

Happy Thanksgiving!

Bicyclist clipped by truck

Man sustains non-life threatening injuries

By Misty A. Ward
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A bicyclist was clipped by the passenger side-view mirror of a Chevrolet pickup truck Thursday morning, Nov. 17, in southern Suwannee County.

The Branford man suffered non-life threatening injuries.

The incident happened around 7:45 a.m. on a foggy morning east of Branford on US 27, a bicyclist was clipped by the passenger side-view mirror, causing the bicyclist to crash on the south shoulder of the road.

Christopher Weingarth, of Branford, was traveling east on US 27 on the shoulder of the road on a bicycle. He was then struck by the passenger side-view mirror of a 1997 Chevrolet C1500 pickup truck driven by Jason Roberts, of O'Brien, who was also traveling east.

Weingarth was transported to Shands Gainesville by Suwannee County Fire/Rescue with non-life threatening injuries. Roberts was not injured in the accident.

According to Florida Highway Patrol Trooper, R. W. Gill, charges are pending.

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Disorderly woman Tased

By Jeffrey Boatright
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When Suwannee County Sheriff's deputies arrived to assist an individual on the evening of Nov. 13, another resident of the location became disorderly to the point that she had to be stunned with a Taser by deputies.

According to reports from the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office, deputies responded to 13570 US 90 W, Lot 9, around 10:23 p.m., Nov. 13, to assist a

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A new scene in Suwannee County

At least one local business made room on shelves in its store last week for a product that hasn't been sold here, legally, since 1946 - alcohol containing more than 6.243 percent of alcohol by volume. There were no challenges filed in circuit court to test the legality of the election on Aug. 16 moving Suwannee County to a wet status. The state certified a letter to that effect from county officials on Thursday. Now, businesses with appropriate licenses can sell alcohol containing more than 6.243 percent of alcohol by volume, with the exception of liquor package sales. Those sales will come later following a double random drawing. To learn more visit <http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/abt/index.html>. Staff photo



Giving thanks



Martha Branche: Thankful each day

By Jeffrey Boatright
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There is nothing complicated about Thanksgiving for Martha Branche.

"It is a time for remembering and being most thankful to God and for all He has done," she thoughtfully explained. "It is also a time to be thankful for family, friends and neighbors. With that, all else doesn't matter."

Branche, who is a native of Lafayette County, moved to Suwannee County with her husband, Sterling, in 1989. He was a Baptist minister and pastored several churches in Suwannee County.

Sterling also served as interim pastor for many churches in the area and Martha has fond memo-

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"What is your favorite Thanksgiving memory?"



Thanksgiving is Thursday. We wanted to know "What is your favorite Thanksgiving memory?" Here is what a few of you had to say.



"My favorite memories would be getting together with my parents and grandparents when I was a child."
-Tom Hutchison



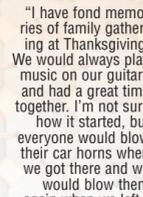
"I remember my whole family getting together. Those are great memories for me."
-Terry Richardson



"My favorite memory has been spending time with my children and grandchildren. I now have 12 grandchildren."
-Jean Readyhough



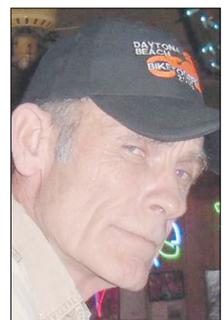
"My favorite Thanksgiving memories are the ones with snow."
-Megan Gilvin



"I have fond memories of family gathering at Thanksgiving. We would always play music on our guitars and had a great time together. I'm not sure how it started, but everyone would blow their car horns when we got there and we would blow them again when we left."
-Lynn Murray



-Photos: Jeffrey Boatright



Charles Ronald Miller

Man dies from injuries in motorcycle crash

By Jeffrey Boatright
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A Branford man died at Shands Gainesville Friday afternoon, Nov. 18, from injuries he sustained after crashing his 2007 Harley Davidson Motorcycle into a 2000 model GMC pickup, Nov. 17 in Hamilton County, a family member has confirmed.

Charles Ronald Miller, 62, died Friday as a result of the accident, according to his older sister, Sue Williams.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Miller was traveling south on US 129 approaching 76th Trail in Hamilton County around 3:30 p.m., following the GMC pickup driven by Douglas McArthur Parr Jr., 40, when the accident occurred. Reports show that Parr slowed to turn onto 76th Trail when he realized a vehicle traveling southbound was overtaking the northbound lanes. Parr was forced to stop but Miller failed to stop and crashed his mo-

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Boys soccer downs Jacksonville Forrest

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The following abbreviations are used below:

SCSO-Suwannee County Sheriff's Office

LOPD-Live Oak Police Department

FDLE-Florida Department of Law Enforcement

FHP-Florida Highway Patrol

FWC-Florida Wildlife Commission

DOT-Department of Transportation

OALE-Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement

P & P-Probation and Parole

USMS-US Marshals Service

ATF-Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

DOC-Department of Corrections

November 17, Brittany Slaughter, 23, 5950 Bulb

Farm Rd, Wellborn, FL, battery x2, order take into custody: LOPD Kinsey

November 17, Ronald Gene Young, 54, 509 Stephens St, Live Oak, FL, battery domestic violence: LOPD-Kinsey

November 17, Steven Allen Stacy, 20, 305 Se Broughton St, Branford, FL, dui: FHP-A.Hughes

November 18, Salaina Audeli Tomlinson, 19, 4194 284th St, Branford, FL, ftac o/c dwls/r, battery, agg assault w/deadly wpn, felonious mischief, dwls, reckless driving, columbia

co-fta o/c dwls: SCSO-B. Mincks

November 19, Francisco Florez, 31, 1405 Ne Duval St # 67, Live Oak, FL, criminal mischief: LOPD - J. Rountree

November 19, Shawn D'aundrea Demps, 24, 5611 153rd Road, Live Oak, FL, vop o/c criminal mischief: SCSO-L. Land

November 19, Rebecca Lee Britt, 29, 1218 Nw 2nd St, Live Oak, FL, vop o/c conspiracy to traffic in cntrl sub cannabi, trafficking in cntrl sub cannabis, vop o/c

sub; conspiracy to purchase cntrl sub: SCSO - SGT. T. Lee

November 19, Shanard C Lumpkins, 31, 715 7th Street Sw, Live Oak, FL, dui: FHP - . Hughes

November 20, John Donal Bustin, 26, 20297 35th Dr, Wellborn, FL, dui: SCSO-Z. Clark

November 20, Ronald Gene Young, 54, 509 Stephens Street, Live Oak, FL, viol inj for protection, assault (dom violence): LOPD - J. Rountree

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 Altered mental status: 6
 Respiratory: 8
 Diabetic: 2
 Weakness: 2
 Abdominal pain: 2
 Seizure: 6
 Overdose: 2
 Allergic Reaction: 1
 Standby @ SOS: 1
 Standby @ Football Game:

Fire Calls

Brush fire: 3
 Motor vehicle crash: 5
 Medical assist: 2
 Smoke Inv: 1
 Fire Alarm: 2
 Fire Inv.: 2
 MVC w/ Extrication:

Volunteer Fire Responses: 18
 Engine-1 medical calls in Rescue-5: 3
 Rescue-32 Standby @ SOS:

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

Benefits of regular exercise routines for people with diabetes

By Karen Wouff
 Suwannee and Lafayette County Healthy Communities, Healthy People Coordinator.

Did you know physical activity is important if you have Diabetes? Exercise does so many great things for our body. Sometimes people are unaware of all the wonders that take place in their bodies from some simple movement every day. Exercise can

- lower blood pressure,
- lower cholesterol levels, and
- strengthen your heart and circulatory system.
- strengthen your bones

Exercise also helps you to relax and relieves tension and stress. Your body burns calories while resting and while exercising. Daily exercising increases your metabolism so more calories are burned all the time.

Exercising lowers your blood glucose because your body takes in glucose more efficiently. Regular exercise may reduce insulin requirements. Diabetics should test their glucose before exercising to make

sure the blood glucose is stable. If you haven't exercised in a while and want to start, use the 15 Minute Approach. Choose a date, plan a small outing and start with 15 minutes of exercise. Even if you are just walking in the yard that is movement and it counts!

Start out Easy:

- Keep your plan very simple, start out with 3 five minute intervals during the day.
- Start out slow and work yourself up to more rigorous routines.
- As you continue you can add to your time.
- Try adding 15 minutes to each week of your routine until you reach an hour of daily exercise.
- Keep a Record: Keep track of what you are doing daily. Tracking your progress will help to motivate you for success.
- Be Safe: Talk to your physician first before you begin any exercise routine everyone needs to know their limits.

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Live Oak Scarecrow winners

Winners of the Live Oak Scarecrow contest were Farmers Cooperative and A New U Fitness Training. The event was held last month. Congratulations to the winners.



(from left) Kelli Hall, Karen Fraley and Barry Long of the Farmers Cooperative in Live Oak accept the winning trophy for the Coop's entry in the Scarecrow contest. Randy Torrance (far right), of the Live Oak Partnership, presented the trophy Thursday morning.

The winning scarecrows by the Farmers Cooperative. - Photos: Jeffrey Boatright



Randy Torrance of the Live Oak Partnership presents Kelly Wooley of A New U Fitness Training with the trophy for best spirit in the Scarecrow Festival's Scarecrow contest.

Christmas decor to be showcased during Altrusa's Tour of Homes

Event set for December 10

Sharon Jordan, president of Altrusa International Inc. of Live Oak, announces the ninth annual Altrusa Christmas Tour of Homes. The featured homeowners have graciously volunteered their homes for the tour, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 12 noon - 5 p.m. The event is held to raise funds, which are returned to the community through contributions and service projects.

The Live Oak Garden Club will be the home base for guests to arrive beginning at noon to pick up information including a map to the featured homes. Refreshments will be served.

The cost per ticket is \$10. Advance tickets may be purchased from any Altrusa member, or stop by the supervisor

of elections office (Glenda Williams) or McCrimons Office Supply (Barbie Scott). Tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the event.

All profits from the tour of homes goes directly to Altrusa projects for the upcoming year. Currently, Altrusa proceeds go to support community needs such as Vivid Visions, Hospice, literacy, scholarships, Suwannee schools reading programs and many others.

The featured homes for the tour will be elegantly decorated and fill you with cheer. Featured homes will be announced in the upcoming month.

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If You Used A Water-based Coating...
Wash the brush or roller with warm water and detergent. Detergents with petroleum distillates have more cleaning power.
Rinse out under a running tap or hose. Work them in a bucket of water first, much of the paint buildup can be removed. This makes rinsing them under the tap quicker and easier. Make sure the water is clear before finishing. Use a wire brush to remove and buff by rubbing them with a little Vaseline before storing. Simply rinse in thinner prior to use. Save your dirty thinner in a separate container, allow to settle for a few.
If You Used A Solvent-based Coating...
Brushes and rollers used in oil paint should be worked in a bucket of paint thinner first. The water tends to make the bristles dry out and become brittle. Keep your brushes soft by rubbing them with a little Vaseline before storing. Simply rinse in thinner prior to use. Save your dirty thinner in a separate container, allow to settle for a few.
Repeat this process until most of the old finish has been removed and then soak the brush in one of the liquid or powdered prepared brush cleaners or a strong solution of TSP (trisodium phosphate). You can find TSP at most hardware and paint stores.
In many cases these steps will help reclaim the brush. Be sure to wrap the bristles in brown paper or a heavy paper towel to help maintain their shape. Store the brush on a hook or flat on its side.
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Bullocks' 60th wedding anniversary



Earle (Boochie) and Frances Bullock will celebrate 60 years of marriage on Nov. 25. They were married at Mount Olive Baptist Church in rural Wellborn and have lived their entire life in this community.

Boochie retired in 1995 after 40 years of mobile home building. Frances has been a stay at home mom and homemaker.

They are parents of four children, Pam D'Amour, Mitchell Bullock and Angela Sealey. They have five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Also one son, Kendall who is deceased.

The now retired couple enjoys some gardening, being with friends and being involved in activities and services with their church family at Mount Olive. They also enjoyed traveling and camping for many years.

The couple would appreciate cards and shared memories sent to 4115 CR 136, Live Oak, FL 32060.



Marriage License applicants

The following couples applied for a marriage license the week of Nov. 14 - 18, 2011:

Clarence Kenneth Troupe Jr. to Keoshia Michelle Henderson

Jerry Edward Floyd II to Ariel Lynn Ratliff

Alfonso Curtis Ross Jr. to Nicole Shana Aaron

Matthew Hal Burns to Kimberly Annette Burns

Thank you

Our sincere thanks go to the new Shands at Live Oak Hospital for the excellent care that was given to my husband, Tom Cheek, Sr., in September. The staff in the Emergency Room and in the hospital were very efficient in caring for him.

We could not have asked for better care or

cares people in our time of need. The people of Suwannee County and the surrounding area are very fortunate to have access to this facility and the personnel when it's needed.

*Sincerely,
Martha Cheek
(Mrs. Tom Cheek, Sr. and Family)*

Thank you

Kudos to our Shands Live Oak. Recently hospitalized for a respiratory condition. I was so pleasantly surprised to find out Live Oak Shands above all standards.

The professional nursing care CNAs, top notch respiratory therapists. The care and consideration of hospital staff. Visited daily by dietary to make sure my meals were acceptable to me was over and above. Fresh vegetables, fruits even special treats baked for an added plus.

