectively.

Dowling Park VFD now under county control

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Suwannee County Commissioners voted unanimously Jan. 19 to welcome the station into its fold.

Public Safety Director Charlie Conner and ACV Vice President of Village Properties Jim Schenck met with the county Fire Governing Board, which regulates Suwannee's volunteer firefighters, Jan. 7 to gain their support and answer questions. With the support of that board and ACV's commitment, commissioners passed the initiative without question.

"I think the commissioner's acceptance proves they are committed to public safety," said Conner. "It shows a need for better fire and rescue services in not

only that area, but other areas as well."

Dowling Park resident Jean Allen was excited about the news. Allen, who resides in ACV, signed a petition a while back supporting the incorporation of the station.

"I think it's great, definitely," she said.

The Village will continue to pay all utility bills on the facility, said Schenck, and will lease the building to the county for one dollar a year.

Eight certified firefighter I volunteer's from that station will be added to the county. Fire/Rescue now has 29 firefighter I volunteers, with seven more to be added soon. There were only six of those 18 months ago.

PCS workers recovering from burns

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came into contact with an overhead power line at about 12:30 p.m. last Wednesday, according to a company press release.

As of late Monday afternoon, Area Maintenance Foreman Randy Beauchamp of Hamilton County, who suffered severe burns, had undergone skin graft surgery and was expected to undergo additional surgery this week, said Williams.

Electrical Area Foreman Ronald Spells of Statenville, Ga. was scheduled for release from Shands UF, according to Williams.

PCS is currently investigating the incident, said Williams.

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NFCC announces 23 Suwannee graduates



NFCC graduates move tassels during fall commencement ceremony to signify their achievement. - Courtesy photo

MADISON - One hundred thirty-six students were recognized as graduates of North Florida Community College at the end of NFCC's Fall Term 2009. NFCC congratulates its graduates including 23 Suwannee County students who were awarded degrees or certificates. NFCC's fall graduates from Suwannee County are:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE	RESIDENCE	DEGREE
Curles	Lynn	Marie	Branford	Associate in Arts Degree (A.A. Degree)
Keel	D'Neisha	Lashon	McAlpin	Associate in Arts Degree (A.A. Degree)
Hubbard, II	Michael	L.	McAlpin	Paramedic (Certificate)
Matthews	Candace	T.	O'Brien, FL	Associate in Science Degree/Registered Nursing
Reeve, III	Harry (Trae)	P.	O'Brien	Emergency Medical Technician/EMT-B (Certificate)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE	RESIDENCE	DEGREE
Denmark	James	Andrew	Live Oak	Associate in Arts Degree (A.A. Degree)
Gill	Traci	Amanda	Live Oak	Associate in Arts Degree (A.A. Degree)
Johnson	Justin	Curtis	Live Oak	Associate in Arts Degree (A.A. Degree)
Newman	Katherine	Abigail	Live Oak	Associate in Arts Degree (A.A. Degree)
Radford	Mark		Live Oak	Associate in Arts Degree (A.A. Degree)
Robinson	Regina	M.	Live Oak	Associate in Arts Degree (A.A. Degree)
Wilson	Alvita		Live Oak	Associate in Arts Degree (A.A. Degree)
Winburn	Stephanie		Live Oak	Associate in Arts Degree (A.A. Degree)
Hopper	June	Kay	Live Oak	Associate in Science Degree/Registered Nursing
Kirby	Holly	Michelle	Live Oak	Associate in Science Degree/Registered Nursing
Poucher	Jennifer		Live Oak	Associate in Science Degree/Registered Nursing
Munsell	John		Live Oak	Paramedic (Certificate)
Sommers	James		Live Oak	Paramedic (Certificate)
Smith	David	J.	Live Oak	Emergency Medical Technician/EMT-B (Certificate)
Underwood	Carolyn	Michelle	Live Oak	Patient Care Technician/PCT (Certificate)
Allen	Clifford	J.	Live Oak	Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Recruit (Certificate)
Cundiff	Andrew		Live Oak	Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Recruit (Certificate)
Hernandez	Alexis		Live Oak	Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Recruit (Certificate)

The sky opens up, & so does the ground

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road. Dorinda Clark thought the sinkhole forming under the mobile home on 280th Terrace was the sound of the refrigerator's ice maker, until her daughter screamed.

"My daughter saw a small hole out the kitchen window and by the time I was able to call (homeowner BarbaraJo Thomas) it had opened up to where it is now," said Clark.

She said they heard the "icemaker" noise around 1:30 p.m.; the daughter discovered the hole around 2:30.

"We starved and thirsted all day yesterday because we were too afraid to go in the kitchen," said Clark.

A riding lawnmower fell victim when the hole opened up. It was later pulled out by a tractor.

Cameron said reports of sinkholes continue to come into his office.

Branford resident Walter Smith had no sinkholes near him, but he had plenty of rain. He said his rain gauge registered almost five inches within just a few hours.

"No damage was done, other than a lot of rain," he said. "In 15 years of living here, it never rained that much in one time here."

Smith lives on the Santa Fe River but couldn't get down to the banks because the river rose so high that it flooded his dock.

See related story, Page 1A.

Santa Fe flood warning lingers

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should take action to protect threatened property. High and fast flowing rivers are not suitable for recreation of any kind, the weather service has advised. Keep children away from flooded areas, and do not drive vehicles through flooded areas. Folks are advised to turn around if they approach a flooded area. The risks of drowning are increased with such flooding, so everyone in the affected areas should take precautionary and preparedness action.

Bullock license hearing set for April 6

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Gallagher said. "It's kind of a Catch-22, because he could lose his license and business, but there's no jail and the court withheld adjudication. However, without a license, he would likely have to set up an installation plan to pay back the money, and it would be difficult for him to get work with those charges against him."

In January 2009, Bullock was arrested for insurance fraud and two counts of false claim and scheme to defraud. He was originally arrested three times in 2007 on charges including grand theft, forgery, fraud, em-

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There will be two divisions for essay participation:

Level 1 - Grades 7-9, and Level 2 - Grades 10-12.

The guidelines for the essay are as follows:

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 2. Must have at least a 2.0 grade point average
 3. Must be a student in 7th - 12th grade in Suwannee County
- The essay will be graded according to grammar, punctuation, neatness, and delivery of material.

The deadline for essays to be turned in is Feb. 12. Winners will be contacted Feb. 16. The 1st place winner gets free tickets to a dinner and play in honor and loving memory of Princess W. M. Philmore, Shepherd on Feb. 18.

Monetary prizes for winners are as follows:

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The African-American Development Council (AADC) Calendar of Events Sponsor Suwannee County, Florida Black History Extravaganza Festivities:

February 20, 2010: Formal Announcement of Essay Winners - 6 p.m. at the Suwannee County Historical Museum, 208 N. Ohio Ave. Live Oak. Food, entertainment, museum tours and lots of family fun will be provided.

Vendors are welcome to attend.

February 18, 2010: Dinner & Play - 6:30 p.m.

A musical play written and arranged by Phillip Combs held at Live Oak Church of God, Highway 129 S. Live Oak. Dinner donation price \$20.

February 21, 2010: Black History Program - 3:30 p.m. at New National Grove Missionary Baptist Church 8283 105th Road, Live Oak, hosted by Pastor, Rev. Tommie Jefferson. Speaker Jason Yulee - 2003 graduate of Suwannee High, U.S. Army Veteran, currently attends University of Florida majoring in political science.

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'Live! At Dowling Park' Artist Series Presents

the Z Street Duo

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

The 22nd annual 'Live! At Dowling Park' Artist Series at Advent Christian Village is pleased to host the Z Street Duo on Friday, Feb. 12, at 7:00 p.m. in Rumph Dining Room. Prior to the concert - at 6:30 p.m. - dessert with the theme "Hearts on Z Street" will be served in Rumph Dining Room. Earlier that same day, a free mini-performance of "Music for Listening or Dancing" will be held at 3 p.m. at Good Samaritan Center.

The multi-tasking Z Street Duo features Mark Zauss on trumpet and vocals, and Kathy Zauss on tenor Saxophone and vocals. The duo is one of Florida's most popular, prestigious and sought-after musical groups. Together, Mark and Kathy bring to the stage a sound that is uniquely theirs and perform a variety of musical styles including swing, jazz standards, big band favorites and much more. They have opened for Sting and Montel Williams, and have played to sold-out audiences including Ed McMahon, Hulk Hogan, Emeril Lagasse, and countless Fortune 500 corporations including McDonalds, House of Blues, Hard Rock Café, Universal Studios, and many more.

Mark Zauss is endorsed as a trumpet artist for the Conn-Selmer musical instrument corporation (along with Grammy award winner, Arturo Sandoval). Mark has released two CDs. He holds a bachelors degree in Music and Psychology, as well as a Masters degree in

Mental Health Counseling Psychotherapy, from Rollins College.

Kathy Zauss has performed in some of America's greatest showrooms including the Mississippi Queen Steamboat out of



Kathy and Mark Zauss of the Z Street Duo. - Courtesy photo

New Orleans, Rosie O'Grady's, Tootsie Van Kelley's, and also performed a one-woman show for Norwegian Cruise lines. Kathy is a graduate of the Interlochen Arts Academy and attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Los Angeles, California.

Additional information about the Z Street Duo can be found on their Web site: www.marksbands.com/duo_web_page.htm.

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: \$29.85, Adults (i.e., non-ACV Members):

\$36.74, Students (ages 13-18): \$11.48, and Children (ages 5-12): \$6.89. The Family Plan ticket is \$59.70.

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 additional information about this performance, please call Dick Grillo at 386-658-5557, or e-mail dgrillo@acvillage.net.

GAMETIME

Brutal Legend

By Cody Webb

Music has inspired all sorts of rhythm games, like the top-tier Guitar Hero and Rock Band games, but very rarely do they inspire an

adventure game world to be built around them. Tim Schafer, one of the quirkiest people in the gaming business, and his team at Double Fine have crafted a world built just for fans of metal music. They call this metalhead world: "Brutal Legend." As with most of the games I talk about here, Brutal Legend is rated M for Mature due to blood, gore and excessive cursing. Basically, everything you'd expect from a game inspired by heavy metal. It's worth mentioning that the game does give you the option to censor the bad language and turn off the gore. However, in my opinion the game loses much of its intended atmosphere this way. Either way, be careful when your kid asks for this title. Brutal Legend tells the story of Eddie Riggs, the "world's best roadie." He's known for being able to build anything, fix anything and get anything. The game starts with him watching the last "heavy metal" band, whom he works for, playing a song that in no way could be considered metal. However, when one of the bandmates attempts to do a stupid stunt, Eddie gets injured while trying to rescue him. When some of his blood happens to drip



onto his belt buckle, he gets transported to the "Age of Metal."

This "Age of Metal" is definitely one of the high points of the game: it is a world composed of mountains made from skulls, half-metal animals and all sorts of metal icons littering the landscape. It's not hard to lose yourself in this world, spending hours finding the many metal landmarks to net yourself extra fan tributes to buy upgrades with. It doesn't hurt that the amazing artists at Double Fine did a stellar job of crafting a unique art style for this equally unique world. What good would such a unique world be without interesting characters and awesome music to fill it? Fortunately for gamers, that question will have to be answered another day. Eddie Riggs is easily one of more likable protagonists of 2009, and Double Fine couldn't have found a better voice actor for him than Jack Black. Other famous folk appear as friend and foe to Eddie, such as The Guardian of Metal, who is the one and only Ozzy Osbourne! Tim Curry does a fantastic job of voicing Emperor Doviculus, the antagonist of the game.

