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## Fall festivals sure to please

Live Oak's Old City Hall, now the home of the Chamber of Commerce, circa 1908 dressed up for Halloween. - Photo: Jeffry Boatright

Trick-or-treating will be on Halloween night in Live Oak and Saturday, Oct. 29 in Branford. There's something for everyone this weekend and coming soon. See Page 3A

# Two face attempted murder charge

## Man shot in back, leg in fair condition

**By Joyce Marie Taylor**
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Two Live Oak men face an attempted murder charge after one shot a Jasper man in the back and leg at a Hamilton County home late Saturday night, Hamilton County Sheriff's reports show.

Tijhari Reon Jones

Antonio Bernard Fields, 20, of 647 Washington Ave., Live Oak and Tijhari Reon Jones, 20, of 10128 92nd Trail, Live Oak, were booked into the Hamilton County Jail on one charge each of attempted first degree murder.

Reports state that at about 10:21 p.m. Saturday night, deputies were dispatched to a shooting that had just occurred at an address on 38th Terrace in Jasper. The victim, John Wayne McCloud Jr., was flown to Shands Jacksonville in critical condition where he underwent emergency surgery. He had been shot once in the right upper back and once in the lower right leg. McCloud was listed in fair condition by hospital staff Thursday morning.

Antonio Bernard Fields

According to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Jones was the one who fired the .22 caliber semi-automatic rifle at McCloud.

Reports show that Fields, Jones and a female passenger were at the S&S convenience store in Jasper and were about to pump gas when McCloud

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# The 2011 SHS homecoming court



2011 Suwannee High School homecoming court, front row (l-r) Austin Collins, Chris Mendez, Darren Singleton, Ty Sword and Leo Torres; back row (l-r) Ciera Cole, Ava Guenther, Amanda McCall, Lauren McCallister and Jessica McManaway. -Photo: Misty A. Ward

CNHI SPECIAL SERIES

## Business owners want fairness on sales taxes

*As part of a CNHI special series, Unpaid Billions, Suwannee Democrat reporter Jeffry Boatright recently spoke with several business owners who shared how they feel about online retailers being exempt from collecting state and local sales taxes. See business owners' reaction, Page 18A. See series, Page 12A.*

# Branford man gets 18 months

**By Jeffry Boatright**
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A Branford man was sentenced to 18 months in prison Monday by Third Circuit Chief Judge Leandra G. Johnson.

Deion Gregory

Deion Feretz Gregory, 20, 803 Savannah St., Branford, was sentenced for one count of burglary while armed and one count of grand theft III, according to court records. The two sentences are to run concurrent.

The sentencing stems from crimes committed in 2009 when Gregory, along with two co-defendants, contacted the victim,

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## Decker announces candidacy for circuit judge post

*Submitted*

Andrew J. Decker, III

Attorney Andrew J. "Andy" Decker, III recently announced that he will be seeking the office of circuit judge for the Third Judicial Circuit that will open with the retirement of Judge E. Vernon Douglas next year.

In announcing his candidacy, Decker said, "I am a candidate for

**SEE DECKER, PAGE 18A**

## Downtown walking tour

Local historian Eric Musgrove led a group of interested citizens through downtown Live Oak Tuesday evening on a walking tour. The walking tour, which is affiliated with the Annual Scarecrow Festival, offers residents a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Live Oak's rich history. -Photo: Jeffry Boatright


The Old Dog Says, "Happy 'Howl'-oween."

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# Arrest Record

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October 25, Elbert Clinten Gilliard, 24, 11870 29th Rd, Wellborn, FL, sent to 30 days w/c/t/s: SCSO-D.Falgout

October 26, Michael Bernard Slater, 36, 6488 161st Road, Live Oak, FL, grand theft III, criminal use personal id, unauth use credit card: SCSO - E. Padgett

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*Florida*

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**MEGA MONEY** . 10,20,38,43,MB6
**LOTTO**. . . . . 2,12,13,27,48,50,x4
**POWERBALL**. . . . . 1,18,21,39,55, . . . . . PB6, x3

## Suwannee High School homecoming parade

**When:** Friday, Oct. 28

**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Lineup:** The field in front of Suwannee Primary School and next to Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center on Pinewood Drive.

### Parade route

The parade will make its way down Pinewood Drive heading east. It will then turn left onto Ohio Avenue heading north before turning left onto Howard Street heading west. The parade will then turn left on Houston Avenue heading south and will end at Paul Langford Stadium.

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# Fall festivals sure to please

## There's something for everyone

*Trick-or-treating will be on Halloween night in Live Oak and on Saturday, Oct. 29 in Branford. Homeowners wishing to participate should leave their outside light on.*

**By Jeffry Boatright**
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*Editor's note: The following list of fall events are the ones we know about. If we left off your fall event, we apologize.*

There have been a number of reports in Live Oak and surrounding communities of ghosts, ghouls and goblins preparing to roam the streets in the coming days. It has even been reported that some of the little monsters will seek candy from homeowners and businesses.

Homeowners in Live Oak are reminded to leave your light on during the evening of Oct. 31 if you wish to satisfy the sweet tooth of each little goblin by handing out trick-or-treat candy, as they make their annual journey through the otherwise peaceful streets of North Florida.

Trick-or-treating is from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29 in Branford. The town of Branford would like to remind residents to only trick-or-treat at homes where the lights are on. There is no trick-or-treating in Branford on Oct. 31.

Autumn is a busy time with numerous fall festival and Halloween activities planned for children and families in the area. Some of the activities have already begun, with the downtown decorating contest well underway. These crafty creations will be on display through Nov. 5. Another treat to see is the 4-H hay bale decorating contest at the Suwannee County Coliseum on 11th Street. The creative work of the local 4-H chapters will be on display through Nov. 1.

For anyone who hasn't purchased a pumpkin for the season is encouraged to stop by the pumpkin patch across from First Federal Bank of Florida on South Ohio Avenue in Live Oak. Proceeds from the pumpkin sales help support North Florida's Pregnancy Care Center. The patch will be open through Oct. 31. Their hours of operation are from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. daily and from noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

A number of locations have been discovered where scary little creatures are liable to be spotted as they look for candy and fun over the days leading up to Halloween.

**Oct. 29**

The Live Oak Garden Club will host a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The cost for adults will be $5 and $3 for children ages 3-12.

The *Suwannee Democrat* proudly presents the Puttin' On the Dog Canine Costume Contest at 10 a.m. in Millennium Park. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and official rules and registration forms are available online at *suwanneedemocrat.com or historicliveoak.com*.

Dress you and your canine friend in costume for this inaugural event and join in the fun. Prizes will be awarded for cutest, most original, scariest and best two part costumes (dog and owner). A $10 donation is requested per entry, benefitting the Suwannee Valley Humane Society.

At Millennium Park in Live Oak there will be a scarecrow relay challenge at 11 a.m. The Live Oak Fire Department will take on the Live Oak Police Department. The winning department will receive a $100 check from the Live Oak Partnership.

There will be a chili cook-off for the community to enjoy at Veteran's Park beginning at noon. This event is hosted by the Live Oak Woman's Club and will involve city and county officials competing against one another in cooking skills. The public will be able to participate in the judging process, which lasts from noon until 2 p.m., with a donation of $5, which will go to the Woman's Club and help sponsor an annual scholarship.

The Scarecrow Reunion will also be held at Millennium Park. The live scarecrow contest will be sponsored by the Suwannee River Regional Library. Onsite registration begins at noon and the competition starts at 1 p.m. There is no entry fee, but please remember this is a family friendly event.

Downtown trick-or-treating will be held later from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. This segment of the Scarecrow Festival will be co-sponsored by the Live Oak Partnership and participating businesses. Everyone is encouraged to dress little kids in costume and take them to Veterans Park where the fun begins. Stores displaying a picture of trick-or-treat ghosts will indicate their participation.

A haunted house at the Suwannee County Fairgrounds, sponsored by the Live Oak Kiwanis Club, will round out the activities of Live Oak's Annual Scarecrow Festival. The squeaky doors of the creepy attraction shall open at 5 p.m. and remain open until everyone is adequately scared that evening. For anyone who doesn't get a chance to go, or isn't adequately frightened the first time, there will be another opportunity to visit the haunted house on Oct. 31. Again, the hours will be from 5 p.m. until adequately scared. Those brave enough to enter are asked to leave a $1 donation to help support the Kiwanis Club.

**A few fall happenings**

For those wishing to attend a good old fashioned fall festival, you are invited to attend one for free at the McAlpin Advent Christian Church, which is located at 17414 89th Rd., McAlpin. The event will take place from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., Oct. 29. The church will provide hayrides, carnival games and snacks. The festival is in conjunction with the church's homecoming on Oct. 30 at 10:45 a.m.

There will be a Hobo Dinner in Branford on the afternoon of Oct. 29, in Branford at the United Methodist Church. A pork loin dinner will served from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend and encouraged to wear fall costumes. For more information, please call Ruth McGraner at 935-2706.

From seeds to stalks, the Branford Future Farmers of America will be opening their corn maze to the public this Saturday, Oct. 29 in Branford.

The event is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for families with small children or for the faint at heart. At 7 p.m., the maze will reopen, "for a haunting experience." The day of festivities is $10 per family which includes a hay ride from the Branford High School football field, roping games, a corn bin house, pumpkin rolling games, dress up the scarecrow and other games and activities. Please call 386-935-5601 for more information. *See more coverage on the Branford News page 15A.*

**Oct. 30**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, across from the Suwannee County Coliseum will have a fall festival for children from Pre-K to 5th grade and their parents. The event will take place Sunday from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. and will include horseback rides, a dunk tank, pinata, games, treats, hamburgers and hotdogs. You are invited to come celebrate.

**Oct. 31**

Friendship Baptist Church will present a fall festival from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring at least one container of canned goods to enter. Please, no scary costumes either for this event. Those in attendance will enjoy games, a cake walk and more. Food provided will include hot dogs, chili, chips and drinks. Friendship Baptist Church is located at 14364 140th St., Live Oak.

The Live Oak Police Department will present a Candy Carnival at their offices on White Avenue in Live Oak from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. There will be candy, games and safety displays for the whole family to enjoy. Also, there will be a costume contest for various age categories. Those categories include ages 0-5, 6-10, 11-14 and 15 and older. Prizes will be awarded to each age category. This event is co-sponsored by the Live Oak Partnership.

**Nov. 5**

The Beachville Advent Christian Church at the intersection of SR 247 and CR 49 will have a fall festival on Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Hotdogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, a bounce house, games and entertainment will be provided for everyone to enjoy. There will also be a chili cook-off. To register or get more information, please contact 935-0723.


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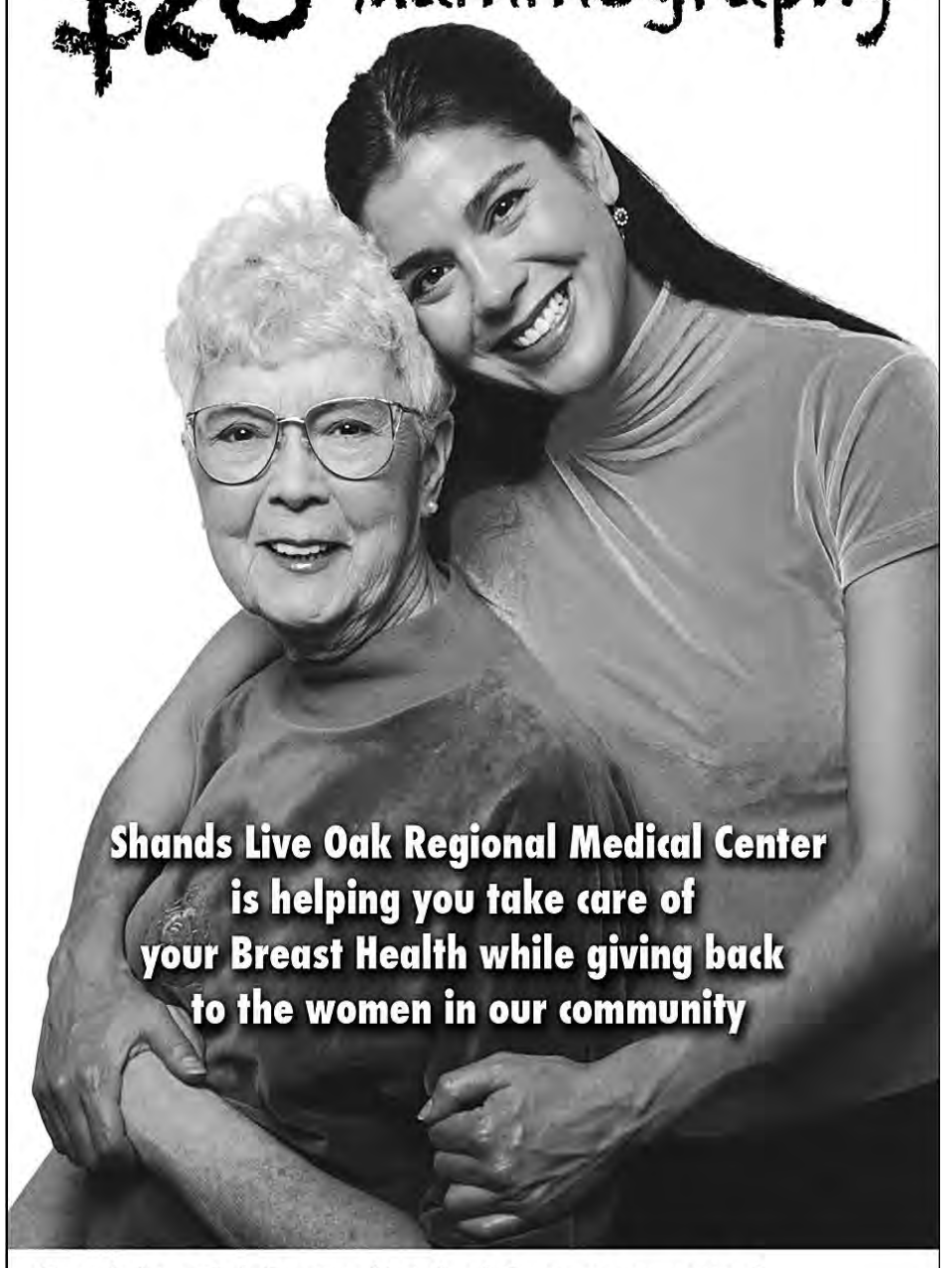

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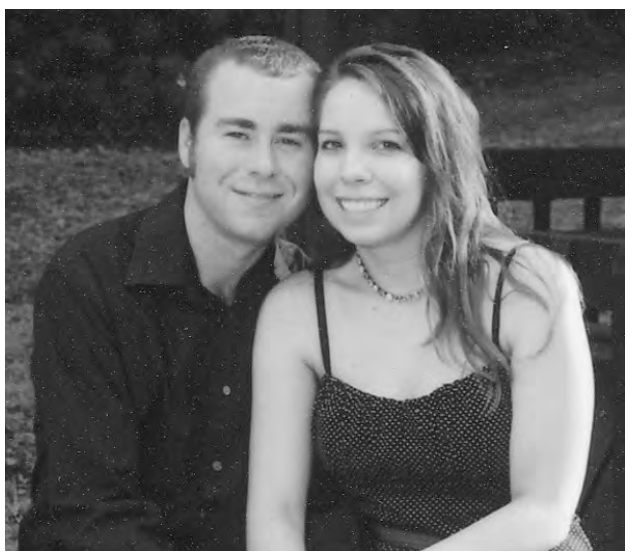

Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts would like to remind you of the approaching marriage of their daughter Renee Margaret Bates, daughter of the late Mr. Horace Bates to James Kyle Head, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Head and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Baker. The bride is a 2005 graduate of Columbia High School and a 2010 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.

