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Proposed landfill application withdrawn

Cross Environmental will focus efforts on current C&D landfill, emails state

Staff

The application for a special permit for a class 1 solid waste facility to be located just north of Live Oak has been withdrawn, the agent for Cross Environmental Resources Management LLC, the company that was seeking the permit, announced in a letter Monday.

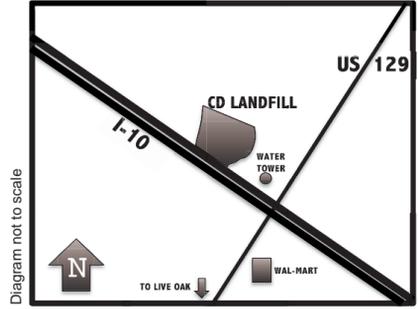
Meanwhile, the company has stated in emails it will focus its efforts on

upgrading the current construction and demolition landfill near the original proposed class 1 landfill site.

As a result of the application withdrawal, the much anticipated public hearing of Suwannee County commissioners to either approve or deny

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Japanese fusion restaurant now open



A server at Sakura: Fusion Japanese Sushi & Grill, which is now open in the South Oaks Square Shopping Center, in Live Oak, picks up an order from the sushi bar. Sushi chef Keny Chen gets ready to prepare another order. See story, Page 9A. - Photo: Misty A. Ward

A Dickens of a show

Local artist John Bell presents a one-man Charles Dickens show

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Santa, Frosty the Snowman and music this weekend at SOSMP

Submitted

Join your friends at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park's annual Christmas Show on the Suwannee and Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol performance Dec. 9-10 for an event the entire family will enjoy.

Friday, Dec. 9, features a one-man performance of 18 different characters from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol portrayed by local artist John Bell. A member of the Live Oak Artists' Guild and an accomplished actor, Bell uses only a hat rack and chair to delight the audience as he spins the entire Charles Dickens tale of A Christmas Carol.

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John Bell of Live Oak reads A Christmas Carol. Courtesy photo

Live Oak man killed in Sunday morning crash

Staff

One person was killed after the vehicle he was driving struck a large tree head-on off CR 136 Sunday morning, the Florida Highway Patrol reported.

According to FHP, Teoka Rodriguez Brown, 34, Live Oak, died as a result of injuries he sustained in the 8:15 a.m.

wreck.

FHP reported that Brown was approaching CR 136-A while traveling west on CR 136. The 2006 Dodge Magnum Brown was driving then entered a curve to the left. The vehicle traveled off

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McAlpin woman dies after falling from horse

By Jeffrey Boatright
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Jeanette Jolly

A Sunday afternoon horseback ride ended tragically for a McAlpin woman after she fell from the horse she was riding on, according to the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office.

Jeanette Jolly, 61, 18472 89th Rd., McAlpin, was pronounced dead around 3:40 p.m., Sunday, following the fall.

Reports show that a witness saw Jolly riding her horse southbound on 89th Rd. while he was traveling north. According to the witness, the horse was running at full speed and it appeared that Jolly was having difficulty controlling the horse.

The witness told authorities that he then stopped and realized that Jolly was also having difficulties stopping the horse. The witness stated that he saw her slide from side to side in the saddle before falling off. The witness then turned his vehicle around and drove back

to assist Jolly, where she lay at the edge of the graded road unresponsive.

Authorities say that the witness then called 911 for assistance. Jolly, however, could not be revived and appeared to have fatal head injuries, reports show.

According to Jolly's friend, Bridgette LaRose, she was an avid horse rider and had lived in Suwannee County for over 15 years.

"She loved horses," LaRose said. "She was an experienced rider and was the kind of person that would do anything to help someone else."

According to LaRose, Jolly is survived by two daughters and two grandchildren.

New football coach named to Branford High

Staff

Principal of Branford High School Seth Thoreson announced Monday that Roy Harden will be the new head football coach.

Harden was the head football coach at Bell High School for the past nine years. He replaces Jason Bond whose coaching contract was not renewed after this season of two wins and eight losses.

At Bell, Harden had three wins and seven losses this season.

"We are extremely excited to have coach Harden as our new head football coach, and we are looking forward to continuing the strong football traditions at BHS," said Thoreson.

Harden is a BHS alumni, a graduate from the University of Florida and has family ties to the community, Thoreson said.

Suwannee High School Athletic Director Hunter Abercrombie said that school is still seeking a replacement for head football coach Willie Spears whose contract was also not renewed last month.



Roy Harden

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Arrest Record

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

The following abbreviations are used below:

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

Richard Turner, 24, 313 Se 2nd Street, Chiefland, FL, *vop (insuff funds check) ** Alachua co wrt *: FHP - B. Creech

November 30, Amber Gray Tharpe, 24, 1553 Ne Bascom Norris Rd, Lake City, FL, dui: FHP - A. Hughes

December 1, Lee Posey, 31, 6745 Sw Oldwire Rd, Ft.White, FL, sent to 30 days fail to show cause can purge for: SCSO-D.Falgot

December 1, Keith E Kiser, 38, 4854 Us 129, Live Oak, FL, dwls/r: SCSO-K.Descarreaux

December 1, Michael C Bannister, 29, 17309 76th Rd, Live Oak, FL, vop-dwls/r habitual: SCSO-L.McDaniel

December 2, Kyle David Duncan, 24, 7765 216th Street, McAlpin, FL, grand theft, 1st app pd appt per ffw: SCSO - B. Shaw

December 2, Edward Antonio Hines, 19, Mayo Ci, Mayo, return for court: SCSO A Loston

December 2, Barbara Anne Lewis, 50, 1418 Ruby St, Live Oak, FL, vop o/c drug offense w/i 1000' of childcare:poss



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December 2, Kimberly L Radford, 26, 4113 288 Terr, Branford, FL, vop o/c fel battery: SCSO-C.Smith

December 2, Jeremy J Williams, 22, 12910 Us 90 Lot 91, Live Oak, FL, vop o/c poss +20 cannabis with intent to sell: LOPD-K.Kirby

December 3, Travis Lamar Reid, 26, 10460 First Street, White Springs, FL, vop (dwls/r) ** cash only to svps **, poss -20 grams cannabis, 1st app pd appt per ffw: LOPD - B. Kastor

December 3, Tiffany Lynn Swanson, 30, 5700 Thrush Drive, New Port Ritchey, FL, vop (grn

thft/gt mtr veh),1st app pd appt per ffw: SCSO - T. Donaldson

December 4, Todd Lee Canfield, 37, 4501 Plymouth Sorrento Rd, Apopka, FL, vop (dui/poss -20 cannab), ** Cash Only To Svps **: SCSO - C. Rodriguez

December 4, Barbara Lynn Hewiett, 34, 22767 102nd Trace, Live Oak, FL, disorderly intox.: SCSO-A. Cundiff

December 5, Rysharde Smith Thompson, 23, 120

Sw Alma St, Madison, FL, Madison city wrt, vop-petit theft, cash bond to probation: SCSO-H.Harris

December 5, Lenelle Angela Burdick, 43, 15617 97th Drive, Live Oak, FL, bond revoked per Judge Johnson I: SCSO-M.Jelks

December 5, Jeremy Loren Lieupo, 33, 8145 Sw 68th Ln, Jasper, FL, vop-petit theft: SCSO-A.Loston

December 5, Joseph Michael Pate, 33, 358 Se Camel Lane, Branford, FL,

vop-poss cont sub w/i sel, vop-sale of cont subst: P&P-J.Holton

December 5, Tomorrow Hughley, 31, 5964 Hwy 90, Live Oak, FL, return for court

December 5, Stephin Franklin Goodin, 41, 406 11th St N, Jacksonville, FL, fta-violatoin of injuncti: SCSO-M.Clark

December 5, Allison Bernard Broxey, 48, 911 Broome Avenue, Live Oak, FL, battery: LOPD - J. Rountree

Suwannee FFA Alumni is selling tickets for boston butts

Suwannee FFA Alumni is selling tickets for boston butts until Dec. 9th. The tickets are \$25, they will be smoked and ready for pick up on Dec. 23 from 2pm to 5pm at the SHS ag room, the average weight of each butt is 8lbs. The money raised from this will go towards FFA student scholarships. The tickets can be purchased from Alumni members or FFA members, they can also call me at 590-0547 or email at crain8@windstream.net

THE MCALPIN COMMUNITY CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Everyone is invited to the McAlpin Community Club Christmas party, which will be held on Monday, December 12th, at 7:00 p.m. We will have a potluck supper, so please bring a covered dish and extra Christmas goodies to share. We also want to remind everyone to bring a \$5 gift for the Chinese Gift Exchange.

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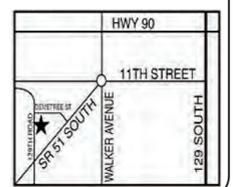
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Congratulations to the Young Scholar Writing winners Ragan Chauncey, Abigail Kelley and Lily Lamb. These students received \$25 towards a Student Savers account at First Federal Bank of Florida. The Young Scholar Writing program was developed in efforts of encouraging students to write for the FCAT that will take place later in the year. Courtesy photo



Ragan Chauncey



Abigail Kelley



Lily Lamb

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City officials participate in Live Oak Lights celebration

City officials and staff members participated in the Christmas tree lighting as part of the Live Oak Lights celebration. Pictured are Live Oak Partnership Chairman Randy Torrance, (from left); Frosty the Snowman; Firefighter Alan Bedenbaugh; Mayor Sonny Nobles and Councilmen Ed Rewis and Adam Prins. Courtesy photo

SCFR calls for service from 11/28/2011 @ midnight to 12/04/2011 @ midnight

Total calls for service: 125

Medical Calls 88

- Cardiac: 13
- Trauma: 12
- Motor vehicle crash: 6
- Miscellaneous medical call: 33
- Altered mental status: 2
- Respiratory: 4
- Diabetic: 4
- Weakness: 2
- Abdominal pain: 6
- Seizure: 2
- Overdose: 23
- Allergic Reaction: 1
- Standby 6
- Standby @ Football Game: 0
- Cva: 1
- Death: 1
- OB: 1
- Med Alarm: 1
- N/V: 2

Fire Calls 27

- Brush fire: 3
- Motor vehicle crash: 8
- Medical assist: 4
- Smoke Inv: 2
- Fire Alarm: 2
- Fire Inv.: 0
- MVC w/ Extrication: 2
- Vehicle Fire: 2
- Structure Fire: 4
- Shed Fire: 0

Volunteer Fire Responses: 18
 Engine-1 medical calls in Rescue-5: 8
 Rescue-32 Standby @ Christmas on the square

LOTTERY RESULTS

Florida
 CASH 3 PLAY 4
 12/5/11...4,2,9 12/5/11...3,0,8,9
 FANTASY 5
 12/5/11...1,6,13,15,31
 MEGA MONEY...6,13,21,34,MB2
 LOTTO...21,27,39,48,49,53,x5
 POWERBALL...5,18,33,43,45,
PB8,x3

'Free to Tweet' to encourage young people to celebrate First Amendment

By Richard Karpel
 Executive Director
 American Society
 of News Editors

There's an important date coming up this month, and it has nothing to do with gift-giving.

Dec. 15, 2011 will be the 220th birthday of the First Amendment and the Bill of Rights, but you won't see commemorative events in America's schools or flags flying on Main Street. In sharp contrast to Independence Day, our nation largely overlooks the importance of the ratification of our most fundamental freedoms. American Society of Newspaper Editors

(ASNE) and its partners in the "I for All" First Amendment campaign are trying to do something about that.

The campaign is launching an innovative promotion called "Free to Tweet," to encourage young people to celebrate the First Amendment on that date. Students who tweet about the First Amendment will be eligible to win one of 22 \$5,000 scholarships, funded by the Knight Foundation.

Read about the campaign at www.freetotweet.org. The FAQs will give you a good understanding of what we're trying to accomplish.

Greetings of the Season

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Weddings

Hanusek & Gill wedding announcement



Lisa Beth Hanusek and Kelley Adam Gill

Beth and Allan Smith, and Jim Hanusek, are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Lisa Beth Hanusek, to Kelley Adam Gill, son of Tim and Robin Gill of Live Oak, FL.

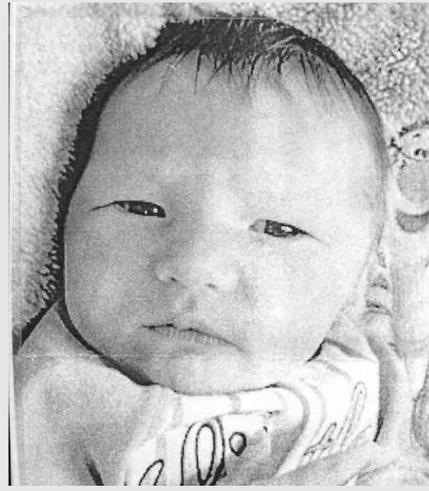
Lisa graduated from Suwannee High School in 2002 and the Florida School of Massage in Gainesville, FL in 2004. She is currently employed at Shands at the University of Florida in the Nursing Education Department. Lisa's maternal grandparents are Arlene and the late Russell Neal of Friendship, Maine and her paternal grandparents are the late George and Rita Hanusek of Saco, Maine.

Kelley is also a graduate from SHS (2001) and is a recent graduate from the University of Phoenix where he received his Bachelor's in Business and Hospitality Management, and is currently working towards his Master's in Business Administration, also at the University of Phoenix. He currently works as Assistant Office Manager at Florida Cash Advance in Jasper, FL. Kelley's maternal great grandmother is Estelle Pournelle Chapman of Live Oak, FL. His maternal grandparents are Carole Uprichard and the late William "Bebo" Bispham of Live Oak, FL and his paternal grandparents are M.L. and Rachel Gill of Live Oak, FL.

The ceremony and reception will be held in Horseshoe Beach, FL on May 11, 2012. Invitations will be sent.

Birth Announcement

Presto Shane Young



Michael Shane Young and Amber Cable of Hayesville, NC announce the birth of their son Presto Shane Young.

Presto Shane was born on June 6, 2011 at Murphy Medical Center, Murphy NC.

He weighed 7 pounds & 15 ounces and was 20 inches long. Paternal Grandparents are Vernon Gay and JoAnn Young of Live Oak, FL.

Johnson/Curls wedding reminder

Jimmy & Gloria Johnson of Live Oak, Fla. would like to remind you of the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Mae to John David Curls son of Rev. Darrell & Donna Curls of Live Oak, Fla. and Mike & Carla Joseph of Plano, Texas.

The bride-elect's maternal grandparents are the late Otto & Ruby Aue of Live Oak, Fla. and her paternal grandparents are the late Woodrow & Eunice Johnson of Live Oak, Fla.

The groom-elect's maternal grandparents are Miram G. Byrd and the late O.W. Byrd of Live Oak, Fla. His paternal grandparents are Collie & Vangie Joseph of Jackson, Miss., Frank & Betty McGraw of Newberry, Fla., and the late

Gene Curls of Alachua, Fla.

The wedding will take place Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011 at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Live Oak, Fla.

Marriage licenses

The following couples applied for a marriage license the week of Nov.28 - Dec. 2, 2011:

- Ramon Esparza Torres Jr. to Carrie Ann Russ
- Rolando Moreno Saucedo to Mayra Sujeil Rodriguez Bravo
- John David Curls to Jennifer Mae Johnson

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From your family

In Loving Memory of
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Outstanding volunteers honored at March of Dimes annual appreciation dinner



March of Dimes Suwannee Valley 2011 Volunteer of the Year Award recipient: 2010 Volunteer of the Year Recipient Bo Walden, 2011 Volunteer of the Year Recipient Ferne Mann, 2010 Volunteer of the Year Recipient Linda Walden, Dee Jay Hellrung and Quenta Vettel, North Central Florida Division Board Chair and member



Lifetime Achievement Award: Mary Hughes 2005 Lifetime Achievement recipient, Maureen and Vern Lloyd, 2011 Lifetime Achievement recipient and DeeJay Hellrung, North Central Florida Division Board Chair

GAINESVILLE, FLA. - The North Central Florida Division of the March of Dimes held its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on November 15th to recognize and celebrate the hard work of its dedicated volunteers.

