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ONLINE EXTRA:

30-year sentence for armed robbery attempt See story at suwanneedemocrat.com

To dismay of students, recyclables were trashed

By Jeff Waters jeff.waters@gafnews.com

“What have we been doing for the past five months?” That’s what Suwannee High School student Sebastian Hoffett wants to know after he and other members of the SHS Environmental Club learned that recyclables they labored to collect were sent to the landfill instead. The students started a recycling program to deal with the large quantities of paper and plastic drinking bottles being used at the school. Club sponsor and SHS teacher Amy Hendry said bins were set up throughout the school and the response was great. “We raised money to buy recycling bins and promotional posters and got our maintenance department to agree to pick up and drop off the recycling,” said Hendry. “It just started to catch on.” Only later did she learn that Suwannee County was not recycling the material. “I called maintenance to tell them they had forgotten to pick up our bins and I was told that they had been told that there is no recycling in Suwannee County,” she said. True to a degree, according to Public Works Director Jerry Sikes. “It’s an on-again and off-again thing,” said Sikes. Sikes said the igloos located at county refuse collection sites are there for folks to drop off aluminum cans, plastics and newspapers. The newspapers, said Sikes, go straight to the land-



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Blood ties

Brother, sister mark entry into adulthood with grown-up projects



Zac and Becky Messcher. - Photo: Carnell Hawthorne Jr.

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

Thirteen-year-old Zac Messcher says he’s ready to become a man. Becky, his 12-year-old sister, says she’s a bit nervous about taking on the responsibilities of a grown woman. On Feb. 20, the two Jewish-raised siblings will enter into those new roles in a joint B’nai Mitzvah ceremony hosted by their family and closest friends. As part of their joint right of passage ceremony, the

To help, go online to YouTube and type in keywords: mitzvotproject or e-mail mitzvot.project@yahoo.com, or call Janet Messcher at 229-563-2245.



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SEE BLOOD, PAGE 11A

of our GREATEST

Teacher of the Year to be announced Tuesday

SUWANNEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

“I believe my greatest contribution to the education of my students has been to set high expectations for my students and to inspire them to achieve those goals.”

LISA GRAY Kindergarten



BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL

“It is my hope that my greatest contribution to my students is teaching them something ‘beautiful’ everyday.”

Nannette “Sam” Bunce Eighth grade language arts/ninth grade English



SUWANNEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“My greatest contribution to the education of my students is the strong, cooperative classroom climate that I try to build every year.”

Laura Katherine Roberts Second and third grade gifted



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“I always have a positive attitude and I stress the importance of education to my students.”

Theda Severance Fourth grade



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Linda Keller Kindergarten



SUWANNEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

“I want my students to feel loved and confident, so that they can perform well in their daily lives.”

Melissa Cameron Seventh and eighth grade art



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“I believe my greatest contribution is believing and showing not only my students but their families, friends, peers and community that our students are capable of overcoming many obstacles...”

Candy Vickers Exceptional Student Education grades 9-12



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Melissa Mapp-Francisco Medical Clinical Programs and Office Technology



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

The Suwannee County School District Teacher of the Year will be announced Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at an annual banquet in the Ann & Quinton Rumph Dining Room at the Advent Christian Village Phillips Dining Hall in

Dowling Park. (Contact Hillary Cannon, 386-647-4617, for tickets, cost of which is \$25 each.)

Here are the instructors in the running to be named top teacher, along with brief submitted comments on their approach to teaching.

See brief teacher bios, Page 14A.

LO was transfer point for drug ring

Kingpin gets 14-year term

By Jeff Waters jeff.waters@gafnews.com

A parking lot behind a local motel was the spot where thousands of pounds of cocaine and millions of dollars were stashed and transported in hollowed out truck batteries, federal officials say.

Alberto “Amigo” Garcia, 30, was sentenced to 14 years in prison by a federal judge Jan. 28 for his role in the operation. According to Steve Cole of the United States Attorney’s Office, police called him a “genius” for his ability to avoid detection.

Garcia and his accomplice, Erasmo Lucio Jr. would drive in separate vehicles to the parking spot behind a motel at US 129 and I-10, according to Cole. There, either Garcia or Lu-

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ELECTION 2010

Bennett announces bid for county commission

By Jeff Waters Patricia “Patty” Bennett just wants to “give back.” That is why she’s decided to run for District 4 Suwannee County Commissioner. Her greatest concern? Jobs.



Patty Bennett

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Daniels will seek city clerk post

By Jeff Waters Accessibility and efficiency. That is what Live Oak City Clerk candidate Tom Daniels wants for the citizens of Live Oak.



“I will strive to make city government accessible and responsive to the community,” Daniels

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FREE Publix COOKIE For Kids 12 & Under No Purchase Necessary Must Present Coupon Limit 1 Per Person



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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

February 2, Christopher Jelks, 33, 310 Miller St Live Oak Fl, dwlsr, dui SCSO-K. Descarreaux
February 2, Kendrick Larone Anderson, 30, 9979 110th Terrace Live Oak Fl, vop o/c escape P & P S. Schodlbaue
February 2, Michael E Jenkins Sr., 58, 6488 175th Rd Live Oak Fl,

agg battery on pregnant person SCSO-J. Zimmerman
February 2, James Thomas Culbertson, 35, 5966 114th Terr N Pinellas Park Fl, viol prob o/c burg/dwell, occ covey; burg/unocc stru; cv/att; grn thft veh 2cts; pet thft; utter forg; utter forged instrument; grn thf burg/unocc struct/cv/att; poss burg tools; grn theft, traf stolen property, traf stolen property SCSO-Capt J. Mills
February 2, Jason Shane Dubose, 30, 26009 Hwy 247 Branford Fl, st johns co. warrant, vop agg assault w/ deadly weapon P & P S. Schodlbaue
February 2, Terry Livingston, 35, 2615 Crawford Street Jacksonville

Fl, vop o/c throwing deadly, missile i/t occ veh, vop o/c agg assault w/ deadly weapon, vop o/c reckless driving, 5000.00 or 500.00 to p&p SCSO-S. Law
February 2, Mildred Aylene Horton, 27, 10066 185th Road Live Oak Fl, vop o/c no vaild d.l., cash bond \$595.50 SCSO-B. Mincks
February 2, Eric Wayne Foster, 18, 6663 187th Pl Live Oak Fl, lewd & lascivious molestation 3cts SCSO-LT W. Musgrove
February 2, Mary Ellen Stone, 47, 5415 89th Rd Live Oak Fl, vop pass worthless checks SCSO-T. Roberts
February 2, Reginald Verdarie Bevels, 30, 5570 Bulb Road Wellborn Fl, battery SCSO-K. Osborn
February 2, Vera Michelle Pittman, 34, 603 Ada Street Live Oak Fl, vop o/c dwls/r, o/c false name/cash bond SCSO Tommy E Roberts

February 3, Michael Anthony Mazur, 44, 25020 CR 49 O'brien Fl, battery SCSO - J. Brooks
February 3, Jason Arnold Miller, 27, 1061 SW MLK Drive Madison Fl, madison co wrt bond revocation SCSO-K. Osborn
February 3, Bernard Eugene Waters, 43, 1001 Hardaway Street Miami Fl, vop o/c batt dom viol SCSO-S. Law
February 3, Karen Kay Thompson, 42, 11294 237th Road Live Oak Fl, Putnam Co Wrt, Viol Prob O/C Poss W/Int Sell Cocaine 1000' Park P&P-R. Raymond
February 3, Martha Lorraine Hartley, 49, 7956 Swamp Flower Drive Jacksonville Fl, criminal mischief, agg assault LOPD-C. Kinsey
February 3, Tontalane Costel Hartzog, 30, 103 Santee Court Summerville SC, felony petit theft SCSO-A. Loston

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Web challenge could benefit animal shelter

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Florida Nurses Association District 30 meeting set

Florida Nurses Association District 30 meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 7-9 p.m. in the Medical Center Conference Room at Advent Christian Village at Dowling Park. Dr. Nasseer Masoodi, Medical Director at Advent Christian Village, will present a two-hour program on Diabetes Mellitus. Florida Nurses Association has approved 2.0 contact hours for this program. There is no charge for FNA members or ACV employees and a \$10 CE fee for non-members.

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EXTENSION UPDATE

What you should know about the new credit card rules



By Cathy Rogers Family and Consumer Sciences Agent UF/IFAS Suwannee County Extension

Last year at about this time, I wrote an article concerning upcoming changes in the way that credit card companies do business. In the article I stated that Congress had recently voted-in some changes to credit card regulations. That wasn't quite true. At that time the Federal Reserve had set up the new rules but Congress had not yet voted on them. At this writing the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 - the Credit CARD Act - has been passed by lawmakers. Some of those rules went into effect last August while many will take effect on Feb. 22. Still others will not be enforced until August 22 of this year. These regulations are intended to protect consumers from deceptive practices employed by some credit card companies.

Besides those mentioned in my previous article,

some of the key provisions in the Credit CARD Act are:

* Credit card companies will be required to send out monthly statements at least 21 days prior to the due date of each payment and the payment must be due on the same date each month. Due dates that fall on weekends or holidays will be accepted on the next workday and the deadline will be 5 p.m. consistently.

* Over-limit fees will be optional for the consumer. In other words, if you are about to make a purchase that would cause you to go over your credit limit incurring a fee, you will be notified at that time and given the option to make the purchase and accept the fee or decline the purchase. Once you choose not to receive these fees, any transactions exceeding your credit limit will be denied.

* Your credit card company must notify you 45 days prior to: increasing your interest rate; changing certain fees that apply to your account; or making other significant changes to your account. It must give you the chance to "opt out" of the changes by allowing you to close the account before the changes are made.

* Monthly statements must now include information about how long it will take to pay off the balance when the minimum payment is made. In accordance with the new law, it will also tell you how much your

monthly payments will need to be in order to pay the balance in 12, 24, or 36 months.

* Companies will be prohibited from issuing credit cards to consumers under the age of 21 unless they have a co-signer who is over the age of 21 or can demonstrate an independent means to repay.

* Finally, rate increases and fees will be prohibited on outstanding balances except in these four situations:

- 1) The bank disclosed, at the time the account was opened, that the Annual Percentage Rate (APR) would increase sooner (such as a promotional or teaser rate).
2) The APR for a variable-rate card changes due to increases in a published index that is outside the card issuer's control, such as the prime rate.
3) The cardholder is not making the required minimum payment for 60 days or more.
4) The cardholder fails to comply with a workout agreement made with the company.

Recommendations of the Center for Responsible Lending:

- * Scrutinize all credit card offers and terms, especially the "fine print."
* Pay the highest APR balance first.
* Segregate your card use if possible. Customers with enough available credit should use separate cards for borrowing at a

promotional rate, making purchases, and taking cash advances. This makes it easier to pay the most to the card with the highest rate.

* Avoid credit cards that include penalty rate options.

* Watch your statement closely. If you have a card that includes a penalty rate, take a look at your APR every time you get your monthly statement to make sure your account has not been repriced. If it has, try to move that balance elsewhere. If you cannot transfer the balance, try to pay down the balance as soon as possible, and do not charge anything further on that card.

The new regulations are truly a step in the right direction in helping consumers to use credit more wisely; but it is up to each of us to be informed about our own credit cards. For more information on credit management contact Cathy Rogers at UF/IFAS Suwannee County Extension 386-362-2771 or cjrogers@ufl.edu

Free HIV testing offered this week

Sunday, Feb. 7, is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. In observance of this day, the Suwannee County Health Department in Live Oak will be offering free HIV testing on Friday, Feb. 5 from 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Gifts will be given to all persons who come in for testing. No appointment is necessary.

The health department in Branford will also offer free HIV testing on Thursday, Feb. 4 between the hours of 8:30-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

If you have further questions, please call Cindy Morgan, R.N., at Suwannee County Health Department, at 386-362-2708 ext. 238.

American Sewing Guild meets Feb. 11

Interested in sewing? Would you like to join a sewing guild? Come join our group on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 10 a.m., at the Live Oak Artist Guild, 213 2nd Street, NW.

The February program will be "Clothing Choices for Any Body," understanding your body shape, choosing appropriate clothing, and how to build a wardrobe for yourself by guest speaker Marge Hollnagel. The public is welcome to attend; there is no charge for program.

The American Sewing Guild is a national organization whose mission is to advance sewing as an art and a life skill. Sewing enthusiasts are welcome - from novices to experts. Programs will feature demonstrations, show and tell, sew-ins, teach another generation and community service projects. Membership benefits include the ASG magazine Notions, discounts from national sewing related retailers and the camaraderie of others who speak the language of sewing.

For more information contact Sue Ruda at 386-364-4290. (Directions: From the intersection of US 90 & US 129, go north on 129, over railroad track, thru light on Duval, the next street on left is 2nd street, go left, Artist Guild is at end on block on left.)

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Alumni baseball game set
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Men's Women's and Children's apparel
Books: \$1.00 per Bag
Booths are \$10, if interested in renting one please call 386-658-5200
Also please visit: The Old Rustic Shop, Riverside Gifts, Twice Nice Shop, Twice Nice Furniture and More
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suwannee living

Live Oak young ladies compete for Miss Teen Jacksonville title

Tori Henderson and Elizabeth Polson, both of Live Oak, were recently selected to participate in the 2010 Miss Teen Jacksonville pageant competition on Feb. 13.