Housekeeping was so courteous to make sure the cleaning products were not offensive. Visited a few times a day by Miss Wanda to be sure there was nothing I needed. My calls were answered within seconds.

A special Thank you to Dr. Uy and Dr. Borde for your care and consideration.

Thanks you Shands for making what could have been a horrible time for me an actually wonderful experience. Live Oak we are blessed to have this wonderful facility.

*Respectfully and appreciative,
Eileen Leroy*

It's Christmas in the Village with Village Church Annual Cantata



The Village Church at Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park, Florida will present its annual Christmas Cantata on Saturday evening, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m., Sunday morning, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. and Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. Tickets for this year's program, "Searching For A King...Finding A Savior" can be obtained at no cost for the Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon performances by calling the church office at (386) 658-5344. Tickets are not required for the Sunday morning performance.

For over 30 years, this musical has drawn people from North Florida and South Georgia. This is an inter-generational event with a cast and production crew of over 75 children, teens, adults and senior adults combining in drama and singing to capture the Christmas story in a fresh and new way each year. A three-octave hand-bell choir is also featured along with trumpets, guitar, percussion, piano and organ.

If you want to begin your Christmas season with an inspirational music and worship experience, please join us. All are welcomed.

Suwannee Lights will light up your Christmas season

LIVE OAK, FLA - The annual Suwannee Lights presented by the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak, Fla will begin December 3 and be open nightly thru Dec. 24 with dazzling lights, a fantasyland of lighted Christmas displays, hot chocolate, cookies, Santa, Arts and Crafts Village tours, entertainment and shopping!

Bring your entire family and make this a tradition starting this year! More than 5 million lights have been lovingly shaped into a wonderland of colorful lights and 3-D displays to spread the magic of Christmas to all ages. Staff and volunteers have worked long and hard to make this a wonderful gift to the community again this year.

When you've completed the ride through Suwannee Lights, you'll be at the SOSMP Arts and Crafts Village and Country Store. You'll find lots to see and do and perhaps you will find the perfect Christmas gift in one of these shops. Children and adults alike may shop for Christmas gifts that range from banjos, guitars, benches, quilts, beeswax candles,

fudge, honey, handmade signs for your yard, long-lasting handmade wooden chairs for your porch or yard, jackets and sweat shirts with SOSMP logos and many more items in the shops or the Country Store. Have your photo made with Santa, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies and entertainment while you're here building those memories your children will carry with them forever.

Admission is only \$6 per adult Sunday - Wednesday; \$8 Thursday - Saturday and \$2 for children any day of the week! Gather your family and friends together and make this an annual event that's just pure fun! There's also music going on in the Music Hall almost every night and dinner and beverages are available at regular prices.

For more about the SOSMP, these events or upcoming events or accommodations for a day or more at their beautiful campground, go to www.musicliveshere.com or call 386-364-1683.

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Obituaries



Kevin C. Starling
Nov. 18, 1971 - Oct. 30, 2011

Kevin C. Starling, 39, Live Oak, Fla., passed away on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011. He is preceded in death by his father Dale Starling. He is survived by his son Levi Starling of Beverly Hills, Fla. and his mother Stacey Starling of Beverly Hills, Fla. He is also survived by his mother Janice Starling of Live Oak, Fla., one sister: Melissa Hitchcock, Neosho, Missouri; and one brother: Seth Starling, Live Oak, Fla. Kevin is also survived by longtime girlfriend Mary Keen, Dowling Park, Fla. and her daughters Leah Buchanan of Dowling Park and Christen Conine of Live Oak; three nephews, one niece and four granddaughters.

Kevin had many, many friends and will be dearly missed.

Services were held Nov. 3, 2011 at Dowling Park Church of God, Bishop Kevin Swiney officiating.

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

Hallie Nobles
March 6, 1924 - Nov. 19, 2011

Hallie Nobles, 87, Live Oak, Fla., passed away on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011 after a long illness. The Dunnington, Fla. native moved to Live Oak 68 years ago from Branford, Fla. and was a member of Westwood Baptist Church. She is survived by her two daughters: Vicki (Mike) Harrell, Live Oak, FL Kitty (Larry) Greene, Live Oak, FL; two sons: Ronnie Nobles, Live Oak, Fla., Randy (Sheryl) Nobles, Live Oak, Fla.; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22 at Westwood Baptist Church with Dr. Jimmy Deas and Mr. Bob Fletcher officiating. Interment will follow in the Live Oak Cemetery.

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

Leon Earline Bass
Nov. 16, 2011

Leon Earline Bass, 80, passed away Nov. 16, 2011 in Shands at UF, Gainesville, Fla., following a long illness. Mr. Bass was a farmer, a former resident of O'Brien, Fla. and has resided in the Ft. White, Fla. area since 1997.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Maggie Bass of Ft. White; three daughters, Shirley Ann Judy Ziegler, Barbara Ann Johnston, Lisa Darlene White all of Ft. White; four sons, Daniel Douglas, Harvey Lavone Tripp, Donald Ray Bass and Leon Earl Bass all of Ft. White; one brother, Junior Bass of O'Brien; 11 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, six great great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Nov. 21, 2011 at 2 p.m. in Daniels Memorial Chapel, Branford, Fla.

Interment followed in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Gilchrist County. Visitation was held on Monday, one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

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

Doris Allen
Sept. 2, 1927 - Nov. 21, 2011

Doris Allen, age 84, of Live Oak, Florida passed away early Monday morning Nov. 21, 2011 at Haven Hospice in Lake City, Florida following complications related to Alzheimer's disease. She was born in Alliance, Fla. living most of her life in Live Oak. Doris worked for many years in the banking business and retired as vice president from the First Commercial Bank of Live Oak. She was captain of the Suwannee High School cheerleaders from 1944-45 and was a member of Daughters of American Revolution and the First United Methodist Church where she served as volunteer treasurer for over 40

years. Doris was a loving and caring mother, grandma and friend. Her warm and tender smile will be greatly missed by her family and dear friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jimmy Allen.

Survivors include two sons, Don (Tessie) Allen, Live Oak, Fla.; Ken (Cyn-di) Allen, Cocoa Beach, Fla.; two daughters, Linda (Bill) Riggins and Susan (Jim) Farabee both of Live Oak, Fla.; eleven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services from 10 to 11 a.m. in the fellowship hall at the church.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011 in the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Will Finnin officiating. Interment will follow in the Live Oak Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 311 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064.

Please sign the guestbook at www.harrisfuneralhomeinc.net.

Harris Funeral Home & Cremations, Inc., Live Oak, FL 386-364-5115 is in charge of all arrangements.

Cecelia Faye Stephen
Nov. 15, 2011

Cecelia Faye Stephen died on Nov. 15, 2011 after a lengthy illness. She was 86 years old. Born in Birmingham, Alabama, she spent most of her adult life in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. She worked as a secretary, then founded Cover Girls Answering Service in Washington, and later she worked for ACTION as a program director for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She worked in that capacity in Orlando, Florida in the 1980s, but re-

turned to Washington, where she retired in 1994. She moved to Live Oak in 1997. She is survived by four daughters, Sheryl Nutting of Bakerton, W.V., Sharon Thomas of Wardensville, W.V., Linda Bentley of Live Oak, and Theresa Stephen of Live Oak. She was predeceased by a son, Patrick Stephen. Ms. Stephen is survived also by six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later time.

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

Death notices

Mildred Faye Yarick
July 16, 1934 - Nov. 19, 2011

Mildred Faye Yarick, age 77, of Live Oak, Fla. passed away Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011 at Haven Hospice in Lake City, Fla.

Harris Funeral Home & Cremations, Inc., of Live Oak, FL 386-364-5115 is in charge of all arrangements.

Charlie Hicks Jr.
Nov. 20, 2011

Mr. Charlie Hicks Jr., age 75, passed away Nov. 20, 2011. Mr. Hicks was a resident of White Springs, Fla.

All funeral arrangements by D.M. Udell and Son of D.M. Udell Funeral Home. 386-362-4189.

Verbal dispute turns into battery by strangulation

By Jeffrey Boatright

A verbal dispute between a Live Oak man and his girlfriend escalated into a case of domestic violence, police say.

Officers from the Live Oak Police Department responded to a domestic disturbance on Nov. 10, and discovered that Cortyne Dunn, 25, 915 Roberts St., Live Oak, had struck his girlfriend in her face and strangled her, reports show.

According to reports, Dunn returned home intoxicated and an argument ensued between him and his

girlfriend.

"During this altercation Dunn allegedly struck his girlfriend in the face," LOPD Detective Justin Bates reported. "Dunn then grabbed his girlfriend by the hair of the head and began strangling her."

Police say that another person in the home came out of his bedroom and witnessed the altercation. He was able to get Dunn off of the victim and call 911.

Dunn was arrested on domestic violence charges of battery and battery by strangulation.

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 -

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

THE SUWANNEE SCRIBBLER

The Santa of the Suwannee

By Jim Holmes

I can almost guarantee it. If you cross paths with Lou and Teresa MacDonald here in Live Oak--and most likely you will as the Madison couple frequently visits Suwannee County--you will remember the occasion. After all, it's not every day that you meet a couple that lives and breathes Christmas 365-days a year. But then, would you expect anything less from Santa Claus and his wife? You see, Lou is a professional Saint Nick.

Now let's get this straight. When I say he is a professional, I'm not talking about some guy who once a year dons a fake beard--OK, they call them "designer beards in the trade"--rents a red suit and goes "Ho, Ho, Ho" in some store to shill toy sales. I'm speaking about a guy--- who no matter what his apparel nor where he is--- looks like the jolly old elf...complete with an eight-inch long, snow-white beard and the appropriate girth. Be he in Bermuda shorts or blue jeans...in Atlanta or Zanesville, you still will know that he is "the man."

The MacDonald's weren't always as they are today, however. Their Santa journey began in the North Georgia city of Buford more than a decade ago. Lou had been a professional grounds keeper for a college, but a 30-foot fall and a resulting spinal injury eventually ended that career. He would later go to work at his local Walmart, where on Halloween in 1997--and decked out for the occasion--he was assigned the task of giving candy to trick-or-treaters. Lou loved it, and clearly the kids loved him back! So much so, that his store manager asked Lou--then clean shaven--to be the store's seasonal Santa. Although Lou says he was a little hesitant about taking on the role at first, he finally agreed and even purchased the required Ho-Ho suit.

It is here that the MacDonald's Santa odyssey takes a tragic, but important, detour. The couple was to travel to Jacksonville that November to spend Thanksgiving with their only grandson; five-month-old Kieran. Lou even planned to take his new Santa suit for family photos. The trip took place, but not as initially planned. Five days before the holiday, Kieran died of a brain aneurysm. The MacDonald's were of course crushed...and yet Lou was expected to return to work shortly after the child's funeral and become the jolliest of all human beings. He is honest about those dark days. If the store hadn't already advertised Santa's presence, he wouldn't have returned to work so soon. But, as Teresa reminded him, he simply couldn't disappoint all those kids.

The first child to crawl up in his lap would be, of course, the most memorable, but not for the reasons you might think. You see, the little girl's family had suffered a recent loss of their own; a still-born little boy. To Lou's amazement, before asking "Santa" for anything, she wanted to thank him. After all, as he had approached, Santa had vigorously rung the sleigh bells he carried...and she "knew" he had done that just to insure that her little brother was given his angel wings! The story--and its' relevance to his own loss--moved him.

Lou will tell you that in the coming days, he discovered those children who visited with him were like medicine for his soul. Their awe and joy at visiting with Santa might not have elimi-

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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.

OPINION

Should the rich be condemned?

A MINORITY VIEW



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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

Thomas Edison invented the incandescent bulb, the phonograph, the DC motor and other items in everyday use and became wealthy by doing so. Thomas Watson founded IBM and became rich through his company's contribution to the computation revolution. Lloyd Conover, while in the employ of Pfizer, created the antibiotic tetracycline. Though Edison, Watson, Conover and Pfizer be-

came wealthy, whatever wealth they received pales in comparison with the extraordinary benefits received by ordinary people. Billions of people benefited from safe and efficient lighting. Billions more were the ultimate beneficiaries of the computer, and untold billions benefited from healthier lives gained from access to tetracycline.

President Barack Obama, in stoking up class warfare, said, "I do think at a certain point you've made enough money." This is lunacy. Andrew Carnegie's steel empire produced the raw materials that built the physical infrastructure of the United States. Bill Gates co-founded Microsoft and produced software products that aided the computer revolution. But Carnegie had amassed quite a fortune long before he built Carnegie Steel Co., and Gates had quite a fortune by 1990. Had they the mind of our president, we would have lost much of their contributions, because they had already "made enough money."

Class warfare thrives on ignorance about the sources of income. Listening to some of the talk about income differences, one would think that there's a pile of money meant to be shared equally among Americans. Rich people got to the pile first and greedily took an unfair share. Justice requires that they "give back." Or, some people talk about unequal income distribution as if there were a dealer of dollars. The reason some people have millions or billions of dollars while others have very few is the dollar dealer is a racist, sexist, a multinationalist or just plain mean. Economic justice requires a re-dealing of the dollars, income redistribution or spreading the wealth, where the ill-gotten gains of the few are returned to their rightful owners.