## Cupp & Mercado wedding reminder

Friends and family would like to remind you of the upcoming marriage of Tanya Cupp to Angelo Mercado.

The happy couple, along with their children, Matthew Ray Cupp Jr. and Julian Mercado, will be married on Oct. 29, 2011 during a private ceremony in Miami, Florida aboard the Carnival Liberty.

Best wishes and prayers go out to the happy couple.

## Furst - Bennett wedding reminder

Chris and Alicia Furst along with Daniel and Patty Bennett would to remind you of the upcoming marriage of their children, Allysen and Harvey.

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

## Davis - McCaskill Jr wedding reminder

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davis request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Loretta Davis to Guy McCaskill, Jr., son of Mrs. Frances Annette Bell McCaskill and Mr. Guy McCaskill, Sr.

The wedding will be held Saturday, October 29, 2011, 2 p.m. at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, 158 Bentley, Madison, Florida 32340.

Reception to follow at the Madison Woman's Club.

# Halloween safety tips

*By Mary Ward*
*TOP Facilitator*
*Suwannee County Health Department*

While trick-or-treating can be a fun family activity, children are often exposed to increased risks while celebrating the holiday. Parents should talk to their children every Halloween about safety issues. Children do not always understand danger, which places them at risk for many things. Here are a few tips from the Suwannee County Health Department on how to make sure your Halloween is happy and safe!

Parents should not allow children to eat candy while trick or treating. Instead give them a healthy snack before they go out trick-or-treating and inspect the candy once you are home. Also, it is a good idea to portion out the candy over several days instead of letting them eat it all at once. Plus, there are many healthier options now such as individually wrapped raisins or trail mix that can be passed out to trick-or-treaters instead of candy. Remember, "When in doubt, throw it out!" If a piece of candy looks suspicious to you, don't risk it, throw it away.

Young children should always trick-or-treat and cross streets with an adult. No child should ever go trick-or-treating alone. Always walk on sidewalks or paths and cross the street at corners using traffic signals and crosswalks. Parents should help children decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and choose light-colored costumes to improve visibility. Kids can carry glow sticks or flashlights in order to see better, as well as to be seen by drivers. The liquid in glow sticks is hazardous, so be cautious and remind children not to chew on or break them. Furthermore, parents should make sure that their children's costumes fit well and do not pose a tripping hazard and that they can see well through masks and other headwear.

Parents should also talk to their children about avoiding stray animals. Even the mildest tempered pets can get spooked on Halloween and will be more likely to bite. Pet owners should keep their pets confined for their safety as well.

Everyone should check to find out what date trick-or-treating will be held in their community. Drivers should slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in ways drivers do not expect. Drivers should anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn their headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.

As a safer alternative to trick-or-treating, there are several fall festivals for children in our community. Please check the community calendar for more information.

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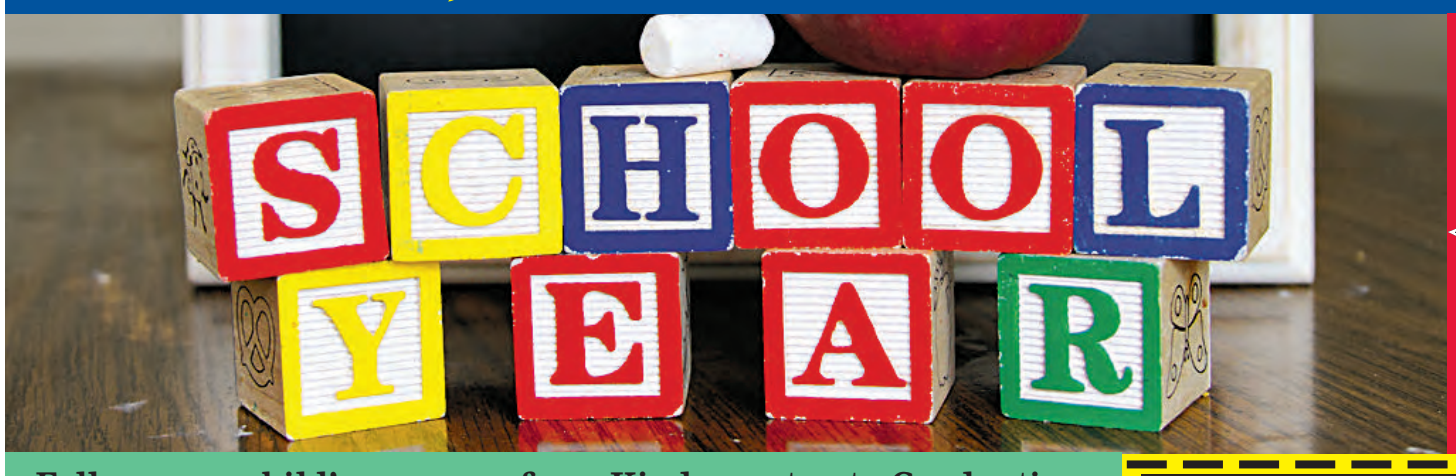


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**Dec. 10, 1938**
**Oct. 25, 2011**

Thomas F. McClellan, 72, of Florida and formerly of Streator, Illinois passed away at 5:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011 at Evanston Hospital in Evanston, Illinois.

Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Solon-Telford Funeral Home. Rev. Dan Stalker of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will officiate.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday at the Solon-Telford Funeral Home, Streator.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the services.

He was born Dec. 10, 1938 in Marion, Indiana the son of Raymond and Pauline (Buteau) McClellan. He married Geraldine "Gerry" Walker on October 10, 1958 in Gas City, Indiana. She survives.

He is also survived by a daughter, Anna (Robert) Christ of Arlington Heights; sons, Thomas (Liz) McClellan II of Streator and Fred (Jane) McClellan of Streator; grandchildren, Katie, Benjamin, Tessa, Walker, Tyler and Olivia McClellan and John Christ; a sister, Marilyn Smith of Marion, Inidana; a brother, Ronald McClellan of Indianapolis, Indiana and an aunt, Betty Gibson of Upland, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents and father and mother in law, Fred and Anna Walker.

Born and raised in Indiana he attended Indiana schools.

He moved to Streator in 1967. He worked for over 40 years at Owens Illinois Glass Company as a hot end repairman. He and his wife Gerry retired to Florida 9 years ago.

He was a former member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

He loved classic cars and was affiliated with several different cars clubs. He owned a 1951 Mercury Coupe which he showed at many different car shows through the years. The Roamer Car Club honored his Mercury a few years ago by placing it alongside the Roamer Car on the club's t-shirt design.

Memorials may be directed to Lung Cancer Research.

Solon Telford Funeral Home, 301 South Park Street Streator IL 61364.

**Evon McCaskill Wright**
**July 28, 1951**
**Oct. 24, 2011**

Mother Evon McCaskill, 60, of Jennings, Florida passed away Monday, Oct. 24, 2011 at her home. She was a life long resident of Jennings, FL. She was faithful member of Triumph Holiness Church. She leaves to cherish her memory stepmother: Lonnie Williams; three loving daughters: Natacha Wright, Bellville, FL, Sequonda Wright and LaKeshia Wright of Valdosta, GA; three sisters, Sherry Hatcher, Miami, FL, Latisha Williams (Thomas) Valdosta, GA, Kantrina Brooker, Jasper, FL; two brothers: Paul Williams, Augusta, Ga, David Williams, Miami, FL, and a host of god children, nieces, nephews, cousin, and friends. The family will meet and greet friends, Friday, October 28, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Triumph Holiness Church, Bellville, FL. Funeral services will be Saturday, October 29 at 2:00 p.m. at New Bethel A.M.E. Church Bellville, FL. Rev. Albert Bivens Pastor and Elder Arnold Philmore Officiating. Bennie L. Thomas Funeral Home of Live Oak, FL 386-364-5535 is in charge of all arrangements.

**Scott Thomas Dobeck**
**July 2, 1959**
**Oct. 22, 2011**

Scott Dobeck, age 52, passed away early Saturday morning October 22, 2011 in North

Florida Hospital, Gainesville, FL following a battle with cancer. He was a native of Spring Valley, IL and moved to Live Oak in 1992. Scott became a local handyman and drove a wrecker truck for Duncan Tire and Auto for a short time. Scott enjoyed traveling across the country in his fifth wheel trailer, he also enjoyed racing and Nascar. He was predeceased by his father Walter Thomas Dobeck. He is survived by his mother Janice Dobeck, three sisters; Vivian Dobeck, Susan LeGalley and Pat Davenport, one brother; Jeremy Dobeck. He had two brother-in-law and one sister-in-law, four nephews and one niece. There will not be any services held for Scott. His family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concern. Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.

## Death Nothice

**Dorothy Sue Franks**
**Oct. 24, 2011**

Dorothy Sue Franks, 64, O'Brien, Fla. passed away on Monday, Oct. 24, 2011.

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

## Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box drop off locations in North Central Florida

**Live Oak Collection Center**
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Live Oak, FL 32060
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Mon., **Nov. 21** are 10:00 am – 5 pm

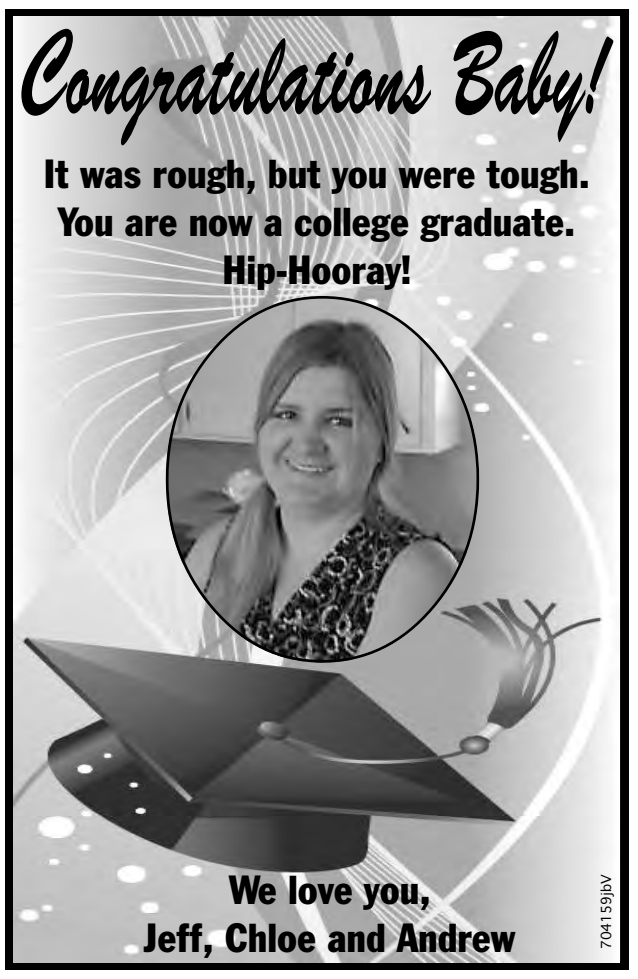
**Mayo Relay Center**
**Cornerstone Baptist Church**
Mayo, FL (386) 294-1350
796 W. Main Street
Mayo, FL 32066
Contact: Judy Brock *Cell (386) 208-2461
Hours: Mon., **Nov. 14** thru Fri., **Nov. 18** are 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm; Sat., **Nov. 19** is 10.00 am – 5:00 pm; Sun., **Nov. 20** is 1:00pm – 9:00pm; Mon., **Nov. 21** is 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

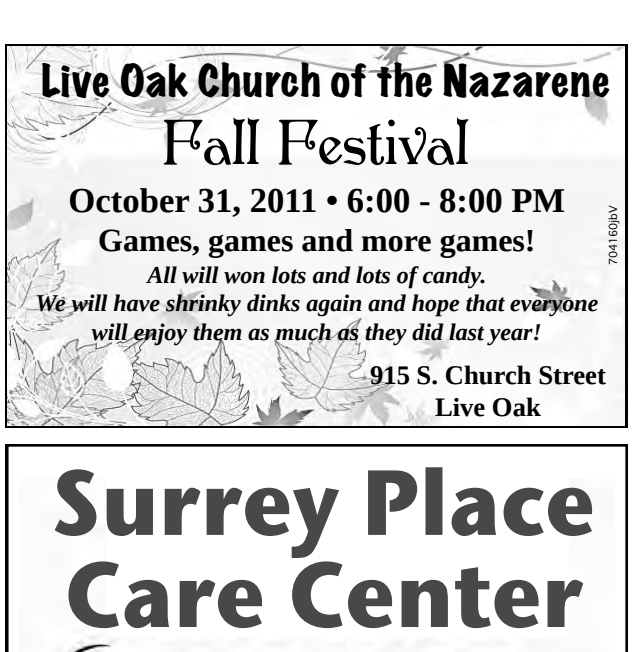
## NFCC Patient Care Technician program accepting applications Spring PCT classes begin Jan. 9; Apply now

MADISON, FL – The Patient Care Technician (PCT) program at North Florida Community College is currently accepting applications for Spring Term 2012. Now is the time to enroll and take care of application, testing and program entrance requirements. Classes begin Jan. 9, 2012; apply now.

NFCC's patient care technician program prepares students to provide direct patient care in a variety of health care environments. While working under the supervision of a registered nurse, patient care technicians often have more contact with patients than any other healthcare team member. Students receive additional training as assistants in the care of the elderly, physical and respiratory therapy and may also receive additional training in performance of electrocardiograms and phlebotomy. Most PCT's seek certification as a certified nursing assistant (CNA). Graduates may also apply to take a national certification examination to become certified patient care technician.