Elizabeth and Tori will be competing for their share of thousands of dollars in prizes and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants.

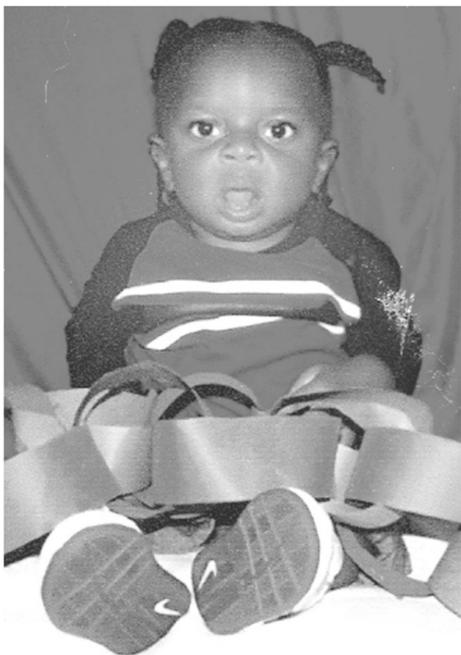
casual wear and formal wear. Most important, they will display their personalities and interviewing skills while interviewing with this year's Jacksonville judging panel.

If either Tori or Elizabeth were to win the title of Miss Teen Jacksonville, she would represent Jacksonville and the surrounding communities at the Cities of America National Competition that will take place in Orlando.

There is no cost to contestants for participating in the pageant competition. Community businesses, organizations and private individuals will assist Elizabeth and Tori in participating in this year's competition by becoming an official sponsor to her.

Any business, organization, or private individual who may be interested in becoming a sponsor to either contestant may contact her pageant coordinator, Natalie Michelle, at 1-800-569-2487.

Happy 1st Birthday Frederick Adavion Cooks



Frederick Adavion Cooks

Look who's 1

Frederick Adavion Cooks will be celebrating his 1st birthday with his family. Parents are Fred and Brenda Cooks.

Check out the Suwannee Democrat's page on Facebook

Happy 1st Birthday Monte Jay Schara



Monte Jay Schara

Monte Jay Schara turns 1 year old!

Monte Jay Schara turned 1 year old on January 20, 2010. Happy 1st Birthday!

Love, Mama, Dada and all his family and friends.



Elizabeth Polson. - Photos: Submitted



Tori Henderson

Memorial notice for Lucille Parker Brown, July 19, 1944 - Feb. 5, 2008. Includes a photo of her and a message from her family.

Pregnancy Care Center Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser. Details about the sale on April 16 & 17, including location and contact info.

Cheek & Scott Pharmacy and Medical Equipment advertisement. Lists services and contact information for Live Oak and Lake City locations.

OMNI Home Care advertisement. Features the slogan 'the way home care should be...' and lists specialized programs like fall prevention and skilled nursing.

Happy Birthday Mr. Jenkins advertisement. Includes a photo of Mr. Jenkins and a list of family members: Thelma, Linda, Sue, Lance, Peggy, Stacia, Barry, Randy, Valarie, and Jerry.



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2/6 - Saturday - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Road to Olustee
Suwannee County Historical Museum, 208 N. Ohio Ave., 362-1776 A Living History Event

2/9 - Tuesday - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Show and tell
Branford Public Library, 703 NW Suwannee Ave., Branford 935-1556. Special after school presentation by Matt Tyre of Florida Fish and Game

2/15 - Monday - 6:00 - 8:00 pm
The Call of the Wild Movie
Suwannee River Regional Library, 1848 Ohio Ave. S., Live Oak, 364-3479. Everyone is invited to join us for a fun filled movie evening.

2/16 - Tuesday - 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Book Discussion & Lunch
Whistlestop Cafe and Deli, 12224 County Road 10A, Wellborn 963-1122. Enjoy an afternoon of discussion and games revolving around *The Call of the Wild*. Lunch will be available for purchase.

2/16 - Tuesday - 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Wild About K-9's
Branford Public Library, 703 NW Suwannee Ave., Branford 935-1556. Join us as welcome Officer Barrs for this special police dog demonstration. Fun for all ages.

2/17 - Wednesday - 3:00 - 4:00 pm
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Viewpoints/Opinions

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Suwannee Countians, it's time to speak your mind! How? By calling the Suwannee Democrat Rant and Rave hotline. The hotline never closes and is your way to let it out. You can let everyone know how you feel — as long as you express yourself in a respectful way.

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

I have a question and I would like to have an answer. I was told in Lake City, at the Family Dollar Store and at Walgreens as of Feb. 1, the new law for Florida plastic bags goes into effect, and they will not be providing them for free anymore. I have asked Wal Mart and Publix in Lake City and Live Oak and no one seems to

know. Could you please tell me if this is a law and when it will be going into effect? Thank you very much.

No such law is yet in effect. February 1 was the deadline for completion of a Florida Department of Environmental Protection study on the environmental impact of paper and plastic shopping bags. The study also addressed the possibility of a ban on either or both, but that's for the Florida Legislature to decide. Presumably lawmakers will take up the issue in March, during the regular legislative session. We're watching the issue closely and will keep you informed of further developments. - Editor

OUR VIEW Suwannee Democrat A fair deal

With all due respect to state Sen. Charlie Dean, the man's ties to Suwannee County are tenuous at best. But then, a number of counties in Dean's district could say the same thing. The former Citrus County sheriff is simply stretched too thin — or rather, District 3 itself is. An example of legislative gerrymandering at its best, District 3 begins in Citrus and snakes its way north, taking in all or parts of Baker, Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Madison, Marion, Suwannee and Taylor counties. As noted previously in this column, the district resembles a large "C" shakily scrawled across the northern half of the state. (See "Our View: Map-making," in our online archives.)

The odds of somebody from Suwannee or a neighboring county ever winning the seat? Pretty unlikely. The bulk of the district's voters, as well as campaign funds, are to be found in Citrus and Marion counties alone.

Now comes the Fair Districts movement, about which we wrote in the aforementioned column. FairDistrictsFlorida.org proposed a simple, and we think reasonable, solution to the plight of Suwannee and other underrepresented Florida counties: no more crazy-quilt districts. And maybe — just maybe — a better chance of electing a local man or woman to represent us in the Florida Senate.

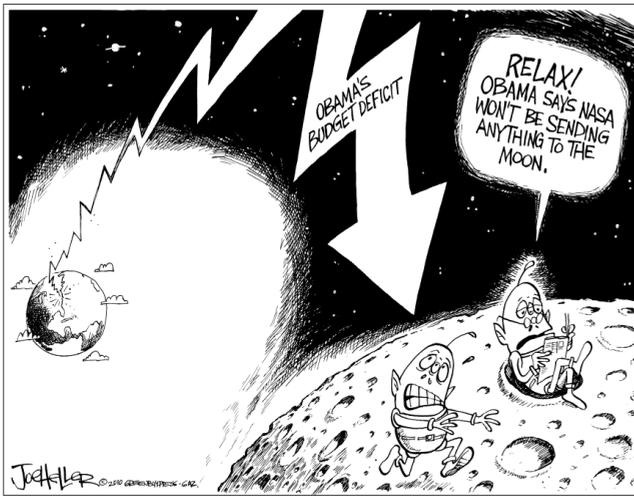
Here's the proposal, in the form of a ballot summary:

Legislative districts or districting plans may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party. Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice. Districts must be contiguous. Unless otherwise required, districts must be compact, as equal in population as feasible, and where feasible must make use of existing city, county and geographical boundaries.

A twin proposal would do the same for Congressional redistricting.

When we last wrote on this topic it wasn't clear enough signatures would be gathered to get these measures on the November ballot. We're pleased to report that FairDistrictFlorida.org's petition drive was successful. The Florida Supreme Court recently certified a pair of constitutional amendments — Number 5, on legislative redistricting, and Number 6, on the Congressional side — for voters' approval.

These amendments won't in themselves solve the problem of legislative under-representation, but they're the best shot we've had in a while.



This letter is intended as a plea as well as a "Rant & Rave." I'm asking people to please think before you abandon your pet. First it was a pregnant cat. We paid to have the cat spayed and raised her until she died. I was able to take the kittens to the "no kill" facility in Madison. That was not free. Next a pregnant dog. We are able to find homes for some of the puppies and made another trip to Madison for the rest. Again not free. Now, again a male puppy. I will take him to Madison. Meanwhile I will feed and care for him until they can accept him. They can only take animals when they have room. I urge you to think about the inconvenience to other people and trauma to the animal.

Please forgive the first advertisement to bid on the piping at the county jail. It must have been the writer's first attempt. And all the other people involved obviously either didn't read, it or they are incompetent.

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FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor:

Your recent editorial, "Moment of Truth" (Jan. 28), regarding the City of Live Oak's public works contract with CH2M HILL cites "supposed concern for workers' rights" as the only rationale for the city not to open the contract to public bidding. While the welfare of our local employees and their future vesting is a very real and significant concern for both the company and the city, it is far from the only one.

Any bid process incurs costs - for advertising, staff time to review the bids, etc. Furthermore, unlike commodities or capital projects, it can be difficult to discern differences in professional services bids, to compare apples to apples. Moreover, if the city ultimately does change service providers, there are costs associated with any transition.

Finally, and perhaps most important, CH2M HILL has a proven track record of success in Live Oak since 1997, starting with management of the city's water and wastewater facilities then expanding eight years later to public works services that include solid waste collection and disposal; city vehicle repair; and maintenance of streets, the cemetery, and public spaces and grounds. This ongoing relationship earned the National Council for Public Private Partnerships' Partnership Award in the service category in 2005.

City officials have acknowledged that there are no performance issues. Operating and contract costs are equal to or less than cities of similar size and in neighboring jurisdictions. CH2M HILL is confident our combination of experience, expertise and pricing compares favorably to any other vendor in the market.

There are certainly valid reasons for going through a competitive bid process. However, there also are times when such a process simply results in an unnecessary cost to taxpayers and an unnecessary risk to employee morale.

Sincerely,
Brent W. Stauffer
CH2MHILL OMI

The Democrat responds

Note first, Mr. Stauffer, that our comments were directed at the Live Oak City Council, not OMI. OMI is a private company whose aim, presumably, is to generate revenue and maximize profit. The city council, on the other hand, has different obligations.

As to the need for competitive bidding, your comment on comparing "apples to apples" sums it up nicely. Observing that OMI's fees are "equal to or less than cities of similar size and in neighboring jurisdictions" hardly proves we mightn't get a better deal elsewhere. Surely there are unique challenges to every municipality, some of which are "apples," others, "oranges."

As for OMI's "proven track record of success," that is a factor to be considered when weighing competing offers — not an argument against competitive bidding to begin with.

BIBLE VERSE

"I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

- Psalm 18:1-2

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South county could face flooding

Local officials keeping watch

By Carnell Hawthorne Jr.

A flood warning issued Monday by the National Weather Service remains in effect as another wet weekend likely lies ahead.

Suwannee County Sheriff and Emergency management Director Tony Cameron said Wednesday that area waterways, particularly the Santa Fe River at Three Rivers Estates, aren't likely to rise more than a foot, as forecasters predict the possibility of more rain in the coming days.

"I don't think it will do that much," Cameron said. "This weekend, it at all depends. They've only predicted about a half an inch to an inch or more, if any."

Those who dwell in flood-prone areas are asked to remain vigilant and to stay safe.

On Monday the water had risen to almost 19 feet, tipping over into flood stage. Meteorologists have predicted that the water level could continue to swell past 20 feet by Saturday if more rain falls.

Road closures still remain for the south end of 39th Drive in Three Rivers, as well as the south end of River Run Road. The possibility for additional closures is contingent upon the amount of rainfall this weekend.

The best of both worlds

Branford truly is a 'perfect setting' for Louise Marzloff



Louise, Andy & Avery. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor, Correspondent

By Joyce Marie Taylor
Correspondent

By her own admission, Louise Marzloff says that she is blessed with "the best of both worlds," and after listening to her recount her life and her accomplishments, one has to agree with her. With a new granddaughter on the way and one of her daughters in a ministry overseas, she has much to be proud of and thankful for.

At this stage of her life, she was supposed to be acting like a retired person. She and her husband were supposed to be traveling the world and enjoying their retirement years, but Louise, who wasn't quite ready to throw in the towel, had a different agenda.

Born and raised in Mayo, Louise grew up in a loving family on a tobacco and watermelon farm, which instilled values of home and hearth that have sustained her throughout her life. She met and married her husband, Andy, when the two of them were in their twenties working together at General Electric in the city of Alachua. Although Andy was born in Gainesville, his family relocated to Mayo when he was seventeen, where he graduated from Lafayette High School, and also where he met his wife, Louise.

After five years at G.E., Louise was laid off and so it was time to re-think her career choices and try something different. She wound up opening an office sup-

ply/craft store in Mayo, but after two years she realized her heart wasn't quite into it. Something was gnawing at her. She knew she had a different mission in life and after a while it would become crystal clear what that mission was.