In a free society, for the most part, people with high incomes have demonstrated extraordinary ability to produce

valuable services for -- and therefore please -- their fellow man. People voluntarily took money out of their pockets to purchase the products of Gates, Pfizer or IBM. High incomes reflect the democracy of the marketplace. The reason Gates is very wealthy is millions upon millions of people voluntarily reached into their pockets and handed over \$300 or \$400 for a Microsoft product.

Those who think he has too much money are really registering disagreement with decisions made by millions of their fellow men.

In a free society, in a significant way income inequality reflects differences in productive capacity, namely one's ability to please his fellow man. For example, I can play basketball and so can LeBron James, but would the Miami Heat pay me anything close to the \$43 million they pay him? If not, why not? I think it has to do with the discriminating tastes of basketball fans who pay \$100 or more to watch the game. If the Miami Heat hired me, they would have to pay fans to watch.

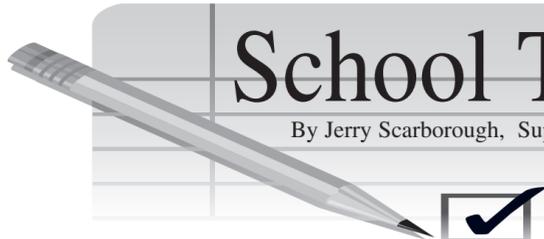
Stubborn ignorance sees capitalism as benefiting only the rich, but the evidence refutes that. The rich have always been able to afford entertainment; it was the development and marketing of radio and television that made entertainment accessible to the common man. The rich have never had the drudgery of washing and ironing clothing, beating out carpets or waxing floors. The mass production of washing machines, wash-and-wear clothing, vacuum cleaners and no-wax floors spared the common man this drudgery. At one time, only the rich could afford automobiles, telephones and computers. Now all but a small percentage of Americans enjoy these goods.

The prospects are dim for a society that makes mascots out of the unproductive and condemns the productive.

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

School Talk

By Jerry Scarborough, Superintendent of Schools



November 2011

This month we would like to report on the following topics of interest:

1) District re-accreditation

Our five year Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) accreditation visit is scheduled for Dec. 4-7. Schools to be visited include Branford Elementary, Branford High, Suwannee Elementary, Suwannee Middle and Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center.

To earn and maintain district accreditation, we must:

- Meet quality standards
- Engage in a continuous process of improvement
- Demonstrate quality assurance through internal and external review

Full details concerning the accreditation visit can be found on the District's website. From the homepage, choose the "District Accreditation" link on the "Quick Links" menu, or you can contact Cheryl Mae Brinson, director of special programs.

2) Synthetic marijuana

Suwannee County Sheriff Tony Cameron gave a presentation to our School Board at the November Board workshop regarding the dangers of our students consuming synthetic incense or potpourri commonly known as synthetic marijuana. If consumed, the chemicals it contains mimics the effects of marijuana. It is marketed as incense or potpourri and is being sold on the Internet and sometimes in local novelty shops, tobacco shops and convenience stores within our county under various names, such as K2, Scooby Snax, Wizard of Oz and Spice, just to name a few and is considered to be legal but can be dangerous.

During the next several weeks, presentations will be made to our students, parents, faculty and staff regarding the use of these products. Your cooperation in helping us warn students and parents about this dangerous drug is greatly appreciated.

3) Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center School-Wide Advisory Council

Walter Boatright, principal of Suwannee-Hamilton



Technical Center /Director of Career, Technical and Adult Education and his faculty and staff held a meeting of Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center's School-Wide Advisory Council this month.

We are very fortunate to have community members who assist in advising Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center on curriculum and other educational matters. We will continue our efforts to provide the necessary services to our secondary and adult students at Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center.

4) Branford High School grant

Congratulations to Branford High School for receiving a \$1,000 grant from Windstream. Special thanks to Patty Harris, a grandparent, who completed the survey for the grant. Ms. Harris has requested that the \$1,000 be used for new uniforms and equipment for the Branford High School track team.

5) High School homecomings

Homecoming activities were held during October for Suwannee High School and Branford High School. The 17th Annual Big Blue Raid and the 2nd Annual Bulldog Bash events were both a huge success. Special thanks to Tracy Lamb, Stacy Young, Hillary Cannon and Adrienne Taylor for providing the leadership to make their respective event a success!

6) Customer Service

Stephanie McClendon, First Federal Bank of Florida representative, gave a customer service presentation to directors, principals, assistant principals and board members on Oct. 19. Ms. McClendon emphasized the importance of providing quality customer service to our students, parents, community and others visiting our schools. We will continue our efforts to improve the customer service at each of our school sites, District Office, and all other district facilities.

Your comments and suggestions are needed on how we, as a school district, can better serve our parents and students.

Please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at the following:

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BIBLE VERSE

"I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—" 1 Corinthians 1:4-5 NIV

2011 Fall Sports Scoreboard - SPORTS 2B



Branford News

Serving southern Suwannee County, including Branford, O'Brien and McAlpin

Toys for Kids + We really need your help!

The holiday season is approaching and we already have several children's names on the request list. The Toys for Kids project provides toys and clothes for the children of the Branford, O'Brien and McAlpin areas.

Over the past decade generous and loving folks of our area have helped us fulfill the Christmas wishes of needy children that might not otherwise have had a Christmas.

Many of the families have requested food, blankets and shoes. One young man has requested a guitar, however our budget will not allow us to spend that amount on one child. If someone has a used guitar that they will be willing to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Should you know of a child that needs help, you may call Roger Burnside at 386-935-3343. You may drop off your donations at the Branford Town Hall, O'Brien Feed and Hardware store or at 25241 SR 247 in O'Brien.

No donation is too small and all will be greatly appreciated.

Supervisor of Elections in Branford Dec. 12

Suwannee County Supervisor of Elections Glenda Williams will be available at the Branford Library on Monday, Dec. 12 from 9 until 4:30. You can register to vote, change your address with the elections office or take care of any business you may have with the elections office.

Free community dinner in O'Brien

On Nov. 24, Thanksgiving day, the men's fellowship of O'Brien Baptist Church provides a free community Thanksgiving dinner from 12 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Dinner will consist of traditional meats, vegetables and desserts in a friendly, festive atmosphere.

Transportation and delivery provided in southern Suwannee County.

We are located one block west of the flashing light in O'Brien.

Remember, no charge and no offerings. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please call 386-935-3603.

Tom Rumbaugh, director, men's fellowship.

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No injuries in motor vehicle accident in Branford

By Misty A. Ward
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Although two motorists came out injury free in a motor vehicle accident in Branford on Friday morning, their vehicles sustained an excess of \$9,000 in damages, the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office reported.

Teresa Carrier of O'Brien, was traveling north on S.W. Drane Street, when she pulled into the right-of-way at the intersection of S.W. Drane Street and Plant Avenue West, in Branford, striking the front panel of a pickup truck that was traveling west and was driven by Everett Phillips, of Lake City, reports state.

Carrier's front end of her minivan collided with the drivers' side quarter panel, dented the drivers' side door, knocked out the rear end and damaged the drive train of the pickup truck, SCSO Deputy David Taylor said.

Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

Carrier was cited on the scene with obstruction of the right-of-way.



No injuries were sustained in this motor vehicle accident in Branford on Friday morning. According to Suwannee County Sheriff's Office Deputy David Taylor, who reported on scene, there is an excess of \$9,000 in damages to the vehicles. The front end of the minivan collided with the drivers' side quarter panel, dented the drivers' side door, knocked out the rear end and damaged the drive train of the pickup truck, Taylor said.



Both vehicles were towed from the scene of a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of S.W. Drane Street and West Plant Avenue, in Branford on Friday morning. No one was injured in the two vehicle wreck. - Photo: Misty A. Ward

'Signs, signs everywhere there's signs' at Branford Library



A sample of one of the signs.

By Misty A. Ward
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Branford Library hosted its craft night on Nov. 7 to make wooden yard signs.

According to Library officials, 12 people came in to make yard signs. Projects are free for library guests.



Crafters make wooden yard signs at the Branford Library on Nov. 7

Thanksgiving in Branford



Branford Love-N-Care VPK students and families celebrated Thanksgiving last Friday, in Branford, with a traditional sit down turkey dinner. Photos by: Misty A. Ward

Retired Educator's Day

The Suwannee/Lafayette Retired Educator's Association celebrated "Florida Retired Educator Day" on Monday, Nov. 14, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the Suwannee River State Park. Andrea Miller, unit president, opened and presided over the meeting.



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

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WHEREAS, the educational system within our state is a vital part of our society, providing education for young and old alike; and

WHEREAS, at the heart of the educational system is the educator who is devoted to sharing his or her knowledge with their students; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, we have many retired educators who have spent most of their lives giving themselves to our education system and our students.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 21, 2011 as *Retired Educators Day*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 25th day of October, in the year two thousand eleven.



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over four years, scholarship requires a minimum ACT score of 22 or a SAT score of 1000, money goes to student, not to the college, the winners will be announced at the close of the school year. For additional information and application, see your scholarship counselor. Student must teach one year for each year used.

The members enjoyed the picnic. The best cook in the state, Willie Veal, grilled the franks and hamburgers that were provided by the members.

We are asking all members to come join us at our next meeting. It will be Monday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Live Oak. Informative and Protective Services will provide the speaker for this meeting. The topic will be "Elder Holiday Safety". There will be musical entertainment and members are asked to bring holiday goodies and recipes to share. Come join us at St. Luke's on Dec. 12 at 2 p.m.



Suwannee/Lafayette Retired Educator's Association participants from left: Elouise Green, Charles Blalock, Janice Mills, Laura Hodges, Dorothy J. Johns, Andrea Miller and Kenneth Lee.



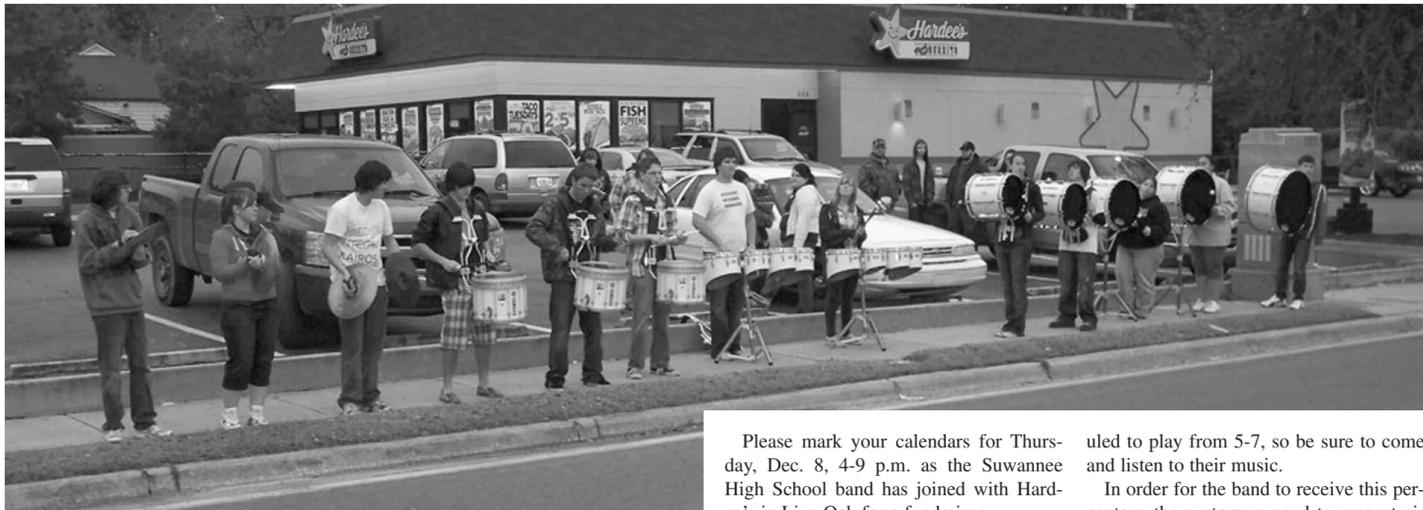
Andrea Miller and Janice Mills. - Courtesy photos

A candlelight memorial service was led by Elouise Green, as the unit shared memories and gave verbal reflections on the lives of: Lillian Keene (Jan. 18, 2011) elementary teacher at Suwannee Elementary East; Louise H. Hall (June 5, 2011) elementary teacher at Suwannee Elementary West and Harvey W. Fleming (June 25, 2011).

Laura Hodges, District 3 State Trustee, reported that this year's Florida Retired Educators foundation scholarship (\$3,250 for four years) is available for any Branford, Lafayette or Suwannee high school senior majoring in education and becoming a teacher.

The requirements for the Florida Retired Educators foundation scholarship for \$3,250, four year scholarship are: graduating high school senior desiring to become a teacher, student must attend accredited community or four year college, money spread

Hardee's night for the Suwannee High band



Suwannee High School band's drum line performing at Hardee's in February. Courtesy photo

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, Dec. 8, 4-9 p.m. as the Suwannee High School band has joined with Hardee's in Live Oak for a fundraiser.

Hardee's has graciously agreed to give a percentage of all sales generated in this time frame to the band.

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November is National Diabetes Month

Can diabetes be prevented?

By Cathy Rogers

UF/IFAS Suwannee County Extension

Are you at risk for diabetes? If you are not sure, answer the following questions: 1) Do you have any close relatives who have been diagnosed with diabetes or pre-diabetes? 2) Are you over the age of 50? 3) Are you African American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Pacific Islander, or Asian American? 4) Have you or your mother ever had gestational diabetes? 5) Do you have an apple-shaped body (largest part around the waist)?