In order to be considered for admission into NFCC's PCT program, individuals must have a high school diploma or GED and be at least 18-years-old. Nursing and Allied Health staff and faculty are available to help prospective students through the enrollment process; contact Debbie Bass at 850.973.1662 or bassd@nfcc.edu.



# Viewpoints/Opinions

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*Members of the Suwannee Democrat editorial board are Myra C. Regan, publisher, and Jeff Waters, editor. Our View is formed by that board.*

## 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

## OUR VIEW
### Suwannee Democrat

# Happy Halloween

There will be little ghosts and ghouls throughout the weekend with fall festivals and Halloween trick-or-treating Monday night. Be careful, slow down and be aware when you're out on the roads.

Be sure to come out for the Live Oak Scarecrow Festival Saturday. The Live Oak Partnership has planned many activities throughout the day. Stop by the Garden Club on 11th Street in Live Oak and take advantage of the pancake breakfast that's served. That has been a staple for the festival for a while now.

Check the story on page 3A on local haunted happenings and pick one to attend. We're sure the friendly people of our county won't disappoint in showing you a good time.

To learn more about the Live Oak Scarecrow Festival, visit suwanneedemocrat.com or historicliveoak.com.

Happy Halloween everyone.

## BIBLE VERSE

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." **Hebrews 4:12 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.

# Rant&Rave

## Want to vent? Our hotline is open 24/7.

*Callers to 386-208-8314 may express their thoughts, good or bad, 24/7, about community issues and politics. Private individuals or businesses are excluded from comments and will not be published. If you prefer, you may email your comments to nf.editorial@gaflnews.com. Or, simply visit our website at www.suwanneedemocrat.com, click on the Rant & Rave tab on the left and submit your thoughts there. You don't have to give your name. Phone submissions must be no more than one minute long, or exceed 200 words. The same word count holds true for written submissions, such as email messages. Anything over will be discarded. If the constraints are not enough, write a letter to the editor (guidelines for letters appear below).*

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I can see no reason for a landfill in area of 129 / I-10, except for attempting to keep businesses / hotels coming in the area. Strange since liquor will be able to be served and businesses possibly coming here. There is plenty of other areas.

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Kudos, to the Suwannee County 4-H clubs for the talent, vision and amazing decorations displayed at the Suwannee County Coliseumn grounds. A shame the Suwannee County Fair Board, chooses not to set the tone of the fall harvest season with the County Fair as was tradition for many, many years. Thank you again, to all the participants involved in 4-H. Each of you has greatly contributed to this community.

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This is directed to the person who is complaining about the truck route in Live Oak.The truck route does not cover all of town.It works well if I am going one certain way.Other than that,i have to go through town.So do alot of other trucks.If there was an actual "truck route",Im sure that you would be happy.I got it!Maybe the vendors in downtown can come to the city limits and get their freight off our trucks and you wouldnt have to look at a "big ugly truck"anymore!Find something worth complaining about or get a job to occupy your time.Until the truck route is fixed,stay at home or get over yourself.THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK! THERES AN IDEA!

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In Re: Editors Note in the Rant and Rave of Oct 21

Kudos on offering the online edition free of charge.The foresight of the Democrat to use advertising to offset the cost of the online edition is very good.In light of technology and the increase of online readership using advertising instead of charging for the online version will pay dividends in the future.The Lake City Reporter charges for the full online version versus using ads to offset costs.That will ultimately cause the Reporter to go bankrupt.

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we have been sacked again with trash either thrown in the yard or left around ever mail box. County commisioners wake up. We have enough trash to dispose. Stop allowing advertising of this type county wide. Hint: how many telephone books does a household need in one year.

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I would like to commend all those who organized and participated in the annual Humane Society Dog and Cat Show. Each year it seems better than the last. A delightful afternoon was had by all dogs, cats and owners. What fun it was to watch all the costumed dogs and cats parade around. Both of our Dogs look forward to this annual event.

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A great big HOORAY ! for Branford's LIL BUCS (6-8yrs) undefeated football season!

Their success is due in part to their coaches David Allen, head coach, Jamie Lanier, Tim Williams, and Greg Hill, assistant coaches. These men volunteered several days per week mentoring to 24 boys who learned and enjoyed playing football. Thank you.

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I can't believe our County Commissioners would even entertain the idea of allowing a garbage dump on environmentally sensitive land just north of the city. This site is close to town, near the city's water tower and on land that is already fragile. Come on Commissioners, stand up for the people that elected you. We don't want Suwannee County to become known as the garbage reception center of North Florida.

## GUEST COLUMN

# Ever had one of those epiphanies?

*By Dwain Walden*

Ever had one of those days when a big word just kept popping up ... a word you have seldom or perhaps never used? But you keep thinking about it until you go look it up just in case you need to toss it out at a reception or some other gathering that you would rather not be attending.

So today I heard the word "epiphany" three different times from different sources. I think I've used that word once in my life, but I wasn't sure I was using it correctly.

Once I was at a meeting and the guy sitting next to me raised his hand and said, "Oh! Oh! I've just had an epiphany!"

So I handed him a Rolaids, figuring it might help.

Well in case you ever have one and need to know what to call it, an epiphany is a sudden understanding of something — at least, that seems a consensus of definition I found in my research. In other words, a light comes on.

An example: Many years ago I was sitting out in the porch swing having a beverage, eating boiled peanuts and listening to Willie Nelson. It suddenly hit me that politics is more about money and oxes in ditches rather than liberals, conservatives and leadership. What I realized was, one party is about as useless as the other. I guess if Republicans were your right hand and Democrats were your left hand, then you would be ambidextrous. In other words, you could screw up with either hand.

I'm sure many of us have had epiphanies.

One definition of an epiphany describes it as a sudden understanding in the spiritual realm.

Let me search for an example there. Okay, let's say my fellow Baptists decided that we had to routinely fast. I can imagine that I would have this sudden realization that I was really a Methodist. Maybe that's not exactly what they're talking about, but it's hand grenade close.

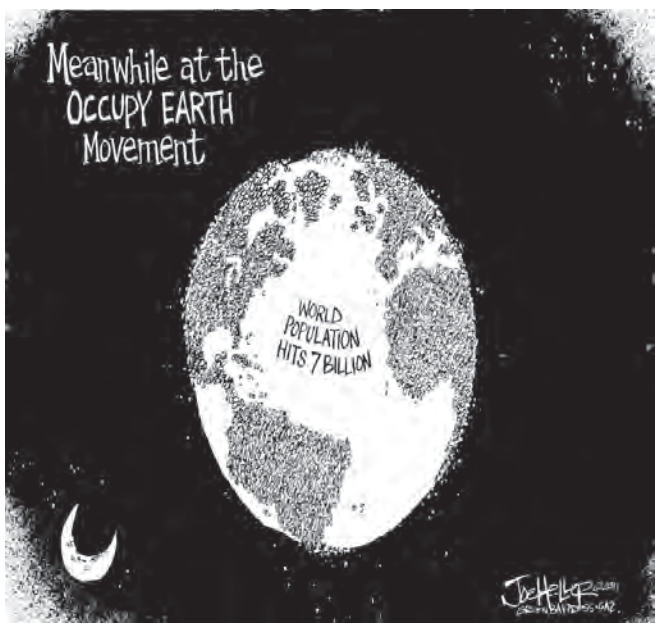
Back to the secular kind of epiphany. One day I was playing around with my guitar and it suddenly hit me — an easy way to transpose chords from one key of music to another. So now I can play "Gentle On My Mind" in several different keys. It broadened my musical abilities — not enough to sell everything and move to Nashville but enough so that my wife could actually tell what I was playing. I had an epiphany.

Now I don't think the word epiphany has ever been used in a country music song, although lots of singers and songwriters have had them. For instance, the late Jerry Reed had a song out many years ago in which he described his failed marriage. Basically he was drowning in child support and she had half his stuff. Suddenly in retrospect he asked himself, "Why didn't I just learn how to cook?" That is an epiphany. More specifically, that's an epiphany after the fact.

Some epiphanies are bigger and more important than others. When Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison and the Wright Brothers had their epiphanies, they greatly impacted our lives. I have no idea who had that sudden realization that brought us indoor toilets, but that's an epiphany we probably take for granted once or twice a day. Ironically, there probably were instances where people had epiphanies while seated in out-houses. Lots of deep thinking went on there.

So one day you are going to be watching a congressman on television telling us why the horse got out of the barn and who left the gate open and if you'll just re-elect him, he will close the barn door. And it's going to hit you right between the eyes. Term limits! You will have had an epiphany.

(Dwain Walden is editor/publisher of The Moultrie Observer, 985-4545. Email: dwain.walden@gaflnews.com)




## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### Do you think it's fair for online companies to be exempt from sales taxes?

❑ Yes ❑ No

*See special CNHI series on this subject, Page 12A and local business owners' reaction, Page 18A.*

## ONLINE OPPORTUNITY

**Poll Results** (10-21-11)

**Do you think the Suwannee County commission should approve a landfill taking household garbage near the city water tower?**

Yes -- 4%
No -- 89%
Doesn't matter -- 7%

This poll is not scientific and reflects the opinions of only those Internet users who have chosen to participate. The results cannot be assumed to represent the opinions of Internet users in general, nor the public as a whole. **www.suwanneedemocrat.com**

# Tractor Supply has grand opening

**By Jeffry Boatright**
jeffry.boatright@gaflnews.com

City officials and representatives from the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce gathered on the morning of October 21, to join the managers and employees of Live Oak's new Tractor Supply for its grand opening ceremony.

According to Live Oak's Tractor Supply Assistant Manager Aaron Barber, the company is the largest farm supply retail chain in the country.

"It is a plus to have Tractor Supply in our county," President of the Suwannee County Economic Alliance Dennis Cason said. "Many dollars that have been spent outside of our county can now be spent locally."

The new store, which is located at 207 72nd Trace near Lowe's in Live Oak, is now open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sundays.

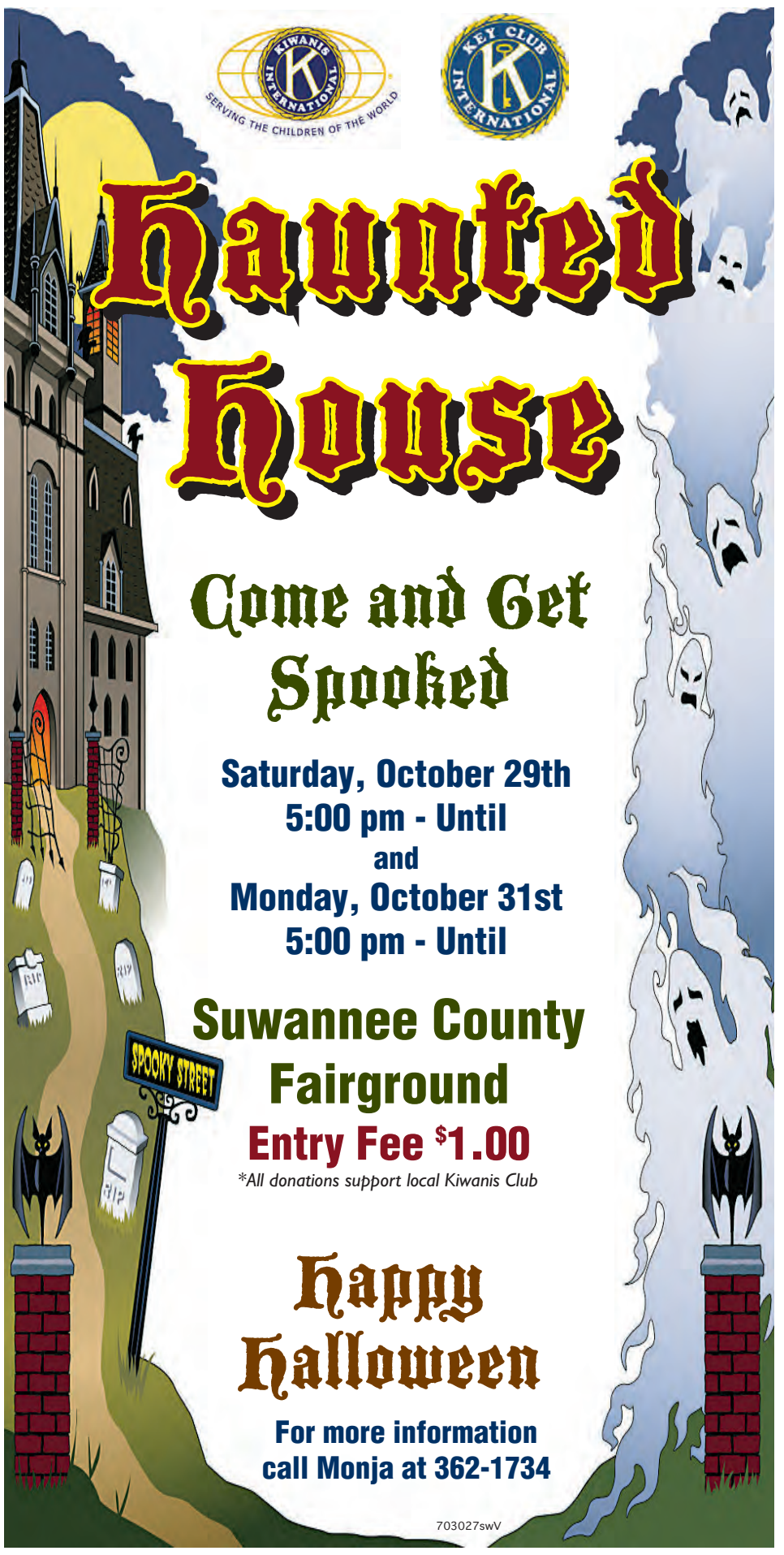
# 50/50 drawing for Relay for Life winner will be announced at SHS homecoming game

Relay for Life of Suwannee County is selling tickets for a 50/50 chance drawing to be held at the SHS homecoming football game on Friday, October 28.

Tickets will be on sale all day Friday and at the game Friday night. If you would like to purchase a chance drawing ticket, please contact Event Chair Ashley Napier at 386-249-4432 or ashleyn@svec-coop.com or Team Development Chair Denny Tompkins at 386-688-3344 or cdtom@hotmail.com. You may also stop by Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative to purchase tickets. Winner will receive 50 percent of total money raised by ticket sales and has to be present to win, as the winner will be announced toward the end of half time at the Homecoming game

# The Reader's Lens

Submit your photos to the Suwannee Democrat. See an interesting shot? Take a photo and send it in for submission. It doesn't have to involve a story - just a photo submitted by you of everyday life in Suwannee County. Email photos with information to nf.editorial@gaflnews.com.