As for music, it's clear that the developers went through album after album to find the best of the best metal. From Black Sabbath to Judas Priest, the music in Brutal Legend spans

several years of metal masterpieces. One of the best experiences I had while playing was when I was just cruising around in the car whilst listening to the various songs. Unfortunately, however, the gameplay itself isn't as perfect as the world you run around in. Combat is simple, one button controls Eddie's axe for melee attacks and another controls his guitar for ranged attacks. You can bring up a solo menu and play a solo to gain a step up on your enemies or to wipe them out with one awesome rockin' solo. These controls work well for an action game, but Brutal Legend also combines in "Stage Battles," which are large-scale RTS-style sequences. The goal of these is to gather fans as resources to build a massive army, then to destroy your enemy's stage with said army. These moments are fun, but it can be hard to control and manage units effectively. In the end, however, these issues are small compared to the hilarious, and even serious, storyline, the interesting characters and the massive world just filled with secrets and unlockables. If you consider yourself a fan of the metal genre of music, and own a PS3 or 360, you should look into Brutal Legend. I'll give it a B+, and remember gamers, you can always check on Xbox Marketplace for downloadable content (DLC) for any game that is out.

Cody Webb lives in Live Oak.

Seasonal flu vaccine is still available at health department

Seasonal influenza vaccine for adults is still available at the Suwannee County Health Department for adults and children age 36 months and older. This vaccine is recommended in addition to any H1N1 (Swine Flu) vaccine that may become available later this fall.

Seasonal flu vaccine is recommended for those who are:

- All children age 6 months and older
- 50 years of age and older

· Persons at risk for complications from influenza, including:

- women who will be pregnant during flu season
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The vaccine will be given by appointment. Call 386-362-2708 for an appointment at the Live Oak clinic or 386-935-1133 for an appointment at the Branford clinic. There is no charge for the children's seasonal flu vaccine. Adult seasonal flu vaccine is \$30 and is covered by Medicare.

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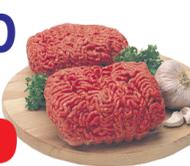
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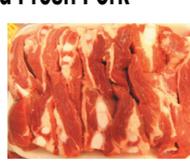
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Wednesday, January 27, 2010

SPORTS



INSIDE

Scenes from the Billy Saylor tournament



District champs

By Jennifer Byrd

The Suwannee High School girls soccer team became District champs Jan. 22 after beating Santa Fe 2-0.

Suwannee went into the game as the number one seed in the district, but Santa Fe brought on a fight to only discover the 'Dogs had what it took.

Jessie TenBroeck made the first goal of the night with an assist from Amber Morgan. Five minutes later a beautiful cross from Shannon Wood up to Ten-Broeck put the second score on the board.

This was a very defensive game where the defense section had to be on

the ball. However, Ashley Byrd, Kelsey Curls, Megan Futch, Natalie Pecina, Marianna Rosalio and Abbie Wotton stepped up to the plate and played like never before. The energy was hot on the fields as well as in the stands.

Midfielders and wings, Logan Bonds, Camill Chambliss and Lindsay Michal had hustle on their mind as they fought for the ball to pass to the forwards.

Goalie Autumn Summerfield had an amazing night making 14 keeper saves.

The girls will play Regionals Thursday at 7 p.m. at Langford Stadium in Live Oak. Come out and support your Lady 'Dogs.



TOP: The SHS Lady 'Dogs soccer team. RIGHT: Victory! See more photos inside. - Photos: Paul Buchanan - SuwanneeSports.com

The Big Kahunas are Thunder Alley Bowlers of the Week

By Debbie Rice

This week I have to make an entire team "bowlers of the week". On the King's and Queen's league, the Big Kahunas are, well, Big Kahunas. Everyone on the team had a 500 series. Margaret Pearson, 504; Chris McKee, 597; Lorrie Geiger, 516 and Larry Schatle, 569. Way to go team. Al Music bowled a 578 and Dave Ward came

in with 540. Ray Goodman led the Monday Morning Blues with 563, followed by Ailine Neveils, 536 and Debbie Rice with 519. The Sassy Seniors was led by Larry Robinson with 562, followed by Rick Olsen, 507 and Ray Goodman with 504. Donell Rickie led the 9 Pin No Tap with 665, followed by Steve Tehan with 663 and Aline Neveils with 646. On the Men's League Larry Robinson bowled a

566 followed by Thure Olson, 554 and Doug Mabey with 548. Tom Parks bowled well above his average of 141 to come in with a 523 series.

If you are 50 or older and like to have fun, come and join the bowlers, Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. for some 'colored pin bowling'. No commitments and there are prizes. You do not need to be on a league to join this group.

SPORTS COMMENTARY

Girls soccer, Saints and Favre

Sportabout By Tom Daniels



Last week you thought I forgot about the SHS girls soccer team. Well I couldn't say much until they went to Newberry and won their district. The girls will be hosting a regional game this week at Langford Stadium. The boys will be hosting districts. Check the Democrat online for schedules. Hint, boys play Tuesday at 7. The New Orleans Saints will be going to their first Super Bowl. In case you didn't know, the Detroit Lions, Cleveland Browns,

Houston Texans and our own Jaguars have never been. No longer the Aints. It couldn't have happened to a better team.

In the wake of losing, the Vikings have spared us the endless Brett Favre stories. If Brett had pulled it down with 19 seconds left and scrambled 10 yards out of bounds he might be going. The Vikings would have a shot for a 45-yard field goal. No, he threw an INT, kind of like his last game as a Packer. Yeah, I know, if wishes were horses then beggars would ride. Where did I hear that?

Now that we don't have

SEE SPORTABOUT, PAGE 3B

Boys and girls soccer playoffs

Thursday, Jan. 28
Girls soccer
1/4 finals regionals
7 p.m. at SHS
*if girls win Friday night, Jan. 22 in Newberry

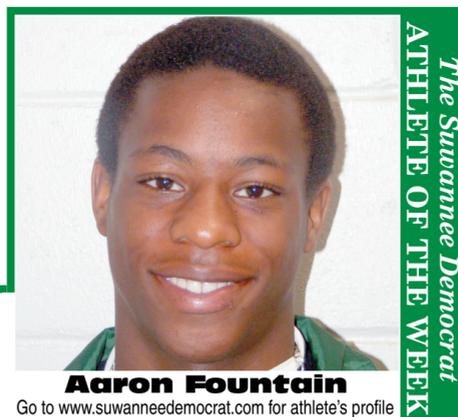
Friday, Jan. 29
Boys soccer
7 p.m. at SHS

Thursday, Feb. 4
Boys soccer
1/4 finals regionals
7 p.m. at SHS
*if boys win Friday night, Jan. 29

A scene from the SHS Billy Saylor tournament



Joe McMillan in action. See more photos inside. - Photo: Paul Buchanan - SuwanneeSports.com



The Suwannee Democrat ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Aaron Fountain

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Marianna Rosalio and a Santa Fe player fight for the ball.



Shannon Wood feels the pressure.



Marianna Rosalio heads the ball away from her opponent.

District champs



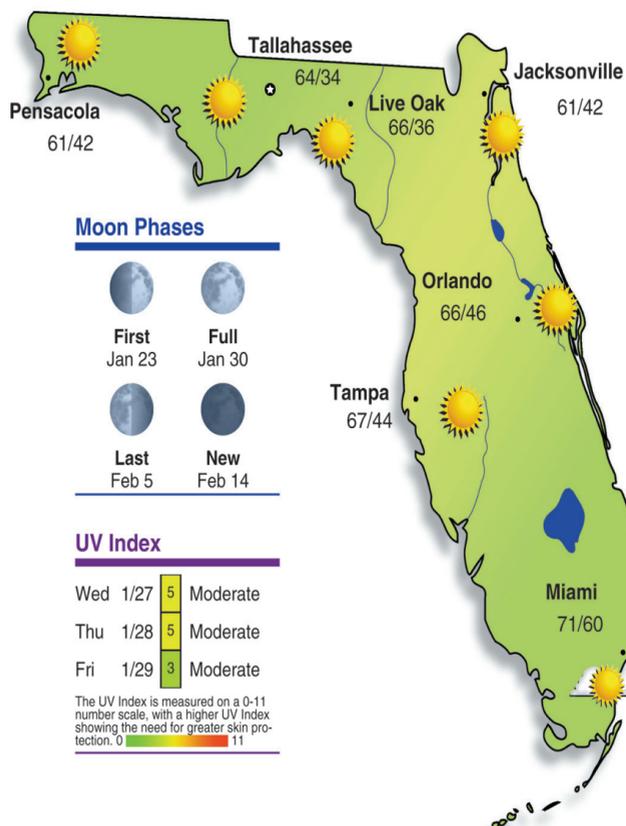
A few SHS girls celebrate after a score by Jessie TenBroeck (1). - Photos: Paul Buchanan - SuwanneeSports.com

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 1/27	Thu 1/28	Fri 1/29
66/36	71/51	73/55
Mainly sunny. High 66F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	Cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.
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Crestview	62	33	sunny	Madison	64	37	sunny	Port Charlotte	70	44	sunny
Daytona Beach	66	41	mst sunny	Melbourne	68	45	mst sunny	Saint Augustine	59	42	sunny
Fort Lauderdale	73	59	mst sunny	Miami	71	60	mst sunny	Saint Petersburg	62	50	sunny
Fort Myers	72	47	sunny	N Smyrna Beach	65	44	mst sunny	Sarasota	66	42	sunny
Gainesville	64	37	sunny	Ocala	67	39	sunny	Tallahassee	64	34	sunny
Hollywood	72	56	mst sunny	Orlando	66	46	sunny	Tampa	67	44	sunny
Jacksonville	61	42	sunny	Panama City	61	40	sunny	Titusville	67	44	mst sunny
Key West	69	63	mst sunny	Pensacola	61	42	sunny	Venice	68	45	sunny
Lady Lake	67	40	sunny	Plant City	71	43	sunny	W Palm Beach	71	55	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	54	32	sunny	Houston	69	58	cloudy	Phoenix	59	45	rain
Boston	40	25	mst sunny	Los Angeles	66	46	rain	San Francisco	57	41	pt sunny
Chicago	26	12	cloudy	Miami	71	60	mst sunny	Seattle	51	41	cloudy
Dallas	63	54	cloudy	Minneapolis	12	-2	pt sunny	St. Louis	40	25	mixed
Denver	45	27	cloudy	New York	42	30	mst sunny	Washington, DC	46	33	mst sunny





SPORTS

District champs



Megan Futch in action.



Natalie Pecina under pressure. - Photos: Paul Buchanan - SuwanneeSports.com



Jessie TenBroeck in action.



Autumn Summerfield blocks a Santa Fe shot.



Lindsay Michal steals the ball away from a Santa Fe defender.

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Brett to immortalize it will be Peyton Manning's turn ... again. I still hope they lose for giving up on an undefeated season. No offense, Peyton, but that will suck forever.