If you said yes to any of these questions, you are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes. Many people think that diabetes cannot be prevented and that once diagnosed, it cannot be reversed, but today there are studies that show lifestyle changes substantially reduce the risk for diabetes. By being more physically active, making some healthful changes in the way you eat, and

achieving modest weight loss you can prevent or delay the onset of the disease.

Diabetes is the condition of the body not making or not properly using insulin. When this happens, sugar, also called glucose, from food is not able to enter body cells where it is to be used for energy. Instead, it stays in the bloodstream making the blood thicker and less able to carry oxygen and nutrients to the cells. When tiny blood vessels in the eyes, kidneys, nerves, and heart get clogged by the thickened blood, complications like blindness, kidney (renal) disease, numbness in the feet and legs which can lead to infections that are slow to heal, and cardiac disease can result. Preventing diabetes from occurring involves lifestyle changes which are hard to do but the reward is worth it!

Change isn't easy. Making lifestyle changes is one the hardest things that

people can do. The best way to tackle them is to set goals such as being more physically active or losing some weight and then breaking them down into small steps that you can achieve. For example, for being more active, decide what you can do this week, like deciding on what and when, and making sure you have the equipment. Finding a buddy for support and encouragement will make it easier. Start from your current fitness level and increase from there. Walking is a great way to be more active since everyone knows how to do it and all that is needed is a supportive pair of shoes. Begin with a short walk and increase the distance and speed each week as your body gets stronger and your energy level goes up. Walking for 30 minutes five days a week is optimal for lowering your risk for diabetes. Wearing a pedometer and recording the number of steps for each day can be motivating.

Weight loss of just 5-7 percent of total body weight helps to greatly reduce the risk for diabetes. That means for a person who weighs 180 pounds, losing nine to thirteen pounds will make a big difference! One small step could be to watch portion sizes and make them a little smaller than before. Enjoy every bite but eat less. Another step is to read labels in order to choose foods with less

fat, calories, and salt. Eating more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains can be another step to help in weight loss.

Involve the whole family in small lifestyle changes. Being more active together is much more fun than doing it alone! Giving each other support in eating more healthy foods can go a long way to insure success in keeping the changes in place for the long haul.

Diabetes prevention is possible, powerful, and proven. Start today to make small changes toward a healthier family. For more information, contact Cathy Rogers (386) 362-2771 or cjrogers@ufl.edu.

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Democrat reporter visits Branford Journalism class



Suwannee Democrat reporter, Misty A. Ward

Suwannee Democrat reporter, Misty A. Ward visits the Journalism I class at Branford High School on Tuesday morning. She spoke about her background in journalism including being an editor, page designer and reporter. Ward also helped the classes work on understanding leads by explaining the purpose of them, the key components and the different types. Each class went through a local newspaper and identified the types of leads, whether or not they contained the key components of who, what, when, where, why and how, and edited leads as necessary for better

flow.

Branford is in its first year of having a Journalism Academy with instructor Angel Hill at the helm. There are four Journalism I classes and one Journalism II-IV class, which consists of second-year yearbook students. The students in the upper level journalism class work on the yearbook, take pictures and submit articles to the Big Blue News.

For more information on the Journalism Academy, visit Suwannee.BHS.school-esk.net, click on the drop down menu for CAPE Academy, select Journalism.

Wildlife Food Plot Field Day & Archery Tournament

By Michael Brown - Resource (Consultant Suwannee County Conservation District)

Approximately 50 participants attended the 3rd Annual Wildlife Field Day and Archery Tournament at the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch near Live Oak. The field day was hosted by Suwannee County Conservation District (SCCD).

Nancy Barnes, vice-chairperson of the SCCD welcomed the group.

Guest speaker was Steve Shea, of Shea Wildlife and Environmental Services, INC. Steve has managed white-tail deer in Florida for more than 25 years. He is the recipient of the QDMA Professional Deer Manager of the Year.

His presentation was followed by a soil testing presentation by Chris Vann, Lafayette County Extension Agent. Wildlife food plots are part of the forestry management practices in Florida, and soil testing and lime requirements insure an ample supply of different food crops for all wildlife, including deer.

A tour of the food plot followed with Garrett McCray (SCCD) and Joel Love

(Environmental Field Representative) with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). Several different varieties of legumes and forage crops were planted for not only deer, but other species of wildlife.

A lunch meal was provided by the District.

The Archery Tournament followed lunch on a realistic 3-D course. The participants were able to hone their skills at 12 stations with 25 life-like targets. Even though the targets were static, a keen eye was needed to hit the bulls-eye placed on each target. The weather cooperated and the contestants enjoyed the event. Prizes were awarded for 1st-3rd place in youth and adult classes.

The Boys Ranch received the net proceeds from the day. Several of the Ranchers who work with the farm program at the Ranch, assisted with the event.

The SCCD would like to thank all our sponsors that helped make the day a success. Without their support, an event like this would not be possible.



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Saturday, Dec. 10th at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11th at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Tickets for this year's program, can be obtained at no cost for the Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon performances at the church office (386-658-5344). Tickets are not required for the Sunday morning performance.

Martha Branche: Thankful each day

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ries of those days, recalling the joy he received from serving in that capacity.

"Sterling always wanted to be a full-time minister and was able to do so for two years, after retiring from Alltel," she said.

The couple married in 1961 and shared many wonderful years together,

before Sterling's death in 1998.

"We had more happiness in our 37 years together than many people have in a lifetime," Branche recalled with a gentle smile.

Perhaps those memories are what make Branche's Thanksgivings so meaningful. The memories of the great father and husband Sterling Branche was reit-

erate the significance of Thanksgiving for Martha.

"We've had so many good times," Branche recalls. "The children all share stories about their father and we thoroughly enjoy the laughter and the memories."

Some of Branche's favorite memories are those of spending Thanksgiving in Lafayette County's hunting woods. She reminisces how her entire family often joined 50 to 75 people at the hunting camp to celebrate Thanksgiving. Everyone carried food and enjoyed a wonderful feast in North Florida's pristine wilderness. For the Branches, it was a memorable time

of fellowship and love that required no television or video games for entertainment or satisfaction.

"The ladies walked out through the woods and picked up pretty pine cones after we ate lunch," Branche recalled.

Indeed, the Branche family shares some beautiful memories of Thanksgiving, but they continue to make memories as Martha enjoys her children, Bruce, Bubba, Patti and their families.

"I have three children and four grandchildren," Branche proudly said. "To the grandchildren, I am Nana."

The Branche family enjoys a traditional Thanks-

giving meal each year. With laughter, Martha explains that requests are usually made for her sweet potato souffle and pecan pie. This year, she plans to go to the home of her youngest son, Bruce, and his family in Mayo. There she will see most of the family and before the day is over, she will probably see them all.

Anyone who knows Martha Branche will quickly recognize that she doesn't wait until the fourth Thursday of November to celebrate Thanksgiving. She is simply thankful for the gifts in her life, the blessings she has received and the family she shares them with on a daily basis.

Each morning, Branche begins her day with prayer and a Bible reading. Her days are devoted to serving God, her family, friends and neighbors. In a sense, Thanksgiving lunch is served in her home every day. During the week, Branche prepares lunch for her sons, who work in Live Oak. They often drop in and savor some of their mother's delightful southern cooking.

Branche is also an active member at Westwood Baptist Church in Live Oak, where she is devoted to teaching Sunday school and singing in the senior choir.

As a mother and grandmother, Branche has an abundance of wonderful memories from Thanksgivings that have come and gone, but she looks ahead, anticipating the lingering joys of the family she loves and creating new memories. Through her commitment and unwavering example, others also realize there is nothing complicated about Thanksgiving.

As Martha Branche says,

"It is a time for remembering and being most thankful to God and for all He has done."

The Santa of the Suwannee

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nated his personal sorrow, but made it at least more bearable. So what started out as a one-time, seasonal job, evolved into something far more important in the lives of the MacDonald's. And as a result, the "designer beard" would give way to the real McCoy...that first Santa suit would be replaced by more realistic ones...and Teresa, decked out in a beautiful, flowing red gown, would become the consummate "Mrs. Claus."

In the coming years, Lou became the "go to guy" in North Georgia when a Santa was needed. He says he would start having corporate bookings as early as October. Then there were also the numerous TV appearances.

With his move to North Florida three-years ago, the number of corporate jobs became fewer, but that doesn't mean Santa is idle. Lou explains that since relocating---he calls Madison "the North Pole"--- church visits, for which he doesn't normally charge, have become an important part of his life...one for which he has even developed a special program. "I explain to the kids that first and foremost, Santa---like all Christians---is nothing more than a servant of Jesus, whose birthday we are celebrating." And as Christ's servant, he explains, Santa is charged with doing good works...in his case, bringing gifts to the deserving. But he also tells the little ones, they too have an obligation to do good things in Christ's name.

Does it seem somehow ironic that the figure that has become the epitome of Christmas commercialism should be delivering such a message? Not at all. In fact, if the 4th Century bishop we know as Saint Nicholas were still alive today, I suspect he'd be saying exactly the same.

If you or your group would like to learn more about arranging a visit from Santa and Mrs. Clause, you can reach them by sending an email to SantaNiclaus@aol.com. Or you can visit Santa's webpage at www.SantaNiclaus.com.

Man dies from injuries in motorcycle crash

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torcycle into the back of Parr's pickup.

As a result of the impact, Miller was ejected and thrown over Parr's pickup. He died Friday at Shands Gainesville from his injuries.

Parr nor a passenger in the truck, Jonathan L. Parr, 15, were injured.

In the hours following Miller's death, overwhelming comments flooded his Facebook page consoling family, friends and remembering him.

"Ron my dear husband and best friend.....I will miss you. Making plans for our future. This is truly killing me.. Angels are there for you.... love you," his wife, Linda Miller wrote.

There was also a memorial video of Miller posted along with messages from those who cared from

friend Crystal Lyons.

"In loving memory of my friend Ron Miller," Lyons wrote, accompanying the video.

Friend Victoria Driver sent a message of condolences to family and friends.

"Our hearts go out to all of Ron's family and friends in their time of sorrow," Driver wrote. "As I am deeply shocked at the sudden loss of such a great man and while my heart is hurting, the fact that I have been one of the fortunate ones lucky enough to call him my friend brings me great comfort. His passing has left a huge void in all our lives!"

Cindy Roberts said she was glad to have known Miller.

"I will keep praying for your children and family. I know how bad something like that hurts. Ride on, buddy," Roberts wrote.



The motorcycle that Charles Ronald Miller was riding Thursday afternoon after being involved in a wreck in Hamilton County. Miller died Friday afternoon from his injuries.

Bicyclist clipped by truck



Suwannee County Sheriff's deputies consult with a FHP trooper following a pickup versus bicycle accident on US 27 east of Branford Nov. 17. - Photo: Misty A. Ward

Disorderly woman Tased

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person who resides at that resident. When deputies arrived, Tracy Lynne Hanson, 49, of the same address, was consuming alcohol.

Authorities say that Hanson had to be asked four different times not to interfere while they were attempting to help the other resident and she responded by screaming and cursing at the deputies.

Reports show that Hanson was detained and placed in handcuffs. When deputies

attempted to place her into the patrol car, she began resisting and refused to enter the back seat.

In an effort to gain compliance, officers stunned Hanson with a taser. She then entered the vehicle, laid on her back and kicked one of the deputies in the chest with her right foot, reports show.

Hanson was transported to the Suwannee County Jail where she was booked on charges of disorderly intoxication, battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest.

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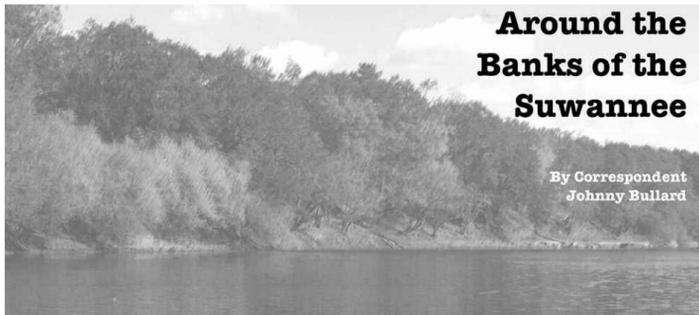
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Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent Johnny Bullard

Documented history

During this season of Thanksgiving, I wish to give thanks for many blessings and among these are wonderful books... You may think it rather odd for me to offer oblations for the gifts of the printed word, but I truly do.

Where would we be without so many wonderful books? Books that have held me in "good stead" through the years---I won't enumerate all my favorites---both fiction and non-fiction, but I do want to recommend three to you, and I believe, if you are a reader and love this area, you will, indeed, receive a blessing from reading these---and, hopefully, like me, you will give thanks.

First, I heartily recommend a new publication, "The Documented History

of White Springs" by Tracy Woodard. I read this new work from "cover to cover"; the entire 122 pages took me about five hours, because I did swing it from "limb to limb", as it were. I am a seventh generation Floridian and, for this state, which has only been a state for 166 years, that reaches back a "fur piece". I didn't think there was much about the history of my home which had eluded me. I was wrong. This book is not some "moonlight over magnolia myth"...It is a documented history, and it presents the history of White Springs, Florida, with all its glory, as well its "bumps and warts". It's not "gossipy". It is the truth, and I rejoiced in reading it.

