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Local school demonstrates their cheer following the Live Oak Police Department's Gang Resistance Education and Training Program.

Pedestrians struck by pickup Tuesday,



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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION

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Marlon Ivey walks alongside Wylder Stephens driving his motorized truck down Ohio Avenue Monday for the 16th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Marching Parade.



Over 100 people walked down Live Oak streets Monday morning to remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - Photos: Misty A. Ward

King's message remembered at church service following march

By Misty A. Ward
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Live Oak Monday morning for the 16th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Marching Pa-

People from Suwannee and surrounding counties gathered in

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Phyllis Campbell holds grandson Kyson Lee Campbell during the MLK church service at African Missionary Baptist Church on Walker Avenue following the marching parade Monday.

VIDEOS AND PHOTOS ONLINE



See more photos and watch videos of the march and the church service from the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at www.suwanneedemocrat.com, the online home of the *Suwannee Democrat*.

Jiffy Food Store offices trampled by deer



The damage caused by an elusive doe that crashed through the offices of Jiffy Food Stores Thursday afternoon.

- Photo: Jeffrey Boatright

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While many deer hunters canvassed the woods of North Florida in search of the elusive deer, a few deer came to town for a Thursday afternoon visit. One of them just happened to crash through the plate glass window of the Jiffy Food Store offices at the intersection of U.S. 90 and Lee Avenue in Live Oak.

According to Shaun

Freeman of Jiffy Food Stores, he was sitting at a table working on a project around 3:30 p.m. when he suddenly heard the shattering of the plate glass window behind him in the adjoining office.

The chaos didn't stop with the shattering of glass. Freeman said a calamity ensued and he quickly realized a doe, a deer, a female deer, had crashed through the window at the 1102 East

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No injuries reported in house fire



- Photo: Misty A. Ward

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ablaze on the south side of the structure.

A fire at a Walker Avenue home in Live Oak started shortly after a celebration at a neighboring church where folks were gathered celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

No injuries were reported at the rooming house and business at 428 Walker Ave. just after noon Monday.

Several King celebrators left the church to witness the fire that was

Three trucks and nine firefighters from the Live Oak Fire Department arrived on scene. According to LOFD Chief Chad Croft, the fire was contained with 1,200 gallons of water.

Since the property is zoned for business, the fire marshal was called to further investigate.

Croft said preliminary investigations do not reflect any foul play and it appears to be an electrical related fire.

One critical, one serious after truck hits pedestrians

By Jeffrey Boatright
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Conner said.

One of the two pedestrians struck by a vehicle shortly after noon Tuesday on Ohio Avenue in Live Oak was flown to Shands Gainesville in critical condition while the other was transported to Shands Live Oak in serious condition, Suwannee County Public Safety Director Charlie

Conner said they didn't know the identities of the two pedestrians at press time and referred to the female in critical condition as Jane Doe and the male in serious condition as John Doe.

The two were struck by a Dodge Dakota pickup driven by Mike Margo, who did not appear to

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Legislative session underway

By Jeffrey Boatright
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The 2012 legislative session in Tallahassee began Tuesday, Jan. 10 with Gov. Rick Scott giving his "State of the State" address.

In a newsletter, State Sen. Charlie Dean, R-Inverness, stated that the governor's speech focused on gaining employment, securing quality education and keep-

ing the cost of living low. In pursuing his quest to improve education, Scott has recommended \$1 billion in new state funding for education, Dean said.

A key emphasis Scott placed on education was refocusing on the tenure system and instead, reward the best performers who excel in educating the students of Florida.

According to Dean, Scott emphasized how private sector jobs in Florida have increased, placing Florida as the third most job securing state in the nation. The creation of these jobs

has also resulted in Florida being recognized as having the second largest decrease in unemployment in the United States.

One bill in Tallahassee that could have a substantial impact on the North Florida area is Senate Bill 820 that deals with septic tank evaluation options. According to Dean, the bill was unanimous in passing the Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee. This passage moves SB 820 one step closer

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Thoreson out at BHS

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Branford High School Principal Seth Thoreson's



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Arrest Record

<p>January 12, Edgar Lamar Taylor, 47, 4600 6th Street South, St. Pete FL, fraud/insuff funds check, Alachua co warrant: FHP-R.Howard</p> <p>January 12, Cedric Lavon Jones, 47, 9225 97th Lane, Live Oak, FL, poss cntrl subs(cocaine), sell/deliver cntrl subs: SCSO Loston</p> <p>January 12, Charlie Leon Camiel Jr, 23, 302 Maple St, Live Oak, FL, poss marij -20 grams: FHP Hughes A</p> <p>January 13, Jordaan Otto Staats, 21, 14216 143rd Rd, Live Oak, FL, return for funeral: SCSO H.Smith</p> <p>January 13, Joseph Michael Brisbois, 20, 14162 98th Street, Live Oak, FL, lewd/lasciv molestation of child: LT Wayne JusGrove JR</p> <p>January 13, Austin Blake Poppell, 19, 505 Nabor Ave, Live Oak, FL, ftc o/c poss alcohol: SCSO CPL. J. Stout</p> <p>January 13, Sandra J Frye, 57, 22215 135th Ct, O'Brien, FL, dui 3rd offense, poss -20 cannabis, poss controled sub: SCSO-C.Tompkins</p> <p>January 14, Brian Dana Williamson, 45, 8810 147th Rd, Live Oak, FL, agg. assault (dom. viol.), battery (dom. viol.): SCSO-J. Greene</p> <p>January 14, Jimmy Torres, 47, 19132 54th Terr,</p>	<p>Live Oak, FL, ftc drive exp lic + 6 mon: SCSO CPL. J. Stout</p> <p>January 14, Benjamin Jerome Dexter, 53, 412 Hamilton Avenue, Live Oak, FL, passing worthless check: SCSO - B. Williams</p> <p>January 14, James Jefferson Platt, 50, 11678 161st, Live Oak, FL, poss.cocaine: SCSO-M. Henry</p> <p>January 15, Reymundo Adam Blanco, 39, 352 King St, Live Oak, FL, no valid dl: LOPD- D. Slaughter</p> <p>January 15, Craig Jonathan Riley, 38, Po Box 14, Nashua, NH, false info to leo, loitering or prowling, 1st app pd appt per wfw: SCSO M. Henry</p> <p>January 15, Paula Jeanette Collier, 28, 6745 N. Castlebury Road, Hernando, FL, vop (grand theft): SCSO - T. Donaldson</p> <p>January 15, Mary Rachel Stewart, 31, 223 Se Littlejohn Place, High Springs, FL, fta (poss drug paraph)* Alachua co wrt **: LOPD - D. Slaughter</p> <p>January 15, James Linard Filmore, 48, 199 Johnson Ave, Live Oak, FL, battery by strangulation battery: LOPD-B. Kastor</p> <p>January 16, Christina Joan Morgan, 28, 11213 71st Drive, Live Oak, FL, failure to appear: SCSO-M.Jelks</p>
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Family practitioner opens doors



Dr. Daniel Messcher

Dr. Daniel Messcher Joins Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center Family practitioner opens doors to new practice in downtown Live Oak

Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center continues to invest in the greater Live Oak community with the addition of Dr. Daniel Messcher. A board certified Family Practitioner, Dr. Messcher will be joining the Shands Live Oak team and opening a family practice on Jan. 16 next door to the hospital at 1116 SW 11th St. The phone number will be (386)362-0820.

Dr. Messcher is pleased to once again be part of the Live Oak Community. He

relates, "Having worked here before, I really couldn't wait to get back and see friends and former patients. Not only do I feel accepted here, but my entire family loves the area, the schools, and the small town feel." A native of Boston, MA, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Northeastern University and attended Medical School at the University of Massachusetts, graduating in 1996. He then served his residency in one of the top programs in the nation at the Eastern New Mexico Family Practice Residency before settling in Valdosta, Ga. Here he assumed the position of Administrative and Medical Director of the Student Health Center at Valdosta State University in 2003. His move to Live Oak and partnership with Shands Live Oak provides an outstanding opportunity for families to receive top notch primary care.

"Dr. Messcher shares our vision of providing first class primary care to the area" notes Ricardo Diaz, CEO of Shands Live Oak. "This provides our community with an option to avoid the long trip to Lake City or Gainesville for high quality primary care. Moreover, his presence in Live Oak since 1999 shows his strong commitment to our community. His excitement to be a doctor for the Suwannee Valley combined with his well-known dedication to patients will be a tremendous asset."

Dr. Messcher's practice will be available to the public on Monday, January 16, and walk-ins will be welcome. "We are incredibly excited about opening to the public" states Dr. Messcher. "We are in an ideal location next to Shands Live Oak, a hospital that shares my vision for building up health care services in this community. It has always been my goal to raise my children in a family friendly area where I can use my skills to make a difference. Live Oak is that community, and Shands Live Oak Medical Center has been an indispensable partner in helping me achieve that goal. I look forward to serving all who may be in need of primary care."

For more information visit shandsliveoak.com or call Dr. Messcher's office at 386-362-0820

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Live, learn, teach



Mary Sowerby

By Mary Sowerby

"To Make the Best Better" is the 4-H motto. For over 100 years, Florida youth ages 8 to 18 (with special Clover bud programs for younger students) have had the opportunity to join a 4-H Club and work on a diversity of projects from horses to sewing to photography to shooting sports and many, many more. Each project gives the youth the opportunity to learn and indeed make each year's best bet-

ter the next as they grow in knowledge, sportsmanship, leadership and a host of other life skills.

A truly gratifying experience was watching a group of former 4-H members, now members of the UF Dairy Science Club, share what they developed as their best in 4-H, fitting and showing dairy cattle, with current 4-H members from Suwannee, Lafayette and Alachua Counties.

Eighteen 4-H members from 8- to 16-years-old and eight of their project dairy heifers assembled at the Suwannee County Fairgrounds the morning of Saturday, January 14, 2012. Under the workshop leadership of Kelly Buchanan, the 4-H students first heard a presentation on dairy health and nutrition by Ashley Bailey, a relatively recent graduate of both the 4-H dairy program and the University of Florida. He currently manages two dairy farms,

Providence Dairy in Suwannee County and Lafayette Dairy near Mayo.

Next the youth were divided into three groups. Former Hillsborough County 4-Her and current UF Dairy Science Club President, Lauren Mayo, led one group in a discussion of what one should take in their show box to a show and tips for successfully filling out project record books. Other UF Dairy Science Club members, Amanda Reeg and Devon Taylor taught the group the parts of a cow.

Meanwhile, Ashley Bailey and Lauren Ellison, a former Gilchrist County 4-H dairy project member and UF Dairy Science Club past president, who graduated from the University of Florida last month, coached another group of 4-H participants in properly showing their cattle.

At a grooming shoot the

third group of 4-Hers were instructed in proper fitting, especially clipping their dairy cattle. Kelly Buchanan, a former 4-Her from Okechobee County and current UF Dairy Science Club member, demonstrated clipping and top-lining techniques, while Pam Mayo, former Hillsborough County 4-Her and current UF Dairy Science Club member, talked about hoof trimming. Both of these young ladies also emphasized to the youth how successfully participating in 4-H dairy activities, such as judging and dairy quiz bowl, as well as showing their cattle, is now helping them succeed at their collegiate endeavors at UF.

As each group of 4-Hers practiced showing, and learned about fitting, record book writing and other essentials in showing dairy cattle, the process of making the best better was repeating itself. 4-Hers

who were making obvious mistakes at the workshop will now do better at shows this winter and spring and even better yet next year. Their young instructors gained in public speaking experience and were obviously enjoying the process of sharing knowledge gained from their 4-H experiences. They have and are living, learning and now teaching what they learned in a lifelong pursuit of "Making the Best Better."

If you would like to learn more about the marvelous learning and teaching opportunities available through 4-H, either contact the Suwannee County 4-H Agent, Brian Estevez (who spent the same day as the dairy workshop in Gainesville with Suwannee 4-H members who were learning how to judge meat) or make it a point to come to the Suwannee County Fair and see all the wonderful projects shown

by 4-H members. Adult volunteers are always needed if you enjoy helping youth make the best better. It's both fun and tremendously gratifying to watch youth grow up and become teachers of making the best better to the next generation.

