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Trio arrested for burglary and theft

Homes of Hispanic men were the target, police say

By Jeffry Boatright
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Three people have been arrested following a string of Live Oak burglaries targeting the homes of Hispanic males, the Live Oak Police Department reports.



Copeland



Davis



Starling

According to reports, the trio entered the homes while the victims were out work-

According to reports from the L O P D , Steven Louis Copeland, 19, 23619 101st Rd., O'Brien; Sabrina Michelle Davis, 20, 6372 216th St., Lake City and Meagan Elaine Starling, 23, 122 W. Duval St., Live Oak, were arrested by LOPD investigators for their involvement in these burglaries.

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Suwannee High School prom photos.

COMING | FRIDAY

Babe Ruth in full swing



Austin Humphries hits a homerun vs. Trenton Saturday, March 17 in Branford for opening day of Babe Ruth. See sports, 13A. Courtesy photo

Correctional officer killed at Columbia CI

Second officer wounded

Staff reports

A correctional officer was killed in the line of duty at Columbia Correctional Institution Sunday night and another officer was injured, the Department of Corrections reported.



Ruben Thomas

Sgt. Ruben Thomas, 24, was

killed when inmate Richard Franklin, 37, stabbed him in the neck multiple times with a handmade weapon. Officer William Brewer, of Suwannee County, was also assaulted during the incident. According to DOC officials, Brewer was attempting to lock down inmates when Franklin hit him in the eye with a sock that was holding something heavy.



Richard Franklin

Brewer was taken to a local hospital and has since been released. However, he will require further medical attention, the DOC states.

Officials say that Thomas was a six year veteran of the Department of Corrections. He leaves behind a fiance and an 18-month-old daughter.

Franklin, who witnesses say they observed stab Thomas, has since been transferred to Florida State Prison, near Starke.

"The Department is mourning the loss of Sgt.

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Munn trial continued again

Moved to June 25-29

By Jeffry Boatright

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The triple murder trial of a Suwannee County man has been continued for the second time, according to Suwannee County Felony Clerk Trudy Meeks.

Robert Lonnie Munn, who is charged in the 2010 triple murder and robbery of Joseph Militello Jr., 57, his wife Nancy L. Militello, 68 and their nephew Angelo Rosales, 32, in the McAlpin home they shared, was originally scheduled to stand trial during the week of Jan. 23-27.

The trial date was rescheduled for the week of

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Ready! Set! Mow!

Start your 'small' engines for the 14th Annual Lawn Mower Race this Saturday, March 24

By Misty A. Ward
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Engines are primed and drivers are set to burn grass off the starting line at the 14th Annual Lawn Mower Race on Saturday morning.

The Arc North Florida is

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Racers get ready to start at a previous year's race. Courtesy photo

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Dianne Westcott announces candidacy for superintendent of schools

Submitted

As an educator for 37 years and retired principal of Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center, I am excited to take on the challenge of superintendent and serve the citizens and students of Suwannee County. Our school system serves a diverse population ages four to adult. The system needs a progressive, forward thinking educator who can provide quality education experiences for all of our citizens.



Westcott

I have lived in Florida for

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More information can be viewed online through a video by Do Good Media at suwanneedemocrat.com. Search for "Drug Bug".

Crush a bug to stomp out drugs

Event to crush the yellow Drug Bug at the Suwannee County Fair is to raise funds for prescription drug abuse prevention

By Jeffry Boatright
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Cheek and Scott Drugs Inc. has partnered with Suwannee Drug Free Coal-

ition (Coalition) to combat the growing epidemic of prescription drug abuse.

Through a joint effort between the two, citizens of Suwannee County can take out their frustrations of prescription drug abuse on the Cheek and Scott Drug Bug during the Suwannee County Fair March 30-April 7.

According to the Coalition, prescription drug abuse has reached epidemic proportions in our country, state and

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The Cheek and Scott Drug Bug. Courtesy photo



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

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

rections
 March 15, Arnell Hawkins-Dowels, 42, 1282 Stephens Street, Jennings, FL, Grand Theft: SCSO- E. Padgett
 March 15, Sidney Leroy Johnson, 25, 202 Georgia Avenue, Live Oak, FL, Robbery-Sudden Snatching, Battery: LOPD- D. Slaughter
 March 15, Raymond Lee Simmons, Jr., 41, 6488 175th Road, Live Oak, FL, Grand Theft III-Specified Property/Motor Vehicle: SCSO- E. Padgett
 March 15, Martinique Ryan Gonzalez, 29, 1405 Duval Street, Lot 17, Live Oak, FL, Poss Methamphetamine, Poss Drug Paraphernalia: LOPD- D. Slaughter
 March 15, Sabrina Michelle Davis, 20, 6372 216th Street, Lake City, FL, Burglary, Grand Theft, Burglary, Petit Theft: LOPD- S. Gambel
 March 15, William Anthony Alexander, 28, 1006 5th Street, Live Oak, FL, VOP Burg Thomas Co, GA:

SCSO- T. Roberts
 March 16, Mijangos Luis Cortez, 34, 24861 57 Path, O'Brien, FL, No Valid D.L.: FHP- S. Walker
 March 16, Brian D. Williamson, 45, 8810 147th Rd, Live Oak, FL, Petit Theft, Deal Stolen Prop Traffick, VOP DWLS, VOP 4 Cts Forgery, VOP Grand Theft III, 4 Cts Uttering Forgery, 1st App—PD APP Per WFW: SCSO- J. Zimmerman
 March 16, Douglas V. Williamson, 50, 8810 147th Rd, Live Oak, FL, Petit Theft, Deal Stolen Prop Traffick: SCSO- J. Zimmerman
 March 16, Alexis Perez, 28, 15820 N. CR 349, Live Oak, FL, Sent To 10 Days: SCSO- C. Smith
 March 16, Kayla Michelle Whilden, 19, 1403 Iola Drive, Valdosta, GA, DUI, Poss Marij-20 Grms: FHP- A. Hughes
 March 16, Ronald Gene Young, 54, 509 Steven Street, Live Oak, FL, Sentenced to 270 Days C.J.:

SCSO- T. Smith
 March 16, Colonel Shepard Martin, 39, 1238 Moore Road, Lake City, FL, VOPO/C Grand Theft Auto: SCSO- A. Loston
 March 17, Tarrence L. Ailep, 36, 611 8th Street, Live Oak, FL, Petit Theft: LOPD- L. Rogers
 March 17, Eddie Fender, 29, 7349 E CR 48, Center Hill, FL, Poss Cont Substance, Poss Drug Paraphernalia, DWLS/R Knowingly: SCSO- Stevenson
 March 17, Terrell Quinten Johnson, 27, 1064 Stan Circle, Tallahassee, FL, Fail To Stop For Inspect, DWLS/R: OALE- T. W. Bishop
 March 17, Miranda Marr, 20, 169 Martin Road, Whitier, NC, Poss Controlled Sub, Poss Drug Para: SCSO- D. Stevenson
 March 17, Gary Lamont Wilson, 34, 255 East Riding Road, Montgomery, AL, DWLS 3rd Offense: DALE-

M. Arctino
 March 18, Jesse Allen Smith, Jr., 31, 3974 288th Terrace, Branford, FL, Sexual Battery/Victim Under 12, Obsenity Involving a Computer: SCSO- T. Smith
 March 18, Joseph Franklin Ross, 47, 506 NW Drive, Live Oak, FL, Burglary (ATT), Criminal Mischief: LOPD- R. Fipps
 March 18, Sergio Reed Castro, 18, 519 White Avenue, Live Oak, FL, Poss -20 Cannabis, Poss Para, Poss Alcohol By Person-21: FHP- A. Hughes
 March 18, Gabriel Munoz-Pena, 27, 14145 Railroad Street, Live Oak, FL, Criminal Mischief, Disorderly Conduct, Resis W/O Viol: SCSO- D. Stevenson
 March 19, Matthew Davis McIntyre, 20, 2100 NW 8th Ct, Gainesville, FL, Poss Controlled Substance, Duval Co.- Poss -20G Cannab, 1st Appear/WFW/PD Appt

Trio arrested for burglary and theft

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 ing and took different items each time, as well as cash. Because Starling lives with a Hispanic male, authorities believe that she might have had first hand knowledge of which homes to enter. According to the LOPD,

Copeland, Davis and Starling admitted to multiple burglaries, but only two have been reported at this time. Copeland, Davis and Starling have each been charged with two counts of burglary, grand theft and petit theft.

Munn trial continued again

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 March 26-30, but has now been continued until the week of June 25-29, with jury selection beginning on June 25, Meeks said. Munn faces the death penalty if convicted.

Munn's co-defendant, James Lindzay Howze, was scheduled for trial last fall but agreed to a plea bargain offered by the state. Howze was sentenced to prison for life without any chance of parole. By accepting the plea, Howze avoided facing the death penalty, and agreed to testify against Munn. The three family members were found shot execution style, once in the back of the head in August 2010. They were found the next day by an employee of the Militello's farm.

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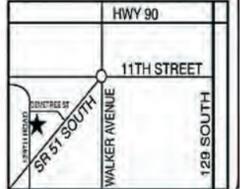
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 Cardiac: 10
 Trauma: 6
 Motor vehicle crash: 11
 Miscellaneous medical call: 21
 Altered mental status: 4
 Respiratory: 12
 Diabetic: 4
 Weakness: 4
 Abdominal pain: 4
 Seizure: 3
 Overdose: 2
 Death: 1
 N/V: 2

Fire Calls: 16

Brush fire: 4
 Motor vehicle crash: 6
 Med assist: 1
 Vehicle fire: 3
 Fire Alarm: 1
 Smoke Investigation: 1

Volunteer Fire Responses: 4

E-1 as R-5: 1

LOTTERY RESULTS

Florida

CASH 3 PLAY 4
 3/19/12...9,6,1 3/19/12...4,0,5,2

FANTASY 5
 3/19/12...8,12,20,23,26

MEGA MONEY...2,12,16,18,MB15

LOTTO...30,38,39,43,44,49,x5

POWERBALL...11,14,49,55,58

.....PB30

Envirothon a huge success



The winning team from Suwannee High School form left: Adrienne Boyette, SHS ag teacher and FFA advisor; Ben Glass, Drew Land, Laura-Kaitlynn Boatright, Teylor Alley, Wesley Thomas, Travis Tuten, SHS ag teacher and FFA advisor. Tamara Boggus, not pictured, is thanked for her support. Courtesy photo

The Suwannee County Conservation District (SCCD) held its Annual Regional Envirothon on March 9 in Lake City. The event was hosted by Florida Gateway College. The winning team can now compete at the state level in Sarasota in April. SCCD will provide funds to assist with travel and lodging expenses. One team from the state competition will advance to the national contest sponsored by the Canon Camera Company later this summer in Pennsylvania.

The Florida Envirothon is a problem-solving, natural

resource education program for high school students. It is a field-oriented program in which students, working in teams of five, learn to use critical thinking skills, work as a team, and develop problem-solving and communications skills to answer written questions or conduct hands-on investigations about environmental issues. The program focuses on the following five areas of study: Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Soils/Land Use, Wildlife, and Current Environmental Issue. The current environmental issue is different each year. These interrelated and broad

study areas teach a holistic approach to natural resource conservation and can easily be incorporated into a teaching curriculum.

We would like to thank the volunteer facilitators for their work preparing and administering the tests. Also, we would like to thank to teachers and sponsors for their continued support.

Lastly, we thank the students for putting in the extra study time to learn about environmental issues that impact us all.

Susan Lance joins Camp Weed as sales & marketing director

Susan Lance recently joined Camp Weed and the Cerveny Conference Center as sales and marketing director. Camp Weed and the Cerveny Conference Center offers lodging, corporate events, church retreats, meeting rooms, continuing

education, camping, wedding chapel and reception facilities for individuals or groups from 10 to 500.

Susan will be responsible for the direct sales and marketing of the camp and conference center, hotel rooms, food, reception and youth

facilities. She will ensure that new and existing customers are offered the services needed for memorable events and to solicit business through outside sales to targeted markets.

"Susan's marketing background and understanding of our area will be a valuable asset to Camp Weed," remarked Joe Chamberlain, Executive Director. "Susan will be instrumental to Camp Weed continuing to improve the effectiveness of our messaging and branding and the sales of our lodging, conference, reception and wedding Chapel."

Prior to joining Camp Weed, Ms. Lance served as director of marketing with First Federal Bank of Florida, in Lake City, Florida. Susan is a graduate of Florida State University, and the recipient of four ADDY Awards for advertising excellence.

"I am thankful to be a part

of a supportive organization that values its team and the facilities and services they provide to their customers," Ms. Lance stated. "I am impressed with the level of excellence that I see at Camp Weed and its team, and I look forward to helping Camp Weed grow and prosper."