Meanwhile, her sister-in-law had opened up the very first pre-school in Mayo and Louise worked side-by-side with her, until one day the suggestion was made that the city of Branford was in dire need of a pre-school, too. When the president of the bank told her husband, Andy, the same thing, the Marzloffs decided to go for it in 1986. This coming August

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TOPS holiday challenge winner

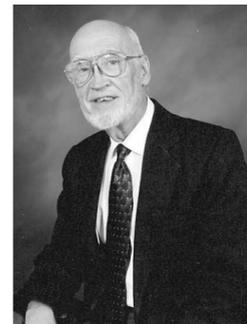


Melissa Lamb of Branford, pictured here, was the winner of the local TOPS chapter's 6-week challenge over the holidays. She received \$25. Five members were in the running for this challenge. The object was to stay focused on weight loss over the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays.

- Courtesy photo

McAlpin Advent Christian Church adds to ministerial staff

At the annual meeting held on Sunday, Jan. 31, the church voted to seat several positions of leadership. The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. David Dean are members of the church and Dr. Dean has accepted the call as Associate Pastor and will assist in the overall ministries of the church with an emphasis on teaching.



Dr. David Dean

Dr. Dean has extensive experience in the fields of administrator, educator and theologian. His professorships include Berkshire Christian College and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

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The best of both worlds

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will mark 24 years that the two of them have been at it and they wish to sincerely thank the people of Branford for their support of Love-N-Care Preschool.

As if that wasn't enough, Louise still had a hankering to do more. She had a dream that needed to be fulfilled. With a family of great cooks to rely upon, as well as her own savvy business sense, "A Per-

fect Setting" was born. She and her family transformed the old Branford Tabernacle into a beautiful meeting hall for catering parties.

Andy is no slacker, either. Aside from being part owner in both businesses with his wife, he has his own stump-grinding business and is part owner in a nursery. Between the two of them they stay quite busy.

So, now, being "semi-retired," with their daughter Andrea taking

over at the pre-school, Louise and her husband get to babysit their granddaughter, Avery, full time, while awaiting the birth of yet another granddaughter, who shall be named Anna. The rest of their time is spent tending to business at "A Perfect Setting," which works out well, since most of the events they cater are done on nights and weekends. Is it the best of both worlds? According to Louise and Andy, it certainly is.



Inside the building at A Perfect Setting-Items For sale



Louise's family.



Louise and granddaughter Avery.



Daughter Andrea, Louise Marzloff and daughter Krista. - - Photos: Joyce Marie Taylor, Correspondent

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Hatch Bend Apostolic Church
Pastor Steve Boyd
Church 935-2806 Hm. 935-0125
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.
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Branford United Methodist Church
Lerbie Alligood
935-1653
Sunday.....9:30 a.m.
Church Service.....10:45 a.m.
Wednesday.....5:30 p.m.
571675-F

Burlington Santa Fe Church of Christ
Evangelist Ken Campbell
935-1532
Bible School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Bible Hour.....5:00 p.m.
Worship Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed.-Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
571676-F

Living Springs Family Worship Center
Pastor Charles Istre
Church 935-1713
www.livingspringswc.org
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Service.....10:30 a.m.
Wed. Family Night & OPEN Youth Ministries
Dinner.....5:30 p.m.
Service.....7:00 p.m.
571693-F

Branford Church Of God
Pastor G. Dale Dansby
Church 935-6806
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed.-Mid-week Service.....7:00 p.m.
571697-F

San Juan Catholic Mission
Reverend Sebastian George
For information call 935-2632
Sunday Mass.....9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Mass.....6:00 p.m.
571699-F

Peace Baptist Church S.B.C.
Pastor T.L. Holtom Sr.
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Services Each Sunday
Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.
Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Worship.....7:00 p.m.
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Prayer & Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
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McCall's Chapel
7755 S. SR 349, Branford, FL 32008
935-0595
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
571704-F

First Baptist Church
Gordon Keller, Pastor
Church 935-1363
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:15 a.m.
Youth Discipleship.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.
Wed.-Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.
571705-F

Ephesus Advent Christian Church
Pastor Bill Talley
963-5600 - 208-9626
Sunday School Service.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
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Hatch Bend Baptist Church
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935-0943
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McAlpin Advent Christian Church adds to ministerial staff

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Dr. Dean, a pastor/teacher at heart, has written several books and articles on the Christian faith and has traveled often as a mis-

sionary in foreign fields. He holds degrees from Westminster Theological and Hartford seminaries. He is also a member of the Evangelical Theological and Evangelical Philosophical Societies.

"We are so pleased to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Dean as part of our staff," said Pastor Paul Bertolino. "We will begin on February 21 at 9:45 a.m. to team teach a course of study on membership/baptism using Dr. Dean's book, "Resurrection Hope." The course subjects will include: the Centrality of the Resurrection, Guess who's Coming Again (including biblical prophecy) and

Death: Friend or Foe. "This great opportunity" stated the pastor, "will be open to folks in McAlpin and Suwannee County to audit free, without obligation or commitment to the church. Each class member will be given the book for their personal use." Further information can be obtained from the pastor at 386-658-1048. The McAlpin Church is located at 17214 89th Road.

Food for Thought
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2) *What Jesus Can Do With Us:* One time a preacher was asked if he really believed Jesus turned water into wine. "Of course I do," replied the preacher. "I've seen Him turn a drunkard into a saint." Paul reminded us in II Cor. 3:18 "But we all, with unveiled face, behold as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."
3) *During Paul's Day:* Corinth was a city filled with all kinds of immorality. There were thieves, drunkards, revilers, robbers and idolaters. But some of these were changed by Christ, Paul said they were washed, sanctified, justified by the power of Jesus Christ [I Cor. 6:9-11]. Then in Paul's second letter to Corinth he said, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things are new." II Cor. 5:17
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Suwannee Strummers to play for McAlpin Community Club

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Regional News

'Ax Men' features area aqua loggers

'Uncle Buck,' 'Pond Bear' and others find sudden fame

By **Stephanie Livingston**
stephanie.livingston@galnews.com

JASPER - This season of the History Channel's "Ax Men" features two local aqua loggers as part of a rugged new crew who guide last season's stars through the danger filled black water of the Suwannee River in search of cut timber that was lost in logging campaigns years ago.

My father, Steve Livingston, is one of those men.

On the first day of filming the reality TV show, about the perils and high risks involved in the logging business, my mom said to my dad, "You're not even going to shave? What about a haircut?" Jasper native Steve "Uncle Buck" Livingston chuckled and replied, "I'll have to check with my producer first." And so it began.

Four months later, I trekked across a muddy timber yard where a few "Ax Men," including my dad and fellow Jasper native Patrick "Pond Bear" Swilley, were sawing their most recent findings into prized boards.

Third rule of logging:

Do not wear flip-flops.

"Hey now, remember, I'm the brains of this operation," the laid back owner of Collin's River Logging, Joe "Injun Joe" Collins, shouts out as I approach.

"Yeah, yeah, I hear ya," scuba diver Jessie "The Catfish" Horstman, replies.

After hours of playful bickering, the development of the running joke "Shhh, she'll write it down," and three logs loaded, sawed, and later piled, the men gather around a barrel fire of scrap wood to discuss their newfound fame.

"It's awesome," Patrick said of his newest, if temporary, career-TV personality.

"Yeah, he's a regular Fresh Prince of Jasper," Joe said jubilantly.

Second rule of logging:

Bring your sense of humor.

"See, you should've worn some of those multi-colored toe socks with your flip flops," Joe said to me. "I used to come walkin' in the bar where my band played with flip flops and 10 different colored toes."

The filming on the Suwannee lasted for more than six weeks. The camera crew stayed at local hotels and rode out to the job site each day, said Steve. For Steve, getting to know the camera crew and being "behind the scenes" of a television show was the best part of filming.

The camera crew followed last season's foul-mouthed stars Jimmy and James Smith as they traveled from Washington to White Springs, and teamed up with Collins River Logging to recover century-old, but perfectly preserved timber.

Things quickly turned into a West



Steve Livingston sawing lumber on a Wood-Mizer sawmill at his home near the Suwannee River in Jasper.

"Ax Men" airs Sundays at 9 p.m. on the History Channel

versus South dynamic.

"We called them the west-coast Yankees," joked Steve. "We were out to show them what real aqua logging is about."

Joe added: "It only took us a few hours to melt them down and pour them into the river." He cited last Sunday's episode where James is shown falling off the logging boat into the Suwannee, ruining his cell phone as well as his pride.

Next, the conversation changes to the origination of their rather unique nicknames used on the show.

"Steve's nickname comes from the movie 'Uncle Buck' where John Candy comes to baby-sit and leads the kids astray," said Joe. "That's Steve; he's our mischievous Uncle Buck."

During Steve's first appearance on "Ax Men" he's shown sinking the logging boat as a practical joke. "That was too much," he says with a smile after sending Jimmy and James running for higher ground.

As for Patrick, it's easy for anyone who knows him to figure out how he got the nickname of "Pond Bear," said the short, stocky and outspoken - and let's not forget hairy - scuba diver.

"Once, he came up from diving and had lily pads stuck to his back," said Joe. "We just called him the Pond Bear from then on."

Patrick steals the show later in the



Part of the Collins River Logging Crew sitting on a few recovered river logs while chatting last week. **Left to right:** Joe Collins, Patrick Swilley, Jessie Horstman, and Steve Livingston. - Photos: Stephanie Livingston

season, but we'll have to wait and find out how.

"The Hollywood comes out of our man," joked Steve.

Patrick also wears a few new scars from the shows filming, reminders of the dangers involved in Suwannee River logging.

First rule of logging:

Safety.

One thing the show does not over-dramatize is the danger involved with logging in the Suwannee.

"There are all kinds of interesting things to run into," said Joe.

Disorienting dark water, gators, and rocks are just a few examples of hazards. "It scares the hell out of some people."

"Whenever something rubs against my leg in the Suwannee, I just tell myself, 'It was just a mudfish, it was just a mudfish,'" said Patrick. "I came up on a manikin once. You can just imagine."

Although all the men agreed being "full-time Hollywood" would be great, they said stardom is not what interests them. They hope to use their transient fame to better inform the public about aqua logging and recovered wood. "It has a positive impact on the environment because it has the least impact," said Steve.

"Every log we pull out of the river is a tree that doesn't get cut," Joe added. "But if nothing else, we got our 15 minutes of fame."

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Daniels will seek city clerk post

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said. "The city clerk must effectively and efficiently meet all statutory obligations with respect to activities of the city."
How would he keep you

informed?
"There's an avenue open between myself and the media and I would just broaden it," said Daniels. "I will do my best to get the agenda out for the meetings as soon as possi-

ble, even if that's just putting it online."
Which brings him to the question of technology. "I would like to create a better, updated Web site for the city clerk," said Daniels. "We can publish

ordinances, zoning changes and other issues on the Web site."
Daniels said he wants to make sure the people of the community know he will be there anytime a question needed answering. If he doesn't know the answer, he will find it, he said.

sues of concern or interest."
Daniels' experience is varied:
- Graduated with an associate of arts in business administration and a bachelor of science in business education, along with minors in accounting and economics, from Monmouth University in 1973.

locating to Suwannee County.
- Served county residents as owner of Sports Connection, Delaina's Laundromat and various rental properties.

- Elected township committeeman, Barnegat Twp., N.J. 1976. Current population 20,000-plus.
- Served as police commissioner and deputy mayor and oversaw building and code enforcement.
- Helped prepare multi-million dollar school board and municipal budgets.
- Served as assistant chief inspector for Fellows, Reade, and Weber Engineering 1977-78 before re-

- Finalist for Suwannee County Coordinator.
- Finalist for city of Live Oak's Public Works Director.
Daniels has regularly broadcast sporting events on WQHL and WLVO for the past 21 years and is active in most school and recreational athletics throughout the county. He also writes the Sportabout column for the *Suwannee Democrat*.
"I look forward to serving the people of Live Oak," Daniels added.

Blood ties

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Messcher pair, who are both students at Suwannee Middle School, have embarked on individual service projects to show just how set for adulthood they truly are.

Zac, a hemophiliac, has pledged to raise \$500 toward hemophilia research aiming to "help find a cure" for the illness that has plagued him his entire life, he said. In hemophiliacs, blood doesn't clot properly, meaning even a small cut or minor injury can prove serious.

Becky, inspired by her brother's plight and seeking to make a difference on her own, has vowed to rally everyone she can to donate a total of 500 pints of blood to help her brother and others with blood disorders.

The siblings began each of their service projects at the start of the new year, hoping to meet their goals by the time of their B'nai Mitzvah — the traditional Jewish coming of age ceremony.

For Jewish boys like Zac, 13 is the age at which one becomes a man by vowing to observe the commandments and helping lead religious services, as outlined on the Web site www.jewfaq.org. In addition, he may now be counted in a minyan (the minimum number of people needed to perform certain elements of religious services), form binding contracts, testify before religious courts and marry, confirmed Rabbi Moshe M. Elbaz, of Temple Israel in Valdosta where the Messchers attend services.

It's the celebrant's first aliyah, or public recital of the Five Books of Moses, from the Torah.

