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## MEDICAL DIRECTORY

A special supplement highlighting healthcare information inside today's Suwannee Democrat

COMING FRIDAY  
**SPIRIT PAGE**



# Howze agrees to plea deal

## Sentenced to 3 life sentences plus 180 years

By **Jeffrey Boatright**  
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James Lindsey Howze entered a plea of guilty Monday morning and avoided the death penalty for the August 2010 execution style triple murder of three members of a McAlpin family in the home they shared. As part of the plea deal, Howze, 39,

must testify against his co-defendant, Lonnie Robert Munn, 48, for his involvement in the killings. He is slated to go to trial in November.

Howze pleaded guilty to nine felony counts, including three counts of first degree murder of Joseph Militello, 57, his wife Nancy Militello, 68, and their nephew Angelo Rosales, 32.

They were taken under gunpoint to the kitchen where they were tied up and shot execution style, once in the back of their heads.

"It has been the state's position all along that it would seek the death penalty for this crime," Third Circuit State Attorney Robert L. "Skip" Jarvis said. "After

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James Lindsey Howze confers with one of his attorneys. - Photo: Jeffrey Boatright

"They destroyed my heart and soul."

- James Militello's reaction to the ones responsible for the heinous death of his brother, sister-in-law and nephew

## Howze said he didn't pull the trigger

By **Jeffrey Boatright**  
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Third Circuit Assistant State Attorney Craig Jacobsen described to the court the chilling details of what transpired on the day that Joseph Militello, 57, his wife Nancy Militello, 68, and their nephew Angelo Rosales, 32, were brutally murdered. As Jacobsen described Howze pointing a gun, pulling the trigger and shooting the three victims in an execution style manner so that no witnesses would be left, a solemn mood overtook the courtroom. Howze, however, said the

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## Crime in Suwannee's down for first half of 2011

Staff

Crime in Suwannee County is down 12.7 percent for the first half of 2011 compared to the same period last year, according to figures released Friday by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Crime in Florida is down two percent.

"I think the biggest differ-

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## It's about time



The Suwannee County Courthouse is receiving a fresh coat of paint. The courthouse also received a new clock where the plywood is visible in this photo. Here workers paint the outside of the clock tower Thursday. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

## Pregnant woman stabbed with scissors

By **Jeffrey Boatright**  
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A Suwannee County man has been arrested for hitting a pregnant woman with a bat, stabbing her with scissors and

punching her in the head, Sheriff's records show.

According to the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office, Margarto Cruz, 29, Lake City, has been charged with three counts of aggravated battery (domestic violence).

Records show that Cruz and the victim, who is about seven months pregnant with his child, got into a verbal altercation on Oct. 16, while traveling in a vehicle. The argument resulted in

Cruz making the victim get out of the vehicle and walk.

The victim told authorities that Cruz returned shortly thereafter and attempted to get

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## Minor injuries in single vehicle accident on I-10

By **Misty A. Ward**  
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Florida Department of Agriculture, the Florida Highway Patrol and Suwannee County Fire/Rescue responded to a single vehicle rollover Monday morning on I-10.

The accident occurred in the eastbound lanes just east of the Agriculture Inspection Station near the Suwannee-Madison county line.

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The passenger in the single vehicle accident on Monday morning discusses with Florida Highway Patrol about damage to the vehicle and personal possessions inside of it. Photo: Misty A. Ward



"Pink game" successful for Suwannee, 1B

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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  
 October 20, Lansell Augustus Osborne, 30, 1130

Hemlock Cicle, Ft Pierce, FL, battery on leo: SCSO-A.Loston  
 October 21, Timothy Robert Walters, 27, 1679 Crowder Rd, Tallahassee, FL, poss w/i sell cannabis, sell marijuana, poss hydrocodone, poss morphine sulfate, poss drug para.: SCSODTF-W. Kelly  
 October 21, Colby Williams, 20, Columbia CI, Lake City, FL, return for court: SCSO - SGT. T. Ford  
 October 21, Dalton Randolph Harper, 20, CCA, Lake City, FL, return for court: SCSO - CPL. A.

Loston  
 October 21, Katina Moore, 39, 540 SW Quail Hgts Terr, Lake City, FL, vop o/c poss of oxycodone and sale of oxycodone: SCSO T. Lee  
 October 21, Michael Antonio Smith, 39, 1202 Tampa Drive, Tallahassee, FL, fta o/c dwls/r: SCSO-J. Stout  
 October 21, Marion Richard Sanderson, 34, 4679 SWCR 18A, Lake Butler, FL, poss cocaine, poss drug para, falsely personating ofc.: SCSO-W.Kelly  
 October 22, Adam Benton Scida, 23, 5224 Coronado Ave, Boca Raton, FL, trespass after warning: SCSO-W. Kelly  
 October 22, Kevin Leon Stansel, 34, 4934 124th St, Wellborn, FL, assault, assault on leo, battery-dom viol battery on person +65 yoa, resist with violence: SCSO-M. Henry  
 October 22, Norman John Horner II, 29, 1615 Tuscaloosa Ave, Hollyhill, FL, poss +20g marijuana: SCSO-C. McIntyre  
 October 22, Chad Everett Mobley, 40, 5136 62nd Street, Live Oak, FL, poss cntl subs w/o prescr: LOPD - J. Rountree  
 October 22, Jesse William Harmon, 18, 10257 Golf Course Road, Ocean City, MD, sale -20 grams cannabis, poss -20 w/i sell, poss drug paraphernalia: SCSODTF - F. Gorski  
 October 22, Anthony Quinn Waldron, 50, 9848 SE 154th Way, White Springs, FL, sale of cannabis, poss cannabis w/i sell, poss psilocybin mushrooms, poss drug paraphernalia: SCSODTF - M. Ramirez  
 October 23, Jimbo Chaires, 44, 802 Winderweedle St, Live Oak, FL,

order revoking bond and order to take in custody: SCSO-T. Roberts  
 October 23, Jeremiah Bricker Grove, 26, 3050 Tall Pines Dr, Boynecity, MI, poss. mdma w/i to sell, poss.+20 cannabis w/i sel, poss. psildiybin w/i sell, poss. lsd w/i sell: SC-SODTF- R. Sammons  
 October 23, John Edward Smith, 25, 5353 107th Street, Jacksonville, contempt of court, \*\* sent 30 days cj \*\*: SCSO - T. Donaldson  
 October 23, Thomas Joseph Pierce, 36, 12460 Hickory Forrest Rd, Jacksonville, FL, poss psilocybin w/i sell, sale of psilocybin, poss -20 grams cannabis: SCSODTF - M. Ramirez  
 October 23, Cami Lynn Sutton, 40, P.O. Box 58155, Jacksonville, FL, sale of psilocybin: SC-SODTF - M. Ramirez  
 October 24, Carlton Martin Volz, 34, 1514 Grove St, Valdosta, GA, Suw Co wrt vop o/c grand theft III: SCSO D Falgout  
 October 24, Shawn Emmet Cottrill, 40, 1674 Pearl Ave, Live Oak, FL, dwls (habitual): SCSO H Harris  
 October 24, Reginald Eugene Thomas, 31, 937 Bryson St Lot #24, Live Oak, FL, vop-dom viol by strangula: SCSO McDaniel  
 October 24, Deion Feretz Gregory, 20, 803 Savannah Street, Branford, FL, sends to 18 months d o c: SCSO-M.Clark

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10/24/11 2,2,3      10/24/11 6,8,4,5

FANTASY 5

10/24/11 ..... 11,12,17,31,33

MEGA MONEY 27,33,34,42,MB11

LOTTO ..... 7,15,32,34,43,48,x3

POWERBALL ..... 3,8,23,30,58, PB13,x4

SCFR calls for service from 10/16/2011 @ midnight to 10/23/2011 @midnight

<p><b>Total calls for service:</b>  <b>152</b>  <b>Medical Calls 127</b>                  Cardiac: 10                  Trauma: 12                  Motor vehicle crash: 10                  Miscellaneous medical call: 24                  Altered mental status: 9                  Respiratory: 12                  Diabetic: 7                  Weakness: 7                  Abdominal pain: 4                  Seizure: 6                  Death: 4                  Overdose: 2                  Nausea/Vomiting: 4                  Stroke: 0                  Standby: 4                  Assault/ Battery: 1                  GSW: 0                  Med Alarm: 3</p>	<p>OB: 1                  Cardiac Arrest: 3                  Unresponsive: 4</p> <p><b>Fire Calls 25</b>                  Structure Fire: 1                  Brush fire: 3                  Motor vehicle crash: 7                  Medical assist: 1                  Down power line: 2                  Tree on Road: 1                  Tree on house: 0                  Smoke Inv: 1                  Vehicle Fire: 3                  Fire Alarm: 6                  Tree Fire: 0                  MVC w/ Extrication: 2  <b>Volunteer Fire Responses: 12</b>  <b>Engine-1 medical calls in Rescue-5: 5</b>  <b>Century Ambulance: 0</b>                  Rescue-32: 0</p>
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# haunted house

## Come and Get Spooked

Saturday, October 29th  
5:00 pm - Until  
and  
Monday, October 31st  
5:00 pm - Until

## Suwannee County Fairground

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# Happy Halloween

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# Young writers recognized



Congratulations to the Young Writing Scholar winners Karen Arreguin, Hunter Stapleton, and Dylan McManaway. These students received \$25 towards a Student Savers account benefit of First Federal Bank of Florida. The Young Writing Scholar program was developed in efforts of encouraging students to write for the FCAT that will take place later in the year  
Courtesy photo

**2011 COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR**  
436 SW STATE RD 247 – LAKE CITY, FLORIDA  
OCTOBER 28 – NOVEMBER 5

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## MIDWAY SPECIALS FAIR

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 – FAIR OPENING DAY**  
6 p.m. to Close - \$5 Admission  
4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Discount Tickets  
Early Bird Madness from 8:30 pm. to 1 a.m. - \$20 Armband Rides All Rides  
Midnight Madness from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. - \$15 Armband Rides All Rides

**SATURDAY, October 29 – SATURDAY MATINEE AND SENIOR DAY**  
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Noon to 5 p.m. Matinee - \$10 Armband Rides All Rides with \$5 Off Coupon  
Rides All Rides  
6 p.m. to Close - \$15 Armband Rides All Rides

**SUNDAY, October 30 – FAMILY DAY**  
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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 – HALLOWEEN SPECIAL**  
5 p.m. to Close - \$5 Admission  
5 p.m. to Close - \$15 Armband only \$10 with Big 98 Discount Card Rides  
All Rides

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – BUDDY NIGHT AT THE FAIR**  
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5 p.m. to Close - Armband \$15 Armband for All Rides OR \$20 and Your Buddy  
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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - SCHOOL DAY**  
5 p.m. to Close - \$5 Admission, Persons Under 18 Free  
5 p.m. to Close - \$13 Armband Rides All Rides with \$2 Off School Coupon

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – S & S FOOD STORE**  
5 p.m. to Close - \$5 Admission OR Free Gate with S & S Food Store Coupon  
5 p.m. to Close - \$15 Armband Rides All Rides

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – MIDNIGHT MADNESS**  
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Early Bird Madness from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. - \$20 Armband Rides All Rides OR  
Tickets  
Midnight Madness from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. - \$15 Armband Rides All Rides

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – SATURDAY MATINEE / MILITARY AND SENIOR CITIZEN DAY**  
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## FIVE CHURCH REVIVAL

Rev. Gordon Keeler will be the evangelist for this revival. It is being held Oct. 30, 2011 through Nov. 3, 2011. The revival is scheduled as follows:

Sunday, Oct. 30 at 6:00 p.m.....Pine Level Missionary Baptist Church  
Monday, Oct. 31 at 7:00 p.m.....Mt. Gilead Baptist Church  
Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 7:00 p.m.....Orange Baptist Church  
Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7:00 p.m.....Beulah Baptist Church  
Thursday, Nov. 3 at 7:00 p.m. ....Dowling Park First Baptist Church

There will be special singing each night. Everyone is welcome.

The following Sunday, Nov. 6, Pine Level will be observing OLD FASHION DAY. Everyone is welcome to come. We will be having a covered dish lunch.

*Pine Level Baptist Church is located off CR 250. Look for the Pine Level Sign. For more information call Pastor J.H. Brown at 386-362-3134.*

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**LADIES!! - A MERCHANT'S FAIR!**  
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# chili cook off

**CITY vs. COUNTY CHILI COOK OFF**  
**OCTOBER 29, 2011**

It's time for the City vs. County Chili Cook Off sponsored by the Woman's Club of Live Oak. This year's event will be held on Saturday October 29, 2011. The Cook Off will be held at Millennium Park during the Fall Festival. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. with judging at 11:30 a.m. Awards will be presented at 2:00 p.m.

The public will be able to sample chili from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a nominal donation of \$5.00 per person.

## SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

## SUVANNEE Style

## Homecoming 2011

## BULLDOG BASH

**Suwannee High School Community Pep-Rally**

**Where: Paul Langford Stadium**  
**When: Thursday, October 27, 2011**  
**Time: 7:00 p.m.**  
**Admission: \$3.00**

**Performances by:**  
**Varsity Cheerleaders,**  
**SHS Band,**  
**JV Cheerleaders,**  
**The Dancing Dolls**  
**Key Club,**  
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**National Achievers Society,**  
**HOSA Club,**  
**SHS Majorettes,**  
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2011-2012

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**TESTING**  
(MONDAYS & TUESDAYS AT 4:00 P.M.)

REGISTRATION: NOVEMBER 2, 2011  
TEST: NOVEMBER 7 & 8, 2011

REGISTRATION: NOVEMBER 30, 2011  
TEST: DECEMBER 5 & 6, 2011

REGISTRATION: JANUARY 4, 2012  
TEST: JANUARY 9 & 10, 2012

REGISTRATION: FEBRUARY 1, 2012  
TEST: FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 2012

REGISTRATION: MARCH 7, 2012  
TEST: MARCH 12 & 13, 2012

REGISTRATION: APRIL 11, 2012  
TEST: APRIL 16 & 17, 2012

REGISTRATION: MAY 2, 2012  
TEST: MAY 7 & 8, 2012

REGISTRATION: JUNE 6, 2012  
TEST: JUNE 11 & 12, 2012

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**Weddings/Anniversaries**

*Jackson and Gunn  
Wedding Announcement*



Mr & Mrs Mack and Karen Jackson of Buffalo, TX would like to announce the Wedding of their daughter Courtney Dawn Jackson, to Jason Reed Gunn, son of Mr Jay Gunn & Mrs. Vicki Abshen of Live Oak, FL and S. Houston, TX.

Courtney Dawn Jackson is currently employed at Allied Barton Security Services. Her maternal grandparents are Betty Sallee of Mount Enterprise, TX and her paternal grandparents are the late Dessie Mae

Hicks of Checotah, OK. Jason Reed Gunn is a graduate of Suwannee High School and is currently employed at Allied Barton Security Services. His maternal grandparents are Frankie Brown and the late Clyde Brown of Live Oak, FL and his paternal grandparents are Patricia and J.R. Gunn of S. Houston, TX

The ceremony took place Sept. 19, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Harris County Courthouse. A reception will follow at Pasadena, TX.

*Bates-Head  
Wedding Announcement*

Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Renee Margaret Bates, daughter of the late Mr. Horace Bates to James Kyle Head, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Head and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Baker. The bride is a 2005 graduate of Columbia High School and a 2010 graduate of St. Leo's University. She is currently pursuing a degree in nursing at Florida Gateway

College. She is currently employed at Ward's Jewelry and Gifts in Lake City. The groom is a 2006 graduate of Melody Christian Academy. He is currently employed at PCS Phosphate in White Springs and has been for five years. The couple met in elementary school, where they were childhood sweethearts. The wedding will be Saturday, November 5, 2011 at Evangel Church of God in Lake City, FL. They will live in White Springs.

*Furst - Bennett  
Wedding Reminder*

Chris and Alicia Furst along with Daniel and Patty Bennett would remind you of the upcoming marriage of their children, All-

ysen and Harvey. They will be exchanging vows in Gainesville on October 30, 2011. Invitations will be sent.

Marriage license for the week of Oct. 17 - 21, 2011:

Tyler Lowry Dykes to Keri Lynn Shaw

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**Attention Suwannee County cooks**

The Scarecrow Festival is sponsoring a pumpkin-baking contest at the Live Oak Garden Club. Bakers are invited to submit entries that feature pumpkin as one of the ingredients. There will be three categories judged: cakes, pies, and miscellaneous.

The entries will be displayed at the Garden Club

the morning of Saturday, Oct. 29 during the club's Pancake Breakfast. Judging will take place that same morning.

Following the judging, entries will be given out to guests for sampling unless a participant wants to take home their entry.

Contact Ella Carter at 386-362-1326 for contest details.

**Operation Christmas Child  
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**Mayo Relay Center  
Cornerstone Baptist Church  
Mayo, FL**  
(386) 294-1350  
796 W. Main Street  
Mayo, FL 32066  
**Contact:** Judy Brock  
\*Cell (386) 208-2461  
**Hours:** Mon., Nov. 14 thru Fri., Nov. 18 are 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm;  
Sat., Nov. 19 is 10:00 am - 5:00 pm;  
Sun., Nov. 20 is 1:00pm - 9:00pm;  
Mon., Nov. 21 is 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

**TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) to hold open house meeting**

Tired of fad diets? Tired of losing then gaining back? Come join us Thursday, Nov. 10, at 9:30 a.m. Be a guest at a special open house meeting of TOPS #0662. The group meets each Thursday morning at the Live Oak 1st Advent

Christian Church right opposite the elementary school. TOPS is a weight loss support group, and, together, the group will help you TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY AND KEEP THEM OFF! Questions: Contact Polly at 362-4623.