Tracy Woodard is a librarian for the White

Springs Public Library. I have known Tracy personally for 35 years, and she is a treasured friend. I had the privilege of teaching and/or being the principal for all three of her children.

Tracy embraced the people and culture of her husband's north Florida home when she arrived in White Springs as a newlywed in 1974. Her work as a social columnist and general assignment reporter for local newspapers exposed her to the stories of the people of White Springs, Florida. As a teacher's assistant at the local school, South Hamilton Elementary, she came

to know the children and through them, the families of the Town. She has served on many local non-profit organization boards and on the Town Council. Along the way, she and her husband reared three children, Cleta, Melissa, and Clay---built a home and started a small family business. Her family including two grandchildren, a grandchild on the way, three grand-dogs, one grand-cat, and seven grand-turtles-is her joy, as is her work among the people of White Springs, Florida.

On a personal note, I am "tied" by blood on the Hunter side of my family to Tracy's husband, Clayton E. "Woody" Woodard, as well as to her children and grandchildren. The intertwining limbs of the family trees for the Bullard and Hunter families of Hamilton County are, shall we say, "close", very "close".

Her children and grandchildren will host a book signing reception for Tracy on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Florida's Nature and Heritage Tourism Center, White Springs, Florida, from 2

p.m. till 3:30 p.m. The cost of "The Documented History of the Town of White Springs" is \$24.95. She has 100 copies available. I would suggest you come early if you want one. If you are fortunate enough to purchase one, you will be glad you did---A wonderful, wonderful book. Truly a blessing.

Very quickly, two other books I highly recommend for holiday reading or gift giving are: Lillian Smith's "A Memory of a Large Christmas". The book written by Jasper native, Lillian Smith is set in Jasper, Florida, shortly before the turn of the 20th century. Lillian Smith, one of the South's most famous and prolific 20th century writers also published "Strange Fruit" which was set in Jasper, Florida, although in the book, the town is called Maxwell, Georgia, and "Killers of the Dream", her commentary of Civil Rights in the South. "A Memory of a Large Christmas" is a "must read"---short and beautifully written.... You will love it.

Finally, I whole heartedly

recommend that you read Patrick Smith's "Florida: A Land Remembered". A sweeping fictional saga that "tells the story" of the settlement of the State of Florida through the eyes of a pioneer family... You will not be able to put it down....Smith is not a native Floridian, but his masterful work is very, very noteworthy.

Well, those are my holiday recommendations to you in this column---You can go on line and purchase "A Memory of a Large Christmas" by Lillian Smith, as well as "Florida: A Land Remembered", and you can drive over to White Springs, on Saturday, Dec. 3, and purchase "The Documented History of the Town of White Springs" or you can order it by e-mailing Tracy Woodard at history-ofwhitesprings@gmail.com

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Partners with Florida State University and University of Florida to Host Fresh From Florida Sunshine Showdown

Rivalry Between Florida State Seminoles and Florida Gators Branded to Promote Florida Agriculture

Tallahassee, FL – Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam announced today the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has teamed up with two of the state's top brands – the Florida Gators and Florida State Seminoles – to harness the home team passion associated with the athletics rivalry and direct it towards supporting Florida products. The partnership leverages every game, match and competition between the two teams in 18 sports to promote Fresh From Florida.

The tradition-rich Florida Gators vs. Florida State Seminoles football game will serve as the signature event of this partnership to communicate the importance of all that's Fresh From Florida to an audience that is uniquely Florida: Gator and Seminole Fans. This year's matchup of the Florida Gators and Florida State Seminoles football teams will be titled the "Fresh From Florida Sunshine Showdown," scheduled for November 26 in Gainesville. The Fresh From Florida Sunshine Showdown will highlight the importance of supporting Florida farmers and fisherman and communicate the impact of buying home grown and harvested products from Florida.

"The Fresh From Florida Sunshine Showdown brings two of Florida's great teams head to head," said Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam. "As each side cheers for their home team, we're hopeful they'll support Florida's ultimate home team, Florida's farmers and fishermen."

Florida's seafood industry has taken a blow from public misperceptions about the safety of Florida seafood following the Gulf oil spill. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services tests Florida Gulf seafood for the presence of contaminants and results show the seafood is safe. The new Fresh From Florida Sunshine Showdown is an effort to encourage fans to

support the local economy and buy Florida seafood and agricultural products.

Throughout the season, head football coaches Jimbo Fisher and Will Muschamp appear in ads reminding fans to look for Fresh from Florida products in grocery stores and ask for them in restaurants. These ads, currently airing statewide on television and radio, encourage viewers and listeners to support Florida's economy by buying Florida grown and harvested products.

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"Not that the rivalry between FSU and Florida needs anything else to raise the excitement level, but we are happy to be able to tie it in to something as important as the seafood industry and agriculture in the state of Florida," said Randy Spetman, director of athletics at Florida State University. "We all live here or have strong ties here and it is important that we pull together to help support the farmers and merchants within our state."

"We're proud to do whatever we can to help our economy here in Florida and remind fans of the importance of supporting these great industries," said University of Florida Director of Athletics Jeremy Foley. "We're excited to participate and tie this great rivalry to a message that is important to all of us."

Throughout the year, head men's basketball coaches Billy Donovan and Leonard Hamilton will echo the call to Floridians to support Fresh From Florida. Teams' popular web sites www.gatorzone.com and www.seminoles.com offer seasonal recipes and information on availability of fruits, vegetables and seafood for each time of year. Messaging will remind fans while it's their team's plan to win on the field, fans can help all Floridians win by buying Fresh from Florida.

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FAMILY FEATURES

What can possibly make the holidays easier and fun, more delicious and sweet, more festive and bright, and yet traditional all at the same time? The answer is fresh grapes. Luckily, grapes from California are in plentiful supply in all colors — red, green and black — throughout the holiday season.

For a dinner or buffet, fresh grapes can be added to two favorite sides, stuffing and cranberry relish, with delightful and satisfying results. There are many familiar stuffing ingredients in Wild Rice Stuffing with Grapes and Hazelnuts, but the distinction in the dish is the wild rice, the toasted hazelnuts and fresh grapes. The grapes add a warm, still-juicy brightness to the stuffing, one that's perfect with any kind of poultry, from turkey to game hens to goose.

In Grape Cranberry Relish, two seasonal fruits work very well together. Grapes provide natural sweetness, so the amount of sugar that's added to quiet the strong tartness of cranberries is much reduced compared to similar recipes. The relish is a nice blend of still-noticeable grapes in a sauce that's remarkably luscious.

Pluck the gift of grapes this holiday season and you'll enjoy every juicy bite no matter how you choose to serve them. For more recipes, visit www.grapesfromcalifornia.com.



Cranberry Grape Relish

Yields: 3 cups

- 2 cups red seedless California grapes
- 1 12-ounce package cranberries, fresh or frozen
- 1 orange, juiced and zested
- 1/2 cup sugar

Place all ingredients in heavy saucepan and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally for 10 minutes until thick and shiny.

Let cool thoroughly, then store in airtight container in refrigerator for up to one week. Serve alongside roast turkey, pork or ham.

Make Grapes Your Healthy Holiday Ally

- Fresh grapes are low in calories — just 90 per 3/4 cup serving — yet are satisfying and very, very good for you. Grapes of all colors are a natural source of beneficial antioxidants known as polyphenols, which may help contribute to a healthy heart.
- Snack on grapes before going out. They'll fill you up, so you can graze in moderation.
- Offer grapes on appetizer plates and as a side so friends and family can share in the goodness of this beautiful fruit.



Arrange grapes around your cheese plate and cut into mini-clusters for easy eating.

Quick Tips for Holiday Entertaining with Grapes

Fresh grapes are a versatile fruit with multiple uses.

- Grapes make for easy decorations and centerpieces in bowls and on platters or draped from a cake plate.
- Grapes can be easily "frosted" with sugar, spices and finely chopped nuts. Simply wet or dip clusters in liquid gelatin before rolling grapes in your favorite mixture. Use them to decorate cookie plates, cakes, puddings, mousses and more.
- Looking for an easy hostess gift? Wrap grape clusters — multiple colors work best — in tissue paper and place in a pretty basket, tied with a ribbon.
- Grapes are a quick and easy potluck treat, guaranteed to please, especially when you have very little time to throw something together.

Wild Rice Stuffing with Grapes and Hazelnuts

Yields: 6 1/4 cups

- 2 cans (28 fluid ounces total) low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup wild rice
- 4 slices bacon, diced 1/4-inch
- 1 tablespoon butter, unsalted
- 1 large onion (1 1/2 cups chopped), diced 1/4-inch
- 2 stalks (3/4 cup chopped) celery, diced 1/4-inch
- 1 1/2 cups button mushrooms, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, fresh, minced
- 1 teaspoon thyme, fresh, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper, ground
- 1/4 cup parsley, fresh chopped
- 1 cup hazelnuts, toasted and coarsely chopped
- 2 cups California seedless grapes, rinsed

In heavy saucepan, bring chicken broth to a boil. Add wild rice and stir. Cover pan and reduce heat to low. Let simmer for one hour, until rice is tender and has popped open.

Meanwhile, cook bacon in fry pan over medium until almost crisp, about 8-10 minutes.

Add butter to bacon pan, then add onions, celery, mushrooms, garlic, thyme and salt and pepper. Cook over medium heat for 5 to 7 minutes, until onions are translucent.

Remove from heat and fold in parsley, hazelnuts and grapes.

Add rice with any remaining liquid in pan to vegetable mixture and toss well to combine.

Stuffing may be used to fill turkey, game hens, or chicken. Stuffing may also be baked separately in a casserole dish covered with foil; bake at 350°F for 20 to 30 minutes until hot throughout.

To toast hazelnuts, place in 350°F oven for 9 to 12 minutes. Rub in a clean dishtowel to remove skins.

Note: If you make ahead and refrigerate, cook time will be 30 to 40 minutes until hot.



SPORTS

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Lady 'Dogs soccer shuts out Forrest



This Suwannee Bulldog keeps the ball away from her opponent.
- Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

By Doug Mabey

JV assistant soccer coach

The varsity Lady Bulldogs soccer team defeated Forrest High School in Jacksonville Thursday night, Nov. 17.

The final score was 8-0.

The ladies came to play and it wasn't long before we saw the results. Just over eight minutes into the game, Jessie Tenbroeck started what would turn out to be a great night for her by scoring the first goal. Marissa Morgan scored the next two, with an assist by Tenbroeck on the third goal.

Ashley Wood scored the fourth to finish out the first half.

The second half was more of the same when Tenbroeck scored the fifth goal of the game and Jessie's second eight min-

utes into the second half. Grace Brett scored goal number six, Logan Bonds scored the seventh with an assist from Meghan Tyrell. The clincher for this game was scored by Taylor Alley with 15 minutes left in the game.

Forrest's Coach is Ms. Kristansen and she picked their goalie, Tyler McFadden, who stopped over 20 shots on goal, as their player of the game.

There was no player of the game announced for Suwannee.

The varsity record is now 3-1-2, 1-0-1.

The next match was on Friday, Nov. 18 against Ridgeview.

(Due to the *Democrat's* press deadline for the Thanksgiving holiday, see that match's results in a future edition.)

GO LADY DOGS!!

Boys soccer downs Jacksonville Forrest

The Suwannee High School boys soccer team defeated Nathan Bedford Forrest High School in Jacksonville Thursday night at Paul Langford Stadium in Live Oak.

The final score was 9-1.

Suwannee's record is now 4-2-0.

Forrest's record is now 2-2-0.

First half goals:

1st goal-Cooper Hall,

assisted by Zach Roberson 7th minute

2nd goal-Justin Shirah, assisted by Cooper Hall 18th minute

3rd-Josh Boatright, assisted by Justin Shirah 19th minute

4th-Cooper Hall, unassisted 29th minute

5th-John Ross Swinney, assisted by Matt Wotton 30th

6th-Cooper Hall, unassisted 32nd minute

7th goal-scored by Forrest player Danial Stone (this is the way it was spelled on the roster)

Second half:

8th goal-Brandon Joyner, assisted by John Ross Swinney

9th goal-Zach Roberson, assisted by Brandon Joyner

10th goal-John Ross Swinney, assisted by Zach Roberson.



Team captain and senior Leo Torres steals the ball.
- Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

SMS wrestlers dominate in season opener



The Suwannee Middle School wrestling team defeated Richardson Middle School in the season opener Nov. 15, 81-41. See more photos, Page 4B. Courtesy photos

The Suwannee Middle School wrestling team opened its competition season Nov. 15 in dominating fashion with a 81-41 victory at Richardson Middle School.

Suwannee opened the match with two pins from JV wrestlers Brandon Kirkland (132 lbs.) and Brandon Put-

nel (138 lbs.).

Varsity followed suit by registering wins in 14 of the 20 weight classes wrestled. The varsity wrestlers bringing home victories were:

Brandon Trask (75 lbs.)

Anthony Overn (80 lbs.-forfeit)

Josh Shingola (90 lbs.)

Matt Dixon (95 lbs.)

Samuel McMillan (100 lbs.)

Dean Shingola (106 lbs.)

Bryce Hatfield (113 lbs. forfeit)

Joseph Borrell (120 lbs.)