Extension programs are open to all people regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in any activity should contact the Suwannee County Cooperative Extension Service at 1302 Eleventh Street, SW, Live Oak, Florida 32064 or telephone (386) 362-2771 at least five working days prior to the event. Hearing impaired can access the foregoing telephone by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 or 800-955-8772 (TDD).

Cosette Lewis Sessions book signing

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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On Thurs. Feb. 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon the Lafayette County Public Library will be the proud host of a book-signing by author Cosette Lewis Sessions.

Sessions will be on hand to sign copies of her book, "Lafayette County Settlers and Their Descendants, Volume 1".

According to a library press release, "The oral histories in this book are about grandparents and great-grandparents and great-great grandparents living in Lafayette County."

Sessions, in her book, describes living conditions people chose in hopes of making a better life for themselves and their descendants. She states, one can't read these stories without feeling a great pride in the people who settled this area.

Sessions' book is a non-profit publication and all proceeds will go to the Sessions/Howell Americanism Award through the Lafayette Penny Foundation.

The Americanism Award honors the five Sessions brothers who served their country in the Armed Forces. They are Joe, Lewis, Mack (Connie), Loomis and Foye, as well as Emmett Howell, Sr. for his service in the Armed Forces. Emmett is the husband of the Sessions brothers sister Catherine.

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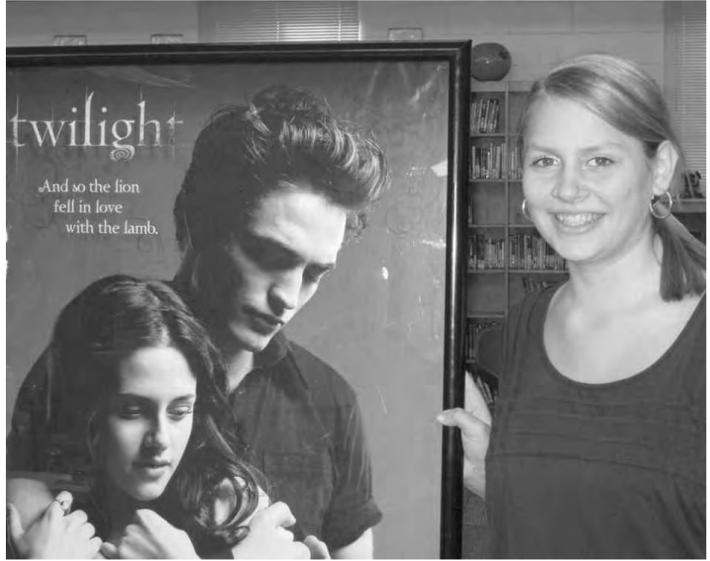
Conservation District News

The Suwannee County Conservation District would like to express their appreciation to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch for their help in hosting the District's Annual Wildlife Food Plot Demonstration and Archery Tournament. The District was able to present the Ranch with a check for \$500, the net proceeds from the event. Farm Manager Jeff Parker and Assistant Manager Cedric Perry helped make the event a success, along with a dozen Ranch Farm Hands. The District would like to also thank all the sponsors for their continued support.



Garrett McCray (L) (SCCD) presents \$500 check to Jeff Parker.

SMS poster winner



Cheyenne Redditt is shown here with a Twilight poster she won in the latest drawing held by the Suwannee Middle School Media Center. She's almost finished reading the Twilight series. Courtesy photo

Minor injuries sustained in three car accident



By Jeffry Boatright

A Friday morning car crash at the intersection of SR 51 and Demetree Street in Live Oak resulted in only minor injuries, Live Oak Police Chief Buddy Williams said.

According to Williams, three vehicles were involved in the accident which occurred around 8 a.m. Personnel from the LOPD, Live Oak Fire Department and Suwannee County Fire/Rescue promptly responded to the scene of the accident.

3 Florida panthers die in early 2012, after 24 deaths, 32 births documented in 2011

Florida panthers are off to a rough start in 2012, with three deaths documented by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). Last year, 24 Florida panther deaths were recorded, but FWC biologists also observed 11 radio-collared females giving birth to 32 panther kittens. Overall, the known number of newborn panthers in 2011 appears to have offset the known number of panther deaths.

Today, an estimated 100 to 160 adults of this federally endangered species live in Florida. Panthers almost disappeared from the wild in this state when their numbers fell to fewer than 30 in the 1970s. Since then, their population has been increasing.

Collisions with vehicles continues to be the greatest source of human-caused mortality to this long-tailed cat that can weigh up to 160 pounds and grow to 6 feet or longer.

Already, in just the first week of 2012, there were two documented deaths of panthers hit by vehicles on highways in Collier County, where the greatest concentration of panthers in the state is found. The third fatality was caused by a fight with another panther. Among the 24 documented panther deaths in 2011, nine deaths, or more than a third, were due to collisions with vehicles.

"Florida panther deaths are most often the result of one of two things: collisions with vehicles or aggression from other panthers," said Kipp Frohlich, head of the Imperiled Species Management Section at the FWC. "We can't control panthers fighting when they are defending their territory; that is a part of nature. But we can do something about human-caused panther mortalities."

"People who slow down and drive carefully in rural areas, especially where

panther crossings are identified, can make a difference in conservation of this endangered species. It is especially important to slow down and keep a careful lookout at dawn or dusk, when panthers are most likely to be on the move," Frohlich said.

The FWC continues to work with many partners to conserve and increase habitat available to panthers on both public and private lands. This is a critical step to ensuring the survival of panthers, the official state animal of Florida.

People are encouraged to report sightings of an injured or dead panther by calling the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or #FWC or *FWC on a cell phone. Another option is texting Tip@MyFWC.com (standard usage fees may apply).

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OBITUARIES

Bonnie Stone Rex
Feb. 10, 1933
Jan. 12, 2012

Bonnie Stone Rex, a beloved mother, age 78, of Dowl- ing Park, Fla., passed away early Thursday morning, Jan. 12, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Center in Dowl- ing Park, Fla. following a lengthy illness.

The Portsmouth, Ohio native moved to Live Oak in 1983 from Englewood, Fla. She taught preschool at the First Advent Christ- ian Church and enjoyed being a preacher's wife, working with her late hus- band Rev. William Edward Stone ministering to others. She loved her church and her family with all her heart and was a member of the Live Oak Church of the Nazarene

She is survived by three daughters, Judy Lang, Worcester, Vt.; Janet Kin- ard, Pensacola, Fla.; Julia Stone, Montpelier, Vt.; one son, Joe Stone, Kentucky; one sister, Wilma Duffy, Portsmouth, Ohio; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Services were held 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012 at the graveside in the Live Oak Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers donations be made to the Pat Summitt Alzheimer's Foundation for research at patsummitt.org.

Please sign the guest- book at www.harrisfuneral-homeinc.net.

Harris Funeral Home & Cremations, Inc., Live Oak, FL 386-364-5115 was in charge of all arrange- ments.

Eva Hewiett
April 14, 1919
Jan. 13, 2012

Eva Hewiett, 92, Live Oak, Fla., passed away on Friday, Jan. 13, 2012 in the Suwannee Health Care Center, Live Oak, Fla. The Madison, Fla. native lived most of her life in Live Oak. She was a homemaker and a member of the Antioch Baptist Church.

She is survived by her four daughters: Clarice (P.F.) Kelley, Lee, Fla., De- lories (George) O'steen, Moultrie, Ga., Linda (Buddy) Nichols, Jasper, Fla. and Lois Hewiett, Titusville, Fl; Three sons: J.C. (Annette) Hewiett, Jacksonville, Fla., Willard (Judy) Hewiett and Larry (Susan) Hewiett both of Live Oak, Fla.; One brother: Joe Purvis Jr. Lake Placid, Fla.; 13 grandchil- dren, 29 great-grandchil- dren and one great-great grandchild.

Funeral Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2012 in the Daniels Memorial Chapel with Rev. Hugh Dampier, Rev. David McKeithen and Rev. Gary Abbott officiating. In- terment followed in the Or- ange Baptist Cemetery.

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

Gene Wallace
Oct. 5, 1920
Jan. 13, 2012

Gene Wallace, 91, entered into rest Jan. 13, 2012, in Live Oak, Florida. Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2012 at Westwood Baptist Church, with burial at Live Oak's Veteran's Cemetery. The family re- ceived friends Sunday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Daniels Funeral Home.

He was born on Oct. 5, 1920 in Searcy (Grif-

fithville), Arkansas. He was the last of nine bro- thers and sisters and the only one to receive his high school diploma. He had to study by kerosene lantern and had no electricity or phone until he was 19- years-old. His family lived through the Great Depres- sion as farmers and hunted game to eat. After his fa- ther was partially paralyzed from a stroke he and his older brother moved the family to Michigan and worked for General Motors Corp. When World War II broke out he volunteered for the Army in September of 1942. This allowed his older brother to stay out of the service to care for their invalid father.

He joined the Army at Camp Tucker in Fort Custer, Michigan, complet- ed his basic training at Camp Walters, Texas, and shipped out of Camp Stoneman, San Francisco for the Pacific. He was awarded three Bronze Bat- tle Stars for battles at Guadalcanal and Vel la lavella in the Solomon Is- lands, and Battle of Luzon, in the Philippines. His 25th infantry Division, Tropical Lightning, set a record for the longest amount of days in continuous combat in the Philippines: 165 days of continuous combat on Luzon. A Monument at Balete Pass was erected honoring the soldiers of the 25th Division who sacri- ficed their lives winning this desperate struggle. The 25th Division had 2,365 men killed or wounded and 7,485 Japanese were killed. General Mc Arthur's famous quote, "I Shall Return", was fulfilled during the invasion of Lin- gayen Gulf, Philippine Is- lands. Sergeant Wallace was awarded the Bronze Arrowhead Decoration for his amphibious assault landing in a Higgins Boat under enemy fire in the Lingayen Gulf. He was later awarded the Bronze Star medal for bravery under enemy fire.

After the war, he was discharged at Camp Bland- ing, Florida and moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He married Florence Eads Hoket and lived in south Florida until 1982. For eleven years he was a co- owner of WAL-LET Furni- ture Store until 1970, and later worked until retire- ment as a store manager and salesman for Carl's Furniture Store. He was or- dained as a deacon at Oak- land Park Baptist Church in Oct., 1957 and served for 25 years. He retired to Live Oak, Florida and served as a deacon at West- wood Baptist Church from 1983 to present. He was

awarded Deacon Emeritus recognition for 52 years of service on June 14, 2009.

He was predeceased by his first wife of 53 years, Florence Wallace, his mother Nancy Ann Eliza- beth Wallace and father, Joel Flynn Wallace, of Searcy, Arkansas and brothers Adolph, Irvan, Louie, and sisters Dorothy, Blanche, Marie, Opal Lee, and Hazel.

He is survived by his second wife Margaret Drawdy Wallace, Live Oak Fla. and her daughters Gail Musgrove and husband Windell, Debbie Drawdy and grandchildren Jennifer Kinsey, Windy Gamble, Kimberly Williams and Kristin Ratliff; his son, Terry Wallace and his wife Betty of Tallahassee, Fla.; and his daughter Mary Hoket Bridges and her hus- band, Bob Bridges, of Live Oak, Fla., four grandchil- dren, Michael Leggett, Wendy Wallace, Robert Bridges, Brandon Wallace, and wife Amanda and great-grandchild Lewis Alexander Wallace.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2012 in the Westwood Baptist Church with Dr. Jimmy Deas officiating. Interment will follow in the Live Oak Cemetery.

Daniels Funeral Home and Crematory of Live Oak and Branford, Fla. is in charge of all arrange- ments.