About Camp Weed and the Cerveny Conference Center Camp Weed and the

Cerveny Conference center is located on 520 acres near Live Oak, Florida in north Florida. An ideal site for youth summer camp, weddings, retreats, and it is also a popular meeting site for colleges, government organizations, corporations, and other religious non-profit groups. Owned and operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Florida, Camp Weed and the Cerveny Confer-

ence Center is a wonderful place for recreation, renewal and reflection. Named for two Bishops in the Episcopal Diocese of Florida, Edwin G. Weed and Frank S. Cerveny, this center is the "Heart of the Diocese."

For more information or to make reservations, contact Susan Lance at 386 364-5250, fax 386 362-7557 or email susan@campweed.org



Lance



Suwannee County Fair Live Stock Show & Sale March 30- April 7, 2012 Fair Schedule of Events

Friday, March 30th

6pm: Dairy Show & Ranch Sorting Sign In
7pm: Rusty Groove Band & Ranch Sorting

Saturday, March 31st

Noon-4pm: Kid's Craft Day Activities
1pm: Dairy Costume Contest
2pm: Miss Suwannee County Pageant & Pee Wee Dairy Show
7pm: Demo Derby

Sunday, April 1st Family & Hispanic Day

Sunday All Day Armband: \$10
4pm: Entertainment Provided by D.C.O. Musical

Monday, April 2nd

6pm: Youth Goat and Heifer Show
Pedal Tractor Pull & Live Entertainment by Gateway City Big Band

Tuesday, April 3rd - Buddy Night:

11am-1pm: Senior Citizen Day, Free Admission Lunch
6pm: Youth Heifer Show
7pm: Live Entertainment by the Barber Shop Quartet
Armbands \$10 per person when you bring a friend

Wednesday April 4th:

7pm: Tracy Starling & Friend Band; Pedal Tractor Pull

Thursday, April 5th:

• Student Day: Free Admission between the hours of 5-8 pm for students age 6-18
7pm: Suwannee Spirit Cheer Gym Demonstration & Pedal Tractor Pull
FSU Cheerleaders to Perform - Sign Autograph & Take Photos

Friday, April 6th:

7pm: Pedal Tractor Pull
8pm: Justin Case Band

Saturday, April 7th:

9am: 14th Annual 5K Run-A-Fair and Walk/Talk (registration at 8am)
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Weddings

Cooper / King wedding



Andy and Julia Cooper of Jasper are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kylie Anna Cooper to Benjamin James King, son of Denise King of Live Oak and the late Sam King.

Kylie currently attends Gateway College. She is employed as a pharmacy technician at Baya Pharmacy. Her maternal grandparents are Lafayette McCall of Jasper and the late J.H. McCall Jr., and her paternal grandparents are the late Burnice and Genester

Cooper of Live Oak.

Ben is employed as a correctional officer with Hamilton Correctional Institution. His maternal grandparents are the late Carl and Ruth Clay of Live Oak and the late Herbert and Annabelle King of Dunlap, Tennessee.

The wedding is planned for May 5, 2012 at 3 p.m. at Divonia Baptist Church in Jasper.

A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

All friends and family are invited.

Jackson / Sherrell Marriage celebration reminder

Toni and Sheree Jackson and Garth Richard Sherrell were united in marriage on Fernandina Beach, Feb. 19, 2012.

Please join us in a cele-

bration of their marriage Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m.

At the home of Ginger Walker, 557 SE CR 416 in Mayo, Fla.

Hospice of the Nature Coast offers monthly grief support groups

LAKE CITY, FL—A monthly Grief Support Group will be offered to the public Thursday, March 22nd from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Wings Education Center, 857 SW Main Blvd, (Lake City Plaza). The program, facilitated by Jerry Tyre will examine the array of emotions experienced with grief. There is no

cost. For information or to register, contact Vicki Myers at 755-7714 Ext. 2411 or 866-642-0962. The Wings Education Center is a program of Hospice of Citrus County, Inc./Hospice of the Nature Coast licensed 1985, serving north central Florida. Visit www.hospiceofthenaturecoast.org for more information.

Happy 20th Anniversary

Pastor Willie J. Warren Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrating their Pastor's 20th year Anniversary on Friday, March 23, 2012 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 11 a.m.

and closing out at 4 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to come out and worship with us on this great celebration in honoring our Pastor & First Lady. The theme for this occasion is: Leadership Worth Following: Hebrews 13:7.

The following couples applied for a marriage license the week of March 12 – 16, 2012:

Ian Michael Holder to Arielle Chastin Owens

Richard Matthew Marable to Tori Dolores Henderson

Jonas Hernandez-Flores to Brittney Renee Van Auken

Howard Bruce Jones to Amy Lorraine Petty

Stanley Ethan Walker to Victorian Ashley Fout

Richard Shannon Neel to Lela Dawn Shiver

Nathan David Boeckman to Amber Kristine Brackney

Shands Live Oak provides athletic trainer to local high schools



Jackson

Amber Jackson joins Suwannee and Branford sports programs

Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center is excited to add athletic trainer Amber Jackson to the sports programs of Suwannee and Branford high schools. Ms. Jackson will not only serve as trainer for all major sports teams at both schools but will also work hand in hand with coaches and administrative staff to ensure that the health and welfare of high school athletes remains a priority in the Suwannee school district.

CEO of Shands Live Oak Ricardo Diaz comments, "We are so grateful for this incredible opportunity to help our local schools' athletic programs keep their competitive edge. Amber not only boasts an academic track record of success, but she

already demonstrated an innate ability to keep student athletes prepared for on the field and classroom successes at Fort White High School last school year. We are very excited to provide her services to two schools with such a variety of high level sports programs."

After earning her Masters in Sports Medicine and completing her residency in Strength and Conditioning at the University of Florida in early 2011, Ms. Jackson most recently taught weightlifting and health classes at Fort White High School for the 2010-11 school year. In addition she has served as head athletic trainer for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Football Camps and also provided sports training to a wide variety of Division I sports programs while attending school in Gainesville.



Live Oak receives free live oaks



Seven new Live Oak trees were donated and planted by T-Roy & Son Pine Straw and Trees at no cost to the city. The trees were planted at various locations in the community. Penny and Troy Tyre of T-Roy, Mayor Sonny Nobles and Robert Hanson are pictured with one of the trees that were planted in Baker/George Blake Park. Courtesy photo



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for our egg hunters (things like arrow heads, plant seedlings, goldfish). Bring your camera and take a picture with the Easter Bunny. Saturday, April 7th at 11:00am

- Meet at the Gazebo across from the Snack Bar.

OBITUARIES



Eunice Robinson
March 16, 2012

Eunice Robinson, a resident of Live Oak, Florida, passed away Friday, March 16, 2012 in Haven Hospice of Lake City, Florida.