"During Shabbat services on a Saturday shortly after the child's 13th birthday, or even the Monday or Thursday weekday services immediately after the child's 13th birthday, the celebrant is called up to the Torah to recite a blessing over the weekly reading," according to the Web site, and is often required to learn the entire haftarah, a selection from the prophets, Elbaz said.

For Jewish girls, age 12 marks that transition. In Orthodox and Hasidic practice, women are not permitted to participate in religious services in this fashion, so a Bat Mitzvah (a "daughter of the commandments" ceremony), if celebrated at all, is usually little more than a party. However, in other forms of Judaism, the girls do exactly the same thing as the boys, Elbaz noted.

"Boys and girls learn religious school training from age 8, five years prior to their Bar Mitzvah, and study the Hebrew language a year prior to their ceremony," he said.

Both Zac and Becky have been working hard to learn the Hebrew text each will recite.

"I'm ready," said Zac, smiling, "but I'm not sure about Becky."

"I'm not as good at speaking Hebrew as him," Becky conceded.

Despite the challenges, both Zac and Becky have stayed focused on working to complete their projects.

"They decided around

Thanksgiving to conceive their projects," said the pair's mother, Janet Messcher. "They both wrote scripts and made videos, which they have posted on YouTube under mitzvot-project to get the word out," Janet Messcher said.

Becky made posters, flyers and participation coupons, voiced a radio announcement on Power Country 102 several weeks ago, and has even made three trips to join workers on the local Life South blood mobile in Live Oak. She's now hoping to do the same in Valdosta. As of Tuesday, she had collected over 150 pints toward her project — 54 from kids at SMS alone.

Zac, who has to take medication three times weekly by injection to control blood clotting and coagulation from broken blood vessels in his ankles, said his project is coming along well, but "could use a few more donations."

As of Wednesday, he had raised \$353 toward the foundation Hemophilia of Georgia, which will help in part with research in Florida.

"People can keep donating even after we reach \$500 to help find a cure for hemophilia," Zac said.

Janet Messcher said she is delighted by Zac and Becky's hard work and grateful to all who have helped.

"I'm immensely proud and amazed at how much work they have accomplished," she said. "The amount of help and feedback we've gotten from friends, family and the community has been incredible."

Bennett announces bid for county commission

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"It's the big issue, it's going to be my main focus," she said.

Attracting businesses to the county will be the biggest step in creating more jobs here, she said.

"That's why I'm very interested in this Catalyst site," Bennett said. "I think it could be a big boom to the county."

The site she refers to is a 100-acre site west of Live Oak that, when constructed, would be a site that is infrastructure ready for new businesses to locate.

"I think it's very, very important, just the fact that I have a 19-year-old son, I don't want him to have to move away to get a job. I want him to be able to raise kids here."

She said what the county has to do next is put to rest the wet/dry issue.

"This is not a dry county, we sell beer and wine here," said Bennett. "I am in favor of it (the county going wet). The revenue we're losing from not being wet is ridiculous."

Other pledges:

Bennett wants to be involved in the community

"My pledge is to be totally accessible to everybody in my district," she said. "They will know all my phone numbers and where I live. If I can help someone or just find somebody that can help them I want to be able to. I want the people in my district to tell me what they feel."

County departments

"I want to be able to spend time going to all county departments, what can we as commissioners do to help," she said. "I want to find out what, if any, their concerns are. I want them to be totally comfortable talking with me."

Communication

"If I were elected I would make it a point to communicate with my fellow commissioners. I

would want those in the public to come to the meetings and to not feel intimidated. I think that's a big thing. The communities need to be very aware of what's coming to them."

Research

"If I don't know something or understand it I will take the time to do research on the matter. I love to do research."

Perimeter Road

"I understand keeping big traffic from downtown, but at the same time I don't want the perimeter road to take away from downtown. I believe it's something we need though."

Forty-four year old Bennett is originally from Massachusetts. She and her husband Daniel are owners of Bennett's Glass Company in Live Oak. They have a 19-year-old son, Harvey. She has experience in bookkeeping, payroll, accounting, contracts and management.

LO was transfer point for drug ring

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cio would pick up the hollowed out truck batteries filled with cocaine from truck drivers.

"You can fit between five and six kilograms of cocaine in a hollowed out truck battery," said Cole.

Then Garcia or Lucio would take one or two of the batteries and immediately drive them to customers in Jacksonville or Orange Park.

"They would then take the money received, less Garcia and Lucio's cut, and put the money in the truck battery and take it back to the truck drivers," said Cole.

From there the truck drivers would take the money back to Mexico or Texas.

Garcia and Lucio made this run periodically between at least 2007, according to court testimony, and Garcia's arrest in June 2009, a day after selling drugs to a confidential informant. Garcia pleaded guilty to distributing about 600 pounds of cocaine. Lucio will be sentenced on Feb. 25.

Sheriff Tony Cameron said he's glad the drugs are off the streets.

"No matter where they are going, I'm just glad it's been stopped," he said. "They were taking away from our families all over, it's a crime that ruins so many lives."

Three others were also sentenced for their roles. Umar "Old Man" Hassan, 60, was sentenced to five years in prison and Kenneth "Big Boy" Johnson, 36, was sentenced to two years.

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WELLBORN NEWS

Part of the past comes to light in Wellborn

By Tim Williams

One of the things I love about living in a smaller farming community is the way everything relates and fits together with only a small degree of separation. We have all heard the phrase "six degrees of separation" used to describe the connectivity we have to each other - especially to the folks we do not know or have not met.

Well, I have certainly found this to be true in the past, but since moving to Wellborn in 2004, it seems to be true to a greater extent. It's as if the world used to fit in my hand, but now it fits between two fingers.

Another thing I love about living in Wellborn is how our neighbors are not just neighbors, but true friends. I have found that in Wellborn, past and present, folks just naturally work together and help each other. I am reminded of an example of these two concepts every day as I drive in and out of my driveway. As I come and go, I pass a large rusting machine - a feat of agricultural engineering in its day - and a testament to agriculture's ability to adapt and thrive.

In 2005, I purchased the property between my house and CR 137 in order to prevent a certain type of development that I felt would not add to the value of our neighborhood. There were some older structures on the new property that were overgrown and unused. Soon after my purchase, we experienced several hurricanes passing through and one of the structures, an old storage barn gave up the ghost and fell in. When the barn finally succumbed to the years of neglect, wind and rain, it offered a clearer glimpse of its former use and what might be inside. We also lost some trees a few weeks later that shaded the barn and the combination of these calamities offered an uncovered glimpse into the assortment of antiques and oddities stored in the barn for all those years.

As we explored the barn, we found it contained a large-wheeled frame supporting some type of combine with several work stations and a large frame platform for a part of the machine that was removed many years before, based on the rust and debris on top.

About this same time later in the spring, one of my neighbors, Phillip Foster, who owns Sunations Lawn and Landscape, was able to shed some light on the origin of the combine. Philip told me that the Owens family used to own or farm my property and that his grandfather, J. W. Foster, partnered with another neighbor to buy and use the combine. Together, they combined small grains, and he thinks even some grass seed perhaps.

Of course time passed and we got busy with other things but as the wood from the frame and siding of the barn began to slowly be pulled off and stacked up and carried off "when no one was looking" by persons unknown, the combine saw more and more daylight and spent more time on my mind. When I finally cleaned out the area where the barn was, to save the last of the barn wood for myself, I moved the machine (with a lot of help from my neighbors) to my yard up near the house where it sits today - on land it once combined. Bill Knotts, another fantastic neighbor who is married to Connie (Hogan) Knotts, gave me more information about the combine. His wife's father, Mont Hogan, was the other owner of the machine. Bill is sure it was purchased prior to 1961 as Mont Hogan went south to the Palm Beach area to farm in 1961. Bill also believes, as Philip Foster does, that the combine was used to combine a variety of crops all here in Wellborn. I can't help but think that the more things change the more they stay the same as Stanley Cribbs and his brother Rodney pull in with their cutters and balers to clean off the old Bahia so I can plant my oats. I have the land and grow the hay and they have the equipment so we "crop share" on the hay operation. While we don't own any equipment together, without either contribution, it just wouldn't work.

Neighbors and friends still sharing equipment and farming in Wellborn, 70 years and counting!

As we explored the barn, we found it contained a large-wheeled frame supporting some type of combine with several work stations and a large frame platform for a part of the machine that was removed many years before, based on the rust and debris on top.



This combine - a feat of agricultural engineering in its day - is a testament to agriculture's ability to adapt and thrive. - Photos: Wendell Snowden

Live Oak is site for farming academy

University of Florida officials are nearly ready to launch a Live Oak-based academy aimed at helping novice small farmers as well as those who just want to improve the small farm they have.

Ninety-three percent of Florida's 47,000 farms are classified by the federal government as "small." But those farms earn less than one-fifth of the state's agricultural receipts, said Nick Comerford, director of the North Florida Research and Education Center in Quincy.

Around the country, there is a similar split between small and large farms, he said, but nationally, small farmers are faring better than Florida's small farmers.

Helping change that was the impetus behind the Institute of Food and Agricultural

Sciences' Small Farms Academy, said Comerford, the academy's interim director. Officials hope to officially launch the academy in April and to have a full curriculum by July 1.

The academy will be initially based at the North Florida Research and Education Center's Suwannee Valley campus in Live Oak.

"It will be a different kind of program ... very intensive and hands-on for a couple of days. We want them to have good materials they can take home and make part of their library and to just be ready to go home and do the work," he said.

IFAS extension officials offered a hands-on short course in March 2009 on starting a hydroponic-farming business that was well received, he said. And

IFAS' inaugural small-farms conference in August drew more than 800 people.

After setting up an advisory board and launching a Web site at <http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/academy/index.shtml>, Comerford said the group is soliciting input from UF faculty and interested parties about

the academy and its curriculum.

Those with ideas to share are asked to contact Small Farms Academy coordinator Randi Randall at 386-362-1725 x106 or rrandall@ufl.edu.

The academy's Web site is at <http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/academy/index.shtml>

New master gardener volunteer training

Suwannee County UF/IFAS Extension will be offering training for new Master Gardener Volunteers.

ORIENTATION: February 10, 2010 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am

CLASSES: Wednesdays, February 17-June 2, 2010 from 8:30 am-4:00 pm

COST: \$100 which includes manuals, lawn handbook and field trips

The classes will be held at the Suwannee County Extension Office which is located at 1302 11th Street SW, Live Oak (next to the coliseum).

The training is for individuals who can donate 75 hours of their time to help Extension Agents improve landscape and gardening practices.

For more information, contact Carolyn Saft or Pamela Burke at the Suwannee County Extension Office at 386-362-2771 or csaft318@ufl.edu.

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
5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Activities for children will be provided. Please contact 386-755-8190 for additional information.

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Obituaries

Louise Hingson
December 31, 1937-
February 1, 2010

Louise Hingson, 72, Live Oak, FL passed away Monday, February 1, 2010 after a long illness. The life long resident of Live Oak was a member of Mt. Olive Church of Christ.

Mrs. Hingson is survived by her husband: Charles Hingson, Live Oak, FL; two sons: Mike (Amy) Bailey, Live Oak, FL, Randy Bailey, Live Oak, FL; one brother: Ronny (Molly) Howard, Live Oak, FL; three stepsons: Danny (Dolly) Hingson, Jacksonville, FL Timmy (Laura) Hingson, Starke, FL, Donald (Michelle) Hingson, Lakeland, FL; eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be conducted at 2:00 pm Thursday, February 4, 2010 at Mt. Olive Church of Christ with Mr. John Arnold officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. of Live Oak Is in Charge of All Arrangements.

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

Death notice

Gregory Switzer
July 27, 1964-
January 31, 2010

Gregory Switzer, 45, Live Oak, FL passed away Sunday, January 31, 2010.

Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc., Live Oak, FL.

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

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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Rant & Rave

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■ ■ ■ Councilman Stewart said he was all about the bottom line when he took office. Here is the bottom line. OMI costs the City \$1,000 an hour. This does not include gas or parts.

\$2,400,000 a year translates to \$200,000 a month. The average month includes 20 work days of 8 hours each or 160 hours. Allowing for 40 hours of overtime a month that is 200 hours worked a month. 200 hours divided into \$200,000 equals \$1,000 an hour or \$10,000 a day this allow for 2 hours OT every work day.

This is the equivalent of paying 40 people a day \$20 an hour to work taking out 20% for labor expense. These are your numbers Councilman Stewart lets see how you can Flip Flop them.

■ ■ ■ My hats off and a big hey you! to the guy that called in and was complaining about the way they grade the roads. He hit the nail on the head, they sure need to do something about this. Thank ya'll, have a great day, and hopefully they will get it right.

■ ■ ■ Thanks to the Suwannee Democrat for the article on the new biomass plant to be built in Hamilton County. We're not an expert in this field, but I have never read an article with more pros and cons for building such a plant. On the pro

side, it is supposed to be clean, with little side effects, there is supposed to be adequate fuel to keep the plant running, the financial benefits will be good, and we will get rid of trash wood left over after the forest is removed. On the con side, it is reported to be dirty, and according to experts, there isn't enough forest waste within a 50-mile radius to supply this plant and some think this will remove nutrients needed to regrow the forests. They are talking about building these plants from Gainesville to Georgia. I sure hope the Department of Environmental Protection knows what it is doing. Bye.