**MCALPIN ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**Fall Festival**  
*your invited*  
**October 29th • 1-4 pm**  
Hayrides, Cotton Candy, Games, Face painting and 26 Foot Inflatable Slide  
**October 30th • 10:45 am**  
Homecoming Celebration featured speaker  
Rev. Gene "Couch" Peters followed by Potluck Luncheon 364-1291  
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**SCI inmates help communities**



Officer Philip Roddenberry and Suwannee Correctional Institute community custody inmates, or nonviolent offenders, work at the Live Oak Future Farmers of America farm in Live Oak. According to Roddenberry there can be work teams of up to 10. He said SCI work teams have done work at places such as the Boys Ranch, the ACL-Union Passenger Train Depot and repainted Ivey Park in Branford.  
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**How to Choose Exterior Paint Colors**

**Ideas for Exterior Paint Color Schemes**  
Stay true to the traditional color scheme for your type of home. For example, a New England Salt Box looks great in blue-gray tones, while Victorian homes can have a variety of colors. Look at the bottom layer of paint for a clue to your home's original paint scheme. If your home is in a wooded area, you might want to choose earth tones, while a house by the shore could look better with brighter, lighter hues.

**Practical Exterior Paint Colors**  
If you're thinking about painting your home a dark color, remember that these tend to fade far faster than lighter colors, especially in direct sunlight. Dark colors also absorb heat, which may make a difference in certain climates. You also might want to choose muted colors rather than brighter tones. If, for example, you like a bright yellow or blue color, consider selecting a color in a slightly muted tone as a large area of bright color can have a bigger impact than you may want and can be more prone to fading than less vibrant tones.

**Preview and Test Your Exterior Paint Colors**  
Many paint stores now offer computer imaging so you can get an idea of the look of the colors you are considering. This way, you can avoid a surprise after buying hundreds of dollars worth of paint. Once you've got your choices down to only a handful, purchase a small amount of each and try them out on different areas of the house. Though computer imaging is an excellent tool, seeing a paint color on your house in real life can be a great help when solidifying your decision!

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# Obituaries

**Samuel Luther Fanning, Jr.**  
Oct. 21, 2011

Samuel Luther Fanning, Jr. age 91, died Friday, Oct. 21, 2011 at Shands of Live Oak.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011 at Brewer Lake Baptist Church, Day, Fla. with visitation after the service. Interment will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011 at Lakeside Memorial Park, Winter Haven, Florida.

He moved to Mayo in 2006 coming from Winter Haven, Florida. He was a member of Winter Haven Masonic Lodge #186 and was in the US Army Air Corp.

He was a member of Brewer Lake Baptist Church.

He is survived by 1 son: Sam Luther Fanning III of Lakeland, Florida; 1 daughter: Sandra Baldwin of Mayo; and 1 granddaughter: Dr. Lora Elizabeth Baldwin.

Beggs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements 850-973-2258.

**Bruce A. Proctor**  
May, 21, 1943  
Oct 21, 2011

Bruce A. Proctor, 68, of Live Oak, Fla. passed away on Friday, Oct. 21, 2011 in the North Florida Regional Medical Center after a short illness. The Okechobee, Fla. native moved to Live Oak in 1980. Mr. Proctor served in the U.S. Coast Guard and was a member of the Melody Christian Center, Live Oak, Fla. He is survived by wife of 47 years: Carolyn M. Proctor, Live Oak, FL; One Daughter: Stacey Henderson, Live

Oak, Fla.; One son: Bobby Proctor (Robyn Gordon), Live Oak, Fla.; One sister: Jean Woods, Gainesville, Fla.; Two grandchildren: Danny Proctor and Tyler Proctor; One Great-grandchild: Adin Luke Proctor. Extended family: Dale & Lynn Brannon, Kirstey Chauncey, Murphy Chauncey, Carter Chauncey, Haley Brannon and Heidi Brannon.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, 2011 at the Melody Christian Center with Pastor Frank Davis officiating. Interment followed in the Pine Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery.

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

## Death Notice

**Abner C. Hill, Jr.**

Abner C. Hill, Jr. 81, Dowling Park, Fla. passed away on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011.

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

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# SHTC graduates have the keys for success

By Jeffrey Boatright  
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In today's labor market, job readiness is a key component for success in acquiring and sustaining employment.

Through the Transitioning Adults to Postsecondary (TAP) Project, the Suwannee Hamilton Technical Center assists adult students in seamlessly creating a transition into post-secondary education through earning a high school diploma or GED.

As transition specialist for the SHTC, Dick Calvitt understands that his primary goal is keeping students focused on the end result.

According to Calvitt, the 13 technical programs offered by SHTC require a high school diploma, GED or a score of 9.0 or higher on the TABE test. Students are assisted in acquiring the education level and knowledge needed to enroll in these certification programs.

The SHTC offers a variety of programs that lead to licensing or certi-

fication, according to SHTC Guidance Counselor Karen Williams. Those programs include administrative assistant, medical administrative specialist, early childhood education, patient care technician, practical nursing, surgical technology, phlebotomy, auto collision repair and refinishing, automotive service technology, brick and block masonry, building construction technology, cosmetology and commercial foods and culinary arts.

Calvitt primarily offers support services for adult students through personal guidance and assistance with applications for admissions and registration forms.

"We help students design career pathways and visual roadmaps," Calvitt says.

These visual roadmaps have multiple entry and exit points with appropriate skill level attainment to family-sustaining employment or advancement in their careers.

According to Calvitt, post-secondary connections is one of the ma-

ior components of the district's five-year plan. The adult career pathways is a part of SCSD strategic plan and its sustainability will be addressed each year as the district's budget is addressed.

"Based on demand, SHTC offers a variety of community education classes," Williams explained. "Examples of these classes include cake decorating, basic computer, spanish and sign language."

According to Williams, enrollment is open daily for adult education classes. Some technical education programs are open the first week of every month, while enrollment for others is at the first of the fall or spring semester. Enrollment for the nursing program begins in the fall while the Phlebotomy program's enrollment begins in February.

According to Calvitt, many men and women are returning to the work force with sustainable careers through taking advantage of the education programs offered by SHTC.



L-R: Karen Williams, SHTC counselor; Virginia Wright, Adult - NFCC Presidential Scholarship recipient and SHTC practical nursing student.



L-R Neil Pierson, SHTC auto body student; Forrest Barker, SHTC high school Outstanding Student of the Year; Richard Handy, SHTC adult Outstanding Student of the Year; Joe Ragan, SHTC auto body instructor.



L-R: Marc Grand, SHTC adult Masonry Outstanding Student of the Year and Florida High School Diploma graduate; Derwin Bass, SHTC Brick and block masonry instructor; Teddy Ball, masonry student and Florida High School Diploma Graduate.



L-R: Steven Traub, SHTC adult building construction technology Outstanding Student of the Year; Bob Makela, SHTC building construction technology instructor; Ethan Butts, SHTC high school building construction technology Outstanding Student of the Year



Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center Transition Specialist Dick Calvitt speaks to Kiwanis about the Transitioning Adults to Postsecondary (TAP) Project.



High school graduates, technical program completers, and award recipients at the Live Oak Church of God, with family and friends looking on.

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### Editorial objectives for 2011

- 1. End prohibition on liquor
- 2. Install a County Manager
- 3. Take public control of Dowling House
- 4. Reduce duplication of effort by city/county offices and agencies
- 5. Continue progress on Perimeter Road

### THE SUWANNEE SCRIBBLER

## Hair insanity, part duex

By Jim Holmes

I learned a new word today and I have to admit, it seems as if divine guidance may have been involved in introducing it to me. You see, I was struggling to figure out exactly how to begin this column ---which is all about last week's column--- when my computer spit out its' Word for the Day. And that one word, "ferly" seemed a perfect fit for what was going through my feeble mind.

I don't remember hearing it before. Perhaps you haven't either. So let me explain that "ferly" means "Something unusual or strange, often causing wonder or terror." And that single word really summarizes MY REACTION to YOUR REACTION to last week's column...a piece dealing with my wife's lengthy, trial-filled odyssey to find a local stylist who would cut her hair in a way that made her happy.

Who would have thought it!? That brief piece, which I anticipated might---if I were lucky--- generate a smile or two from readers, instead launched a flurry of telephone calls to the Democrat from women asking the name of the cosmetologist who had succeeded with my wife where others had failed!

Let me digress at this point and explain that the reaction to most of what appears in the editorial section of any newspaper is nil...unless of course, the writer has made a mistake... or in the case of a columnist like me, the reader thinks I've missed the mark. Then we hear plenty!

So I was dumbfounded when my editor emailed me and advised that the folks in the newspaper's front office were fielding a whole bunch of inquiries from gals wanting to know who the heck cuts Lynda's hair. Surprised? You bet! After all, she may be my "first lady," but she's certainly not the president's spouse or some Hollywood movie star.

How many folks in Live Oak could possibly care that much about some stranger's hair!? And why!? I mean as far as most of you wonderful folks know, Lynda's preferred style could consist of having her head shaved, polished and painted pumpkin orange! (In fact, in the aftermath of last week's column, she is somewhat concerned that just might happen, should she now ever be forced to seek out another local stylist.)

Clearly, I just don't understand you women and your relationship with your hair. But then why should I? I am, after all, just a mere man. You see, I think when most men go to a barber shop, the last thing on their minds is the quality of the haircut they're about to receive. Our first thought is about the length of our wait, followed by the variety of the old magazines available for us to peruse. In my case, a barbershop without a good collection of old gun magazines probably won't get any repeat business.

As for the haircut itself, the instructions from a man to his barber are normally pretty succinct. For me, it is usually, "shorter is better than longer," as that means I'll have more time between visits. In other words, I'm getting more for my buck. In my experience, even men losing their hair don't seem to be particularly concerned. Their instructions are usually nothing more than a terse, "Make me look less bald," which is clearly how some brilliant stylist---I'll bet it was a woman who had just divorced a cheating husband---came up with the horrible idea of the "comb-over."

At any rate, if this past week has proven anything to me, it is a truth I already knew. We men are from Mars. You gals? Well God love you all, but you are just "ferly!"

Jim lives in Live Oak.

## OPINION

# Profits are for people

## A MINORITY VIEW



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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

The Occupy Wall Street demonstrators are demanding "people before profits" -- as if profit motivation were the source of mankind's troubles -- when it's often the absence of profit motivation that's the true villain.

First, let's get both the definition and magnitude of profits out of the way. Profits represent the residual claim earned by entrepreneurs. They're what are left after

other production costs -- such as wages, rent and interest -- have been paid. Profits are the payment for risk taking, innovation and decision-making. As such, they are a cost of business just as are wages, rent and interest. If those payments are not made, labor, land and capital will not offer their services. Similarly, if profit is not paid, entrepreneurs won't offer theirs. Historically, corporate profits range between 5 and 8 cents of each dollar, and wages range between 50 and 60 cents of each dollar.

Far more important than simple statistics about the magnitude of profits is the role played by profits, namely that of forcing producers to cater to the wants and desires of the common man. When's the last time we've heard widespread complaints about our clothing stores, supermarkets, computer stores or appliance stores? We are far likelier to hear people complaining about services they receive from the post office, motor vehicle and police departments, boards of education and other government agencies. The fundamental difference between the areas of general satisfaction and dissatisfaction is the pursuit of profits is present in one and not the other.

The pursuit of profits forces producers to be attentive to the will of their customers, simply because the customer of, say, a supermarket can fire it on the spot by taking his business elsewhere. If a state motor vehicle department or post office provides unsatisfactory services, it's not so easy for dissatisfied customers to take action against it. If a private business had as many dissatisfied customers as our government schools have, it would have long ago been out of business.

Free market capitalism is unforgiving. Producers please customers, in a cost-minimizing fashion, and make a profit, or they face losses or go bankrupt. It's this market discipline that some businesses seek to avoid. That's why

they descend upon Washington calling for crony capitalism -- government bailouts, subsidies and special privileges. They wish to reduce the power of consumers and stockholders, who hold little sympathy for blunders and will give them the ax on a moment's notice.

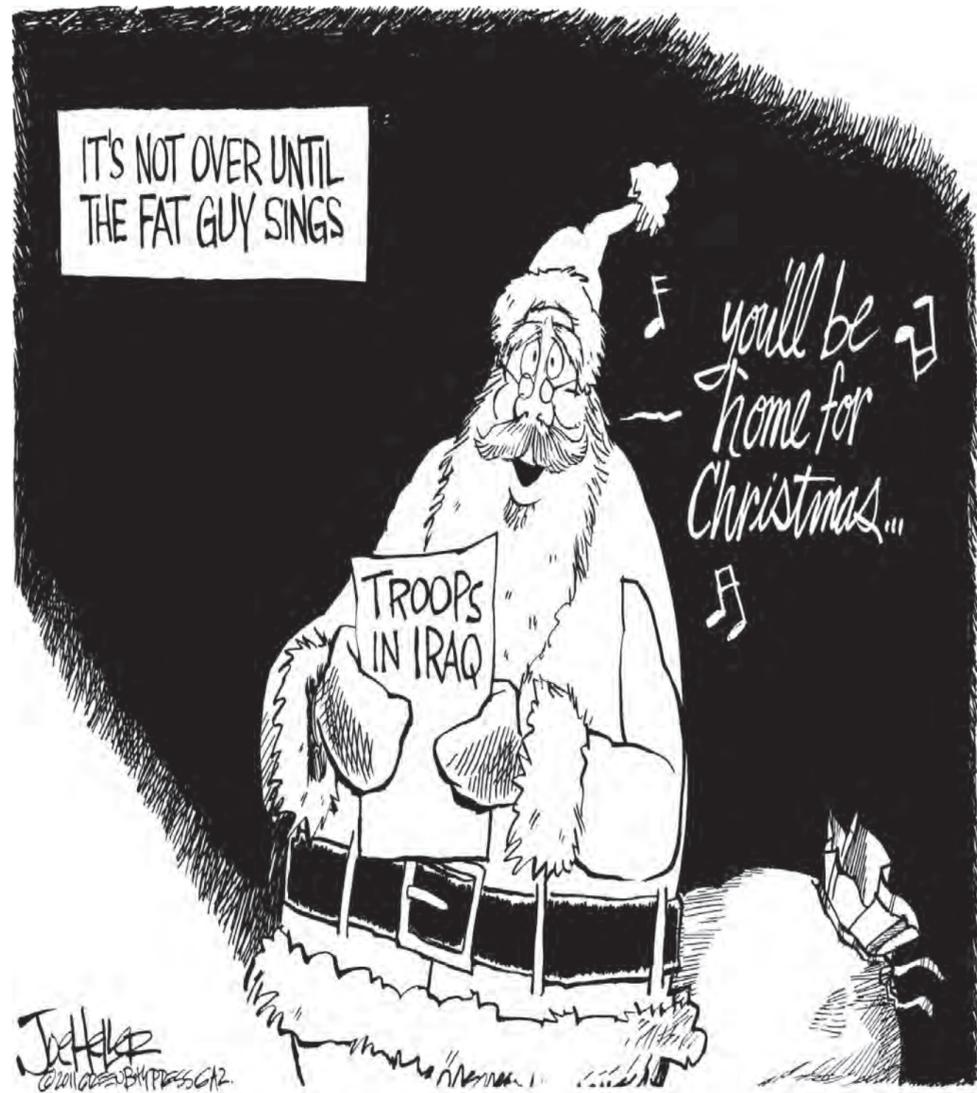
Having Congress on their side means business can be less attentive to the will of consumers.

Congress can keep them afloat with bailouts, as it did in the cases of General Motors and Chrysler, with the justification that such companies are "too big to fail." Nonsense! If General Motors and Chrysler had been allowed to go bankrupt, it wouldn't have meant that their productive assets, such as assembly lines and tools, would have gone poof and disappeared into thin air. Bankruptcy would have led to a change in ownership of those assets by someone who might have managed them better. The bailout enabled them to avoid the full consequences of their blunders.

By the way, we often hear people say, with a tone of saintliness, "We're a nonprofit organization," as if that alone translates into decency, objectivity and selflessness. They want us to think they're in it for the good of society and not for those "evil" profits. If we gave it just a little thought and asked what kind of organization throughout mankind's history has accounted for his greatest grief, the answer wouldn't be a free market, private, profit-making enterprise; it would be government, the largest nonprofit organization.

The Occupy Wall Street protesters are following the path predicted by the great philosopher-economist Frederic Bastiat, who said in "The Law" that "instead of rooting out the injustices found in society, they make these injustices general." In other words, the protesters don't want to end crony capitalism, with its handouts and government favoritism; they want to participate in it.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University. To find out more about Walter E. Williams and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).



### BIBLE VERSE

“Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” **Ephesians 5:19-20 NIV**

Please address letters to: Letters To The Editor, Suwannee Democrat, PO Box 370, Live Oak, FL 32064.

Please include your full name, address and daytime phone number. We ask this so we can verify your letter and discuss any questions about it with you.



Branford falls to Hamilton-Bucs lose shot at district playoffs - Sports 1B

# Branford News

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## Branford children do trike-a-thon for charity



Branford Love-N-Care VPK students at the Trike-a-thon last Friday at Hatch Park in Branford. - Photos by: Misty A. Ward

By Misty A. Ward  
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Children at the Branford Love-N-Care triked for charity last Friday morning at Hatch Park in Branford.

The children did about 25 laps on trikes, bikes and scooters to raise money for children at the St. Jude's Hospital. The goal was to make at least \$250, but by the end of the 30 minute adventure the children had already raised more than \$650 in flat donations. Other students raised money by the lap.

The center has been doing yearly fundraisers since its inception 25 years ago. "If we start them when they are young, they will continue to help others as they get older," Assistant Director and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten teacher Jamie Medina said.