Lewie Sibert Carmichael
Nov. 26, 1929
Jan. 13, 2012

Lewie Sibert Carmichael, 82, Branford, Fla., passed away on Friday, Jan. 13, 2012 after a short illness. The Jacksonville, Fla. native moved to Bran- ford in 1987 from Mem- phis, Tenn. Mr. Carmichael was a veteran of the U.S. Marines Corps serving during the Korean conflict, a long haul truck driver, member of the Branford Masonic Lodge # 130, a member of the Branford Shrine club, a member of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter #113, a Deacon and member of the Grace Baptist Church, Mayo, Fla.

He is survived by his wife: Vernon Carmichael, Branford, Fla.; Three daughters: Cathie (Bobby) Howell, Rossville, Tenn., Debbie (Robert) Plem- mons, Hernando, Ms and Gail (Angus) Moree, Pen- sacola, Fla.; Two sons: Steve (Mary) Carmichael, Jacksonville, Fla. and Lou (Sherry) Carmichael, Memphis, Tenn.; One sis- ter: Jean (Rev. Orvis)

Amerson, Branford, Fla.; Eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandson.

Funeral services will be held 12 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012 in the Daniels Memorial Chapel with Rev. Orvis Amerson officiating. Interment will follow in the Hatchbend Baptist Cem- etery.

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

Doris Loree Johnson Terry
Jan. 14, 2012

Doris Loree John- son Terry, age 88, died Sat., Jan. 14, 2012 at Madison County Memorial Hospi- tal.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2012 at Beggs Funeral Home Madison Chapel with burial at Midway Baptist Cemetery. visita- tion will be Sunday, from 3-5 at Beggs Funeral Home Madison Chapel.

She was born in Madison County, FL where she lived all her life. She was a homemaker and a farmer. She was a member of Mid- way Baptist Church. Survivors include 2 sons:

Richard Terry (Edith) of Madison, Bill Terry of Madison; 3 daughters: Faye Browning (Edwin) of Madison, Frances Terry Grotefend (David de- ceased) of Lake City; Ernestine Sparkman (Kip) of Perry; Step-Mother Ly- dia Johnson of Dowling Park, FL; 1 sister; Dorothy Sammons of Lake City. 8 Grandchildren and 17 Great Grandchildren.

Donations may be made to Midway Baptist Church WMU fund, 338 SE Mid- way Church Rd., Lee, FL 32059.

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

SCFR receives advanced training



On Dec. 29 and 30, 2011, Suwannee County Fire/Rescue had an advanced cardiovascular life support class. County Public Safety Director Charlie Conner and Medical Director Dr. Robert Spindell introduced new advances in cardiac care. Courtesy photo

Pastor Laddie DeRocco to speak at Jasper First Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist

Pastor Laddie DeRocco of Donal- sonville, Ga. will be speaking at the First Baptist Church of Jasper during the annual Jan- uary Bible Study. This bible study will be held Jan. 22 - 25 at 7 p.m. Jasper First Baptist will host it on Sunday, Jan. 22 and Monday, Jan. 23. Calvary Baptist Church will host the meetings on Tuesday, Jan. 24 and Wednesday, Jan. 25. The bible study will begin at 7 p.m. each evening, breaking for sandwiches & snacks in the fellowship hall and resuming the study until 8:30.

Laddie DeRocco II is currently the pas- tor of Salem Seminole Baptist Church in Donalsonville, Ga. He is the son of Laddie and Robin DeRocco of Jasper. As a youth at First Baptist of Jasper, Jesus radically transformed Laddie's life and direction. He became a leader among the youth group and soon sensed a call to the ministry. Upon graduation from Hamilton County High School, he studied and graduated from Baptist College of Florida. Laddie is married to his high school sweetheart, April Rogers. April is the daughter of Roy

and Sybil Rogers of Jasper.

Laddie and April have two children, Se- bastian and Miles. The DeRoccos have been serving the church in Donalson for four years.

The four-evening bible study presents an intimate study of the book of Ruth. Through this study of the bible, it will ex- plain the sovereignty of God, prayer, pro- vision, relationships and more. Pastor De- Rocco will present an in-depth study of the most beautiful short story in all of scripture praying that it will leave many with a deep hunger for His Word, discovering amazing theological, doctrinal and practical truths for today.

First Baptist of Jasper is located at 207 2nd Avenue NE, Jasper Florida 32052 (be- hind the courthouse) Calvary Baptist Church is located at 11320 CR 6E, Jasper, Florida 32052. If you have any questions, you may call Pastor Roger Hutto of First Baptist Church of Jasper at 386-792-2658 or Pastor Ray Shaw of Calvary Baptist Church at 386-792-3267.

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THE SUWANNEE SCRIBBLER

The skinny on sagging

By Jim Holmes

How much should government be able to regulate how we dress? It's a question I have been pondering recently, after hearing that some folks in Live Oak would like to ban "sagging." Now if you don't know what "sagging" is, you're not alone. I didn't either until I did research for this column. On the other hand, I can almost guarantee, unfortunately, that you've seen examples of it in our town.

"Sagging" is the term for what most of us old coots would call, "the droopy drawers" fad, where young men wear their trousers well below the belt-line. And I do mean WELL BELOW, giving us a view I think most of us could do without. In fact, if the "saggers" weren't wearing underwear (thank God for small favors), we'd say they were "mooning" us.

Now according to my research, "sagging" began to take hold in the late 1980s and early 1990s, when so-called gangster rappers with their anger and violence-filled music became all the rage among many teens. The performers apparently wore their pants in what I'd call "the half-mast position" to copy prison inmates. Not too surprising, considering the public image they wanted to project.

Still, it amazes me that this form of attire should become so popular among so many of our young! After all, consider what real inmates say. They explain that they HAD to walk around holding up their trousers with one hand, not because they wanted to or because they thought it made them look tough. They "sagged" because prison officials banned belts, fearing they'd be used as either weapons or in suicide attempts.

I'm sorry. While I consider myself fairly open-minded about most pop culture fads, when you consider the stories behind this craze, it has to be the dumbest one to ever take hold in this nation. At least the live goldfish swallowing fad of 1939 had some nutritional value. It actually makes me wonder about the IQs of many of today's young men. To say that this fad has upset a lot of us is an understatement. It is hard for us to believe that so many of those once little boys, in whom we took so much pride, would think it "cool" as teens and young men to emulate - in any manner - convicted drug dealers, thieves, rapists and murderers. Heck back in 2008, even President Obama weighed in on "sagging" saying, "Brothers, pull up your pants."

While no Live Oak ordinance banning sagging is currently proposed, if that should change, I have to admit, as much as I hate the fad, I'd be uncomfortable with it. After all, next the government could tell every man in town he had to wear a three piece suit and a tie with a Windsor knot, a revolting thought to any devoted retiree like me. It just goes against the grain. And so, after careful thought, I have come up with what I consider to be a worthwhile compromise to deal with this situation. We shouldn't ban droopy drawers in Live Oak. Instead, we could regulate them, with the city clerk authorized to sell "sagging licenses." After all, our fair city can always use another source of revenue.

Jim lives in Live Oak.

OPINION

Presidential nonsense

Last week, President Barack Obama, at a Capital Hilton fundraising event, told the crowd, "We can't go back to this brand of you're-on-your-own economics." Throughout my professional career as an economist, I've never come across the theory of "you're-on-your-own economics." I'm guessing what the president means by -- and finds offensive in -- "you're-on-your-own economics"

is that it's a system in which people are held responsible for their actions, that they take risks and must live with the results, that people can't force others to pay for their mistakes, and that they can't live at the expense of other people.

President Obama's vision was shared by our Pilgrim Fathers of the Plymouth Colony in modern-day Massachusetts. They established a communist system. They all farmed together, and whatever they produced was put in a common storehouse. A certain amount of food was rationed to each person regardless of his contribution to the work. Many Pilgrims complained that they were too weak from hunger to do their share of the work. As deeply religious as the Pilgrims were, they took to stealing from one another. Gov. William Bradford, writing his history of the colony in "Of Plymouth Plantation," said, "So as it well appeared that famine must still ensue, the next year also if not some way prevented."

In 1623, after much debate, a new system was set up, in which every family was assigned a parcel of land, and whatever they produced belonged to the family. Gov. Bradford then observed, "The women now went willingly into the field, and took their little ones with them to set corn; which before would allege weakness and inability; whom to have compelled would have been thought great tyranny and oppression." After Gov. Bradford's establishment of what Obama calls "you're-on-your-own economics," harvests were so bountiful that Bradford is credited with establishing what we now call Thanksgiving.

There are several seemingly immutable, hard-wired characteristics about humans that socialists, liberals and progressives find difficult to deal with and would like to change. People tend to work harder and produce more when they own what they produce. Property is better cared



A MINORITY VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

for when it is privately owned. People love to exchange, what Adam Smith called a "propensity to truck (and) barter." To suppress these characteristics requires brute force.

President Obama also told the Washington Hilton crowd that "we are not a country that was built on the idea of survival of the fittest." Obama is not by himself, but "survival of the fittest" is one

of the greatest misunderstandings of Charles Darwin's pathbreaking work "On the Origin of Species." When Obama and most other people use the expression "survival of the fittest," they suggest that a bunch of people or animals are competing with one another and the strongest, smartest or cleverest survives. That's not what Darwin and evolutionary biologists have in mind. Instead, what they have in mind is that those who survive have characteristics that make them better-equipped to survive and hence reproduce themselves in a particular environment. They are not laying waste to their competitors.

Let's try a few survival of the fittest questions. Which companies do you think should survive and expand, those that can meet the changing wants of their customers in a least-cost fashion or those that cannot do so? If the means of communication become cheaper through fax machines, the Internet and telephones, should subsidies be expended to help the U.S. Postal Service survive? Years ago, typing was done on a mechanical typewriter; milk was delivered to doorsteps via horse and wagon; slide rules were used to make calculations. Should any of these products and practices have survived, or was it OK for natural selection to consign them to the dustbin of history?

Try cornering the president or his supporters, and ask them whether they believe government should ensure that the unfit survive and rather than "you're-on-your-own economics" there should be "you're-on-somebody-else economics."

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Jan. 21 - 28 Early voting begins and ends for PPP
Jan. 31 - Presidential Preference Primary

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Aug. 14 - Primary Election

City of Live Oak

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Nov. 6 - General Election

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Branford News

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Branford Chili Cook-off draws crowd

By Misty A. Ward
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Chili of various kinds were sampled on Saturday at the Third Annual Branford Chili Cook-off at Hatch Park.

People packed the park to try 20 different varieties of chili. Some contestants made their chili with lots of meat, some had lots of beans and some were just plain

hot.

The first place winners were The Bean Team, then was Tastebud Inferno and in third place for People's Choice and winner's of the Best Booth award was The Mountain Men Clan.

The Bean Team and the Mountain Men Clan both donated the money they won at the Branford Chili Cook-off back to the children and families served by Herry's Kids Pediatric Services, a program of Hospice of the

Nature Coast/Hospice of Citrus County Inc.

"We just want to thank Hospice for having us here today and y'all for coming, God bless!" Mountain Men Clan representative Mitch Cooper said.

Hospice of the Nature Coast public relations manager Larry Geiger said, "We would just like to express our appreciation to all of you being here today. This year was our largest crowd and we hope to make next year even better."



The winners of the people choice awards at last Saturday's Third Annual Chili Cook-off at Hatch Park. Representing the first place The Bean Team is Lee McCall, in second is Garrison Land and Wyatt Winette and in third place and also the best booth award Mitch Cooper.



All of the contestants in the Third Annual Branford Chili Cook-off received certificates of appreciation from Hospice of the Nature Coast/Citrus County.



The crowd mills around at the Third Annual Branford Chili Cook-off at Hatch Park last Saturday.



Hunner Humphries, of Branford, gets a new fire hat from the Suwannee County Fire/Rescue chili booth.



Lee McCall and Nancy Cooper of The Bean Team, which won first place in the People's Choice Awards, keep the chili flowing for hungry judges.



Mitch Cooper of the Mountain Men Clan whipped out his harmonica to play a little music when they announced the group as the third place people's choice recipients.