Mrs. Eunice Robinson is survived by her daughters: Cynthia Robinson, Rhonda Robinson (Murray), Bernita (Robert), Hargett and Gennetta Montague; one son: James Robinson (Tracy); one sister: Gladys (Harry) Williams; 17 grandchildren and many other close relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Eunice Robinson will be Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 2 p.m. in the African Baptist Church, Rev. Alex Fountain, Pastor. Visitation for family and friends will be Friday, March 23, 2012 from 6-8 p.m. at Sweet Hope Baptist Church. Burial will be in the Eastside Cemetery.

D.M. Udell and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements. Call D.M. Udell at 386-362-4189 or cell at 386-209-0223.



Donald Earl 'Don' Sivy Sr.
March 31, 1926
March 15, 2012

Don was born in Chicago, Illinois March 31, 1926 and grew up in Miami, Florida. He started working at the US Postal Service part time when he was 14. At 17, while still in high school, he enlisted in the US Navy and fought in WWII. At the age of 20 he was rehired at the USPS and retired as the postmaster of Belle Glade, Florida. He retired from the United States Naval Reserve as a Commander in 1975.

In 1983, he became a full time farmer in Live Oak, maintaining cows and a t-pick blueberry farm. Between 1992 and 1994, he served as chief of the Suwannee County Stagecoach Volunteer Fire De-

partment. He served as a deacon at Sierra Norwood Baptist Church in Miami. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Live Oak, and was an active Mason.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 65 years: Helen R. Sivy; four daughters: Lucy (Hugh Spencer) of Live Oak; Sally (Richard Bennett) of Parrish, Fla.; Nancy (Tony Simmons) of Jupiter, Fla.; and Susan (Steve Halvorson) of Silverthorne, Colo.; three sons: Donald E. Sivy (Julie) of Thomasville, Georgia; John W. Sivy (Ofelia) of Tallahassee, Fla.; and Daniel R. Sivy (Tina) of Live Oak; 20 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren; one brother: Arthur T. Sivy, Jr. of Venice, Fla.; one sister: Patricia Watkins of Okeechobee, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 19, 2012 at Antioch Baptist Church, with interment at the church cemetery immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Antioch Baptist Church.

Please sign the guestbook at www.danielsfuneralhome.com

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

Othan Kirby Ragans
May 28, 1918
March 16, 2012

Othan Kirby Ragans, 93, of Wellborn, Fla., passed away on Friday, March 16, 2012 in the V.A. Medical Center, Lake City, Fla. The Cairo, Ga. native moved to Wellborn in 1945 from Lake City, Fla. Mr. Ragans was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII, a 27 year retired auto body mechanic from the Ratliff Ford Motor Co., Live Oak, Fla., and a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Lake City, Fla.

Mr. Ragans is survived by his daughter: Sarah Holton, Wellborn; Three sons: Lawrence (Hale) Ragans, Tampa, Fla., Donald Wayne (Molly) Ragans and Richard Kirby Ragans both of Wellborn; One sister: Velma Lee, Dowling Park, Fla.; Seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 19, 2012 at the Fellowship Baptist Church with Mr. Dwight Law officiating. Interment followed in the Fellowship Baptist Cemetery.

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

Ivy Robins
March 15, 2012

Ivy Robins, 92, of Russellville, died Thursday, March

15, 2012, at the Select Specialty Hospital in Sparks Regional Medical Center in Fort Smith. She was born January 25, 1920, at Leytonstone, London, England, to Henry and Frances Louisa Proctor Cox.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Richard Robins; and eight brothers and three sisters. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Randy Thomas and Ellen Robins of Midlothian, Virginia; a daughter and son-in-law, Sherrie R and John Cotton of Russellville; five grandchildren, Jason Robins, Katie Steffens and her husband, Jon, Laura Cotton, Christopher Cotton and Allison Cotton; and two great-grandchildren, Parker and Alex Steffens.

The family will conduct a private memorial service at a later date.

Cremation arrangements are by Shinn Funeral Service of Russellville.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Judy Murphy, 126 Lakeview Circle, Russellville, Arkansas 72802.

The online obituary and guestbook are available at www.shinnfuneral.com

Josephine "Granny" Lang
Jan. 29, 1929
March 19, 2012

Josephine "Granny" Lang, age 83, of Live Oak, Florida, passed away Monday evening, March 19, 2012 at the Suwannee Health Care Center in Live Oak, Fla. following a lengthy illness. The Jenkins, Ky. native moved to Live Oak in 1989 from Tampa, Fla. She worked for over 10 years with the Hillsborough County School System. Granny loved to crochet and had been a "Happy Hooker" since 1984. She also loved her farm animals and enjoyed the outdoors very much. She was the oldest continuous member of the Westside Baptist Church of Live Oak and a member of "Busy Hands For Babies" at St. Luke's Episcopal

Church.

Survivors include one son, Walter "Ed" (Janiece) Lang, Jr., Live Oak; one daughter, Sandy Cooper, Live Oak; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 22, 2012 in the Live Oak Cemetery with Rev. Ken Edenfield officiating.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the St. Luke's "Busy Hands" P.O. Box 1338, Live Oak, FL 32064.

Please sign the guestbook at www.harrisfuneral-homeinc.net.

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

DEATH NOTICE

Betty Jean Henderson
Feb. 24, 1934

March 17, 2012

Betty Jean Henderson, age 78, of Live Oak, Florida, passed away Saturday, March 17, 2012 at Haven Hospice in Lake City, Florida.

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

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March 24, 2012

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3. Multidisciplinary study to look at our diminishing water supply
4. Continue progress on Perimeter Road
5. Reduce duplication of effort by city/county offices and agencies

THE SUWANNEE SCRIBBLER

Queen of clean

By Jim Holmes

I made a mistake this week. I didn't realize it at first, but it didn't take long before that fact sunk into my thick skull. My error was telling my dear wife that thanks to the unusually warm weather this March, rather than wait until April, I was going to give our front porch a good spring cleaning.

You see, in spring, summer and fall, we spend a lot of time out there in our rocking chairs. You'll often find me seated there at dawn with a hot cup of coffee, enjoying the sunrise. And I love sitting there at dusk, with Lynda at my side sipping an ice tea (OK, occasionally something a little stronger) and making small talk, as we watch the bass jump in our little pond. And because our front porch does get used extensively, I'd stack up its cleanliness against anyone's...most of the year. On the other hand, in the winter months, it tends to be neglected and it shows.