Put this together in your conspiracy theory. Drew Brees was let go by San Diego. San Diego drafted Eli Manning. They could have drafted Ben Roethlisberger or Phillip Rivers. San Diego trades Eli for Rivers, passes on

Big Ben. Eli, Ben and now Drew will all have gone to the Super Bowl. Rivers does go to the Pro Bowl, Eli and Ben don't. If Peyton had come out for the draft his junior year he would have been picked by San Diego. Junior Seau, who played in the San Diego Super Bowl loss, also was on the Patriots team that lost to Eli. San Diego is the team that lost to the Jets, who the Colts lost to in the regular season to not go undefeated, but beat to get to the Super Bowl. You thought "Where is Carmen San Diego" was only a game. The only thing missing in this plot is a

grassy knoll and a birth certificate. The Super Bowl will be a week from this Sunday. In the meantime get out to Langford Stadium and catch the soccer matches.

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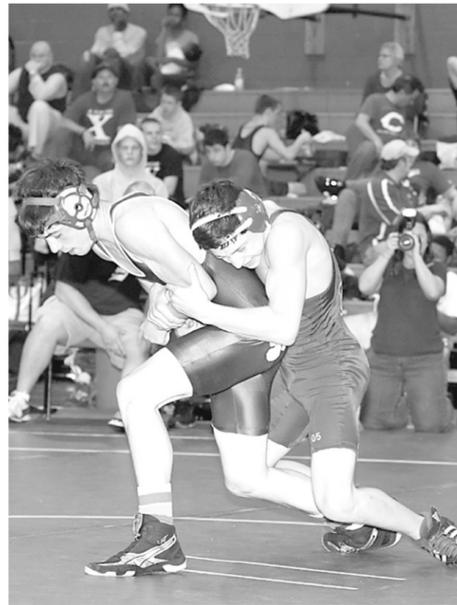
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Scenes from the Billy Saylor tournament



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Taylor and Caydon Fullbright enjoying the icicles

Thank you for submitting this week's SMILE photograph! Submit your photo for publication to:

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ABOVE: Aaron Fountain gets ready for a match. ABOVE RIGHT: Logan Register stares down his opponent. RIGHT: Timothy Branham in his match. - Photos: Paul Buchanan - SuwanneeSports.com

Suwannee Legals

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS NOTICE OF INTENT TO FIND SUWANNEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT IN COMPLIANCE DOCKET NO. 09-2-NOI-6101-(A)-(I)

The Department gives notice of its intent to find the Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for Suwannee County, adopted by Ordinance No. 2010-01, 2010-02 and 2010-03 on December 1, 2009, IN COMPLIANCE, pursuant to Sections 163.3184, 163.3187 and 163.3189, F.S.

The adopted Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan Amendment and the Department's Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report, (if any), are available for public inspection Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays, during normal business hours, at the Suwannee County Coordinator's Office, 224 Pine Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064.

Any affected person, as defined in Section 163.3184, F.S., has a right to petition for an administrative hearing to challenge the proposed agency determination that the Amendment to the Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan is in Compliance, as defined in Subsection 163.3184(1), F.S. The petition must be filed within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice, and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C. The petition must be filed with the Agency Clerk, Department of Community Affairs, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100, and a copy mailed or delivered to the local government. Failure to timely file a petition shall constitute a waiver of any right to request an administrative proceeding as a petitioner under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. If a petition is filed, the purpose of the administrative hearing will be to present evidence and testimony and forward a recommended order to the Department. If no petition is filed, this Notice of Intent shall become final agency action.

If a petition is filed, other affected persons may petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding. A petition for intervention must be filed at least twenty (20) days before the final hearing and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. A petition for leave to intervene shall be filed at the Division of Administrative Hearings, Department of Management Services, 1230 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3060. Failure to petition to intervene within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such a person has to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to participate in the administrative hearing.

After an administrative hearing petition is timely filed, mediation is available pursuant to Sub-section 163.3189(3)(a), F.S., to any affected person who is made a party to the proceeding by filing that request with the administrative law judge assigned by the Division of Administrative Hearings. The choice of mediation shall not affect a party's right to an administrative hearing.

-s- Mike McDaniel, Chief Office of Comprehensive Planning Department of Community Affairs 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100 1/27

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PUBLIC MEETING HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK (LOHA), Live Oak, Florida will be having an Board of Commissioners Meeting of the on 3:00 PM, 10th February 2010 to discuss the following:

Resolution 001-2010 PUBLIC HOUSING 5 YEAR BUDGET PLAN Live Oak, Florida 32064

The Public is welcome to attend. 1/20, 22, 27, 29 2/3, 5

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County court of Dade County, on the 6th day of November, 2009 in the cause wherein S. Peter Capua as plaintiff and Magdalena Gager was defendant, being Case No. 08-11615 SP-05 in said Court that I, Tony Cameron, as Sheriff of Suwannee County, Florida had levied this 15th day of January, 2010 upon all the rights, title and interest of the defendant, Magdalena Gager pursuant to any and all other liens, taxes, judgments or incumbrances whatsoever, in and to the following described property, to-wit:

Township 5 South, Range 15 East Section 8: The East 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 This deed is given subject to the rights of third parties in and to an undivided one-half (1/2) interest in the minerals under a mineral deed originally given by G.V. Harrell to Sidney A. Stubbs, dated August 31, 1944, recorded September 15, 1944, in Deed Book 50 page 241, public records of Suwannee County, Florida and all easements and reservations of record including Easement to Florida Power Corporation recorded March 14, 1953 in Deed Book 94, page 515, public records of Suwannee County, Florida, granting Florida Power Corporation an easement to operate and maintain a single pole line for the transmission and distribution of electricity.

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Tony Cameron Sheriff of Suwannee County, Florida

By: Tony Cameron Sheriff

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SUWANNEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 702 2ND STREET NW LIVE OAK, FL 32064 RFP NO. 10-200 FACILITIES COMPOUND LIFT STATION: TO CONSTRUCT A DUPLEX FIBERGLASS LIFT STATION WITH TWO (2) 2HP PUMPS AND +/-792 LF OF 2" SANITARY FORCE MAIN TERMINATING AT AN EXISTING SUWANNEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD LIFT STATION NORTH OF SUWANNEE MIDDLE SCHOOL ALONG WALKER AVENUE. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE ACQUIRED FROM GTC DESIGN GROUP

A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE SUWANNEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FACILITIES DEPARTMENT OFFICE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010 AT 10:00 A.M.

BID PACKS MAY BE PICKED UP FROM THE GTC DESIGN GROUP PRIOR TO THE MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING OR YOU MAY REQUEST A BID PACK BY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION BY PHONING (386) 362-3678. A SIGN IN SHEET MUST BE COMPLETED AT THE PRE-BID MEETING AND ANY COMPANY NOT REPRESENTED THEREON WILL NOT BE QUALIFIED TO BID.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA (HEREIN KNOWN AS THE BOARD), WILL RECEIVE SEALED PROPOSALS AT THE FINANCE OFFICE OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD. PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED IN AN ENVELOPE. THE ENVELOPE MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED, REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) 10-200, FACILITIES COMPOUND LIFT STATION, AND MAILED OR DELIVERED TO 702 2ND STREET NW, LIVE OAK, FLORIDA 32064 PRIOR TO 3:00 PM, LOCAL TIME, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2010. PROPOSALS RECEIVED TIMELY WILL BE OPENED, TABULATED AND EVALUATED AT THE ABOVE TIME IN THE FINANCE OFFICE OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD (UNLESS NOTIFIED OF A DIFFERENT LOCATION) AND WILL THEN BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR ACTION AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

EACH BIDDER MUST INCLUDE WITH THIS BID, A LETTER FROM HIS/HER BONDING AGENT STATING THAT BIDDER IS IN GOOD STANDING AND CAN, UPON REQUEST, PROVIDE NECESSARY PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND.

A PROPOSAL WILL BE CONSIDERED A FIRM OFFER AND CANNOT BE WITHDRAWN SUBSEQUENT TO OPENING WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE BOARD FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY (60) DAYS.

PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON SCSD BID FORMS (PROVIDED IN BID PACKET) AND ENCLOSED IN AN ENVELOPE THAT IS TO BE SEALED AND RETURNED TO THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO THE OPENING DATE AND TIME. ANY PROPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER THE DESIGNATED CUTOFF TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

A COPY OF EACH PAGE OF THIS PROPOSAL MUST BE COMPLETED AND/OR INITIALED AND RETURNED FOR THE PROPOSAL TO BE CONSIDERED.

THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS OR ANY PART OF ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS AND THE RIGHT TO SECURE EXPERT ADVICE IN EVALUATING AND SELECTING THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE PROPOSAL.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD WILL COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 24, 2010 AND CONTINUE THROUGH DATE MAY 25, 2010. THE CONTRACT MAY BE EXTENDED FOR 180 DAYS WITH MUTUAL CONSENT OF BOTH CONTRACTING PARTIES. THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE CONTRACT FOR NON PERFORMANCE WITH THIRTY (30) DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE.

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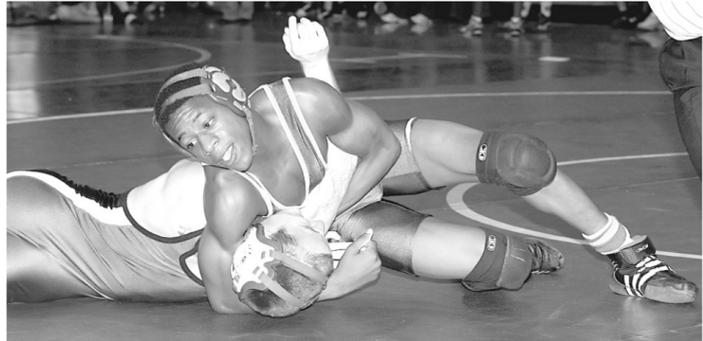
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Josh Key at the beginning of his match. - Photos: Paul Buchanan - SuwanneeSports.com

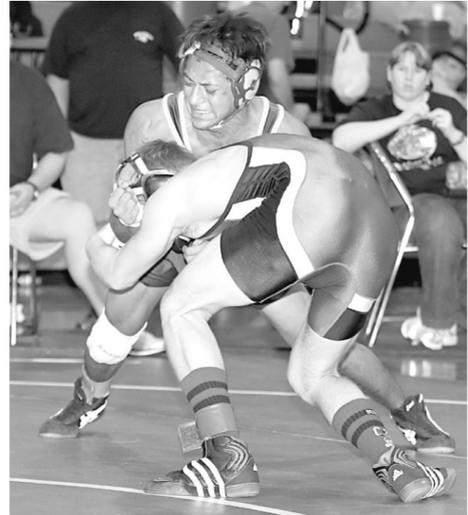


Aaron Fountain in action.

Scenes from the Billy Saylor tournament



Jacob Wainwright pins his opponent.



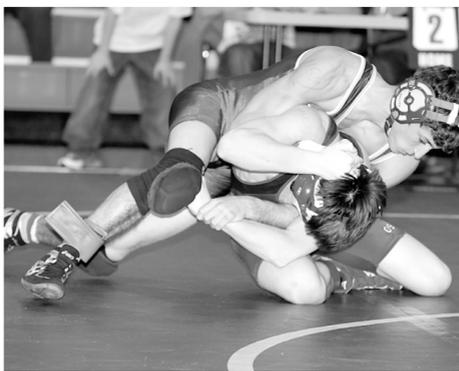
John Boatright in action.



Aaron Fountain wins his match.