Over 175 volunteers, representing the Alachua, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lake, Levy, Marion, Putnam and Suwannee Valley areas, attended the event held at the Best Western Gateway Grand hotel in Gainesville.

The March of Dimes celebrated the power and commitment of North Central Florida volunteers as former Florida Representative Lorraine Ausley spoke about her family's experience with the March of Dimes after the premature birth of her son.

Awards were presented to outstanding volunteers in their county.

Ferne Mann was recognized as the Suwannee Valley Volunteer of the Year. Mann has served on the Suwannee Valley March of Dimes board since 2008 and co-

ordinates the chefs and sponsors for the Suwannee Valley Signature Chefs Auction. In 2011 she also worked to increase the auction portion of the event, adding several prizes valued at more than \$500.

The March of Dimes Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Suwannee County's Maureen and Vern Lloyd for their dedication and service to March of Dimes events in the Suwannee Valley area. The couple's efforts in organizing the Suwannee Valley Signature Chefs Auction each year has made the auction one of the community's signature events, this year raising more than \$50,000.

The March of Dimes is the leading not-for-profit organization that advocates healthy pregnancies and healthy babies. With chapters nationwide and its premier event, March for Babies, the March of Dimes works to improve the health of babies everywhere. For the latest resources and information, visit marchofdimes.com or nasersano.org.

Jewelry Show

Dec. 9th 2011
 at Shands of Live Oak
 Hospital Cafeteria
 9am - 5pm

Presented by:
 Heather Romano
 Two Babes Beads

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 December 7, 1937 - July 11, 2011

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 You concealed your tears and shared your smiles. You did more than exist-you lived. You did more than listen-you understood. Please shine your light on us and send us your strength so we may get through this darkness ahead.
 Give Uncle Buzz, Grammy, GranPop, Bana and everyone hugs and kisses for us, as you join in the Biggest Celebration of All.

*Happy Birthday Mama
 Love you forever,*

Michele, Barbara, Chuck, Debbie, Kenneth, Joe, Theresa, Eddie, Andy, BJ, Makala and all of our family and many friends you left behind.

Obituaries



Doris Dyal McCall
Feb. 12, 1921 -
Dec. 2, 2011

Doris Dyal McCall, 90, resident of Gainesville, Florida, died Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, in the E. T. York Hospice Care Center, following a long illness.

Mrs. McCall was born Feb. 12, 1921 in rural Suwannee County, the eldest daughter of the late John Lester and Olive Voyles Dyal. She graduated from Florida State University, and then received her master's degree from the University of Florida. Mrs. McCall taught elementary school for a short time before devoting her time to her family. She travelled with her husband, living for 35 years in Hawaii, and a short time in Thailand, before retiring to Gainesville in 1988. Mrs. McCall was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Gainesville 1st Ward. She loved researching genealogy, and was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Andrew Duane Olsen and Jennifer Ann Smith, by a sister, Juanita Stiggins, and a brother-in-law, Lavard Wilkins.

Survivors include; her husband, Wade Wiley McCall; two daughters, Carole (Duane) Olson, Sharran (Billy) Siedelberg; one son, W. Stan (Diane) McCall; grandchildren, Amy (Kurt) Davis, Mark (Stephanie) Olsen, Bryant Olsen, Laura (Odie) Griffitt, Matt Moule, Lisa (David) Reid, Devin (Sang) McCall, and Neil McCall; great grandchildren, Scott & Garrett Olsen, Ryan & Jason Davis, Angie, Rachal & Maddison Olsen, Erik & Ben Hunter & Kobie Griffitt, Heather & Bryan Moule, Tyler & Kaitlyn Reid, Chase & Clare McCall; a sister, Mable Wilkins and a brother-in-

law, Frank Stiggins. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011 at 10 a.m., in the Chapel of Williams-Thomas Funeral Home Downtown, 404 North Main Street, Gainesville, with Bishop Michael Cricchio, presiding. Interment will follow in Day Cemetery, Day, Florida. The family will receive friends, Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10001.

Williams-Thomas Funeral Home Downtown, 404 North Main Street, Gainesville in charge of arrangements.

Ann Demreas Kilmire
April 2, 1952 -
Nov. 30, 2011

Ann Demreas Kilmire, age 59, of Live Oak, Florida passed away Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011 at her home in Live Oak, Fla. She was born in Michigan moving to Live Oak six months ago from Mississippi to be closer to her family. She was a homemaker and enjoyed playing BINGO, going to the casino's and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include one son, Joe (Michelle) Kilmire of McAlpin, Fla.; one daughter, Donna (Wayne) Fewell, Live Oak, Fla.; four brothers, Lloyd (Cheryl) Justice and Jimmy (Ada) Justice all of Melbourne, Fla.; Kerry (Vickie) Justice and Jerry Justice all of Gulfport, Miss.; one sister, Sharon Huffstutler, Live Oak, Fla.; three grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the services from 1 to 2 p.m.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011 in Brody Harris Memorial Chapel with Pastor John Whittington officiating.

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.

Louie J. Bass Jr.
Dec. 9, 1951 -
Nov. 29, 2011

Louie J. Bass Jr., 59, Live Oak, Fla., passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011 after a long illness. The life long resident of Live Oak owned/operated Louie's Lawn Mower Service in Live Oak for 18 years and was of Baptist faith. He is survived by his mother: Geraldine Bass, Live Oak, Fla.; four sisters: Louise Williams, Clyattville, Ga., Kathy Panaway, Live Oak, Fla.; Tina Bermudez, Live Oak, Fla.; Mary Ann Chaney, Live Oak, Fla. and one brother: Leroy Bass, Live Oak, Fla. Services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 at Daniels Memorial Chapel with Dr. Jimmy Deas and Mr. Clyde Flemming officiating. Interment followed in Macedonia Cemetery.

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

Death notices

Jacquelyn Beard
Sept. 18, 1929 -
Dec. 1, 2011

Jacquelyn Beard, age 82, of Live Oak, Fla., passed away Dec. 1, 2011.

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

Harold D. Gaskins
Dec. 5, 2011

Harold D. Gaskins, 81, Live Oak, Fla. passed away on Monday, Dec. 5, 2011.

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

Robert E. "Bobby" Abernathy
Nov. 30, 2011

Robert E. "Bobby" Abernathy, 60, Live Oak, Fla. passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011. Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.

Village Church Annual Cantata



Dec. 11th at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tick-

The Village Church will present its annual Christmas Cantata on Saturday, Dec. 10th at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 11th at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 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 at the church office (386-658-5344). Tickets are not required for the Sunday morning performance.

Rudolph's bright nose guides cars at night



Somebody in the holiday spirit placed reflective red noses on deer crossing signs in Athens, Ala. (Photo by Kelly Kazek/Athens, Ala., News Courier)

CNHI News Service

ATHENS, Ala. -- Officials say somebody added a little holiday spirit to the deer-crossing signs hereabout: red reflectors on the deer silhouette's nose.

And, they assured, if you ever saw one, you would even say it glows.

The culprits' identity is a Christmas season mystery that has piqued the curiosity — and tickled the funny bones — of local residents.

Authorities responded with a spontaneous but quickly stifled chuckle when confronted with the question: Is turning a deer on a traffic sign into Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer a crime?

"You know, that right there is not some-

thing I ever thought I'd be asked about," said Police Capt. Floyd Johnson.

Mayor Ronnie Marks said the red noses didn't pose a safety risk and thought they were "pretty neat."

"However," he added, "you can't mess with the signs like that, or anything dealing with public safety. So we'll have to deal with them" if the culprits are ever identified.

Whether the mystery is solved, one thing is sure: This is another case in which Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer will go down in history.

Details for this story were provided by the Athens, Ala., News Courier.

SRWMD Governing Board Meetings

On Tues, Dec. 13, 2011, the Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet at 9 a.m. at District Headquarters, 9225 County road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. The meeting is to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory and land acquisition matters. A workshop will follow the Board meeting.

On Mon, Dec. 27, 2011, at 1 p.m., a Tentative Intermediate Governing Board Meeting will be held at District Headquarters in Live Oak, FL. Public should check the District website or contact the District to confirm that the meeting has not been cancelled or rescheduled.

All meetings, workshops, and hearings are open to the public.

December brings closure of snook season in Atlantic state, federal waters

The recreational harvest of snook will close in all Atlantic coastal and inland waters, including Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River, beginning Dec. 15. The season will reopen in Atlantic state

and federal waters Feb. 1, 2012.

Snook season remains closed in Gulf of Mexico state and federal waters through Aug. 31, 2012, a decision made by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) after prolonged cold weather during the 2009-10 winter that affected snook numbers.

The extended Gulf harvest closure will help protect snook populations this winter, when they are most vulnerable to cold weather, and give snook added protection during next spring and summer's spawning months.

Anglers may still catch and release snook during the harvest closure, and the FWC encourages everyone to handle and release these fish carefully to help ensure their survival upon release.

Snook regulations apply to snook harvested in both state and federal waters off Florida, and no person shall possess any snook caught during snook closed seasons.

For more information regarding the management of snook in Florida, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" and "Snook."

SRWMD addresses water resource issues in a cost-effective way

Donald J. Quincey, Jr., Chairman Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board

Over the past several years, the Suwannee River Water Management District has adapted to difficult and changing economic times by refocusing our human and financial resources solely on our core mission — water supply, water quality, flood protection and natural resource protection. That effort has served the District and its citizens well.

As a diligent steward of taxpayer dollars, the District has tightened its belt, readjusted priorities, eliminated non-critical staff positions, sought outsourcing where it made sense, downsized or cut programs that didn't meet our core mission

principals, acquired funding through grants and partnerships, and generally found ways to do more with less.

For example, this past year the District completed its water supply assessment study and designated four water resource caution areas in an effort to ensure adequate groundwater resources to meet future demands for the next 20 years.

The District embarked on a joint regional water supply plan with neighboring St. Johns River Water Management District to develop and implement a minimum flows and levels prevention and recovery strategy when withdrawals in one district contribute to water resource impacts in the other district.

This landmark agreement is vital

to successfully addressing future protection of our rivers, lakes, springs and natural systems.

We also strengthened our partnership with the State of Georgia, where roughly 55 percent of the Suwannee River Basin is located.

The District has accomplished much but there is still so much left to do. Fiscal challenges will not dampen the District's determination to "get the water right."

Losing our springs and other precious water resources is not an option, and with the continued support of the Legislature and the Department of Environmental Protection, the District will continue to find innovative, cost-effective ways to meet the needs of its citizens while protecting our environment.

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Vertical Blinds

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Vertical blinds are the traditional choice for Patio, French doors or other large windows. With a wide variety of materials including Fabric, Wood, PVC or Vinyl vertical blinds can suit almost any decor requiring a functional yet elegant window treatment solution. Whether you looking for energy efficiency, light control or simply to preserve a view, Vertical blinds are the most versatile solutions to your homes larger windows.

If Privacy or light control is an issue vertical blinds in vinyl wood or fabric can be lowered to allow light in. Both the blinds and shades can easily be drawn back to give the whole view.

What type of window treatment will coordinate picture windows with a sliding glass door?

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As in the answer above, if privacy or light control is an issue the blinds can be lowered to allow light.

What type of window treatment work best in a dining room?

Window treatments that diffuse light, such as vertical blinds, will provide comfort and privacy any time of the day.

What type of window treatment work best in a kitchen?

We recommend window treatments that provide ventilation and are easy to clean such as venetian blinds, wood, vinyl or washable vertical blinds.

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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 taxman cometh

By Jim Holmes

So, was that a collective "Ouch!" I heard here in Suwannee County a few weeks ago? It might have been. After all, a big chunk of us did get our local tax bill about the same time.

I wonder when the idea of a "tax" was first thought up? Can you imagine a whole bunch of cave dwellers sitting around the fire one night and the chief said, "OK guys, you are going to have to give me a goodly part of all that you own for services I feel you need." I bet the idea wasn't received all that well. In fact, I suspect the very next night the main course for dinner was "Ex-chief on a Spit," while the new chief carefully steered the fireside conversation in other, safer directions.

At any rate, it has been documented that taxes go all the way back to ancient Egypt, where one form of early taxation involved a special fee tacked on to cooking oil. Of course, that resulted in folks using the same cooking oil over and over. In response, the tax collectors created an enforcement arm. It involved folks going from door to door auditing households to insure that the homeowner's cooking oil was being properly utilized. I wonder how many of the auditors looked the other way in return for the homeowner making a "voluntary contribution" to the bureaucrat's unofficial retirement fund.

But I digress. The purpose of this column isn't to rail against our local tax bills. In fact, it is just the opposite. My objective is to perhaps make you feel a little better about the amount you're paying, and let you know who is paying what.

First off, let me say that I was somewhat surprised at how many of us are paying at least some amount toward running our local government. After all, we are not a rich county. But according to Property Appraiser Lamar Jenkins and his deputy Stacia Cheshire, of Suwannee County's 15,027 homesteaded parcels, all but 8.5 percent owe something, meaning the houses and land of most homeowners are valued at amounts that at least exceed the \$25,000 homestead exemption to which we are entitled.

And in the spirit of, "Everything is Relative," I thought you also might be interested in getting an idea of what some of the county's "heaviest hitters" are or will be shelling out. Now there may be special assessments or certain other individual and unique factors that are not included in these numbers, but according to our local tax folks, the figures are pretty much on the mark. Here they are:

Gold Kist/Pilgrim's Pride:	\$2,302,757.42
Suwannee American Cement:	\$1,327,171.37
Florida Power Corporation:	\$1,022,410.81
Suwannee Valley Electric:	\$783,282.66
Wal-Mart:	\$137,277.19
Lowe's Home Center:	\$128,768.92
Southern Natural Gas:	\$76,031.79
Suwannee Farms:	\$75,980.38
Publix Shopping Center:	\$70,618.97
Holiday Inn Express:	\$56,339.66

So are you feeling any better about your own tax bill? Probably not. After all, it seems to be in the DNA of every true-blue American to think that we always pay the taxman too much for too little.

Jim lives in Live Oak.

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

Free to die?

A MINORITY VIEW



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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman, in his New York Times column titled "Free to Die" (9/15/2011), pointed out that back in 1980, his late fellow Nobel laureate Milton Friedman lent his voice to the nation's shift to the political right in his famous 10-part TV series, "Free To Choose." Nowadays, Krugman says, "'free to choose' has become 'free to die.'" He was referring to a GOP

presidential debate in which Rep. Ron Paul was asked what should be done if a 30-year-old man who chose not to purchase health insurance found himself in need of six months of intensive care. Paul correctly, but politically incorrectly, replied, "That's what freedom is all about -- taking your own risks." CNN moderator Wolf Blitzer pressed his question further, asking whether "society should just let him die." The crowd erupted with cheers and shouts of "Yeah!", which led Krugman to conclude that "American politics is fundamentally about different moral visions." Professor Krugman is absolutely right; our nation is faced with a conflict of moral visions. Let's look at it.

If a person without health insurance finds himself in need of costly medical care, let's investigate just how might that care be provided. There are not too many of us who'd suggest that we get the money from the tooth fairy or Santa Claus. That being the case, if a medically indigent person receives medical treatment, it must be provided by people. There are several possible methods to deliver the services. One way is for people to make voluntary contributions or for medical practitioners to simply treat medically indigent patients at no charge. I find both methods praiseworthy, laudable and, above all, moral.