Mitch Cooper celebrates when Larry Geiger, public relations manager for the Hospice of Nature Coast, announces his team won the best booth award.



The Mountain Men Clan, Mitch and Diane Cooper and Clint Herrick, show off their third place finish in the people's choice award at the Third Annual Chili Cook-off at Hatch Park last Saturday. The Clan donated their winnings back to the Hospice of Nature Coast. - Photos: Misty A. Ward

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Branford News

Branford Chili Cook-off draws crowd



Jolley's Firehouse Chili members, Dick Jolley, Keith Austin, Lee Tenney and Roy Blattenberger, have been entering the chili cook-off for the last three years. Although they have not won yet, Tenney said, "We always have a good time."



Diane Cooper, right, and "Redeye", left, work the Mountain Men Clan booth at the Third Annual Branford Chili Cook-off. The Clan won the Best booth award on Saturday. The Clan brought five gallons of chili and served up its last taste test at just over an hour and a half into the contest. The team's motto was "Meat, meat & more meat & beans."



Garrison Land and Wyatt Winnette represent the second place team, Taste Bud Inferno last Saturday at the Chili Cook-off, at Hatch Park, in Branford.



Lee McCall accepts the First Place People's Choice award on behalf of The Bean Team, at the Third Annual Branford Chili Cook-off at Hatch Park last Saturday. - Photos: Misty A. Ward

Branford Lodge #130 officers installed

Members and guests gathered on the evening of Jan. 7, 2012 for the 120th Installation of Branford Lodge #130 F&AM officers. Following a delicious covered dish dinner, guests were invited into the open installation.

Right Worshipful David Lane, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 9th Masonic District presided as Installing Officer, assisted by Right Worshipful Don Zolonz, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Old 27th Masonic District acting as Installing Marshal and

Right Worshipful Kenneth Croft, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 9th Masonic District, as Installing Chaplin. Mrs. Vylene Ritter provided the music for the evening.

The Officers for incoming year are:

- Worshipful Master: Robert F. See
- Marshal: Clarence S. Feagle
- Senior Warden: Harvey Buchanan

- Senior Deacon: Brian Barrs
- Junior Warden: Jennings Bunn
- Junior Deacon: Wayne Smith
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Pictured front row from left: David Allen, Harvey Buchanan, Robert See, Jennings Bunn and Dennis Starling. Second row from left: Brian Barrs, Clarence Feagle, Bill Stinson, Daniel Ritter, Wayne Smith, Don Zolonz and Manual Starling. Top row from left: David Lane, Albert Pettingill and Kenneth Croft. Courtesy photo

SUWANNEE RIVER READINGS Branford 2011

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King's message remembered at church service following march

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rade.

More than 100 people marched through Live Oak to honor King. The marchers ended in front of the African Missionary Baptist Church on Walker Avenue.

There was a special church service at the church immediately following the parade to celebrate King. The special guest speaker was Rev. J.T. "Billy" Simon. Simon

is the pastor at the Greater Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church in Jasper. The Dr. King Community Choir and the Spirit and Truth Ministries Choir led the congregation in song and praise.

"The churches in the community play a big part in it. They are the ones that really make it happen," chairman of the planning committee, Elder Henry Smart said.

The planning committee would like to express its

sincere appreciation to the members of the community.

"As our nation celebrates the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, we remember our tragedies, celebrate our triumphs and act in ways to serve and contribute to our world. We look forward to next year's festivities and hope to have an even greater level of support from the great citizens of Suwannee County," the planning committee said.

One critical, one serious after truck hits pedestrians

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be injured, but was visibly shaken following the accident.

Margo told a *Suwannee Democrat* reporter that he had been driving down

Ohio Avenue when he said the accelerator stuck, striking the two pedestrians before running off the road and toppling the flagpole at First United Methodist Church, near Bank of America, before coming to

a rest. Officers from the Live Oak Police Department, along with rescue workers from the Live Oak Fire Department and Suwannee County Fire/Rescue, responded to the accident.



The driver of the pickup, Mike Margo, is consoled by a friend from Live Oak Gathering.
- Photo: Jeffrey Boatright

Jiffy Food Store offices trampled by deer

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Howard St. offices.

After knocking over a computer on the desk of his brother, Steve Freeman, the deer ran into the office Shaun was in and

jumped on top of another desk. She then began pawing the block wall in an attempt to get out of the building, Shaun Freeman said.

Shaun Freeman's primary concern was ensuring

the safety of his daughter, Hayley. Once he placed Hayley in the safety of another office and closed the door, the deer had exited the same window that she came in.

Witnesses told Shaun Freeman they saw three deer cross the railroad track and head south across U.S. 90. Two of them opted different directions, but the one doe crashed through the window and stayed just long enough to damage furniture, at least one computer and the plate glass window.

Although the deer was bleeding, Shaun Freeman did not believe her injuries to be life threatening. However, he does believe the office damages she incurred could total more than \$3,000.

Steve Freeman said he would have been sitting at the desk near the window had he been in the office.

"When Shaun told me, I thought he was kidding," Steve Freeman said. "But I realized the story was too crazy not to be true."

Thoreson out at BHS

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contract will not be renewed following this school year, Suwannee County Superintendent of Schools Jerry Scarborough confirmed during an interview with the *Suwannee Democrat* on Friday.

News of Thoreson's contract not being renewed comes just nine days after the Florida Department of Education released the state's high school grades on Jan. 4. According to those scores, BHS dropped from last years grade of a B to a C.

The decision wasn't based entirely on BHS becoming a C school, Scarborough said.

"We appreciate Mr.

Thoreson's tenure at Branford High School," Scarborough stated. "But unfortunately he was unable to develop a relationship with the students, faculty and the community."

Thoreson, who according to Scarborough is in his second year as principal at BHS, was not available for comment.

According to the FDOE, BHS, along with Suwannee High School, was in the state's lower 21 percent, based on test scores.

Although SHS improved its grade from a D to a C, both schools failed to make adequate yearly progress, the standard measured under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Legislative session underway

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to providing Florida with more local septic tank evaluation options, Dean said. The next committee stop for SB 820 is the Health and Regulation Committee. In addition to replacing SB 550, which was established during the 2010 legislative session, SB 820 would require counties or municipalities with first-magnitude springs (those that produce at least 100 cubic feet of water per second) to adopt the program before Jan 1, 2013, and allow other counties or municipalities not containing a first-magnitude spring to opt into the program. According to Dean, in replacing SB 550, SB 820 would offer an optional, standard septic system inspection program for all counties and municipalities to be administered by county health departments.

Dean insists this legislation would further allow a county or municipality to implement the program in all or part of its geographic

jurisdiction and allow system owners to choose the least costly remedial measure to resolve a system failure.

State Rep. Elizabeth Porter, R-Lake City, is pleased, so far, with the session. Although only one week into the session, Porter believes the Legislature will be able to address issues that are critical to our area.

"Since there isn't such an aggressive agenda on the part of leadership this year, it is already apparent that this year will allow for more opportunity to tackle issues that are very important to our individual districts and the constituents in our area," Porter wrote in an email Monday.

One of the issues that Porter is passionate about is the water legislation that she and Dean sponsor.

"I am very pleased that the water legislation sponsored by myself and Sen. Dean is moving through the various committees and toward eventual passage

on the floor," Porter wrote. "This is incredibly important for our area and the future of both our water supply and the continued existence of our springs, lakes and rivers."

Although there has been no floor discussion during the session, there has been much discussion in the various committees, according to Porter.

"Obviously, the budget shortfall and the topic of redistributing loom very large in everyone's minds," Porter commented.

According to Porter, considerable discussion has been given to the budget and where the Legislature can trim, while avoiding the most pain for the residents of the state.

Porter added that once again, the Legislature will face a shortage of at least \$2 billion dollars.

To learn more and to follow the House and Senate as they move through the legislative session, visit <http://myfloridahouse.gov/default.aspx> or <http://www.flsenate.gov/>.

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Community Currents

ACV physician now VP of medical services

Dr. Nasseer Masoodi has been named Vice President Medical Services/CMIO (Chief Medical Informatics Officer) at Advent Christian Village. Informatics is the science of processing information, and specifically, medical information.

As the Vice President/CMIO Dr. Masoodi will continue his clinical duties as ACV's chief physician while also becoming responsible for developing the overall strategy of ensuring that ACV remains current with regard to the effective use of Clinical Informatics Systems. Dr. Masoodi will provide leadership and counsel as ACV develops the clinical IT systems that best meet the needs of healthcare professionals and their patients at Copeland Medical Center and Good Samaritan Center.

Dr. Masoodi has been enrolled in a Post Baccalaureate Certificate Course in Clinical Informatics at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and will graduate this summer. The training makes it possible for a health care provider to better manage patient care through the secure use and sharing of health information. It includes the use of electronic health records (EHRs) and the patient portal to maintain a patient's health information. The primary goal is to improve patient care by helping a provider to diagnose health problems sooner, reduce medical errors, and provide safer care at lower costs.

Copeland Medical Center has been using electronic medical records for some time and recently became certified as a Meaningful User as defined in the HITECH Act (Health Information Technology for Economic &

Clinical Health) as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. With the certification, CMC will receive a one-time incentive to support the implementation.

Just recently, the use of electronic medical records was implemented at Good Samaritan Center as well. This ensures greater accuracy and efficiency in recording and sharing medical data.

ACV President Craig Carter said, "We are pleased that Dr. Masoodi is so committed to quality health care that he dedicates himself to continued education and implementation of technological advances at Advent Christian Village. We congratulate Dr. Masoodi and thank him for his leadership in helping to ensure that ACV remains on the forefront in medical care."

How to choose a retirement community



By Craig A. Carter

The decision to move to a retirement community is often the ideal choice for senior adults. Although it is a major decision, a move to a retirement community can significantly increase an older adult's quality of life. Eliminating the responsibility for household maintenance and lawn care is often quite freeing. Access to services, increased opportunities for socializing and recreation and an increased sense of personal security can dramatically improve their well-being. Before choosing a retirement community, a number of issues should be considered.

How do you find the best choice for your parent? Careful research and planning will make the process easier and help the entire family feel more comfortable with the final decision. Children can be involved in the process, but the final decision should be Mom & Dad's.

Start early. Begin your research before the need arises. Seniors should choose their own home for retirement. Too many

wait until a crisis requires that family members make the decision for them. Those that move while they are still active benefit from the fact that the move was their choice. They are able to enjoy the amenities and are more likely to build friendships in their new home. Adjustment is always easier when the move is not associated with loss of independence.

Determine the essentials

What environment and lifestyle do Mom & Dad desire? Do they enjoy city life or something quieter with wide open spaces? What activities, services or amenities are important to them? Once the essentials are determined, narrow your search to communities offering them. Begin your investigation online. Most retirement communities have helpful websites that give a good introduction to the community.

What else should you look for?

Is the community accredited? CARF-CCAC is the accrediting body that examines retirement communities and rates them against 1,200 standards relating to services for seniors. Accreditation gives added peace of mind that impartial experts have examined the community and given it their seal of approval.

Does the community have an emphasis on wellness, preventing illness and debilitation as much as treating it after it occurs? There should be

fitness facilities where members can safely exercise. Does the community offer in-home services that will help your loved ones live independently longer? Are Service Coordinators on staff to help arrange services as needed?

There should be plenty of activities that will interest Mom & Dad, both now and into the future when they might be less active. Is there an opportunity for continued learning and volunteerism? Feeling useful is important at any age.

Ask about costs. Is there an entry fee? Many retirement communities charge large up-front fees, but some do not. Are there monthly fees? Are any services included in membership? Ask for a list of services available and any associated costs.

Think ahead. It may not be needed now, but is good healthcare available nearby? Are there monitored alarms in case of a medical emergency or fire? Is transportation to medical appointments offered?

Are assisted living and skilled nursing care available within the community? A benefit to having all levels of care in one place is the elimination of another move. Spouses can remain in the same community, even if one needs additional care, making adjustment much easier for both.