Kaleb Redish (126 lbs.)

Kyle Cunningham (138 lbs.)

Steven Potter (145 lbs.)

Tyler Foster (160 lbs.)

Rossi Williams (285 lbs.)

The team traveled to Orange Park Saturday, Nov. 19, to participate in the Wildcat Duals. The team would like to thank all of the parents and sponsors who attended the match and support the program and make it possible.

SPORTS

2011 Fall Sports Scoreboard

Branford High School Varsity Football (2-8-0)

Sept. 2	@ Seven Rivers	14-20
Sept. 9	@ Trenton	0-62
Sept. 16	vs Temple Christian	52-18
Sept. 23	@ Maclay	16-34
Oct. 7	vs Jefferson County	0-52
Oct. 14	vs Bronson	6-19
Oct. 21	@ Hamilton County	34-52
Oct. 28	vs Bishop Snyder	6-19
Nov. 4	vs Lafayette	8-49
Nov. 10	@ Bell	8-44

BHS Varsity Volleyball (4-11-0)

Sept. 1	vs Jefferson County	3-0
Sept. 6	@ Dixie County	1-3
Sept. 13	@ Lafayette	0-3
Sept. 15	vs Hamilton County	2-3
Sept. 19	vs Bronson	2-3
Sept. 20	@ Bell	0-3
Sept. 22	@ Fort White	0-3
Sept. 29	@ Trenton	0-3
Oct. 3	@ Bronson	1-3
Oct. 4	@ Jefferson County	3-0
Oct. 6	vs Lafayette	0-3
Oct. 10	vs Bell	0-3
Oct. 13	@ Hamilton County	3-2
Oct. 17	vs Dixie County	1-3
Oct. 20	vs Suwannee	3-1

Suwannee High School Girls Cross Country (1-2-0)

Sept. 27	vs Branford	24-31
Oct. 4	@ Branford	19-39
Oct. 27	@ Cedar Key	1-2

SHS Varsity Football (1-9-0)

Sept. 2	@ Madison County	8-40
Sept. 9	@ Hamilton County	51-26
Sept. 16	@ Santa Fe	25-49
Sept. 23	vs Rutherford	6-40
Oct. 7	vs Amos P. Godby	3-43
Oct. 14	@ Bay	22-31
Oct. 21	@ Wakulla	0-42
Oct. 28	vs Taylor County	21-34
Nov. 4	vs Rickards	18-20
Nov. 11	vs Columbia	3-24

SHS Boys Golf (4-4-1)

Sept. 6	vs Lafayette	195-204
Sept. 8	vs Keystone Heights	197-197
Sept. 12	vs Melody Christian	223-273
Sept. 13	@ P.K. Yonge	
Sept. 15	vs Eastside	206-196
Sept. 20	@ Keystone & Bradford	218-207
Sept. 22	Tri-match	
Sept. 26	vs Branford	195-203
Sept. 29	@ Eastside & Branford	
Oct. 3	vs Madison County	205-203
Oct. 6	vs Union County	215-219
Oct. 11	@ Madison County	197-189

SHS Girls Golf (4-2-0)

Sept. 8	@ Branford	212-224
Sept. 12	@ Columbia	204-184
Oct. 6	@ Santa Fe & Eastside	181-216
Oct. 8	@ Columbia	418-392

All other results not reported

SHS Boys Swimming (2-4-0)

Sept. 6	vs Maclay & Columbia	249-313
Sept. 6	vs Maclay	274-256
Sept. 20	@ P.K. Yonge	61-119
Oct. 5	vs Florida High	72-97
Oct. 13	@ Columbia	69-95

SHS Girls Swimming (0-6-0)

Sept. 6	vs Maclay & Columbia	169-421
Sept. 6	vs Maclay	192-318
Sept. 20	@ P.K. Yonge	24-141
Sept. 27	@ Maclay	93-158
Oct. 5	vs Florida High	61-101
Oct. 13	@ Columbia	45-115

SHS Varsity Volleyball (6-12-0)

Sept. 1	@ Rickards	3-0
Sept. 7	@ Fort White	0-3
Sept. 8	@ Columbia	0-3
Sept. 15	@ Wakulla	
Sept. 20	vs Columbia	0-3
Sept. 22	vs Rickards	3-1
Sept. 27	@ Lafayette	0-3
Sept. 29	@ Hamilton County	3-1
Oct. 3	vs Lafayette	0-3
Oct. 6	vs Baker Count	1-3
Oct. 10	vs Fort White	3-0
Oct. 11	vs Wakulla	1-3
Oct. 13	vs Madison County	3-0
Oct. 17	vs Hamilton County	3-0
Oct. 18	@ Baker County	0-3
Oct. 20	@ Branford	1-3
Oct. 25	District Finals	1-3
Nov. 1	@ Gulf Breeze	0-3

2nd Annual Charity Basketball Game
Sponsored by: The Lake City Recreation Department & The Richardson Community Center Annie Mattox Park North, Inc.

Lake City All Stars vs. Live Oak All Stars
Men and Women Basketball Teams



November 25th at LCMS Gymnasium
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A message from Latona McQuay on the First Annual Charity Basketball Game



Latona McQuay with Mario Coppock. Courtesy photo

The First Annual Charity Basketball Game was established when I was told of the need for funds to help the area children's Pop Warner Team. I think it's so necessary for us to take an interest in our children's future/abilities and I felt like this was just a small step in showing the children someone

cares. It soon became something that reached out to more than just one specific area. We ended up having both male and female games, from Suwannee and Columbia counties along with entertainment from some of the community's youth! When I reached out for help from different people in the community they without hesitation came through. One in particular is Mario Coppock. I called him and informed him of my ideas and my need for a building. He not only delivered but

went above and beyond duty by allowing me to collect and donate all proceeds. In turn I promised him that the 2nd Annual Charity Basketball Game proceeds would go to a charity of his choice. I'm grateful to his efforts to make my dream a reality and count it a blessing to know someone who selflessly gave of themselves to the extent that he did. Needless to say the event was a tremendous success and we anticipate even greater things this year.

Latona

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VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE: 2011 Record: 0-0-0

November, 2011

Fri Nov 25 12:02 PM	Away	Leon High Pre-Season Shootout	Leon High School
Tue Nov 29 07:30 PM	Home	F.W. Buchholz High School	Suwannee High Gym

December, 2011

Fri Dec 02 07:30 PM	Away	Eastside High School	Eastside High School
Sat Dec 03 07:30 PM	Home	Columbia High School	Suwannee High Gym
Tue Dec 06 07:30 PM	Away	Taylor County High School	Taylor County High School
Sat Dec 10 07:30 PM	Away	Hamilton County High School	Hamilton County High School
Tue Dec 13 07:30 PM	Home	Rickards High School District	Suwannee High Gym
Fri Dec 16 07:30 PM	Home	Wakulla High School District	Suwannee High Gym
Sat Dec 17 07:30 PM	Home	Madison County High School	Suwannee High Gym
Tue Dec 20 07:30 PM	Away	Santa Fe High School	Santa Fe High School
Fri Dec 23 07:30 PM	Away	West Gadsden High School	West Gadsden High School
Tue Dec 27 03:00 PM	Away	Hitchcock's Challenge	Santa Fe High School
Wed Dec 28 03:00 PM	Away	Hitchcock's Challenge	Santa Fe High School
Thu Dec 29 03:00 PM	Away	Hitchcock's Challenge	Santa Fe High School

January, 2012

Tue Jan 03 07:30 PM	Home	Santa Fe High School	Suwannee High Gym
Fri Jan 06 07:30 PM	Home	Hamilton County High School	Suwannee High Gym
Fri Jan 13 07:30 PM	Away	Wakulla High School District	Wakulla High School
Tue Jan 17 07:30 PM	Away	Rickards High School District	James S. Rickards High School
Wed Jan 25 07:30 PM	Away	Oakleaf High School	Oakleaf Gym
Fri Jan 27 07:30 PM	Away	Madison County High School	Madison County High School
Sat Jan 28 07:30 PM	Home	West Gadsden High School	Suwannee High Gym

February, 2012

Fri Feb 03 07:30 PM	Home	Taylor County High School	Suwannee High Gym
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November, 2011

Tue Nov 08 05:30 PM	Away	Suwannee Valley Ladies Preseason Jam	Boccaneer Multi-Sport Complex
Tue Nov 15 07:30 PM	Away	Taylor County High School	Taylor County High School
Mon Nov 21 07:30 PM	Away	Amos P. Godby High School	To be determined
Tue Nov 22 07:30 PM	Home	Columbia High School	Suwannee High Gym
Mon Nov 28 07:30 PM	Home	Newberry High School	Suwannee High Gym

December, 2011

Fri Dec 02 07:30 PM	Home	Rickards High School District	Suwannee High Gym
Fri Dec 09 07:30 PM	Home	Wakulla High School District	Suwannee High Gym
Sat Dec 10 06:00 PM	Away	Hamilton County High School	Hamilton County High School
Sat Dec 17 06:00 PM	Home	Madison County High School	Suwannee High Gym

January, 2012

Tue Jan 03 07:00 PM	Away	Newberry High School	Newberry High School
Fri Jan 06 06:00 PM	Home	Hamilton County High School	Suwannee High Gym
Mon Jan 09 07:30 PM	Away	Rickards High School District	James S. Rickards High School
Tue Jan 10 07:30 PM	Away	Columbia High School	Columbia High School
Fri Jan 13 07:30 PM	Home	Amos P. Godby High School	Suwannee High Gym
Mon Jan 16 07:30 PM	Home	Taylor County High School	Suwannee High Gym
Fri Jan 20 07:30 PM	Away	Wakulla High School District	Wakulla High School
Fri Jan 27 06:00 PM	Away	Madison County High School	Madison County High School

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VARSITY BOYS SOCCER SCHEDULE: 2011 Record: 0-0-0

November, 2011

Sat Nov 05 09:15 AM	Away	KHHS Twin Lakes Tournament	Twin Lake Park
Mon Nov 07 06:00 PM	Home	P. K. Yonge Developmental Research School	Suwannee High School
Wed Nov 09 07:00 PM	Away	Lincoln High School	Lincoln High School
Thu Nov 10 07:20 PM	Home	Atlantic Coast High School District	Suwannee High School
Mon Nov 14 07:00 PM	Home	Columbia High School	Paul Langford Stadium
Tue Nov 15 07:30 PM	Away	Samuel W. Wolfson High School District	Wolfpack Stadium
Thu Nov 17 07:00 PM	Home	Nathan Bedford Forrest High School District	Paul Langford Stadium
Tue Nov 29 07:00 PM	Home	Gainesville High School	Paul Langford Stadium

December, 2011

Thu Dec 01 07:15 PM	Away	Paxon School for Advanced Studies District	Eagle's Field
Mon Dec 05 07:00 PM	Home	Lafayette High School	Paul Langford Stadium
Tue Dec 06 07:20 PM	Away	Terry Parker High School District	Joe Hodge Stadium
Fri Dec 09 06:00 PM	Away	Hamilton County High School	Hamilton County High School
Tue Dec 13 05:00 PM	Home	Hamilton County High School	Paul Langford Stadium
Thu Dec 15 05:00 PM	Away	Lafayette High School	Dale Walker Field

January, 2012

Tue Jan 03 06:00 PM	Away	P. K. Yonge Developmental Research School	Suwannee High School
Thu Jan 05 07:15 PM	Home	Stanton College Preparatory School District	Paul Langford Stadium
Fri Jan 06 07:30 PM	Away	Eastside High School	Jonesville Park
Tue Jan 10 07:15 PM	Home	Bishop Kenny High School District	Paul Langford Stadium
Thu Jan 12 06:00 PM	Away	Santa Fe High School	To be determined
Sat Jan 14 04:00 PM	Home	Creekside High School	Paul Langford Stadium
Tue Jan 17 07:00 PM	Away	Columbia High School	Columbia High School
Thu Jan 19 07:00 PM	Home	Wakulla High School	Suwannee High School
Fri Jan 20 06:00 PM	Home	Santa Fe High School	Paul Langford Stadium

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October, 2011

Tue Oct 25 04:15 PM	Away	0	0	T	Gainesville High Pre-Season Classic	Jonesville
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November, 2011

Thu Nov 03 07:00 PM	Away	2	1	W	Columbia High School	Columbia Youth Soccer Association Fields
Mon Nov 07 07:30 PM	Away				Ridgeview High School	Panther Stadium
Wed Nov 09 07:00 PM	Home				Paxon School for Advanced Studies	Paul Langford Stadium
Tue Nov 15 07:15 PM	Home				Samuel W. Wolfson High School District	Paul Langford Stadium
Thu Nov 17 05:00 PM	Home				Nathan Bedford Forrest High School District	Paul Langford Stadium
Fri Nov 18 07:00 PM	Home				Ridgeview High School	Booster Field
Wed Nov 30 07:20 PM	Away				Atlantic Coast High School	Atlantic Coast High School

December, 2011

Fri Dec 02 07:15 PM	Home				Bishop Kenny High School District	Paul Langford Stadium
Tue Dec 06 05:30 PM	Away				Terry Parker High School District	Joe Hodge Stadium
Thu Dec 08 06:00 PM	Away				Hamilton County High School	Hamilton County High School
Fri Dec 09 07:00 PM	Home				Stanton College Preparatory School	Paul Langford Stadium
Sat Dec 10 07:00 PM	Away				F.W. Buchholz High School	F.W. Buchholz High School
Mon Dec 12 07:00 PM	Home				Columbia High School	Suwannee High School
Tue Dec 13 07:00 PM	Home				F.W. Buchholz High School	Paul Langford Stadium

January, 2012

Tue Jan 03 06:00 PM	Home				Hamilton County High School	Paul Langford Stadium
Wed Jan 04 07:00 PM	Home				Gainesville High School	Suwannee High School
Fri Jan 06 07:30 PM	Away				Eastside High School	To be determined

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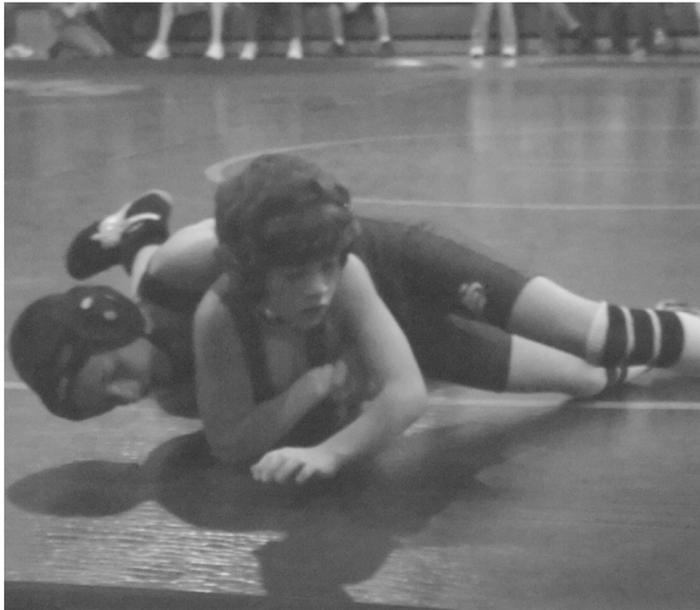
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Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers bluegrass and gospel band.