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**Both the young and old alike can appreciate Halloween. What's not to like about the one day when both children and adults are given permission to assume new identities, indulge their sweet tooth with candy bars and candy apples and carve silly faces into an orange vegetable to illuminate with light? Halloween is a holiday that everyone looks forward to, so to take the fullest advantage of Halloween festivities for you and your family, check out these tips that will make you count down the days until October 31.**

For a healthy and happy Halloween with your children, take these precautions:

**Trick-or-treating**

- Never send your children out by themselves to trick-or-treat, especially in strange neighborhoods. Stick to neighborhoods you're familiar with, and stick with your children.

- Teach your young children to only take one piece of candy and to always remember to say thank you.

- If you allow your pre-teens to trick-or-treat without adult supervision, establish a reasonable hour when they must be home.

**Candy**

- Inspect what treats your child receives. Tampering with treats is not unheard of. Be suspicious of open wrappers or homemade food items such as candy apples.

- For toddlers, chewy candies, like gum and taffy, and peanuts should not be eaten because they are potential choking hazards.

- Chewy candy, like caramel, is also unhealthy for teeth because they stick to them longer, increasing the risk of developing cavities. Have children brush their teeth right after eating.

- Limit the amount of candy your child consumes or spread the candy out for the next week or two. Certain candies, even the bite-size ones, contain a huge amount of sugar and saturated fat.

- Make sure to give your children a hearty, healthy meal before going out to trick-or-treat so they don't get tired or hungry along the way, and don't overindulge in candy when they get home.

**Live Oak Police Department**
**would like to remind everyone to have a Safe and Happy Halloween.**
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# Vivid Visions Inc. receives $20,000

As part of $3 Million Nationwide Grant from the Mary Kay Foundation to combat domestic violence in Live Oak

Mary Kay Shelter Grant program to help many of the 61,000 domestic violence survivors assisted each day in the United States.

Vivid Visions Inc. has been chosen to receive a $20,000 grant from The Mary Kay Foundation as part of the organization's annual $3 million national domestic violence grant program. Vivid Visions is one of 150 domestic violence organizations participating in the program. The grant will be used to provide transportation for victims to obtain goals of housing and employment. It will also be used for shelter improvements such as new mattresses, blinds, light fixtures and also shelter supplies.

"This grant is such a blessing to Vivid Visions in a variety of ways," said Kathy White, Executive Director. "Not only does it make up for a deficit in funding this year but also gives us hope and strength to continue what we do. Domestic violence is not going away and deserves very serious attention. Programs to help battered women and their children require a lot of resources. That's why we are so thankful The Mary Kay Foundation is helping us help families in Live Oak.

Domestic Violence Outlook

According to the second "Mary Kay Truth About Abuse" national survey conducted in March 2011, domestic violence shelters indicated the economic downturn has increased the demand for services. Shelters also report, the ability to raise funds and provide services will be hampered into 2012. Due to the economy, the survey also revealed:

• 80 percent of domestic violence shelters nationwide (more than three out of four) report an increase in women seeking assistance from abuse, and most attribute this to financial issues.

• 76 percent of domestic violence shelters (three out of four) indicate their funding has decreased.

• 65 percent of women in shelters can't find employment due to the economy.

• 56 percent of shelters note the abuse is more violent now than before the economic downturn.

"in light of the economic downturn and alarming increases in domestic violence, The Mary Kay Foundation's mission is more critical than ever before. Vivid Visions has helped so many women and their families in the Live Oak area. We know they will use these funds to benefit even more domestic violence survivors and their children and help domestic violence," said Jennifer Cook, The Mary Kay Foundation board member.

To learn more about The Mary Kay Foundation, log onto www.marykayfoundation.org or call 1-877-MK-CARES (652-2737.

# Going a step further

*By Jeffry Boatright*

Students and staff of Suwannee Middle School rallied together on Oct. 15 to show their support in the fight against cancer.

Students and staff at SMS readily exhibit their awareness of cancer, but they have chosen to go a step further and do something about it. Through Yankee Candle sales, SMS students have raised $11,000. Of that, the school will receive a 40 percent profit, which will be contributed to Relay for Life. In addition to the proceeds from Yankee Candle sales, over $1,000 was raised through a silent auction of baked goods that were contributed by staff.

The SMS cancer awareness event recognized winners from the Yankee Candle sales campaign. SMS was also pleased to recognize cancer survivors from the district.

Survivors from the district.
From left: Ta-Trease Sapp, Karen Williams, SMS Student Tevin Ford (son of survivor Teresa Ford), Teresa Ford, Sylvia Taylor, Carla Williams and Hope Hughes.

From left: Lindsey Frost, Adela Vargas, Victoria McDonal and Alexis Brown. Not pictured: Kayla Bell.

SMS Teacher Melissa Brinson accepts the second place prize for her class's effort in Yankee Candle sales at SMS.

The banner created by the girls above. - Photos: Jeffry Boatright

# Embrace Life Learn Awareness

October is S.I.D.S. awareness month. S.I.D.S. stands for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is the unexplained death of an infant that remains unexplained after a complete autopsy and death scene
investigation.

SIDS is the number one cause of death for infants between the ages of one month and one year. SIDS, sometimes also known as "crib death," strikes over 3,000 families each year. More babies die of SIDS than will die of AIDS, cystic fibrosis, childhood cancer, pneumonia, child abuse, and childhood heart disease during their first fourteen years.

Statistically, S.I.D.S. strikes males more than females with a sixty to forty percent ratio and is more common in the fall and winter. In large, researchers today are still quiet puzzled as to the cause of S.I.D.S. There are some theories as to what may be going on in a potential brainstem defect in infants that have died from S.I.D.S., but much more research is needed. Unfortunately, because what actually goes on within the body that leads to S.I.D.S. is not well understood, the medical community has struggled to provide clear answers to parents and healthcare providers alike; answers that are desperately needed to put a stop to the almost three thousand infant deaths per year caused by S.I.D.S. in the U.S.

Ella

According to the Mayo Clinic, several infant and maternal risk factors exist for SIDS. Although sudden infant death syndrome can strike any infant, researchers have identified several factors that may increase a baby's risk. They include:

**Sex.** Boy babies are more likely to die of SIDS.

**Age.** Infants are most vulnerable during the second and third months of life.

**Race.** For reasons that aren't well understood, black, American Indian or Eskimo infants are more likely to develop SIDS.

**Family history.** Babies who've had siblings or cousins die of SIDS are at higher risk of SIDS themselves.

**Maternal risk factors** The risk of SIDS is also affected by maternal factors associated with the pregnancy, including:

Mother under the age of 20

Smoking cigarettes (or smoking around your baby)

Drug or alcohol use

Inadequate prenatal care

The American Academy of Pediatrics lists the following recommendations for safe infant sleep: (1) Always place your baby on his or her back to sleep, for naps and at night. (2) Avoid development of a flat head by encouraging "tummy time" when the infant is awake and observed; reduce time in car-seat carriers and "bouncers" which apply pressure to the back of the head, encourage upright "cuddle time," and alternate the supine head position during sleep. (3) Place baby on a firm sleep surface, such as a on a safety-approved crib mattress, covered by a fitted sheet. (4) Keep soft objects, toys, and loose bedding out of baby's sleep area. (5) Keep your baby's sleep area close to, but separate from, where you and others sleep. (6) Consider offering a clean, dry pacifier at nap time and bedtime. (7) Do not let your baby over heat during sleep. (8) Use light clothes and a bedroom temperature comfortable for a lightly clothed adult. (9) Avoid products that claim to reduce the risk of SIDS — none have been tested sufficiently to show efficacy or safety. (10) Do not use home monitors to reduce the risk of SIDS, although it is okay to use them for other reasons. Talk this over with your healthcare provider.

The name itself it terrifying for any parent to think of, much less live through.

# S.I.D.S AWARENESS

My wife Cristina and I now join that infamous club of parents who have lost a child to S.I.D.S. We were shocked to learn through the Florida S.I.D.S. Alliance that seventy-five percent of infants lost to S.I.D.S. had no risk factors. As with us, we followed all of the above recommendations for Ella.

Public education to eliminate risk factors and providing recommendations on a safe sleep environment over the years have decreased S.I.D.S. deaths by fifty percent. However, as with our baby girl Ella, she had no risk factors and despite immediate infant CPR done at the scene before EMS arrived and despite all the life saving techniques performed, Ella lost the battle.

As parents of a child that was lost to S.I.D.S., we had many questions that naturally came to mind and still do to this day. Was there something we did wrong as parents? Did we miss something that was wrong with Ella? Was she sick in some way that we did not recognize? Should we have bought an apnea monitor to track her breathing at nap and nighttime? These questions can haunt you as a parent for the rest of your life. Because I practice medicine as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, I began to have more in-depth questions about S.I.D.S. My wife certainly had many, many questions for me because of my medical knowledge. As I have investigated S.I.D.S more, I have found myself asking even more questions than finding answers; which is the most frustrating aspect of S.I.D.S., what happens to these infants? We do know that S.I.D.S. strikes unexpectedly and without warning.

There is hope in the future for solving the puzzle of S.I.D.S. Currently at many children's hospitals throughout the United States, research is making progress, albeit slow. As with any medical illness or condition, awareness is a big part of driving funding for such research. The American SIDS Institute (www.sids.org) is an excellent source of accurate information and latest research work being done. The American Academy of Pediatrics is also an excellent resource for more information.

On a personal note, losing our Ella to S.I.D.S. will be our biggest challenge to deal with the rest of our lives. My wife and I are currently working on increasing awareness through the E.L.L.A. (Embrace Life. Learn Awareness) program.

In closing, if you have ever lost a child, you quickly realize you will never "get over" the loss of a child, but I know with our faith and time, it will get easier to deal with. However, if you're a parent or grandparent reading this story, please do not live in fear of S.I.D.S. But please be aware of S.I.D.S. and you will find that awareness IS very empowering.

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# E-commerce raises question of sales tax fairness

**By Maureen Hayden**
CNHI News Service

NORMAL, Ill. – Dick Smith thrives on competition. At 69, he braved the heat and sandstorms of the Saharan desert to compete against rivals half his age this summer on ABC's adventure reality show, "Expedition Impossible."

Smith was edged out before he could reach the finish line, but the retired Army Ranger felt he'd been in a fair fight. He doesn't say the same for the small-store business climate to which he returned and relies on for his livelihood.

Smith contends his outdoor-gear store in this central Illinois college town is forced to play by unfair tax rules that compel him to add almost 8 percent in sales tax to a customer's bill, but exclude his online competitors from the same burden.

"I have people come in here all the time who tell me they can get their gear cheaper online," Smith said. "When I have to add on that sales tax, it isn't tough math to do."

Smith is among a growing chorus of bricks-and-mortar small businesses protesting what they see as tax law inequities driving them to the brink by requiring they collect and remit sales taxes while their electronic counterparts prosper through tax-free goods and services.

Studies show more than 1 of every 4 dollars in purchases covered by sales taxes go uncollected in the U.S. because of online transactions, adding up to an estimated $12 billion annually in lost revenue, according to the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Tennessee.

Giant online retailer Amazon opened this 630,000-square-foot warehouse in Boone County, Ind., in return for exempting it from collecting sales taxes. - Photo/Lebanon, Ind., Reporter

The biggest beneficiaries are Amazon, eBay, Overstock and other giant online retailers that operate almost entirely in cyberspace. But there are also a multitude of smaller Internet businesses that reap the rewards of tax-free commerce. They object to collecting sales taxes because of the varied rates and exemption rules across the country.

And they are protected by a 1992 Supreme Court ruling that mandates retailers to collect and remit sales taxes only in those states where they have a physical presence such as a store or headquarters. The decision came about in a test case involving catalog sales but the principle was extended to Internet sales as e-commerce evolved.

Bricks-and-mortar stores, including big-box operators Walmart and Target, didn't say much at first, but now they're ratcheting up the pressure on politicians to close the sales tax loophole for online retailers, and close it in a hurry.

The Supreme Court left open the door for Congress to enact a national solution, but there had been little interest in doing so until revenue shortfall caused by the persistent recession had state and local governments hunting tax dollars wherever they can find them. The push for a remedy is also driven by the accelerated pace of e-commerce and its negative impact on Main Street businesses.

The U.S. Census Bureau, for example, projects online retail sales in the U.S. will hit the $200 billion mark in 2012, up from $135 billion in 2009. Online sales for the upcoming holiday season are expected to surpass last year's record-breaking $32 billion.

Brian Simpson (right), owner of Babbitt's Books in Normal, Ill., has a growing audience of online buyers that don't pay sales taxes through an affiliate agreement with Amazon. - Photo/Terre Haute, Ind., Tribune Star

Forty-five states and scores of municipalities levy sales taxes, with various exemptions for essentials such as food, clothing and medicine. Consumers in those jurisdictions are legally obliged to keep track of their tax-free online purchases, and account for the uncollected taxes when they submit their annual tax returns.

This honor system is called a "use tax" and few people pay attention to it. Nor do the states and municipalities do much to enforce it.

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., understands the competitive disadvantage faced by bricks-and-mortar stores. He also calls the loss of billions of bucks in sales tax revenue "real money" for cash-strapped states that have cut funding for schools, police, libraries, roads and social services.

In July, Durbin filed federal legislation to compel online retailers to start collecting sales taxes. Dubbed the Main Street Fairness Act, it creates a national framework for simplifying and streamlining a sales tax system complicated by the various tax jurisdictions.

In October, Reps. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., and Steve Womack, R-Ark., filed a similar bill in the House, calling it the Marketplace Equity Act. It gives the states more flexibility than Durbin's proposal in setting up a collection and enforcement structure.

Back in middle-America Normal, where one-third of the town budget is funded with sales tax receipts, Mayor Chris Koos feels the crunch of eroding revenue. He said sales tax receipts there are down about 40 percent.

"We're on a bare-bones budget as it," said Koos. "But I have citizens asking me all the time: 'Why can't the town provide more services'?"

Durbin traveled to Normal recently for a press conference where Smith, a self-described "small government Republican," declared his support for the Democrat's big-government solution.

"I don't like the federal government telling business what to do, but right now we've got a tax code that's creating winners and losers," Smith said. "All I want is a level playing field."