■ ■ ■ On January 25th, the Cook Political Report showed our Congressional District, with our Representative, Allen Boyd, to be "likely" to remain a Democrat seat, and therefore vote, after the 2010 elections in November. By this, they mean that "[t]hese seats are not considered competitive at this point but have the potential to become engaged." This is the case even though they also show that our district, FL-02, voted for the 2004 and 2008 Republican presidential tickets 6 percentage points more than was the average for the whole country. Allen Boyd's votes in Congress support the Democrat position 95% of the time, according to www.opencongress.org, such as the 'porkulus' stimulus bill and cap-and-tax bill, for which he voted, and

against the Stupak pro-life amendment to the health care bill. Mark Greenbaum of Roll Call newspaper said on January 25th (<http://www.rollcall.com/news/42578-1.html>) that Rep. Boyd "can politically afford to vote yes" on the health care bill, even if we, his constituents, are against it. Let's help our Congressional seat "become engaged!" Investigate what Allen Boyd really supports.

■ ■ ■ I must agree with Mr. Hill. Why aren't the agendas for the City Council meetings published in advance for citizens to review? Isn't this the responsibility of the City Clerk?

■ ■ ■ Hello, and thank you for the Rant & Rave. This is for the person who is talking about someone new running for the mayor, in hopes that the new mayor doesn't have to drive the city's SUV to Tallahassee for ethic hearings. Well, I will assure you that the city appreciates you offering your personal vehicle, filled with the gas to attend out of county ethic hearings. I am here to assure you that since you have so much concern for the city's budget you would not be driving a company vehicle out of town or a county meeting. I am here to fill you in that you can rest assured that the new mayor will be driving the city's vehicle just as any other mayor has or will. Be sure that you pay close attention and takes notes to the new mayor's decision in not

driving the city's SUV, and it sits in the parking lot just looking pretty. Maybe you need to run for mayor or so you can drive your personal vehicle, instead of a company vehicle to attend out of county meetings. Thank you.

■ ■ ■ Mr. Hill, this message is to Mr. Hill. Mr. Hill, I read your message in the newspaper. You need to look at drainage in the areas that flood and make homeowners have to purchase flood insurance. Mr. Hill I am going to try to help you NOT get elected. Also, I live in a flood zone and my house has never flooded and if it does flood, that would be for me to repair, and not for you to make me do something as to buy flood insurance. I will help you not to get elected in Suwannee County. Thank you.

■ ■ ■ Callers to 386-208-8314 may express their thoughts, good or bad, 24/7 about community issues and politics, but not about private individuals or businesses. If you prefer, you may email your comments to nf.editorial@gafnews.com. You don't have to give your name, and please, keep submissions to less than 45 seconds (that's about 150 words). We want everybody to have a chance to be heard. Submissions that are overly long will be discarded. If 45 seconds isn't enough time, write a Letter to the Editor. (Guidelines for letters appear on Page 6A.)

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 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 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.

2010 Relay for Life of Suwannee Team Captains Party

Relay for Life of Suwannee Team Captains Party will be held Feb. 16, 2010, Suwannee River Regional Library at 6 p.m., 1848 Ohio Ave. S. - Live Oak, FL 32064.

For more information please contact: Event Chair: Robin Gill - 386-208-6194 or ACS Staff Partner: Brett Hipsley, Brett.Hipsley@cancer.org, 888-295-6787, ext. 5060. www.relayforlife.org/SuwanneeFL



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8 of our GREATEST

Teacher of the Year to be announced Tuesday

LISA GRAY
Suwannee Primary School
Kindergarten

Gray began her career in 1994 as a fifth-grade teacher and holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in teaching and learning.



"I believe my greatest contribution to the education of my students has been to set high expectations for my students and to inspire them to achieve those goals. I have found that children give what you expect them to give at any grade level."

NANNETTE "SAM" BUNCE
Branford High School
Eighth grade language arts/ninth grade English

Bunce began her career as a second grade teacher in 1972 at Lealman Elementary in St. Petersburg. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of South Florida.



"It is my hope that my greatest contribution to my students is teaching them something 'beautiful' everyday. Each day in my classroom I endeavor to teach a word, a phrase, or perhaps study a literary work with that embodies a universal truth that my students may apply to themselves. My desire is that I will encourage my students to continue to pass on these 'beautiful' thoughts and truths to someone else, thus continuing the cycle so important in the communication process. Shared knowledge endures."

LAURA KATHERINE ROBERTS
Suwannee Elementary School
Second and third grade gifted

Roberts began her career as a second grade teacher in 2005.



She holds a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education from Valdosta State University and a master's in education in emotional disturbances/learning disabilities from Florida State University.

"My greatest contribution to the education of my students is the strong, cooperative classroom climate that I try to build every year. From the first day of school to the last, I try very hard to develop a cohesive classroom structure where the students feel comfortable and valued, almost like our own 'school family.' One of my favorite teachers/authors, Rafe Esquith, has two rules in his classroom: be nice and work hard. I use these two rules well. Kindness and hard work are the foundations of our classroom. My students must always try to do their best, and above all, they must be nice to one another! We try to end our day each day with a compliment circle, where students practice saying kind words to one another. They have to know they can trust me and that they can trust their classmates. Social and emotional needs are often neglected in our schools today, but I feel that they must be addressed before academic needs can even be considered. I know that if my students feel happy, enthusiastic and comfortable, they are more likely to be successful with academic endeavors."

THEDA SEVERANCE
Suwannee Intermediate School
Fourth grade

Severance began her career as an art teacher and site coordinator for the 21st Century After School Program in 2001. She holds a bachelor's of science degree in education grades 1-6.



"I always have a positive attitude and I stress the importance of education to my students. I also take on the role as their 'second mom' and teach them that honesty is the best policy. For example, I tell my students that if they have always been honest with me, I will believe them if they are telling me about a big purple monster in the hallway."

Contact Hillary Cannon, 386-647-4617, for tickets, cost of which is \$25.

LINDA KELLER
Branford Elementary School
Kindergarten

Keller began her career as a second grade teacher in 1978. She holds a bachelor of arts in education.



"I believe that the greatest contribution I make is making children aware that they don't need to settle for second best. My children know that I expect them to be 'go-getters', not just 'satisfied customers!' When goals are set high, more is achieved by the students, even if the goals are not met!"

MELISSA CAMERON
Suwannee Middle School
Seventh and eighth grade art

Cameron began her career in 1995 as a fourth grade teacher at Suwannee East Elementary. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in liberal arts and sciences from the University of Florida.



"I want my students to feel loved and confident, so that they can perform well in their daily lives. Unfortunately, many students begin my art class with a closed and stubborn mind of fearful attitude. Many of them think they cannot be successful in an area in which they have not excelled in the past. I strive to open my students' minds, help them break old habits and barriers, and show them that they can soar to new heights that they never dreamed possible. I emphasize that when trying to master any skill. Hard work, determination, practice, and perseverance guarantees success! The greatest contribution I make to the education of my students is when I see these habits and traits evident in my classroom — but more importantly — overflowing into other aspects of their lives."

CANDY VICKERS
Suwannee High School
Exceptional Student
Education grades 9-12

Vickers began teaching varying exceptionalities kindergarten through 5th grade in 1979. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in special education.



"I believe my greatest contribution is believing and showing not only my students but their families, friends, peers and community that our students are capable of overcoming many obstacles that people do not believe they can do. People feel that because they are mentally handicapped they are not capable of being independent or responsible, much less hold down a job. If the students are shown and expected to behave responsibly, they will. It may take the students longer to learn a skill or they may need to learn it in a different style than others, along with a lot of extra work and patience, but they are capable of learning. If people would just look beyond their handicaps they would see and know some beautiful individuals."

MELISSA MAPP-FRANCISCO
Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center
Medical Clinical Programs
and Office Technology

Mapp-Francisco began her career in 1994 as a 9th through 12th grade biology teacher and 11th and 12th grade anatomy and physiology instructor. She earned her Bachelor of Health degree in community education from Florida State University.



She states that her greatest contribution to the education of her students is: "recognizing that each student learns differently and possesses unique talents; teaching to accommodate different learning styles and levels of abilities; incorporating state standards into curriculum; providing education relevant to today's job skills/job market, ensuring more productive citizens; supplying Suwannee County's students with skills and abilities using today's latest technology; forming lasting pen relationships with our business community to better anticipate skills required for successful employment; enabling students to have a comprehensive idea of what will be expected in the "real world" using my Workforce Development background; passing on practical knowledge that my students will need in the ever evolving workforce; and proving to my students that education is the key to success."

The Suwannee County School District Teacher of the Year will be announced Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at an annual banquet in the Ann & Quinton Rumph Dining Room

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To dismay of students, recyclables were trashed

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fill. When the other containers are full, the county tries to sell the recyclables.

"There's a very limited market for it. If there is a market for it we will take it and sell it," said Sikes. If not, "it goes to the landfill."

The igloos at some county refuse sites are labeled "aluminum cans," "clear glass," "newspapers" and "plastic."

Hoffett said he and his fellow students were discouraged.

"We are trying to accomplish something," he said. "But the county is just turning that around and filling up landfills with all of these recyclables we've collected that could be used again and not waste other materials."

Hendry said club members are circulating a petition at school to convince the county to commence a more comprehensive recycling program. She said the petition will be presented to county commissioners at a future meeting.



'It's hard to cancan when your shoes are too loose'

That's the title of this Sandy Lindfors quilt, which shows diminutive 19th century artist Toulouse Lautrec admiring French dancing girls. Lindfors, of Live Oak, is one of 100 artists whose work will be on display during the "Quilting Natural Florida II" exhibit at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville Feb. 6-April 25. For more information call 352-273-2061 or visit www.flmnh.ufl.edu.

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By Angie Land

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SPORTS

Ready for district's

The SHS Lady Bulldogs defeated the Taylor county Bulldogs recently 39-38. The 'Dogs scored the winning basket with 26 seconds left in the ball game. Leading scorer was **Tatiyanna Thomas** with 16 points. **Rictoria Merrick** had six, **Tiyrenee Riley** had six, **Tara Oliver** five, **Kristiana Evans** four, **Hope Chambers** three, **Joy Baker** two and **Jawanza Pipkin** one. Suwannee will paly Newberry in the first round of the district tournament Thursday at Santa Fe High School at 6 p.m. Team record is 14-9, 5-3 in district play.



Kristiana Evans feels the pressure. See more photos inside. - Photo: Paul Buchanan - SuwanneeSports.com

Alumni baseball game set

Suwannee High School baseball will hold an alumni game this Saturday at 11 a.m. There will be a homerun derby before the game. The consession stand will be open. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information contact Andrew Chapman, assitant coach, at 904-383-9022.

Thunder Alley Bowler of the Week: Sandi Pauly

By Debbie Rice

Michelle Oxendine led the Sassy Seniors with a 561 series followed by Shelia Madsen with 523 and Sandi Pauly with 517. Sandi Bowled well above her average of 141 to become Thunder Alley's Bowler of the Week. You will notice the top three bowlers for the Sassy Seniors are women. Way to go Ladies. Larry Robinson led the Monday Morning Blues with 512 followed by Kim Carter with 490 and Dave West with 481. 9 Pin No Tap was led by Chris Rathbun with 675 followed by Aline Neveils with 637 and Mike Friedman with 634. Thure Olson led the Men's League with 576 followed by Don Music with 532 and Sean Pruitt with 525. Greg Carter led the King's and Queen's with a 578 series followed by Dave Ward with 576 and Donell Ritchie with 535.

Westley Lane is the proud winner of the Harley Davidson Bowling ball. Westley is nine years old and an 'A' Honor Roll student. Congratulations Westley! Buy a ticket to win a brand new Brunswick C Systems 3.5, 14 pound bowling ball. Don't forget the 500 Club tournament this Saturday at 10 a.m.



Marcus Lane

Three in a row

After an uninspiring win against the Panthers of Newberry, the SHS JV Bulldogs played with focus to win the rematch 69-35, with an impressive halftime score of 52-18.

The 'Dogs were sharp from the game

tipoff by big **Jarvis George**. Guard **Marcus Lane** shot with precision, and led the team with 17 points and one steal. **Lane** shot 75 percent from the field and made five of five three point shots with assists from **Jimmie Taylor**, **Tony Frierson**, **AJ Robinson**, and **Alex Robinson**. **Taylor** added nine points in the first half, eight rebounds and three assists. **Frierson** played tight defense and pulled down 10 rebounds. He also had one steal and three assists. **AJ Robinson** added

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The guys feel confident going into the Newberry match. - Photos: Tracie Daniels

SPORTS COMMENTARY

Before Andra Davis

Sportabout
By Tom Daniels



Suwannee is sure proud to have THREE players currently in the NFL. Andra Davis, Kelly Jennings and Bruce Johnson. Before them Jimmy Nelson, Dale McCullers and Del Williams, SHS alumni all, are etched somewhere in pro football's almanac.