Another way to provide those services is for Congress to use its power to forcibly use one person to serve the purposes of another. That is, under the pain of punishment, Congress could mandate that medical practitioners treat medically indigent patients at no charge. I'd personally find such a method of providing medical services offensive and immoral, simply because I find the forcible use of one person to serve the purposes of another, what amounts to slav-

ery, in violation of all that is decent.

I am proud to say that I think most of my fellow Americans would be repulsed at the suggestion of forcibly using medical practitioners to serve the purposes of people in need of hospital care. But I'm afraid that most Americans are not against the principle of the forcible use of one person to serve the purposes

of another under the pain of punishment. They just don't have much stomach to witness it. You say, "Williams, explain yourself."

Say that citizen John pays his share of the constitutionally mandated functions of the federal government. He recognizes that nothing in our Constitution gives Congress the authority to forcibly use one person to serve the purposes of another or take the earnings of one American and give them to another American, whether it be for medical services, business bailouts, handouts to farmers or handouts in the form of foreign aid. Suppose John refuses to allow what he earns to be taken and given to another. My guess is that Krugman and, sadly, most other Americans would sanction government punishment, imprisonment or initiation of violence against John. They share Professor Krugman's moral vision that one person has a right to live at the expense of another, but they just don't have the gall to call it that.

I share James Madison's vision, articulated when Congress appropriated \$15,000 to assist some French refugees in 1794. Madison stood on the floor of the House to object, saying, "I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the money of their constituents," adding later that "charity is no part of the legislative duty of the government." This vision of morality, I'm afraid, is repulsive to most Americans.

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.

FROM OUR READERS

Dear Editor:

I attended the Nov. 29 workshop in Lake City regarding the water resource issues in north Florida. It was a passionate demonstration of how democracy in America is supposed to work, and I have taken the concerns to heart.

As executive director of the St. Johns River Water Management District, I pledge my full support of active and meaningful scientific research to understand how to best remediate declining ground water levels in the area. The St. Johns River and Suwannee River water management districts will work cooperatively and expeditiously on these issues.

In September 2011, the two districts and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) entered into an agreement that formalizes the coordination of water supply permitting and planning. This agreement will ensure resource protection and fairness between agencies. We are

working now on our plans for regional modeling, sharing data, improving communication in areas where District-issued permits and planning strategies could impact one another.

Input from the local work groups and stakeholders is critical to this collaborative process. The process must be inclusive, candid and based on sound science. We will seek public involvement and constructive dialogue between water management districts, DEP, concerned residents, and our elected leaders.

With all of us working together, I am confident that we can figure out the most effective ways to address these challenges.

Sincerely,

Hans G. Tanzler III, Executive Director
St. Johns River Water Management District

STAY INFORMED 2012 ELECTION DATES

Jan. 3 - Last day to register or change party affiliation for Presidential Preference Primary (PPP)

Jan. 21 - 28 Early voting begins and ends for PPP

Jan. 31 - Presidential Preference Primary

City of Live Oak

March 19-23, noon to noon - Qualifying ends

April 10 - Last day to register or change party affiliation for May 8 election

April 30 - May 5 - Early Voting begins and ends

May 8 - Election Day

Primary

July 16 - Last day to register or change party affiliation for Primary

Aug. 4 - 11 - Early voting begins and ends

Aug. 14 - Primary Election

General Election

Oct. 9 - Last day to register or change party affiliation for General Election

Oct. 27 - Nov. 3 - Early voting begins and ends

Nov. 6 - General Election

Qualifying for judicial, state attorney and public defender is noon, April 16 to noon, April 20.

Qualifying for state and county offices is noon, June 4 to noon, June 8.

BIBLE VERSE

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep." **John 10:14-15 NIV**



Bucs boys down Jefferson in district game

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Fire levels unoccupied house in Branford



Fire destroyed an unoccupied house in Branford early Sunday morning. - Photos: Misty A. Ward

By Misty A. Ward
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An unoccupied house in Branford was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning, according to Suwannee County Fire/Rescue.

According to an SCFR report, when Tanker 3 assumed command, the structure was completely on the ground, with no walls standing.

The report also stated, "The structure did not appear to be occupied."

Tanker 3, Tanker 2, Rescue 2, Engine 53, Engine 53A, Semi Tanker 43, Brush 43, Tanker 51 and Utility 51 responded to the structure fire at 607 Express St. in Branford. The call was made for the fire at 3:07 a.m. on Sunday morning. SCFR arrived on scene at 3:19 a.m.

The SCFR report stated that the fire was under control at 3:42 a.m., with the last unit leaving the scene at 6:32 a.m.

Officials estimate that there was \$5,000 in property damage and \$500 damage to the contents inside the dwelling.

According to the report, the scene was left to the control of the state fire marshal.



The remaining contents of a house fire in Branford early Sunday morning.

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.

Pine straw theft leads to woman's arrest

By Jeffry Boatright
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The theft of baled pine straw from a local pine straw business has led to the arrest of a Live Oak woman, authorities say.

Records from the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office show that Betty Mae Long, 54, 11384 122nd Trace, Live Oak, was charged with burglary and grand theft after authorities discovered several bales of pine straw that was determined to be stolen in her back yard.

According to the SCSO, deputies interviewed Long on Nov. 26 and she told them that she was a pine straw broker and received all of her straw from one individual. When Long allowed authorities to look in her back yard, several bales of pine straw that fit the description of the straw that had been reported missing by a local pine straw company were discovered.

A representative of the company was then called to identify the straw and he was able to do so by the string used, reports show. The straw bales were each bound by a single blue string. The company representative explained to deputies that his crew was the only one to use the single string method. The representative also pointed out that his straw was long needle straw, which matched that in Long's back yard.

The individual who Long told authorities was her pine straw supplier was called to the residence and denied delivering the straw to her and stated that he did not deal in long needled straw.

According to SCSO records, Long denied taking the straw and implied her supplier had done it. Reports show that two other individuals who Long had told authorities helped her unload straw were called and freely admitted they had assisted Long in taking the pine straw from a trailer at the yard of the same local pine straw company and had sold the straw in both Ocala and in Dunnellon.

Long was arrested on Nov. 30 and booked into the Suwannee County Jail. She has been charged with one count of grand theft and one count of burglary.

Man's condition upgraded following Dec. 2 wreck

By Jeffry Boatright
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The condition of a Suwannee County man who was critically injured from a Dec. 2 single car accident has been upgraded to serious, according to a Shands UF spokesperson.

Mark William Floyd, 50, Live Oak, was airlifted to Shands UF after his 1996 Mazda pickup overturned several times, ejecting him, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

FHP reported that Floyd was traveling north on CR 49 around 1 a.m. when he veered off the east shoulder of the roadway for reasons unknown. The vehicle then rotated counterclockwise and overturned several times.

Floyd was the only occupant in the vehicle.

Branford Town Council to meet Dec. 13

By Misty A. Ward
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The Branford Town Council meeting will be next Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m., at Branford Town Hall.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

To add agenda items, please contact Town Clerk Donna Hardin before 12 p.m. this Friday, Dec. 9.

Holiday closings

Town Hall in Branford will be closed on Dec 23 and 26, and Jan. 2, in observance of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day, respectively.

Around Branford

The Community Yard Sale is this Saturday, Dec. 10 and starts at 8 a.m.

Branford is a golf cart community, please stop by Town Hall to get the full ordinance.

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Scenes of the Live Oak lighted Christmas parade held Saturday night



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The Live Oak Library with their decked out book carts.

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SUWANNEE RIVER READINGS Branford 2011

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

November 30, 2011	6.79	December 4, 2011	6.84
December 1, 2011	6.75	December 5, 2011	6.77
December 2, 2011	6.73	December 6, 2011	6.76
December 3, 2011	6.81		

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Sushi Chef Keny Chen prepares orders at Sakura: Fusion Japanese Sushi & Grill, which is now open in the South Oaks Square Shopping Center, in Live Oak. -Photo: Misty A. Ward

Japanese fusion restaurant now open

By Misty A. Ward
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is owned by Chan Juan Chen. Chan Juan Chen also owns China House in Branford and another restaurant in Lake City.

Suwannee County residents can now get fresh sushi and Japanese fusion experience in Live Oak at Sakura: Fusion Japanese Sushi & Grill.

"Japanese food is getting more popular, this town needed Japanese food," Sakura manager Jade Chen said. "I hope the people like it."

Sakura had its grand opening on Dec. 1, at 1556 S. Ohio Ave., in South Oaks Square Shopping Center. It

Guests at Sakura have many different options to order from sushi to teriyaki to hibachi to udon. Jade Chen recommends the Bento Box to patrons new to Japanese cuisine.

The restaurant is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

1st Annual Suwannee County Toy Run Dec. 10

No entry fee. Just bring toys for 12 years old and under. All toys will be donated to Suwannee County children on Dec. 21 at the Live Oak Fire Department. All bikes, cars, trucks & sleighs welcome. Toy run leaves from Little Bar at 1 p.m., next stop is Tip Toe Inn, Dowling Park, American Legion. Then on to Hammerheads Sports Bar ending at the Big Oak Sports Bar, Live Oak, with dinner. For more information, contact Gina at 386-209-8524. Joy at Christmas is the smile of a child. Toy drop box also located at Dairy Queen in Live Oak.

"Toys for Kids"

Once again, the McAlpin Community Club is participating in the "Toys for Kids" program to help spread Christmas cheer this season. So in the spirit of giving, let us remind everyone to bring in either new or gently used toys, blankets, shoes, ETC., for needy children in the Branford and McAlpin areas. They are also in dire need of food donations. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Club is located at 9981 170th Terrace in McAlpin, directly across from the Post Office. Membership fees are \$10 per family per year. For info call Barbara Parks @ 362-3044 or Debbie Phillips @ 364-7028

A Dickens of a show

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Saturday night, Dec. 10, brings a magical evening with fun and southern rock, country and dance music, Santa, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman. This event will likely get you out on that dance floor also.

It will be a great weekend to see the all new Spirit of Christmas lights tour with more than five million lights including 3D displays along a two-mile course through Dec. 24. Bring your family and enjoy this wonderland of beautiful Christmas displays. Santa's workshop will be open and he and his elves will greet everyone nightly at the end of the nearly two-mile long extravaganza. Take time to shop in the Crafts Village for your Christmas gifts and also enjoy live entertainment, Christmas music, have your photo taken with Santa and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Build

your family's Christmas memories with us. If you arrive early, you may want to take the lighted tour then enjoy dinner and the shows in the Music Hall. Friday and Saturday night there is always live entertainment.

If you take the Spirit of Christmas tour on Monday or Thursday, join your friends in the Music Hall for karaoke afterward with Ted "Teddy Mac" McMullen.

*The Spirit of Christmas tour is open nightly from 6:30 - 10 p.m. through Dec. 24.

*Admission to the Spirit of Christmas tour is \$6 per adult and \$2 per child Sunday - Thursday; \$8 per adult and \$2 per child Friday - Saturday.

*SOS Café and Restaurant opens at 5 p.m. Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening for dinner and events.

*Karaoke begins at 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday nights in the Music Hall.

*Music Hall shows be-

gin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

*Music Hall admission is \$5 per person with the \$5 deducted from your evening's tab at the SOS Cafe" except as otherwise stated.

For more information call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com.

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive 4.5 miles north of Live Oak, FL off US 129 at the famous Suwannee River. The park is 4.5 miles south of Interstate 75 and 4.5 miles north of Interstate 10 off US 129. Keep an eye out for the SOSMP sign and white painted board fence.

Proposed landfill application withdrawn

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the request Tuesday night was cancelled.

Cross Environmental applied for a zoning special permit in October to locate a landfill near US 129 and I-10 North. The landfill would have been designed to take household garbage, including some hazardous waste, from all over North Florida, and would have been located near the city's newly installed water tower and well fields.

Clyde A. Biston, of Cross Environmental, told the *Democrat* by phone Monday morning that the company was withdrawing the application.

"We just feel like there is more opposition than

we expected," he said. "We want to educate the public more and people don't understand the savings."

Email messages Monday between Frank Darabi, the agent for Cross Environmental, and an attorney for the company went further to state the reason for the withdrawal.

"Our client did not anticipate the extent of misinformation that was generated," the email from Darabi to Jacksonville attorney W.O. Birchfield stated. "They want to be good citizens."

There has been no notice from the company on when they plan to file application to upgrade the C&D landfill.

Live Oak man killed in Sunday morning crash

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the roadway onto the north grassy shoulder. Brown reportedly attempted to bring the Magnum back onto the roadway by steering left. Brown overcorrected, causing the Magnum to rotate in a counter clockwise direction and travel across both lanes of CR 136. The Magnum continued to travel off the roadway onto the south grassy shoulder and into a wooded tree line where it struck a large tree head-on.

Brown had been employed with the ARC North Florida since February of 2006 and will leave a void in the organization, according to The ARC North Florida Executive Director Bobbie Lake.

"Teoka's supervisor Dick Smales spoke well of his work ethic," Lake commented. "He was very faithful to this job and was very loyal. He was honest and reliable and had a great relationship with his co-workers. He was a viable part of his group and will certainly be missed."

According to Lake, Brown worked the night shift maintaining the rest areas along the interstates.

Brown, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to FHP.

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Boys down Paxon 6-1



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Scenes from Christmas on the Square

Event was held Saturday in Live Oak



Suwannee County Fire/Rescue demonstrated procedures taken to rescue victims of car crashes. Pictured kneeling from left: Kyle Nickerson and James Sommers. From left standing: Eddie Hand, Brian Cranford and Lucas Hodge.



The crowd filled Warren Street during the 27th Annual Christmas on the Square.



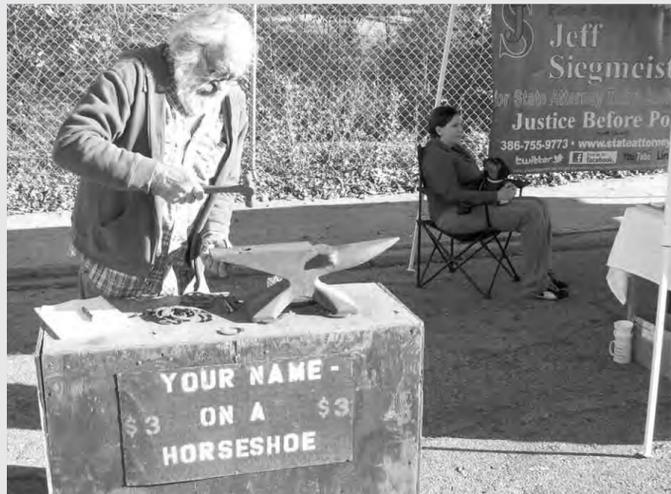
These three gentlemen found a corner to talk about Santa Claus and old John Deere tractors.



Todd Lawrence and Barry Long of the Farmers Cooperative in Live Oak enjoyed the brisk morning.



The ARC North Florida shared information about the many services they have to offer.



Could that be Santa with a ball ping hammer?



These young men were ringing for a great cause.



Instead of toasting marshmallows, one Christmas on the Square vendor suggests marshmallow wars with these marshmallow shooters.



Gourds galore. These vendors even had snowman gourds.



Nobles Greenhouse of Live Oak displayed beautiful Christmas poinsettias.



Vance and Melissa Blackwell of Live Oak with Eli and Harrison.



The Suwannee Coalition distributed healthy information during Christmas on the Square

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Mayor participates in morning broadcast at SPS

Live Oak Mayor Sonny Nobles participated in the morning television program at Suwannee Primary School recently. The program was to recognize the military on Veterans Day. Courtesy photo

Suwannee County Open Market

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Bucs boys down Jefferson in district game

By Misty A. Ward
misty.ward@gafnews.com

The Branford Buccaneers boys basketball (2-1, 1-1) defeated the Jefferson County Tigers (0-2, 0-1), 47-16 in a district game at the Buccaneer Multi-Sport Complex in Branford on Dec. 1.