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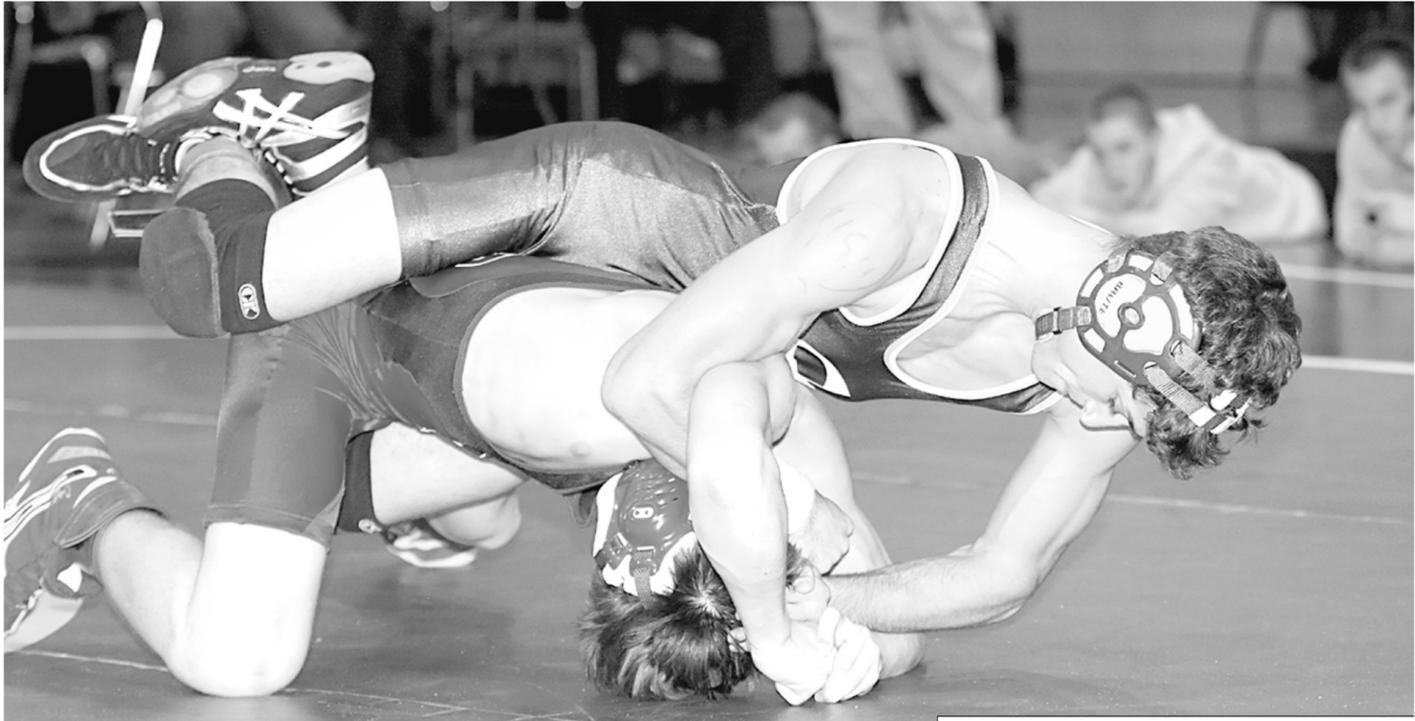
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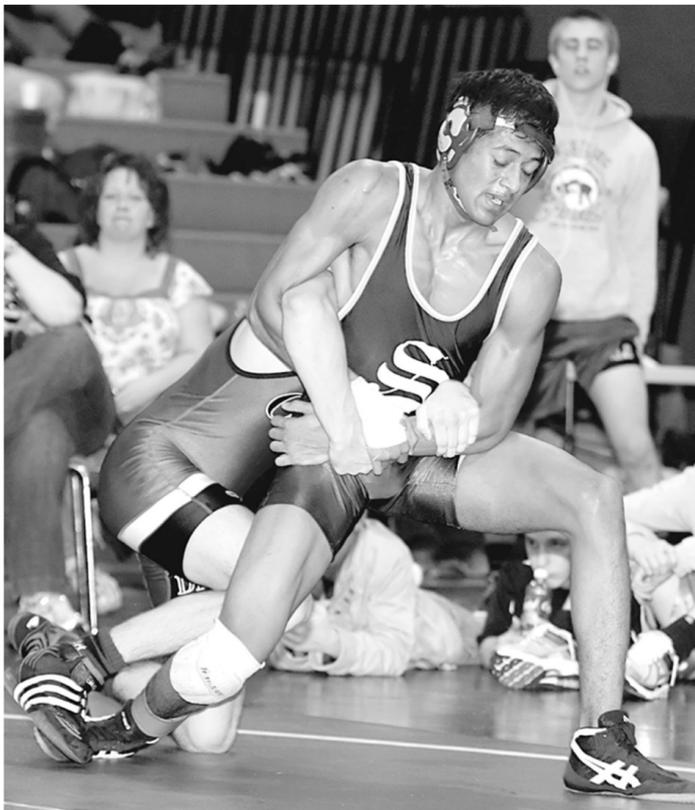
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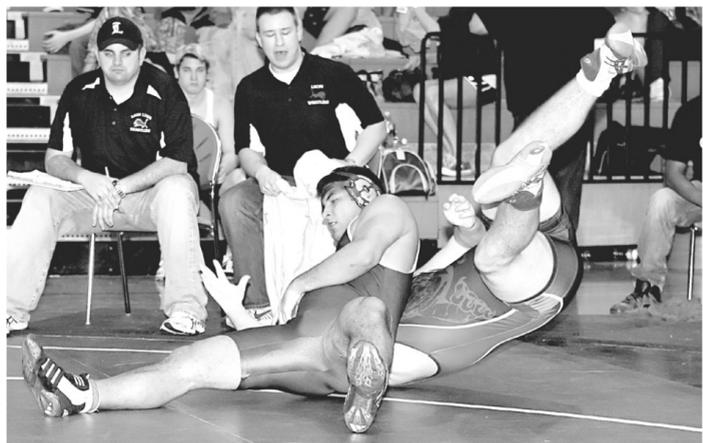
Jamie Alvarado faces down his opponent.



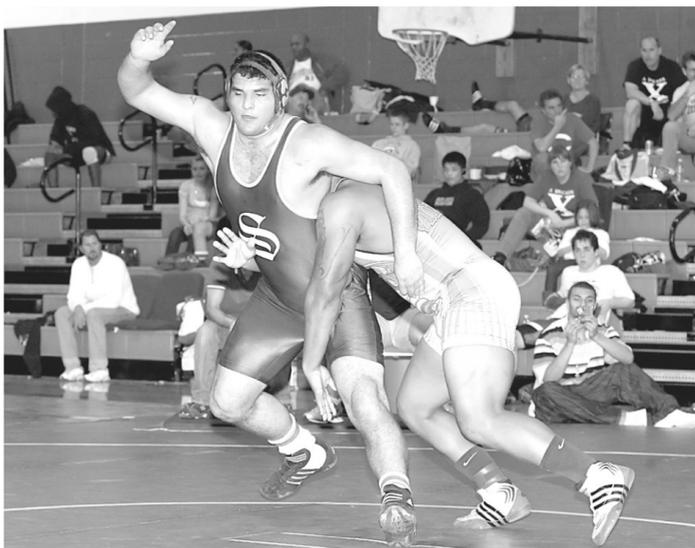
Josh Key feels the pressure.



John Boatright's opponent tries to take him down.



Jamie Alvarado takes his opponent down hard.



Jamie Alvarado holds on.



Kiahlin Redish getting ready to take down his opponent.





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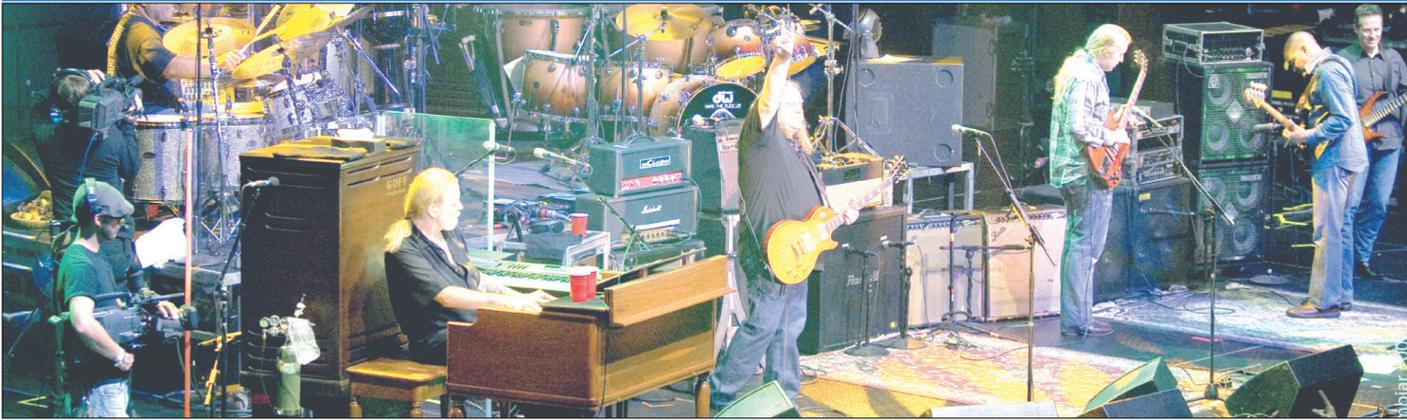
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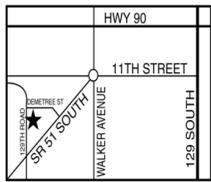
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This year's lineup includes Widespread Panic plus many more bands

The 5th annual Waneec Music Festival will take place at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak April 15-16 with the Allman Brothers returning as headliners. The Allmans will play both nights, as will Widespread Panic and a host of other superb bands.

The event is produced by LiveNation.

The event will kick off Thursday afternoon, April 15 with an expanded Waneec Kick-Off Party beginning at 3 p.m. Tickets for the Festival go on sale Friday, Jan. 22 at 10 a.m. and are available at the SOSMP front office, online at www.musicliveshere.com or by phone at the SOSMP at 386-364-1683. Tickets are also available at Music Today, LiveNation or by calling 1-800-594-8499.

In the Jan. 15 eagerly anticipated announcement on the Waneec website, fans learned the Allman Brothers Band and Widespread Panic will perform both Friday and Saturday nights during the huge festival. Other exciting artists scheduled to perform are Gov't Mule; Derek Trucks & Susan Tedeschi; Bob Weir, Rob Wasserman & Jay Lane are Scaring the Children; Stephen Stills; The Black Keys; Dr. John; Hot Tuna Electric; 7 Walkers featuring Bill Kreutzmann & Papa Mali; JJ Grey & Mofro; Johnny Winter; George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic; The Funky Meters; The Wailers; Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings; North Mississippi Allstars; A Family Affair with Ivan Neville's Dumpstaphunk (performing Sly & The Family Stone); Jaimoe's Jassz Band; Chuck Leavell with the Randall Bramblett Band; Particle; Oteil and Kofi Burbridge with The Lee Boys; Col. Bruce Hampton; Devon Allman's Honeytribe; Scrapomatic; Bobby Lee Rogers Trio and Bonobos Convergence.