As Black History Month unfolds so does the story of another Suwannee player. Edmund Nelson lists his birthplace as Live Oak, Florida. Nelson was born here in April of 1960. His two older brothers went on to careers, one coaching in Tampa for 35 years and another retiring as a Major out of the U.S. military. Edmund's career was one that went unnoticed in his birthplace.

Nelson moved from Live Oak as a youngster, his dad was career military. It was our loss as Edmund not only played in Hillsborough County, he starred there. He won Tampa's Guy Toph award given to the area's outstanding high school football player. He was given a scholarship to Auburn where he excelled and won the Cliff Hare award as their outstanding player. He was also named MVP in the 1982 Blue-Gray game.

After being coached by Chuck Noll in the Senior Bowl, the Steeler coach chose him in the seventh round of the NFL draft. In those days the draft was 12 rounds. He was the 172nd player picked. The first Suwannee County-born black NFL football player. He had an outstanding career for the Steelers, starting 43 games along the defensive line from 1982-1987. He retired as a Patriot in 1988 with stops in

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SPORTS



Alex Robinson and Jeremiah Ross pass the ball. - Photos: Tracie Daniels

Three in a row

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five points, two steals and two assists. Guard Don-tavious Hampton had a strong offensive night, leading the bench with 14 points while shooting 86 percent from the field...

Hampton (2-5-2) and Miller (3-1-0).

Suwannee downs Santa Fe 54-43

Suwannee then travelled to Santa Fe Jan. 30, beating that team 54-43. The Raiders came out on fire with quick offense, three point shots and a good defense to open with a 9-2 lead. However, Suwannee gained their composure to bring the score up to 15-13 by the end of the first. By the half the score was 26-20 in favor of Suwannee.

'Dogs take Ft. White 68-34

On Jan. 29, the guys defeated Ft. White in their last home game of the season 68-34.

Suwannee led the game from the start, but turned up the heat in the third quarter with an aggressive full-court press. Scoring was led by Marcus Lane, who had 17 points in the first half and finished the night with 20, one steal, six rebounds and one assist. Jimmie Taylor had a strong defensive night with nine rebounds, five steals, three assists and 13 points. Jarvis George showed some life with three steals, several blocks, four rebounds and four points. AJ Robinson had three steals, six points, three rebounds and one assist. Other scorers: (Pts, Rbs, Ast, Stl) Alex Robinson (9-4-1-2), Frierson (5-8-2), D. Ross (6-0-0),

'Dogs lose dogfight

Perry takes win over Suwannee Jan. 22

The Suwannee High School JV basketball team lost to the Perry Bulldogs 67-60 Jan. 22, for the team's second loss of the year.

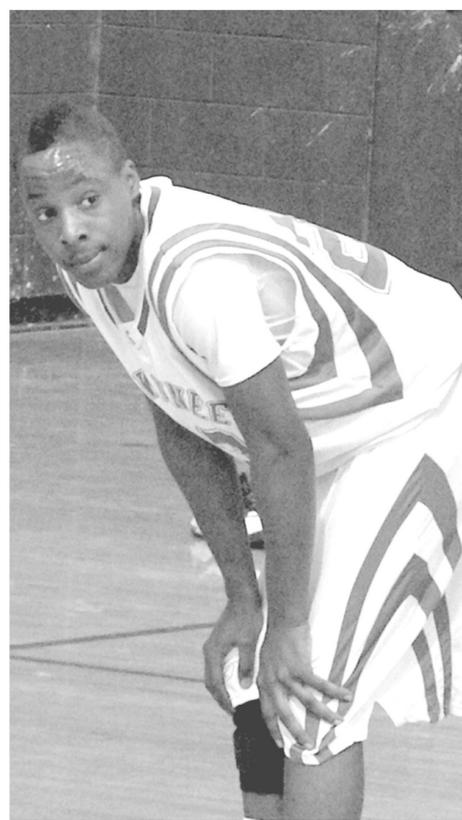
The game was fast-paced from the beginning, resulting in an uncharacteristic 24 turnovers from the Suwannee offense. The majority of the turnovers were from passing (17) or dribbling (3) errors, as Perry's defense was tenacious and quick to intercept, steal, strip and recover the ball. Perry had an exceptional shooting night from the field which made their offense efficient, and gained a large number of layup points by breaking an ineffective Suwannee full court press. The referee whistles remained very quiet as Suwannee shot very few free throws. Suwannee only went to the line three times in the second half, late in the fourth quarter off several inside drives by Jimmie Taylor. Finally, the consistent weak point of the team this season has been unfouled missed layups,

14 in this game. This finally caught up to Suwannee who have led by such large margins in most games this season that it hasn't impacted the final outcome.

Perry led the game from the jump, ahead 34-31 at the half and 51-39 by the end of the third, even though the score had pulled to within one point. However, Suwannee showed a spark of life in the fourth and pulled to 62-57 with 57 seconds left on the clock. Taylor brought his game inside the paint to shoot and draw free throws as Marcus Lane hit a three-point shot with 20 seconds left, but Perry had pulled ahead on free throws as the Bulldogs lost by seven. Scoring for the 'Dogs was led by Taylor with 25 points. He also had 10 rebounds and one assist. Guard Lane shot 54 percent from the field to add 18 points and had a notable rebounding night with six. He also added one assist. Tony Frierson had seven points, seven rebounds, and two assists.



Jarvis George free throw.



Alex Robinson lines up for a free throw rebound.

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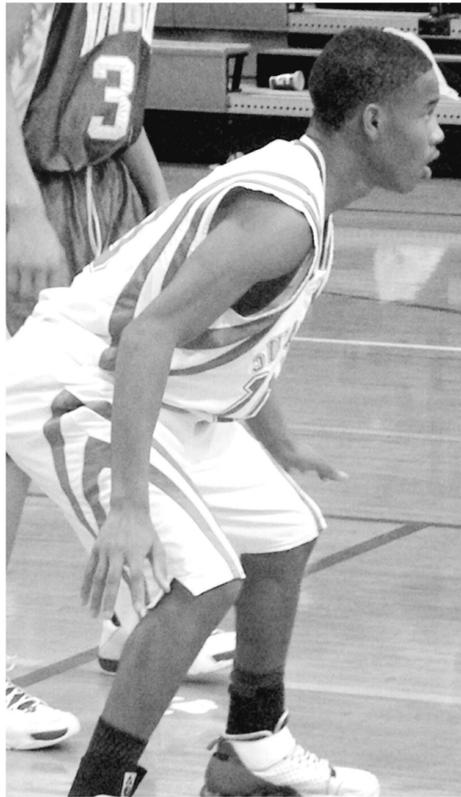
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SPORTS

Three in a row



Dontavious Hampton on defense. - Photos: Tracie Daniels



Jarvis George wins the tipoff against Newberry.



Taiwan Williams



Tony Frierson

SPORTS COMMENTARY

Before Andra Davis

Sportabout By Tom Daniels

Continued From Page 1B Cleveland and New Orleans. His 16 sacks and four fumble recoveries dot his resume. Like those before him

and those that followed he strived to achieve his goal. When not playing golf at Williams Country Club, where he sits on the board of directors, or selling insurance at his State Farm office, Edmund can be found doing the Pittsburgh Steelers preseason games on KDKA TV Pittsburgh.

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Heart Matters By Angie Land

Those words are worth remembering today for us parents. Maybe you have a pre-teen or teenager and think, "This game is almost over-in just a few years they will be gone."

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Angie

Heart Matters is a weekly column written by Angie Land, Director of the Family Life Ministries of the Lafayette Baptist Association, where she teaches Bible studies, leads marriage and family conferences and offers Biblical counseling to individuals, couples and families.

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Einstein's Theory of Relativity was a theory of science, having to do with the speed of light in a vacuum, mathematical forms of physics, mass and energy, etc. He never meant for the term relative to be applied to ethics and yet in our day we have a whole generation of people, including Christian people, who claim to go by the teachings of the Bible claiming, "Everything is relative; nothing is black, or white."

But the Bible tells us that there are practices that are definitely wrong and the choice is not left up to you; God has already ruled on it in His Word, you just need to listen: God's Word tells us that women are not to dress to look like men and men are not to dress to look like women.

Human sacrifice is forbidden! "There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire ..."

God's Word says it is an abomination to use tarot cards, the Ouija board, seek advice from spiritualist, witches, etc. " ... or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are and abomination unto the Lord:"

Why? Because the relationship of a man and his wife is a picture of the relationship of Christ and the church - "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word ... For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the church," (Ephesians 5:25, 26, 31, 32).

And we can see from the Bible that the practices of gays and lesbians is no relative matter either. "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind; it is an abomination," (Leviticus 18:22). God's Word condemns these practices and so many more. But so many say you can't tell others they can't do such-and-such because he/she must make his/her own choice. Yes, but you, as a Christian and a student of the Word of God have an obligation to set forth the TRUTH. Jesus said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: THY WORD IS TRUTH," (John 17:17).

Everyone reading this message knows people involved in sin. Don't be afraid to confront your loved ones when the opportunity arises because it is wrong, but you must do it in LOVE. Check your motive for confronting them.

David H. Matier, DPC

CHURCH CALENDAR

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John H. Hale Park and Recreation Center, Duval Street, Live Oak; Info: Audrey Sharpe, 386-364-4560.

Christian Mission in Action Ministries - Free clothing give-away on the third Saturday of every month 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ Youth Center, 12001 NW Seventh St., Live Oak; Info: Audrey Sharpe, 386-364-4560 or 386-266-6816.

Live Oak Church of God "Prayer at the City Gates"

Live Oak Church of God holds "Prayer at the City Gates," every Friday, 7-8:15 a.m., 9828 US 129 South and the roundabout. Info: 386-362-2483.

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

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

Broken Lance Native American Church On the Jesus Path. The church "for all people," is located at the corner of Hwy 129 South and 102nd Terrace in Live Oak, about one and three quarter miles South past Publix. The physical address is 11716-A. Sunday services: 11 a.m., morning worship service (mainstream doctrinally, bring your musical instru-

ment and sit in). Tuesdays, 7 p.m., craft night. Info: 386-364-5998 or 386-364-6547.

Services at noon on Wednesdays at Ebenezer AME Church

Ebenezer AME Church, corner Houston Avenue and Parshey Street; worship services at noon each Wednesday for one hour; lunch served by church staff; The Rev. Charles E. Graham, pastor.

Wanted - Wanted - Wanted! Pregnancy Crisis Center, 112 Piedmont Street, Live Oak needs volunteers. Info: 386-330-2229.

Wellborn Church of God Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship at 10:30 a.m. Thursday night Bible class at 7 p.m. Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. Home Front Ministry for women. Church located at P.O. Box 418, Wellborn. Call 386-752-8479 to speak with Pastor W.C. Cobb for more information.



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NOTICE OF LAND USE CHANGES

The Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida, proposes to change the use of land within the area shown on the map below, by amending the text and Future Land Use Plan Map of the Suwannee County Comprehensive Plan, hereinafter referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, as follows:

(1) CPA 09-6, an application by the Board of County Commissioners, to amend Policy IX.1.1 of the Public School Facilities Element and a portion of Policy VIII.2.1 of the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan to amend the level of service standards for public educational facilities to 100 percent of permanent Florida Inventory of School Houses capacity as adjusted annually by the School Board to account for measurable programmatic changes.

(2) CPA 09-7, an application by the Board of County Commissioners, to amend the Five-Year Schedule of the Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan, and to amend the Public School Facilities map series to reflect the changes in the School District Five-Year Facilities Work Plan.

(3) CPA 10-1, an application by the Board of County Commissioners to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS-2 (less than or equal to 1 dwelling unit per 10 acres) to CONSERVATION on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying within Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 13 East, Suwannee County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Government Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of said Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 13 East, Suwannee County, Florida.

Containing 130.18 acres, more or less.

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A parcel of land lying within Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 13 East, Suwannee County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 1; thence South 88°58'21" West, along the North line of said Section 1, a distance of 1,123.60 feet; thence South 10°37'04" West, 181.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 10°37'04" West 200.00 feet; thence South 86°16'52" West 70.75 feet; thence South 39°09'10" West 191.12 feet; thence South 39°00'28" West 220.00 feet; thence South 25°32'38" East 35.01 feet; thence South 26°32'15" West 74.70 feet; thence North 82°32'17" West 70.81 feet; thence North 41°01'43" West 128.40 feet; thence North 02°43'53" West 502.81 feet; thence North 88°56'16" East 563.43 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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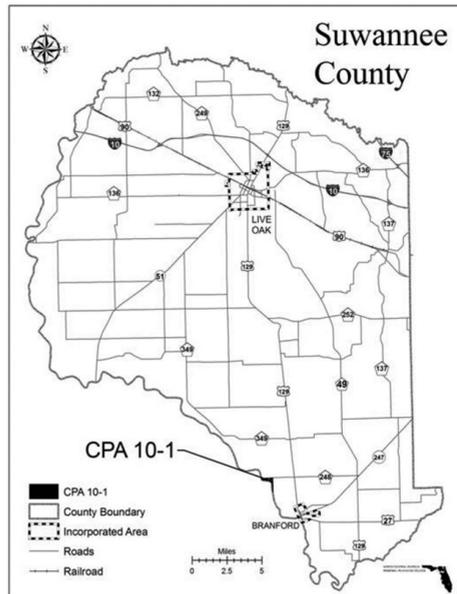
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A parcel of land lying within Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 13 East, Suwannee County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 1; thence South 01°21'08" East, along the East line of said Section 1, a distance of 775.46 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 01°21'08" East, along the East line of said Section 1, a distance of 150.00 feet; thence South 88°38'52" West 282.18 feet; thence South 01°21'08" East 125.00 feet; thence South 88°38'52" West 400.00 feet; thence North 01°21'08" West 400.00 feet; thence North 88°38'52" East 400.00 feet; thence South 01°21'08" East 125.00 feet; thence North 88°38'52" East 282.18 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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All said lands containing 120.58 acres, more or less.