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Dick Smith, owner of a dive shop in Normal, Ill., and a former Army Ranger, says his online competitors have a significant advantage over his bricks-and-mortar store because they don't collect sales taxes. - Photo/Terre Haute, Ind., Tribune Star

Mayor Chris Koos of Normal, Ill., owner of an outdoor recreation goods store, supports federal legislation requiring online retailers to collect state and local sales taxes. - Photo/Terre Haute, Ind., Tribune Star

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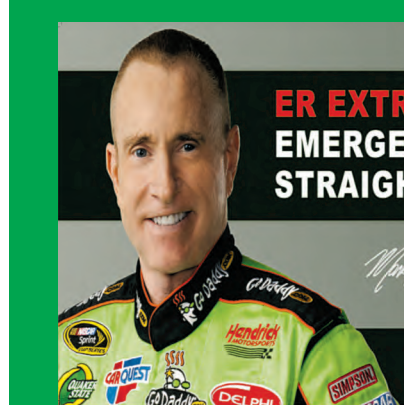
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# Lady Bucs go pink

The Branford Buccaneers girls' varsity volleyball team goes pink for breast cancer awareness month. - Photo by: Jack Howdeshell

## Branford FFA corn maze, hay ride, corn bin house, games at fall festival

Branford High School agriculture students assist FFA advisor and agriculture instructor Stacy Young in repairing their mower that had not been cooperating with them to get the field ready for the fall festival on Saturday.

**By Misty A. Ward**
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From seeds to stalks, the Branford Future Farmers of America will be opening their corn maze to the public this Saturday, in coordination with the fall festival.

The event is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for families with small children or for the faint at heart. At 7 p.m., the maze will reopen, "for a haunting experience," FFA advisor Stacy Young said.

The day of festivities is $10 per family which includes a hay ride from the Branford High School football field, roping games, a corn bin house, pumpkin rolling games, dress up the scarecrow and other games and activities. Families can take fall pictures in the harvest scene area, complete with hay bales and pumpkins. The FFA chapter requests families to bring a personal camera. Activities are unlimited with the gate admission.

There will be chili and chili dogs for sale by the FFA Alumni available to purchase in the afternoon

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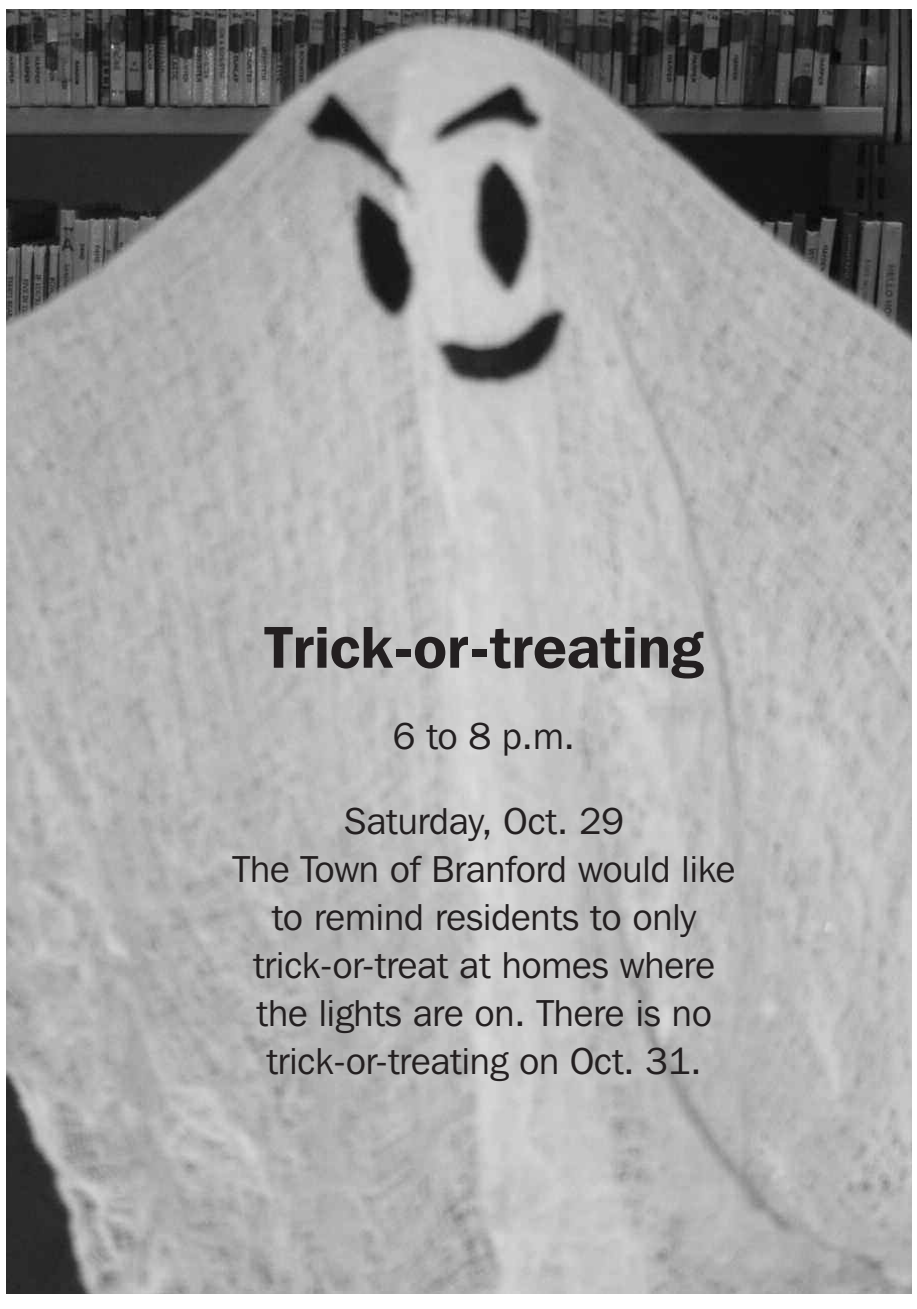


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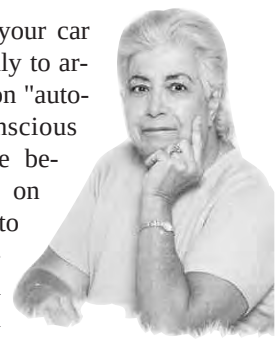
## "Bits & Pieces"

*By Ana Smith*



Have you ever gotten in your car and driven to some point, only to arrive and feel as if you were on "automatic pilot", with no conscious memory of the actual drive because you had other things on your mind? It's happened to me a lot, but this past Monday, as I ran an errand in Branford, I was struck with a welcome thought as I drove into town, just how pretty and clean a town Branford is!

From the first homes that came into view, the areas along US 129 as I drove into the area starting at the rodeo grounds, all the way through town to the outskirts, every place I looked was mowed, sideways and curb sides clean of debris, businesses spruced up, parking lots also clean of trash. I was surprised at the thought, since I've made this same trip thousands of times in the last 22 years. Why hadn't I noticed that before? If I did notice, how come this time it was like seeing it for the first time?

I couldn't help but feel that this is a community that has pride in itself, that cares about its town, a fact that I've come to truly appreciate since it's part of where I live, too. To the homeowners, business owners, and to the town of Branford, kudos to your dedication to keeping this a welcoming town, both in its people relationships and pride in its town.

Monday night I brought my old flag to Hatch Park where Sam Harrison and his Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops were having their meeting and accepting old flags that were ready to be "retired". If you have an old flag that has reached that point that you can no longer display it because it has become dirty, torn or tattered, and faded, there is a proper way to dispose of it. I'm inviting everyone, on behalf of troop 107, to call Sam Harrison at 386-288-6695 to make arrangements to bring your flag to a designated place or have it picked up. This includes businesses in any of the surrounding communities that have a flag ready to be retired. This scout troop will have a "flag-burning ceremony" on Nov. 11, the ceremony starting at 6 p.m. in Hatch Park and I can attest to the honor and respect shown to our American flag in the way this ceremony is carried out by this scout troop. There is a proper, respectful way to destroy this American icon, and this troop does it very well.

As I was heading back home from delivering my flag I passed a house on the north side of the street on W. Plant Ave., about three or four blocks east of US 129, with the yard decorated for Halloween. It's one of the

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homes that evidently loves decorating their yard for all the holidays, especially for Christmas, and they really put on a great show. Keep your eyes open if you're driving on this street, which is also called Branford Highway

"Toys For Kids" is kicking off this year's drive in order to provide a nice Christmas for all those families who are struggling to make ends meet. Emphasis this year is on good, heavy-weight coats and jackets for children, as well as money donations to buy shoes and items of clothing that growing children constantly need. One special item this group is already looking for is a guitar, used or new, for a young man whose only request is this guitar. If you have one that you never use, and that you would be willing to donate, you can call Roger Burnside at 386-935-3343. Unless a new one is donated, this is one Christmas gift that is too expensive for this group to buy, but a used one in good condition would be so greatly appreciated. Your donations of new toys, books, clothing, or money can be dropped off at the O'Brien Feed Depot (at the blinking light in O'Brien), at Branford Town Hall, or at Roger's home at 25241 S.R. 247 in Branford, just a short way past the Suwannee Oaks Animal Clinic. But please call first before taking your items to Roger's home to be sure he is there. Other drop-off places are pending, and I'll include them as they are confirmed. Or you can "adopt" a family for Christmas and make that family's holiday a truly happy and blessed one. Christmas is two months away, folks, so it's not too early to start helping this group out!

And the group of folks headed up by Pat and JoAnn Lynch has expanded the free lunch that is held the last Sunday of each month up into Jasper. The first free meal there was last month and was well received. This month it will be on Nov. 13, and is held at the community center there. So please, pass on this bit of information to any folks you know up in that area who would benefit from this caring group of people and a good, hot cooked meal. For more information about this, you can also call Roger Burnside.

The annual Scarecrow Festival is coming up, so read about it in this paper and plan to attend. It's a lot of fun for the whole family, and it's free!!!

I received an e-mail that was fun to read. It's called "Play on Words", and I thought you'd enjoy reading them, too!

"To write with a broken pencil is.....pointless!"

"When fish are in schools they.....take debate!"

"A thief who stole a calendar.....got twelve months!"

"When the smog lifts in Los Angeles.....U.C.L.A."

"The professor found that his theory of earthquakes.....was on shaky grounds!"

"The batteries were given out.....free of charge!"

Do you get the idea? I hope you do, and that you get a little laugh from them. Stay warm in this early cold spell. God bless!

*Ana Smith*


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**1) Is There Serenity In Your Home?**

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A Jesus filled home is where peace, kind words, affectionate deeds, play and work combine to produce a feeling of security and stability for members of the family!

**2) Do Your Share Responsibility?**

Perhaps today like no other OUT children are growing up not understanding responsibility. For some, when they receive a had grade, it's the teachers fault or the schools fault. We would never believe the parent or the student should take responsibility. We are told to train our children [Eph. 6:14]

**3) Is There Genuine Love?**

The atmosphere of the home must be that of love. 1 Cor. 13:4-8 commands us to love regardless. May Jesus truly be able to lean back in our recliner and feel at home!

*Ken Campbell, Evangelist*

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## Branford FFA corn maze, hay ride, corn bin house, games at fall festival

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and in the evening. The cheerleaders and other clubs will also have items for sale. It is $1 per person for the haunted maze.

"One hundred percent of the profits will be used for the school's land lab and FFA activities," Young said.

The costume parade starts at 3:30 p.m. Registration is at 3 p.m. at the Branford Shriners Club. Judges will be along the parade route checking out the costumes. Participants wishing to be in the costume contest, but not wanting to walk in the parade may sign up at the Branford High School track, no later than 4:30 p.m. The winner will be announced at 5 p.m. at the track.

Please contact Young at 386-935-5601 for more information regarding the FFA corn maze, fall festival or costume parade.


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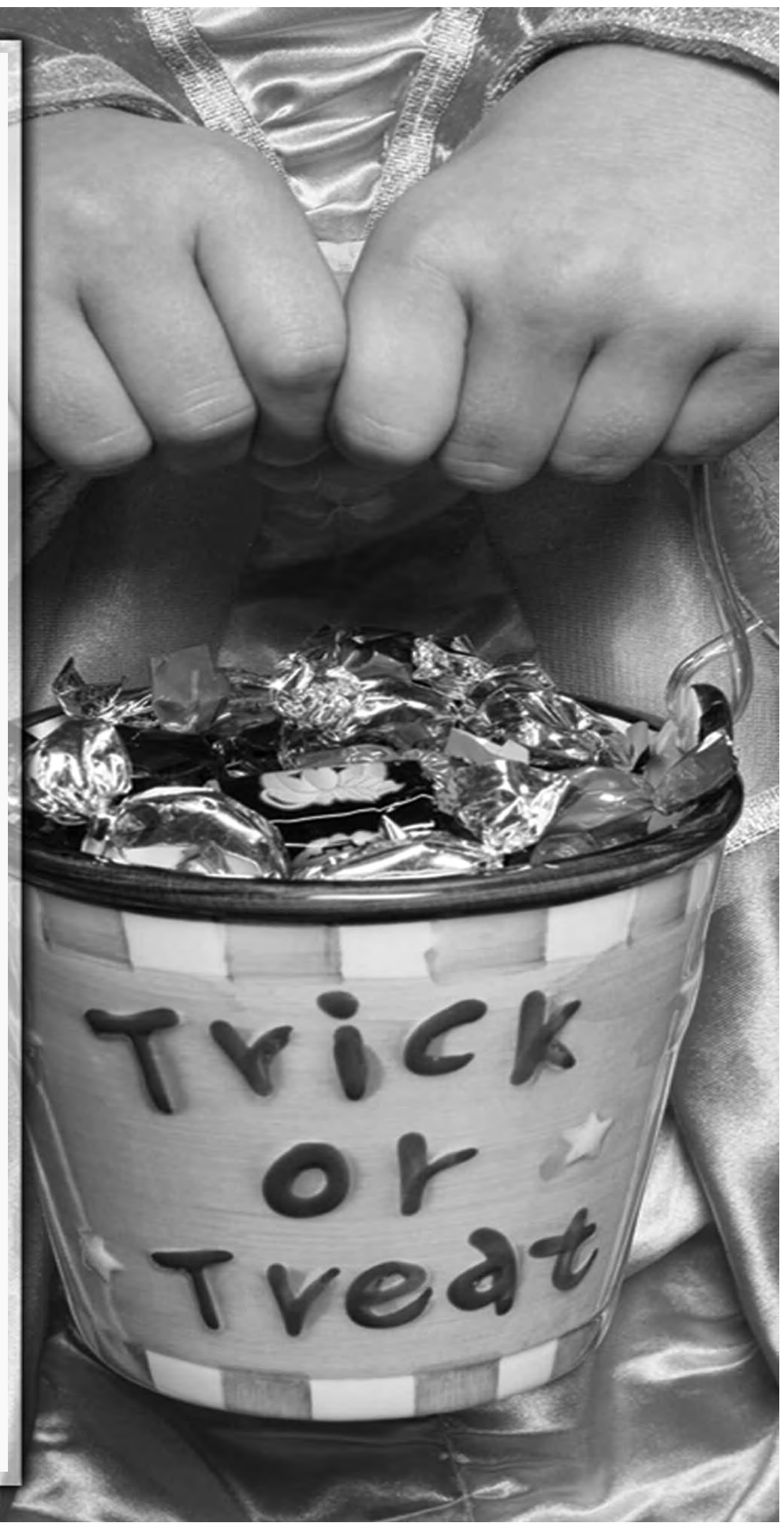


For kids, few holidays are more anticipated than Halloween. The chance to dress up in costume and patrol the neighborhood with friends while collecting treats is the highlight of many a child's autumn.