Last year the VPK children raised over a thousand dollars doing a hop-a-thon, which they donated to the Children's Miracle Network. Medina said the children may do an additional fundraiser this year.

"They get really excited about helping others," she said.



Branford Love-N-Care VPK students get ready for their Trike-a-thon. The group raised more than \$650 before the start of the 25 lap adventure. Other students had pledges per lap.

## 21st Century Program celebrates learning



Walker Bradow, 5, of Branford, gave the invocation before the students, parents and teachers ate dinner. - Photo by: Misty A. Ward

By Misty A. Ward  
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Students in the 21st Century Program had an after school picnic at Ivey Memorial Park last Thursday to "Light up a landmark."

There are over 50 students from Branford High, Suwannee High and Suwannee Middle School that participate in the 21st

Century Program.

Karen Koon of BHS said that the grant is for drop out prevention.

"We need to strengthen academics, but we also need to enrich them with personal skills," Koon said.

The program offers career education, character development and art and music

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Passing on the left. Students cruise on their bikes during the 25 lap fundraiser.



Trikes, bikes and scooters, were all modes of transportation at the Branford Love-N-Care Trike-a-thon in Hatch Park last Friday.

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## Branford News

### 21st Century Program celebrates learning

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appreciation before and after school.

Koon said, "Many of the children would just go home to be by themselves. We try to keep them as busy as possible."

The program runs for three hours right after school Monday through Thursday and for an hour before school starts Monday through Friday.

For more information on the 21st Century Program, please contact Koon at BHS, 935-5601, Kim Boatright at SHS, 647-4000, or Angie Hester at SMS, 647-4500.



A family enjoys the view at the "Light up a landmark" event at Ivey Park last Thursday. - Photos by: Misty A. Ward



Branford Rotarians, Braxton Koon and John and Trannie Lacquey serve the students and guests.

### HoBo dinner at Branford United Methodist

Branford United Methodist is hosting a pork loin dinner from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 29. The public is welcome and encouraged to wear fall costumes. For more information, please contact Ruth McGraner at 935-2706.

### Beachville fall festival

The Beachville Advent Christian Church, located at the intersection of State Road 247 and County Road 49, across from the Beachville Auction Barn, will have a fall festival on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, funnel cakes, candy, bounce

house, games, (you might even win a gold fish!) musical entertainment throughout the day, a cake/pie auction, chili cook off with prizes, and the best part of all the whole day is free! For information, registering for the chili cook off, call 386-935-0723 or find us on Facebook.

### Free fall festival in McAlpin

The McAlpin Advent Christian Church 17214 89th Road in McAlpin is hosting a free fall festival on Oct. 29, 2011 from 1 to 4 p.m.

"We know that in this tough economy families are looking for fun things to do without hurting their wallets," stated Pastor Mike Bassett.

That is why the church is providing hayrides, car-

nival games, snacks like cotton candy and popcorn, and even a 26 foot tall inflatable slide called the "skyscraper" at no cost to area families! The Fall Festival is in conjunction with the church's Homecoming Celebration on October 30th at 10:45 a.m. For more information please contact Pastor Mike Bassett at (386) 209-1919.

### Branford Area Inter-Church Ministry Keeping Christ in Christmas Festival & Parade

The BAICM ministers to the benevolent needs in the community as well as provides fellowship and communication between the local churches in our community.

Saturday December 10, 2011



#### Activities:

- Booths open 12 noon-9pm at Hatch Park Food, Crafts, children's rides, train ride, photos with Santa, Petting Zoo, Live Musical Entertainment.

- Christmas Parade 6 pm Line up at 5 pm at BHS Football Field

Prizes will be awarded to the best floats which keep to the theme "Keeping Christ in Christmas". Floats must have a number to qualify for prizes.

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- 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$200
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$100

For more information please contact the following individuals:

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 Entertainment- Bruce Arnold 935-0723  
 Parade- Jim Hollis 294-2689



*Branford Churches working together for Him*

Events that BAICM sponsor each year:

- Easter Sunrise Service
- Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- Community Thanksgiving Service
- Keeping Christ In Christmas Parade and Festival
- Support Pregnancy Care Center

Participating Churches

- Beachville Advent Christian
- New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist
- First Baptist Branford
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# The Bookworm A job well done



Terri the book reviewer

*"Breast Cancer: 50 Essential Things You Can Do"* by Greg Anderson, foreword by Christiane Northrup, M.D.

Conari Press  
\$16.95 / \$18.95  
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304 pages

Though you tried, there was really no way you could ignore it.

The first time your fingertips spotted the lump, you were sure it was nothing. Just a little abnormality beneath the skin, probably one of those weird things everybody's body does now and then.

But the lump was there the next time, and the next, and you couldn't ignore it anymore. With a big lump in your throat (ironic, huh?) you saw your doctor and got the di-

agnosis you dreaded.

So what next? How can you get past breast cancer and stay well?

You can begin by finding "Breast Cancer: 50 Essential Things You Can Do" by Greg Anderson.

Before you start reading, though, Anderson says to grab some paper and create a Wellness and Recovery Journal. Write whatever comes to mind: your insights, thoughts, fears, questions you have for your doctor, success stories. Paste in it articles you find interesting. Use it as a reference on your journey.

When you get a cancer diagnosis, it's natural for your mind to do frantic loops of doom but in order to get through what lies ahead, you need real answers. "Breast Cancer: 50 Essential Things You Can Do" can help.

From the panic of first opinion to surgery and beyond, author Greg Anderson takes patients through every step as he offers nurturing advice along the way. There's a lot of new information in this book, as well as plenty of common sense guidance of which breast cancer fighters need to be reminded. Anderson doesn't step



lightly here; he charges through the battlefield, which is the perfect tone.

Though bits of this book are a little on the new-agey side, "Breast Cancer: 50 Essential Things You Can Do" would, overall, be of great benefit to patients. If you've just received the diagnosis that set your world a-tip, this is a book you can't ignore.

*The Bookworm is Terri Schlichenmeyer. Terri has been reading since she was 3 years old and she never goes anywhere without a book. She lives on a hill in Wisconsin with two dogs and 12,000 books.*



Live Oak Mayor Garth R. "Sonny" Nobles presented the Mayors Community Service Award to Shannon Court for her 25 years of service to the city of Live Oak. Court retired in September from her job as project specialist. Courtesy photo

## Pumpkin patch coming to town



The Pregnancy Care Center Pumpkin Patch is coming to town! Find the Dairy Queen, find the Patch! The Patch opens on Saturday, Oct. 15 and runs through Oct. 31. The hours are 10-7 p.m. everyday except Sunday which is 12-5.

A variety of pumpkins and gourds will be available for purchase. Schools and daycares have scheduled class field trips to the Patch and the children will be entertained with story times and crafts.

The Pumpkin Patch is a community event as well

as a venue to get the word out about the Center's mission of saving the unborn and helping women who find themselves in unexpected pregnancies.

Mom's & Dads, bring your little pumpkins out to the patch and make a family day of it!

## Essay contest winner



Kyra McClendon is the most recent winner of a Suwannee Middle School media center essay contest. The SMS media center sponsors frequent contests to get students excited about reading. Courtesy

## Fall festival

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## Fall Festival set for Oct. 31

Friendship Baptist Church would like to invite you to our Fall Festival on Oct. 31, 2011 at 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Please bring a can good to enter if you can. No scary costumes please. We have games, a cake walk, and more. Food will be provided hot dogs, chips, drink, and chili. The church is located at 14364 140th Street, Live Oak, FL 32060. If you have any questions please give us a call at 386-776-1010.

## SUWANNEE RIVER READINGS Branford 2011



The water levels provided here refer to the height at the US Hwy. 27 bridge in Branford in feet above mean sea level (ft-msl) at the gauging station. In the past the levels were read as gauge height not mean sea level.

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Shands at Live Oak Hospital Administrator Ricardo Diaz



Shands at Live Oak Emergency Room Doctor Michael White

# Shands of Live Oak



Renowned Cardiologist Dr. Kochicherial Moni



The hospital has recently been painted to compliment other exciting changes.



Shands at Live Oak is located at 1100 S.W. 11th Avenue, next to the Coliseum.

By Jeffrey Boatright  
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In an economy where most businesses and agencies are laying off employees and cutting costs, Shands at Live Oak is doing just the opposite. They are growing and making improvements. Instead of weathering the storm of difficult times, Hospital Administrator Ricardo Diaz speaks with enthusiasm of enhanced services and building relationships.

Diaz joined the team at Shands at Live Oak on Jan. 25 and has since enjoyed many accomplishments toward achieving the vision that he has. The Texas native saw a uniqueness in the Live Oak area that he wanted to be a part of. However, he also saw a community that was being underserved and he wanted to correct that.

"People are having to go to Gainesville," Diaz said. "We should be able to take care of patients here in their own community."

Diaz recognized that in order to serve the community that he has been drawn to, he would have to insure the services of Shands at Live Oak could be delivered with competence, efficiency and compassion. Diaz is focused on his ultimate responsibility of taking care of the residents of this area.

"Statistically, we have too few beds," Diaz said. "We should have 60 or more beds in our hospital, based on the area's population."

The energetic hospital administrator acknowledges the key to serving the community is recruiting energetic, emotionally charged doctors.

With a confident smile, Diaz began describing Dr. Michael White, the newly

recruited E.R. doctor, who Diaz describes as the "heart and soul" of the emergency room.

"I have never met a better medical doctor in my career than Dr. White," Diaz said. "I would completely trust his judgment in treating my own family."

That is saying a lot, especially seeing the way Diaz beams when speaking of his beautiful new daughter, Austin, who was born on Sept. 14.

The combination of Dr. White and the staff at Shands at Live Oak is offering results that cannot be taken lightly. In January of this year, the average stay time in the emergency room was four to four and a half hours, according to Diaz. Today the average stay is just over two hours and the patients are being seen within 30 minutes.

"There is not a single doctor working in this E.R. that I would not feel 100 percent comfortable with," Diaz said. "Dr. White has produced a product that is good for the community and our satisfaction rate has gone up to 90 percent."

Diaz is quick to emphasize the foundation of a quality E.R. was already in place with a great clinical staff.

"We already had great doctors," Diaz added. "We just did not have enough."

White also recognizes the quality and strengths of the staff who serve in the emergency room.

"What makes this work is the people living in the community that work here. It is their hospital," White said.

In order to maintain the customer satisfaction that Shands at Live Oak is now accustomed to, White recognizes they must accomplish goals in being service oriented.

"I went into medicine to see and take care of people," White said. "And my goal is to run an emergency room that I would be comfortable with my family going to."

For White, it is all about relationships. He also recognizes and appreciates the uniqueness of the area.

"There is a great relationship developing locally with the doctors," White explained. "I love the way they treat their patients like family."

According to Diaz, the next step is recruiting specialists.

"More primary care doctors and specialists are being recruited," Diaz said.

One recently recruited specialist is renowned Cardiologist Dr. Kochicherial Moni, who officially came onboard Oct. 1.

"He is one of the nicest doctors I've ever met and is the right guy for the job," Diaz said.

Dr. Moni brings cardiac expertise to the Suwannee Valley area. He specializes in a variety of non-invasive procedures and temporary pacemaker placements.

According to Diaz, recruiting Moni is a huge win for the patients and staff of Shands at Live Oak.

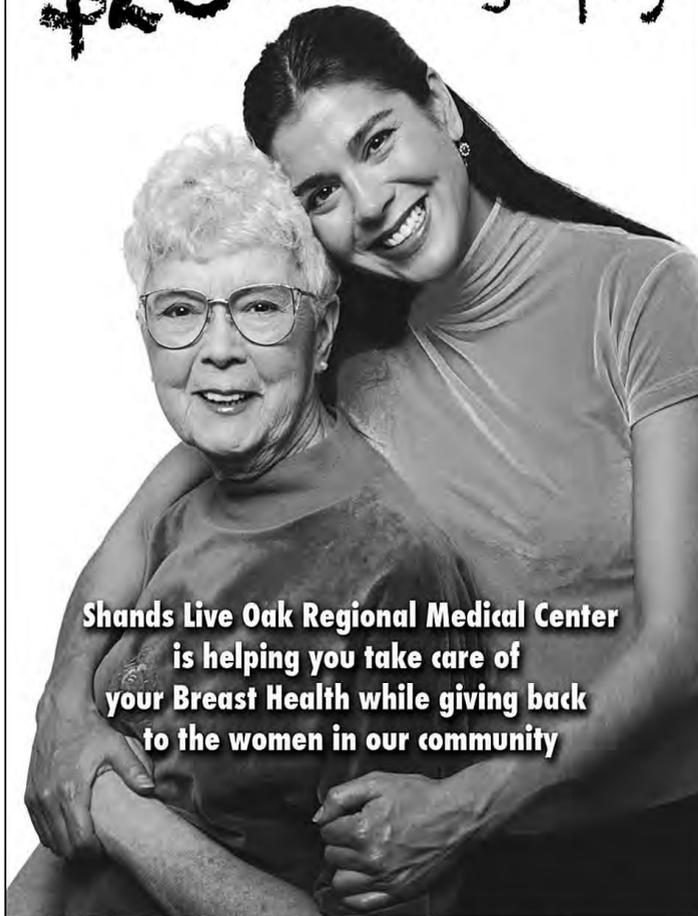
Diaz came to Live Oak with a vision and has aggressively begun fulfilling that vision through building relationships and recruiting the right people for the right jobs. Currently Shands at Live Oak has over 50 full time and part time doctors associated with the hospital.

The relationship the hospital has with Shands and Life Flight remains important to Diaz.

"Often when someone has a life threatening condition, we can assess them here and airlift them to Gainesville. By the time they arrive, we have already briefed the team that is waiting to treat them," Diaz explained. "With our resources, they can be getting better quicker."

For Diaz and his staff, it is ultimately about taking care of the Suwannee Valley residents and patients at Shands at Live Oak.

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# Tangles' Fall Bazaar

By **Jeffry Boatright**  
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Hundreds gathered for the Tangles' Fall Bazaar on October 15, where food, entertainment, fellowship and fun were all plentiful. The lively event offered phenomenal

Christian music and even a little zumba for the extremely energetic.

Tangles is a women's outreach ministry house where events are located. Event organizers Vickie Bass and Angie Lott stood before the crowd and thanked everyone for

joining them in celebrating Tangles' ministry through the Fall Bazaar.

The event offered something for everyone. Visitors found art and craft vendors, beauty products, antiques and even a yard sale.



Suwannee Shirts LLC sold Breast Cancer Awareness T-shirts during the Fall Bazaar.



The beauty from near the entrance of Tangles' Fall Bazaar, was captivating.



Becky Skipper and fired up the crowd with Zumba.



Everyone visited the yard sale to take advantage of the deals.



The Suwannee Hamilton Technical Center Cosmetology Department was on site to share beauty tips.



Celia Bass and Marcia Morgan Boatright are assisted by Audrey in drawing names for prizes. Raffle prizes included books, massages, tote bags and so much more. There was even a gill donated by Lowe's that was won during the event.



Donald Johns of Starlight Sound and Recording shared his talents with the audience.



Shands of Live Oak was a major sponsor and contributed to the success of the event.



2011 Texaco Country Showdown winner Amber Lee Abbott was a big hit during Tangles' Fall Bazaar.



Angie Lott (left) and Vickie Bass, the founders of Tangles, welcomed the crowd to Tangles' Fall Bazaar.

Photos by: Jeffry Boatright

# Scenes of the Pregnancy Care Center Pumpkin Patch

The pumpkin patch runs through Oct. 31. The hours are 10-7 p.m. everyday except Sunday which is 12-5. It is located next to Dairy Queen in Live Oak.



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# Howze said he didn't pull the trigger

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shooter was his co-defendant, Keith Allen Hughes, 25, who hung himself in his Suwannee County Jail cell on Sept. 25, 2010. He had been jailed on charges of conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

Hughes formerly worked on the Militellos' farm. Jacobsen said Hughes told Howze and co-defendant Lonnie Robert Munn that large sums of cash, upwards of \$40,000 in cash, were kept in the home. Jacobsen said Hughes told the pair that he needed the money for bills and to pay child support.

"That gun was not in my hand when the bullets came out and hit them people inside that house," Howze told the court.

Jacobsen explained that when Howze, along with Munn, were located in Whitewater State Park in Winona, Minn. on Sept. 2, 2010, where the two were captured, Howze was wearing jewelry that had

been taken from the safe at the Militello residence, including six rings. Howze was also sleeping with the 9 mm pistol that had been used to kill the Militello family when they were captured, Jacobsen added.

"It has been determined that no other pistol in the world could have fired the empty casings that were left behind," Jacobsen told the court.

After the court accepted Howze's plea of guilty, long time employee and family friend of the Militello's, Marcia Riegel, addressed the court, reading a letter written by her child. The letter stated that the Militellos were wonderful people and if you didn't know them you had really missed out on something.

"I am 11 years old and to me they were all a big part of my life," she said. "He still sometimes asks where they are. But we just tell him they are gone."

Riegel said the lives of the Militellos had been taken for no reason. As she spoke, she looked Howze directly in the eyes and he solemnly shook his head up and down.

James Militello, 61, the brother of Joseph Militello, said he's content with the outcome.

"Personally I would have liked to see the death penalty but this way will be good," James Militello said. "I'm 61 years old and

we (He and Joseph Militello) talked everyday, we did everything together."

He said neither one did anything without talking to the other first.

"My brother was one that if he said he'd be there to help you, he'd be there," said James Militello. "They (Howze, Hughes and Munn) destroyed my heart and soul."

James Militello said he hopes Munn gets the same outcome, or worse as Howze, who will spend the rest of his life in prison.

"He may get to see his family again but I never will, even though he spends the rest of his life in prison," said James Militello. "I'll never get total closure from losing my family but this gives me satisfaction."