The first of two public hearings will be conducted by the Board of County Commissioners to consider the amendments, conduct a first reading of the ordinances adopting the amendments and consider transmittal of the amendments to the Florida Department of Community Affairs. The public hearings will be held on February 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, in the City Council Meeting Room, City Hall, located at 101 Southeast White Avenue, Live Oak, Florida. The title of said ordinances read, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 09-6, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR AMENDING POLICY IX.1.1 OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ELEMENT AND A PORTION OF POLICY VIII.2.1 OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO AMEND THE LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES TO 100 PERCENT OF PERMANENT FLORIDA INVENTORY OF SCHOOL HOUSES CAPACITY AS ADJUSTED ANNUALLY BY THE SCHOOL BOARD TO ACCOUNT FOR MEASURABLE PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

AN ORDINANCE OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 09-7, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING THE FIVE-YEAR SCHEDULE OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND AMENDING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES MAP SERIES TO REFLECT THE CHANGES IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE-YEAR FACILITIES WORK PLAN; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

AN ORDINANCE OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 91-15, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF MORE THAN TEN ACRES OF LAND TO THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 10-1, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, UNDER AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 10 ACRES) TO CONSERVATION ON CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The public hearings may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notice concerning the matters will be published.

At the aforementioned public hearings, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the amendments and the ordinances adopting said amendments on the date, time and place as referenced above.

Copies of the amendments and the ordinances adopting said amendments are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Planning and Zoning, located at 224 Pine Avenue, Live Oak, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at the public hearings, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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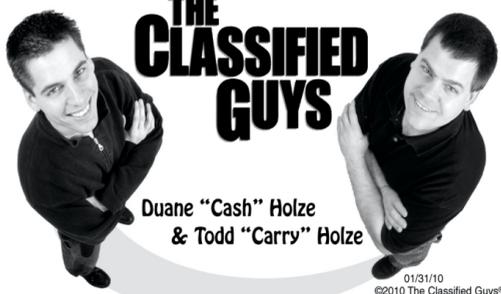
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Ask the Guys

Dear Classified Guys, I hate to admit it, but I've been around long enough to remember the switch from vinyl records to 8-track tapes. And as you know, that lead to cassette tapes, CD's and MP3's. Things seem to change faster than my suit styles (I have a collection of those as well). The same thing happened with computers. I can't tell you how many PC's I have in the closet, each outdating the other. When I upgrade, I can't bring myself to throw out the old. If you can't tell, I'm a collector of stuff. Granted, my first IBM XT computer with a 5 1/4" floppy drive isn't going to get internet access, but it does work. I tried it the other day for laughs. I've offered these things to my kids and grandkids, but no takers. I don't want to just throw them away or recycle them. How do I find someone who might be interested since most of them still work?

Cash: Considering your collection, you already know that technology changes quickly. And with your habits, it's likely you still have some 70's leisure suits hiding in the closet as well.



THE CLASSIFIED GUYS

Duane "Cash" Holze & Todd "Carry" Holze

Carry: Unfortunately, unlike fashion, your IBM XT is not likely to come back into style. And hopefully the 1970's polyester shirts won't either!

Cash: Since most electronic devices change due to improvements rather than appearance, outdated equipment typically has limited use. Take televisions for example. While many of the cathode ray picture tubes still work perfectly fine, most people are craving a large-screen LCD or plasma television.

Carry: Most computers follow similar trends, being obsolete by the time they're delivered to your door! And although your IBM XT may still work, most people wouldn't know what to do with it if it can't get email.

Cash: That's not to say that your antiquated equipment can't find a home outside of your closet. Many people still have some use for older electronics. They may need them for parts or simply want them for their own collection!

Carry: Place a classified ad offering your items free to those interested and you're likely to have some options present themselves. For computers that are still usable by today's standards, consider donating them to schools or other local organizations who may use them for training purposes.

Cash: And if you're successful in cleaning out your entire electronics closet, maybe you can work on your wardrobe closet next!

Fast Facts

Trash Talk

If you're like most people, you've had several cell phones in the past few years. The disposal of consumer electronics is a growing problem. In 2007, Americans disposed of 27 million TVs, 205 million computer products and more than 100 million cell phones and PDA's according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Only about 16% of all those electronics were actually recycled. The rest were thrown in the landfill alongside typical kitchen garbage.

Phone Manners

With the global increase in cell phone usage, telephone etiquette has gotten out of hand. It's common to overhear any number of private conversations while shopping, walking down the street or even watching a movie. But there is good news. According to the annual survey by LetsTalk.com, cell phone etiquette is slowly improving. The number of people who deem it acceptable to talk in restaurants has dropped 10%, calls on public transportation have dropped 7%, and movie conversations are down 9%. Unfortunately, talking in the supermarket is still acceptable, up 6% from previous years.

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

Drink Mail

After my first day on a new job, a co-worker and I stopped by a nearby pub to celebrate. At the bar my new friend pulled out his cell phone, put it on the counter and placed his drink on top. Not sure what to think, I inquired about his strange coaster.

"It never fails," he explained. "If I stop at a bar, my wife somehow knows to call and find out when I'll be home."

Sure enough within minutes, the phone vibrated below his drink. "Aren't you going to answer it?" I asked.

"Not until the fourth vibrate," he replied watching the glass. "If she's going to keep calling me, the least she can do is mix my drink!"

(Thanks to Stephen R.)

Laughs For Sale

This "flat screen" could use a diet.



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NOTICE OF INTENDED EMPLOYMENT AND REQUEST FOR RESUMES

WATER & WASTEWATER OPERATOR The Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners is accepting resumes for the position of Water & Wastewater Operator.

Salary Range: Negotiable

Department Water & Wastewater Dept.

Immediate Supervisor: Hamilton County Coordinator

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent, hold at a minimum a FDEP Class C operator's license for operating and maintaining a water and a wastewater treatment system and be certified to operate and maintain a potable water distribution system.

Job Description: Operator shall operate and maintain the water and wastewater treatment plants, collection system, distribution system, related equipment and chemicals, and shall perform grounds and building maintenance and clerical duties as needed. A complete copy of the job description for this position may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, 207 Northeast First Street, Room 106, Jasper, Florida 32052.

Resumes may be submitted to the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, 207 Northeast First Street, Room 106, Jasper, Florida 32052. For consideration all applications must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 15, 2010.

Hamilton County is a Drug Free Workplace and an Equal Opportunity Employer. Veteran's preference will apply in accordance with Section 295.07, Florida Statutes.

FirstDay Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative

Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Accountant II Position

Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. has an immediate opening for an Accountant II position. This position reports to the Controller and will be responsible for a variety of accounting functions to help maintain a smooth flow of financial data. A high school degree or equivalent and some college accounting course work are required. Equivalent education and experience considered.

Applications and job descriptions may be picked up at the Suwannee Valley Electric administration building, 11340 100th St., Live Oak. The job description can be viewed on www.svec-coop.com. Resumes and applications can be turned in at the above address with Attn: Vicki Talmadge, or emailed to vicky@svccoop.com. The deadline for accepting applications is Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

SVEC is an equal opportunity employer.

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YARD SALE FRI 2/5 SAT 2/6 FROM 8-3. 511 Waterman Ave. SE. DIRECTIONS: Railroad Ave in Live Oak between US 90 & Helvenston. Turn on Park, Then 1st road to right is Waterman. 1st Mobile on Left. Something for everyone!!!!!! LOOK FOR SIGNS Cancel if Raining

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Run your Yard Sale in the Wednesday North Florida Focus & Friday Suwannee Democrat Classifieds and get the Yard Sale Kit for FREE.
Deadline for placing your yard sale is Friday at 11:00 a.m.

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Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

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This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising to real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis to complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

Houses for Rent

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Suwannee Legals

PUBLIC MEETING

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK (LOHA), Live Oak, Florida will be having a 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2009-CA-00350

CAPITAL CITY BANK, a Florida banking corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs. CECIL P. WHITFIELD and DONNA WHITFIELD, husband and wife,

NOTICE OF SALE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, BARRY A. BAKER, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, in and for SUWANNEE County, Florida, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment in Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, will sell at public sale in SUWANNEE County, Florida, to wit:

Part of Section 17, Township 5 South, Range 13 East, Suwannee County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

For a Point of Reference, commence at the intersection of the North line of said Section 17 and the Westerly right

of way line of County Road No. 349, said Westerly right of way line being in a curve concaved Southeasterly having a radius of 11419.16 feet, thence run along and around said curve chord bearing and distance of South 45°40'08" East, 920.37 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue along said curve and Westerly right of way line a chord bearing and distance of South 42°56'54" East, 163.52 feet to the Point of Tangency of said curve; thence continue along said Westerly right of way line, South 42°27'20" East, a distance of 175.47 feet; thence run South 51°22'32" West, a distance of 1417.46 feet; thence run South 28°50'31" West, a distance of 89.25 feet; thence run South 55°01'31" West, a distance of 454.60 feet to the ordinary high water line (high bank) of the Suwannee River; thence run Northwesterly along said high bank a distance of 256 feet more or less; thence run North 48°40'41" East, a distance of 1898.38 feet to the Point of Beginning. TOGETHER WITH a 1999 SHOREWOOD LIBERTY mobile home, Bearing ID#10L26524U & 10L26524X.

Said sale shall be made to the highest and best bidder for cash pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment entered in the above styled cause and will be held on the Courthouse steps of the SUWANNEE County Courthouse in Live Oak, Florida, on the 23rd day of February, 2010, commencing at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

All interested parties shall be governed accordingly by this Notice.

DATED this 21st day of January, 2010.

SEAL

BARRY A. BAKER Clerk of the Court

By: Sharon Hale Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 61-2009-CA-000091

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF 2006-HE1,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID R. ALFORD A/K/A DAVID RAY ALFORD; GLENNA MARIE ALFORD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE DAVID R. ALFORD A/K/A DAVID RAY ALFORD; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT(S) A/K/A DAVID R. ALFORD JR., IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 27th day of January, 2010, and entered in Case No.61-2009-CA-000091, of the Circuit Court of the 3RD Judicial Circuit in and for Suwannee County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF 2006-HE1 is the Plaintiff and DAVID R. ALFORD A/K/A DAVID RAY ALFORD; GLENNA MARIE ALFORD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE DAVID R. ALFORD A/K/A DAVID RAY ALFORD; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT(S) A/K/A DAVID R. ALFORD JR., IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT STEPS OF COURTHOUSE at the Suwannee County Courthouse, in LIVE OAK, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd day of March, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF

SECTION 3, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 453.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 208.72 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT NO. 2245, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 208.72 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP NO 3362, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 208.72 FEET TO ROD AND CAP NO 3362, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 208.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING IN SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH RANGE 11 EAST.

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

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

Dated this 27th day of January, 2010.

Barry A. Baker Clerk Of The Circuit Court

By: Sharon Hale Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF LIVE OAK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the City of Live Oak Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendments, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Live Oak, Florida, at public hearings on Monday February 15, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, in the City Council Meeting Room, City Hall, located at 101 Southeast White Avenue, Live Oak, Florida.

(1) CPA 10-1, an application by the City Council, to amend the text of the Comprehensive Plan, by amending: The Recreation and Open Space Element, adding to, and/or amending, and/or renaming sections: Introduction, Objective V1.1, Policy V1.1.1, Objective V1.2, Policy V1.2.1, Objective V1.3, Policy V1.3.1, Objective V1.4, Policy V1.4.1, Objective V1.5, Policy V1.5.1, Policy V1.5.2, Objective V1.6, and Policy V1.6.1; deleting entirely the existing: Policy V1.3.2, Policy V1.3.3 and Policy V1.4.2.

The public hearings may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearings shall be announced during the public hearings and that no further notices concerning this matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearings.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the referenced petition.

Copies of the amendments are available for public inspection at the office of the Development Manager, City Hall Annex, 416 Howard Street East, Live Oak, Florida, during regular business hours; phone 386-362-2276.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 2/5

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 612009CA0003850001XX

FRIER FARMS, INC., A Florida Corporation

Plaintiff,

vs.

HENRY DODARD; et al,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 20, 2010, in the above referenced case in which FRIER FARMS, INC. is Plaintiff, and HENRY DODARD; unknown tenants; and other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property, and if a named Defendant is deceased, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the named or described Defendants, are Defendants, I, BARRY A. BAKER, Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Suwannee County Courthouse or such other location in the Suwannee County Courthouse in Live Oak, Florida, as the Clerk of the Court may designate at the time of sale, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. (or as soon thereafter as Plaintiffs' counsel may direct provided that said sale must be commenced prior to 2:00 o'clock P.M.), on the 25th day of February, 2010, the following described property set forth in the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 4, of Farms of Nobles Ferry, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 521, of the Public Records of Suwannee County, Florida.