All dates and acts are subject to change/cancellation. Show goes on rain or shine. Gates to the main concert field will open at noon April 16 - 17. Artists will begin playing at approx 1 p.m.

It is estimated that about 20,000 fans may attend this year's event.

General admission ticket specials are \$158 Jan. 22 - Feb. 22; \$178 Feb. 23 - April 14; \$188 gate price April 15-17. Children 5 years old and under will be admitted without a ticket if they are with a ticketed adult. Everyone else needs a ticket. Prices listed do not include taxes and processing. Ticket prices include two days of great

music and three nights of primitive camping Thurs, Fri and Sat night, April 15 - 17. Camping upgrades are available through the SOSMP offices if you would like to bring your RV or rent a cabin.

All ticket prices include the kick-off party. VIP tickets are \$353 without

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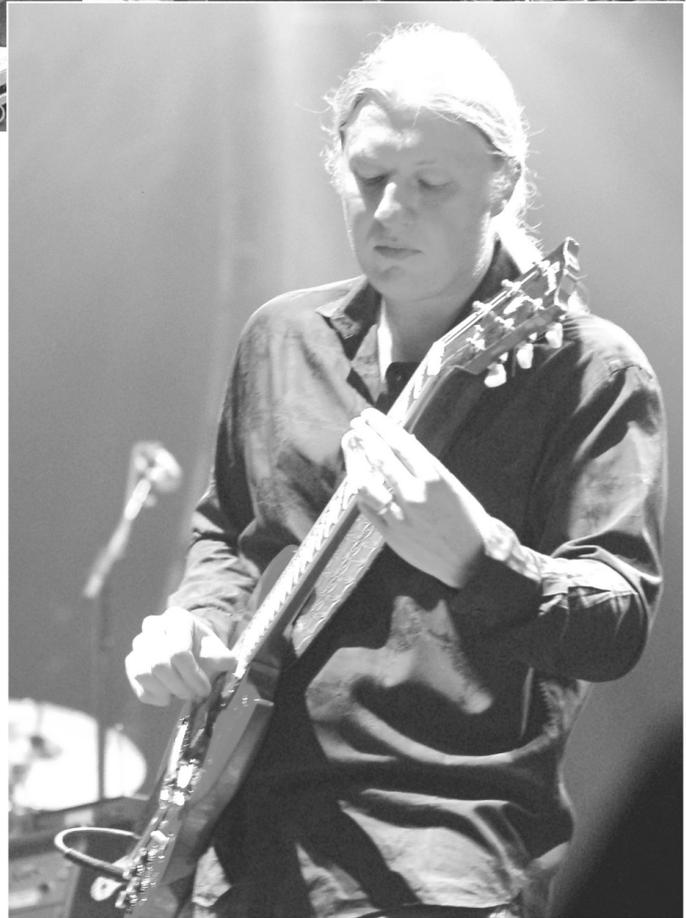
The Allman Brothers Band. See additional photo, Page 13. - Courtesy photos

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taxes and processing and are limited. VIP includes two days access to Wanees, VIP welcome party Thursday night, VIP parking, VIP hospitality tent with catering, private restrooms, discounted beverages, special concert viewing for the Peach Stage and a festival T-shirt and poster. VIP ticket holders may pick up their credentials April 15 - 16 at the SOSMP.

The SOSMP is located at 3076 95th Drive 4.5 miles north of Live Oak, off US 129 at the Suwannee River. The park is 4.5 miles south of Interstate 75 and 4.5 miles north of Interstate 10 off US 129. For more information call the SOSMP at 386-364-1683, go to the Web site at www.musicliveshere.com or email spir-it@musicliveshere.com. Camping reservations should be made quickly to ensure space is available.



Derek Trucks will also appear at the Wanees Festival.

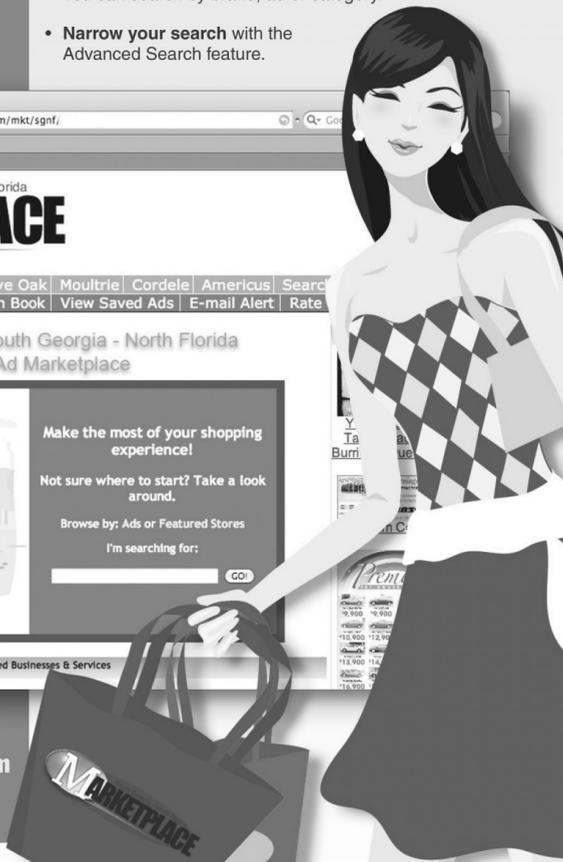
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Wild Adventures schedules 20 concerts for 2010 season

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- (3) 161st Rd: 9.82 acres partially wooded with a 4BR/3-1/2 bath CH&AC home with fireplace cont. approx 2400 sq. ft. heated area, 10'x30' storage. **REDUCED TO \$260,000.**
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- (5) CR 51 & Pinewood St.: 2.29 Acres, city water and sewer, zoned office. Good location \$192,500.
- (6) Off CR 349: 10 acre wooded tract with a two bedroom CH/AC log home in excellent condition cont. approx. 1200 sq. ft. under roof, 30'x40' pole barn. Reduced to \$175,000.
- (7) 410 Dexter: Corner lot with CH/AC brick home in good condition. Approx. 2,000 sq. ft. under roof with 2 car garage, kitchen furnished, large pool with privacy fence. Good location. Good Buy @ \$135,000.
- (8) Industrial Park: 1.13 acre corner tract good exposure. Reduced to \$34,500.
- (9) 40 acres with 835 ft. on paved road in 13 year old planted pines. Priced to sell at **REDUCED TO \$179,600.**
- (10) Near City: 2 ac. with 3/2 home cont. approx. 1280 sq. ft. under roof, kitchen furnished, carport. **REDUCED TO \$49,000.**
- (11) Luraville Area: Fly-in Community 15 acre wooded large trees, good county road. Priced to sell reduced to \$74,900.
- (12) Suwannee River: Two acres wooded river lot off CR 349 near Royal Springs and Boat Ramp. 100 sq. ft. on the water. (Buildable) good buy @ \$55,000.
- (13) Off Mitchell Rd.: 20 acres wooded with survey on 199th Rd. \$89,900.
- (14) Off CR 136 East: 40 acre tract partially wooded, some grass small pond, fenced. Good area. **REDUCED TO \$149,000.**
- (15) Hamilton Co.: 10 acres on CR751 and the river approx. 1300 ft. on the water and approx. 1300 ft. on paved road. Priced to sell at **REDUCED TO \$72,000.**
- (16) Madison Co.: 40 acres in 16 year old slash planted pines off CR 255 good elevation. Good buy at \$175,000.
- (17) Suwannee River home: nice two bedroom two story CH&AC home South of Branford, kitchen furnished, beautiful view of river from rear, screen porch. Good area. **REDUCED TO \$168,000.**
- (18) Farms of 10 Mill Hollow: 4 acres in grass/cropland with scattered trees. \$32,500.
- (19) Near City: Off US 90 East 5 acres wooded near golf course. Good buy @ \$44,900.
- (20) 190th St.: 10 acres in planted pines approx. 15 years old, with a 3/1 CH/AC SWMH, 2 car carport/shop. Priced to sell @ \$49,000.
- (21) 208 Houston: 3/5 BR, 1-1/2 BA frame home cont. approx. 2,000 sq. ft. under roof. Zoned R/O, has potential. Priced to sell @ \$59,500.
- (22) 16th St.: 3 ac. with a 3BR/2BA CH&AC brick home with fireplace, cont. approx. 2,780 sq. ft. under roof. Kitchen furnished, survey. Good Buy @ \$172,500.
- (23) Keaton Beach: Deep Water Canal lot near public boat ramp, sewer & water. Good buy @ \$125,000.
- (24) 169th Rd.: 5 ac. in grass with a 3/2 CH/AC DWMH cont. approx. 1,850 sq. ft. under roof in excellent cond. 2 car detached garage. Good area. \$124,900.
- (25) Off 16th St.: 2 100x530 river lots with MH (needs some R&R), well, septic and storage building. Lot has large hickory white oak magnolia. Well above the flood elevation. \$79,900 for the pair.
- (26) 193rd Rd.: 6.59 acres wooded on paved road. Good area. Good buy @ \$37,500.
- (27) Hamilton County: 40 acre wooded on county road. Good hunting area that adjoins SRWMD. \$149,500.
- (28) New 3 bedroom, 2 bath CH/AC home. City sewer & water, privacy fence. Good Buy @ \$95,000.





Medieval Hoggetowne's on the way

24th annual Faire set for this weekend and next

As you enter the gates of Hoggetowne the sound of trumpets will transport you to a time where brave knights joust for the honor of their ladies and Robin Hood and his Merry Men must battle the forces of evil. It is here at Hoggetowne that the spirit of the Middle Ages is relived.

Come be swept away with medieval magic at the 24th annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire on Jan. 30-31 & Feb. 5-7. Tucked away in the enchanted forest of the Alachua County Fairgrounds in Gainesville, on the last weekend in January and first weekend in February, a medieval marketplace comes to life as troupes of actors, street performers and musicians journey back to the days of yore.

The bustling medieval marketplace will showcase more than 160 talented artisans from all over the countryside who will demonstrate their old-time skills and sell their traditional wares. At the marketplace visitors can marvel at time-honored traditions of weaving, blacksmithing, leatherworking, woodcarving, glass blowing and jewelry making. Guests can visit one of Hoggetowne's mysterious fortune-tellers to learn the secrets of their future or an artisan to create intricate henna body art.

"To take full advantage of the exciting medieval magic, visitors should arrive early," said Linda Piper, Faire coordinator. "Each morning all the entertainers are up front to welcome the Hoggetowne guests as the city gates open to this magical kingdom."