Howze also got an opportunity to address the court prior to sentencing.

"I know what I did was wrong and there is absolutely, positively no doubt in my mind," he began. "It was never my intent for those people to lose their lives."

Howze went on to address the lives lost as he stood before the court, stating that he wishes things would have ended differently.

"I didn't know the people and I have been told they were good people," Howze said. "At the time I was told they were drug dealers. If I had known

they were the kind of people they were, I would have never gone."

When Judge Johnson handed down a sentence of three consecutive life sentences, followed by six 30 year sentences to run consecutively following the life sentences, she told Howze, "Your involvement was beyond wrong. Three innocent people lost their lives."

Jarvis noted in the written press release that this is a good resolution to this case since our current system in capital cases requires tremendous litigation, time and expense, even without considering that the actual execution would take years to impose. He added that this plea and the sentence imposed are retribution for the crime and a way to insure the public is protected from future criminal acts by Howze.

"You will never get out of the Department of Corrections and will pay for the crimes you have committed," Johnson told Howze as she handed down the consecutive sentences.

Lead defense attorney David Collins was pleased with the ending the plea agreement brought in the case.

"Obviously we're relieved," Collins said. "Anytime someone is facing the death penalty for three murders, it is always

good to get life."

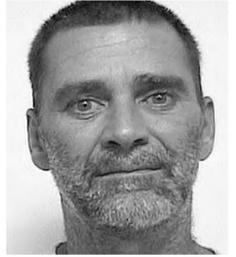
In addition to Howze receiving a life sentence for each of the three murders, he received a 30 year sentence for each of the three counts of home invasion and kidnapping, for a total of three life sentences plus 180 years in prison.



James Howze



Keith Hughes



Lonnie Munn

## Crime in Suwannee's down for first half of 2011

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ence in the whole thing is we were able to make quite a few arrests on those copper wire thefts," Suwannee County Sheriff Tony Cameron said. "That took an organized group out of the picture."

The Suwannee County Sheriff's Office saw a 20.6 percent decrease in crime within its jurisdiction. The SCSO cleared 34 percent of crimes reported, while the Live Oak Police Department saw a 2.6 percent jump in crime and had a clearance rate of 14.1 percent.

The FDLE's Semi-Annual Uniform Crime Report measures seven categories of crime - murder, robbery, aggravated assault, forcible sex offenses,

burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft - for the period of Jan. 1 to June 30.

There were 10 robberies reported from Jan. 1 to June 30 compared to 15 during the same period in 2010.

There was one murder reported in the first half of 2011 compared to zero the first half of 2010. Forcible rape went from seven to zero; 82 aggravated assaults compared to 112; 143 burglaries compared to 157; 228 larceny cases (theft) compared to 238 and 19 motor vehicle thefts compared to 24.

The report reflects crime volume only; crime rate, which takes into account population, will be calculated when the annual report is released.

## Pregnant woman stabbed with scissors

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her to follow him into some pine trees but she refused to do so.

According to reports, the victim stated Cruz retrieved a bat out of the vehicle and told her that he would make her go if she wouldn't. Reports show that Cruz then hit the victim with the bat in the leg and arm and made her get into the vehicle.

After returning home, Cruz made the victim go into a room, where he also entered and stabbed her in the leg with scissors,

records show.

The victim told authorities that she later accompanied Cruz, around 4:30 or 5 a.m., to go pick up his check. When Cruz asked her a question, he became angry and pulled her hair, snatched her glasses off and dug into her face with his fingernail. The victim also told authorities that Cruz punched her in the back of her head.

Cruz admitted to authorities that he did hit the victim with a bat, but said he didn't hit her hard and that he had accidentally stabbed her with the scissors.

## Minor injuries in single vehicle accident on I-10

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The driver and passenger were traveling toward Live Oak when the driver lost control of the Crown Victoria. The vehicle traveled into the ditch, where it rolled. The Crown Victoria finally rested upside down facing north. The driver was taken to Shands at Live Oak with minor injuries. The passenger appeared uninjured.

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## Howze agrees to plea deal

Plea deal  
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being approached by Mr. Howze's defense counsel with the plea offer, the state decided to accept their offer to plead as charged to all pending charges if the state wouldn't seek the death penalty."

Shortly after Third Judicial Circuit Chief Judge Leandra G. Johnson entered the courtroom before 9 a.m., lead defense attorney David Collins addressed the court concerning negotiations that had taken place with the state for Howze to enter a guilty plea. In return for Howze pleading guilty, he would be given life in prison with no chance of parole.

Howze addressed the court and stated that after talking with family by telephone, his mind was at ease to enter a plea agreement.

"I believe it is in my best interest," Howze stated.

Johnson reminded Howze that if the court accepted his plea of guilt, he would be incarcerated for the rest of his life.

Howze simply replied, "Yes ma'am." Johnson further instructed Howze

that he would give up his right to a trial by jury and the only thing left in the process would be his sentencing.

Again, Howze acknowledged the judge by saying, "Yes ma'am."

In a written press release, Jarvis stated that by accepting the offer of a guilty plea, the state and the family are certain that Howze is convicted of the offenses with which he is charged, the case avoids lengthy appeals, excessive costs of those appeals and the imposition of the death penalty, and brings finality to the family and community.

Sheriff Tony Cameron was in agreement with the plea deal.

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# From Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Johnny W. Bullard  
Correspondent

Lately, I have been thinking a lot about the art of conversation, and the fact that a conversation is a dialogue between two people. There is a great deal of talking in a conversation, and a good bit of effective listening too.

I have also been thinking a lot about visiting. During the years of childhood, people visited each other. Visits today, unless it is to the hospital or nursing home, or a quick stop leaning against a shopping cart at the grocery store, or to the funeral home to comfort a bereaved friend or family member, are about a thing of the past. I do a lot of visiting at Wal-Mart, Winn Dixie, and Publix. That is the place I see the majority of folks with whom I visit.

When I was growing up in White Springs, Florida, a lot of conversations took place on the front porch while folks "rocked and talked"... I can still see the big rocking chairs lined up on my Grandma Bullard's front porch on Mill Street. Visitors stopped, announced and most "unan-

nounced"—all were welcomed, and many came up on the porch, sat down, "rocked a spell" and shared a visit---and, in the course of the visit, conversations took place---

In the small town South of my day, "visiting" and "talking" were a part of the fabric of everyday life. I learned a lot of the history of this area listening to my grandparents and their friends "talk" during long afternoons of visiting on the front porch. I learned a great deal about my family: stories, genealogy, and many, many other "gems" of information, too numerous to mention. In those days, children, if they were permitted to stay around adults at all, did not interfere nor did they "butt in" to the conversations adult conversations. In most instances when adults visited, children were told to go outside and play. HmMMM going outside to play would be new to a lot of children of today, too. What would "play" mean without a cell phone or a "Blackberry"?

Those of the generation of my grandparents held fast to the belief that "children were to be seen

and not heard", especially in the presence of other adults.

Visiting during those days was an "event", a break in the day, a "treat" for the visitor and the individual who was being visited. My Grandma Bullard, the late Mary Emma Joyner Bullard, who was born July 31, 1893, did not feel that the visit was complete unless she offered the visitor, a glass of iced tea, a slice of cake or pie, a cup of coffee. The offer of some type of hospitality, no matter how small or humble the offering, was a major part of the visit.

Now in the days of "I-phones", "I-Pads", etc... Conversation seems to be a thing of the past. This is the way I envision, conversations of the future---Two folks texting away on their electronic apparatus of choice. They know how to "text", and they know all the acronyms for electronic conversation. Two young people for example who are thinking of going out on a date---their conversation might be like this:

"FNO"- Means: "From Now On". "LJBF"- Means: "Let's just

be Friends."

Maybe I'm a "dinosaur" or a "throwback" to a more simple, leisurely time, but there's something about texting acronyms, that to me, gets lost in translation. It is not lost on me, that there is no longer a need for students in today's schools to be taught how to write in "cursive", because now we have the computer. No need for hand written notes any longer to express "thanks", sympathy" or "congratulations". No need for anyone to write a letter in "long hand"... , but I still appreciate a hand written note or card. It lets me know that someone "took the time" to take "pen in hand", compose their thoughts, take some time and WRITE, full cohesive sentences. Those handwritten expressions of sympathy mean a great deal to me. I still have beautifully written letters of sympathy that were sent to me by friends and family members when my father died. I cherish these letters and notes. I don't know that I would cherish quite as much a text from someone to express :

"SSFYL". "MTAWU" -- So Sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you. That wouldn't be quite the same, at least not to me.

Oh well, the times they are "a changing". I suppose the visits or conversations between or among people in the future will consist of a lot of "click, click, click" sounds, as they text back and forth--. Maybe that will suffice for some, but I still enjoy talking with people, probably always will, and I still do enjoy a good visit from time to time---I can accept changing times---and technology---but I sure am glad that so many here in our beloved Suwannee River Valley still cleave to the traditions of a more leisurely era. It's one of the major reasons I love where I live.

To use an acronym of texting language—"LGO"—Life goes on---

I hope you have a wonderful week. From the Eight Mile Still, on the Woodpecker Route, north of White Springs---I hope your day is filled with joy, peace, and, above all, lots of love and laughter. I am so blessed to be "in the number one more time"...

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## “Pink game” successful for Suwannee



Mara Lance goes up high to return to ball against the Madison Cowgirls.



May we serve you? Nicole Roper prepares to serve the ball during the October 13 “Pink Game” against Madison. See more photos, Page 2B. Photos: Paul Buchanan (suwanneeSports.com)

**By Jeffrey Boatright**  
jeffrey.boatright@gafnews.com

Everyone knows the Suwannee Bulldogs colors are green and gold. However, that wasn't the case on Oct. 13. The Suwannee Bulldog varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams took the court

wearing pink to demonstrate their awareness of cancer.

According to Suwannee High School Volleyball Coach Deanna Law, the intent of the Lady Dogs' “Pink game” was to raise awareness of breast cancer, but they recognized the importance of raising awareness of all types of cancer.

In addition to raising an awareness of cancer, the SHS Volleyball Teams are raising money to help combat the horrible disease. The team has been selling writing pens with ribbons on them for one dollar each. The proceeds from the project will go to Relay for Life,

“We are still taking donations and have raised about \$130 selling flower pens,” Law said. “We are hoping to collect a little more before we turn the money over to Relay for Life.”

The Lady Dogs took the court wearing all pink as they competed against Madison. The junior varsity team won both of its matches against Madison, 25-10 and 25-12. The varsity team then took the court, not to be outdone by their junior varsity counterparts, and won three

straight games. Those match scores were 25-17, 25-16 and 25-21.

With momentum on their side, the Lady Dogs took on Hamilton County High School and defeated the Lady Trojans on Oct. 17. However, the Lady Buccaneers of Branford ended the Suwannee varsity's winning streak. Although the junior varsity team won, the Lady Bucs defeated the Lady Dogs three out of four games, according to Law.

The junior varsity team ends its regular season with an 8-7 record and the varsity team rounded out the regular season of play with an overall 6-9 record.

The Lady Dogs will travel to Wakulla in Tallahassee for the district tournament, where they are seeded number two, out of three teams.

## Branford falls to Hamilton-Bucs lose shot at district playoffs



Branford Bucs take a break between plays earlier this season. Photo by: Misty A. Ward

**Staff**

The Hamilton County Trojans defeated district foe the Branford Buccaneers Friday night in Jasper.

The final score was 52-34. Hamilton's Trey Zanders ran it in from 59-yards out early in the first quarter of play. A two-point conversion

attempt failed. With about seven and a half left in the first, Hamilton's Will Hill ran it in for 57-yards making the score 14-0.

Branford's Sean Santos put the Bucs on the board following a 33-yard pass by Robert Morris. A successful two-point conversion put the score at 30-8. Branford's Kenny Johnson put an-

other score on the board with about 4:28 left in the half. A two-point conversion by Cole Lamb failed.

The Trojans answered twice before the end of the half, making the score 44-14.

Coming back from the half, the Trojans scored 45 seconds in on two plays and 60-yards. A two-point conversion

brings the score 52-14. The Bucs answered on their next possession with a 69-yard play by Cole Lamb, followed by a Bucs 10-yard run and a two-point conversion bringing the score to 52-28 with about 5:26 to go in the third.

The Bucs C.J. Bradow gave the Bucs their final score with about nine minutes to go in the match.



**Suwannee Legals**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 61-2010-CA-000044

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.

**MATTHEW GIGUERE; JAMIE GIGUERE; UNKNOWN TENANT(S);**  
IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 11th day of October, 2011, and entered in Case No. 61-2010-CA-000044, of the Circuit Court of the 3RD Judicial Circuit in and for Suwannee County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC is the Plaintiff and MATTHEW GIGUERE, JAMIE GIGUERE and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall set to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT STEPS OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 200 S. OHIO AVENUE, LIVE OAK, FL 32064, 11:00 A.M. on the 8th day of December, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 2, BLOCK 8, INGLESIDE, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 31 (PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 92 DEED) OF THE:**

**THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SITUATED IN SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH RANGE 13 EAST OF SAID COUNTY, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 13 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FOR POINT OF BEGINNING COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 AND THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LEE AVENUE; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 17'00" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 130.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 51'00" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 17'00" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 130.00 FEET TO SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 51'00" WEST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. A.P.N.: 27-02S-13E-031608.0020**

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 this 14th day of October, 2011.

Barry A. Baker  
(Seal) Clerk Of The Circuit Court

By: Sharon Hale  
Deputy Clerk

10/26, 11/4

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. 1185CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF

**MINNIE C. MINOR, a/k/a MINNIE KINDRED MINOR, a/k/a MINNIE MINOR,**  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of MINNIE C. MINOR, a/k/a MINNIE KINDRED MINOR, a/k/a MINNIE MINOR, deceased, whose date of death was March 9, 2010; File Number 1185CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is October 19, 2011.

/s/ Steven C. Allender  
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Florida Bar No. 0428302  
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11-196-KM

/s/ Teresa Minor Pittman  
TERESA MINOR PITTMAN  
Personal Representative  
4651 Eau Gallie, Lot 31  
Melbourne, FL 32934  
10/19, 26

IN THE THIRD CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. 11-82-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF

**JAMES C. MARTIN**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)**

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

**Suwannee Legals**

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of JAMES C. MARTIN, II, deceased, File Number 11-82-CP, by the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida; that the decedent's date of death was July 18, 2011; that the total value of the estate, consisting solely of exempt property is \$34,705.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name:  
Doris Ethel Martin

Address:  
4519 Lowe Lake Road  
Wellborn, FL 32094

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:  
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.

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

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is October 26, 2011.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:  
THE LAW OFFICE OF RYAN J. PETERS, P.L.  
106 East Howard Street  
Live Oak, Florida 32064  
Tel. (386) 362-1551  
Fax (386) 362-1561  
Attorneys for Petitioner  
/s/ Jonathan S. Bense  
By: Jonathan S. Bense  
FBN: 0072462

Person Giving Notice:  
Doris Ethel Martin  
4519 Lowe Lake Road  
Wellborn, Florida 32094  
/s/ Doris E. Martin  
Doris E. Martin  
Petitioner  
10/26, 11/02

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

CASE NO.: 61-2010-CA-000024

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.

**SAMUEL J. VOILES, et al,**  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated October 11, 2011 and entered in Case No. 61-2010-CA-000024 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for SUWANNEE County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and SAMUEL J. VOILES, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS IN FRONT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 8th day of December, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**LOT 12, BLOCK 91, UNIT 7, THREE RIVERS ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 201, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**A/K/A LOT 12, BLOCK 91, 280TH TERRACE, BRANFORD, FL 32088**

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on October 11, 2011.

Barry A. Baker  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Sharon Hale  
Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (TDD) 386-758-1438.  
10/26, 11/2

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

CASE NO.: 61-2010-CA-000093

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.

**BEVERLY RIEGEL A/K/A BEVERLY A RIEGEL, et al,**  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 04, 2011 and entered in Case No. 61-2010-CA-000093 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for SUWANNEE County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and BEVERLY RIEGEL, A/K/A BEVERLY A RIEGEL, ARTHUR RIEGEL, A/K/A ARTHUR D. RIEGEL, FLORIDA CREDIT UNION; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS IN FRONT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 1st day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**LOT 4, ICHETUCKNEE ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 139, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**TOGETHER WITH: A 2006 HOMES OF MERIT CYPRESS MANOR MOBILE HOME MODEL NO. 2800, I.D. NO. FLHML2F1648-30715A AND B**

**A/K/A 2348 256TH STREET, O'BRIEN, FL 32071**

**Suwannee Legals**

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on October 10, 2011.

Barry A. Baker  
(Seal) Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Sharon Hale  
Deputy Clerk

10/19, 26

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 11-127-CA

**SUBRANDY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,**  
a Florida limited partnership

Plaintiff,

vs.

**LINDA VANDEVOORDE, CAPITAL ONE, FIRST NORTH AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK, N.A.**

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the following described real property:

Lot 17, Shady Oaks, a subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 353, Suwannee County, Florida.

shall be sold by the Clerk of this Court, at public sale, pursuant to the Final Judgment in the above styled action dated October 12, 2011, at the Suwannee County Courthouse in Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on Tuesday, November 29, 2011, to the best and highest bidder for cash. Any person claiming an interest in any surplus from the sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the notice of lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid this 12th day of October, 2011.