"We played much better. The players are starting to get more comfortable on the court and with one another. It was a good win after dropping a game to Melody Christian," head coach Perry Davis wrote in email.

Many of Jefferson County's starting line-up were unable to play in this district game because of the football playoffs on Dec. 2, according to Davis. He said this gave many of his play-

ers on the bench an opportunity to get some court time.

Davis said, "it was a great opportunity to get floor time for our bench."

Senior Vincent Ruiz was two for three from the three point line. Junior Shequille

Williams was five of eight from the floor for baskets. Davis said Williams is starting to be a leader on the floor.

"Sophomore Jose Barron and senior Joey Stillwell had a great night on defense," Davis said.

Branford had 16 points on the board during the first quarter, 15 for the second, 10 in the third and six points for the final quarter. Jefferson scored six in the

first, two points in the second, six in the third and the final two points in the fourth. The final score was 47-16.

The Bucs took on Dixie County on Dec. 6, but the score was not available for press time.

Branford plays against Bell, at 8 p.m., on Thursday night in Bell. On Friday night the Bucs go up against Lafayette High School in Branford. The varsity players start at 7:30 p.m. and Junior varsity starts at 4 p.m.

BRANFORD STATS

Joey Stillwell had five points
CJ Bradow had two points
Shequille William had 10 points
Jose Barron had eight points
Vincent Ruiz had six points
Patrick Smith had two points
Tyler Lynch had six points
Clifford Register had six points
Jared Smith two points



Tyler Lynch (32), Lazero Hernandez (14), Vincent Ruiz (20) block out for a rebound against Jefferson County on Dec. 1. The Buccaneers won on home court 47-16. Photo submitted



De'Andre Devore in action. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

Varsity boys drop season opener

Bulldogs beat Tigers at home, fall to Eastside

By Tracie Daniels

The Suwannee varsity boys basketball team lost its season opener 47-57 to non-conference opponent Buchholz high school on Nov. 29. Both teams opened slow offensively and the 'Dogs led 9-6 at the end of the first quarter. The offense was beginning to crank up when guard Jimmie Taylor III threw down a slam dunk with a minute left in the half, ending with the 'Dogs up by five. However, halftime iced the 'Dogs momentum as the Bobcats made adjustments and came out with a rapid three-score surge to take the lead. This was followed by a third quarter Buchholz offensive run in which the 'Dogs were outscored by 16 points, leading to a third quarter score of 24-35.

The Bobcats also played tight defense with more rebounds and loose ball recov-

eries, and limited offensive put-backs by Suwannee. The margin held until late in the fourth quarter when Suwannee began to rally, but it was not in enough time as they lost by a final deficit of 10 points. This was Buchholz's third season game of the year as they improve to 3-0.

Game stats (Pts-Rb-Ast-Stl) were Jimmie Taylor III (13-7-2-3) 1 bl; Tony Frieron (12-3-2-2) 1 bl; Marcus Lane (9-5-0-3); Kevarrus Hayes (6-12-0-0), Deangelo Ross (5-1-0-1), Deandre Devore (2-1-1-0).

'Dogs beat Tigers at home, fall to Eastside

The Suwannee Bulldog boys varsity basketball team pulled down its first strong season win against the visiting Columbia Tigers with a final score of 60-44 on Saturday, Dec. 3.

The 'Dogs pulled down the win and finished a demanding week, including a tough physically draining loss to Gainesville Eastside (62-67)

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SOCCER

Boys down Paxon 6-1

Submitted

Suwannee played textbook soccer against Paxon Dec. 1, beating them 6-1.

Paxon had some fast players but they were no match for Suwannee.

Suwannee junior Justin Shirah scored in the third minute of the game off a give and go pass from senior Cooper Hall. It was almost an identical play in the 14th minute, except this time senior Matt Wotton would score with Cooper Hall sending the pass. Hall would go on to have two more assists, for a total of four with Wotton and Shirah each scoring again. Suwannee's other goals came from free



The Suwannee boys soccer team defeated Paxon 6-1 to bring their record 6-2-0.

- Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

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SOCCER

Lady 'Dogs fall to Atlantic Coast, Bishop Kenny

By Jennifer Byrd
Varsity stat keeper

The Suwannee High School Lady 'Dogs varsity soccer team started rough last week with two losses.

The ladies traveled to Atlantic Coast on Nov. 30, where they not only encountered chilling weather but the speed of the Stingrays. Within the first 20 minutes of the game Atlantic Coast had scored three goals. The

Lady 'Dogs did not get down as they turned the last eight minutes to their favor by scoring on a 25-yard direct kick by Amber Morgan who kicked the ball up

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Suwannee travels to Hamilton County High School Thursday.

- Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

SPORTS

Varsity boys drop season opener

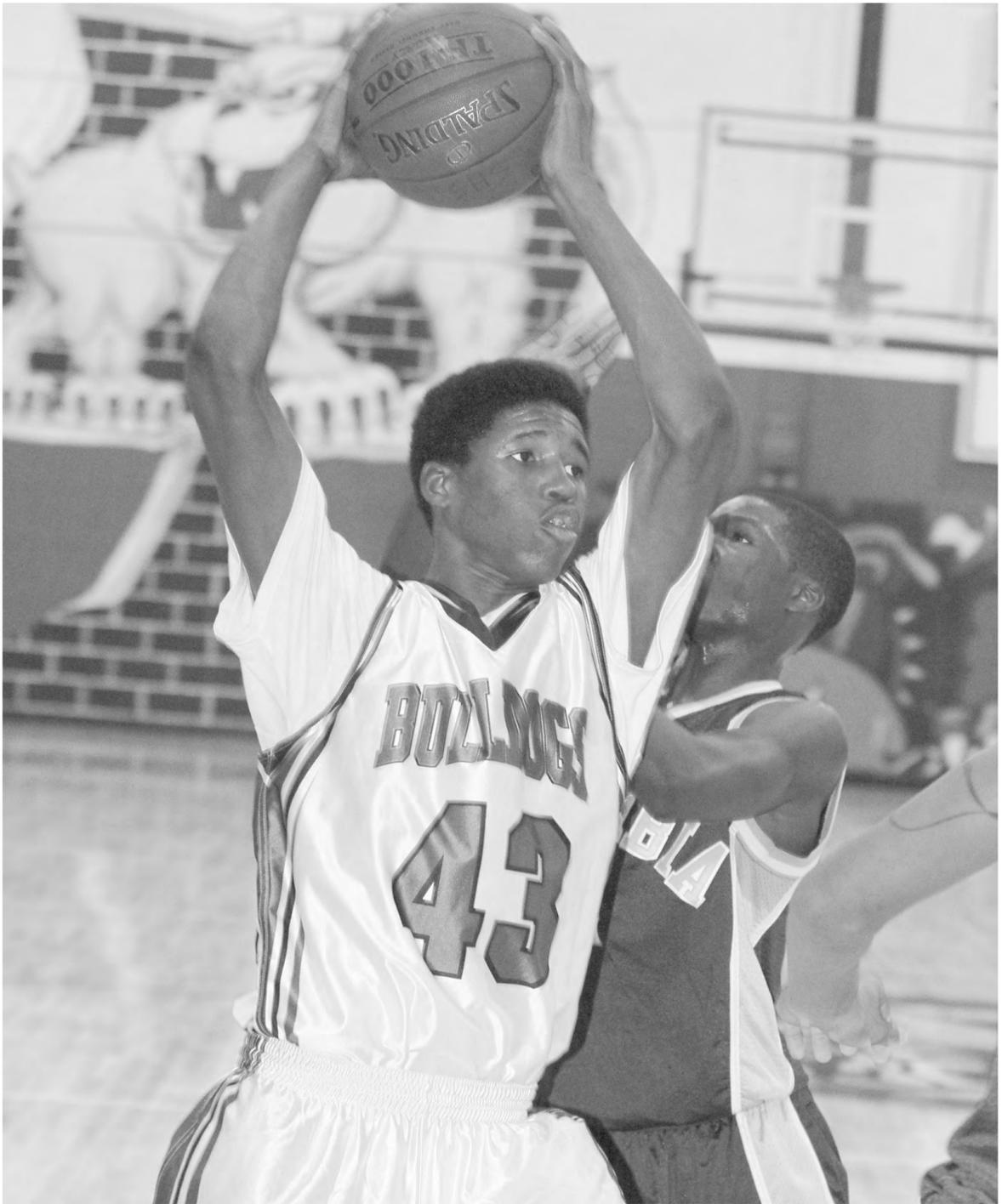
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the night before.

The 'Dogs hosted undefeated Columbia, who had scouted the 'Dogs several times prior to the game and switched frequently between man and zone defense. There were no lead changes as the 'Dogs went into halftime up by seven. First-half scoring was led by guards Marcus Lane and De'Andre Devore who had 15 combined points by halftime. The 'Dogs slowed in the third and the Tigers pulled to within four points going into the fourth (35-31). The pace picked up in the fourth, and despite a strong performance by a Tiger sophomore center late in the game, Suwannee's teamwork prevailed as they again had a strong fourth 25-point quarter. Freshman center Kevarrius "Too Tall" Hayes who tapes in at 6'7" stopped the scoring run by the Tiger with a definitive shot block that brought down the house.

The win was a strong team performance, as scoring was distributed among point leader Devore (16), Lane (12), Jimmie Taylor III (11), and Tony Frierson (11). Rebounding was led by Devore (12), Taylor (9), and Hayes (7). Taylor threw for an impressive nine team assists and Hayes had a career-high five blocks on the night. Steals were led by Marcus Lane (3). The 'Dogs will play familiar opponents Taylor County on Dec. 6 and Hamilton County Dec. 10 before taking on new district 5A teams Rickards on Dec. 13 and Wakulla on Dec. 16 at

Kevarrius Hayes looks for an open man. - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)



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and over the Stingray wall directly into the goal.

The second half of the game, Marissa Morgan kicked the final goal for SHS on a PK shot. The fi-

nal score was 5-2, Atlantic Coast.

On Friday, Dec. 2, Bishop Kenny Crusaders came to the home of the Lady 'Dogs

This game proved to be one of the best matches of

the season.

Both teams showed tremendous teamwork and skill. When the half came to a close both teams were 0-0. The defensive line of Grace Brett, Ashley Byrd, Maya Herring, Kayla Ratliff and Marianna Rosalio were on their A-game as they turned many attempts around to our favor. The second half Suwannee received their first goal on a PK shot where Marissa Morgan

picked up the shot. The Crusaders scored two goals in the second half.

Suwannee Keeper Brooke Wainwright fought off seven tough attempts at the goal including a PK shot.

Crusaders came out victorious with a 2-1 win.

The ladies played Terry Parker High School Dec. 6 and will play Hamilton County High School on Dec. 8 and Stanton College Preparatory School on Dec. 9.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 12/7	Thu 12/8	Fri 12/9
81/48 Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.	66/44 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	68/43 Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.
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Florida At A Glance



Boys down Paxton 6-1

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kicks, one being a PK which senior Zach Dennison would score and the other a free kick outside the box that senior Taylor O'Conney would successfully score.

Paxton only scored one goal in the second half thanks to Suwannee's

strong defense, including senior goalkeeper Cameron Hall.

Suwannee's record following this match was 6-2-0.

Suwannee played Lafayette Dec. 5 and Terry Parker Dec. 6.

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SPORTS

Suwannee falls to Rickards



The Suwannee Lady Dogs varsity basketball team lost to district foe Rickards High School Friday 72-14 in Live Oak.



The ladies play Wakulla High School in a district bout Friday, Dec. 9. Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

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Nov. 21	@ Trenton, 7 p.m.	46-37
Nov. 29	@ Melody Christian	35-64
Dec. 6	vs Dixie County, 7 p.m.	
Dec. 9	vs Lafayette, 8 p.m.	
Dec. 13	vs Hamilton County	
Dec. 15	vs Cedar Key	
Jan. 5	@ Aucilla Christian Academy	
Jan. 6	vs Jefferson County	
Jan. 12	vs Melody Christian	
Jan. 17	@ Hamilton County	
Jan. 19	vs Bell	
Jan. 20	@ Lafayette	
Jan. 24	vs Trenton	
Jan. 26	@ Dixie County	
Jan. 27	@ Cedar Key	
Jan. 31	vs Aucilla Christian	

BHS Varsity Girls Basketball

Nov. 15	@ Fort White	31-42
Nov. 17	vs Madison County	38-33
Nov. 21	@ Trenton, 5:30 p.m.	57-48
Dec. 6	vs Dixie County, 5:30 p.m.	
Dec. 9	vs Lafayette, 6:30 p.m.	
Dec. 13	vs Hamilton County	
Dec. 15	vs Cedar Key	
Dec. 29	@ Melody Christian	
Jan. 5	@ Madison County	
Jan. 6	vs Jefferson County	
Jan. 10	vs Ft. White	
Jan. 12	vs Melody Christian	
Jan. 17	@ Hamilton County	
Jan. 19	vs Bell	
Jan. 20	@ Lafayette	
Jan. 24	vs Trenton	
Jan. 26	@ Dixie County	
Jan. 27	@ Cedar Key	

Suwannee High School Varsity Boys Soccer

Nov. 7	vs P.K. Yonge	4-3
Nov. 9	@ Lincoln	1-2
Nov. 10	vs Atlantic	2-1
Nov. 14	vs Columbia, 7 p.m.	1-0
Nov. 15	@ Samuel W. Wolfson 0-2	
Nov. 17	vs Forrest, 7 p.m.	9-1
Nov. 29	vs Gainesville High	5-0
Dec. 1	@ Paxon	6-1
Dec. 5	vs Lafayette	
Dec. 6	@ Terry Parker	
Dec. 9	@ Hamilton County	
Dec. 13	vs Hamilton County	
Dec. 15	@ Lafayette	
Jan. 3	@ P.K. Yonge	
Jan. 5	vs Stanton College Preparatory	
Jan. 6	@ Eastside	
Jan. 10	vs Bishop Kenny	
Jan. 12	@ Santa Fe	
Jan. 14	vs Creekside	
Jan. 17	@ Columbia	
Jan. 19	vs Wakulla	
Jan. 20	vs Santa Fe	

SHS Varsity Girls Soccer

Nov. 3	@ Columbia	2-1
Nov. 7	@ RHS	0-4
Nov. 9	vs Paxon	2-2 tie
Nov. 10	@ Buchholz	0-0 tie
Nov. 15	vs Samuel W. Wolfson	8-0
Nov. 17	vs Forrest, 5 p.m.	8-0
Nov. 18	vs RHS, 7 p.m.	0-0 tie
Nov. 30	@ Atlantic Coast	2-5
Dec. 2	vs Bishop Kenny	1-2
Dec. 6	@ Terry Parker	
Dec. 8	@ Hamilton County	
Dec. 9	vs Stanton College Preparatory	
Dec. 12	vs Columbia	
Dec. 13	vs F.W. Buchholz	
Jan. 3	vs Hamilton County	
Jan. 4	vs Gainesville	
Jan. 6	@ Eastside	

SHS Varsity Boys Basketball

Nov. 29	vs F.W. Buchholz	47-57
Dec. 2	@ Eastside	62-67
Dec. 3	vs Columbia High School	60-44
Dec. 6	@ Taylor County	
Dec. 10	@ Hamilton	
Dec. 13	vs Rickards	
Dec. 16	vs Wakulla	
Dec. 17	vs Madison	
Dec. 20	@ Santa Fe	
Dec. 23	@ West Gadsden	
Dec. 27	@ Hitchcock's Challenge	
Dec. 28	@ Hitchcock's Challenge	
Dec. 29	@ Hitchcock's Challenge	
Jan. 3	vs Santa Fe	
Jan. 6	vs Hamilton County	
Jan. 7	@ Columbia	
Jan. 13	@ Wakulla	
Jan. 17	@ Rickards	
Jan. 25	@ Oakleaf	
Jan. 27	@ Madison	
Feb. 3	vs Taylor County	

SHS Varsity Girls Basketball

Nov. 15	@ Taylor County	21-31
Nov. 21	@ Godby, 7:30 p.m.	22-58
Nov. 22	vs Columbia	38-47
Nov. 28	vs Newberry	14-68
Dec. 2	vs Rickards	14-72
Dec. 9	vs Wakulla	
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Melody Christian Academy

Varsity Boys Basketball

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Varsity Girls Basketball

Dec. 15	@ Dixie County	
Jan. 3	@ Columbia	
Jan. 5	vs Dixie County	
Jan. 6	@ Lafayette	
Jan. 9	vs Taylor County	

11 new FWC officers ready to protect state's people, natural resources

The newest additions to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Division of Law Enforcement graduated Friday at the Florida Public Safety Institute near Tallahassee.