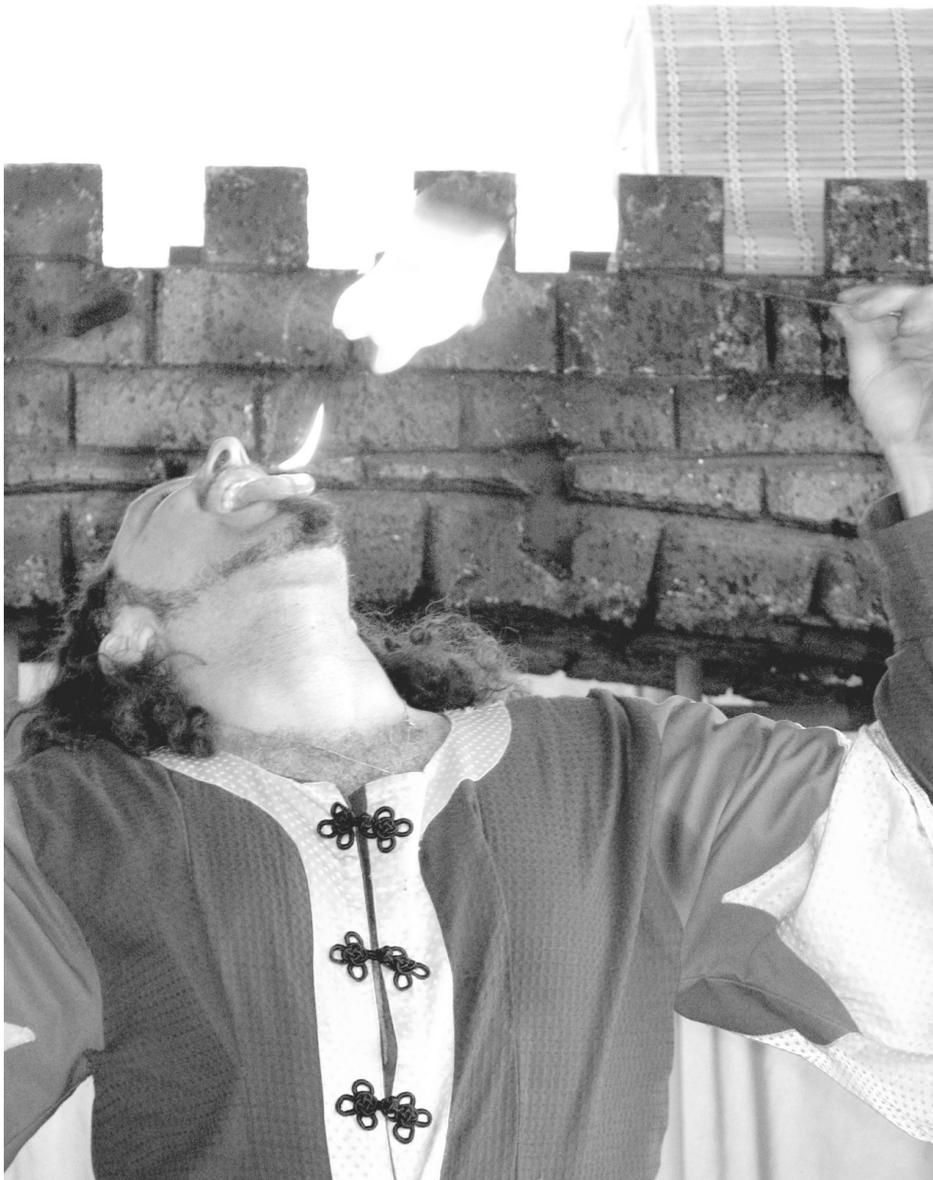
Throughout the streets of Hoggetowne the sounds of applause and laughter will draw you into one of the nine stages where the forgotten skills of full flight falconry, gripping aerial acrobatics and astonishing magic acts are brought back to life. Jugglers, musicians and dancers fill the streets and stages with continuous live revelry - a medley including gypsy dancing, ancient music, mystifying magic, knife throwing and fire eating. Performers mingle with the crowds as the atmosphere fills with the sweet Medieval sounds of minstrels, harpists and many "olde world" instruments.

"Plan to spend the entire day at Hoggetowne. There is so much to see and do, you'll be entertained the whole time," Piper said. "People wait all year for this highly anticipated event."

Hoggetowne is fun for the whole family with fabulous entertainment featuring a variety of the best performers nationwide. Twice a day the trumpets will sound, visitors and peasants alike are invited to join the king and queen's royal procession to the Tournament Field for the royal joust.

Hands-on activities are plentiful in Hoggetowne. Visitors can shoot arrows, hurl battle axes, or launch throwing stars into targets. Thrilling human-powered push rides, camel rides, and elephant rides attract long lines of both eager children and adventurous adults. The astounding "Birds of Prey" show features trained hawks and falcons that perform for the pleasure of the crowds.

One of the Faire's most notable attractions is the joust, where knights in full body armor charge each other on horseback battling for the honor of their ladies. After the



Fire-eaters will be making the rounds at the 24th annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire in Gainesville. - Courtesy photo

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Note: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act temporarily will change the taxation of unemployment benefits for the 2009 tax year only. Under the new economic stimulus law, the first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits received in 2009 will not be subject to federal taxes. The exemption will be reflected on those tax returns filed in 2010.

This information is available at www.irs.gov.





Calendar of Events

Pink Ladies Needed!

Are you looking for a place to share your talents? Do you enjoy meaningful conversation with a good friend? How 'bout a good book?

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Call Lynn Brannon, Activities Director at 386-362-7860 or 386-590-2961.

Talent Search

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WE WANT YOU! Suwannee Health Care & Rehab Center is looking for your talent for our residents. Dinner for two - \$45; One night at the Beach - \$125; One hour volunteering to make memories that last forever - PRICELESS!

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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.

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.

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.

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.

College Placement Tests

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. To register please call 850-973-9451.

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

The Suwannee County Republican Executive Committee meets at Live Oak City Hall, in the Council Chambers, at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. If the first Thursday is the first day of the month, then the meeting will be on the following Thursday. Each meeting has a guest speaker or there will be current issues brought up for discussion. All are welcome to attend.

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

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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LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR HEALTH

The Power of Music for Pain: Women in labor, surgical patients and more turn to music for help

Medical practitioners and researchers increasingly tout the benefits of music for a variety of people suffering with pain, including women in labor, burn victims and patients recovering from surgery.

Medical studies demonstrate the ability of music to enhance well-being, reduce stress and anxiety, encourage relaxation, and alleviate pain. Music is believed to direct physiologic effects through the autonomic nervous system, such as causing the release of endorphins that suppress pain.

While music has been utilized for healing for centuries, it is only during the past 20 years that music therapy has emerged as an established health profession.

Today, the American Medical Association accepts music therapy as a component of medical care, and music is currently used in

medical settings to address physical, emotional and cognitive needs of individuals. In 1991, 90-year old Ida Goldman who walked with assistance to testify before the Senate demonstrated the value of music for pain, "Before I had surgery, they told me I could never walk again. But when I sat and listened to music, I forgot all about the pain."

Several studies from noted medical journals support Goldman's experience. And the research has led to an increased use of music in hospitals.

This year, the growing trend of using music to help women reduce the pain of labor inspired top artists such as The Dixie Chicks to donate music to a benefit CD of soothing songs for the March of Dimes called "Stork Tunes: Songs for A Happy Birth Day," which was specifically compiled to appeal to moms in labor.

To tap the power of music, visit www.musictherapy.org and www.storktunes.com.

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organization is seeking a location in the Branford area that could be used to serve meals to persons 60 years of age or older. Any business, organization or church that has space available and would be interested in assisting in this much needed service to the elderly population of Branford, should contact Bruce Evans, Senior Center Director, at 362-1164 or Janis Owen, Director of Client Services, at 362-4115, ext. 240.

Love a mystery?

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

information call Jinnie or Alice at 386-330-0110.

Live Oak Partnership meeting schedule changes

The Live Oak Partnership Revitalization Board will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 3:30 p.m. The meetings will be held at the Live Oak City Hall complex. Unless otherwise noted, these meetings will be held in the City Hall Annex building, east of the main City Hall office.

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

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JACKSONVILLE - The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens' Spring Garden Tours of 2010 kicks off with a Containers for the Cold tour, on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 9 to 11 a.m. Guests are invited to see how the Zoo spices up the dreary winter days with cold-defying containers. Guests and horticulture staff will walk through the gardens discussing the cold weather plant choices the Zoo plays with during the cold winter months. Guests are to pre-register online at www.jacksonvillezoo.org, and meet outside the Zoo's ticket booths at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the tour. The cost is \$10 for Zoo members and \$20 for non-members (Zoo admission is included). Pre-registration is required and tour size is

limited. For more information, visit www.jacksonvillezoo.org/botanical/first_saturday_garden_tours/ For over 90 years, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has been dedicated to inspiring the discovery and appreciation of wildlife through innovative experience in a caring environment. Starting in 1914 with an animal collection that consisted of one red deer fawn, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has grown to house more than 1,400 rare and exotic animals and over 1,000 unique plant species. The Jacksonville Zoo is a non-profit organization and is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). It is open year-round, seven days a week, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is located on Jacksonville's north side at 370 Zoo Parkway, one-half mile east from I-95. For more information on the Zoo, log on to www.jacksonvillezoo.org.

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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.

Free English-speaking and literacy classes

Provided by Columbia County School District's Career and Adult Education Program

Where: Wellborn, Florida
Unity of God Ministries, Inc.
12270 County Road 137

When: Every Thursday
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Activities for children will be provided. Please contact 386-755-8190 for additional information.

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Madison County: Friday, January 29, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Madison County Public Library

Lady of the Lake to meet

Jan. 27

The Lady of the Lake Quilting Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 9:30 a.m. at the Teen Town 533 NW Desoto St., Lake City (two blocks north of Duval (US 90) on Lake Jeffery Road).

Come and learn what this Guild is all about ... each Special Project Chairperson will give a brief description of what their committee does for the Guild.

This Guild is an organization for anyone interested in quilts and the art of quilting. The Guild makes and distributes over 200 quilts a year to various charities and non-profit organizations in the Suwannee Valley Region and for our Armed Forces.

For more details contact President Ramona Dewees, 386-496-3876.

Learn to square dance

Jan. 28

Beginner lessons starting Thursday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. with the Vagabond Squares at the Hale Community Center, 215 NE Duval St., Live Oak, (across from the fire station).

Caller: Ralph Beekman. For more information call 386-752-2544.

The first night is free, so come check it out!

Women's Club open house

It's the second annual Women's Club of Live Oak open house!

When: On Friday, Jan. 29.

Where: At our clubhouse on CR 136 just pass the Coliseum on the right.

Time: 5-7 p.m.

We look forward to meeting you. Please come and learn about all the things we are doing here in our community. Beverages and finger foods will be provided.

Take charge of your diabetes

An educational program for adults with Type 2 diabetes

Jan. 28 - March 25

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.

Class size is limited!

Spring-Friendly Landscaping & Gardening series

Suwannee County UF/IFAS Master Gardener volunteers are continuing their Spring-Friendly Landscaping & Gardening series. This month's topic is "Alternative Vegetable Gardening With an Organic Twist" on Jan. 20 at the Suwannee River Regional Library-Live Oak. This topic will be offered again on February 17 and the Suwannee River Regional Library-Branford and also on March 17 at the Wellborn Community Center. This series is offered on the third Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m.

Discussion will include raised beds, vertical growing and other containers, plant selection and insect management.

Other topics to be discussed throughout the series include: "Native and Drought Tolerant Plants", "So What's Bugging You?", and "How and When to Prune".

The classes will be held at three different locations throughout the year.

- Suwannee River Regional Library-Live Oak, 1848 South Ohio Avenue
- Suwannee River Regional Library-Branford, 703 NW Suwannee Avenue
- Wellborn Community Center, 1340 8th Avenue

For more information contact Carolyn Saft at

csaft318@ufl.edu or Pam Burke at peburke@ufl.edu or 386-362-2771.