BARRY A. BAKER  
(Seal) Clerk of Court

By: /s/ Jillian Buchanan  
As Deputy Clerk

10/19, 26

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

CASE NO.: 09-000368-CA

**VANDEBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., a Tennessee corporation**  
authorized to transact business in Florida,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

**MARY JEAN FISCHER, et al.,**  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on December 8, 2011, at 11:00 A.M. (EST), on the Courthouse Steps of the Suwannee County Courthouse located at 200 South Ohio Ave., Live Oak, Florida 32064, the following described property:

**Tract 54, Section "A" of Suwannee Ranchette Development of Florida, Inc., as recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Book 1, Page 110, Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida; together with that certain 1998 Mobile Home bearing Identification Number GAFV 758B7649CD21 and that certain 1999 Mobile Home bearing Identification Number GAFV W54A83293.**

Property Address: 21300 49th Dr., Lake City, FL 32024

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: October 14, 2011.

(Seal) BARRY A. BAKER, CLERK SUWANNEE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Sharon Hale  
Deputy Clerk

10/19, 26

**TAX DEED APPLICATION NUMBER 2131/2009-2744**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DDKP HOLDINGS, LLC, the holder of the following tax certificate has applied for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate number and year of issuance, the description of property, and the names in which it is assessed are as follows:

2131/2009-2744

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**  
11016300045 23-02S-11E LEG 4.91 ACRES LOT 45 HINES PLACE PHASE 3 ORB 1374 P 472 WD YR 07

**NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED:**  
COURTNEY ORVILLE & KRISTEN DRUMMOND  
7261 NW 46TH ST  
LAUDERHILL, FL 33319

All of said property being in the County of Suwannee, State of Florida.

Unless such tax certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such tax certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the City Council Chambers, Live Oak City Hall, 101 White Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064 on **THURSDAY, 11/3/2011 AT 11:00 A.M.** Each successful bid, must be secured by a \$200.00 cash deposit. Full settlement by cash or cashier's check only, must be made within 24 hours of the sale.

DATE August 23, 2011

BARRY A. BAKER  
SUWANNEE COUNTY  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
(SEAL)  
By: /s/ Tracy Baldwin  
TRACY BALDWIN, Deputy Clerk  
09/30, 10/07, 14, 26

**LEGOLAND® Florida opens in Central Florida**

World's largest LEGOLAND park debuted October 15

LEGOLAND® Florida which opened October 15 is a 150-acre interactive theme park dedicated to families with children between the ages of 2 and 12. Located on the grounds of the former Cypress Gardens midway between Orlando and Tampa, just 45 minutes from either city center, the park features more than 50 rides, shows and attractions.

Inspired by America's love affair with all things LEGO®, the new 150-acre theme park will cater to kids ages 2 to 12 with more than 50 "pink-knuckle" rides – from roller coasters to race cars – as well as family focused shows and attractions.

The park unveiled a new online reservations program to make the vacation booking experience even easier. Travelers can now book tickets, accommodations, airlines and rental cars through the LEGOLAND Florida website.

The other key benefit of the program, LEGOLAND Florida sales manager Todd Andrus explained, is that it features 13 preferred hotels in Central Florida that are officially endorsed by the park. Part of the "Bed & Brick" program, the hotels are all family friendly and collectively provide a range of price points and assets to accommodate different styles and budgets. Each of the hotels in the program will offer special rates and ticket/room packages.

LEGOLAND Florida has taken great care to preserve the soul of the park – the historic gardens established on the grounds of its Cypress Gardens predecessor more than 75 years ago.

For more information: [www.LEGOLAND.com](http://www.LEGOLAND.com); [Facebook.com/LEGOLANDFlorida](https://www.facebook.com/LEGOLANDFlorida) and [@LEGOLANDFlorida](https://twitter.com/LEGOLANDFlorida).

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Do you have items in your home that you no longer need or use, such as cameras, jewelry, house wares and antiques? Would you consider donating furniture you are replacing or appliances you are upgrading? Are you getting a new car or truck? Please consider donating your usable and sellable items to Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises, Inc.

Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises, Inc., also known as SRE, is a subsidiary of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. SRE's function is to sell donated goods to the public at our Thrift Stores in Crystal River, New Port Richey, Dunedin and Live Oak. SRE also sells unique and collectible items on their E-bay Store. Donated vehicles, trucks, vans and vessels are sold through the Vehicle Sales Lot located at the Thrift Store in Live Oak.

If you're looking for something special, unique or unusual, please visit one of our thrift store locations or browse our eBay site by visiting [www.sheriffs-ranchesenterprises.org](http://www.sheriffs-ranchesenterprises.org) and follow the eBay link.

If you have items to donate, please drop them by the thrift store near you or to schedule a time for us to come to your home to pick-up your items, please contact 800-765-3797.

All proceeds from sales help support the kids of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. For additional information about the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, please visit [www.floridasheriffsyouthranches.org](http://www.floridasheriffsyouthranches.org).



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**Wellborn Fall Yard Sale set for Nov. 5**

The Wellborn Community Association is hosting a Fall Community Yard Sale on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the community center, 1340 - 8th Ave., Andrews Square, in downtown Wellborn.

Come to buy or come to sell! Spaces are \$5. Bring your own tents and tables. The monthly blueberry pancake breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. for \$5 adults and \$3 children. Lunch will be available, too. For more information, call Wendell Snowden at 386-963-1157, see [www.wellborncommunityassociation.com](http://www.wellborncommunityassociation.com), or find us on Facebook. Hope to see you there!

# Playoff hopes snuffed Wakulla shut out Suwannee 42-0

Staff

The Wakulla War Eagles shut out the Suwannee Bulldogs Friday night in Crawfordville 42-0, eliminating Suwannee from the playoffs.

This was the first match between Suwannee and Wakulla since 2002.

With about two minutes to go in the first quarter Wakulla takes it in for 38-yards. On Suwannee's next possession, the War Eagles pick up a Bulldog fumble. Wakulla then walked in to put the score at 14-0.

Suwannee's Kyle Stebbins had a solid run for 55-yards, running it to Wakulla's 4-yard line. Suwannee couldn't advance the

ball for a touchdown however.

With about two minutes to go in the half, Wakulla's Damonte Morris ran it in, bringing the score 21-0. On Suwannee's next possession, Quanzee Davis intercepted a Suwannee pass taking it in, giving the War Eagles their second touchdown in only 11 seconds.

It only got worse after the half when a running clock began early in the fourth. Wakulla struck its final score with a 36-yard run with about 11 minutes to go, bringing the score 42-0.

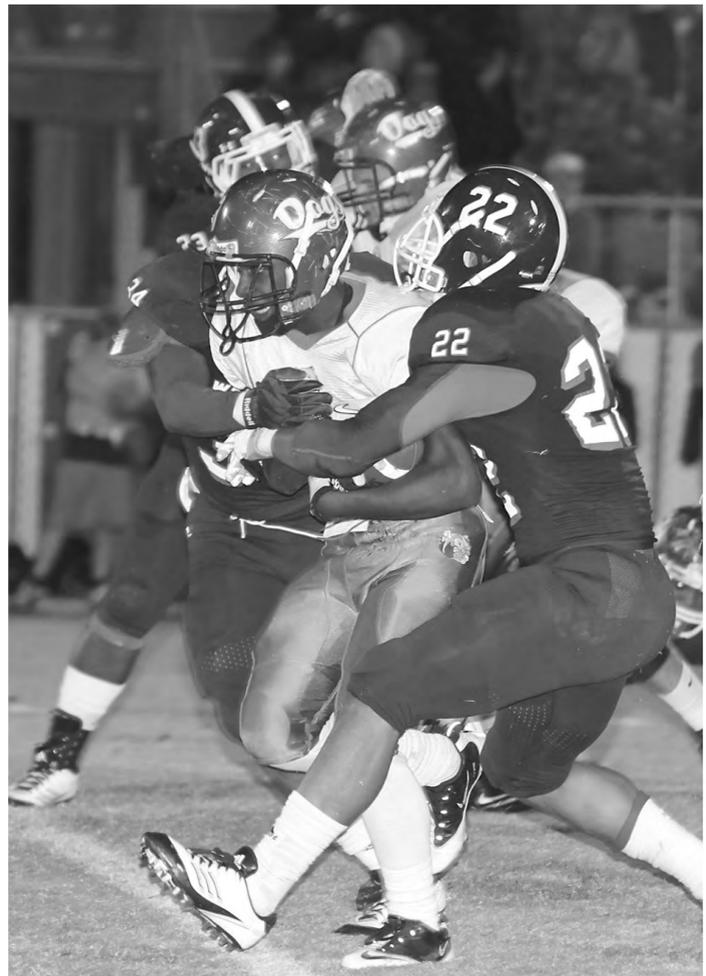
Suwannee falls 1-6, 0-2. Wakulla improves 5-2, 2-0.



Outside line backer Aaron Fountain makes the catch.



Suwannee running back Kyle Stebbins connects with the ball last Friday night.



Suwannee player gets some heat from Wakulla players.



Suwannee player makes a leap for the ball while Wakulla tries for a tackle.



Suwannee players take the ball and run with it.

Photos by: Paul Buchanan (Suwannee Sports.com)

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## Halloween weekend at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park

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Halloween weekend brings trick or treating, hayrides, Spooktacular Trail Ride, music, movies and more to The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park.

Big Engine Band Saturday night, ShanyTown (Van Zant nephews) Friday night/Music Hall.

It's going to be spoooooooky this weekend, Oct. 28-29, at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak, Fla! Halloween festivities will feature a Spooktacular Trail Ride, "Spirits" on the Suwannee River, costume contests for adults and children, children's movies, hayrides, trick or treating, golf cart rentals and parade and two nights of live music.

Jacksonville's ShanyTown Band will entertain Friday night, Oct. 28, with the famous Big Engine Band taking the stage on Saturday night, Oct. 29 in the Music Hall.

If you love Halloween, fun and music, this is your event!

The great ShanyTown was established in 2010 by two of the Van Zant



nephews and is described as the second generation, the BEST band out of Jacksonville since Lynyrd Skynyrd, .38 Special and the Johnny Van Zant Band. The band plays classic rock, rock, country and Southern Rock and records on the Spectra Records label. ShanyTown is comprised of dedicated, highly experienced, musicians who bring you an exceptional sound in originals, country, rock, southern rock, blues. Charles

Moody - bass- more than 30 yrs experience, toured with Loretta Lynn and played with Bellamy Bros among other notables. Robbie Morris - drums (former drummer for Johnny Van Zant) for over 16 years and is the nephew of Johnny and Donnie Van Zant (Lynyrd Skynyrd and .38 Special). Robbie began his professional career at age 14 with his first album at age 17 and went on to make a total of six albums. Kevin Williams - guitar/vocals, 30 yrs experience, highly regarded in Florida's music industry. Ronnie Morris - Robbie's brother, plays guitar and sings vocals. He began playing more than 30 years ago. Ronnie is also well known in the industry. Duane Johnson - guitar/vocals. ShanyTown just released its album, ShanyTown, in April. The second generation is carrying on the Van Zant tradition.

Saturday's night's Big Engine Band is a super-

charged, full blown rock n' roll machine, playing more than 300 shows a year for hundreds of thousands of fans! Their nitrous fueled, guitar driven, high-energy music packs in the fans. The band's surging popularity comes from the buzz on its amazing live show where the band whips the audience into a wild frenzy, laying down well-known hits like "That Girl's a Freak" to "Wasted" and its anthemic theme song, "Party Like a Rock Star." These road warriors maintain a rabid cult following with bikers and gear heads alike from their many appearances at rallies like Sturgis, NASCAR and NHRA events all over the country. In between touring, the band has released two albums, 2009's Rock n' Roll Machine and the recently released That Girl. These CDs are available digitally as well as retail and at shows.

\*Costumes will be

judged Saturday night only for first, second and third place with prizes for adults and children!

\*Children's costume contest and scary movies at the VIP shelter for ages 5-16.

\*Spooktacular Trail Ride and "Spirits" on the Suwannee River Friday and Saturday night with shuttles beginning at 7 p.m. and continuing every hour until 11 p.m.

\*Hayrides \$2 per person; 12 and under \$1;

\*Golf cart rental \$20 plus refundable deposit, minimum age 16

\*Golf Cart Parade

\*Bat house visits

\*Crafts Village and more Bring the family and stay the night or the weekend. Contact the SOSMP at 386-364-1683 or email spirit@musicliveshere.com for cabin, RV or primitive site rental information.

If you want to start your Halloween fun early, come out Thursday night, Oct. 27, and enjoy Ted "Teddy

The SOSMP's SOS Café and Restaurant will open at 5 p.m. each evening to bring wonderful culinary creations to delight. Shows begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday night in the Music Hall. Music Hall admission Friday night, Oct. 28, is \$5 per person with the \$5 deducted from your evening's tab. Saturday night, Oct. 29, Music Hall admission is \$10 per person, no vouchers. Bring the entire family, take part in the Halloween activities, enjoy great food and beverages and wonderful live band performances this weekend!

For more information about the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com. You may also contact the SOSMP to inquire about any of the many exciting events coming up this year at the SOSMP such as Bear



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# The Bookworm Puttin' on the Dog



Terri the book reviewer

**"Witches! The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem" by Rosalyn Schanzer**  
c.2011, National Geographic \$16.95 / \$18.95 Canada 144 pages

You've been called worse.

Last week, when you accidentally bumped into your school's Mean Girl, she was mad. You apologized, but she gave you one of those looks that makes you feel small, and she called you a "little witch."

Okay. So you've been called worse. And it was funny that those words came from the Queen Witch's mouth. Takes one to know one.

But if you'd lived over 300 years ago, you wouldn't have been able to shrug off those words. As you'll see in "Witches! The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem" by Rosalyn Schanzer, you might have been fighting for your life.

Reverend Samuel Parris had a lot on his mind.

It was cold in Salem,

Massachusetts that January in 1692, and the firewood that the villagers promised him never arrived. Neither did the money they said he'd get, and Parris was getting concerned. What bothered him most, though, was that his nine-year-old daughter, Betty, and her eleven-year-old cousin, Abigail, were ailing.

Both girls suffered from episodes that found them flailing about on the floor, twitching and choking and speaking gibberish, frightening the other members of the household. Everyone was terrified, then, when a local doctor declared that the girls were under the influence of witchcraft.

Shrieking as if in great pain, the girls accused the Reverend's female house slave of witchcraft. Then they accused a beggar woman and a bedridden farm wife. The three women were arrested, but not before other girls came forth with screams and accusations. Soon, several other people were pointing fingers at innocent neighbors with accusations of their own.

Four months later, Royal Governor of Massachusetts William Phips came home from London to a mess. Quickly realizing that things were out of hand, he appointed judges to determine the fate of so-called "witches" in Salem, but that didn't end the frenzy: on June 10, tavern keeper

Bridget Bishop became the first person to hang as a witch.

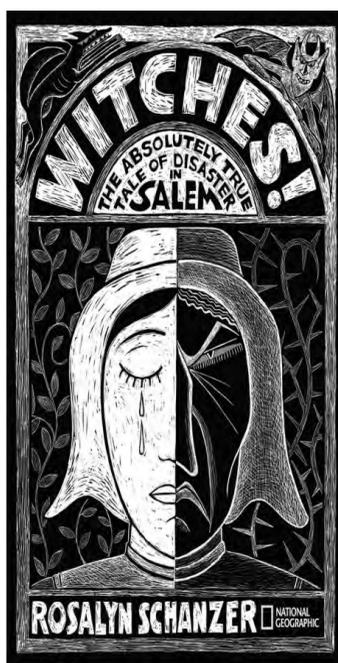
So what caused the panic and hysteria that ended in the deaths of 20 people? No one knows for sure but it's possible that a book was at fault, even though its author was against all that happened that year in Salem.

So could it happen again? Author Rosalyn Schanzer leaves that tantalizing question for her young readers to answer, after she scares the daylights out of them.

"Witches!" is a fresh look at the story we've all heard before, along with some fantastic artwork done by the author.

But then we get details that don't come with the history books.

In Schanzer's hands, a thrice-married barnmaid, a sweet grandmother, and a sparky toddler all become genuine people. We quickly identify with them and come to like them, which makes for a harsher in-



evitability that may upset more sensitive readers. And for that, I don't think I can recommend this book for any kid under age 12.

For teens, though, this book is just gruesome enough to please and real enough to resonate. Give your 13-to-17-year-old "Witches!", in fact, and they'll be spellbound.

The Bookworm is Terri Schlichenmeyer. Terri has been reading since she was 3 years old and she never goes anywhere without a book. She lives on a hill in Wisconsin with two dogs and 12,000 books.



Visit [suwanneedemocrat.com](http://suwanneedemocrat.com) to find official rules and registration forms under the House Ads section. Democrat sponsored event set for Oct. 29

**Staff**

The Suwannee Democrat will be sponsoring the first ever "Puttin' on the Dog" costume contest on Oct. 29 as part of the Live Oak Scarecrow Festival.

The dog costume contest will start at 10 a.m. on the Millennium Park stage in Live Oak. Dogs will be judged on costume originality and creativity. A \$10 donation is requested per entry, which will benefit the Suwannee Valley Humane Society.

Prizes will be given for best costumes in cutest, most original, scariest and best two part costumes (dog and owner). A special award will be presented for best entry in a school spirit category. "We are excited to be a

part of the Live Oak Scarecrow Festival and are honored to sponsor the first ever 'Puttin' on the Dog' contest," said Democrat Editor Jeff Waters. "We look forward to seeing many costumed dogs and owners at the event."

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Those interested can fill out a registration form and submit it to the Suwannee Democrat offices at 211 Howard St. East, no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28.

Registration form may also be submitted to the registration booth at Millennium Park on the day of the event. Registration begins at 9 a.m. All entries must register in person at the registration booth on the day of the competition to receive their entry number. An entry number is required for the judging process.



## Secondhand smoke a killer to nonsmokers

Most men and women who smoke tobacco are fully aware of the damage they might be doing to their bodies. In addition to increasing their risk for lung cancer, smoking can also increase a person's risk for heart disease and other potentially deadly ailments.