For parents, anticipation is replaced by anxiety. While kids are out trick-or-treating, parents may be home or at work hoping their kids are safe and sound. Because Halloween is so popular among kids, it's hard for parents to forbid trick-or-treating. But parents should instruct kids on the following tips to ensure this Halloween is as safe as it is fun.

*** Strangers' homes are off limits.** Make sure kids know they should never enter the home of a stranger, no matter how friendly or welcoming that stranger may seem.

*** There's no going it alone.** Kids should not be permitted to go out alone. When trick-or-treating, kids should always be accompanied not only by their friends, but there must be at least one adult chaperone present at all times. Parents should get together several weeks before Halloween to determine who will chaperone, where kids will be trick-or-treating and during what hours.

*** Stay close to home.** Kids should stay in their own neighborhood and only visit homes of neighbors they know. Advise kids to steer clear of homes whose doors are hidden from street view. Chaperones should accompany kids to the front door if visibility from the street is poor.

*** Choose safe costumes**. Kids should wear costumes made of light colored material. If a child insists on a favorite costume that uses largely dark material, attach reflective tape to the costume so your favorite reveler is easily visible to motorists during twilight and nighttime hours when it's not always easy for drivers to see.

*** No toy guns.** Toy guns are just asking for trouble, as many of today's replicas are easily confused with the real thing. Play it safe and choose costumes that aren't accessorized with toy guns.

*** Bring a flashlight along**. Night falls quickly in late October, so kids and chaperones alike should carry a flashlight to improve their visibility and make them more visible to passing motorists.

*** Stick to the sidewalks.** Trick-or-treaters should stick to the sidewalks and always cross the street at corners. Don't walk in the street, and never walk between parked cars when crossing the street, as it's especially difficult for motorists to anticipate pedestrians walking or running from behind parked cars into the street.

*** Be wary of masks.** Many masks restrict a child's vision, so look for one that provides sufficient visibility. If a child's favorite mask is low on visibility, make children agree to remove their mask when crossing the street.

Parents understandably worry when kids go trick-or-treating. But a few simple safety lessons shared with children can ensure everyone gets home safe.

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# Business owners want fairness on sales taxes

*Editor's note: As part of a CNHI special series, Unpaid Billions, Suwannee Democrat reporter Jeffry Boatright spoke with several business owners recently who shared how they feel about online retailers being exempt from collecting state and local sales taxes.*

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"If they (Internet retailers) paid the wholesaler taxes, then I'm okay. The thing is, let's be fair! I am an American. Let's all be Americans for a change, not democrat or republican. Let's make it work and be fair."
-Dwight Ragan, Ragan's Appliance Parts and Service

"We could sell retail items but it isn't worth the hassle of keeping up with state sales tax."
-John Brazell, Stewart's Barbershop

"I think there should be consistency when it comes to requiring sales tax."
-Nancy McCullers, Suwannee Antiques

"Our best way to compete with the Internet businesses is through customer service. When the virtual stores do not have overhead and often do not pay sales tax, it makes it difficult."
-Randy and Patti Jordan, The Bible Bookstore

"It is difficult for traditional stores to compete with Internet businesses. The overhead expenses of local businesses really makes it trying when the competition can often sell online without charging taxes. We try to support local business, but they are losing sales to online businesses because Internet stores do not always have comparable expenses and taxation to keep up with that local businesses do."
-Leslie Lytle, Custom Illusionz

# Decker announces candidacy for circuit judge

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the position of circuit judge because I desire to serve the people of Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor counties. I understand that being a judge is a sacred undertaking and the highest service to which a lawyer can aspire."

"For 33 years I have represented citizens throughout our North Florida area. My practice has blessed me with the opportunity to help families and small businesses in our community. I believe that I have the knowledge and experience to be a circuit court judge. A judge is a servant of the people elected to uphold the laws enacted by the people and not to make or create laws on his own. As a circuit judge I would treat all those who appear before me with dignity and respect."

Decker has practiced law for 33 years and has handled a wide variety of civil matters throughout his career in private practice. He has served as legal counsel for citizens, government bodies, and business and civic organizations in the Third Circuit. He has represented clients in foreclosure and bankruptcy cases to help families save their homes, estate planning matters, real estate closings and complex business and commercial litigation.

As an undergraduate, Decker attended Duke University, earning a dual major in English and zoology, and his post-graduate studies include work in the field of microbial genetics at Georgetown University. He attended law school at the University of Florida, graduating with honors.

He is a past member of the Judicial Nominating Committee for the Third Judicial Circuit. He previously served on the Professional Ethics Committee of The Florida Bar. Decker is a current member of the Third Judicial Circuit Bar Association and the Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association. Decker recently completed a term as the Chairman of the Third Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee.

In addition to the professional work on behalf of many clients in the Third Circuit, Decker has devoted his time and pro bono services to Love in the Name of Christ, and many charitable, civic and church organizations. Decker has also taught Sunday school classes for over 25 years and has lectured on the books of the Bible in numerous churches in the North Florida area. He is a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church where he has served as Parish Council President.

Decker has been married to his wife Rose for 38 years and they have two children, AJ and Rosie, who are both lawyers who work with their father in his law firm.

# Two face attempted murder charge

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pulled up and began arguing with Jones. Jones then reportedly opened his trunk and retrieved the .22 caliber rifle and pointed it at McCloud, who then fled the scene in his vehicle, HCSO stated.

Jones and the occupants of his vehicle then pursued McCloud to the address on 38th Terrace. McCloud pulled into the yard and exited his vehicle. Jones pulled up behind him, and when McCloud started running, Jones fired three shots at him, reports state.

Jones told authorities that McCloud fired a gun at him first and he returned fire. Fields and the female passenger stated they did not see McCloud with a gun and the only shots they heard were the three from Jones' rifle. Witnesses at the residence advised that they only heard three shots.

While at the S&S, Jones said that he also retrieved a .40 caliber pistol from the trunk and placed it on the front seat of the car. Both Fields and the female passenger stated Fields had the pistol in his hand while Jones was pursuing McCloud. When Jones pulled up to the residence behind McCloud, Fields said he got out of the car with the gun, but he didn't fire it.

Officers recovered 3, .22 caliber shell casings at the scene, the .22 caliber rifle and the .40 caliber pistol from Jones' vehicle.

Jones has since been released on a $100,000 surety bond while Fields remains incarcerated.

Fields is wanted in Suwannee County for three counts of burglary of a conveyance and grand theft III. He is being held with no bond. He also faces a charge of violation of probation.

# Branford man gets 18 months

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asking him to meet them at a specified location to repair a broken trailer axle. Upon arriving at the location, the victim found no one there and returned home.

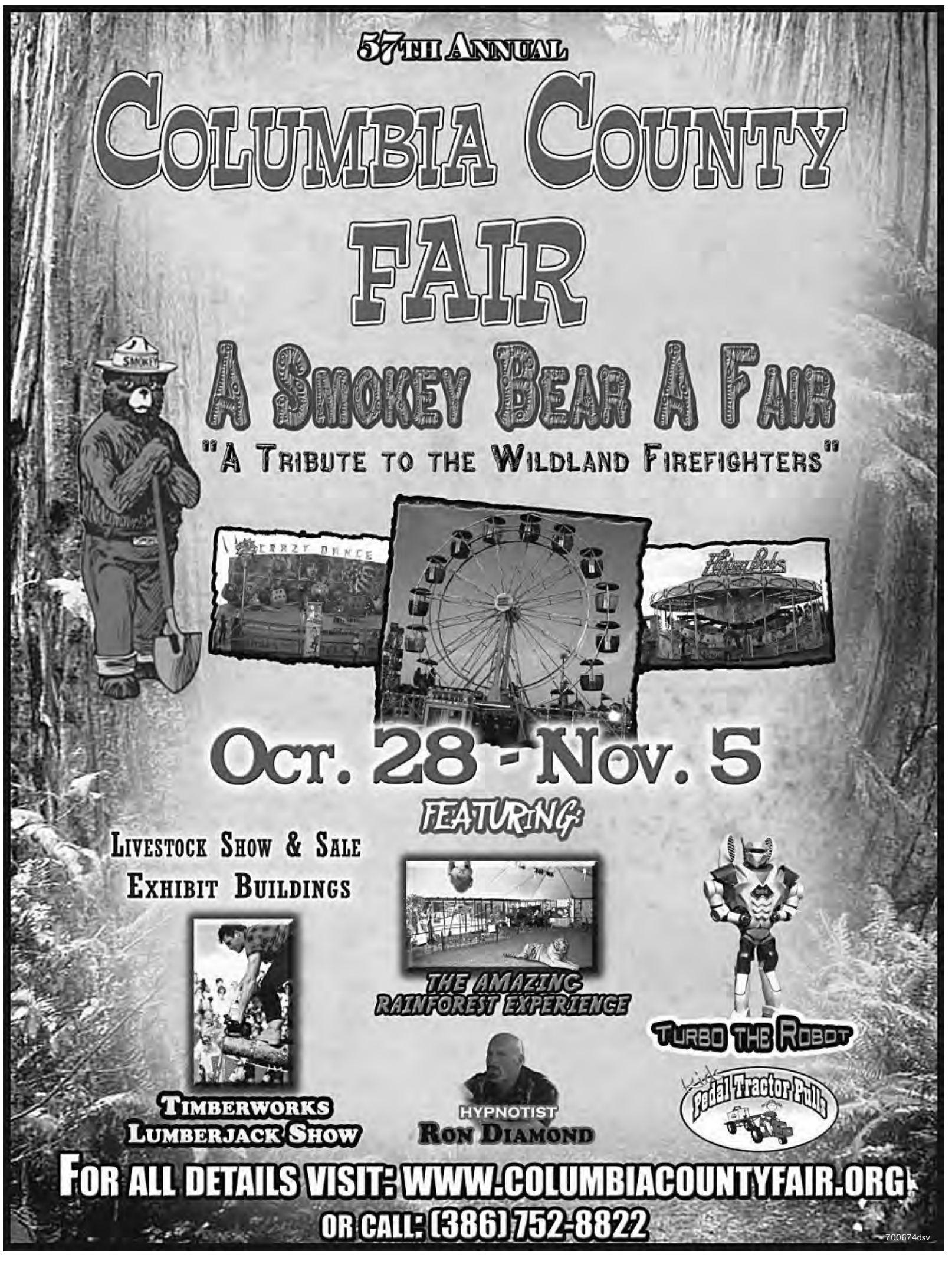
When the victim returned home, he discovered that his residence had been broken into and several guns and pistols had been stolen.

Reports show that one of Gregory's co-defendants, Colby Williams, was suspected by the victim and when police arrived at the residence of Williams, Gregory and the other defendant, Dalton Harper were on location.

A leather belt containing several .22 caliber shells in sleeves were located in Harper's vehicle as were many of the guns. The remaining weapons were later located in a vacant trailer, according to reports.

Sheriff's records show that Williams admitted to authorities that he, along with Gregory and Harper, had entered the home of the victim and taken the guns. Williams told police that Harper had placed the telephone call to get the victim out of the residence so they could break in and take the weapons.

In addition to the prison sentence imposed on Gregory, he will be required to pay $1,668 in court costs, fees, fines and restitution.

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The least harmful time to consume sugar is when it's part of a meal. So letting your child dip into the bag for a candy bar as dessert is about as good as it gets. As is always the case with children, vigilance is important. If you know your kids have gone on a bit of a Halloween binge, encourage them - or order them, as the case may be - to brush and floss thoroughly. Talk with your dentist about other way to minimize the dental dangers of Halloween.

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# Flag retirement ceremony at Hatch Park

Cub Scout Pack 570 and Boy Scout Troop 570 will be conducting an American flag retirement ceremony at Hatch Park in Branford, Florida on Veterans Day, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. The Scouts would like to encourage all veterans to come participate as they honor our flag. The community is invited to come watch the ceremony. For more information or to donate flags to retire please contact Crystal at 386-688-3469 or Holli at 386-935-0022.

# 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.

# 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, or find us on Facebook. Hope to see you there!


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October is
# National Breast Cancer Awareness month

- Photo: Misty A. Ward

"It has been a life changing experience. I don't think I'd take anything for my journey." - Reba Thompson

## Reba Thompson

*Everyone has their own personal journey*

**By Misty A. Ward**
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To each her own battle, so goes the journey for Reba Thompson of Branford. Her battle began with a different diagnosis.

In 2008, Thompson was diagnosed with hemochromatosis, which is a blood disorder where the body builds up too much iron. In order to get this disease under control, Thompson had to have bloodletting done twice a week for a year in order to get her iron levels back to normal. Due to the overload of iron in her liver, Thompson was then diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver.

"I was in the process of being placed on the transplant list to receive a donor liver. During the process they run you through every kind of test imaginable," Thompson said. "For one, they don't want to waste a liver on you if you can't survive the surgery, and two they want to make sure you don't have cancer or anything else that you're going to have to fight in addition to an organ."

According to Thompson, a mammogram was her very last test, which was eight months ahead of her regularly scheduled mammogram.

"I was totally blown away when I found out that I had a lump," she said.

The scan and biopsy confirmed that she did in fact have breast cancer.

Thompson said it was a personal choice for her, "everybody has their own journey and to make their own decision about what they can live with." She researched the options and decided the best solution for her was to have a bilateral mastectomy.

She said, "I did not want to wait down the road and get ready for transplant again and find that I had breast cancer in the other breast. That was something that I was not willing to take a chance on."

After her bilateral mastectomy, Thompson went ahead with getting implants, however, the outcome was not quite what she expected, "because of my blood disorder, I have genuine problems with blood counts and those sorts of things, healing ... all that plays in to my breast surgery. As a result of having the implants put in, I got an infection. I have had five breast surgeries in 18 months."

Although the battle seemed to be against Thompson, she said she never lost hope because of her strong faith and the prayers she receives daily from family and friends.