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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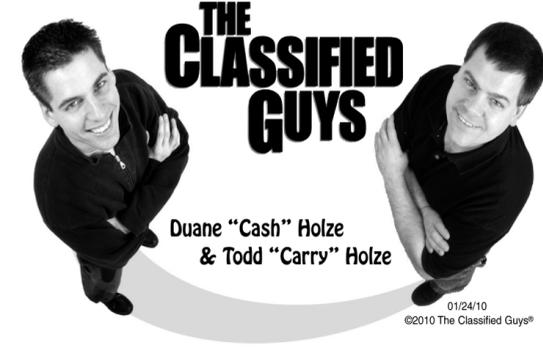
Dear Classified Guys, Before I called a real estate agent to sell my home, I thought I'd try it on my own. I placed a newspaper ad advertising my home for sale. Although I listed it as "principles only", I'm still getting a lot of calls from real estate agents who want to list my house. In fact, last week one knocked on my door at 8:00am to ask if I wanted to discuss selling through his agency. I was still in my pajamas! How can I go about selling my home on my own without being bothered by these agents?



Carry: You'd think a real estate agent would know better than to knock on your door at 8am. Especially without bringing you coffee and donuts!

Cash: Unfortunately when you sell your own home, there are always agents who will solicit to get your house listed with them. Although, it's rather uncommon for one to knock on your door so early in the morning. This certainly puts them on your bad side.

Carry: You were smart to list "no principles" in your advertisement. That can be a deterrent to some agents. You can also list "by appointment only" on the sign out front of your home. That



THE CLASSIFIED GUYS

Duane "Cash" Holze & Todd "Carry" Holze

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can discourage agents and potential buyers from knocking on the door before your morning cup of coffee.

Cash: However, real estate is a highly competitive market, especially nowadays. So there may always be some agents who ignore your ad or sign.

Carry: Agents know that many people who try selling their own house often give up after a short while. The process can be a lot of work. The agent is simply working to be the first one in line for the listing.

Cash: It may be beneficial to look at an agent who calls as an opportunity to sell your home. If you're not interested

in listing your home with them, you could let them know that you will entertain offers from their clients.

Carry: Many real estate agents have adopted what's called a buyer's agreement with their clients. This agreement typically states that should the agent or the buyer find a home that results in a sale, the agent is due a closing fee; either from the sale or directly from the buyer. In your case that means any agent fee could be paid by the buyer.

Cash: However, if you want to discourage people from knocking on your door, consider hanging a big "Beware of Dog" sign.

Fast Facts

FSBO Savings

How much can you save by selling a house on your own? A real estate broker's commission averages 6% of the sale price. For a \$200,000 home, that's \$12,000. Most people expect to save that money by selling on their own, yet the national average of savings is only 2%, or only \$4,000 for that same house. The difference is attributed to a seller's inexperience, misjudged advertising costs or poor negotiations. Buyers also expect to share in the savings when purchasing without a real estate agent. If you're going to sell on your own, be sure to brush up on your real estate skills.

Emotional Sale

When you sell your own home, it is important to emotionally detach yourself from your home. Emotionally charged sellers have a tendency to overwhelm buyers or complicate the process. Although your house may hold many memories, it's important to handle the sale just like an agent. Be prepared to handle the negotiations, complications and rejections. In the end, it will help you get the price you want without all the aggravation.

Got a question, funny story, or just want to give us your opinion? We want to hear all about it! Email us at comments@classifiedguys.com.

Reader Humor

Checked Out

For many people, buying a home is their largest investment. As a real estate agent, I like to make sure they find the one they love.

Last week I took a recently married couple out to look at homes. The husband was cautious as he was using his savings to buy their first house.

As we entered the living room of one house the woman gleamed, "I love this room!" We went through the kitchen and she exclaimed, "It's perfect." As we headed out the door she turned to me and said, "This house is great!"

When the gentleman walked by I said, "I guess your wife really likes it." "Of course she does," he trembled. "She's not writing the check."

(Thanks to Samantha J.)

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DOGS:

#3277 - Blake - is 3 years 6 months old, he is a Hound Mix. He is all brown and is a nice dog.

#3265 - Drake - is brown and white and is a Hound Mix. He is 3 years 6 months old and would make a nice dog for someone.

#3203 - Andy - is a Hound Mix, he is 3 years 7 months old. He is brown and weight 39.6# and a very likeable guy.

#3146 - Madison - is a 3 year 1 month old, she is a Mixed Breed. She is brindle and weight 56#. She is a very friendly dog.

#2936 - Ms. Wiggles - is a Lab Mix and is brown. She is 4 years 5 months old. She is a very friendly and likes everyone.

We have 8 cute puppies in house - about 5 weeks old. The mom is Fox terrier mix and father is? We will take a deposit on them but they will not be ready to leave the shelter until 2nd week in February. Their mom only weighs 18lbs.

CATS:

#3709 - Danika - is a 6 months old, gray and white female kitty. She is very sweet and weight 2. 131/2 #.

#3695 - Loral - is a black and white kitty. She is 8 months and weight 4.11#. She is a medium length haired kitty.

#367 - Marble - is an 11 months old, tabby. She weight 7.6# and is a sweetheart.

#3647 - Queenie - is a 10 months old Calico. She weight 5.6# and has no tail. She loves to be made of.

#3646 - Elizabeth - is a 10 months old kitty. She is a tan and gray Calico and has no tail. She weight 5.3 1/2 #.

LOST AND FOUND:

Lost from White Springs area "DOX" a bulldog. Is a white male with a brown ear and a brown spot on his rump. He weight approximately 20# and is 4 months old. If you have found him, please call Jason Harris @ (386) 855 - 4976.

FOUND:

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Do Store Logos on Coupons Dictate Use?



By
Jill Cataldo

Q: "Often, the manufacturer coupons in the paper and some that I get online have individual store logos printed on them so that the coupon can only be used at that store. Why do manufacturers allow this? We should be able to use coupons wherever we like unless, of course, they are store coupons."

A: Believing that a manufacturer coupon must be used at the store whose logo appears on it is a common misconception among coupon users, both those who are new and even experienced couponers. A coupon with the words "Manufacturer Coupon" printed on it is always a manufacturer coupon, regardless of what store's name or logo might also be printed on it. Any store that redeems the coupon will be reimbursed for it.

Why might a particular store's logo or name appear on a manufacturer coupon? Certainly it's a suggestion as to where you could use that coupon. It's usually because the store in question has participated in a joint advertising campaign for that featured product. It's common to see coupons that say "Redeemable at [store name]" – but just because a coupon states it's redeemable at that store, it doesn't mean it's not redeemable elsewhere.

It's important to remember that using coupons at any store is a privilege, not a right – so it's worth checking to see if

your store has any restrictions in their coupon policy for manufacturer coupons with other stores' logos on them. A policy that states, "We accept all manufacturer coupons" is essentially your green light to know that the store will take any manufacturer coupon, even when it shows another store's logo on it. And, don't forget about the Catalina coupons that print out at the register. Where I live, three major grocery stores compete and all three will interchangeably accept the other's Catalina coupons, regardless of logo, as long as the words "Manufacturer Coupon" appear on the top.

If your coupon is a store coupon (typically it will state "Store Coupon" or "Retailer Coupon" on the top) you must use it at that particular store, because it's an offer the store is making available only to their customers. A manufacturer is not involved in that coupon's redemption.

Then again, if your store also accepts competitors' coupons... the possibilities are endless!

Q: "Yesterday I ran into a problem with a \$2 manufacturer coupon for trail mix. When the clerk scanned it, the value appeared as \$1 instead of \$2. She said she couldn't do anything about that, even though I reminded her that it was a manufacturer coupon. Could you explain why and how

this happens? Is this legal? If I had settled for the \$1 discount, could the store then redeem it for \$2?"

A: It doesn't happen too often, but what you're describing is the result of a misprint on the coupon. The coupon's text states the value as \$2, but the barcode that's printed on it actually scans for \$1. It's likely the result of human error when the coupon was being designed, and the bar code for the lower dollar amount was inserted into the layout.

When it comes time for the store to redeem that coupon, it's likely the store will get \$1 instead of \$2, since almost all coupon redemption is done automatically via a barcode scanner – and again, the barcode is coded to give a \$1 discount.

If this were a widespread practice, certainly legality would come into question, but it really doesn't happen too often.

Jill Cataldo, a coupon workshop instructor, writer and mother of three, never passes up a good deal. Learn more about couponing at her Web site, www.super-couponing.com. E-mail your own couponing victories and questions to jill@ctwfeatures.com.

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Medieval Hoggetowne's on the way



ABOVE: Medieval music at a previous Hoggetowne Medieval Faire. LEFT: Plenty of folks will be in character for the Faire. - Courtesy photos

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joust, children are encouraged to meet the knights and their magnificent steeds. Another exciting performance at Hoggetowne is the Living Chess Match, where Robin Hood and his Merry Men battle the Sheriff of Nottingham with human chess pieces fighting for their spot on the board and victory over their opponents.

Take a break from shopping and shows to indulge in a hearty feast fit for a king. Beyond the marketplace is the food court, where tempting aromas entice fairgoers. Tasty bloomin' onions, fresh-baked pastries, sweet potato fries, giant turkey legs and succulent ribs are just a sample of what's in store.

On Friday, Feb. 5, Hoggetowne hosts School Day, an educational experience for students. Thousands of students from all over Florida will make a trip to the Faire for an exciting experience, full of fun activities such as face painting, hair braiding and creating wax hands. On this

day, general admission is half price, and larger discounts are available to school groups that register in advance.

"It's so great to be able to provide this educational opportunity to children who are learning about medieval studies in their schools," Piper said. "This is a chance for students to see the Middle Ages come to life."

The Hoggetowne Medieval Faire is produced by the City of Gainesville's Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. On Saturdays and Sundays, Faire hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and admission is \$14 for adults, \$7 for ages 5-17 and free for children 4 and under. On School Day, Friday, Feb. 5, the Faire hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and tickets are half-price. Remember, no pets are permitted. The Alachua County Fairgrounds is situated east of Gainesville on 39th Avenue and SR 121, adjacent to the Gainesville Regional Airport. For more information, visit www.gvlculturalaffairs.org or call 352-334-ARTS.

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MADISON - The world famous Tallahassee Boys' Choir returns, by popular demand, to North Florida Community College for a Saturday, Feb. 6 performance at Van H. Priest Auditorium at 6 p.m. The choir, featuring young performers from across the Tallahassee

area, is sure to amaze and warm the hearts of concert patrons. The Feb. 6 performance is sponsored by NFCC and the Madison County Chapter of the Charmettes, Inc. Tickets are \$15 and available through the Charmettes (850-673-1445) or

from the NFCC College Advancement Office (850-973-1653). Proceeds will benefit local scholarships and the Charmettes' National Cancer Project. For more information on the choir, go to www.boyschoirtlh.org.



Bluegrass star Valerie Smith. - Courtesy photo

Bluegrass celebrity Valerie Smith to appear at the Spirit

Bluegrass celebrity Valerie Smith and her band Liberty Pike featuring Becky Buller will perform during a special appearance at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park Wednesday evening, Feb. 3 in the Music Hall.

This vibrant bluegrass band is described as being "a breath of fresh air," and presents "visually beautiful and exciting performances with exceptional musicality," according to Gabrielle Gray, International Bluegrass Music Museum Executive Director.