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great Christmas gift? Tickets are \$8 at the door and are being sold the night of the performance only. That doesn't mean you couldn't just tuck a gift to cover the ticket price into a great Christmas card. You'll probably get lots of hugs and smiles and maybe even get to attend also.

These days you never know if the ringing in Joe Mullins' ears is that of his banjo or a phone call re-

questing a performance by his band, The Radio Ramblers. Mullins owns and operates Classic Country Radio, a network of three southwest Ohio radio stations featuring Classic Country, Bluegrass and Gospel music. The Radio Ramblers, a collaboration of veteran Bluegrass musicians who have worked with one another during former musical endeavors, formed in 2006 for the primary purpose of performing at Classic Country Radio promotions. However, due to the level of their professionalism and talent, the requests for performances by The Radio Ramblers has grown, thus expanding their schedule to include shows at music venues, benefits, and festivals. It

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Old Tyme Farm Days



OTFD 2008 Cog Skinner, right, his family and David Carter and Anthony Crain and crew make syrup. Courtesy photos

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Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25-26, it's Old Tyme Farm Days, an annual heritage festival featuring late 19th Century skills such as cane grinding, syrup making, antique equipment and exhibits, petting zoo, kids' games, food vendors, blacksmith, arts and crafts, kettle korn, jams and jellies, basket weaving, homemade ice cream, handmade jewelry, soap making and fossil exhibits. at the SOSMP.

Admission for Old Tyme Farm Days is \$10 per vehicle. Bring your lawn chairs.

Friday night, Nov. 25, the SOSMP presents The Justin Case Band featuring Ronnie Baldwin, Monty Savitz, Matt Johns, Bill Sheddan, Jerry Guy, Frank Freihopher and Matt Manard in the Music Hall for your dancing and listening enjoyment. This is one of the best bands around with career musicians. The band has played country top 40 and original music for the last five years and has a new 12-song CD out that can be purchased at events. You don't want to miss this band which is a regular at the SOSMP. Guests are urged to bring their dancing shoes and show off your moves.

Honky Tonk Hitmen Band is a high energy band that plays music from every genre, specializing in Southern rock, classic rock, old school, country and new sounds. These guys will have you rockin' so be sure to plan to get out on that dance floor. The band is made up of Terry Cole, Scott Turner, Dave Aranow and Chris Teele. This band has played to rave reviews previously at the SOSMP.

Admission Friday and Saturday night to the Music Hall is \$5 per person per night with the \$5 deducted from your evening's tab.

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In the Crafts Village you'll also find the SOSMP radio studio where Bluegrass' own "Dr. Don" can be found each Sunday afternoon from 5 - 7 p.m. broadcasting bluegrass music for your enjoyment. Pull up a chair and listen to this ole country boy talk, you'll get a kick out of him and his show. He might even pull out his banjo and entertain a while. If he does, be prepared for a real treat as he's a banjo pro having performed on the Grand Ole Opry and for former U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

The SOSMP's SOS Café and Restaurant will open at 5 p.m. each evening to bring wonderful culinary creations to delight you and your guests such as Friday night only all you can eat sirloin steak at regular price. Saturday night mouth-watering prime rib is available at regular price or you may select from the variety of items on the menu. Shows begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday night in the Music Hall, 7 p.m. Thursday night. Bring the entire family and enjoy a great night out with great food and beverages and wonderful live band performances.

For more information about the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com. You may also contact the SOSMP to inquire about any of the many exciting events coming up this year at the SOSMP such as Ted McMullen's Music Legends Show Dec. 2-3, Suwannee Lights Christmas tour, Suwannee River Jam 2012 and much, much more.

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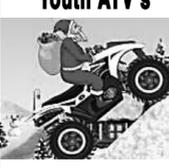
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cannot be left unacknowledged that camaraderie and inherent passion for Bluegrass music within this band has had a profound impact on the quality of its stage presence and ultimate demand. The Radio Ramblers has become a welcomed addition to the southwest Ohio Bluegrass music scene and now all over the US.

The Radio Ramblers recently released two CDs entitled Hymns from the Hills and Rambler's Call.

BAND MEMBERS

Mullins, banjo player and vocalist, has been an active Bluegrass performer and radio broadcaster for 25 years. He began working on the radio and playing banjo professionally while still in high school in the early 80s, touring and recording nationwide as a founding member of the band Traditional Grass. Mullins also performed and recorded with award-winning Bluegrass band Longview.

Adam McIntosh is the guitarist and a vocalist with The Radio Ramblers. He began playing Bluegrass at age 11. In 1999, Adam assembled a local band, Borderline, where he met mandolin player Mike Terry. The next year Adam began playing guitar and singing tenor with Rounder recording artists Dry Branch Fire Squad, where he remained for more than 3 years.

Fiddler Evan McGregor has been playing bluegrass since 1994 and has been a member of a number of regional and national acts, including the Wildwood Valley Boys, the Aubrey Holt Show and the James King Band. The Wildwood Valley Boys and James King Band have both played at the SOSMP's music hall. McGregor also placed in several regional fiddle contests. While playing local venues as a member of different regional bands, Evan became acquainted with Mike Terry and Adam McIntosh.

Mandolin player Mike Terry has been involved with bluegrass music most of his life and performing with bluegrass groups for 12 years. Mike first met Joe Mullins when they performed together in the gospel group The Beacons.

Bassist Tim Kidd began performing bluegrass as a teenager. At 17, Tim began playing Southern Gospel with The Hoskins Family, where he remained until moving to the Beacons at age 19. It is with The Beacons that Tim first became acquainted with Joe Mullins and Mike Terry and where he performed for nearly 5 years. Tim has also known Adam McIntosh since his junior year of high school. In other words, these guys are the real McCoy and know their music!

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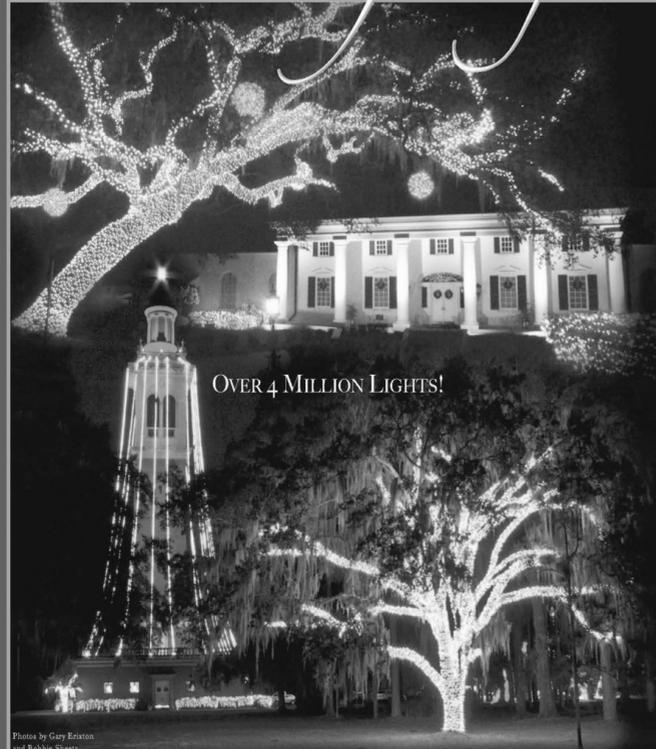
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Each season poses its own unique challenges to skin, and this year figures to be no different. With fall and winter on the horizon, it's important for men and women to practice proper skin care in an effort to protect themselves from dry skin, which can be irritating and unsightly. Though an extra layer of clothing might hide dry, flakey skin from view, it won't do much to relieve the irritation and damage that result from severely dry skin. This fall and winter, consider the following tips to help the skin survive the woes of winter.

* Take quick, temperate showers. It might feel good to get in from the cold and take a hot bath or shower, but this actually breaks down lipid barriers in the skin, potentially robbing the skin of moisture. In lieu of a long, steamy bath or shower, take a quick shower in warm water.

* Moisturize every day. Moisturizers like O'Keeffe's Working Hands and O'Keeffe's for Healthy Feet are designed to relieve dry skin irritation, particularly on those areas of the body that are troublesome during the winter months. Look for creams that contain water and glycerin that will help to draw moisture into the skin and stimulate the body's natural repair process. Moisturizers that are non-greasy, non-oil based and fragrance free tend to work the best to repair dry skin. Oil-based creams will actually repel water that would otherwise hydrate the skin causing further damage.

Men and women should also make moisturizing a part of their nightly routine before going to bed. Skin

temperatures rise during sleep, resulting in increased circulation and healing, so be sure to moisturize each night before going to bed.

* Continue to protect skin from the sun. The sun is just as strong in winter as it is during the summer, and winter sun can do significant damage to unprotected skin, especially when winter sun combines with snow glare. Use a moisturizer with SPF throughout the winter, and apply it to both hands and face roughly 30 minutes before going outside.

* Wear a winter wardrobe. Protective clothing like gloves, scarves and thick socks not only keep us warm through the winter, they also keep skin safe as well. Strong winter winds and below freezing temperatures can damage the skin significantly, so bundle up when going outdoors. And be sure to avoid wet socks and gloves, which can irritate the skin and cause itching and cracking, and might even result in the formation of sores.

* Stay hydrated. Staying hydrated is another skin care pointer people primarily, and incorrectly, associate with summer. But staying hydrated is just as important in the winter as it is during the summer. Staying hydrated is important for overall health. Men and women who enjoy caffeinated beverages like coffee and soda should know that caffeine is a diuretic that draws water out of the skin. So be sure to counter caffeine consumption by drinking plenty of water.

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Will sponsor a community yard sale, Sat., Nov. 26 from 7:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Anyone may set up their table for a fee of \$5.00. Free hot dogs will be given away. We welcome everyone. For further information, contact John W. Yulee - 209-3047.

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Bingo
Hosted by the American Legion Post 107. Every Tuesday. Early games are at 3 p.m. and evening games are at 7 p.m. Take Hwy. 129, six miles south of Live Oak, turn left at the BINGO sign, then one mile.

American Legion Post Meeting
First Thursday of each month at noon. All military veterans are invited to join us. Contact Randall White for information at 386-984-6245.

Branford Camera Club to meet
The Branford Camera Club will meet at the Branford Public Library on Thursday, November 17, at 7:00 PM. Our program will be a showing of "Water's Journey: The Hidden Rivers of Florida," which is an award-winning documentary that tracks a team of divers and scientists through a section of the Florida Aquifer system, simultaneously above and below ground.

Following a discussion of the video, we will con-

tinue the IN-DEPTH Photo Share we started last month. If you would like to participate, please bring in 3 photos you've taken over the last 3 months, on a digital storage device, along with information on the equipment you used, settings/conditions for photo, and why you chose that particular composition. If you just want to join us to observe or participate in the discussions, that's OK too!

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

For more information, please contact: Carolyn Hogue, Program Chair, 386-935-2044

Dick Madden, Technical Consultant, 386-935-0296
Skip Weigel, Technical Consultant, 386-935-1382

Hopewell Baptist Church Men's Day program

Hopewell Baptist Church of the Fort Union Community, 2407 145th Road, Live Oak, FL will have a Men's Day program on November 20, 2011 at 3 p.m.. Every is invited to come and enjoy the afternoon with us. Rev. Alvin Gandy is pastor.

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

great friends and wonderful fellowship.

Artist Guild
The meetings are held at Suwannee High School at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month.