Personally visit each community that fits your criteria. Get a feel for the atmosphere. Take a tour and jot down notes for comparison later. Bring up any concerns you have

and see if there is already a solution in place. Walk around on your own. Talk to a few residents. Look for cleanliness, friendliness and an overall concern for the wellbeing of the residents. Is there respect for the dignity of each resident? Ask about the policy for visitors. Can residents have a pet? Will the grandchildren be able to stay with them when they visit? Is there a way to get around if they give up driving?

No retirement community is perfect. There will be a few items on your wish list that are not met. Decide which items are deal breakers and which can be overlooked. Determine which features are most important. The community that offers those features and "feels right" to your parents will likely be the best fit.

As with any home search, the options are endless, but with careful planning, you can find the retirement community that will give your loved one the best quality of life possible.

About the Author: Craig Carter has been President and CEO of Advent Christian Village since 2008. A native of Dowling Park, Florida, Craig attended Aurora University in Aurora, Illinois, earning a degree in Business Administration and Social Welfare. He has been employed at Advent Christian Village since 1992. Craig and his wife Vicky have been married for 24 years. They have three children and reside in Dowling Park, Florida.

Protecting senior adults against fraud

With scams and schemes on the rise, senior adults remain high-target victims for unethical businesses; in some cases more than 80 percent of the victims are 65 or older. Because many older people have cash reserves or other assets to spend, seniors are targeted for identity theft, deceptive prize promotions, bogus charities, medical quackery, investment scams and a laundry list of other fraudulent activity. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) encourages families to keep the lines of communication open with their elders regarding finances and to recognize some common cons targeting senior adults.

According to a June 2010 survey by Investor Protection Trust, more than 7.3 million senior citizens—roughly 20 percent of Americans aged 65 or older—already have "been taken advantage of financially in terms of an inappropriate investment, unreasonably high fees for financial services, or outright fraud."

"Having a serious conversation with your elderly parents about how they are managing their money is not easy, but it is extremely important in order to help protect them from unscrupulous crooks," said Becky Maier, Public Relations Director of the Better Business Bureau. "It's extremely important to keep the lines of communication open so that you can identify suspicious spending habits, as well as educate your elder family members on recognizing the red flags of common cons."

The BBB warns against the following scams that commonly target seniors:

Sweepstakes and Lottery Scams—Typically, the victim receives a letter in the mail stating they have won a lottery or sweepstakes; it might even claim to be from Publisher's Clearing House or Reader's Digest. The letter instructs the victim to deposit the enclosed check and then wire a portion back to the company to cover taxes or administration fees. While the funds will ini-

tially show up in the bank account, the money will be removed when the bank determines the check is fake. The victim is out whatever they wired back to the scammers—often amounting to thousands of dollars.

BBB Advice: Never wire money to someone you don't know. You should never have to send money to receive any winnings from a lottery or sweepstakes.

Medicare Scams—Navigating the Medicare system isn't easy and some scammers will look for any opportunity to take advantage of the confusion. Commonly, a scammer will claim to be with Medicare and ask for personal information such as Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, credit card or bank account numbers. The victim might be given any number of excuses to provide this information including that an error needs to be fixed, that he or she is part of a survey or eligible to receive free products or can sign up for a new prescription drug plan.

BBB Advice: Remind your elderly family members that Medicare will never call to ask for sensitive personal financial information. If you suspect fraud contact your local police or the Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General at 1-800-447-8477.

Bereavement Scams—Scammers will often try to take advantage of the increased vulnerability of senior citizens who have recently lost a loved one, such as a spouse. In one recent example, a mother and daughter team in Ohio would find targets by scouring the obituaries. They would then call the widow or widower and claim that their spouse had outstanding debts that needed to be paid immediately. Victims would then provide a blank check or credit card.

Stay alert when anyone asks for money or personal information. When in doubt, contact local authorities and check it out before proceeding.

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Community Currents
Crafting special memories



Camels with riders.

Christmas at ACV is always special, but in the past couple of years, has become even more so thanks to the efforts of Village members Bud and Joyce Royal. Bud spent most of his career as a building contractor and always had a knack for seeing how something was built and being able to improve on it. Joyce says that several of the houses Bud built were featured in the Gainesville Sun because of their uniqueness. Joyce is a talented seamstress and has an eye for costumes and set dressing. The couple was involved for many years in a drama ministry that depicted the birth, death and resurrection of Christ. Bud built all the sets. Joyce made all the costumes.

In 2009, Bud constructed a 24-foot whale for

Bible school. Twelve children could sit inside its mouth during their Bible lesson about Jonah. Then the couple got involved in helping with the Village's float for the Christmas parade in Live Oak. Using their costumes, sets and props, they were able to recreate the whole nativity scene from angels to wisemen for the event. Last year, Bud felt that there was more that he could do. He went to work constructing three large camels that could be pulled behind the float by the wisemen.

"The process is a lot of trial and error," says Bud. "You have to decide if you are going to make it realistic or more like a cartoon. Then there is the whole process of deciding what materials will work best." Joyce found a simple out-

line drawing of a camel online and enlarged it to the right proportions. They transferred the image onto plywood to be cut out.

Bud soon decided that to make the camel appear realistic, he would have to form rib bones and other framework. He covered that with chicken wire. Then the search was on for the material to use for the skin. Finally, Bud found an old compressed hair carpet pad, which brought the camels to life. In fact, Bud says that while he was putting the finishing touches on the camels, they looked so real that he found himself subconsciously giving them leeway when he was behind them so that he wouldn't spook them.

After the camels themselves were complete, Joyce went to work "dressing" them as they would have been for their well-to-do owners. Bud even made a saddle for one of them. Finally, each camel received a name. They are "Miss Daisy," "Bear" and "Izzy."

The camels were the star of the float in the parade and they have made appearances in many places around ACV. They even went caroling at the nursing home. In fact, one of the residents told her daughter about the camels that came to Good Samari-

tan Center. This concerned the daughter so much that she told staff members that she was afraid her mother was developing cognitive problems. She was greatly relieved when they assured her that camels really had come to visit.

This year, Bud created another spectacular showpiece for the Village. Many years ago, a resident donated a collection of Christmas villages to ACV. For the last several years, the villages have not been unpacked because there was no proper place to display them. A staff member saw a Christmas exhibit of Christmas villages displayed on a revolving Christmas tree, snapped a photo on her cell phone and gave it to Bud. He agreed to reproduce it.

After finding the rotating device online and determining the size and weight that the tree must be, Bud went to work trying different materials to support the shelves that hold the villages. After finding the right combination of products, he designed it, assembled it, painted it and set it up. The tree has been a real addition to the Village's Christmas display.

Bud says he enjoys crafting these projects. He does it as a labor of love. For him, helping people make a memory is what it's all about.



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8:30-9:00am	Exhibition II Hall Opens & Registration		
9:00am-9:15am	Welcome/Introductions-Katherine Allen, Suwannee County Extension Director		
9:15am-9:45am	General Session Speaker-Bob Hochmuth, Regional Specialized Agent, A Historical Perspective of Agriculture in Suwannee Co. and Opportunities in Farming		
Breakouts	Coliseum	Extension Classroom	Exhibition II
10:00-10:45am	Growing with Volunteer Opportunities Suwannee County Extension Agents University of Florida IFAS Extension	Grow Pollinators and Beneficial Insects Bob Hochmuth University of Florida IFAS Extension	Growing Pastured Poultry Elena Toro Suwannee County/University of Florida IFAS Extension
	Growing in 4-H Brian Estevez & Mary Sawyer Suwannee County/University of Florida IFAS Extension	Grow Hydroponically Carolyn Saff Suwannee County/University of Florida IFAS Extension	Grow a Business by Knowing Cottage Industry Laws Katherine Allen Suwannee County/University of Florida IFAS Extension
10:50-11:35am	Grow a Healthy You Cathy Rogers Suwannee County/University of Florida IFAS Extension	Growing Native Plants Carol Sullivan Suwannee County Master Gardener	Growing a Pasture Elena Toro Suwannee County/University of Florida IFAS Extension
	Canning What You Grow Katherine Allen Suwannee County/University of Florida IFAS Extension	Grow a Veggie Garden Carolyn Saff Suwannee County/University of Florida IFAS Extension	What's Growing in Your Pond? Elena Toro Suwannee County/University of Florida IFAS Extension
11:40-12:25pm	Growing Your Money Cathy Rogers Suwannee County/University of Florida IFAS Extension	Grow Fruits in North Florida Carolyn Saff Suwannee County/University of Florida IFAS Extension	Grow Cattle and Kids Mary Sawyer Suwannee County/University of Florida IFAS Extension
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Suwannee Legals

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT REVISION

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its preparation of a draft permit revision to City of Live Oak, Mr. Robert Farley, 101 White Avenue SE, Live Oak, Florida 32064 for the Live Oak WWTF to construct a 0.45 million-gallon per day permitted capacity rapid-rate land application system. The system will consist of two infiltration basins each with a bottom area of 66,738 square feet. The land application system will be located at latitude 30 degrees 15'4" N, longitude 82 degrees 54'23" W on Camp Weed Place, Live Oak, Florida 32060 in Suwannee County.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the Department's draft permit revision or may submit a written request for a public meeting to Laura Savage, FDEP WW program, 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite B200, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, in accordance with Rule 62-620.555, Florida Administrative Code. The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the information set forth below and must be received in the Department's Northeast District Office within 30 days of publication of this notice. Failure to submit comments or request a public meeting within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to submit comments or request a public meeting under Rule 62-620.555, Florida Administrative Code.

The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the following information:

- (a) The commenter's name, address, and telephone number; the applicant's name and address; the Department permit file number; and the county in which the project is proposed;
- (b) A statement of how and when notice of the Department's action or proposed action was received;
- (c) A statement of the facts the Department should consider in making the final decision;
- (d) A statement of which rules or statutes require reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; and
- (e) If desired, a request that a public meeting be scheduled, including a statement of the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at the meeting.

If a public meeting is scheduled, the public comment period is extended until the close of the public meeting. However, the Department may not always grant a request for a public meeting. Therefore, written comments should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice, even if a public meeting is requested.

If a public meeting is held, any person may submit oral or written statements and data at the public meeting on the Department's proposed action. As a result of significant public comment, the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this draft permit revision.

The permit application file and supporting data are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's Northeast District Office, 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite B200, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, at phone number (904) 256-1700. 01/18

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

CASE NO.: 11-105-CP
IN RE: ESTATE OF
ROBERT JAMES ROBINSON, SR.

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Robert James Robinson Sr., Case No.: 11-105-CP, is pending in Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 South Ohio Ave. Live Oak, FL 32064. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney is 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 served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 11, 2012.

Chadwick S. Martin as Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert James Robinson, Sr.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA FILE NO. 2011-112-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF
E. MARSHALL CLAY
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of E. Marshall Clay, deceased, whose date of death was September 4, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of

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which is 200 Ohio Ave S. Live Oak, FL 32064-3289. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

CASE NO.: 61-2010-CA-000088

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF11,

Plaintiff,

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Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 3, 2012 and entered in Case No. 61-2010-CA-000088 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for SUWANNEE County, Florida wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF11, is the Plaintiff and JAMES RANDOLPH LUCAS; SANDRA LUCAS; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS IN FRONT OF THE SUWANNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00 AM, on the 28th day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 5, BLOCK C, GOFF'S SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 13 EAST, ACCORDING TO PLAT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 799 MYRTLE AVENUE SE, LIVE OAK, FL 32064

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

Barry A. Baker
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ Sharon Hale
Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO. 2011-CA-191

VICKIE C. MUSIC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RAFAEL VILLARREAL and ALINA D. VILLARREAL, as husband and wife; et al,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 3, 2012, in the above referenced case in which VICKIE C. MUSIC is Plaintiff, and RAFAEL VILLARREAL and ALINA D. VILLARREAL; unknown tenants; and other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property, and if a named Defendant is deceased, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties, claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, person or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the named or described Defendants, are Defendants, I, BARRY A. BAKER, Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Suwannee County Courthouse or such other location in the Suwannee County Courthouse in Live Oak, Florida, as I, as the Clerk of the Court may designate at the time of sale, at 11:00 A.M., on the 31st day of January, 2012, the following described property set forth in the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 2, Blue Sky Farms Subdivision, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 479, Public Records of Suwannee County, Florida.