What those men and women might not know is the extent of the damage their smoking is doing to those around them. According to the American Cancer Society, secondhand smoke is responsible for 3,400 lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers each year. Gaining a better understanding of secondhand smoke might help smokers quit once and for all.

What exactly is secondhand smoke? Also known as environmental tobacco smoke, secondhand smoke is actually a mixture of two forms of smoke that comes from burning tobacco. Smoke that comes from the end of a lighted cigarette, cigar or pipe is known as sidestream smoke, while the smoke a smoker exhales is called mainstream smoke. Compared to mainstream smoke, sidestream smoke has higher concentrations of cancer-causing agents known as carcinogens. Sidestream smoke also contains smaller particles than mainstream smoke, making it easier for sidestream smoke to enter the body's cells.

Do nonsmokers take in nicotine from secondhand smoke?

Nonsmokers who inhale secondhand smoke do take in nicotine in the process. A 1988 report from the U.S. Surgeon General concluded that nicotine is a drug that causes addiction and can cause a short-term increase in blood pressure, heart rate and the flow of blood from the heart. Because nonsmokers who take in secondhand smoke are taking in nicotine, they, too, are susceptible to the aforementioned side effects.

In addition to taking in nicotine, nonsmokers around secondhand smoke are also taking in the thousands of other chemicals secondhand smoke contains. These chemicals include carbon monoxide, which is also found in automobile exhaust, and cadmium, a chemical element commonly used in

batteries.

Does secondhand smoke cause other kinds of diseases?

Secondhand smoke is responsible for thousands of deaths each year in the U.S. alone. But secondhand smoke does not only contribute to cancer. In fact, the ACS notes that secondhand smoke is responsible for an estimated 46,000 deaths from heart disease in nonsmokers who live with smokers.

What many people find the most troubling figures associated with secondhand smoke is its impact on children, especially those younger than 18 months of age. The ACS estimates that each year secondhand smoke is responsible for 50,000 to 300,000 lung infections, including pneumonia and bronchitis, in children younger than 18. An additional 750,000 middle ear infections in children can be linked to secondhand smoke.

Studies are ongoing into a possible link between secondhand smoke and breast cancer. Though research is ongoing, the ACS notes that chemicals from tobacco smoke reach breast tissue and have been found in breast milk. However, debate over a possible link between breast cancer and secondhand smoke continues for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is that breast cancer risk has not been shown to increase among active smokers.

Where does secondhand smoke pose a problem?

Secondhand smoke is problematic anywhere someone is smoking or has smoked. In fact, the Canadian Cancer Society points out that cigarettes produce roughly 12 minutes of smoke, even though a smoker might only inhale 30 seconds of smoke from the cigarette. As the smoke lingers, even long after a smoker has disappeared, nonsmokers are left to breathe in that smoke.

Smokers who recognize the potentially deadly side effects of their habit should be especially mindful of those side effects when lighting up. Smoking inside a home, for instance, is putting everyone in the home at heightened risk of a host of ailments. Children are especially sensitive to secondhand smoke, and the ACS notes that between 50 to 75 percent of children in the U.S. have detectable levels of cotinine, the breakdown product of nicotine, in their blood. Many public places, including New York City's famed Central Park, have banned smoking, and smoking in the workplace is illegal in many countries.

More information on secondhand smoke is available at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

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# Calendar of Events

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## Five church revival

Rev. Gordon Keeler will be the evangelist for this revival. It is being held Oct. 30, 2011 through Nov. 3, 2011. The revival is scheduled as follows.

Sunday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. Pine Level Missionary Baptist Church  
Monday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. Mt. Gilead Baptist Church  
Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. Orange Baptist Church  
Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. Beulah Baptist Church  
Thursday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. Dowling Park First Baptist Church

There will be special singing each night. Everyone is welcome.

The following Sunday, Nov. 6, Pine Level will be observing OLD FASHION DAY.

Everyone is welcome to come. We will be having a covered dish lunch.

Pine Level Baptist Church is located off CR 250. Look for the Pine Level sign. For more information call Pastor J.H.

Brown at 386-362-3134.

## Fall festival

The Beachville Advent Christian Church, located at the intersection of State Road 247 and County Road 49, across from the Beachville Auction Barn, will have a Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, funnel cakes, candy, bounce house, games, (you might even win a gold fish!) musical entertainment throughout the day, a cake/pie auction, chili cook off with prizes, and the best part of all the whole day is FREE! For information, registering for the chili cook off, call 386-935-0723 or find us on Facebook.

## Wellborn Fall Yard Sale Nov. 5

The Wellborn Community Association is hosting a Fall Community Yard Sale on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the community center, 1340 - 8th Ave., Andrews Square, in downtown Wellborn.

Come to buy or come to sell! Spaces are \$5. Bring your own tents and tables. The monthly blueberry pancake breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. for \$5 adults and \$3 children. Lunch will be available, too. For more information, call Wendell Snowden at 386-963-1157, see [www.wellborncommunityassociation.com](http://www.wellborncommunityassociation.com), or find us on

Facebook. Hope to see you there!

## Women of the Word Conference

Miracle Tabernacle Church presents WOW Women of the Word Conference. A spiritual makeover, "renew my mind, refresh my spirit and re-capture my focus" Thursday, Oct. 20-Saturday, Oct. 22. Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. (men invited), Sat. service at 10 a.m. (ladies only) Luncheon will follow. Tickets only \$10. Registration is free! Miracle Tabernacle Church is located 1190 SW Sisters Welcome Road, Lake City, FL, Apostle Cleopatra J. Steele, pastor.

## The ARC of North Florida Event dates

11/3 & 4 Live Oak ADT Yard Sale  
12/3/11 Christmas on the Square  
2/25/12 Annual Benefit Trail Ride  
3/24/12 14th Annual Lawn Mower Race  
5/11/12 The Arc North Florida Golf Tournament [www.arcnfl.com](http://www.arcnfl.com)

## TOPS 798 Live Oak

Will be holding a Open House/Health Fair on Wednesday October 26, from 10am to 11pm. Come early (9am) and fasting for a free cholesterol check. There will be a nutritionist, yoga instructor, fitness instructor, pharmacist, massage therapist and health food store owner there to offer health and fitness advice. Join us for free (no obligation) information on weight loss. Will be held at the Live Oak Community Church of God 10639 US

129 Live Oak, FL for information call Dori Cowin 658-2767

## McAlpin Elementary School Reunion

The McAlpin Elementary School will hold its annual Reunion Nov. 12, 2011, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the McAlpin Community Center. The reunion is open to all that have attended the McAlpin School. A donation of \$12 per person is needed for the catered meal, due by Nov. 3, 2011. Make your check payable to McAlpin School Reunion and mail to 839 Tara Trace Circle, Live Oak, FL 32064. For questions, call 362-5468, 362-4675 or 364-1454.

## The First Baptist Church of Dowling Park

Invites you to an exciting gospel concert and testimony time during our morning worship service on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 10:45 a.m. Featured is Thom Slaughter of the Second Wind Ministry, a gospel singer and song writer and his wife Deb, who is a survivor of the 9-11 attack and of cancer. The church is located in Dowling Park on CR 250 near the intersection of CR 136.

## Addiction Support Group:

Greater Visions faith-based addictions support group meets weekly in two locations. Meetings are held on Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM in Lake City at the Christ Central Church building on Sister's Welcome Road. The group also meets Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM in Live Oak at the Suwannee Coalition of

face located at 208 North Ohio Avenue. This group provides spiritual and emotional support in a non-judgmental setting. Come experience the freedom from addictions that is found in Christ. Greater Visions is an outreach of Christ Central but open to anyone. For more information contact 208-1345.

## Yard Sale Donations Needed

Once again we are asking for yard sale items to be donated to our class for our upcoming yard sale. Please call Candy Vickers, ESE Teacher for Suwannee High School at 386-344-2993 for more information.

## Crossroads Pregnancy Center Walk for Life

Get out your walking shoes and get ready for the Crossroads Pregnancy Center 7th annual Walk for Life fundraiser. The event will take place Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011 at Deese Square in Fort White. Registration starts at 9:00 am at the park and we will begin walking at 10:00. Walkers will enjoy a 3 mile route and runners are welcome, too. The course will not be certified or timed. Families and groups are encouraged to participate. There will be cold beverages and lunch served after the walk, with local Christian talent performing for your enjoyment.

To help raise funds for the Crossroads Pregnancy Center, all you have to do is get a sponsor sheet, get people you know to sponsor you for the Walk, then bring the donations with

you to the event. Your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, fellow church members, and local businesses are all possible sponsors. Sponsorship is for your participation, not per mile. Call 386-497-4978 to get a sponsor sheet or come by the Crossroads Pregnancy Center at 19094 SW State Rd 47 in Fort White. Don't forget to put the event on your calendar and we will see you at the Walk.

## Attention all Veterans!

Jennings United Methodist Church, in Jennings, FL, invites you to celebrate Veteran's Sunday, November 13, with us by joining us for church at 11 AM, a luncheon for you immediately after church, and then a patriotic program which will honor your service and our great country you so bravely served to protect. Please call any of the following numbers for information or to reserve a place at this very special event: 386-938-4303, 386-752-8752, 386-938-5745, 229-244-9070, or 229-559-5916. If no one answers, please leave a message on the machine with the number who will be attending and a return phone number. If you have your own church service to attend, please feel free to join us afterwards. Thanks for your service in preserving our freedom. Let us say thanks by joining us Nov. 13th.

## 2011 NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

The Suwannee County Branch of the NAACP will hold its 2011 Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Annex of African Baptist Church, 502 SE Walker Ave, Live Oak, FL. The Keynote speaker will be Attorney Roderick O. Ford, a native of Suwannee County and a graduate of Suwannee High School. He is a former U.S. Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) Officer and now is a Trial Attorney and the sole proprietor PLLC, a Law Firm committed to providing General Civil Litigation, Labor & Employment and Advocacy Services in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Orlando, FL. Banquet tickets are \$20, contact any member of the NAACP or call 386-364-4754. Theme: "Affirming, America's Promise, It's Still Worth Fighting For"

## Grief Support group offered at Antioch Baptist Church

GriefShare recovery and support group will begin meeting at Antioch Baptist Church in Live Oak each Tuesday at 10 a.m. The church is located at 5203 CR 795 (Boys Ranch Road). GriefShare is a 13 week, nondenominational group that features Biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. You can begin the GriefShare sessions at any time. Please call Antioch Church (386) 362-3101 or Kathy Bauman (386) 362-3823 for more information.

## Elks Monday Bingo

At Live Oak Elks Lodge 1165, 415 East Howard St. Live Oak. Early sessions 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. and the payout will be on a percentage basis. Late sessions: 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. There will be 29 games each paying \$50. One progressive jackpot either \$50 or \$250. One Bonanza paying \$50. One extra large jackpot starting at \$300 if won on the last number called from the Bonanza game - \$100 conso-

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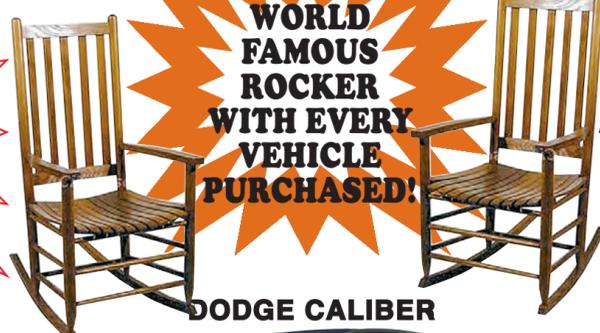
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lation prize.

Kitchen will be open from 4-8 p.m.

### Wellborn

#### Neighborhood Watch

We meet the last Thursday of each month at the Blake Lowe Building on 4th. Avenue in Wellborn. We start with a social get together at 7:00 PM with a covered dish dinner and have a relaxed general discussion on the events in the community. Immediately following dinner we have an invited speaker to broaden our knowledge of what is happening in our county. Each month we have a speaker that will be interesting and informative. Call Ruth Ford @ 386-963-5334 if you have any questions.

#### The March of Dimes

TD Bank, and Rountree Moore Auto Group are presenting "Signature Chefs Auction" at 5:30 PM, November 8, at the spacious Rountree Moore Toyota showroom, US 90W, Lake City. There will be silent and live auctions with pre-decorated Christmas trees, live entertainment, and a selection of specialty foods presented by over 20 area restaurants and caterers. For more information call Kathy McCallister 623-1505 or Maureen Lloyd 397-0598. Tickets will go on sale in late September at Rountree Moore Toyota, all TD Bank locations, Ward's Jewelers, First Street Music, Moe's Southwest Grill, and Suwannee Democrat. Put this event on your calendar as we work together to give every baby a healthy start!!

#### Are you a time traveler?

Wish you could travel back in time? Explore Suwannee County's past with historian Eric Musgrove as he tells of the area's unique history and legends featuring photos, maps and memorabilia. The free presentations are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Suwannee County Historical Museum located just north of the railroad tracks in Live Oak in the old train depot. For more information call Randy Torrence (362-1776) or Eric Musgrove (842-2174).

#### The Suwannee Coalition

Has changed our annual meeting schedule. We will no longer be meeting monthly. We will meet quarterly - four times per year. Here are the remaining dates we will meet in the upcoming fiscal year: February 2, 2012, April 5, 2012

#### The Lake DeSoto Farmers Market

LAKE CITY, FL, The Lake DeSoto Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8am to 1 p.m. in Wilson Park, located along Lake DeSoto between the Columbia County Courthouse and Shands Lakeshore Hospital. For more information about the Lake DeSoto Farmer Market call 386-697-2176 or 386-719-5766.

#### Alcohol Anonymous Live Oak Group

Voting precinct building, Nobles Ferry Road, Live Oak, Fl. Tuesday, Thursday (BBS) and Friday 8 p.m. Contact Rosemary 386-362-6338 or Carl at 386-362-4221.

#### Bingo, Bingo, Bingo!

- Hosted by American Legion Post 107  
Every Tuesday, 3 p.m. early games, 7 p.m. evening games. Take Hwy 129, 6 miles south of Live Oak, turn left at the BINGO sign, then 1 mile.

#### Grief support group

Meeting weekly at First Baptist Church in Live Oak at 6 pm on Wednesdays. Call 362-1583 for more information. Non-denominational - everyone welcome. This is an on-going support group and I would appreciate you placing it in your publication through the fall.

#### Baptist Men's Meeting at Wellborn Baptist Church

The 2nd Thursday night of every month beginning at 6:30 pm the men of Wellborn Baptist Church and their friends join together to eat and worship together with a special speaker and music. You are invited to come and bring a dessert. The church is located on Highway 90 West between Live Oak and Lake City at the intersection with Lowe Lake Road in Wellborn, Fl. Call 386-963-2231 with any questions or visit our website at [www.wellbornbaptist.com](http://www.wellbornbaptist.com).

#### Love Forever

Live Oak Church of Christ, 1497 SR 51 (Irvin Ave) will be open every third Saturday morning of each month for a clothes closet and food pantry, 10:30 - 12 noon.

#### The Lafayette Republican Executive Committee

Meets the second Monday of each month at the Lafayette Public Library, 120 NE Crawford Street, Mayo, at 7:00 pm. Everyone interested in promoting conservative principles are invited to attend. For more information, please call Carolyn Land at 935-0174.

#### Millennium Nights

Friday nights beginning June 10 at Millennium Park in downtown Live

Oak. Show starts at 7 p.m. and is held the second and fourth Friday of the month. Bring your lawn chairs to listen to country, blue grass, gospel, country rock and karaoke.

#### NOTICE: CANCELED!

The "Trip to Recovery" Group of Narcotics Anonymous that met at St Luke's Episcopal Church in Live Oak, Florida on Saturdays at 7 p.m. has been cancelled.

#### The Columbia Federated Republican Women

Meet the 2nd Monday of each month, 7p.m., brown bag dinner & social time at 6:30 p.m. Currently we meet in Lake City at the old Guardian ad Litem yellow house on Duval Street just east of the First Baptist Church and across from Advanced Auto. We are committed to advancing the participation of women in all areas of the political system and are dedicated to encouraging and empowering women of all ages and backgrounds. Visit the Florida Association's web page at <http://www.ffrw.net/home.html>. Covering North Central Florida - all women

are encouraged to attend and be involved in the political process! For more info contact President Gayle Cannon: 386-303-2616, [gcannon@atlantic.net](mailto:gcannon@atlantic.net)

#### First Baptist Church

Of Dowling Park Free Meals for Seniors  
We are a meal site for the Suwannee River Economic Council. Free meals are served for seniors over the age of 60 in the church fellowship hall Monday through Friday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. For more information or to sign up, please contact us at 386-658-2360.

#### Volunteer Opportunity & Meeting Notice

Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to join its corps of dedicated advocates who protect the rights of elders residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care homes. The program's local councils are seeking additional volunteers to identify, investigate and resolve residents' concerns. Special training and certification is provided.

#### All interested individuals

Who care about protecting the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care facility residents -- who often have no one else to advocate for them -- are encouraged to call toll-free (888) 831-0404 or visit the program's Web site at HYPERLINK "<http://ombudsman.myflorida.com/>" <http://ombudsman.myflorida.com>.

#### Christian Mission In Action Ministry

Will serve dinners from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. second Saturday of every month at Hale Park Recreation Center at 105 East Duval St., Live Oak, FL. For information call Audrey Howell @ 386-364-4560.

#### Boy Scout Troop 693

Meets at the Live Oak Shrine Club, 11595 100th Street, Mondays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. This building is just east of US 129 south, on the same road as the Suwannee Valley Elec. Coop. Membership is open to all boys 11-17 years old. Come join us for having fun with monthly camping, as well as week-long winter and summer camps! Parents are encouraged to participate as adult leaders, committee members and merit badge counselors.