Smith, a bluegrass ambassador and recipient of International Bluegrass Music Association awards as well as a Grammy nomination for her part in the Ralph Stanley "Clinch Mountain Sweethearts" project, has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry and entertained music lovers in New York, London, Berlin, Dublin, Amsterdam, Copenhagen and hundreds of

other venues across the US, Canada, the United Kingdom and Europe. Valerie earned her college degree in vocal music education because of her love for singing, guitar and old time fiddle playing. She also owns and operates Bell Buckle Records with her husband.

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FSU's Alejandro Jenkins writes in 'Scientific American' that life may exist - in other universes

TALLAHASSEE - Is there anybody out there? In Alejandro Jenkins' case, the question refers not to whether life exists elsewhere in the universe, but whether it exists in other universes outside of our own.

While that might be a mind-blowing concept for the layperson to ponder, it's all in a day's work for Jenkins, a post-doctoral associate in theoretical high-energy physics at The Florida State University. In fact, his deep thoughts on the hypothetical "multiverse" - think of it as a mega-universe full of numerous smaller universes, including our own - are now receiving worldwide attention, thanks to a cover article he co-wrote for the January 2010 issue of Scientific American magazine.

In "Looking for Life in the Multiverse," Jenkins and co-writer Gilad Perez, a theorist at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, discuss a provocative hypothesis known as the anthropic principle, which states that the existence of intelligent life (capable of studying physical processes) imposes constraints on the possible form of the laws of physics.

"Our lives here on Earth - in fact, everything we see and know about the universe around us - depend on a precise set of conditions that makes us possible," Jenkins said. "For example, if the fundamental forces that shape matter in our universe were altered even slightly, it's conceivable that atoms never would have formed, or that the element carbon, which is considered a basic building block of life as we know it, wouldn't exist. So how is it that such a perfect balance exists? Some would attribute it to God, but of course, that is outside the realm of physics."

The theory of "cosmic inflation,"

which was developed in the 1980s in order to solve certain puzzles about the structure of our universe, predicts that ours is just one of countless universes to emerge from the same primordial vacuum. We have no way of seeing those other universes, although many of the other predictions of cosmic inflation have recently been corroborated by astrophysical measurements.

Given some of science's current ideas about high-energy physics, it is plausible that those other universes might each have different physical interactions. So perhaps it's no mystery that we would happen to occupy the rare universe in which conditions are just right to make life possible. This is analogous to how, out of the many planets in our universe, we occupy the rare one where conditions are right for organic evolution.

"What theorists like Dr. Perez and I do is tweak the calculations of the fundamental forces in order to predict the resulting effects on possible, alternative universes," Jenkins said. "Some of these results are easy to predict; for example, if there was no electromagnetic force, there would be no atoms and no chemical bonds. And without gravity, matter wouldn't coalesce into planets, stars and galaxies."

"What is surprising about our results is that we found conditions that, while very different from those of our own universe, nevertheless might allow - again, at least hypothetically - for the existence of life. (What that life would look like is another story entirely.) This actually brings into question the usefulness of the anthropic principle when applied to particle physics, and might force us to think more carefully about what the multiverse would actually contain."

"Having an article in Scientific American is a magnificent accomplishment, but being selected for the cover story is special indeed," said Mark Riley, chairman of the Department of Physics at Florida State. "My congratulations to Dr. Jenkins and our High Energy Physics Group."

Jenkins has degrees from Harvard University and the California Institute of Technology, and he previously conducted postgraduate research on the topic of alternative universes while at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Despite all of his training, however, the Scientific American article was unexpected.

"I am very proud of our research, but to be honest, I think that this had something to do with the fact that people are naturally intrigued by speculative ideas about cosmology and the 'big picture.'"

"The idea of parallel universes, in particular, is one that many people find exciting," Jenkins said. "The current season of (the Fox-TV comedy) 'Family Guy' recently premiered with an episode called 'Road to the Multiverse,' which was premised on the idea that one can visit other universes - although that seems impossible given what we know about physics. Nevertheless, whether other universes actually exist is a question that has consequences for our understanding of physics in this world. I think our research raises important questions in that regard."

"Looking for Life in the Multiverse" can be purchased, or accessed by Scientific American subscribers, at the magazine's web site (www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=looking-for-life-in-the-multiverse). The January issue of the magazine is also on sale now throughout the United States.

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UF study suggests theory for insect colonies as 'superorganisms'

GAINESVILLE - A team of researchers including scientists from the University of Florida has shown insect colonies follow some of the same biological "rules" as individuals, a finding that suggests insect societies operate like a single "superorganism" in terms of their physiology and life cycle.

For more than a century, biologists have marveled at the highly cooperative nature of ants, bees and other social insects that work together to determine the survival and growth of a colony.

The social interactions are much like cells working together in a single body, hence the term "superorganism" - an organism comprised of many organisms, according to James Gillooly, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the de-

partment of biology at UF's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Now, researchers from UF, the University of Oklahoma and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine have taken the same mathematical models that predict lifespan, growth and reproduction in individual organisms and used them to predict these features in whole colonies.

By analyzing data from 168 different social insect species including ants, termites, bees and wasps, the authors found that the lifespan, growth rates and rates of reproduction of whole colonies when considered as superorganisms were nearly indistinguishable from individual organisms.

The findings will be published online this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"This PNAS paper regarding the energetic basis of colonial living in social insects is notable for its originality and also for its importance," said Edward O. Wilson, a professor of biology at Harvard University and co-author of the book "The Super-Organism," who was not involved in the research. "The research certainly adds a new perspective to our study of how insect societies are organized and to what degree they are organized."

The study may also help scientists understand how social systems have arisen through natural selection - the process by which evolution occurs. The evolution of social systems of insects in particular, where sterile workers live only to help the queen reproduce, has long been a mystery, Gillooly said.

"In life, two of the major evolutionary innovations have been how cells came together to function as a single organism, and how individuals joined together to function as a society," said Gillooly, who is a member of the UF Genetics Institute. "Relatively speaking, we understand a considerable amount about how the size of multicellular organisms affects the life cycle of individuals based on metabolic theory, but now we are showing this same theoretical framework helps predict the life cycle of whole societies of organisms."

Researchers note that insect societies make up a large fraction of the total biomass on Earth, and say the finding may have implications for human societies.

"Certainly one of the reasons folks have been interested in social insects and the consequences of living in groups is that it tells us about our own species," said study co-author Michael Kaspari, Ph.D., a presidential professor of zoology, ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Oklahoma and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute. "There is currently a vigorous debate on how sociality evolved. We suggest that any theory of sociality be consistent with the amazing convergence in the way nonsocial and social organisms use energy."

In addition to Gillooly and Kaspari, Chen Hou from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and Hannah B. Vander Zanden of the University of Florida participated in the study.

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At The Hop



QUINCY - Pull out your old saddle shoes and put on your poodle skirt for the Gadsden Arts Center's Swing'n Sock Hop, January 30, 2010 at 6:30pm. Travel with us back the lighthearted spirit of the American 1950's and 1960's, with period attire and a costume contest, per-

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Swing'n Sock Hop illustration by Alicia Viera

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The Gadsden Arts Center is located on Quincy's historic Courthouse Square at

13 N. Madison St., just 10 miles from Tallahassee City Limits. Admission is \$1 (members and children admitted free). Gallery and gift shop hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10am-5pm. Hours for Miss Helen's Espresso Café D'art and the Artists Guild Co-op are Monday-Friday 7am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm. Catering and Guided Luncheon Tours are available by calling 850-875-4866.

REMINDER

Elvis Tribute Artist contest set for this weekend

If you're an Elvis fan, you will not want to miss the upcoming four-day Elvis weekend at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak. The weekend actually begins Jan. 28 with an evening of karaoke with Elvis tribute artist Ted "Teddy Mac Elvis" McMullen and the audience. The Elvis Tribute Artist party and karaoke with

Elvis contestants only participating in the karaoke kicks off the weekend Friday, Jan. 29. On Saturday, Jan. 30, the fifth annual Elvis Tribute Artist competition takes place followed Sunday morning, Jan. 31 with a gospel music and brunch event with McMullen and some of the Elvis contestants. Ted McMullen will perform Saturday night as

Elvis.

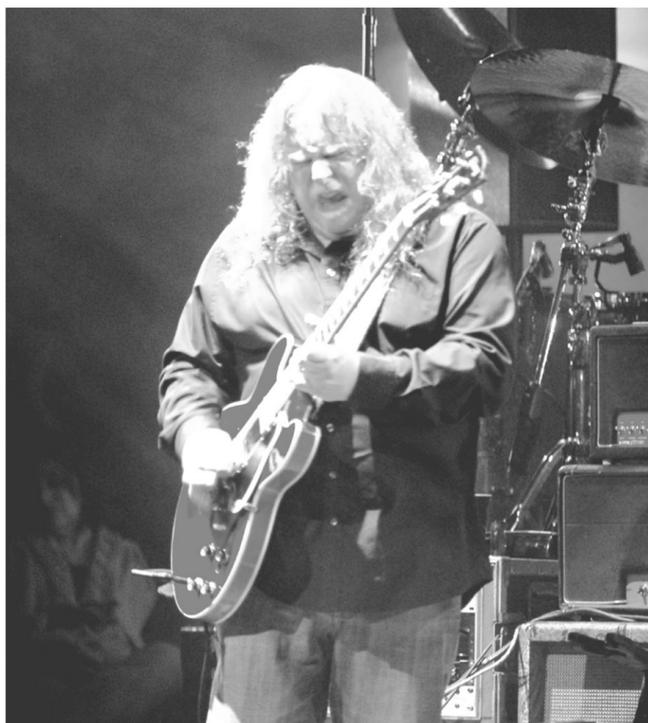
The tribute competition is the forerunner to the national Images of the King competition in August.

Tickets for the shows only are available at the SOSMP, by calling 386-364-1683, on the Web site at musicliveshere.com or by emailing spirit@musicliveshere.com or at the door if available.



Teddy Mac as Elvis. - Courtesy photo

Allmans return to Waneec



Guitarist Warren Haynes of Gov't Mule and the Allman Brothers. See story, Page 1. - Courtesy photo

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UFPA presents
Haochen Zhang Thirteenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Gold Medalist
Thursday, January 28, 7:30 pm
Friday, January 29, 7:30 pm
The Squitieri Studio Theatre
Sponsored by Shands HealthCare
Reserved Seating: \$34.00
For more information, call 352-392-2787 or visit www.performingarts.ufl.edu

UFPA presents
L.A. Theatre Works
Susan Albert Loewenberg, Producing Director presents
RFK: The Journey to Justice
Thursday, February 4, 7:30 p.m.
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UFPA presents
Joshua Bell, Violin
Jeremy Denk, Piano
Saturday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.
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UFPA presents
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UFPA presents
Soweto Gospel Choir
Thursday, February 11, 7:30 p.m.
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UFPA presents
Richie Havens
Friday, February 12, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 13, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 14, 2 p.m.
Squitieri Studio Theatre
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The Israel Ballet
Sunday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.
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Thursday, February 18, 7:30 p.m.
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Sunday, February 21, 2 p.m.
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UFPA presents
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- Apr. 17 - REO Speedwagon & STYX
- May - Backstreet Boys (date to be confirmed)
- 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
- July 24 - Frankie Beverly with Maze
- Aug. 28 - CMA Award Winning Trio - TBA
- Sept. 25 - Third Day

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