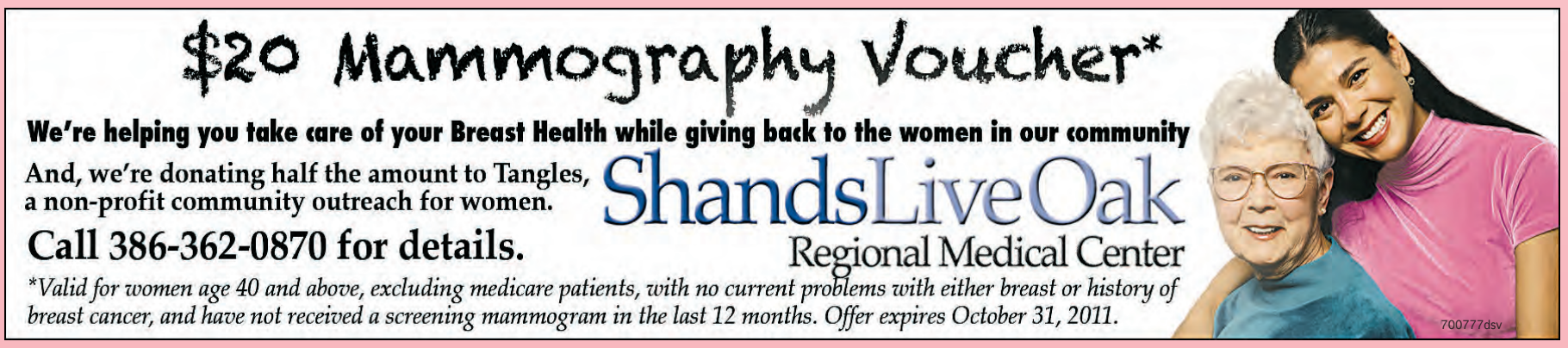
"Other than the initial shock, when I was at the doctor's office, I cried for maybe 10 minutes and I've never had another time since then that I have felt defeated or sorry for myself," Thompson said.

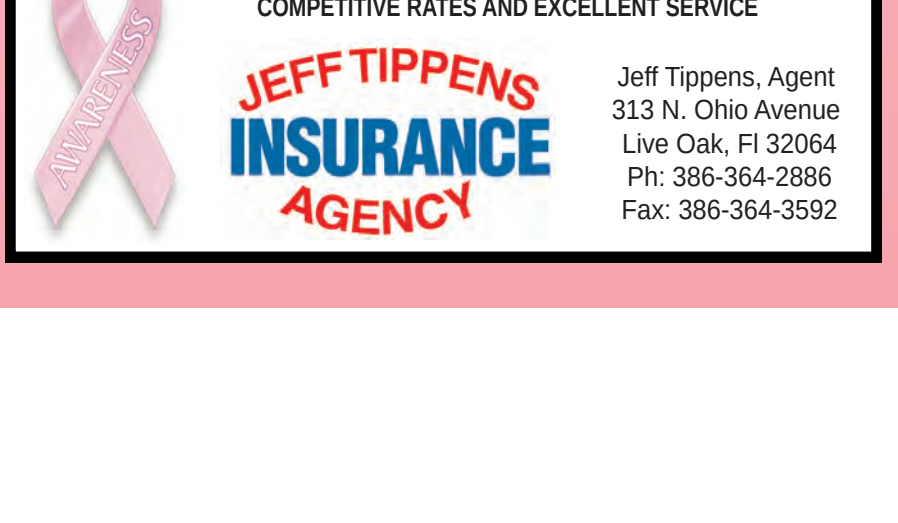
She has been to many doctor offices and has seen many cases of people around her that were devastated by disease, "You count yourself fortunate. To be able to get up everyday and just get about the business of living."

She is very proactive about asking people about getting mammograms. Thompson said she asks husbands, cashiers and Facebook friends across the country if they or someone they love has had their mammogram test done recently.

Thompson must be cancer free for three years in order to get back on the transplant list. She stays optimistic about her future, on Feb. 25, 2013, she would be eligible to get back onto the liver transplant list as long as she is still cancer free.

"It has been a life changing experience. I don't think I'd take anything for my journey. As bad as some people might think, the journey has been worthwhile because I have learned so much and gained strength from other people. Through my faith I know that God watches over me and he has a plan for my life. If this is His plan, then so be it," Thompson said.



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## Lady Bucs fall short at district finals

Buccaneer and Trojan go head to head to tip the ball. - Photos by: Jack Howdeshell

**By Misty A. Ward**
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The Branford Buccaneers girls' volleyball (4-11-0) lost their chance at playing in the district championships in a single elimination game Tuesday night against Hamilton County (5-9-0), 3-1.

"They played hard and just had a few mistakes," head coach LaDon Terry said. "The girls were confident and ready to play."

The first set, the Bucs were defeated 25-21. Branford rallied back and defeated Hamilton 25-16, keeping the Trojans back by 5 the whole match. Hamilton charged back in the third set with a score of 25-14.

In order to advance to the district championship on Thursday night, the Bucs needed to pull out two more wins. The fourth was even from the start, Branford had a four point advantage for two serves, but the rest of the set was holding the lead by one or two. Hamilton rallying back each time to tie it up. The two teams were tied throughout the set six times. The last tie happened at 22-22, Hamilton dominated the last three points defeating Branford 25-23.

"They just played hard, but maybe the other team wanted it a little bit more," Terry said.

Branford has three seniors that will be graduating this year with an even mix of underclassmen returning next season, Terry said, "In a year, this squad could be one of the dominating teams within the district."

Hamilton County played Lafayette High on Thursday night in Branford. The score was not available at press time. Both teams will advance to regionals.

**Branford Stats**

Senior Tori Larsen had 18 serves and five aces for the match.

Senior Jenna Deas delivered eight kills and one ace.

Sophomore Kasey Raulerson had two kills and one ace.

Senior Onalee Briggs had three kills.

Freshman Blair Bullock came in with 5 kills.

Freshman Katie White had one ace and three kills.

Junior Carolyn Woods had two blocks and two kills.

*See more photos, Page 2B*

## Alligator Lake Invitational SHS girls cross country results

Katie Stalvey. Photos by: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

Emily Hadden.

***Staff***

The Suwannee High School varsity girls cross country team placed 15th in the 5K Run CC at the Alligator Lake Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 22.

Suwannee scored 395 points with a total time of 2:05:10 and an average time of 25:02.

Freshman Katie Stalvey ran 22:47.83 for 58 points, placing 66 of 135. Junior Emily Hadden ran 24:27.96 for 75 points, freshman Megan Ellis ran 24:29.73 for 76 points, Sophomore Adriana Canjay ran 26:40.74 for 92 points, sophomore Morgan Loadholtz ran 26:43.74 for 94 points, Junior Jena Harper ran 29:10.44 for 100 points and senior Marylin Navarro ran 31:35.81 for 104 points.

*See more photos, Page 6B*

## 'Dogs take on the 'Dogs Homecoming tonight

***Staff***

The Suwannee Bulldogs take on the Taylor County Bulldogs tonight for homecoming at Paul Langford Stadium.

Suwannee comes into the match 1-6 in non-league play and 0-2 in league play.

Taylor County comes into the match 4-3 in non-league play and 1-1 in league play.

"We are excited about homecoming. The parade, activities and the Bulldog Bash are really great," said coach Willie Spears. "However, our part or role is the game. The last time we won homecoming was 2007 under coach (Tommy) Chambers and it was against Taylor County."

Taylor has beat Suwannee three times in the past two years, Spears said, including the spring jamboree.

"They also won 12 games last year, which is more than we have won in the past four years combined, so winning this year will feel real good as we sit at 1-6," said Spears.

Kickoff is at 7:30.

## Branford battles Bishop Snyder tonight

***Staff***

The Branford Buccaneers take on the Bishop Snyder Cardinals tonight at Bucs Stadium in Branford.

The Bucs go into the match 2-5 in non-league play and 0-2 in league play.

The Cardinals go into the match 4-5 in non-league play and 0-2 in league play.

The Bucs lost their last game, a conference match, to Hamilton County in Jasper 52-34.

The Cardinals lost their last game, also a conference match, 45-10.

# SPORTS

## Lady Bucs fall short at district finals

The emotions were running high at the match between Branford and Hamilton County. The Trojans defeated the Bucs in a single elimination match on Tuesday night in Branford, 3-1 for the chance to play Mayo in the district championship match.

Branford Buc serves up a volley. - Photos by: Jack Howdeshell

## Theresa Owens EWC's first sports hall of famer for softball and leadership

The Edward Waters College National Alumni Association, Inc. (EWCNAA), of Jacksonville, Fla., has recognized Theresa (Big"T") Owens on October 1, 2011 during the school's homecoming celebration. Theresa B. Owens attended Edward Waters College during 1985 through 1989. She played softball for four years. The "Lady Tigers" were proud members of an undefeated team only losing the final game of their four year winning streak. These women did not allow any team to make it past the fifth inning without a shut out called EWC's Favor. Theresa was a dynamic first basewoman with a mighty glove and could demonstrate an awesome "split" while using her showmanship to get her opponent out. Ms. Owens was named, "The F.I.A.C All Conference Player" for both faat and slow pitch softball where she received an award for, "Best Defense for First Base."

Theresa began her softball career in middle school and continued through her high school years. Afterward, Theresa, AKA Tee, played for the BWAC of Live Oak. During this time she received 21 first place tournaments trophies. Several of which was awarded for the highest batting average and most valuable player.

Theresa received a Bachelor of Art Degree after majoring in sociology and minoring in social work. Through the years she has worked as a counselor in Gainesville, Fla. at Interface Group Home and as a counselor III at Meridian Behavioral Healthcare of Lake City. Ms. Owens was also employed a s a residential advisor at Gainesville Job Corp.

She has coached fast pitch for the Suwannee Middle School Girls Softball Team and helped lead them to multiple runners up conference championships. Ms. Owens haws also coached girl's basketball and served as a cheerleader sponsor.

Currently, Theresa is working for Suwannee Middle School of Live Oak as a Para-Professional in the Physical Education Department. She is an active member of Mt. Mariah I.A.M.E. of Live Oak, where she served as an usher and currently sings in the Senior Choir. She does missionary work for "Love In The Name Of The Christ" and is on the Missionary Board at her church. Lastly, Ms. Owens enjoys visiting the nursing homes in her community.

Theresa would like to give special thanks to God and her parents, Cora and Jean Owens, who are celebrating their 50 years of marriage. In addition, she would like to thank her two sisters, Lana and Jeanette, two nephews, E'Leric and E'Nalee, family, friends, teachers and coaches for their support through the years. Lastly, I would like to thank EWC and my acclaimed coach Archie Gallon for considering me for the 2011 woman's softball hall of fame nominee. This award is one of my greatest achievements and I will cherish it for the rest of my life.

### Today's Weather

**Local 3-Day Forecast**

| Fri 10/28 | Sat 10/29 | Sun 10/30 |
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| 79/54 | 72/45 | 74/53 |
| Few showers. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s. | Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s. | Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s. |
| Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 6:48 PM | Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:47 PM | Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:46 PM |

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**Florida At A Glance**

# SPORTS

# Pee Wee season winding down

**By Jeffry Boatright**
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The slogan for the Suwannee County Parks and Recreation Department is, "It starts in Parks." That is exactly how and where football players who now enjoy high school, collegiate and even professional levels of the sport got their start.

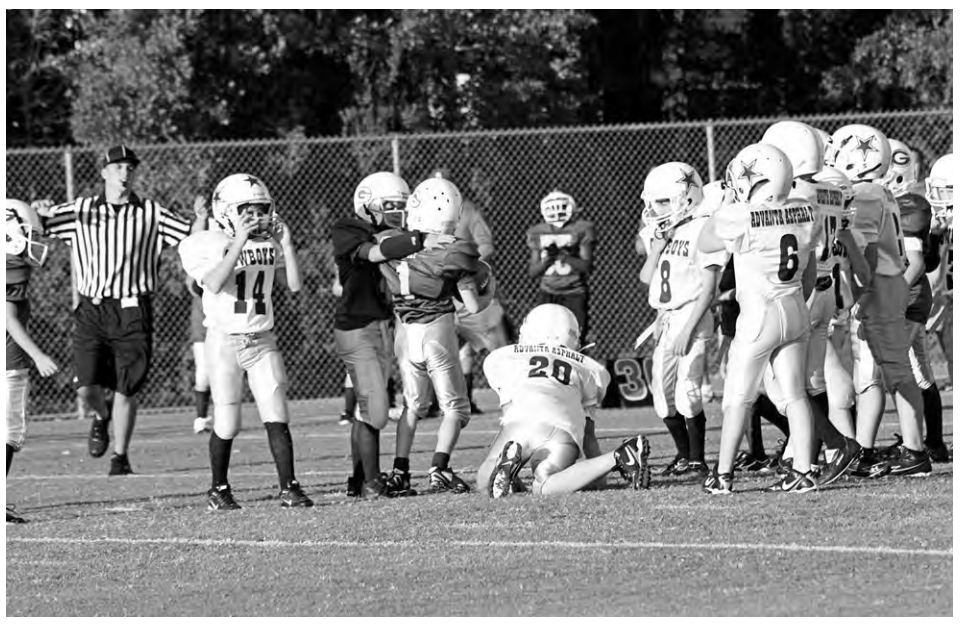
Suwannee County's Parks and Recreation Dept. currently has three teams in the nine and 10 year old Pee Wee League. Those teams include the Buccaneers, the Cowboys and the Packers.

The Cowboys and the Packers recently met for their second time and the Packers were victorious in both of those games.

"We have about 60 players in all," Alden Rosner of Suwannee Parks and Recreation said. "Each team has about twenty."

According to Rosner, the final games of the season for the Pee Wee League will be held next week.

In addition to the three teams taking the field against one another throughout the season, they compete with Pee Wee League teams from Jasper and Madison as well.