#### Wellborn Community Association (WCA)

Meets second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Wellborn Community Center, 1340 - 8th Avenue, Wellborn. For info contact Wendell Snowden, 386-963-1157, follow us on Facebook, or see [www.wellborncommunityassociation.com](http://www.wellborncommunityassociation.com). A Blueberry Pancake Breakfast is held the first Saturday of each month serving blueberry pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. The Annual Blueberry Festival is held on the first Friday & Saturday of June.

#### Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 107

Hosting Wall of Honor  
The Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 107 is hosting a Wall of Honor. If you have a friend or relative that is currently in active duty of any of the military branches, we would like to honor him/her by posting a picture and name on our Wall of Honor. It will be located in the American Legion main hall on post 107, the same building bingo is currently held. Please send name, rank and branch of service, along with current photograph, to Teri Hamilton, Americanism Committee Chairman, Legion Auxiliary, 12364 146th Terrace, Live Oak, Florida 32060. 386-362-7978.

#### Addiction Support Group

Greater Visions faith-based addictions support group meets weekly in two locations. Meetings are held on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in Lake City at the Christ Central Church building on Sister's Welcome Road. The group also meets Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Live Oak at the Suwannee Coalition office located at 208 North Ohio Ave. This group pro-

vides spiritual and emotional support in a non-judgmental setting. Come experience the freedom from addictions that is found in Christ. Greater Visions is an outreach of Christ Central but open to anyone. For more information contact 386-208-1345.

#### Senior Luncheon

At Wellborn Baptist Church

The 2nd Tuesday of every month beginning at 11, there is a senior luncheon with a special speaker and music. Everyone is invited to come and bring a covered dish. The church is located on Highway 90 West between Live Oak and Lake City at the intersection with Lowe Lake Road in Wellborn, Fl. Call 386-963-2231 with any questions or visit our website at [www.wellbornbaptist.com](http://www.wellbornbaptist.com).

Lake Park Line Dancers

Offer beginner lessons Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:15 pm. at Lake Park United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall on Hwy 41 S. at S. Essa Street. For info call (229)455-2267.

#### LINE DANCE

Lessons at Uncle Freddy's, Lake Park next to KOA Office Across from Outlet Mall I-75 at Twin Lakes Blvd. (Hwy. 376) 5274 Jewell Futch Rd.

2nd Friday/mo. 7 - 8 pm., 4th Saturday/mo. 7 - 8 pm. For more information contact: [talbot483@gmail.com](mailto:talbot483@gmail.com) or call: 229/455-2267

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## Pickin' & Grinnin'

Every Saturday 6 p.m. Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park

If you play an acoustic instrument or just like to sit and listen to good Country, Gospel or Blue Grass music, come on out to the Pickin' shed in the loop camping area. Pot luck dinners the third Saturday of each month. Join us --- its fun --- its free! Sponsored by Suwannee River Bluegrass Association.

## GFWC Woman's Club

Of Live Oak is available for rentals on Saturdays until 11 p.m. Is there a baby shower, wedding reception, holiday party or other event coming up? Please call Richard or Shirley Tomac at 362-4508 to reserve your date and time. Make a wonderful memory.

## Narcotics Anonymous

The "Trip to Recovery Group" Tuesday 7 p.m., Friday, 7 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 311 South Ohio Ave. Live Oak,

Fl, Help Line 352-376-8008 or 866-352-5323, HTTP://uncoastna.org Road to Recovery Group is not affiliated with First United Methodist Church.

## Weatherization funding available

Funding is available for Home Repairs in Suwannee County. Families must meet income eligibility requirements for services. Examples of weatherizing repairs that could be available are installation of doors, windows, insulation, hot water heaters and window air conditioners. For more information, please call the local Suwannee River Economic, Inc. at (386) 362-6079.

## Free English Classes

Clases de Ingles - Gratis, aprenden, Pronunciacion, Conversacion -Clases empiesan el 8 de Agosto, 2011, cada lunes y jueves, 7 -9 p.m. Maestra Felicia Doty y el equipo, 386-249-0096. Las clases van estar en la Iglesia Episcopal, San Lukas, 1391 SW 11th St., (Se encuennta la Iglesia en frente del hospital en Live Oak).

## Senior Citizens

Meet the first Monday of each month in the west annex of the Suwannee Co. Coliseum. If you are fifty years old or older or disabled. The dues are \$5 per year. Each member is to bring a covered dish to each meeting. We will be having drawings for gifts which include complimentary visits for two a different restaurants. Door prizes will be given. There will be bingo after the meal. Also, there are trips planned for this group. Please call 330-6319 if you have any questions. Please put Senior Citizens meetings on the first Monday of each month on your calendar. Come join us and enjoy great friends and wonderful fellowship.

## Cub Scout Pack No. 408

Tiger, Wolf, Bears and Webelos dens (grades one - five) - every Thursday, Aug.-May only; 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Live Oak Church of the Nazarene.

## Suwannee County Open Market

Tuesdays 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Thursdays 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Suwannee County Historical Museum, North Highway 129. Live Oak. Shop fresh, shop local for farm fresh produce, flowers, plants, herbs, baked goods, coffee, locally produced honey, jellies, jams, soaps, arts and crafts and more. We accept State of Florida WIC/FMNP coupons. All vendors welcome. Call 386-362-1776 or 386-364-4560 for more information.

## Mothers of Preschoolers

(MOPS) Meeting - Meets second and fourth Tuesday of every month (August-May) at First Baptist Church of Live Oak @ 9:30 am. MOPS International exists to encourage, equip and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader. Breakfast and childcare are provided. www.mops.org.

## Family History Book

I am putting together a family history book on the descendants of Stephen, William & Sarah Ann Grant. Surnames include Grant, Hewitt, Adams, Land, McCray, McClamma & any other related. If you would like to submit information or photos or are interested, please contact Cher Newell at 386-209-1559 or 386-364-1608.

## Please sign up to volunteer to help with the sale at the library.

The Suwannee County Friends of the Library is a volunteer booster organization for libraries of Suwan-

nee County. Through membership and fundraisers, such as The Great Book Sale, thousands of dollars have been donated to enhance and provide for library services. Furniture, staff training, books, videos, special children's programs and even major contributions to the construction of the Live Oak and Branford Libraries have been supported by the Suwannee County Friends of the Library.

Betsy Bergman, President of the Suwannee County Friends of the Library, 386/842-2953.

## Stop, drop and recycle for adults with disabilities.

Comprehensive Community Services Inc. Invites you to participate in our recycling project campaign. CCS Clients are recycling - Printer Ink Cartridges, Laser Cartridges, Cell Phones -Any Kind, MP3 Players

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## Free Sunday Lunch/Live Oak

For the past several months a group headed up by Pat and JoAnn Lynch have been serving a free lunch at the community center in Live Oak the last Sunday of the month. We need volunteers to help set up and serve the meals. If you are interested in volunteering you may contact Pat and Jo Ann Lynch at (386) 935-1076 or Roger Burnside at (386) 935-3343.

## Free Suda Lunch/Hamilton County

A group headed up by Pat and JoAnn Lynch will be serving a free lunch at the Civic Center in Jasper, on the 2nd Sunday of the month. We need volunteers to help set up and serve the meals. If you are interested in volunteering

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## First Baptist Church

Of Live Oak, FL will begin holding a weekly grief recovery support group. GriefShare is a non-denominational Biblically based 13 week program for people who are struggling with losing a loved one in death. People can enter at any point in the 13 weeks. It will be held at 6 pm on Wednesdays. First Baptist Church is located at 401 W. Howard in Live Oak. For more information, people may call 386-362-1583 or find us on the web at www.fbcliveoak.org.

## Looking for classmates of Class of 1959

Would like to contact any classmates from the Class of 1959 (in the event of upcoming reunions, etc.) Contact Joyce Parker at 407-886-0601 or write to: Joyce Parker, 4039 Visa Lane, Apopka, FL 32703.

## Haven Hospice hosts Helping Hands Volunteer Orientation

When: Every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.  
Where: Haven Hospice

Suwannee Valley Care Center, 6037 W. U.S. Hwy 90, Lake City, FL. Call Carolyn Long at 386-752-9191 for more information.

## New Commander Post #107

New Commander Post #107 American Legion is Randall E. White, 386-984-6245 or email at shoreduty@windstream.net

## Donate your old cars

People may be thinking of donating their old cars as part of a clean up. The Boys and Girls Clubs would be happy to take their old cars. People donating to the Clubs will not only get rid of the unwanted car but will be contributing to the clubs. Boys and Girls Clubs really work with kids in most communities and offer a safe place for them. If you wish to donate a car, call 800-246-0493. Not only will donors be helping the kids, they will be able to take sale price as a contribution for income tax purposes.

## Talent Search

Do you sing or play an instrument? Do you act or dance? Do you like to read or spend time with a friend in wonderful conversation? WE WANT YOU! Suwannee Health Care & Rehab Center is looking for your talent for our residents. Dinner for two - \$45; One night at the Beach - \$125; One hour volunteering to make memories that last forever - PRICELESS! Call: Lynn Brannon, Activities Director 386-362-7860 or 386-590-2961.

## Donations needed!

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

## CJBAT tests

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

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Deadline for placing your yard sale is Friday at 11:00 a.m.

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- Successful Tips "Get Top Dollar for Your Used Car"
- Pre-Sale Checklist
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- E-Z Closing Forms including Deposit Form & Bill of Sale

Run your Car For Sale classified in the Wednesday North Florida Focus & Friday Suwannee Democrat Classifieds and get the Car Kit for FREE.\*

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## NEW DAY QUARTET

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# Protesting lips sink this clipper ship

**CNHI News Service**

**NEWBURYPORT, Mass.** - Known as the clipper ship capital of America in the 19th century, this historic seaport community indicated little interest in nostalgia Wednesday night.

Water commissioners voted 3-to-1 to drop plans to paint in dark blue two giant logos of clipper ships on the city's water tower atop Rawson Hill after several residents of the area strenuously objected.

One homeowner said the ship logos might damage property values. Another said he didn't want to feel like they were living under a huge road sign.

But the most devastating comment came from a woman resident, who declared: "They look hideous."

The city had planned to add the clipper ship logos - denoting the community's place in America's seafar-

ing history -- at the same time it repainted the water tower.

It informed residents of the plan, and that's when it got a 21st century negative response to a 19th century reminder.

Located at the mouth of the Merrimack River on the Atlantic Ocean, Newburyport prospered in the 1800s as both a shipbuilding and shipping port for trade with China and the West Indies. It was also known then for its fishing and whaling fleets.

Today, however, it is populated by urban professionals and artists who commute to Boston by train and enjoy the natural beauty of the coast, including picturesque Plum Island.

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Details for this story were provided by the Newburyport, Mass., Daily News, which displays a clipper ship on its nameplate.



# 'Extreme Makeover' sets big goals in Joplin

**CNHI News Service**

**JOPLIN, Mo.** — Even for "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" it's an extreme undertaking.

The popular television show rolled into this southwest Missouri community that is recovering from a massive spring tornado that killed 162 people and destroyed or damaged more than 8,000 houses and other structures.

The production launched a seven-day build Wednesday to benefit seven families left homeless by the storm.

Joplin was selected as the site for a special build in observance of the show's 200th episode.

"I think it is wonderful," said Michele Withrow, a nurse who lost her home that night. "I think it shows that there is still so much good in the world."

The seven families chosen to receive the houses that will be donated to them were whisked off Wednesday night for vacations at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., while their homes are being constructed.

No interviews with the families were allowed other than those by the television show and ABC network affiliates.

One of the recipient families, that of Joplin firefighter Kyle Howard, appeared live Wednesday on ABC's "Good Morning America" with "Extreme Makeover" host Ty Pennington and ABC network weatherman Sam Champion.

Howard was on duty the night of the tornado and spent two hours rescuing people from their mangled homes, not knowing whether his wife and children had survived, before he was able to get home.

He rescued his family members from a closet where they had withstood the storm with only his wife, Jill, suffering minor injuries. They have four sons; one of them was out of town when the storm happened.

Construction on the seven homes is scheduled to be completed on Oct. 26.

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Details for this story were provided by The Joplin (Mo.) Globe.



A camera crew for "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" films show host Ty Pennington's introduction Wednesday to the seven-house build in front of a sign depicting Crystal Whitely and her daughter, Keana, one of the families to receive a new home. (Photo by T. Rob Brown/The Joplin Globe)

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date are required. To register please call 850-973-9451.

### College Placement Tests

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

### TABE tests

Monday - Thursday at 5 p.m. (by appointment): TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) at NFCC Testing Center (Bldg. #16), Madison. TABE is required for acceptance into vocational/technical programs. Photo ID required. Pre-registration & scheduling time & date are required. To register please call 850-973-9451.

### Love a mystery?

Try locating your ancestors by working on your family tree. The Suwannee Valley Genealogy Society invites you to join and learn how to find your ancestors. Membership is \$30 for a single member or \$35 for a family. Corporate membership is also available for donations of \$100 or more (tax deductible). Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the Genealogy Center at 215 Wilbur Street SW in Live

Oak. The library is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and the talented folks there will be glad to help. For more information call Jinnie or Alice at 386-330-0110.

### 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.

### The Branford Camera Club will meet

At the Branford Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. This month we will have an IN-DEPTH Photo Share led by Edwin McCook. If you would like to participate, please bring in 3 photos you've taken over the last 3 months, on a digital storage device, along with information on the equipment you used, settings/conditions for photo, and why you chose that particular composition. If you just want to join us to observe or participate in the discussions, that's OK too!

The Branford Camera Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, with an occasional exception, for the purpose of sharing, learning, and enjoying all things photographic. Please join us.

For more information, please contact:

Carolyn Hogue, Program Chair, 386-935-2044

Dick Madden, Technical Consultant, 386-935-0296

Skip Weigel, Technical Consultant, 386-935-1382

### Sparkleberry Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2011 - Propagating of Wildflowers

The Sparkleberry Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will meet the second Tuesday of the month, November 9, 2011, starting at 6:30 PM, at Hatch Park, Branford (403 SE Craven St). Directions: Once you have turned onto 247 in Branford, SE Craven St is the 7th block from 129 - you make a right onto SE Craven, Hatch Park is a few blocks down the road on the left. The Public is invited!

The program will feature Dr. Hector Perez of UF who will discuss the Propagating of Native Wildflowers of our Area.

For more information contact: President, Betsy Martin, 386-935-2453, betsymartin@windstream.net, Vice-President: Carol Sullivan, 386-364-9309, for more information on the Florida Native Plant Society: www.fnps.org.

The purpose of the Florida Native Plant Society is to promote the preservation, conservation and plant restoration of the native plant

## Scarecrow Festival



The Live Oak Partnership is serving as host organization for this year's Scarecrow Festival. Scheduled with activities to begin on Monday, October 24 and continuing through Saturday, October 29 with activities for the entire family, this festival will include many local businesses and organizations.

**PUMPKIN PATCH BREAKFAST: October 29** Live Oak Garden Club

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8:00 - 11:30 am / Adults: \$5 / Child 3-12: \$3 / Family: \$15

**4-H HAY-BALE DECORATING CONTEST: Oct. 7 - Nov. 1** Suwannee County 4-H

For additional information on the 4-H Hay-Bale Decorating Contest, call 386.362.2771.

**SCARECROW REUNION: LIVE SCARECROW CONTEST: OCT. 29** Suwannee River Regional Library

**SCARECROW MARKET: OCT. 29** Live Oak Partnership

**SCARECROW STAGE-LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: OCT. 29** Local Entertainment

**PUTTIN' ON THE DOG CANINE COSTUME CONTEST: OCT. 29** Suwannee Democrat

**SUWANNEE HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING: OCT. 28**

**PUMPKIN PATCH: S. HWY 129: OCT. 5-11**

**DOWNTOWN SCARECROW DECORATING CONTEST: OCT. 20 - NOV. 5** Live Oak Partnership

**DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR** Tuesday October 25 7:30pm

**SCARECROW LUNCHEON** Wednesday, October 26 Scarecrow Specials Mickey L's

Many of our other local eateries will also be offering Scarecrow Specials during their Wednesday Lunch menu, visit [www.historicliveoak.com](http://www.historicliveoak.com) for a current listing.

**LIVE OAK CEMETERY WALKABOUT** Thursday, October 27 : 7:30pm Gravestone Stories

**LIVING HISTORY MYSTERY DINNER** History or Mystery? Monday, October 24 6:00 pm

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To help raise funds for the Crossroads Pregnancy Center, all you have to do is get a sponsor sheet, get people you know to sponsor you for the Walk, then bring the donations with you to the event. Your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, fellow church members, and local businesses are all possible sponsors. Sponsorship is for your participation, not per mile. Call 386-497-4978 to get a sponsor sheet or come by the Crossroads Pregnancy Center at 19094 SW State Rd 47 in Fort White. Don't forget to put the event on your calendar and we will see you at the Walk.

## The Lake DeSoto Farmers Market Lake City, FL

The Lake DeSoto Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8am to 1 p.m. in Wilson Park, located along Lake DeSoto between the Columbia County Courthouse and Shands Lakeshore Hospital. For more information about the Lake DeSoto Farmer Market call 386-697-2176 or 386-719-5766.

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Cook Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

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1/2 teaspoon oregano

1 teaspoon minced garlic

1 (4 to 5 pound) whole chicken, rinsed with neck and giblets removed

Salt and pepper

**Gravy:**

1/2 cup cold water

1/4 cup milk

1 (0.87 to 1.2 ounces) package chicken gravy mix

1/2 teaspoon oregano

1 teaspoon minced garlic

1 1/2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice

- Heat oven to 400°F. Spray a shallow roasting pan with rack with no-stick cooking spray.
- Mix oil, oregano and garlic. Brush mixture over entire chicken. Season chicken liberally with salt and pepper. Place in prepared pan, breast side down; let stand 30 minutes. Turn chicken breast side up.
- Roast 65 to 70 minutes, basting occasionally. Chicken is done when meat thermometer registers 170°F or when juices run clear when thickest part of thigh is pricked. Transfer chicken to carving board; tent with aluminum foil. Allow to rest 10 minutes.
- Skim grease from the pan drippings. Place 1/4 cup skimmed pan drippings into small saucepan. Add water, milk, gravy mix, oregano, garlic and lemon juice to pan. Cook, stirring constantly until gravy thickens.
- Carve chicken. Place on serving platter. Serve with warm lemon-garlic gravy.