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TOGETHER with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

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

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation to participate should call the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, 386-719-7428, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 4th day of January, 2012 at Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida.

(Court Seal) HONORABLE BARRY A. BAKER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Sharon Hale
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1/11, 18

Request for Qualifications Program Evaluation Firms and Individuals

The Suwannee County School Board will accept Statements of Qualifications from individuals and firms for inclusion on a list of prequalified program evaluators for future grant-funded projects coordinated by 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.schooldesk.net/Bids/OpeN bids/tabid/11741/Default.aspx>

Statements of Qualifications must be received in the office of Vickie Music, CFO, no later than 3 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2012. All packets must be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked RFQ - Program Evaluation Firms and Individuals. 01/13, 18

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

CASE NO.: 11-272-CA

CHARLES JOHN BOUSFIELD,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD A. EARY; UNKNOWN TENANT

NO. 1 and UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2,

Defendants.

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 6, 2012, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, on February 28, 2012 at 11:00 AM, at the front steps of the front door of the Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida, the following described property:

The West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Township 4 South, Range 13 East, Suwannee County, Florida.

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

Dated: January 6, 2012.

(Court Seal) BARRY A. BAKER
Clerk of Court

By: Sharon Hale
Deputy Clerk

IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2011-194-CC

CITY OF LIVE OAK,

Plaintiff

vs.

ROBERT A. DUNLOW, JR.,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

Notice is given that pursuant to a Final Judgment Foreclosing Code Enforcement Lien dated January 10, 2012 in Case No. 2011-194-CC of the County Court in and for Suwannee County, Florida, in which City of Live Oak is Plaintiff and Robert A. Dunlow, Jr. is Defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the front steps of the Suwannee County Courthouse at Live Oak, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on February 10, 2012 the following described property:

Lot 13 and the N 1/2 of Lot 12 Block "D", Dillons addition to the City of Live Oak, Florida in Section 23, Township 2 South, Range 13 East, Suwannee County, Florida.

DATED this 10th day of January, 2012.

(Court Seal) Barry A. Baker
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Suwannee County, Florida

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SPORTS



Youth soccer, see below

SHS varsity basketball team beats Wakulla, remain undefeated in District 2-5A.



The Suwannee High School boys basketball team remain undefeated in district play by beating the Wakulla County War Eagles Jan. 13 by a score of 61-43.

The win now secures a bye directly to the championship game at the district tournament in February.

The Bulldogs host Rickards Tuesday, Jan. 17 in the 'Dogs final district game.

The Bulldogs kept the lead from the beginning of the game. First quarter scoring was led by Tony Frierson, who was alert from the tipoff and sank three 3-point shots to help give the team the early lead. Deangelo Ross also added a three, and Jimmie Taylor III passed for key

assists as the Bulldogs went up 17-5 to end the first.

Marcus Lane, De'Andre Devore, and Kevarrius Hayes got on the offensive boards in the second to take the 'Dogs into halftime up 28-14.

Taylor and Frierson led the team in the third, as each also shot 100 percent from the free-throw line. Bulldog defense was strong in the third, and held the War Eagles to end the quarter with a score of 43-26.

The fourth quarter scoring was led by Taylor and Lane, with contributions from Hayes, Devore, and Frierson. Demonte' Roundtree scored his first basket as a varsity Bulldog with much celebration from the bench to take the game to the final buzzer.

Suwannee played a strong defensive game in the veteran backcourt as well as the young front court. Kevarrius "Too Tall" Hayes ended the game with three blocks, one deflection, and seven rebounds. Big Frank Smith stopped the drive inside by taking another offensive charge. Devore led the team in rebounds (10), added one deflection and one block. Taylor ended the night with eight rebounds, and he and Lane each came away with steals.

Offensively the scoring was led by senior Tony Frierson with 18 points and four assists. Taylor added 14 points and five assists. The Bulldogs improved their record to 14-5 with the win and will travel to Jacksonville this weekend to play in the Andrew Jackson Shootout.

Game Stats (Pts, Rb, Ast, Stl)

Tony Frierson (18-2-4-0)

Jimmie Taylor III (14-8-5-2)

Marcus Lane (9-1-0-1)

De'Andre Devore (7-10-0-0) 1 Bl

Kevarrius Hayes (6-7-0-0) 3 Bl

Deangelo Ross (3-1-0-0) 1 Bl

Frank Smith (2-1-1-0)

Demonte' Roundtree (2-0-0-0)

Boys down Santa Fe, Creekside



The SHS boys soccer team played against Columbia in Lake City Tuesday. See a future edition for the results. - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

The Suwannee High School boys soccer team defeated Santa Fe Jan. 12 by a score of 3-1.

Justin Shirah had two goals, Leo Torres had one off a penalty kick and Matt Wotton and Taylor O'Conney both had

assists. Keeper Cameron Hall had 11 saves.

On Jan. 14, the boys beat Creekside 2-1.

The record is now 11-6-2.

Suwannee youth soccer First Federal Bank of Florida Vs. Tobacco Free Suwannee



It's a toss up. Staff photos

Here are a few scenes of the first game of these two teams. The ages are 5 and 6-year-olds. The game was held Saturday, Jan. 14 at the First Federal Sportsplex.

You can catch many youth soccer games each weekend for the next few weeks at the Sportsplex.

More photos page 14

Suwannee youth soccer



Tobacco Free Suwannee and First Federal battle it out.



And Tobacco Free Suwannee scores.



First Federal throws the ball in. Staff photos

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

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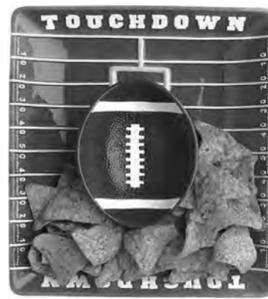
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Lady Bulldogs lose out on three



A Lady Bulldog runs up court.



A Lady Bulldog fights for the ball with a Hamilton County Trojan.

- Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

The Suwannee High School Lady Bulldog basketball team lost three games in a row. Jan. 9, the team played Rickards and lost 61-9. The next night they traveled to Lake City and lost to Columbia, 42-21. On Jan. 13, the ladies hosted Amos P. God-

by and lost 42-12.

The ladies hosted Taylor County Monday night. See a future edition for the results.

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For more information about the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, the 2nd Annual Wedding Expo, to book a wedding, reception, RV site or cabins, you may call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com. You may also contact the SOSMP to inquire about any of the many exciting events coming up or purchase your 2012 Suwannee River Jam tickets.

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Declaration to perform live in concert

Declaration Trio and LifeSong will be in concert on Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Westlake Church of God in Jennings beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free, however a love offering will be received during the concert.

The church is located at 4973 NW County Road 141, Jennings.

Declaration is a word commonly used, but the group is new to the Christian music field. According to their website, "To declare something means to announce publicly

and plainly. To make known and exhibit in any way. This is the mission of Declaration, to publicly and plainly make known the love and saving power of Jesus Christ through the means of quality music with strong Biblical lyrics."

Since their recent beginning, Declaration has had unparalleled success. Nationally known Christian artist the Booth Brothers served as a launch pad for Declaration. They travel with the Booth Brothers and perform during their concerts. This opportunity opened the doors for De-

claration to gain notoriety and establish their place in gospel music. Declaration now travels across the United States sharing the message of Jesus Christ through the lyrics of the songs and their personal testimonies.

The group is comprised of: Joshua Horrell (tenor); Kasey Kemp (lead); and Jake Sammons (baritone).

For more information, please call (850) 464-0114 or visit www.lifesonggospel.com or www.declarationtrio.com.



Declaration Trio and LifeSong

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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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Calendar of Events

Friendship Baptist Church

Come visit us at Friendship Baptist Church to hear Terry G. Hall a Southern Gospel bass Soloist and One Man Quartet on Jan. 22, 2012 at 11 a.m.

We are located at: 14364 140th Street Live Oak, FL 32060. Call 386-776-1010 for more information.

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

http://ombudsman.myflorida.com.

Local Council meets

The local council meets on January 19 at Haven Hospice of North Central Florida, 4200 NW 90th Boulevard in Gainesville to discuss the program's current activities and give the public a chance to provide comments about long-term care facility issues. These public meetings begin at 12:30 p.m. Concerned citizens and those interested in volunteering are welcome to attend.

Healthy Start

Of North Central Florida Coalition Board Meeting Thurs., Jan. 19, 2012 at 2:00 pm WellFlorida Council, Gainesville, FL. The public is invited.

Please call Heather Hollingsworth @ (352) 313-6500 ext. 119 if you need more information.

The Sparkleberry Chapter

Of the Florida Native Plant Society - meets the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., Hatch Park Community Center, 403 SE Craven St., Branford. All are welcome. For information call 386-364-9309.

Grief recovery is a painful process.

GriefShare is a weekly video seminar featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery topics. Each Wednesday evening seminar is combined with a grief support group discussion time. GriefShare is held at FBC Live Oak each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed!

Surrey Place Care Center in Live Oak is looking for interested volunteers who would like to share their time and talents with our senior adults. Volunteers enrich the lives of our residents and staff by brightening their days in so many ways!

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Surrey Place Care Center Teri Christian, Quality of Life Director 386-364-5961 act.surrey@signature-healthcarellc.com

The Arc North Florida Adults with Disabilities Program. Open to Branford and surrounding adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. We meet every Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM at the health department building in Branford, FL

For more information please contact the AWD supervisor Lisa Perry at 386-208-1404

The McAlpin Community Club

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

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Bingo

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

American Legion Post Meeting

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

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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Lawn Mower Race 5/11/12 The Arc North Florida Golf Tournament www.arcnfl.com

Addiction Support Group:

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

Grief Support group offered at Antioch Baptist Church

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

Elks Monday Bingo

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

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An award-winning exhibit of classic Herman Miller furniture on display at Florida State University through March 16 is revealing just how timeless good design can be.

Curated by the FSU Department of Interior Design, the "CLASSIC Herman Miller" exhibition contains around 25 pieces of Herman Miller furniture from the 1940s, '50s and '60s. Among the vintage mid-century modern pieces are an Eames lounge chair and ottoman and a George Nelson marshmallow sofa.

This exhibit also comes with some in-

teresting backstories.

For those of a certain age, the "CLASSIC Herman Miller" exhibit offers an evocative stroll down an iconic, mid-century Memory Lane. For those a bit younger, it provides a fashionable peek into the living room or den that their parents or grandparents might have grown up in. And the very same designs can still be found today in furniture stores and living rooms worldwide — proving that classic design and good taste never go out of style.

"CLASSIC Herman Miller" is free and open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday through March 16

in the striking, 1,000-square-foot glass gallery of the William Johnston Building, located at 143 Honors Way on the Florida State University campus in Tallahassee, Fla.

Already captivated by the exhibition at Florida State is the American Society of Interior Designers. It recently awarded the exhibit's curator, Department of Interior Design Chairman Eric Wiedegreen, an Honorable Mention in the Commercial Category in the ASID Educator Design Excellence Competition. The annual, peer-reviewed and juried national design contest recognizes interior design excellence in both residential and commercial

projects completed by ASID Educator members.

The "CLASSIC Herman Miller" exhibit is underwritten by the Florida State University College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance and Herman Miller Inc. and supported by the Appleton Museum of Art.

To learn more:

· Go to the FSU video posted here on YouTube that features a brief preview of the exhibit with curator Wiedegreen.

· Visit the College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance website for additional information and selected images.

The world's largest collector car auction coming to Osceola Heritage Park

KISSIMMEE, FL —

Mecum Auto Auction has just announced that over 2,000 collector cars will cross the auction block Jan. 24 - 29, 2012 in Kissimmee making the Osceola Heritage Park auction, currently, the biggest in the world!

Because of the immense inventory of

cars, auctions times and television coverage on Discovery's new Velocity network has been expanded.