Our problem is two-fold. The porch seems to suck-in fallen leaves like a magnet attracts a shiny new ten penny nail. Then there are the two black cats that have adopted us. In winter, I keep a couple of heat lamps set up on the porch, so I'm sure they have a warm place to nestle at night. They are generous in their gratitude, paying back my good deed with coughed-up hairballs. I keep telling them such generosity is unnecessary, but to no avail.

So by this time of the year, the porch does need a good spring cleaning...one that I am more than willing to perform. Of course, my idea of a "good spring cleaning" and Lynda's are not necessarily the same. Mine involves a broom, a hose, a scrub brush and a bucket of soapy water. To my wife, that's just "tidying up." Or as she might admit in an unguarded moment, "Man clean!" You see, she spells the word differently than I do. In her dictionary, "clean" is spelled, "I-m-m-a-c-u-l-a-t-e!"

So when I returned from the barn yesterday armed with a bucket and a hose, I discovered she had been on the phone checking-out how much a new pressure cleaner would cost. Our old one gave up the ghost recently. Personally, I think Lynda just exhausted it. You see, if she could find ANY REASON to fire it up, she would. I once told her I felt the pressure cleaner had become a virtual extension of her body, one with disturbing roots to her childhood, where---due to inadequate plumbing---she was never able to write her name in the snow. (Actually, as she is a Florida native, I should say, "in the sand.")

At any rate, one unscheduled trip into town and \$200 later, our front porch is now clean...and when I say clean, I mean LYNDA CLEAN! What happened on that front porch might well be called, "The Live Oak Festival of Suds." Of course, once we completed the front porch, she was convinced the rest of the house's exterior looked a little shabby. You can guess what happened.

Admittedly, everything looks great now, but honestly I was a little upset---at least at first. As an admitted tightwad, I wasn't thrilled with having a \$200 unbudgeted expense this month. I am hopeful however, I can recoup that money. I plan to contact Shands to see if they would be interested in renting my front porch for elective surgery. They will need to add a couple of bright lights, but the view is great and they sure as heck won't have to worry about staph infections.

Oops! Gotta run! I think I made another mistake. I mentioned to Lynda this morning our three barn dogs need their spring baths and I just spotted her headed that way...pulling her new pressure cleaner behind.

Jim lives in Live Oak.

BIBLE VERSE

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

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OPINION

Political rope-a-dope

A MINORITY VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS



It's not unreasonable to ask how valuable the variously labeled liberal, Democratic or progressive agenda has been to black Americans and whether blacks should proceed in political lock step with this agenda.

According to an American Community Survey, by the U.S. Census Bureau, the top 10 poorest cities with populations more than 250,000 are Detroit, with 33 percent of its residents below the poverty line; Buffalo, N.Y., 30 percent; Cincinnati, 28 percent; Cleveland, 27 percent; Miami, 27 percent; St. Louis, 27 percent; El Paso, Texas, 26 percent; Milwaukee, 26 percent; Philadelphia, 25 percent; and Newark, N.J., 24 percent.

The most common characteristic of these cities is that for decades, all of them have been run by Democratic and presumably liberal administrations. Some of them -- such as Detroit, Buffalo, Newark and Philadelphia -- haven't elected a Republican mayor for more than a half-century. What's more is that, in some cases for decades, the mayors of six of these high-poverty cities have been black Americans. You say, "What's the point, Williams?" Let's be clear about it. I'm not stating a causal relationship between poverty and Democratic and/or black political control over a city. What I am saying is that if one is strategizing on how to help poor people, he wants to leave off his list of objectives Democratic and black political control of cities. According to Albert Einstein (attributed), the definition of insanity is "doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

Crime is one of the results of the liberal agenda. Blacks are 13 percent of the population but are more than 50 percent of murder victims. About 95 percent of black homicide victims had a black person as their murderer. Blacks are not only the major victims of murder but also suffer high victimization rates of all categories of serious violent crime. Most often, another black is the perpetrator. During the 1960s, academic liberals and hustling politicians told us that to deal with crime, we had to deal with its "root causes," poverty and discrimination. My colleague Thomas Sowell has pointed out that in 1960, the total number of murders in the United States was lower than in

1950, 1940 and 1930, even though our population had grown and two new states had been added. The liberal agenda, coupled with courts granting criminals new rights, later caused the murder rate to double, and the rates of other violent crimes also began to skyrocket.

Crime imposes a hefty tax on law-abiding residents of

black neighborhoods. Residents bear costs of having to shop outside of their neighborhoods; criminals have driven many businesses out. Children can't play safely in front of their homes. Fearing robberies, taxi drivers, including black drivers, often refuse to accept telephone calls for home pickups and frequently pass black customers by on the street. Neighborhood property values are lower as a result of crime. Plus, there's the insult associated with not being able to receive pizza or other deliveries on the same terms as people in other neighborhoods.

Often, politicians who call for law and order are viewed negatively, but poor people, particularly poor black people, are the most dependent on law and order. In the face of high crime, wealthier people can afford to purchase alarms, buy guard dogs, hire guards and, if things get too bad, move to a gated community. These options are not available to poor people. The only protection they have is an orderly society.

Democratic and black politicians are beholden to and serve the interests of the powerful vested interest groups, such as labor unions, teachers unions and assorted liberals, not the ordinary people who voted them into office. Otherwise, they wouldn't begin to allow the rampant crime and nearly systematic destruction of learning opportunities for generations of black children by governmental schools.

None of this is to say that blacks should vote Republican. It is to say that political power doesn't necessarily translate into economic power and well-being for the ordinary citizen.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Final episode: And a parting shot

Dwain Walden
The Moultrie Observer



On Sunday, the Animal Channel gave us the final episode of the season of "Finding Bigfoot." And wouldn't you know it, they didn't find him again. I was shocked!

No not really.

I watch this show for the incredible comic relief it brings me. It's been ranking just above the Republican debates in my book.

"Finding Bigfoot" couldn't be more funnier than if the key players were Curly, Moe and Joe. In fact, I think that would make a great comedy feature in itself. Bring back those three goofs and let them find Bigfoot. Can't you just see Curly poking Bigfoot in the eye?

Now the show has been on for a couple of seasons, and the New York Times calls it "addictively entertaining." And like I said, it's funny as heck, but obviously not meant to be.

In this last episode they were in northern Utah. It's a mountainous terrain with sparse trees. I guess when they got there they didn't notice there was very little for Bigfoot to hide behind. Yet they kept saying it was "really squatchy." That's a term that has come out of this show. Every site they went to was "really squatchy." If they had been in my backyard, they would have found it "really squatchy." I've yet to understand what is the criteria for "squatchiness."