Eleven individuals had all taken previous steps toward becoming law enforcement officers, but they added another element to their mission Friday. They not only pledged their efforts to protecting Florida's residents and visitors, but they also vowed to defend its unique and valuable natural resources.

"Everyone in this class was already law enforcement certified before joining us," said Col. Jim Brown, director of the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement. "We are very pleased with the dedication and enthusiasm they already display for the job."

The beginning of each traditional FWC academy teaches basic law enforcement information to recruits. The final eight weeks of each session constitute the breakout portion; this is when recruits learn the unique skills needed to be an FWC officer. Since Friday's graduates were certified previously, they attended only the breakout portion.

Out of hundreds of applicants, only 13 were selected to begin the class, and 11 made it through the intensive training and physical demands to graduate.

The training included firearms proficiency, wildlife identification, defensive tactics, vessel and all-terrain vehicle operation, as well as a focus on state and federal wildlife and fisheries laws.

"We are excited about what these individuals bring to the FWC," Brown said. "The group represents a wide variety of abilities and experiences."

Many are well-versed in law enforcement; their backgrounds range from being an FWC reservist and a son of a former Marine Patrol officer, to patrol

deputies, a tactical team member and a corrections K-9 officer. Four of these new officers are military veterans, one having served in both Iraq and Kuwait. Several members are active in the National Guard or military reserves, and there are three with bachelor's degrees.

"Another notable characteristic about this group is a love for the outdoors. They are now pledging their efforts to protect the very natural resources they have enjoyed all of their lives," Brown said.

The 11 diverse individuals will now join a special group as they face the challenging and rewarding path ahead.

As FWC officers, they will patrol Florida's lands – more than 34 million acres – as well as over 12,000 square miles of water. These officers will be protecting the "Fishing Capital of the World" and one of the largest public hunting systems in the country. In addition to enforcing all state laws, FWC officers are authorized to enforce federal fisheries and wildlife laws.

The graduates will spend the next three months with a field-training officer and are assigned to the following counties:

Shelton Bartlett – Monroe
Joseph Jenkins – Broward
Jason Bryan – Clay
Scott Kellerman – Broward
James Buckley – St. Lucie
Rewa Maldonado – Palm Beach
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PUBLIC MEETING
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK (LOHA), Live Oak, Florida will be having a Board of Commissioners Meeting on 14 DECEMBER 2011, 4:00 PM, to discuss the following:
1. READING and approval of minutes from previous meeting.
2. CONSIDER and act upon recommendation to declare certain personal property as scrap and un-salvageable.
3. CONSIDER and act upon charge-offs and un-collectibles.
4. REVIEW of Financials.
5. CONSIDER and act upon approval of Resolution #003-2011-2012 Annual Plan
6. CONSIDER and act upon approval of Merit Pay.
7. CONSIDER and act upon Approving Quarterly Meeting Dates.
8. CONSIDER and act upon Approving Maintenance Fees outside normal wear and tear.

The Public is welcome to attend.
12/2, 7, 9, 14
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY
CASE #: 2007-CA-000188

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as Successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-RP2.
Certificates, Series 2005-RP2.

Plaintiff,
vs.
F.W. Williams, Jr.; Beverly Williams; California First Bank f/k/a CNB National Bank; Gwendolyn Williams

Defendant(s).
AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated November 21, 2011 entered in Civil Case No. 2007-CA-000188 of the Circuit Court of the 3rd Judicial Circuit in and for Suwannee County, Florida, wherein The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as Successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-RP2. Certificates, Series 2005-RP2., Plaintiff and F.W. WILLIAMS, JR. are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash. AT THE DOOR OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 200 SOUTH OHIO AVENUE, LIVE OAK, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M., January 10, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOTS 4 AND 5, BOCK "C" MELEODS SUBDIVISION TO LIVE OAK, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 13 EAST, IN SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED AT LIVE OAK, Florida, this 22nd day of November, 2011.

(Court Seal) /s/ Sharon Hale BARRY BAKER CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Suwannee County, Florida 12/7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

THE STORAGE PLACE LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 27 IN BRANFORD, FLORIDA ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M. THE SALE WILL BE HELD AT THE STORAGE PLACE FACILITY IN BRANFORD, FLORIDA. THE SALE IS BEING HELD TO SATISFY A LANDLORD'S LIEN. EVERYTHING SOLD IS PURCHASED "AS IS" "WHERE IS" FOR CASH. THE STORAGE PLACE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY PUBLIC SALE THAT IS ADVERTISED. ALSO, THE STORAGE PLACE HAS THE RIGHT TO "NO SALE" A UNIT IF DEEMED NECESSARY. THE UNITS BEING SOLD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 15, 16, 78, 81, 104, 167, 170, 67, 72, 115,
- 103, 165- LAVONNE BERG
- 141/142-JENNIFER JAMISON
- 156- KRISTIN VANRIELL
- 35- MATT SMITH
- 27- MARY WASHINGTON
- 105
- 12/2, 7, 9

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 11-98-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARIETTA SMITH,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of MARIETTA SMITH, deceased, whose date of death was August 22, 2011; File Number 11-98-CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064. The names and addresses of the personal

Suwannee Legals

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is November 30, 2011.

/s/ James W. Prevatt, Jr. JAMES W. PREVATT, JR. Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar No. 0352012 123 East Howard Street Live Oak, FL 32064 Telephone: (386) 362-7979 Facsimile: (386) 362-7971

/s/ Michael H. Smith MICHAEL H. SMITH Personal Representative 7682 McClure Drive Tallahassee, FL 32312 11/30, 12/7

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 612011-97-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES O. EAGLER, a/k/a JAMES OTIS EAGLER,
Deceased,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of James O. Eagler, a/k/a James Otis Eagler, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, in and for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, Case No. 612011-97-CP, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this Notice, must file their claims with this Court within the later of three (3) months after the date of first publication of this notice or thirty (30) days after the date of service of a copy of this notice on them.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

All claims not so filed will be forever barred.

Notwithstanding the time periods set forth above, any claim filed two (2) years or more after the decedent's date of death is barred.
The date of first publication of this notice is December 7, 2011.

Personal Representative: /s/ Irene A. Eagler Irene A. Eagler 3244 153rd Road Live Oak, Florida 32060

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Rose M. Decker, Jr. Rose M. Decker, Jr., Esquire Florida Bar No. 47021 The Decker Law Firm, P.A. 320 White Avenue-Street Address Post Office Drawer 1288-Mailing Address Live Oak, Florida 32064 Telephone: (386) 364-4440 Telecopier: (386) 364-4508 E-mail: rmdcderjr@thedeckerlawfirm.com 12/7, 14

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TYPE IIB PANELIZED MODULAR BUILDINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Suwannee County School Board will receive proposals to provide Type IIB Panelized Modular Buildings to the district.

Specifications may be obtained from the office of Vickie Music, Chief Financial Officer, 702 2nd Street, NW, Live Oak, FL 32064 or at the following web address:

http://suwannee.schoolsdes.net/Bids/OpenBids/tabid/11741/Default.aspx

Proposals must be received in the office of Vickie Music, CFO, no later than 3 p.m. on January 12, 2012. All packets must be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked RFP 11-203-Type IIB Panelized Modular Buildings. 12/7, 9

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.

For more information you may contact Glenda Williams 362-2616, Barbie Scott 362-2171 or Marlene Giese at 364-1947.

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Pistachio-Crusted Tenderloin with Cabernet Sauce

Serve with Kendall-Jackson® Vintner's Reserve® Cabernet Sauvignon

Makes 8 to 12 servings

- 1/4 cup salted, shelled pistachio nuts, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
- 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
- 1 center-cut beef tenderloin roast (about 2 to 3 pounds)

Cabernet Sauce:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 ounces cremini or button mushrooms, sliced
- 1/4 cup finely chopped shallots
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup reduced-sodium beef broth, divided
- 1 cup Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch

Heat oven to 425°F. Combine nuts and thyme in small bowl. Spread mustard evenly over all surfaces of beef roast; press nut mixture evenly onto mustard.

Place roast in shallow roasting pan. Insert oven-proof meat thermometer so tip is centered in thickest part of beef. Do not add water or cover. Roast 35 to 40 minutes for medium rare; 45 to 50 minutes for medium doneness.

Remove roast when meat thermometer registers 135°F for medium rare; 150°F for medium. Transfer roast to carving board; tent loosely with aluminum foil. Let stand 15 to 20 minutes. (Temperature will continue to rise about 10°F to reach 145°F for medium rare; 160°F for medium.)

Meanwhile, prepare cabernet sauce. Heat olive oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add mushrooms, shallots and salt; cook and stir 6 to 9 minutes or until mushrooms are browned. Add 3/4 cup broth and wine to skillet; increase heat and bring to a boil; reduce heat slightly and cook 12 to 16 minutes or until liquid is reduced to 1 1/2 cups. Combine remaining 1/4 cup broth and cornstarch in small bowl. Whisk cornstarch mixture into wine mixture; bring to a boil. Cook 1 to 2 minutes or until sauce thickens, stirring frequently.

Carve roast into slices; season with salt, as desired. Serve with cabernet sauce.

Courtesy of The Beef Checkoff and Kendall-Jackson Winery



Sweet and Savory Petite Steak Sandwiches

Makes 12 petite sandwiches

- 1 pound beef top sirloin steak, cut 1 inch thick
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups diced red onion
- 1 1/2 cups balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 12 small dinner rolls, split, toasted
- 1/2 cup blue cheese crumbles
- Chives (optional)

Heat oil in large saucepan over medium heat. Add onions; cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until crisp-tender. Add vinegar and sugar; bring

to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer 30 to 35 minutes or until reduced to about 3/4 cup, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, press pepper evenly onto steak. Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Place steak in skillet; cook 15 to 18 minutes for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally. Carve into thin slices.

Spread 1 tablespoon onion mixture on bottom half of rolls. Top evenly with beef, blue cheese and chives.

Courtesy of The Beef Checkoff



Buttermilk Panna Cotta with Riesling Raisins

Serve with Kendall-Jackson® Vintner's Reserve® Riesling

Makes 8 servings

- 3 sheets gelatin
- 2 cups cream
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 vanilla bean, split and scraped
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 2 cups Riesling
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 2 ounces pine nuts, toasted

In bowl, add gelatin sheets and cover with ice cold water. Allow to sit until softened.

In sauce pot, combine cream, sugar and vanilla bean. Bring to a simmer and remove from heat.

Squeeze out water from gelatin and add gelatin to cream mixture. Add buttermilk, stir to combine.

Strain and pour into 8 (4-ounce) ramekins. Let set at least 4 hours in the refrigerator.

In small pot, combine wine, honey and raisins. Bring to a simmer and cook 5 minutes. Remove raisins from liquid and reserve. Reduce liquid to 1/4 cup. Allow to cool and combine with raisins.

Top each panna cotta with 2 tablespoons of raisin mixture and sprinkle with 1/2 tablespoon pine nuts.

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Four talented friends, four grand pianos, one evening only

CristoFouri performs holiday concert at NFCC

Featuring Pianists Ed Barr, Andy Daughtry, Jerry Gowen and Jerry Roberson & Special Guest Larry McWilliams

MADISON, FL – Enjoy a night of holiday cheer, music and outstanding entertainment as the North Florida Community College Artist Series welcomes CristoFouri to the Van H. Priest Auditorium stage on Saturday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m. The holiday concert features four pianists – Ed Barr, Jerry Gowen, Jerry Roberson and Andy Daughtry – all on stage playing four grand pianos. It's going to be a night filled with popular Christmas tunes, season favorites, and a lot of fun. Larry McWilliams, a renowned trumpeter and native of Madison County, will also be featured as a special guest performer.

"I saw CristoFouri during a performance in Valdosta last December and knew they would be a hit with our Artist Series patrons and the community," said Kim Scarborough, NFCC Artist Series coordinator. "It's a fun show and I encourage everyone to attend. Plus two of the performers have connections to Madison – pianist Andy Daughtry and special guest Larry McWilliams are both well known artists who got their start right here in Madison County."

Daughtry was born in Moultrie, GA where he began studying piano at the age of eight. In 1977 his family moved to Madison where Daughtry met and studied piano with the late Edith Kaup at North Florida Junior College. While in high school and college, Andy accompanied all of the NFCC musical productions and after receiving his associate degree, transferred to FSU. In 1992, he became organist at Valdosta's Park United Methodist Church, he is a popular wedding accompanist in our area and has released two solo piano CD's. Daughtry, not an original member of CristoFouri, is standing in for CristoFouri pianist Michael Braz during the Dec. 10th concert. Special guest Larry McWilliams also grew up in Madison County and is now a world-renowned trumpet player. He joined the Ball State University School of Music faculty in 1970 as a trumpet instructor and as Director of the Jazz Studies program. After 37 years, he retired from BSU in 2007. He performed for the NFCC Artist Series in 2007 and again in 2010. CristoFouri is delighted to

have these two talented musicians and friends joining them for their performance at NFCC.

CristoFouri is a contemporary piano quartet whose history began more than 45 years when teenage friends Jerry Gowen and Jerry Roberson fascinated family and friends with their piano improvisations. In 1965 Ed Barr, newly graduated from Valdosta State University, began teaching at Gowen and Roberson's high school. Years later Gowen and Roberson each received university music degrees and enjoyed respected careers in music. Around 2006 the high school friends reunited and began playing piano together. They decided to invite Barr and Braz in on the fun to create a quartet. Within a short time it was obvious that the diverse backgrounds, stylistic differences and musical empathy of the four performers made CristoFouri a unique and interesting group.

Barr is a native of Valdosta and a graduate of VSU and the University of Georgia. During his 30-year tenure as a faculty member in the VSU Department of Music, he directed the Concert Band, the Jazz Ensemble and instrumental in the development of the program of jazz



studies. In 1980 Barr won first place in the State of Florida song composition contest and the following year his song, "I Gotta Lotta Love," won third place nationally.

Gowen and Roberson are both natives of Folkston, GA. Gowen is now a St. Simons Island, GA based freelance pianist. His career as an accomplished pianist, conductor and arranger spans over 40 years. He has a degree in music from Stetson University and from 1980-1997 was leader of the Country Music USA Show

at Opryland USA in Nashville, TN. Roberson began piano lessons at the age of six and currently tunes and rebuilds pianos professionally. He is a graduate of Georgia Southern College, was band director for Candler County Public School from 1973-77 and became a published songwriter in 1978 with his song "Don't Fight It." Roberson has also composed and produced several popular advertising jingles.