**SOCCER AGE DIVISIONS:**

6 & Under: For players ages 5 and 6 years old
8 & Under: For players ages 7 and 8 years old
10 & Under: For players ages 9 and 10 years old
13 & Under: For players ages 11 to 13 years old
*A player's age is determined as of December 31st, 2011*

**SOCCER PROGRAM INFO:**

Sign Ups: October 31st – December 2nd
Participants may register at the Suwannee Parks & Recreation office, located at the First Federal Sportsplex, 1201 Silas Drive in Live Oak, or online at www.suwanneeparksandrecreation.org
Cost: $65 on or before November 4th
$75 from November 7th – November 23rd

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Player Draft: Saturday, December 10th @ 10:00 am
First Federal Sportsplex
- 10U Player Draft: Field 3
- 13U Player Draft: Field 1

*No Player Draft for 6U & 8U Divisions*
Registration Deadline: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
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Midnight Madness from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. - $15 Armband Rides All Rides

SATURDAY, October 29 – SATURDAY MATINEE AND SENIOR DAY
Noon to Close - $5 Admission / Seniors Admitted Free
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
Noon to Close - $10 Admission into Fair, Includes All Rides
Free Entertainment

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 Will Get One To

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
5 p.m. to Close - $5 Admission
5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Discount Tickets
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
Noon to Close - $5 Admission / Seniors Admitted Free
Noon to 5 p.m. Matinee - $10 Armband Rides All Rides with $5 Off Coupon
6 p.m. to Close - $15 Armband Rides All rides

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WEDNESDAY
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Rev. Ryan Vermilyea, Students

SUNDAY
Early Worship.....8:30 am
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11:00 am
Discipleship Training.....6:00 pm
Evening Worship.....7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00-8:00 pm
RUSH - Youth.....6:00-8:00 pm
Adult Small Group.....6:00-8:00 pm
Midweek Prayer.....6:30-7:30 pm

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wellbornbaptist@windstream.net

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Sunday School.....9:15 am
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Morning Worship Service.....10:30 am
*Children's Church (Grades K-4th)*
Adult Choir.....5:00 pm
Children's/Middle School Choir.....5:00 pm
Youth Drama and Missions.....5:00 pm
Family Worship.....6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
Family Supper.....5:00 pm
Mission Friends, CIA.....6:30 pm
Middle/High School Youth.....6:30 pm
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 pm
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SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11:00 am
Evening Worship.....5:00 pm
Choir Practice.....4:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
Prayer service.....6:00 pm
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SUNDAY
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Worship.....11:00 am
Church Training.....6:00 pm
Evening Worship.....7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
AWANA Club (Ages 3-12 grades)....6:25 pm
Prayer & Bible Study.....7:00 pm

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SUNDAY
Bible Study (Sunday School).....9:45 am
Celebration Worship.....11:00 am
Evening Worship.....6:00 pm
Depth (Student Bible Study).....6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
Family Supper.....5:00 pm
Kidz Club.....6:00 pm
Discipleship Classes for Adults.....6:30 pm
Flood Student Worship.....6:30 pm

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## EPISCOPAL

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WEDNESDAY
Eucharist & Unction.....10:30 am & 6:00 pm
THURSDAY
Eucharist.....7:00 am
SUNDAY
Eucharist.....9:00 am
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Eucharist.....11:00 am
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Rev. Jim McCoy, Minister of Music and Senior Adults
Rev. Jonathan Rodriquez, Minister of Student

SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship & Childrens Church 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship Service.....6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Mid-Week Service.....6:30 p.m.
Youth & Children Ministries.....6:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 am
Worship Service.....10:45 am
Evening Bible Exploration Services.....6:00 pm
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Sunday Morning Worship Service
WEDNESDAY
Mid Week Prayer Service.....6:30 pm
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**ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH**
5203 County Road 795
362-3101 - Church
Rev. David McKeithen

SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....11:00 am
Evening Worship.....6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service.....7:00 pm

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792-2275
Pastor: Steve Shaw
Sunday
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Children's Church.....11:00 a.m.
Church Training.....6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
Youth Ignited/Youth Ministry.....7:00 p.m.

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Live Oak, FL 32060
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SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Children's Church.....11:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

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(386) 208-1345

Sunday Morning Service.....10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner, open to public.....5:15 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00 p.m.
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**LIVE OAK CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**
915 Church Ave., SW 1 Block So. of Mayo
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SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....8:45 & 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Spanish Service.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Evening Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 am
Family Worship.....10:30 am
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....7:00 pm
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Sunday (Spanish) Mass.....11:30 am

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Saturday (Vigil) Mass.....4:00 pm

Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe (Mayo)
Sunday.....1:30 pm

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## PENTECOSTAL

**LIVE OAK FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
13793 76th St. (Mitchell Rd.), Live Oak, FL
Rev. Mike Townsend
362-2189
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 am
Children's Church.....10:30 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Evening Worship.....6:00 pm
Wednesday Night.....7:30 pm

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**LIVE OAK CHURCH OF GOD**
9828 US Hwy 129 South
Lead Pastor Carl Thomas, III 362-2483
Web: www.liveoakchurchofgod.com

**SUNDAY**
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....10:38 am
Children's Church.....10:38 am
Childrens Choir.....5:30 pm
Evening Worship.....6:30 pm
**WEDNESDAY**
Family Training Hour.....7:00 pm
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SUNDAY
9:45 AM Sunday School for children, youth and adults
Prelude of praise 10:45 AM
11:00 AM Morning Worship
WEDNESDAY
5:45 PM Family Fellowship Meal
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7:30 PM Choir Practice
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SATURDAY SERVICES
Sabbath School.....9:15 am
Devine.....11:00 am
TUESDAY
Worship & Tuesday Night Prayer Meting.....7:00 p.m.

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## UNITED METHODIST

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
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**SUNDAY**
Contemporary Worship.....9:00 am
Sunday School.....10:00 am
Morning Worship.....11:00 am

**WEDNESDAY**
Youth Meeting.....6:00 pm
Adult Handbells.....6:00 pm
Men's Crusaders.....7:00 pm
Chancel Choir.....7:30 pm
Nursery available Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 services

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**NEW HARMONY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
160th St. (Go south on 51 to 160th, turn right)
Pastor: Stan Posey
Phone (386) 776-1806
SUNDAY
Sunday Worship.....9:30 am
Bible Study.....10:30 am
WEDNESDAY
Women's Bible Study.....10 am

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**PINE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
5300 CR 136A, Live Oak
Phone (386) 362-5595
Pastor George Swearengin
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.
Traditional Service.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
MONDAY
Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group Service.....5:00 p.m.
Praise Team Rehearsal .....6:00 p.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
**"Enter to Worship …. Depart to Service"**

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**WELLBORN UNITED METHODIST**
12005 CR 137
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Pastor James Messer
Music: Geiger Family

**SUNDAY**
Sunday School.....10:00 am
Worship Service.....11:00 am
Evening Service.....6:00 pm
@ Huntsville UMC, Lake Jeffery Road
Youth Meeting.....3:00 pm
**TUESDAY**
Prayer Intercession at the Alter
7:00 am, Noon and at 7:00 pm
Church is opened all day, Everyone is welcome

McLeran Memorial Public Library
Tuesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
**WEDNESDAY**
Bible Study.....7:00 pm

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RELIGION

# Asking forgiveness

**Heart Matters**
**By Angie Land**

***By Angie Land***

As her father tucked his young daughter into bed, she said, *"Daddy, I need to tell you something…I told a lie today at school."*

Want to hear the rest of the story? Okay, but first ask yourself: why would a little girl "need" to tell her Daddy that she told a lie? A quick observation makes clear that 1) she knew that telling a lie was wrong and 2) that she felt bad about it. Her "need" to tell implies that, for obvious reasons, she didn't want to tell…a mental picture of her inward struggle is easy to imagine.

Romans 2:15 calls this the working of our conscience. The Message Bible translates it this way:

*"… God's law is not something alien, imposed on us from without, but woven into the very fabric of our creation. There is something deep within them that echoes God's yes and no, right and wrong."*

This "something" deep within refers to our conscience. The Greek translation for conscience is "*suneidesis*" and is defined as "the soul as distinguishing between what is morally good and bad; prompting to do the former and shun the latter." I believe that our biggest job as parents is to help cultivate the working of our children's conscience. Children are born with a sin nature…(if we are tempted to question that fact, consider the reality that no one needs to teach a child to be selfish.) They are also born with a conscience. Thus the struggle, which takes us back to our story.

All alone throughout the day, this particular little girl had struggled with her lie and her reason for lying. She still felt terrible. No matter what she did, she couldn't quit thinking about it. What she feels is not imaginary. On the contrary, we have all felt the misery of a guilty conscience. In 1 Samuel 25:31, there is a reference to the staggering burden of a guilty conscience, and 1 Timothy 4:2 refers to liars as having a "seared" conscience.

So she tells her Daddy…surely he would make her feel better! Of course he wanted to with all his heart! Does he listen to her story and excuse the lie because it was for a good reason? Can he forgive her crime and grant her a pardon? It is interesting that the Bible gives one and only one prescription for a guilty conscience: repentance. Going to God in prayer and confessing the fault, accepting the blame and asking for forgiveness. 1 John 1:9 fills the prescription: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." Further relief is promised in Acts 3:19, assuring us of "seasons of refreshing" follow repentance. A refreshing coolness applied to a scorching, seared conscience. What parent would want anything less for their child?

Don't worry, this story has a happy ending…the little girl's Daddy shared God's view of lying with his daughter and explained to her that forgiveness for her lie was already paid for at the Cross. God had already provided for her relief; she just had to ask for it…because every heart matters!

*Blessings, Angie*

# Grace to the humble, Part 1

*Dr. Donald M. Minshew*
*Senior Pastor*
*Wellborn Baptist Church*

Humility is a characteristic that is little valued in modern life, yet humility is key to being a follower of Jesus Christ. Peter reminds us that humility is an attribute to learn early when he says, "Likewise, you younger men, be subject to the elders. And all of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5:5, HCSB)

The primary meaning of "younger" refers to youth guilds that were operational in the area where Peter's letter was directed. These youth guilds were demanding their right to be heard and demonstrating a marked disrespect towards older leaders. This has a common heritage all along the time line of history and for the young it seems like the right thing to do. Scripture speaks to this in Proverbs 16:25, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it is the way of death." Prior to coming back to the United States, I was a missionary in Namibia. In those last years, the ruling party (SWAPO) youth league had begun to advocate radical positions. Though the Namibian constitution guarantees freedom of the press and religion, they desired a regulation of the press, regulation of the courts, and regulation of churches (to make sure that church ministry is acceptable to government, especially to the ruling party)

The word translated "be subject" is the Greek word, hupotasso. It literally means "to arrange yourself under Instruction". Organizations of young people in the church should make sure that they place themselves under submission to Christ, first and leadership of the church, second.

There is a secondary meaning in this verse as well. Individual young people need to place themselves under the instruction of biblical leadership. Why? There is a startlingly practical reason. In 2 Corinthians 2:11, Paul says: "so that we may not be taken advantage of by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his intentions". How did he get that way, where he was aware of Satan's intentions? Simple. He had seen a few things. That doesn't insure that biblical leaders won't be tricked, but we have seen more of Satan's tricks.

Humility is an attribute that can never be outgrown. Peter's admonition is that we be clothed with humility. This is a translation of a word which speaks of the act of tying or tucking up the long outer garments of a robe around the waist as a roll or band or girth. Humility is often seen as a passive characteristic. This word clothe, however, is activity toward reaching the state of being humble. Perhaps, Peter is still thinking back to the lessons of Jesus. The Greek word specifically refers to a particular garment: the apron of a slave. This was the word used when Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. Do you remember the story? Who resisted? That's right. It was Peter. The biggest issue for Peter at that moment was his pride.

The humility that Peter calls for is an attribute for everyone, especially biblical leaders. Leaders in Christ's church need to learn to clothe themselves with humility, not authority. Biblical humility calls out spiritual loyalty and those who follow do so willingly, not because authority has been exerted. God, Himself. God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

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# Wellborn Church of God

3330 US Hwy 90, Wellborn, FL, W. C. Cobb, Pastor. Homecoming, Nov. 6, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. Special speaker: Former Pastor Martha Rae Brannon. Bring food and drinks for a great day of fellowship; also invite your family and friends, all former members, and all who wants a blessing from God. (386) 963-4988 (church), (386) 752-8479 (Pastor)

# Fall Festival

Friendship Baptist Church would to 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.

# Fall festival Beachville

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 1-4 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, carnival 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.

# Fall festival at St Luke's

St. Luke's church, across the street from the Suwannee County coliseum.

Sunday, Oct. 30 from 4-6 p.m.

Pre-K through 5th grade children and parents:

Horseback rides, dunk tank, pinata, games, treats, hamburgers, hot dog!

**Come celebrate with us!**

# Baptist Women World Day

The First Central Baptist Association is holding Baptist Women World Day of Prayer on Nov. 7. 2011 at 7 p.m. It will be at New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 23455 101st Rd, O'Brien, Rev. Arthur Bryant Pastor. For additional information, please contact: Gloria Presley at 386-362-5388 Please come out and support the different nations in prayer. Mrs. Shirley Franklin, President.

# 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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# Mount Olive Baptist Church

## HOMECOMING

**Sunday, October 30th ~ 10:30 am**
followed by dinner on the grounds.
*Please bring covered side dish or dessert and come celebrate with us on this special occasion!*

## Family Fall Festival

**Monday, October 31st**
**6:00-8:00 pm.**

Everyone invited for a time of fun and games for the whole family!
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**(386) 963-5603**
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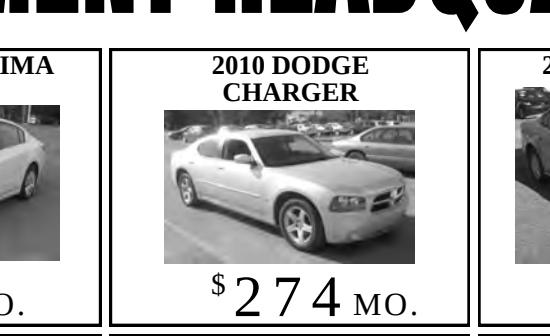
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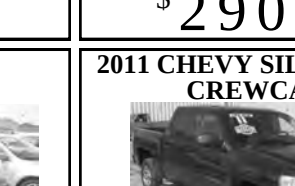
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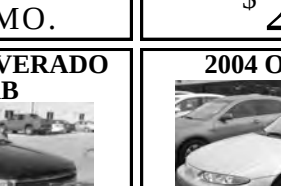
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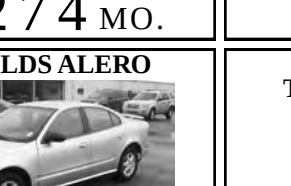
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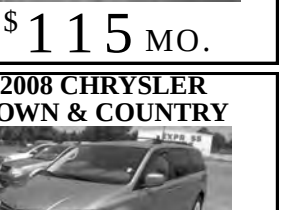
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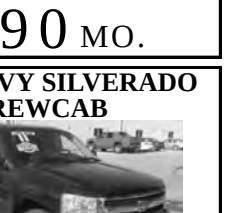
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Donation: Each participant shall bring a gift filled shoe box OR Each participant can adopt a shoebox at $20 per participant. To adopt a shoe box simply include a $20 check for EACH participant. The check should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child.

Time: 9 - noon. Power Country will provide lunch for each participant that brings a gift-filled shoebox OR adopts a shoebox.

Please RSVP as soon as possible with the following information so that we can complete the planning:

Number of participants attending

Names of all those attending

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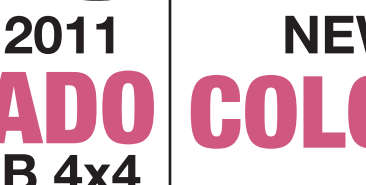


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