Quite often they show a U.S. map of Bigfoot sightings. It would appear one has been seen everywhere but in downtown Hahira. Yet there is never a photo in focus, one has not been captured, no DNA has proved its existence, no carcass has been found. And it's strange that they can't catch one because apparently it only has one foot. What I'm saying is, they only ever find but one track. I guess that's why they call it "Bigfoot" as opposed to "Bigfeet." How elusive could a one-footed monkey be? By the same token, in a country of 300 million people, why couldn't the GOP find a candidate who was head and shoulders above the others? Or at least one good mediocre one.

I've had lots of fun sparring with the Bigfoot people. But the title of the show is a bit misleading. It's titled "Finding Bigfoot." Perhaps "Searching for Bigfoot" would be better.

If by some big freak of nature a Bigfoot does exist, I made some notes along the way. I've learned that they sometimes whistle. That's what Bobo, one of the search

crew says. He also said that they swim underwater in lakes and pull geese and ducks down from underneath. I saw Hoss Carthwright and Little Joe do that once on an episode of "Bonanza."

They also like to hang out in cemeteries, says the B.F.R.O. (Bigfoot Research Organization). Sometimes they build crude huts to sleep in, they sneak out at night and bury their dead, and their main diet is deer, elk and antelope which they chase down and kill with brute strength. Then go figure that four clowns go prancing out into the woods unarmed to find something that supposedly stands 8 feet tall and eats raw meat.

I once suggested that "Sasquatch" was an old Indian word that meant "Let's screw with the white man." And a couple of native Americans emailed me and told me they liked that assessment.

So I will let Bigfoot rest for a while ... maybe until next season.

But in closing, let me tell you that I had an epiphany the other night. I think I solved the "crop circles" mystery. I think they were created by a Bigfoot suffering a kidney stone attack. I ran that by some of my "Brothers of the Stone" and they thought it was plausible. I also think that Bigfoot must be a Baptist. They can never catch him doing anything.

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

ELECTION DATES

City of Live Oak

March 19-23, noon to noon - Qualifying begins and ends
April 9 - Last day to register or change party affiliation for May 8 election
April 30 - May 5 - Early Voting begins and ends
May 8 - Election Day

Town of Branford

May 21-25, 9 a.m. to noon - Qualifying begins and ends
June 12 - Election Day

Primary

July 16 - Last day to register or change party affiliation for Primary
Aug. 4 - 11 - Early voting begins and ends
Aug. 14 - Primary Election

General Election

Oct. 9 - Last day to register or change party affiliation for General Election
Oct. 27 - Nov. 3 - Early voting begins and ends
Nov. 6 - General Election

Qualifying for judicial, state attorney and public defender is noon, April 16 to noon, April 20.
Qualifying for state and county offices is noon, June 4 to noon, June 8.

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Mosley crowned Little Miss BHS



Jadyn Mosley was crowned 2012 Little Miss BHS on March 10.

2012 Little Miss BHS Jadyn Mosley in her casual wear at the pageant on March 10. - Photo: Rebecca Miller (Ecca)

McKayden Wilkerson was the Audience Choice Award recipient and second runner-up for Little Miss BHS. She and seven other girls competed for the title, at Branford High School, on March 10.



The eight contestants are from Branford Elementary School from the kindergarten and first grade classes. From left to right, Jadyn Mosley, Little Miss BHS; Makayla Williams, first runner-up; Taylor Turner, third place; Kaitlyn Reeves, Kenzie Certain, third runner-up; Kelsea Corbin, McKayden Wilkerson, second runner-up and Audience Choice Award recipient; and Gillian Eubanks. Also pictured are Ashley Horn, 2010-11 Junior Miss BHS; and Jesse Lynn Kelley, 2010-11 Miss BHS. - Courtesy Photos

By Misty A. Ward
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Branford High School named its most wanted at the Little Miss BHS pageant on March 10.

In a western-style hot pink and black zebra print frenzy, Jadyn Mosley was named the 2012 Little Miss BHS. The eight contestants walked the stage in their casual and evening wear. The young ladies also entertained the crowd with a choreographed dance.

Makayla Williams was first runner-up, McKayden Wilkerson was the second runner-up and Audience Choice Award recipient. There was a tie for the third runner-up between Kenzie Certain and Taylor Turner. The competitors are from Branford Ele-

mentary School from the kindergarten and first grade classes. Last year Ellie Pierce was crowned Little Miss BHS. The pageant is a fundraiser for the senior class. The proceeds go towards graduation activities.

VPK students have Seussical snack



By Misty A. Ward
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Students in Branford Love N Care's voluntary pre-kindergarten program were treated to a special "Green Eggs and Ham" celebration last Friday. "This activity coincides with Dr. Seuss week. It also teaches them to try things that might not otherwise try," Jamie Medina, VPK teacher said. The teachers make the green eggs and ham in the classroom in front of the children. All the children but a hand-

ful stood up in anticipation of enjoying the green breakfast. Of those that stood up, most of them cleaned their plates. "This year we were pretty surprised that all the kids ate it. In years past, a lot of the kids wouldn't even try it. It was pretty shocking, actually. It shows me that they trust us, because we explain in the beginning what we are doing and that it won't hurt them," Medina said. "At a young age, kids may not try food because it doesn't always look the tastiest. Sometimes you just have to try it and you may just like it."

Voluntary pre-kindergarten students at Branford Love N Care listen to a reading of "Green Eggs and Ham" for Dr. Seuss week. - Photos: Misty A. Ward



Students from Branford Love N Care's voluntary pre-kindergarten class have a Dr. Seuss inspired green eggs and ham snack last Friday to celebrate Dr. Seuss week and to teach them to try "new" foods.

Booster club having golf tournament

By Misty A. Ward
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Branford High School Booster Club is having a golf tournament on April 28. It's three-person scramble with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., at Suwannee Country Club. There will be team prizes and door prizes. For more information on entry, sponsorship or Booster Club, please contact Rob Cassube at 623-3833 or Linda Lynch at 984-6311.

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Making the best, better 2012 Suwannee County 4-H Events

Brian Estevez
4-H/Youth Development

Editor's note: Some of the photos that accompany this article were published with the wrong caption in the Friday, March 16 edition. To make things right, we are reprinting the entire article and photos.

The UF/IFAS Suwannee County Extension Office hosted 4-H County Events on March 10, 2012. 4-H County Events consist of competitions in public speaking, demonstrations and illustrated talks, fashion, photography, poster, and Share-the-Fun (talent) activities. The event featured 48 youth participating from the 10 4-H clubs throughout the county submitting 110 different entries. We had a very competitive event this year with lots of participation from throughout Suwannee County.