Don't miss these talented musicians for a holiday concert at NFCC's Van H. Priest Auditorium on Dec. 10. Tickets are on sale now at the NFCC College Advancement Office (Bldg. 32, NFCC campus) or by calling (850) 973-1653. More information is also available at <http://www.nfcc.edu/community-programs/artist-series-> or email Artist-Series@nfcc.edu. Don't miss it!

It's that time again Annual Christmas in Mayo just around the corner

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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The Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Annual Christmas in Mayo celebration on Saturday evening, Dec. 10, beginning with a parade down Main Street.

Parade lineup will be at 6 p.m. in front of the First Assembly of God and the parade kicks off at 7 p.m. Santa Claus will be arriving in grand style during the parade, compliments of R.O. Ranch, and he will travel to the town park to meet and greet both young and old with a special thank you gift for the children.

"There will be Christmas music and we usually have one food vendor who sets up and sells food and beverages," said Leta Hawkins of the Chamber.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to invite everyone - businesses, churches, school organizations, civic organizations, or whoever would like to participate, to submit an entry in the parade.

"We are hoping for lots of participation from the public and businesses this year for entries for the parade, as it is a wonderful sight traveling down Main Street with all of the Christmas lights aglow," said Hawkins.

A distinguished panel of judges will award prizes for first, second and third place entries after the parade.

"This event will end the year 2011 for the Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce and we would like to thank each and every one of you for your membership and participation in all our

events during the year," said Hawkins. "Pioneer Day was a huge success, but without you, the citizens and business owners, this would not have been possible. We would like to thank the Pioneer Day Committee for their hard work and the Mayo City Council for their support in lending a hand whenever needed by the committee."

Hawkins said they will be striving to make the year 2012 for the community

WHAT: Annual Christmas celebration in Mayo

WHEN: Dec. 10

WHO: Santa Claus is said to be making an appearance

The parade lineup will be at 6 p.m. in front of First Assembly of God and begins at 7

and the Chamber as good or better than before.

"On behalf of the Lafayette County Chamber

of Commerce we wish you and yours a very happy, healthy and blessed holiday season," said Hawkins.

Annual Christmas Red Light Drive

By Joyce Marie Taylor
joycemarie.taylor@gafnews.com

Reminder: Lafayette County Volunteer Fire Department personnel will be carrying boots and helmets soon asking for donations to help those less fortunate this season.

The Annual Christmas Red Light Drive will be held on Friday, Dec. 16, beginning at 4 p.m.

Be on the lookout for about a dozen firefighters on the corners of SR 51 and US 27 (Main Street in downtown Mayo). Each year the volunteer fire department sponsors this event to raise money so that needy children and families within the commu-

nity can have the opportunity to share in the Christmas spirit.

Last year the fire department used the donated funds to purchase about 40 gift certificates for hams from the local Thriftway. The gift certificates were distributed to the pastors from the local churches, who distributed them to needy families within their churches.

"Without you, the citizens and businesses of our local communities, this would not have been possi-

ble and for that we thank you. We are looking forward to spreading this 'token of Christmas' cheer again this year."

The Lafayette County Volunteer Fire Department is asking for your help to make this event one to remember.

If you are unable to come through town and visit on this date and time, but would still like to make a donation, please contact Leta Hawkins at 386-294-2301 or W.C. Hart at 386-208-5091.

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BY: Donald J. Quincey, Jr., Chairman Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board

Over the past several years, the Suwannee River Water Management District has adapted to difficult and changing economic times by refocusing our human and financial resources solely on our core mission – water supply, water quality, flood protection and natural resource protection. That effort has served the District and its citizens well.

As a diligent steward of taxpayer dollars, the District has tightened its belt, readjusted priorities, eliminated non-critical staff positions, sought outsourcing where it made sense, downsized or cut programs that didn't meet our core mission principals, acquired funding through grants and partnerships, and generally found ways to do more with less.

For example, this past year the District completed its water supply assessment study and designated four water resource caution areas in an effort to ensure adequate groundwater resources to meet future demands for the next 20 years.

The District embarked on a joint regional water supply plan with neighboring St. Johns River Water Management District to develop and implement a minimum flows and levels prevention and recovery strategy when withdrawals in one district contribute to water resource impacts in the other district.

This landmark agreement is vital to successfully addressing future protection of our rivers, lakes, springs and natural systems.

We also strengthened our partnership with the State of Georgia, where roughly 55 percent of the Suwannee River Basin is located.

The District has accomplished much but there is still so much left to do. Fiscal challenges will not dampen the District's determination to "get the water right."

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Researchers, patients meet in Clearwater to tackle a complex muscular dystrophy

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — For the next three days, Florida will be the center of the scientific world for patients and researchers concerned about myotonic dystrophy, a disease that is the most prevalent, yet one of the least recognized, types of muscular dystrophy.

More than 200 scientists, physicians and health care professionals are sharing their discoveries at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater during the International Myotonic Dystrophy Consortium, a scientific gathering that has occurred every two years since the inaugural meeting in Paris in 1997.

"Patients from all over the globe will have a unique opportunity to meet and hear firsthand about the progress researchers are making toward viable treatments," said Tetsuo Ashizawa, M.D., the

founder of the consortium and executive director of the University of Florida's McKnight Brain Institute.

Myotonic dystrophy strikes adults, children and even newborn babies with progressive muscle degeneration and weakness. It also affects the heart, central nervous system, gastrointestinal tract, endocrine organs and eyes. As a muscular dystrophy, it is unique because it prevents skeletal muscles from relaxing once they contract.

"We are an informal group of clinicians and research scientists who have a common interest in understanding the molecular events that result in this neuromuscular disease, and using this information to generate effective treatment strategies," said event co-chairman Maurice Swanson, Ph.D., a profes-

sor of molecular genetics and microbiology at UF's College of Medicine and a member of the UF Genetics Institute. "The scientists strive to translate their work into layman's terms and help patients and their families understand the state of the research."

Patient involvement is coordinated by the Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation, the event sponsor.

"On Sunday, the meeting with patients will continue with more than 400 participants, making it the largest patient gathering for this disorder in history, anywhere in the world," Ashizawa said.

In addition to Clearwater and Paris, the consortium has met in Raleigh, N.C.; Kyoto, Japan; Glasgow, Scotland; Quebec City, Canada; Milan, Italy; and Wurzburg, Germany.

Christmas Love Tree well underway

Deadline to donate items for kids is Dec. 14

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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Jasper - The Christmas Love Tree project is in its 7th year and carrying forth a 'from the heart' tradition that allows needy children to experience the joy of the holiday spirit. Last year the Christmas Love Tree project was able to help 40 families for a total of 138 children. Deadline this year for donations is Dec. 14.

Locations of the Christmas Love Trees are: Foodway, Sunations and First Baptist Church in Jasper; The Telford Inn and Fat Belly's in White Springs; All area churches in Jennings.

Ann Hall from Jasper has been directing this community project for the last seven years and she's not ready

to stop yet.

"It's something I want to continue," said Hall. "I get so many blessings."

If you're unfamiliar with how the Christmas Love Tree works, it is a simple process. Area businesses and churches will have a Christmas tree made of plywood placed on the premises. Attached to the tree you will find individual tags. All you have to do is grab one of the tags off the tree, go out and purchase the item stated on the tag, and then bring your gift back to the place where you got the tag before Dec. 14.

Meanwhile, Hall will be contacting needy families in the county and asking parents to register and submit wish lists, so that their children can wake up

Christmas morning and see presents under the tree, and know they were not forgotten by Santa and his elves.

In speaking with parents and grandparents of these needy children over the years, Hall said, "They cry and you cry with them."

Each needy child will receive a total of six tag items. Three of those items will be a shirt, a pair of pants and a Bible or Bible story book. The other three will be items off their individual wish lists.

The gifts will be given to the parents right before Christmas inside the Hamilton County Courthouse Annex (date still to be determined). Hall requests that parents not bring their children with them to pick up the donated

gifts, in order that their kids can experience the joy of a bountiful surprise when they awake on Christmas morning.

Hall would like to express her appreciation to all those who have helped her in this humanitarian effort; Justin Young from First Baptist Church in White Springs, Mary Kay Dunnaway and Kerri Lee Tucker from Calvary Baptist Church in Jasper; Beth Burnam from Jennings; Tracy and Woody Woodard from White Springs for use of their storage building for the donated items.

Hall wants to give a very special thank you to PCS White Springs.

"They have been really, really good to me this year," said Hall.

Social Security helps the homeless

By Mary Kate Vang
Social Security District Manager,
Lake City, FL

More than half-a-million Americans experience homelessness on any given night. Nearly 20 percent of them are "chronically homeless," meaning they are on the streets regularly.

Social Security has several programs that pay benefits to qualified individuals, including those who are homeless. These programs include retirement, disability, and survivors benefits, as well as Supplemental Security Income (SSI), which is a needs-based program for people who are blind, disabled, or age 65 or older. If you know someone who is homeless, and you want to learn more about how Social Security might help, a good place to get information is at www.socialsecurity.gov/homelessness.

That page includes a link to the Spotlight on Homelessness — a website designed to help the homeless apply for SSI. It's available at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot

-homeless.htm.

The homelessness page also includes links to information on health care for the homeless, institutionalization, advocacy groups, reports on homeless outreach, and even links to other websites like the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness and HUD.

You'll find other information helpful to the homeless on www.socialsecurity.gov. For example, there is a link to our Benefit Eligibility Screening Tool, or BEST. Based on answers to various questions, this tool helps determine the benefits someone might be eligible for and gives information about how to qualify and apply. Go directly to www.socialsecurity.gov/best.

Tell anyone you know who is homeless or threatened with homelessness to use the Benefit Eligibility Screening Tool and to check out the different types of benefits and assistance they may be eligible to receive. Spread the word about the help available to the homeless.

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Organic Gardening 101 series continues at Green Industries Institute in Monticello

NFCC offers "Tools for the Small Farm and Harvesting Techniques" workshop Dec. 17

Bring a friend to class Dec. 17 and get 50 percent off one registration fee

MADISON, FL – Learn which tools are best for small scale growing, and how to harvest and store your food for maximum freshness at this month's Organic Gardening 101 workshop – "Tools for the Small Farm and Harvesting Techniques" – at North Florida Community College's Green Industries Institute on Saturday, Dec. 17 in Monticello, Fla.

This month's class will be co-taught by Aaron Suko, farmer at Full Earth Farm in Quincy. Full Earth Farm grows two acres in vegetable production using sustainable methods. "Mr. Suko has a lot of hands on knowledge about which tools should be used for which job, to get work done efficiently," said Claire Mitchell, Sustainable Agriculture Programs Manager at Green Industries. "This will be a great chance to pick the brain of someone who does farm work full time."

The workshop will explore which tools are most beneficial for your particular space and project. Participants will learn post-harvest handling guidelines to best preserve harvested vegetables. As a special offering, those bringing a friend to class Dec. 17 will get 50 percent off one registration fee.

NFCC offers its Organic Gardening 101 classes on the third Saturday of the month. December's "Tools for the Small Farm and Harvesting Techniques" class will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Upcoming courses include Warm Season Crop Planning on Jan. 14, Building Healthy Soil on Feb. 18, Building Raised Beds with Micro-irrigation on March 17, Window Boxes and Container Gardening on April 21 and Organic Pest, Disease and Weed Control on May 19. Workshops are \$25 and participants are asked to pre-register online at <http://www.nfcc.edu/green-industries/organic-gardening-101>.

Green Industries Institute is located at 2729 W Washington St on Highway 90, just three miles west of downtown Monticello. For more information, please call (850) 973-1701 or email Claire Mitchell at mitchellc@nfcc.edu.

Upcoming Organic Gardening 101 classes include:

Month	Topic	Description
December 17	Tools for the Small Farm and Harvesting Techniques	Learn which tools are best for small scale growing, and how to harvest and store your food for maximum freshness.
January 21	Warm Season Crop Planning	Get a head start on your spring garden. Grab your seed catalogs and you start planning.
February 18	Building Healthy Soil	Feed the soil, not the plant. Learn about composting and vermiculture, both are essential for healthy gardens.
March 17	Building Raised Beds with Micro-irrigation	Expand your garden with raised beds, and learn to install micro-irrigation to keep them watered.
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May 19	Organic Pest, Disease and Weed Control	Learn the signs of plant distress, and best practices for prevention and treatment.



LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR HEALTH

Protect skin from the worst weather has to offer

Regardless of what season it is, skin seems to bear the brunt of weather's wrath. Whether it's the sun beating down in the dog days of summer or the wind whipping around and causing skin to crack when the weather starts to turn cold, skin is never fully safe from the elements.

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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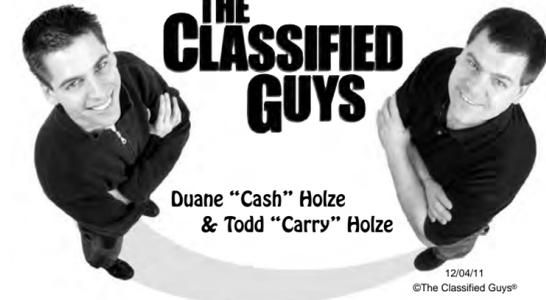
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Cash: I can only imagine that when Charlie shakes his head, you need a raincoat.

Carry: We are happy to hear that you took time to research breeds before you chose a dog. That's a very responsible act



THE CLASSIFIED GUYS

Duane "Cash" Holze & Todd "Carry" Holze

that everyone should do, especially before giving a dog as a gift for the holidays.

Cash: In your case, it was particularly important. If you were not prepared for the enormous size of a Bullmastiff, you might have had one "big" problem on your hands. Although they average around 130 pounds, we personally know some that top over 180 pounds. That's a big dog!

Carry: And like you've discovered, Bullmastiffs are also known for drooling quite a bit. This is due to the excess skin they have around their mouth that collects the saliva.

Cash: Since it's part of Charlie's nature, there isn't much that will prevent

him from drooling, but you can help control it.

Carry: For starters, keep a few small towels handy throughout your home. When dogs play or get excited, they tend to drool more. A quick wipe of Charlie's jowls may keep you from having to change your clothes.

Cash: Most importantly, change how you handle feeding your dog. If holding a biscuit causes him to drool, avoid treating him in that manner. Instead, put the treat in his food dish with little warning so drooling is kept to a minimum.

Carry: With a little effort on training him around food, you just might keep from needing that raincoat!

Fast Facts

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Regardless of how much your dog drools, keep an eye out for abnormal amounts. If your dog begins to drool excessively, it could be sign that something is wrong. Problems with their teeth are the largest cause, including a chipped tooth or infected gums. Dietary problems, poisoning or certain diseases may also cause excessive drooling. For you and your dog's safety, have a professional veterinarian check out any unusual drooling behavior.

Jingle Bells

Most people are acquainted with the famous experiment of Pavlov's dogs. His groundbreaking work in the area of Physiology demonstrated that there was a connection between the environment and how our body reacts. In a series of experiments, he struck a bell every time his dogs were fed. Over time, the dogs learned to associate the sound of the bell with food. After a while, the mere ringing was enough to cause the dogs to drool at the anticipation of a meal. This experiment, along with numerous other findings, paved the way for behavioral sciences and resulted in Pavlov's Nobel Prize in 1904.

Reader Humor

Shipping Ground

As a driver for a delivery service, I'm used to dealing with dogs. A few weeks ago I delivered a package to a new house. and was greeted by a very friendly dog that wagged his tail and couldn't wait to be pet.

A week later I stopped by the same house to deliver another package. However, this time the dog came running out barking and growling at me. I tossed him a few dog biscuits, but it didn't seem to work. Finally the homeowner came out to rescue me. "What happened?" I asked. "Why doesn't your dog like me anymore?" "I don't know," the man replied. "But it could be because last week you delivered his shock collar!"
(Thanks to Steve R.)