The above described property is vacant land and does not constitute the homestead property of the Mortgagor.

Any and all bidders, parties or other interested persons shall contact the information desk of the Clerk of the Court prior to the scheduled foreclosure sale who will advise of the exact location in the Suwannee County Courthouse for the foreclosure sale.

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

(NOTE: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administrator, Post Office Box 1569, Lake City, Florida 32056-1569. Telephone: 386-758-2163, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice or pleading. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call: 1-800-955-8771.)

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 21st day of January, 2010 at Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida

(COURT SEAL)

HONORABLE BARRY A BAKER CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Sharon Hale As Deputy Clerk

Rose M. Decker, Jr., Esquire THE DECKER LAW FIRM P.A. 320 White Avenue Post Office Box 1288 Live Oak, Florida 32064 Telephone: 386-364-4440 Telecopier: 386-364-4508 Email: rmdesckerjr@windstream.net Attorney for Plaintiff 1/29 2/5

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 61-2006-CA-220

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ("ASSIGNEE"), FORMERLY KNOWN AS LASALLE NATIONAL BANK, IN ITS CAPACITY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE UNDER THAT CERTAIN SALE AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 1, 1999 AMONG AFC TRUST SERIES 1999-2, AS ISSUER, SUPERIOR BANK FSB,

Plaintiff,

JIMMY TORRES; ELIDA TORRES; JOSEPH N. WAINRIGHT, JR., and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants,

Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Suwannee County, Florida, will on the 23rd day of February 2010, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at Front steps, 200 S Ohio Avenue, Suwannee County Courthouse in Live Oak, Florida 32060, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situate in Suwannee County, Florida:

Lot 4, MEADOW PINES SUBDIVISION, a recorded subdivision in Section 11, Township 2 South, Range 11 East, Suwannee County, Florida.

Together with a 1985 Doublewide Mobile Home ID# 4412D2838A/B

pursuant to the Amended Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 19th day of January, 2010.

If you are a person with a disability who needs accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, for the provision of the certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live oak, Florida 32060, Telephone (386)364-3498 within 2 working days of your receipt of this document. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

SEAL

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Sharon Hale Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF Lindsay Williams Brown BUTLER & HOSCH, P.A. 3185 S. Conway Road Suite E Orlando, FL 32812 (407)381-5200 1/29 2/5

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA 09-352-CA

TRYLAND, LLC., Florida Limited Liability Company,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DEXTER L. PARRIS and, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEXTER L. PARRIS,

Defendants

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER FS CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 19, 2010, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the front door of the Suwannee County Courthouse, Live Oak, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on March 4, 2010, the following described property:

Lot Number 13, Eagle's Nest, a subdivision as per the plat thereof recorded at Plat Book 1, Page 502 of the Public Records of Suwannee County, Florida.

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

DATED: January 20, 2010

SEAL

BARRY A. BAKER As Clerk of the Court

By: Sharon Hale Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2009-CA-00218

CAPITAL CITY BANK, a Florida banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. MURIEL L. RICHARDS, a single person; and THOMAS EDWARD RICHARDS, a single person, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, BARRY A. BAKER, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, in and for SUWANNEE County, Florida, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment in Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, will sell at public sale the following described property situate in SUWANNEE County, Florida, to wit:

PARCEL 2: A parcel of land in Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 15 East, Suwannee County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: For a Point of Reference, commence at the Southwest corner of Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 15 East, Suwannee County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, BARRY A. BAKER, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, in and for SUWANNEE County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: For point of reference commence at the NE corner of said SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4; then run S 89°19'40" W along the North line of said SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 a distance of 175 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; then run S 00°08'45" W, a distance of 200.00 feet; then run S 89°19'40" W, a distance of 133.12 feet to the East right of way line of a 50.00 foot road; then run N 00°08'45" E along said East right of way line, a distance of 200.00 feet; then run N 89°19'40" E along said North line of said SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, a distance of 133.12 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, in the Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 S. Ohio/MLK Jr. Avenue, Live Oak, Florida, 32064 on February 23, 2010, at 11:00 A.M.

Dated January 21, 2010. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner, as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

SEAL BARRY A. BAKER Clerk of the Circuit Court Suwannee County, Florida By: Sharon Hale Deputy Clerk

Service List Robert F. Lynch, Sr. Sheila K. Lynch 13A Burkner Knolls Lane Palm Coast, Florida 32137

Sabrina E. Solomon THE SOLOMON LAW GROUP, P.A. 1881 West Kennedy Boulevard Tampa, Florida 33606-1606 Attorneys for Plaintiff Mercantile Bank 2/5, 12

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA 08-222-CA

JRT Enterprises, LLC., Florida Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff,

vs. SYBIL THOMPSON and QUINCE PLUNKETT, Defendants

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Amended Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 20, 2010, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the front door of the Suwannee County Courthouse, Live Oak, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on March 4, 2010, the following described property:

The East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 15, Township 4 South, Range 11, East, Suwannee County, Florida.

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

DATED: January 20, 2010 SEAL BARRY A. BAKER As Clerk of the Court By: Sharon Hale Deputy Clerk

1/29 2/5 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA 09-261-CA

TRYLAND, LLC., Florida Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff,

vs. JEAN-YVES MARCELON and MARIE E. MARCELON, spouse, Defendants

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 11, 2010, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the front door of the Suwannee County Courthouse, Live Oak, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on February 16, 2010, the following described property:

Lot Number 1, Fox Trot Subdivision, a subdivision as per the plat thereof recorded at Plat Book 1, Page 486 of the Public Records of Suwannee County, Florida.

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

DATED: January 20, 2010 SEAL BARRY A. BAKER As Clerk of the Court By: Sharon Hale Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 09-47-CA

MERCANTILE BANK, etc., Plaintiff,

vs. ROBERT F. LYNCH, SR., et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE Description of Mortgaged and Personal Property

Part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 13 East, Suwannee County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: For point of reference commence at the NE corner of said SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4; then run S 89°19'40" W along the North line of said SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 a distance of 175 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; then run S 00°08'45" W, a distance of 200.00 feet; then run S 89°19'40" W, a distance of 133.12 feet to the East right of way line of a 50.00 foot road; then run N 00°08'45" E along said East right of way line, a distance of 200.00 feet; then run N 89°19'40" E along said North line of said SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, a distance of 133.12 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The street address of which is 11915 - 1111th Drive, Live Oak, Florida 32060.

at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, in the Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 S. Ohio/MLK Jr. Avenue, Live Oak, Florida, 32064 on February 23, 2010, at 11:00 A.M.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SUWANNEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD will meet in the School Board Meeting Room, 702 - 2nd Street, NW, Live Oak, Florida, on the following date and times:

TUESDAY February 9, 2010 9:30 a.m. Workshop Session Budget Contracts Curriculum Issues Facilities Personnel Issues Policy Issues

Special Meeting (Immediately following Workshop Session) Budget Contracts Curriculum Issues Facilities Personnel Issues Policy Issues

This meeting will be held Thursday, February 11, 2010, beginning at 8:00 am at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Office 1171 Nobles Ferry Road, Bldg 2 Live Oak, Florida.

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

Original bids for these units will be due by 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. Office, 1171 Nobles Ferry Road Bldg 2, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Please mark envelope "Sealed Bid for Name of Homeowner". Bids to be opened and awarded Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 12:30 p.m.

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. has the right to reject any and all bids. The bids will be awarded on the most cost effective basis. 2/5

Jerry A. Scarborough Superintendent of Schools

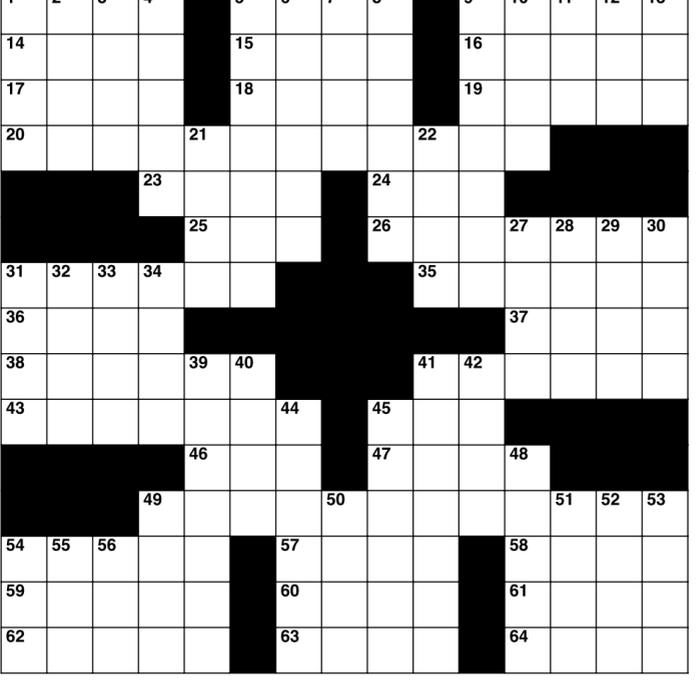
PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform you that Suwannee County will hold a pre-bid conference and walk-thru for the weatherization work of twelve (12) single-family dwellings in the Suwannee County Weatherization program.

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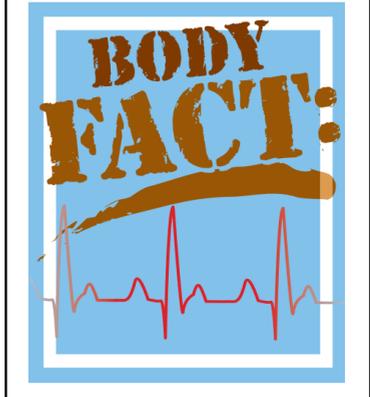
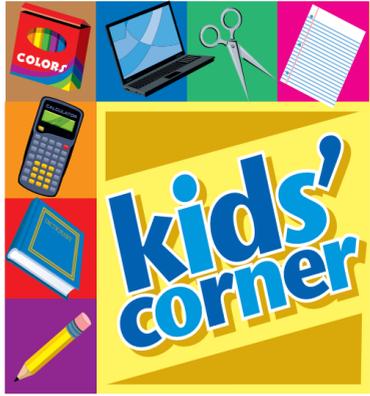
- 1. Ancient queen of the gods
5. Employee stock ownership plan
9. Indian shot plant
14. Expression of pity
15. Bog down
16. Central China city
17. Mountain unicycling, (abbr.)
18. Nine banded armadillo
19. Metrical feet
20. The genie's lair
23. Acquire by one's efforts
24. Before
25. Popular beverage
26. Most benighted
31. Steeples
35. A navy serviceman
36. Ctenophores lacking tentacles
37. Coffee shop
38. Parts of a garlic bulb
41. Small and delicate
43. Tool to measure thickness
45. Hog
46. Primate
47. Point where something begins

- 49. Patio cooker
54. Ocean zone below 6000 meters
57. Opposed to
58. Dwarf buffalo genus
59. Call forth
60. Coagulate
61. School organizations
62. Cook with dry heat
63. No. English river
64. Military assistant

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Biblical Hamath
2. 12th Jewish month
3. Bullfrog genus
4. Actor's line to the audience
5. Emperors rule them
6. Earth color pigment
7. Spheres
8. Rang
9. Daughter of Typhon
10. As fast as can be done, (abbr.)
11. Matchstick game
12. Take hold of
13. Black tropical American cuckoo
21. mm/dd/yy
22. Belongs to Coach

- Parsegian
27. Minn. Camp ____ Yapi
28. Ardor
29. Lacking hardness
30. A card having three spots
31. Civil rights college organization
32. Botswana monetary unit
33. A object worshipped as a god
34. Nora Jones' father
39. Uniform shoulder ornament
40. Follows Aug.
41. Type of igneous rock
42. Highly excited
44. Draw up a text
45. Particle with positive charge
48. Water chestnut genus
49. Acorn descendants
50. Sole
51. Monetary unit in Peru
52. Burden
53. Emit coherent radiation
54. Of she
55. ____cado: alligator pear
56. Arrived extinct



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Heart Word Find

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Heart Scramble

Unscramble the words to complete the sentences.

- 1. R C C A A I D: relating to the heart.
2. The heart has two S V E E L N T C I R.
3. L C H O L R O T S E E clogs blood vessels.
4. Avoid T A F T Y foods for heart health.

Answers: 1. cardiac 2. ventricles 3. cholesterol 4. fatty

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'06 Suburban #4241a local, heated leather, DVD, sunroof \$319 mo.



'07 Santa Fe Limited #4166a 1 owner trade, leather, limited pkg. \$319 mo.



'05 Suburban #4323a heated leather, center buckets, DVD \$319 mo.



'06 GMC Z71 4x4 #11703a heated leather seats, nice crewcab \$337 mo.



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'08 Jeep Wrangler #11725a must see! brand new tires & wheels \$399 mo.



'07 Chevy Tahoe #11725a all power, super clean sport utility \$409 mo.



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