Congratulations to all of the 4-H participants who will go on to the district competition. This year all blue ribbon demonstrations and fashion participants, along with the top two share-the-fun and speech participants from each age category (junior,

intermediate, and senior) will go on to District Events at the University of Florida. For those that presented posters, all blue ribbon winners will go on to the State contest at 4-H Congress in July. For the photo and poster competitions, the top three participants from each age category in each division will go on to 4-H Congress!

The photo contest provided a showcase for 4-H member's photographic accomplishments. The winning photographs were displayed with the intent of increasing public awareness and understanding of the 4-H program. The poster art contest gave 4-H members an opportunity to use posters to promote public understanding and support of 4-H. The theme for the poster art contest was science, engineering and technology; citizenship; and healthy living.

Below are the winners from County Events that will be representing Suwannee County at the district competition. Share-the-Fun: Christian Rodriguez, Tiffanie White, Scarlett Mobley, Kenneth Mobley, Kevin Paulk, Carley Herring and Erik Swart. Fashion Revue: Makenzie Greaves,

Kara Croft and Taylor Henderson. Public Speaking: Payton Devine, Destiny Fennell, Terrah Henderson, Tiffanie White and Taylor Henderson. Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks: Natalie Lord, Meredith Lord, Christian Rodriguez, Fallon Kerr, Dalton LeRoux, Sara Sykes, Andrew Horvath, Shawna Scott, Caroline Horvath and Erik Swart. Photography: Taylor Galloway, Destiny Fennell, Christian LeRoux (2), Sarah Beth Lee (3), Makenzie Greaves (2), Dallas Taylor, Dalton LeRoux (2), Cheyenne Markham (3), Preston Hicks (2), Terrah Henderson, Tania Henderson, Garrett Greaves (2), Nathan Brown, Kelsey Jandle (3), Sara Sykes (2), Brandi Taylor (2) and Braxton Hicks (2). Poster: Destiny Fennell and Patton Harmon.

County Events are not just for 4-Hers, we had many adult volunteers as well. We utilized volunteers as judges, room monitors, scorekeepers, kid movers, and more! A big thank you goes out to Betty Carver, Eileen Box, Pat McLaughlin, Danny Hales, Shaina Bennett, Jennifer Campbell, Louise Clements, Dori Cowin, April Crawford, Tina Tucker, Margy DeGeorge,

and Trish Haight for all of their hard work. Suwannee County 4-H would also like to thank Skip Weigel and Edwin McCook, from the Branford Camera Club, for judging the photography contest and helping our 4-H youth with their photography skills. If this sounds fun and you want to help make the best, better, then please consider volunteering with Suwannee County 4-H. Call the 4-H office at 386-362-2771 to get started today. Congratulations again to all of the 4-H youth for their efforts at Suwannee County 4-H Events!

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 32060 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).



Suwannee County 4-H Council Members Destiny Fennell, Sara Sykes, Caroline Horvath, Andrew Horvath, Erik Swart and Christian Rodriguez after County Events.



Farm Fresh 4-H Club member Taylor Henderson gives her blue ribbon public speech on Urban Agriculture. Courtesy photos



McAlpin 4-H Club members Scarlett Mobley, Kenneth Mobley, Kevin Paulk and Carley Herring receive blue ribbons and medallions for their 1st place finish in the Share-the-Fun competition.



Farm Fresh 4-H Club member Taylor Galloway displays her blue ribbon duct tape rose demonstration.



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Westcott announces candidacy for superintendent of schools

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My 37 years in education have prepared me for this

position.

- 10 years agriculture teacher.
- 27 years school administration including eight years at the Florida Department of Education.
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- M.S. degree Murray State University, geography.
- M.A. degree University of North Florida administration and supervision.
- Recognized three times by the Florida Department of Education for sustained superior accomplishments in areas of curriculum,

budget and finance.

A quality school system plays a vital role in attracting business and industry to our community. I have served on the North Florida Regional Workforce Board representing our school system and promoting workforce development. Our schools must provide opportunities for our students to get technical and career education. We must

provide more career classes at the middle school level. The Technical Center needs to continue to play a vital role in the education of adult and secondary students. Branford needs expanded career education facilities to better serve their growing student population.

I know what it takes to improve student performance at the elementary level. I am the owner of an after school tutoring program for grades K-8 called Achieve of Suwannee, Inc. This company is one of the highest performing tutoring companies serving our students.

I know what it takes to improve academics and meet high school graduation requirements. Under my leadership, we established the GED/FCAT Exit Option program to serve Branford and Suwannee high potential dropouts. This program enabled 50 students to graduate at Branford and Suwannee high schools every year. This program had over a 90 percent graduation rate consistently over 11 years.

Employees must be high performing and qualified for their positions. We have young administrators who need to have a district level support system that can mentor and support their efforts at the school level. Our teachers have many resources and little time to learn how to fully utilize

the materials. Time is a critical issue for all employees in the system and we need to focus our efforts to make the best use of our resources.

In the near future the school system needs to address critical issues that will impact all of us. 1) The configuration of the elementary schools in Live Oak. This discussion will include parent, teacher and community input. Critical issues surrounding this discussion will include zoning, equity and equality of services. 2) Branford will need a new school. The discussion will include location and property acquisition, grade levels, zoning and a projection of the student populations K-12 for a five to 10 year facility plan. The community is growing and this growth has already impacted the elementary. Branford High will soon be impacted by the larger classes coming in from the elementary.

I am not a career politician. In fact, I am not a politician. I am an educator with a vision for this county. I am focused on what it will take to make a good school system a great school system. I would appreciate your support. If you have issues or questions, you are welcome to call me at 386-362-6134 or email me at achieve_suwannee@yahoo.com.

Crush a bug to stomp out drugs

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even in our own community. Every 19 minutes, one American dies from an unintentional drug overdose and more Americans now die from drug overdose than in car accidents.

Suwannee County has felt the impact of increased deaths from prescription drug abuse over the past two years, according to the Coalition. Among Suwannee students in grades six through 12, prescription pain medication use is nearly double the rate of their counterparts statewide.

"Prescription drug abuse has devastated so many lives here in Suwannee County," Coalition Executive Director Mary Taylor said. "People of all races, ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds have been hit by this epidemic. We can't stand by and continue to watch and do nothing."

Cheek and Scott President Jeff Scott became involved after seeing what appeared to be a growing problem over the last two

to three years. According to Scott, once his pharmacy began to identify the magnitude of prescription drug abuse, he gathered information and began working diligently to raise public awareness.

"We began seeing people from other cities showing up to get prescriptions filled," Scott recalled. "It is more of an epidemic than illegal drugs in the community."