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Suwannee FFA Alumni is selling tickets for boston butts

Suwannee FFA Alumni is selling tickets for boston butts until Dec. 9th. The tickets are \$25, they will be smoked and ready for pick up on Dec. 23 from 2pm to 5pm at the SHS ag room, the average weight of each butt is 8lbs. The money raised from this will go towards FFA student scholarships. The tickets can be purchased from Alumni members or FFA members, they can also call me at 590-0547 or email at crain8@windstream.net

THE MCALPIN COMMUNITY CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Everyone is invited to the McAlpin Community Club Christmas party, which will be held on Monday, December 12th, at 7:00 p.m. We will have a potluck supper, so please bring a covered dish and extra Christmas goodies to share. We also want to remind everyone to bring a \$5 gift for the Chinese Gift Exchange.

1st Annual Suwannee County Toy Run Dec. 10, 2011

No entry fee. Just bring toys for 12 years old and under. All toys will be donated to Suwannee County children on Dec. 21 at the Live Oak Fire Department. All bikes, cars, trucks & sleighs welcome. Toy run leaves from Little Bar at 1 p.m., next stop is Tip Toe Inn, Dowling Park, American Legion. Then on to Hammerheads Sports Bar ending at the Big Oak Sports Bar, Live Oak, with dinner. For more information, contact Gina at 386-209-8524. Joy at Christmas is the smile of a child. Toy drop box also located at Dairy Queen in Live Oak.

The Branford Camera Club will have their annual Christmas Party and Photo Share on Thursday, December 8

The Branford Camera Club will have their annual Christmas Party and Photo Share on Thursday, December 8. We will meet at our NEW LOCATION, Cuzin's Restaurant, US 129 across from Scaff's in Branford. Please bring your favorite Christmas goodies, and a few of your favorite photos to share. Join us for an informal evening with friends and family during this Holiday Season.

Meeting starts at 7 p.m. Come around 6 if you would like to eat first.

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

"Toys for Kids"

Once again, the McAlpin Community Club is participating in the "Toys for Kids" program to help spread Christmas cheer this season. So in the spirit of

giving, let us remind everyone to bring in either new or gently used toys, blankets, shoes, ETC., for needy children in the Branford and McAlpin areas. They are also in dire need of food donations.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The Club is located at 9981 170th Terrace in McAlpin, directly across from the Post Office. Membership fees are \$10.00 per family per year.

For info call Barbara Parks @ 362-3044 or Debbie Phillips @ 364-7028

Looking for shipmates

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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.

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.

The ARC of North Florida Event dates

2/25/12 Annual Benefit Trail Ride

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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

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

Elks Monday Bingo

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

Suwannee Coalition

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

The Lake DeSoto farmers market

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

Alcohol Anonymous - Live Oak Group

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

Bingo, Bingo, Bingo!

Hosted by American Legion Post 107

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

Grief support group

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

Baptist Men's Meeting at Wellborn Baptist Church

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

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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.

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.

Lafayette Republican Executive Committee to meet

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.

Columbia Federated Republican Women to meet

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

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

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

Christian Mission In Action Ministry

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

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.

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Lake Park Line Dancers offer beginner lessons

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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Pickin' & Grinnin' every Saturday 6 p.m. Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park

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

GFWC Woman's Club of Live Oak

GFWC Woman's Club of Live Oak is available for rentals until 11 p.m. Is there a baby shower, wedding reception, holiday party or other event coming up? Please call Julie at 362-7303 to reserve your date and time. Make a wonderful memory.

Narcotics Anonymous

Road to Recovery Group. Meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Friday at 7:30 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> The Road to Recovery Group is not affiliated with First United Methodist Church.

U.S. Senate Candidate, Marielena Stuart to speak at North Central Florida Tea Party meeting

Join us at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8 for our monthly meeting. Marielena Stuart will be our guest speaker. She is running for the U.S. Senate currently held by Bill Nelson. Ms. Stuart came from Cuba as a young girl and has a good perspective on what socialism/communism is all about. She spoke at our Conservative Countdown and really impressed the people who talked to her that day. We will have information on our upcoming turkey shoot and other events happening in our area. Form more information, call John at 386-935-0126, Sharon at 386-935-0821 or go to www.northcentralfloridateaparty.org. Visit our Facebook page for pictures of our last event. Please try to come to this meeting. Bring a friend and get involved. We meet at the Taylor Building, 128 SW Birley Avenue in Lake City, Florida. The Taylor Building is located on the corner of US 90 and Birley, about three miles west of the I75 interchange in Lake City. It is a

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Calendar of Events

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large gray building with a Century 21 sign in front. The North Central Florida Tea Party is a nonpartisan group who is concerned about where our nation is heading. Our goals are to educate ourselves on the issues facing us today, act on what we learn and motivate other like-minded people to become involved.

Turkey shoot

Join the North Central Florida Tea Party on Saturday, Dec. 10 from noon to 4 p.m. for a turkey shoot. Gift certificates will be given out to the winner of each round. This will be held at Russ' Gun Shop located at 1179 SW Elim Church Road in Ft. White, Florida. Participants can bring their own shotguns, 12 gauge shells will be furnished, 16 and 20 gauge shells will be available for purchase if needed. Russ will have several 12 gauge shotguns that can be used. For more information, call Russ at 386-497-4840. The North Central Florida Tea Party is a nonpartisan group who is concerned about where our nation is heading. Our goals are to educate ourselves on the issues facing us today, act on what we learn and motivate other like-minded people to become involved.

Weatherization funding available

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

Free English Classes

Clases de Ingles - Gratis, aprenden, Pronunciacion, Conversacion - Clases empiesan el 8 de Agosto, 2011,

cada lunes y jueves, 7 -9 p.m. Maestra Felicia Doty y el equipo, 386-249-0096. Las clases van estar en la Iglesia Episcopal, San Lukas, 1391 SW 11th St., (Se encuentra la Iglesia en frente del hospital en Live Oak).

Senior Citizens meet

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

Cub Scout Pack No. 408-

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

Suwannee County Open Market

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

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Meeting -

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of every month (August-May) at First Baptist Church of Live Oak @ 9:30 am. MOPS International exists to encourage, equip

and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader. Breakfast and childcare are provided. www.mops.org.

History book

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

Stop, drop and Recycle for Adults with Disabilities. Comprehensive

Community Services Inc. Invites you to participate in our recycling project campaign. CCS Clients are recycling - Printer Ink Cartridges, Laser Cartridges, Cell Phones - Any Kind, MP3 Players Drop off at Lafayette Extension Office, Wes Haney Chevrolet, Suwannee Tax Collectors, Live Oak City Hall, or the CCS Office, larger quantities can be picked up. For more information on how your business can join the CCS recycling

team call Janet Sampson, 386-362-7143 ext 5

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.

Did you earn your pin?

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First Baptist Church of Live Oak, FL

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

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 donators 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

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.

Free English-speaking and literacy classes

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

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

Word Search — Bingo

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Delicious and Aromatic, These Holiday Dishes Delight

FAMILY FEATURES

There is something about warm, delectable dishes and the aroma of a freshly prepared meal that really bring loved ones closer. This season, when planning your holiday menu, consider adding some scrumptious dishes made with quality ingredients that are sure to become fast favorites with your family.

Try the recipes below to help take your holiday dishes to a new level, perfect for the season. Find more holiday recipes at www.JohnsonvilleKitchens.com.

Spicy Sausage Queso

Yield: 6 cups

- 1 package (16 ounces) Johnsonville Hot All Natural Ground Italian Sausage
- 2 pounds Velveeta process cheese, cubed
- 1 jar (16 ounces) chunky salsa
- 2 teaspoons fennel seed, crushed
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
- Garlic toast

In skillet, cook and crumble sausage until no longer pink; drain. Place cheese in large microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high for 6 minutes or until melted, stirring every 2 minutes. Stir in salsa, seasonings and sausage. Microwave 2 minutes longer, or until heated through. Serve with garlic toast.



Italian Sausage Stuffing

Yield: 12 servings

- 1 package (16-ounces) Johnsonville Italian All Natural Ground Sausage
- 1/4 cup olive oil, separated
- 2 loaves (12 ounces each) focaccia bread
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup shredded Parmesan
- 1 small green pepper, diced
- 1/2 cup oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
- 5 large fresh basil leaves, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups white wine, or chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons butter, cut into small pieces

In skillet, cook and crumble sausage in 1 tablespoon olive oil until no longer pink; set aside.

In large bowl, combine bread cubes and remaining oil. Sprinkle with pepper; toss to coat. Transfer to lightly oiled 15 x 10-inch baking pan. Bake at 350°F for 10 minutes or until crisp and lightly browned, stirring once. Remove pan to wire rack to cool slightly.

In very large bowl, combine bread cubes, reserved sausage, Parmesan cheese, green pepper, sun-dried tomatoes, basil and garlic. Combine eggs and wine or stock; pour over bread mixture and toss to coat. Transfer to buttered 13 x 9-inch baking dish. Dot with butter, bake, uncovered, at 350°F for 35 to 40 minutes or until heated through and top is starting to appear slightly toasted.

Risotto with Italian Sausage, Mushrooms, Peas and Asparagus

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

- 5 1/4 cups (42 ounces) chicken stock
- 3 sprigs fresh herbs; basil, oregano or thyme, (optional)
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
- 1 package (19 ounces, casings removed) Johnsonville Mild Italian Sausage
- 2 cups white button mushrooms, wiped clean and sliced about 1/4 inch thick
- 2 cups Arborio rice or medium grain risotto rice
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 pound asparagus, stemmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup peas; fresh, shelled or frozen
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/3 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- Shaved or shredded Parmesan for garnish

Pour stock into sauce pan. If using fresh herbs, add to stock and bring to gentle simmer. Cover until ready to use.

In large sauce pan, heat oil over medium heat, add onion. Sauté until tender and translucent, about 5 minutes. Add sausages. Using wooden spoon, break up sausage as it cooks into bite size pieces until browned, about 5 minutes.

Add mushrooms; cook, stirring until just wilted, about 2 minutes. Mix in rice; cook, stirring until kernels are hot and coated with oil; about another 2 minutes. Add wine; stir continuously until liquid is absorbed.

Using a ladle, add hot stock about 1/2 cup at a time, stirring constantly and making sure stock has been absorbed before adding more to rice. Continue adding 1/2 cup of stock and stirring rice constantly and gently. When rice is about half cooked or only 1 1/2 cups of stock remains, add asparagus pieces into rice and continue stirring.

When you have about 1 cup of liquid left, stir peas into rice and season with salt and pepper to taste. Continue stirring. Risotto is done when rice kernels are creamy on the outside and firm yet tender to the bite, about 20 to 25 minutes total.

When risotto is just right, remove from the heat; stir in shredded Parmesan cheese. Spoon into large soup bowls. Top with shaved Parmesan; serve immediately.

Italian Sausage Appetizer Bread

Yield: 16 appetizer servings

- 1 package (16 ounces) Johnsonville Italian All Natural Mild Ground Sausage
- 1 loaf (1 pound) frozen white bread dough, thawed
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 jar (7 ounces) roasted red peppers, well drained and sliced
- 1/3 cup Kalamata olives, pitted and sliced
- 2 cups (8 ounces) Swiss cheese, shredded
- 1 teaspoon poppy seeds

In skillet, brown sausage until no longer pink; drain. On lightly floured surface, roll bread dough to 16 x 12-inch rectangle.

Transfer dough to greased baking sheet. Combine cream cheese and garlic, spread lengthwise over center third of dough. Top with sausage, peppers, olives and cheese.

Fold dough over filling, pinching seam to seal. Make slits across top of dough every 2 inches. Brush lightly with water and sprinkle with poppy seeds.

Bake at 400°F for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 10 minutes before slicing.



Social Security Questions & Answers

By Mary Kate Vang
Social Security District Manager, Lake City, FL

Question:

Can I get an estimate of my retirement benefit at several different possible ages?

Answer:

Yes. We suggest you use our Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator to test different retirement scenarios. This online tool will give you retirement benefit estimates based on current law and real time access to your earnings record. The Retirement Estimator also lets you create additional "what if" retirement scenarios. It's even available in Spanish at www.segurosocial.gov/calculador. You can test even more alternatives at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/calculators.htm.

Question:

If both my spouse and I are entitled to Social Security benefits, is there any reduction in our payments because we are married?

Answer:

No. We calculate lifetime earnings independently to determine each spouse's Social Security benefit amount. When each member of a married couple meets all other eligibility requirements to receive Social Security retirement benefits, each spouse receives a monthly benefit amount based on his or her own earnings. Couples are not penalized simply because they are married. If one member of the couple earned low wages or failed to earn enough Social Security credits (40) to be insured for retirement benefits, he or she may be eligible to receive benefits as a spouse. Learn more about Social Security at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question:

Is there a time limit on Social Security disability benefits?

Answer:

Your disability benefits will continue as long as your medical condition has not improved and you cannot work. We will review your case at regular intervals to make sure you are still disabled. Learn more by reading our publication, Disability Benefits, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html.

Question:

When a person who has worked and paid Social Security taxes dies, are benefits payable on that person's record?

Answer:

Social Security survivors benefits can be paid to:

- A widow or widower — unreduced benefits at full retirement age, or reduced benefits as early as age 60;
- A disabled widow or widower — as early as age 50;
- A widow or widower at any age if he or she takes care of the deceased's child who is under age 16 or disabled, and receiving Social Security benefits;
- Unmarried children under 18, or up to age 19 if they are attending high school full time. Under certain circumstances, benefits can be paid to stepchildren, grandchildren or adopted children;
- Children at any age who were disabled before age 22 and remain disabled; and
- Dependent parents age 62 or older.

Even if you are divorced, you still may qualify for survivors benefits. For more information, go to www.socialsecurity.gov.

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.

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.

For more information you may contact Glenda Williams 362-2616, Barbie Scott 362-2171 or Marlene Giese at 364-1947.

Weekly Meetings

Addictions Support Group - Greater Visions, a faith-based addictions support group - Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall at Christ Central Ministries, 1550 Walker Ave. SW, Live Oak, in the Suwannee County Mall. Group provides spiritual and emotional support in a non-judgmental setting. Info: 386-208-1345.

Al-Anon/Mayo Al-Anon Group now meets with Banford Al-Anon Group - Fridays, 7:30 p.m., at Branford United Methodist Church on the corner of Express and Henry Streets, Branford. Info: Janet, 386-362-1361; Carol, 386-362-1283.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Branford - Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m., Branford United Methodist Church, Express and Henry St., Branford. Info: John, 386-362-1361.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Live Oak - Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 8 p.m., Precinct Voting Building, Nobles Ferry Road, Live Oak. Info: 386-688-6037. Alcoholics Anonymous - Mayo Group - Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m.; Manna House, Pine Street, Mayo. Info: 386-674-6424.

American Legion Post 107 - BINGO - every Tuesday, games at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; smoking permitted; public invited; must be 18 or older; Turkey shoot - Saturdays, 12:30 p.m. First of each month Karoke first Friday of each month 7 p.m. until. Directions: US 129 south to 142nd Street, go east 1 mile, on the right. Info: 386-362-5987, noon-6 p.m.

Bluegrass Association - Saturdays; 6 p.m.; bluegrass jam at the Pickin' Shed; except during main festival events; Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, US 129 North, Live Oak; potluck dinners third Saturday of each month; Info: 386-984-6245

Boy Scout Troop 693 - Mondays, 7 p.m., Shrine Club, Bass Road, until further notice. Info: 386-590-6121.

Dowling Park Volunteers - Saturdays; (1100 hours) 11 a.m.; at 22992 CR 250, Live Oak.