**Lavender Olive Oil Cake with Honeyed Ricotta**

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 55 minutes

Yield: 8 to 10 servings

- Pillsbury® Baking Spray with Flour
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- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon finely grated orange peel
- 1 tablespoon culinary lavender, crushed, plus additional 1 to 2 tablespoons for garnish
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2/3 cup plain yogurt
- 3 large eggs
- 2/3 cup Crisco® Pure Olive Oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 3/4 cup ricotta cheese, at room temperature

- Heat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9 x 5-inch loaf pan generously with baking spray; set aside.
- Combine flour, baking powder and salt in a small bowl. Whisk together sugar, orange peel, lavender and pepper in a large mixing bowl until evenly distributed. Add yogurt, eggs and olive oil; continue whisking until smooth. Whisk in vanilla. Add flour mixture and gently whisk in until just combined. Scrape batter into prepared pan.
- Bake 55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 5 minutes; remove from pan and cool completely.
- Whip cream with an electric mixer until soft peaks form. Add honey and continue to whip until stiff. Add ricotta cheese, a dollop at a time, and beat until fluffy. Slice cake. Top slices with honeyed ricotta and sprinkle with lavender.

**Mediterranean Linguine with Basil and Tomatoes**

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Yield: 8 servings

- 1 1-pound box linguine pasta
- 1 tablespoon salt, or to taste
- 1/2 cup Crisco® 100% Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 2 pints grape tomatoes (4 cups), cut in half
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 18 to 20 basil leaves, cut in thin strips
- 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, plus additional for garnish

- Heat 6 quarts water to boiling. Add pasta and salt. Cook for the minimum recommended time on package directions. While pasta cooks, prepare sauce.
- Heat olive oil in large skillet on medium heat. Add tomatoes and garlic. Cook and stir 2 minutes or until tomatoes are soft. Remove from heat. Stir in vinegar and pepper flakes.
- Drain cooked pasta. Add to skillet. Cook and stir 1 minute or until pasta is coated and hot. Remove from heat. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in basil and cheese. Serve with additional cheese, if desired.

**Mediterranean Essentials**

Fresh and flavorful ingredients are the key to great Mediterranean cooking, so keep some of these essential ingredients on hand:

- **Vegetables** — tomatoes, onions, shallots, peppers, carrots, spinach, eggplant
- **Grains** — pasta, couscous, oats, barley, corn, rice
- **Dairy** — yogurt, unsalted butter
- **Beans and legumes** — chickpeas, cannellini beans, lentils
- **Fresh herbs and spices** — cumin, garlic, rosemary, fennel, oregano, basil
- **Cheese** — Parmigiano-Reggiano, pecorino, ricotta, Manchego, feta
- **Condiments** — olive oil, balsamic vinegar, olives, capers, honey

# Scarecrow displays are the heart of the festival

A fun filled week of activities planned with the return of the Scarecrow Festival.

The Live Oak Scarecrow Festival returns this year with a week of activities for the entire family, including a pet costume contest sponsored by the Suwannee Democrat.

Beginning Monday, Oct. 24 and continuing through Saturday, Oct. 29 this festival will include many local businesses and organizations.

Scarecrows should be placed no later than 11 a.m. on Oct. 18.

They should remain on display through Nov. 10.

Scarecrows can be attached to a street lamp post or at Millennium Park. They can also be placed in front of your place of business or your home.

The festival, with the Live Oak Partnership as host, began as a small community event sponsored by the Live Oak Garden Club. Businesses and residents built scarecrows to display in Millennium Park in Live Oak. Festivities also included, as they still do, a pancake breakfast, plant sale and other activities at the Garden Club. Through the years, this event has grown into a downtown tradition for Live Oak. This festival now includes the participation of several local groups and businesses.

As the Scarecrow Festival grew, so did the list of activities from a History-

Mystery Dinner to a local talent search hosted by WLVO-106.1 in Live Oak.

The Scarecrow Festival is intentionally scheduled for the week of Suwannee High School homecoming so that our alumni from out of town attending the football game could attend this event the following day.

The main event of the week is the festivities of Saturday, Oct. 29. Beginning at 8 a.m., the Live Oak Garden Club will begin with their annual Pancake Breakfast continuing until 11:30 a.m. In addition to breakfast, there will be children's games and crafts, pumpkin patch photos, face painting, and more for the kids, with fun for the grownups too. They will also host their annual plant sale and pumpkin baking contest. Festivities will continue downtown Live Oak at Millennium and Veterans Park until 4 p.m. Plans include the Women's Club Chili Cook-off, artists and crafters, food vendors, contests, entertainment, children's activities and much more for the family to enjoy.

The Scarecrow Contest has become the heart of the event. The contest is free to enter and open to everyone. Categories were set up to handle the incredible creativity of the community and beyond so that all could make a scarecrow limited only by their imaginations. Families join together to create a scare-

crow as a fun project. Businesses encourage staff to create a scarecrow that reflects their business. Clubs & organizations gather together and enter a creation as a group project. Scarecrows will be displayed in downtown Live Oak, and will remain on display through Thursday, Nov. 10. Scarecrows may be attached to a street lamp post or displayed at Millennium Park. Scarecrows may also be placed in front of your place of business or in front of your home.

"A foundation of the Scarecrow Festival has always been the involvement of the community," Randy Torrance, Live Oak Partnership chairman and event chairman said.

"This year's events include several organizations and businesses, not only the Garden Club, the library and the Women's Club, but we have also included the Suwannee County Historical Commission, WLVO radio, Suwannee Democrat, Life-South Blood Bank, the 4-H extension office, and many other organizations and businesses."

For additional information and registration forms for Scarecrow contests, including Live Scarecrow, dog costume contest, WLVO Talent Search, Downtown Scarecrow Contest, artist and crafter vendors, food and business Vendors, visit [www.historyliveoak.com](http://www.historyliveoak.com).

# The circle of love

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When Crystal Legendre holds out her left hand and looks at her wedding ring, her eyes sparkle.

It is as if you can actually see the memories of her life with her late husband, to whom she was married for 30 years.

Crystal and her husband came to Suwannee County in 1994. She loves the area and has made it her home. She is also quick to tell how neighborly the people here are.

"I love the small town feel the community offers," Legendre said.

There have been difficult times though, but Legendre persisted and has clearly found peace.

Legendre's husband became disabled in 1992 and her life revolved around taking care of him. It was clearly her calling and she speaks of doing so with no regrets, only love.

In 2007, Legendre had been fulfilling her dual role as a caretaker and income contributor when one night she was returning home from work in Lake City on CR 252, when a horrifying accident occurred.

The car she met crossed over into her lane and struck her vehicle. As a result, Legendre's left hand was seriously injured and her wedding ring came off of her finger.

When the ring was found, it was no longer round. Both her wedding band and engagement ring had to be taken to a local jeweler for repairs.

In addition to her husband being disabled, Le-

gendre was injured and subsequently unable to work.

"Still, there were expenses that had to be met," Legendre explained. "We simply had no money left to pay bills."

The wedding band was quickly repaired by the jeweler, but the engagement ring was a different story.

"It took them a little while to locate the stones for the set in the engagement ring," Legendre explained.

The stones were found, however, and the ring was repaired. The problem then was that Legendre was unable to pay for the repairs on the ring.

She was injured, out of work and in the middle of bankruptcy. She simply didn't have the money to pay for her ring. Times were difficult but the Legendres still had one another.

Then, Crystal Legendre's world changed completely on July 10 of this year. Her husband of 30 years passed away.

"It was 10 days after our 30th anniversary," Legendre said.

Legendre was at a loss and had to carry on somehow.

"Now, I'm having to make adjustments and learning to do the things that I had given up," Legendre said. "My life revolved around taking care of my husband for so long."

After the insurance company settled following



her husband's death, Legendre had enough money to pay off her bills.

One of the calls she made was to the local jeweler who had fixed her ring three years earlier.

"Can you believe it?" Legendre asked. "They found the ring. It took about three weeks but they still had my ring," she said with a smile."

Although Legendre now enjoys being back in the workforce, she misses her husband and continues to adapt to life without him. As she works from home on her computer for Alpine Access, Legendre provides customer service and seemingly enjoys the challenges and rewards of helping people.

Another important part of Legendre's life is her son and the time they spend together.

She has even tried to do some of the things she once did. One of the things she has reacquired herself with is walking on the beach.

"I have always loved the beach," Legendre says, as she speaks of picking up the pieces.

Still, it is the ring that stirs the sparkle in her eyes when she gazes at it and gently smiles, causing those around her to smile as well.

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# Love INC helps county residents in need

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Love In the Name of Christ is a non-profit organization in Live Oak that supports Suwannee County residents in need.

The organization was founded in 1977 in Holland, Mich. According to the website, "Love INC has over 150 affiliates in 30 states, representing a network of more than 9,000 churches, 7,000 community agencies and nearly 300,000 volunteers meeting more than one million needs each year."

The Live Oak chapter had its open house on Oct. 13 at its new location which was gifted to the organization back in March. Love INC has been supporting Suwannee County for 18 years. Prior to moving into their new space, the organization worked out of two rooms at the Community Presbyterian Church.

"They were gracious, but

we just outgrew them," Love INC Executive Director Lisa Kriehn said.

The new location boasts Bethesda's House of Mercy, which has an array of household supplies, kitchen items and small appliances; Shoes for Souls is the room that was filled by Cram the Cruiser, the room also has under clothes and other necessities for children; the Bread Room has bread, donated birthday cakes and Pizza Hut pizzas; By His Hand Food Pantry has canned and box goods; and Angel Sent, has personal care items that Kriehn said that people wouldn't otherwise be able to afford.

"We are mostly funded by donations, we get a little bit from the United Way," Kriehn said. "We don't qualify for grants because we pray with our clients."

According to Love INC's records, the organization handled 1,349 requests for assistance from January to March 2011.

During that time they also had volunteers donate 1,169 hours of their time. Kriehn said that the Bread Ministry brought in \$215,000, which all of the proceeds went directly back into the community.

"Our total value of service for January through March was \$62,738, which includes our volunteer hours," she said. "We had a donation of a queen size bed and the very next morning, before daylight, we gave it to someone who needed it."

Kriehn said that the organization does not have to ability to pay rent or deposits for housing because they do not have the funds for it, but they have resources to refer people in need of assistance.

"For every dollar that is donated to Love INC, we give back \$52 to the community," Kriehn said.

For more information, to donate items or for assistance, please call Love INC at 364-4673.



Love INC Executive Director Lisa Kriehn stands in Carol's Closet. This room has business clothes for people who need to dress for success. Carol's Closet was named after Kriehn's mother who passed away.

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Lisa Kriehn, Love INC Executive Director, gives a tour of the new facility during the open house on Oct. 13.



The Shoes for Souls room at the Love INC office in Live Oak has shoes, under clothes and other necessities for children in need.



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# MEDICARE 2012

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**M**edicare is different this year because of health care reform, and if you're not aware of how this important program has changed, pay attention.

The Medicare program can be confusing because of its many different parts, supplemental coverage options and specific Medicare enrollment periods for different products. All of these nuances can make Medicare hard to understand for new enrollees as well as for those who have been on the program for a number of years.

If you're new to the program or even if you're a seasoned Medicare veteran, here are six things you should know about the program heading into 2012.

## Be aware of deductibles, co-insurance, out-of-pocket limits and prescription drug costs

If you're new to Medicare it's important to know that both parts of Original Medicare (A and B) have deductibles. And, the Part A deductibles are not tied to a calendar year like they are with traditional health insurance. Instead, they're tied to a 90-day benefit period, with some exceptions.

The Medicare Part B benefit also includes coinsurance after you meet your deductible. With coinsurance, Medicare pays a percentage of each bill and you pay the rest (between 20 and 45 percent, depending on the service), after applicable premiums and deductibles.

Original Medicare also has no limits on the amount you could pay out of your own pocket for covered medical services each year. And, original Medicare does not cover the cost of most prescription drugs.

## New and existing benefits to help you fill in Medicare's gaps

People concerned about some of the gaps in original Medicare have the option to enroll in insurance products regulated by the government but provided by private companies. These are products designed specifically to fill some of the different gaps in Medicare. They include:

- Medicare Part D stand-alone prescription drug plans, which cover the cost of most prescription drugs. **New Benefit:** In 2012 part D recipients get a 14 percent discount on the cost of generic drugs when they reach Medicare's coverage gap, or "donut hole," on top of the 50 percent discount they got last year on the cost of brand name drugs when they reach the donut hole.
- Medicare Supplement plans, which cover portions of the deductibles, coinsurance and out-of-pocket costs not covered by original Medicare.
- Medicare Advantage plans, which bundle together the Part D drug benefit with some additional coverage for deductibles, coinsurance and out-of-pocket costs. **New Benefit:** Starting in 2011, health care reform requires all Medicare Advantage plans to have a maximum limit of \$6,700 on how much a customer can pay out of their own pocket for medical services, excluding the cost of prescription drugs.

Each type of supplemental coverage has different guidelines for when you can enroll, change and cancel your coverage.

## There are new Medicare annual enrollment dates

Most beneficiaries can change a Medicare Advantage plan or stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan once per year during Medicare's annual enrollment period (AEP). The dates for AEP changed this year, and run from October 15 to December 7 in 2011.

Medicare Supplement plans have an initial enrollment period, which occurs in the first 6 months after you enroll in Medicare Part B and are 65 or older. During that time, you can enroll in a Medicare Supplement plan and not be declined. But, if you try to enroll after the initial enrollment period, your application could be declined based on a review of your medical history.

But, if you want to switch from a Supplement plan to an Advantage plan, the AEP is a good time to make that switch.

## It's critical to compare drug coverage every year

PlanPrescriber.com, an internet company that allows people to compare Medicare plans side-by-side and research benefits, drug prices and different coverage options, looked at 25,000 user sessions on its website during the 2011 AEP (between November 15, 2010 and December 31, 2010). Customers entered their zip code, their existing Medicare prescription drug plan or Medicare Advantage drug plan, and the names, dosages and frequency of any prescription drugs they were taking, if any.

## What you need to know



2012 Medicare annual enrollment period runs from October 15 to December 7, 2011.

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The site's prescription drug plan comparison tool found that, on average, a user could save over \$500 per year — over \$40 per month — by reviewing their options and changing their prescription drug plan.

But, averages don't tell the full story. In a recent news article, a MarketWatch reporter compared the cost differences for a single drug in one Georgia zip code and found that annual expenses could range from \$2,661 to \$9,032, depending on which Medicare Advantage plan is chosen. If you want to review and research the different Medicare products available in your zip code, [www.planprescriber.com](http://www.planprescriber.com) is a great place to start.

## Get star power in 2012

The Affordable Care Act, (health care reform) requires a star rating system to be used for Medicare Advantage plans, beginning in 2012. Plans get a rating of 1 to 5, with a 5 star rating equating to an "Excellent Performance," and a 1 star rating equating to a "Poor Performance."

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, out of 523 plans nationwide in 2011,

only three received an overall rating of 5, and seventy-four received an overall rating 4 or 4.5 stars.

Heading into 2012 the hope is that more plans will achieve this high 5 star rating. If you're lucky enough to have access to a 5 star plan, consider it as an option for your coverage. One benefit of a 5 star plan is that you can enroll at any time, even outside of Medicare's annual enrollment period.

## Make way for baby boomers qualifying for "Original Medicare" at age 65

This year, baby boomers begin turning 65, which means more people will be enrolling in the basic benefit than ever before, putting more stress and time constraints on enrollment experts.

That, plus the new dates, means people who wait until the last minute could be putting themselves at risk. It's a good idea to make a plan and review your coverage for 2012 early.

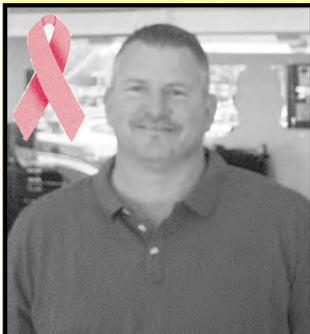
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## New to Medicare?

Many people who are new to Medicare may have to deal with the complexity of the program. Here are some basics:

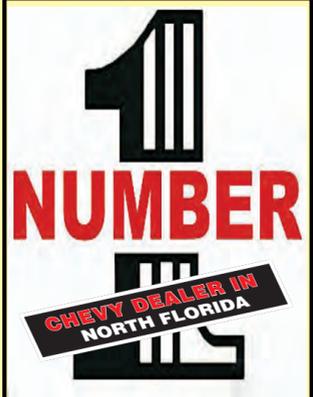
- Medicare is comprised of four major programs: Part A, Part B, Part C, and Part D. Medicare Part A and Part B are often referred to as "Original Medicare." There are also Medicare Supplement plans, which are designed as an alternative to Part C to fill gaps in Parts A and B.
- Generally speaking, Part A covers in-patient hospitalization while Part B covers outpatient services and other medical care.
- Part C denotes the "Medicare Advantage" program where private insurance companies deliver Medicare Part A, Part B and — in most cases — Part D benefits to plan enrollees.
- Part D is the Medicare prescription drug benefit that provides insurance coverage for medications.
- Your circumstances determine when you can enroll in or change Part D and C plans.

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