Fans can also watch the auction via live Webcast at www.mecum.com.

The Auction is open to the general public. Tickets are available at the door for \$15. For more information, go to www.oh-park.com.

DCF, Florida Coalition for Children announce measurement tools for success

Evaluations will be used to ensure child safety and well-being, share best practices statewide

The Department of Children and Families and the Florida

Coalition for Children (FCC) today unveiled a "Scorecard" targeted at measuring success as the nation's preeminent social service network continues to evolve and protect Florida's families every day.

The Scorecard was developed in conjunction with the 20 community-based care lead agencies across the state. These non-profit organizations contract with the state to handle all prevention, foster care, adoption and Independent Living services to children and families in the child welfare system. The

Scorecard will be updated monthly and evaluate the lead agencies on 12 key measures to determine how well they are meeting the most critical needs of these at-risk children.

"Florida's system of community-based care has become a national model over the past decade," said Department Secretary David Wilkins. "This tool will allow the sharing of best practices and ensure proven successful methods are being used statewide to further improve child safety and well-being."

The scorecard will measure the lead agencies across each indicator, including child safety, family preservation, adoptions, and well-being of children in foster care such as medical and dental services and educational

goals.

"As providers, the community-based care system is one of the most closely monitored and evaluated systems in the state, perhaps in the country even," said Mike Cusick, FCC president and CEO. "Our goal in working to develop this scorecard with DCF is to ensure that the measures highlight areas

where we are succeeding, while identifying areas of improvement to ensure the system achieves its ultimate goal of keeping kids safe and building strong families."

The Scorecard and an explanation of the measurements are available online at <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/cbc/cbccaccountability.shtml>

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The grants, funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, will renew funding for 331 local homeless housing projects across Florida for this year.

"These grants play an important role in providing job training, healthcare, substance abuse treatment and child care," said Department Secretary David Wilkins. "This funding is critical to helping people find housing and is a crucial part of our state's plan to be a national leader in battling homelessness."

The money will support programs that provide transitional and permanent housing dedicated to helping those who are homeless. The funding is broken down by regional continuums of care. The full list of grants awarded to individual programs in North Central Florida follows below.

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Asian Crusted Chicken

4 SIMPLE STEPS TO TRANSFORM Chicken as Usual

FAMILY FEATURES

Chicken is a popular choice for family dinners — but no matter how much your family enjoys it, serving it the same way over and over again can stir up cravings for something new. Chef Tim Love knows all about finding new ways to enjoy familiar foods. He's teaming up with the Hellmann's® Brand to let home cooks know about a little secret to spice up their everyday chicken dishes.

"Even with our busy schedules, I enjoy cooking for my family with go-to ingredients that I know everyone will love," says Love. "One of my family's favorite recipes is Parmesan Crusted Chicken. It's chicken done right — tender, juicy and delicious thanks to a secret ingredient — Hellmann's® Real Mayonnaise. Dishes like Parmesan Crusted Chicken are easy and tasty ways to break menu monotony."

Following are four more favorites, each with only four steps — so they're simple to prepare and can be on the table in just 30 minutes or less.

Visit www.Hellmanns.com for quick and easy meal ideas and vote for your favorite recipe.



Parmesan Crusted Chicken



Spinach and Almond-Topped Chicken

Parmesan Crusted Chicken

4 servings
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes

- 1/2 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Real Mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/4 pounds)
- 4 teaspoons Italian seasoned dry bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 425°F.

1. Combine mayonnaise with cheese in medium bowl.
2. Arrange chicken on baking sheet. Evenly top with mayonnaise mixture.
3. Sprinkle with bread crumbs.
4. Bake 20 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked.

Nutrition information per serving:
Calories 370, Calories From Fat 210, Saturated Fat 4g, Trans Fat 0g, Total Fat 23g, Cholesterol 100mg, Sodium 390mg, Total Carbohydrate 2g, Sugars 1g, Dietary Fiber 0g, Protein 35g, Vitamin A 2%, Vitamin C 2%, Calcium 8%, Iron 6%

Asian Crusted Chicken

4 servings
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes

- 1/2 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Real Mayonnaise
- 1 green onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon reduced sodium soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon finely grated fresh ginger or 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/4 pounds)
- 1/4 cup plain dry bread crumbs or panko bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 425°F.

1. Combine mayonnaise, green onion, soy sauce and ginger in medium bowl.
2. Arrange chicken on baking sheet. Evenly top with mayonnaise mixture.
3. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and sesame seeds.
4. Bake 20 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked.

Tip: For an extra layer of flavor, combine breadcrumbs with 1 tablespoon sesame seeds before sprinkling over chicken.

Nutrition information per serving:
Calories 370, Calories From Fat 210, Saturated Fat 3.5g, Trans Fat 0g, Total Fat 24g, Cholesterol 100mg, Sodium 440mg, Total Carbohydrate 6g, Sugars 1g, Dietary Fiber 0g, Protein 31g, Vitamin A 2%, Vitamin C 4%, Calcium 2%, Iron 6%

Spinach and Almond-Topped Chicken

4 servings
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes

- 1 1/2 tablespoons Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Real Mayonnaise
- 1 cup loosely packed baby spinach leaves, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped almonds
- 2 teaspoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon plain dry bread crumbs
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 1 pound)

Preheat oven to 425°F.

1. In medium bowl, combine all ingredients except chicken.
2. On baking sheet, arrange chicken.
3. Evenly top with mayonnaise mixture.
4. Bake 15 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked.

Nutrition information per serving:
Calories 180, Calories From Fat 60, Saturated Fat 1g, Trans Fat 0g, Total Fat 6g, Cholesterol 10mg, Sodium 140mg, Total Carbohydrate 2g, Sugars 0g, Dietary Fiber 0g, Protein 27g, Vitamin A 4%, Vitamin C 4%, Calcium 4%, Iron 6%

Tuscan Glazed Chicken

6 servings
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes

- 1/3 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Real Mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped roasted red pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 6 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 2 pounds)

Preheat oven to 425°F.

1. Combine all ingredients except chicken in medium bowl.
2. Arrange chicken on baking sheet.
3. Evenly top with mayonnaise mixture.
4. Bake 20 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked.

Nutrition information per serving:
Calories 240, Calories From Fat 70, Saturated Fat 1g, Trans Fat 0g, Total Fat 8g, Cholesterol 90mg, Sodium 270mg, Total Carbohydrate 2g, Sugars 0g, Dietary Fiber 0g, Protein 35g, Vitamin A 2%, Vitamin C 4%, Calcium 2%, Iron 8%



Tuscan Glazed Chicken

The Manhattan Transfer performs at Phillips Center, Jan. 19

Celebrating their 40th anniversary, The Manhattan Transfer returns to the Phillips Center at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19 as part of UFPA's 20th Anniversary Season.

The renowned jazz/pop vocal group of Tim Hauser, Alan Paul, Janis Siegel and Cheryl Bentyne made history in 1981, becoming the first group to win

Grammys simultaneously in both jazz and pop categories. In 1985, their album *Vocalese* earned 12 Grammy nominations, making it the second-most honored album in pop history. To date, The Manhattan Transfer has won 10 Grammys and has been nominated for 17.

The quartet continues to make its mark on the music industry — their

newest album, *The Chick Corea Songbook*, recently soared to No. 5 on the Billboard jazz chart.

The group remains a major staple within the jazz and mainstream music community, as they continue to enlighten listeners by bringing different genres of music to the forefront of jazz. Many of The Manhattan Transfer's greatest hits — including *Boy* from New York

City, *Route 66*, *Twilight Zone/Twilight Tone* and *Birdland* — continue to resonate with fans across several musical genres today.

Tickets are on sale and available for this performance. Call 352-392-ARTS (2787) or 800-905-ARTS (toll free within Florida), or visit www.performingarts.ufl.edu for more information.

Parkinson treatment shows positive results in clinical testing



The Libra™ deep brain stimulation (DBS) system is approved in Europe and Australia for treating the symptoms of Parkinson's disease and is being evaluated in U.S. clinical trials for Parkinson's disease and essential tremor. Image courtesy of St. Jude Medical Inc.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. —

Researchers from the University of Florida and 14 additional medical centers reported results today in the online version of *The Lancet Neurology* journal indicating that deep brain stimulation — also known as DBS — is effective at improving motor symptoms and quality of life in patients with advanced Parkinson's disease.

The study, sponsored by St. Jude Medical Inc., tested the safety and effectiveness of a constant current DBS device developed by St. Jude Medical to manage the symptoms of Parkinson's disease. The device aimed to reduce tremors, improve the slowness of movement, decrease the motor disability of the disease and reduce involuntary movements called dyskinesia, which are a common side effect of Parkinson's drugs.

After treatment, analysis of 136 patient diaries revealed longer periods of effective symptom control — known as “on time” — without involuntary movements. “On time” for patients who received stimulation increased by an average of 4.27 hours compared with an increase of 1.77 hours in the group without stimulation. Patients also noted overall improvements in the quality of their daily activities, mobility, emotional state, social support and physical comfort.

“I think it is safe to say since dopamine treatment emerged in the 1960s, DBS has been the single biggest symptomatic breakthrough for Parkinson patients who have experienced the fluctuations associated with levodopa therapy,” said Michael S. Okun, M.D., first author of the study, administrative director of the UF College of Medicine's Center for Movement Disorders and Neurorestoration, and the National Medical Director for the National Parkinson Foundation. “This study validates the use of mild electrical currents delivered to specific brain structures in order to improve Parkinson's disease in select patients with advanced symptoms, and additionally, it explored a new stimulation paradigm. Future improvements in devices and the delivery systems for DBS will hopefully provide exciting new opportunities for Parkinson's sufferers.”

Only patients who have had Parkinson's disease for five years or more were included in the study. They were randomly assigned to a control group that delayed the onset of stimulation for three months, or a group whose stimulation began shortly after surgery. All patients were followed for 12 months.

The deep brain stimulation procedure involves surgeons implanting small electrodes into an area of the patient's brain that controls movement. The electrodes are connected to a device precisely programmed to use mild electrical current to modulate problematic brain signals that result in movement problems.

Today's voltage-controlled DBS devices deliver pulses of current that vary slightly with surrounding tissue changes. The DBS devices tested in this study are intended to provide more accurate delivery and control of the electrical pulses.

“We are committed to driving research that will provide solutions for physicians and their patients whose needs are currently unmet,” said Rohan Hoare, president of St. Jude Medical Neuromodulation Division. “These results are significant as they offer evidence that stimulation with the Libra constant current system enabled patients to have better motor control and an improvement in their quality of life when compared to the control group.”

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the use of DBS for Parkinson's disease in 2002. At least

500,000 people in the United States suffer from Parkinson's with about 50,000 new cases reported annually, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. These numbers are expected to increase as the average age of the population rises.

“The study answered some very important questions concerning cognition and mood with lead implantation (alone) versus implantation with stimulation. It also refutes the hypothesis that DBS increases depressive symptoms,” said Gordon H. Baltuch, M.D., Ph.D., a professor of neurosurgery in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and a study author. “The group's results also showed a decrease in the infection rate to 4 percent from previously published 10 percent. It shows that American neurosurgeons and neurologists with their industry partners are improving the safety of this procedure and working in a collaborative fashion.”

Comparable with other large DBS studies, the most common serious adverse event revealed was infection, which occurred in five patients. Likewise, some participants also reported an increase in the occurrence of slurred speech, known as dysarthria.

“Technology is on the move, and we expect to see continued improvements to DBS approaches, equipment and materials,” said Okun, who is also affiliated with UF's McKnight Brain Institute. “DBS has set the bar high for the development of new therapies for advanced Parkinson's disease patients. DBS will be the standard of care gene therapy and other cell-based therapies that are now being conceived will be measured against, and this will hopefully translate into significant improvements in what we can offer our patients.”