Food free to anyone in need - Alapaha River Band of Cherokee, Inc., a non-profit organization, will give away free food to anyone in need first and third Fridays, from noon-3 p.m. at Free Food Service Pantry, 3589 NW 28th Terrace, Jennings. Info: Chief Joan Nelson, 386-938-4625 or 386-938-3609, or www.thealapahariverbandofcherokeecinc.com.

Girl Scout Junior Troop 1077 - every Friday; 3:30 p.m.; Suwannee River Regional Library, US 129 South, Live Oak. Info: Jenise Freeland, 386-364-4932 or jenifree@alltel.net.

Greater Visions, a faith-based addictions support group - Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall at Christ Central Ministries, 1550 Walker Ave. SW, Live Oak, in the Suwannee County Mall. Group provides spiritual and emotional support in a non-judgmental setting. Info: 386-208-1345.

Healthy Horizons, a chronic illness support group - 6:30 p.m., second and fourth Thursdays at Christ Central Ministries, 1550 Walker Ave. SW, Live Oak. Group discussion, educational materials and friendly support provided to enable all to live to their fullest potential. All who live with a chronic condition are invited to attend. Open to all members of the community. Info: Church, 386-208-1345.

Jasper/Jennings Boy & Cub Scouts Troop 908 & Girl Scout Troop 402 - every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Corinth Baptist Church 7042 SW 41st Avenue, Jasper

Kiwanis International of Live Oak - meets at noon, Wednesdays at Farm Bureau, 407 S. Dowling Ave., Live Oak.

Narcotics Anonymous-Branford - Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; at United Methodist Church, corner Express and Henry, Branford. Narcotics Anonymous is not affiliated with United Methodist Church. Help Line: 352-376-8008, <http://fdt.net/~ncoaastna>.

Narcotics Anonymous-Jasper - Wednesdays, 8 p.m.; at Jasper Public Library, 311 Hatley St., NE. Narcotics

Anonymous is not affiliated with Jasper Public Library. Help Line, 352-376-8008, <http://fdt.net/~ncoaastna>. Narcotics Anonymous-Live Oak - Tuesday, 7 p.m., Thursday, noon and Friday, 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 311 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak. Narcotics Anonymous is not affiliated with First United Methodist Church. Help Line, 352-376-8008, <http://fdt.net/~ncoaastna>.

Narcotics Anonymous - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.; Closed sessions. Info: Lee Devore, 386-294-3220.

Square Dance - 7 p.m., Thursdays at John H. Hale Community Park & Recreation Center, 215 NE Duval St., Live Oak. Learn to square dance, it's fun, meet new friends and get great exercise. First lesson free. Ralph Beekman, caller. Info: 386-752-2544.

Suwannee River Riding Club - Membership fee \$25 per year. Team roping first and third Friday night. Speed events first and third Saturday night. Info: 386-935-2622. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. - free activities for seniors - Monday-Friday, free full lunch and bus pickup for seniors in Suwannee County. Other free activities at 10 a.m., Wednesdays, including free BINGO with prizes and at 11:30 a.m. free full lunch; Located at 1171 Nobles Ferry Road, Live Oak. Info: Bruce Evans, 386-362-1164.

Suwannee Valley Barbershop Chorus - Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Crapps Meeting Room, Suwannee River Regional Library, US 129 South, Live Oak; Info: Terry McCoy, 386-362-6979.

Tops - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 662; Thursdays; meeting 9-10 a.m.; at First Advent Christian Church, 699 Pinewood Dr., Live Oak; Affordable weight loss support group. Weigh in from 8-8:50 a.m. Info: Elaine, 386-364-5537.

Tops - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 798; Wednesdays; meeting 9 a.m.; at Live Oak Community Church of God, 10639 US 129 South, Live Oak; Affordable weight loss support group. Info: 386-362-5933.

Dressed-Up DESSERTS MADE EASY

FAMILY FEATURES

Desserts can seem even sweeter when dressed especially for the occasion. Serving unique flower and butterfly-topped cupcakes for a garden-themed party, monogrammed cookies for a family reunion, or a show-stopper birthday cake definitely makes the celebration more memorable.

Even without a dab of decorating experience, dazzling results can be created in your own kitchen. Picture-perfect cake borders, flower bouquets, cupcake toppers, accent bows, sports and patriotic designs, and more are just a punch away.

It's so easy and fun, too. Use punches with various inserts to cut or punch shapes from Sugar Sheets. These thin, sweet sheets are actually edible decorating paper. When shapes cut from the sheets are placed directly on a surface covered in icing or fondant, they blend right in. They can also be used to create multi-layered and three dimensional toppers. Simple, sophisticated or sensational — whatever your style or the occasion, you can do it.

The dessert table will never be the same once you punch, cut and decorate. The decorating experts from Wilton share some tips to get you started.

**PUNCH.
CUT.
DECORATE!**



Sugar Sheet Decorating

Start with edible, flexible Sugar Sheets. Available in solid colors and lively patterns, even the alphabet, these sheets are ready-made — no prep, no mess. Sugar Sheets have a light sweet flavor that works well with buttercream or fondant-covered treats.

Simply punch or cut these sweet sheets to create uniform designs and shapes for your sweet treats.



Spiral Cutting Punch Insert

Quilling Loops with Sugar Sheets



Step 1 Use Rotary Cutter or knife to cut strips of Sugar Sheets in lengths listed in project instructions.



Step 2 Start with shortest strip. Brush one end with damp brush, bend strip over to form a loop and pinch ends together to secure.



Step 3 Repeat for next largest strip, forming a loop around first loop. Brush end with damp brush and pinch ends together to secure.



Step 4 Repeat with next largest strip.

See Quilled Flower Cake and Cookies recipe for instructions on how to use quilled loops to create a flower.



Sugar Sheets

His and Hers Cookies

Possibilities are endless. Think personalized birthday party favors, an edible family tree for a family reunion, school events, bake sales, decorating activities for kids' parties ... and more. See step-by-step directions on www.wilton.com.



Butterfly Landing Mini Treats

Delicate butterflies hover on petit fours or cupcakes to brighten any dessert table. Make these beauties in an instant. Visit www.wilton.com for complete instructions.



Quilled Flower Cake and Cookies

This unique, colorful cookie pop-topped cake is a sure-fire showstopper dessert. The quill flower petals are easy to make with strips of Sugar Sheets that are shaped into groups of loops. Just the right casual dessert for kids or adults, cookie or cake lovers alike.

Cake makes 15 servings. Cookies each serve 1.

- 4-cavity Round Cookie Treat Pan
- Sugar Cookie Dough for Cookie Pop Pans (available on www.wilton.com)
- Cookie Sticks
- Leaf Green Icing Color
- Royal icing (recipe available on www.wilton.com)
- 2 cans (16 ounces ea.) White Decorator Icing
- White, Bright Yellow, Yellow, Bright Pink, Light Pink, Bright Blue, Blue, Bright Green Sugar Sheets! Edible Decorating Paper
- 4-inch Round Cutter
- Black FoodWriter Edible Markers
- Piping Gel
- 9-inch Round Baking Pan

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray 4-cavity round cookie pan with vegetable pan spray. Press cookie dough into pan cavities, filling 2/3 full; press cookie sticks into dough. Bake cookies 10 to 13 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool cookies in pan on cooling grid 10 minutes; remove from pan and cool completely.

Place cooled cookies on cooling grid over a parchment-lined cookie sheet. Cover with thinned leaf green tinted royal icing; let set until firm.

Remove white Sugar Sheet from plastic backing. Using round cutter as a guide and black FoodWriter marker, trace 4 circles on the back of the sheet. Cut out circles and attach to iced cookie pops with piping gel. Let dry.

Bake your favorite 2-layer cake recipe or mix in 9-inch-round baking pans. Cool cake in pan on cooling grid 10 minutes.

Remove from pan and cool completely. Stack cooled cake layers on cake board or serving plate; spatula ice with white icing.

Cut 5/8-inch-wide strips from bright green Sugar Sheet. Attach as bottom border to cake, using piping gel if needed.

For flower center, cut 1/4 inch wide x 5 inches long bright yellow Sugar Sheets strips with rotary cutter or scissors; position end of quilling tool over end of strip. Twist quilling tool to wind strip around. Continue twisting to create a spiral, guiding end of strip around tool with your other hand. (Can also be made without quilling tool; simply roll Sugar Sheet strip tightly in a circle). Secure end with piping gel; set aside.

For flower petals, cut strips of desired colors of Sugar Sheets 1/4 inch wide x 3-1/2 inches long, 2-1/2 inches long and 1-1/2 inches long (10 each required for full flower; 7 each for half flowers).

Start with shortest strip. Brush one end with damp brush and bend strip to form a loop; pinch ends together to secure. Repeat for next largest strip, forming a loop around first loop. Brush end with damp brush and pinch ends together to secure. Repeat with largest loop. Continue building groups of loops to form flower petals. Arrange flower petals as full flowers and half flowers on cookies and cake, securing with piping gel.

Cut 1/4 inch wide x 3 to 5 inches long bright green Sugar Sheet strips. Twist into swirls and "s" shapes and attach to sides of cake with piping gel. Insert Cookie Pops into cake top.

Monthly Meetings

Alzheimer's Support Group 2011

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month except December in the Good Samaritan Center Private Dining Room at 3:00 PM. Advent Christian Village Good Samaritan Center (nursing home), 10676 Marvin Jones Blvd Dowling Park, FL 32064

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.

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Road To Recovery group of Narcotics Anonymous. we meet every Tuesday at 7pm and Friday at 7:30 pm at First United Methodist next to Bank of America. For information call: 386-330-4327

Lafayette County Historical Society meeting

The Lafayette County Historical Society Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of every month at 7 pm at the Library, highway 51, in Mayo. Please feel free to join us and bring your historic pictures, documents and stories. If you have any questions please email lafayettechs@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook!

The Sparkleberry Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will meet the second Tuesday of the month, April 12, 6:30 p.m. at Hatch Park. Directions: Once you have turned onto 247, 403 SE Craven St is the 7th block from 129 - you make a right onto SE Craven, Hatch Park is a few blocks down the road on the left.

La Leche League of Live Oak

La Leche League of Live Oak - Meets third Thursday of every month at the Suwannee County Museum, 208 North Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida. La Leche League is an international organization dedicated to providing education, information, support, and encouragement to women who want to breast feed. All breast feeding mothers and mothers-to-be are welcome to come to our meetings or call one of our Leaders for breast feeding help or information. Babies are always welcome at our meetings. Contact Laura Bashaw at 386-623-1440 or look for us on Facebook.

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Live Oak, Suwannee County

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American Legion Post 107 - The Harry C. Gray II Memorial American Legion Post No. 107 - business meeting, first Thursday at noon at 10726 142nd St., east of US 129 (Blue Lake Road), McAlpin. This is to accommodate both those who cannot travel after dark and those who work during the day. Info: Randall e. White 386-984-6245 or shoreduty@windstream.net.

North Florida Conservation and Airboat Alliance -North Florida

Conservation & Airboat Alliance Meets 1st Tuesday of the month (except Dec) @ Cowboy's BBQ. President-Randy Howard 590-4884.

Secretary/Treasurer-Patty Williams 961-5399 or pattywilliams@consultant.com for more information. All meetings covered dish; airboaters and sportsmen working to keep public lands and waterways open for everyone to use and enjoy. No December meeting. Preside-Winston Williams; Vice President - Garry Garrison; Secretary-Treasurer Patty Wood-Williams. Info: Winston Williams, 386-362-6716; or e-mail pattyannwood@realtyagent.com.

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 107 - first Saturday; 10 a.m.; Harry C. Gray II Memorial American Legion Post No. 107, 10726 142nd Rd., Live Oak. Info: Hilde Schmid 386-776-2123.

American Legion Post 132 - second Saturday; 9:30 a.m.; Wellborn Masonic Lodge, on CR 137, downtown Wellborn; Info: Gerald McKean, 386-963-5901

Bible college classes offered - Third Saturday, from 2-5 p.m. at 104 Beech St., NE, Live Oak. Yearning to learn more about the Word? Can't attend classes full time? Maybe this is your answer. Info: Dr. Simpson, 386-364-1607 or 386-344-4192.

Bluegrass Pickin - Suwannee Valley Bluegrass Pickin - first Saturday, 7 p.m., Otter Springs Resort Lodge, 6470 SW 80th Ave., Trenton. It is free to the public, in a nice, air-conditioned building. Info: Cloud Haley, toll-free 800-990-5410.

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Christian Mission In Action Ministry will meet quarterly the first Monday of the month at Triumph The Church and Kingdom Of God In Christ at 410 Taylor Ave., Live Oak, FL. For more information call Audrey Howell @386-364-4560.

Suwannee County Republican Executive Committee to meet

The Suwannee County Republican Executive Committee meets in the council chambers of Live Oak City Hall, US 129, at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. If the first Thursday is the first day of the month, the meeting will be held on the following Thursday. Each meeting has a guest speaker or current issues will be discussed. All are welcome to attend. For more information call Chairman Carl Meece at 386-776-1444.

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Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 126 - second Thursday; 6 p.m.; 226 Parshley St., S.W, Live Oak; Info: 386-362-1701.

Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) - first Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Companion Animal Hospital, 605 N. Houston Street, Live Oak. DART helps out with pets, livestock, horses, birds and all animals during natural disasters. Volunteers needed. Info: 386-208-0072.

Dowling Park Volunteers - first Saturday; 1100 hours (11 a.m.); training each following Saturday at 1100 (11 a.m.); 22992 CR 250, Live Oak.

Drug Free Coalition of Suwannee County - last Thursday, 5:30 p.m. at 813 Pinewood Way, Live Oak. Info: Mary Taylor, 386-362-2272, suwannee coalition@mac.com, www.drugfreesuwannee.com.

Fibromyalgia support group - first Monday, 6 p.m., at Suwannee River Regional Library, 1848 Ohio Avenue South, Live Oak. Feel free to bring family members. Info: 386-842-5206.

GFWC Woman's Club of Live Oak - first Friday; noon; 1308 Eleventh Street, Live Oak.

Girl Scout Leaders, Girl Scouts of Gateway Council - first Monday; 7 p.m.; First Advent Christian Church, Live Oak; Info: Peggy Rudser, membership specialist, 212 N. Marion Ave., Suite 230, Lake City, FL 32055, 386-758-3230 or toll-free 866-295-1727.

Hamilton County Tourist Development Council - second Wednesday; 1 p.m.; 1153 US 41 NW, Suite 4, Jasper (courthouse annex); public is welcome. Info: 386-792-6828.

Healthy Horizons, a chronic illness support group - meets at 6:30 p.m., second and third Thursdays at Christ Central Ministries, 1550 Walker Ave. SW, Live Oak. Group discussion, educational materials and friendly support provided to enable all to live to their fullest potential. All who live with a chronic condition are invited to attend. Open to all members of the community. Info: Church, 386-208-1345.

Home and Community Educators (HCE) - first Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., at Suwannee County Extension Office, Coliseum Complex, 1302 Eleventh Street, Live Oak; new members welcome; Pleasant Hill-second Monday, at 10 a.m.; McAlpin Community Center, McAlpin; Formerly known as Pleasant Hill Home Extension Club. Short business meeting, followed by a workshop of different projects for the community. Visitors are always welcome. Info: Donna Wade, president, 386-963-3516, or Barbara Parks, 386-362-3044.

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Humane Society, Suwannee Valley - Animal Shelter - second Monday; noon; at the shelter located on Bisbee Loop, south entrance, in Lee off CR 255, Madison County; Info: toll-free 866-Adopt12, 866-236-7812, www.geocities.com/suwanneehs.

Leona 4-H Community Club - first Monday; 7 p.m.; home of Avon and Betty Hicks, 6107 180th St., McAlpin; Info: Betty Hicks, 386-963-4205; Pam Nettles, 386-963-1236.

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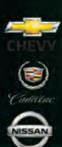
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