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3/24/12 14th Annual Lawn Mower Race
5/11/12 The Arc North Florida Golf Tournament
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Addiction Support Group:

Greater Visions faith-based addictions support group meets weekly in two locations. Meetings are held on Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM in Lake City at the Christ Central Church building on Sister's Welcome Road. The group also meets Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM in Live Oak at the Suwannee Coalition office located at 208 North Ohio Avenue. This group provides spiritual and emotional support in a non-judgmental setting. Come experience the freedom from addictions that is found in Christ. Greater Visions is an outreach of Christ Central but open to anyone. For more information contact 208-1345.

Grief Support group offered at Antioch Baptist Church

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

Elks Monday Bingo
At Live Oak Elks Lodge 1165, 415 East Howard St. Live Oak. Early sessions 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. and the pay-

ment will be on a percentage basis. Late sessions: 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. There will be 29 games each paying \$50. One progressive jackpot either \$50 or \$250. One Bonanza paying \$50. One extra large jackpot starting at \$300 if won on the last number called from the Bonanza game - \$100 consolation prize.

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

Wellborn neighborhood watch

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

Are you a time traveler?

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

The Suwannee Coalition

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

The Lake DeSoto

farmers market

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

Alcohol Anonymous Live Oak Group

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

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Grief support group

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

Baptist Men's Meeting at Wellborn Baptist Church

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

Love Forever

Live Oak Church of Christ, 1497 SR 51 (Irvin Ave) will be open every third Saturday morning

of each month for a clothes closet and food pantry, 10:30 - 12 noon.

The Lafayette Republican Executive Committee

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

The Columbia Federated Republican Women

Meet the 2nd Monday of each month, 7p.m., brown bag dinner & social time at 6:30 p.m. Currently we meet in Lake City at the old Guardian ad Litem yellow house on Duval Street just east of the First Baptist Church and across from Advanced Auto. We are committed to advancing the participation of women in all areas of the political system and are dedicated to encouraging and empowering women of all ages and backgrounds. Visit the Florida Association's web page at <http://www.ffrw.net/home.html>. Covering North Central Florida - all women are encouraged to attend and be involved in the political process! For more info contact President Gayle Cannon: 386-303-2616, gcannon@atlantic.net

First Baptist Church of Dowling Park Free Meals for Seniors

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

Volunteer Opportunity & Meeting Notice

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All interested individuals

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

Christian Mission In Action Ministry

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

Boy Scout Troop 693

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

Wellborn Community Association (WCA)

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

Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 107

Hosting Wall of Honor The Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 107 is hosting a Wall of Honor. If you have a friend or relative that is currently in active duty of any of the military branches, we would like to honor him/her by posting a picture and name on our Wall of Honor. It will be located in the American Legion

main hall on post 107, the same building bingo is currently held. Please send name, rank and branch of service, along with current photograph, to Teri Hamilton, Americanism Committee Chairman, Legion Auxiliary, 12364 146th Terrace, Live Oak, Florida 32060, 386-362-7978.

Addiction Support Group

Greater Visions faith-based addictions support group meets weekly in two locations. Meetings are held on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in Lake City at the Christ Central Church building on Sister's Welcome Road. The group also meets Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Live Oak at the Suwannee Coalition office located at 208 North Ohio Ave. This group provides spiritual and emotional support in a non-judgmental setting. Come experience the freedom from addictions that is found in Christ. Greater Visions is an outreach of Christ Central but open to anyone. For more information contact 386-208-1345.

Senior Luncheon at Wellborn Baptist Church

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

Lake Park Line Dancers

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

Line dance

Lessons at Uncle Freddy's, Lake Park next to KOA Office Across from Outlet Mall I-75 at Twin Lakes Blvd. (Hwy. 376) 5274 Jewell Futch Rd. 2nd Friday/mo. 7 - 8 pm., 4th Saturday/mo. 7 - 8 pm. For more information contact: talbot483@gmail.com or call: 229/455-2267

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Narcotics Anonymous

The "Trip to Recovery Group" Tuesday 7 p.m., Friday, 7 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 311 South Ohio Ave. Live Oak, FL. Help Line 352-376-8008 or 866-352-5323, [HTTP://uncoastna.org](http://uncoastna.org) Road to Recovery Group is not affiliated with First United Methodist Church.

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Senior Citizens

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

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Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Meeting

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Free Sunday lunch Live Oak

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

Free Sunday lunch Hamilton County

A group headed up by Pat and JoAnn Lynch will be serving a free lunch at the Civic Center in Jasper, on the 2nd Sunday of the month. We need volunteers to help set up and serve the meals. If you are interested in volunteering you may contact Pat and Jo Ann Lynch at (386) 935-1076 or Roger Burnside at (386) 935-3343.

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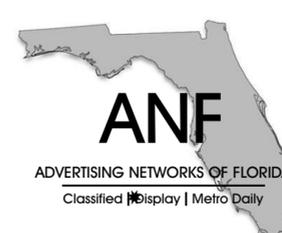
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charged are secondary to the purposes of the organization. We are all brothers of "The Pin." We band together to honor the memories of the over 4,000 men who EARNED THE RIGHT to wear "Dolphins" to maintain the bonds of friendship and camaraderie. You are invited to contact us through the address below for more information: National Contact: United States Submarine Veterans, PO Box 3870 Silverdale, WA 98383 or 1-877-542-DIVE or www.ussvi.org. Local contact: W. Ray Rausch, 386-209-1473, uss483@windstream.net, 10035 105th Drive, Live Oak, FL 32060.

First Baptist Church
Of Live Oak, FL will be holding a weekly grief recovery support group. GriefShare is a non-denominational Biblically based 13 week program for people who are struggling with losing a loved one in death. People can enter at any point in the 13

weeks. It will be held at 6 pm on Wednesdays. First Baptist Church is located at 401 W. Howard in Live Oak. For more information, people may call 386-362-1583 or find us on the web at www.fbcliveoak.org.

Haven Hospice
Hosts Helping Hands Volunteer Orientation
When: Every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.
Where: Haven Hospice Suwannee Valley Care Center, 6037 W. U.S. Hwy 90, Lake City, FL. Call Carolyn Long at 386-752-9191 for more information.

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

Donate your old cars
People may be thinking of donating their old cars as part of a clean up. The Boys and Girls Clubs would be happy to take their old cars. People donating to the Clubs will not only get rid of the unwanted

car but will be contributing to the clubs. Boys and Girls Clubs really work with kids in most communities and offer a safe place for them. If you wish to donate a car, call 800-246-0493. Not only will donors be helping the kids, they will be able to take sale price as a contribution for income tax purposes.

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

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

CJBAT tests
Monday - Thursday at 5

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

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

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

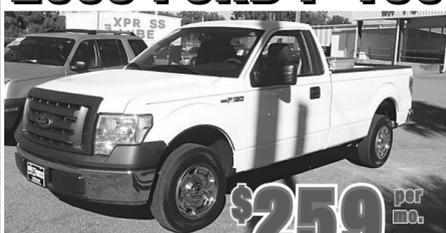
Love a mystery?
Try locating your ancestors by working on your family tree. The Suwannee Valley Genealogy Society invites you to join and learn how to find your ancestors. Membership is \$30 for a single member or \$35 for a family. Corporate membership is also available for donations of \$100 or more (tax deductible). Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the Genealogy Center at 215 Wilbur Street SW in Live Oak. The library is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and the talented folks there will be glad to help. For more information call Jinnie or Alice at 386-330-0110.

Free English-speaking and literacy classes
Provided by Columbia County School District's Career and Adult Education Program. Where: Wellborn, Florida, Unity of God Ministries, Inc., 12270 County Road 137
When: Every Thursday, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Activities for children will be provided. Please contact 386-755-8190 for additional information.

Suwannee County Republican Executive Committee Meeting.
First Thursday, 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the council chambers of Live Oak City Hall at 7 p.m. City Hall is located on the corner of White St. and US 90 in Live Oak. For more information please visit our website: www.suwanneeegop.com or call Mary Lou Sharp at 386-963-5213

Suwannee County Republican Executive Committee
Meeting Thursday, November 3rd. 7:00 P.M.
The Suwannee County Republican Executive Committee would like to invite all county residents to our November 3rd meeting. Our guest speaker will be Dennis Cason, President of the Suwannee Co. Economic Alliance. Mr. Cason will discuss the catalyst site and other projects within the County and State. The meeting will be held in the council chambers of Live Oak City Hall at 7:00 p.m. City Hall is located on the corner of White St. and US 90 in Live Oak. For more information please visit our website: www.suwannee-gop.com

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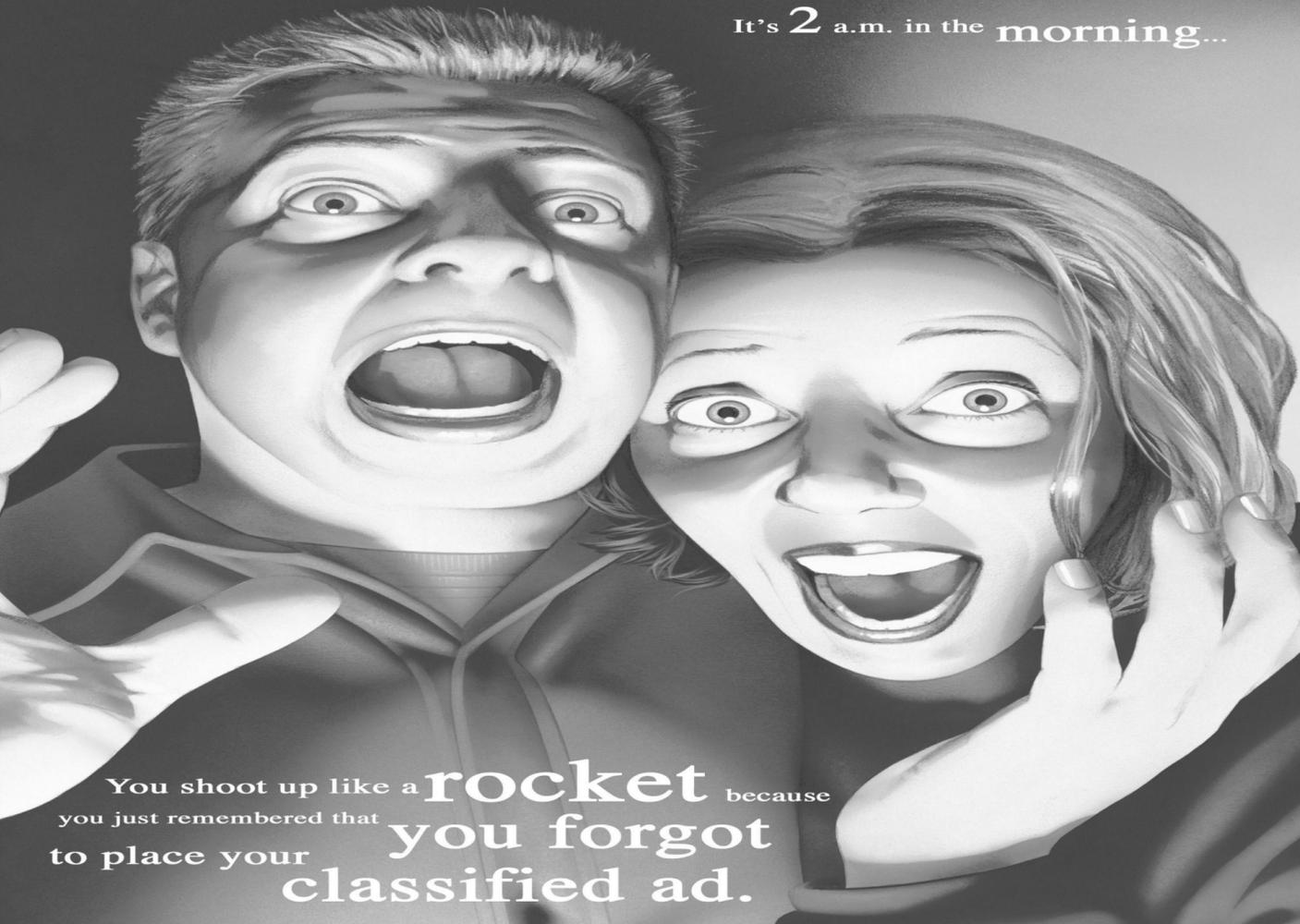
1st Annual Holiday Craft Festival Saturday, Nov. 26th



Lake DeSoto Farmers Market will host a return of post-Thanksgiving Downtown Lake City Shopping with the 1st Annual Holiday Craft Festival. Wilson Park will be the place to start your Buy Local holiday shopping that you can finish by visiting the various and unique downtown shops. Bring a cooler with you to the market so you can safely store your locally grown foods while you shop downtown.

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December 3, 2011
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After toy drop off at the Lake City Mall we will meet up at the Columbia County Fairgrounds for fun, live bands, food, 50/50 drawings, raffles, auctions and more.

For more information contact:
Cookie 386-362-6529 or harleycookie@windstream.net
Danny 386-758-9811 or columbiacycles@bellsouth.net
Bill Huggins at billhugginssr@hotmail.com

Also, with Wed., Dec. 7th being Pearl Harbor Day, we have invited over 30 Veteran's Organizations to attend and will pass by the Lake City VA Hospital. The VA has been contacted to invite their Veterans, Staff and Volunteers to come out as we pay tribute to our Veterans.

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