In addition to UF and Penn, research was conducted at centers affiliated with Baylor College of Medicine, Columbia University Medical Center, Lahey Clinic, Loma Linda University Medical Center, the Medical College of Wisconsin, Mount Sinai Medical Center, Oakwood Hospital and Health Systems, Texas Health Presbyterian, Rush University Medical Center, the University of Miami, the University of Rochester and the University of Virginia Health Systems.

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Bonanza paying \$50. One extra large jackpot starting at \$300 if won on the last number called from the Bonanza game - \$100 consolation prize. Kitchen will be open from 4-8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Baptist Men's Meeting at Wellborn Baptist Church
The 2nd Thursday night of every month beginning at 6:30 pm the men of Wellborn Baptist Church and their friends join together to eat and worship together with a special

speaker and music. You are invited to come and bring a dessert. The church is located on Highway 90 West between Live Oak and Lake City at the intersection with Lowe Lake Road in Wellborn, FL. Call 386-963-2231 with any questions or visit our website at www.wellbornbaptist.com.

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

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

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

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

Volunteer Opportunity & Meeting Notice
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://HYPERLINK) <http://ombudsman.myflorida.com/>

Christian Mission In Action Ministry
Will serve dinners from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. second Saturday of every month at Hale Park Recreation Center at 105 East Duval St., Live Oak, FL. For information call Audrey Howell @

386-364-4560.

Boy Scout Troop 693
Meets at the Live Oak Shrine Club, 11595 100th Street, Mondays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. This building is just east of US 129 south, on the same road as the Suwannee Valley Elec. Coop. Membership is open to all boys 11-17 years old. Come join us for having fun with monthly camping, as well as week-long winter and summer camps! Parents are encouraged to participate as adult leaders, committee members and merit badge counselors.

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

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

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

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

Lake Park Line Dancers
Offer beginner lessons Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:15 pm. at Lake Park United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall on Hwy

41 S. at S. Essa Street. For info call (229)455-2267.

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

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Pickin' & Grinnin'
Every Saturday 6 p.m. Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park
If you play an acoustic instrument or just like to sit and listen to good Country, Gospel or Blue Grass music, come on out to the Pickin' shed in the loop camping area. Pot luck dinners the third Saturday of each month. Join us --- its fun --- its free! Sponsored by Suwannee River Bluegrass Association.

GFWC Woman's Club of Live Oak
Is available for rentals 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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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Comprehensive Community Services Inc. Invites you to participate in our recycling project campaign. CCS Clients are recycling - Printer Ink Cartridges, Laser Cartridges, Cell Phones -Any Kind, MP3 Players
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Free Sunday lunch Live Oak
For the past several months a group headed up by Pat and JoAnn Lynch have been serving a free lunch at the community center in Live Oak the last Sunday of the month. We need volunteers to help set up and serve the meals. If you are interested in volunteering you may contact Pat and Jo Ann Lynch at (386) 935-1076 or Roger Burnside at (386) 935-3343.

Free 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?
Reconnect with your shipmates and help preserve the memories

With more than 13,000 members and over 150 chapters throughout the United States, your rank or rate and status are active, retired or honorably discharged are secondary to the purposes of the organization. We are all brothers of "The Pin." We band together to honor the memories of the over 4,000 men who EARNED THE RIGHT to wear" Dolphins" to maintain the bonds of friendship and camaraderie. You are invited to contact us through the address below for more in-

formation:
National Contact:

United States Submarine Veterans, PO Box 3870 Silverdale, WA 98383 or 1-877-542-DIVE
www.ussvi.org. Local contact: W. Ray Rausch, 386-209-1473, uss483@windstream.net, 10035 105th Drive, Live Oak, FL 32060.

First Baptist Church of Live Oak, FL
Will 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 donors be helping the kids, they will be able to take sale price as a contribution for income tax purposes.

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

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

CJBAT tests
Monday - Thursday
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

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

TABE tests

Monday - Thursday

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

Love a mystery?

Try locating your ancestors by working on your family tree. The Suwannee Valley Genealogy Society invites you to join and learn how to find your ancestors. Membership is \$30 for a single member or \$35 for a family. Corporate membership is also available for donations of \$100 or more (tax deductible). Meetings are held on the

first Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the Genealogy Center at 215 Wilbur Street SW in Live Oak. The library is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and the talented folks there will be glad to help. For more information call Jinnie or Alice at 386-330-0110.

Free English-speaking and literacy classes

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

Suwannee County

Republican Executive Committee Meeting.

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

Grammy winner Karla Bonoff to perform at University Auditorium, Jan. 27



Karla Bonoff

Grammy-winning songwriter Karla Bonoff will visit Gainesville for a 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 performance at University Auditorium.

Bonoff has written for some of the music industry's biggest stars, including Linda Ronstadt, Bonnie Raitt, Aaron Neville and Wynonna Judd. She wrote three songs on Ronstadt's album *Cry Like a Rainstorm, Howl Like the Wind* and penned the Grammy-winning hit *All My Life*, performed by Ronstadt and Aaron Neville, which *Peo-*

ple magazine ranked as one of the top-five most popular wedding songs.

Bonoff's solo career has generated numerous hits, including *I Can't Hold On*, *Home* and *Personally* – which broke into the *Billboard* Top 20. She is the voice on *Somebody's Eyes* for the *Footloose* soundtrack and in 1994, Bonoff had a top-10 AC hit single with *Standing Right Next to Me*, a song from the film *8 Seconds*. She has opened for James Taylor and Jackson Browne.

Billboard Magazine said of Bonoff: "Long before Alanis and Jewel, there was a breed of singer/songwriters whose earthly anthems of soul-searching, heartache and joy touched souls in a way few can muster today."

Tickets are on sale and available for this performance. Call 352-392-ARTS (2787) or 800-905-ARTS (toll free within Florida), or visit www.performingarts.ufl.edu for more information.

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2011 tax filing requirements for seniors

Dear Savvy Senior
What are the 2011 IRS income tax filing requirements for seniors? I had to file and pay federal income taxes last year, but my income dropped and I'm wondering if I'm exempt this year.

Recently Retired

Dear Retired,
According to the Tax Policy Center, 56 percent of retirees will not have to file or pay federal income taxes this year mainly because their incomes are under the IRS filing threshold. Here's a breakdown of the 2011 filing requirements along with a few other tax tips to help you determine if you need to file.

IRS Requirements

If your gross income is below the IRS filing limits, you probably won't have to file a federal tax return this year. Gross income includes all the income you receive that is not exempt from tax, not including Social Security benefits, unless you are married and filing separately. You probably don't have to file this year if:

- You are single and your 2011 gross income was less than \$9,500 (\$10,950 if you're 65 or older).

- You are married filing jointly and your gross income was under \$19,000. If you or your

spouse is 65 or older, the limit increases to \$20,150. And if you're both over 65, your income must be under \$21,300 to not file.

- You are head of household and your gross income was less than \$12,200 (\$13,650 if age 65 or older).

- You are married filing separately and your income was less than \$3,700.

- You are a qualifying widow(er) with a dependent child and your gross income was less than \$15,300 (\$16,450 if age 65 or older).

Special Situations

You also need to be aware that there are some special financial situations that require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirement. For example, if you had net earnings from self-employment in 2011 of \$400 or more, or if you owe any special taxes to the IRS such as alternative minimum tax or IRA tax penalties, you'll probably need to file.

To figure this out, the IRS offers a page on their website called "Do You Need to File a Federal Income Tax Return?" that includes a list of financial situations and a series of questions that will help you determine if you're required to file, or if you should file (if you're due a refund). You can access this page at www.doyouneed2file.info, or you can get

help over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at 800-829-1040.

Check Your State

Even if you're not required to file a federal tax return this year, it doesn't necessarily mean you're also excused from filing state income taxes. Check on that with your state tax agency before concluding you're entirely in the clear. For links to state and local tax agencies see taxadmin.org – click on "Links."

Tax Help

If you do need to file a tax return this year, you can get help through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TEC provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-829-1040 to locate a service near you.

Also check with AARP, a participant in the TCE program that provides free tax preparation at around 6,100 sites nationwide. To locate an AARP Tax-Aide site call 888-227-7669 or visit aarp.org/findtaxhelp.

Send your senior questions to: *Savvy Senior*, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the *NBC Today show* and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

Savvy Senior

How to help elderly drivers limit or stop driving

Dear Savvy Senior,

I'm worried about my father's driving. At age 84, his driving skills have diminished significantly, but I know he's bound and determined to keep going as long as he's alive. What tips can you recommend that can help me help my dad stop driving?

Nervous Daughter

Dear Nervous,

For many families, telling an elderly parent it's time to give up the car keys is a very sensitive and difficult topic. While there's no one simple way to handle this issue, here are a number of tips and resources you can try to help ease your dad away from driving.

Take a Ride

To get a clear picture of your dad's driving abilities, the first thing you need to do is take a ride with him watching for problem areas. For example: Does he drive too slow or too fast? Does he tailgate or drift between lanes? Does he have difficulty seeing, backing up or changing lanes? Does he react slowly? Does he get distracted or confused easily? Also, has your dad had any fender benders or tickets lately, or have you noticed any dents or scrapes on his vehicle? These, too, are red flags.

Start Talking

After your assessment, you need to have a talk with your dad about your concerns, but don't sound alarmed. If you begin with a dramatic outburst like "Dad, you're going to kill someone!" you're likely to trigger resistance. Start by gently expressing that you're worried about his safety.

For tips on how to talk to your dad about this touchy topic, the Hartford Financial Services Group and MIT AgeLab offers some guides titled "Family Conversations with Older Drivers" and "Family Conversations about Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia & Driving" that can help, along with an online seminar called "We Need to Talk" that was produced by AARP. To access these free resources, visit safedrivingforalifetime.com.

Like many elderly seniors, your dad may not even realize his driving skills have slipped. If this is the case, consider signing him up for an older driver refresher course through AARP (aarp.org/drive, 888-227-7669), your local AAA or a driving school.

By becoming aware of his driving limitations, your dad may be able to make some simple adjustments – like driving only in daylight or on familiar routes – that can help keep him safe and driving longer. Or, he may decide to hang up the keys on his own.

Southern gospel soloist Ann Downing in concert at Wellborn United Methodist

Southern gospel soloist Ann Downing, a popular performer on the Gaither Gospel Homecoming video series, will be in concert at the Wellborn United Methodist Church beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3.

Ann Downing is appearing at Wellborn as part of a Florida tour with the Gaither Homecoming artists. Celebrating worldwide broadcast success, including the number one spot on *Billboard* Magazine's chart for video sales (surpassing all other categories and genres of music), Ann Downing has been included in almost all video tapings since their original success

in 1991.

Her career as a successful Christian recording artist has taken her from childhood on the family cotton farm in rural Mississippi to many of the nation's largest venues, including Carnegie Hall, the Crystal Cathedral and the Billy Graham Crusade. She began her musical ministry as a part of the legendary Speer Family, later marrying Paul Downing with whom she co-founded a group which helped to shape the face of Gospel music we have today. She won the industry's highest award -- the Dove Award -- for Female Vocalist of the Year within a year of co-

founding the Downings, and went on to be inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

Ann Downing Ministries is also home to the "Ms. Lillie Project," a service ministry to nursing homes, the goal of which is to provide televisions, DVD players, and Gaither Homecoming Videos to facilities across the country. In addition, Ann Downing Ministries also helps to host Ann's Middle Tennessee Women's Retreat, an event held in the Nashville area every spring.

For more information regarding Ann Downing's concert at the Wellborn United

Methodist Church, contact Rev. Dr. Everett L. Parker at 386-754-8524, or by email at eparker@hughes.net.

The Wellborn United Methodist Church is located at 12005 County Road 137. To reach the church from the Lake City area, travel west on U.S. 90 and turn right on County Road 137. The church is about a mile north of the turn (a quarter mile north of the railroad tracks). From the Live Oak area, head east on U.S. 90 and turn left on CR 137. From Interstate 10, head south on CR 137 and the church is located four miles on the right. Please arrive early as seating is limited!

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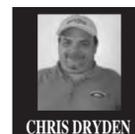
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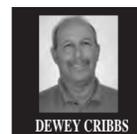
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