Scott's involvement has included speaking engagements with local service organizations, raising the awareness of how serious the prescription drug problem is.

"Just because it is in a prescription bottle doesn't mean that it is safe," Scott stressed. "Most kids wouldn't say they would like to use heroin, but they are taking something just as dangerous."

Scott has coupled his passion for combatting prescription drug abuse with that of the Coalition in a unique venture.

"We applaud the efforts of Cheek and Scott for taking the initiative to address

this problem and we are confident that, with their help, we will be able to make an impact," Taylor stated.

According to Scott, an epidemic can be called a bug so he decided to get the community involved in crushing one of the Drug Bugs owned by Cheek and Scott.

During the week of the fair, citizens can pay to use their choice of a hammer, baseball bat or sledge hammer in crushing the Drug Bug. The Drug Bug is actually a Volkswagen Beetle, but it is symbolic of the prescription drug abuse epidemic. More information can be viewed online through a video by Do Good Media at suwanneedemocrat.com. Search for "Drug Bug".

According to Scott, all money raised will go toward prizes for a contest (possibly a YouTube production) and putting together an education module to raise awareness of the prescription drug epidemic.

"Our goal is to educate potential users at a young

age," Scott emphasized.

An online learning management system to make the curriculum available free of charge to all Suwannee County public and private schools, as well as to home schooled students, will be used, Taylor explained. The Coalition is also going to great lengths to ensure the curriculum will be correlated with Sunshine State Standards.

In addition to implementing Crush Rx Abuse Curriculum, Cheek and Scott will partner with the Coalition, Suwannee County Sheriff's Office and Live Oak Police Department to hold a Drug Take Back Day on April 28. The event will give Suwannee County residents the opportunity to turn in unused and unwanted medications in an effort to keep them out of the wrong hands.

For more information about Crush Rx Abuse Curriculum or to support this effort through a donation, please contact Mary Taylor at 386-362-2272 or email suwanneecoalition@mac.com.

Ready! Set! Mow!

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hosting its 14th Annual Lawn Mower Race at John's Lawn Equipment, on US 129 North, in Live Oak, on Saturday, March 24, in conjunction with John's Lawn Equipment open house.

Local racing celebrity Fain Skinner will also be at the event with his car from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for a meet and greet with fans.

Last year there were about 100 riders, including individuals and teams. The event can get pretty heated in the competition, development assistant Janet Sampson said.

"The seasoned riders that have been doing this for years have all the tricks. It gets pretty competitive," Sampson said.

All of the mowers are provided by John's Lawn

Equipment for the race to have a level playing field, but Sampson said that there are tricks to be had from getting on and off the mowers to help out teammates, stealing keys and hitching lawn mowers that are ahead in the race.

"The new racers just watch and wonder what is going on," Sampson said. "It is just a lot of fun."

Racers take to the figure eight track with pit stops at each of the six to eight sponsored booths. Sampson said that in previous races riders have had various stops such as rolling \$10 in quarters for First Federal Bank of Florida.

Rider and team registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the clippings will fly at 10 a.m.

Sampson said the annual race is "to support the services and programs provided, it is imperative

that we raise additional monies above what the government funds. We have seen a 25 percent funding cut since 2005 and every year more funding is cut. It is through the support of organizations and fundraisers that we have been able to meet the needs of so many individuals."

The Arc North Florida is a 501 (C)(3) charity that was founded in 1981. It provides support services to adults with a variety of intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc provides an Adult Day Training, advocacy, independent employment services, residential services and personal care assistance to its clients in Suwannee, Hamilton, Lafayette, Columbia and Baker counties. The majority of the 100 clients served by Arc of North

Florida are in Suwannee County, with two Adult Day Training programs, Sampson said. There is also one ADT program in Jasper. Of the 100 clients served, 50 of them are adults.

According to the Arc North Florida, the support from this race will help individuals receive "the necessary training to function as independently as possible and each client is provided opportunities to participate fully in the community."

The Arc has been an approved provider and sponsored partner of United Way of Suwannee Valley since 2005.

For more information on the race, or to support the race by being an individual racer, racing team or pit stop crew, please visit ArcNFI.com, or call the office at 386-362-7143.

Correctional officer killed at Columbia CI

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Ruben Thomas," Florida Department of Corrections Secretary Ken Tucker stated. "Sgt. Thomas is described as a solid and highly respected member of the agency and will be remembered in the highest regard. Our condolences go out to his family."

Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi also released a statement, offering her deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Sgt. Thomas and her prayers for Officer Brewer's quick recovery.

"Law enforcement officers take serious risks for the safety of others and I am grateful to our law en-

forcement community for their selfless dedication to protecting Floridians," Bondi added.

Records from the DOC show that Franklin was convicted in 1995 and sentenced to life in prison for a 1994 murder that he committed. He was received by the Department of Corrections in 1995.

"Sgt. Thomas's death and the wounding of Officer Brewer is another reminder about the danger department personnel face every day on the job and reminds us of the seriousness of our profession," Tucker added.

According to the press release, the FDLE will assume the investigation per normal protocol.

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Community Currents

The importance of setting goals as we age



By Rob Crankshaw, PhD

Many people get concerned for their aging parents because, "They are just sitting around. There is so much more they could do." Most senior adults could do more to be active and involved. Sometimes they lose sight of things they used to enjoy or they fall into routines like watching TV and napping. Discouragement over physical limitations can dim their aspirations and expectations of themselves.

When we see this pattern in seniors, it is important not to shame them. The more positive you are about their future, the more likely they are to share your enthusiasm. You may be able to re-stimulate some interests and help them set obtainable goals. Are there ways to make some of their old hobbies easier to accomplish? For instance, magnifying floor lamps can compensate for deteriorating eyesight, making sewing, crafts, and even woodworking more enjoyable. Wireless headphones can make listening to music or books on tape

more enjoyable. Altering the environment and exploring physical aids can make a difference in one's activity levels.

Many older adults may also benefit from help setting goals to stay healthy and active. New Year's resolutions may involve setting short, medium and long-term goals. Short-term goals focus on today and the coming week. Keeping physically active should be near the top of our daily goals. Encouraging seniors to get out of their homes or apartments at least daily ensures getting some exercise. Some doctors recommend balance exercises and even practicing getting down on the floor and getting back up. Since falling is such common and often injurious event, maintaining balance and flexibility can keep us healthier longer. Stretching exercises which can be done in bed can help day start the day with less joint pain.

Other daily or weekly goals may include reading something new, having a time of meditation or prayer of thankfulness, and having contact with someone in their support group – a close friend or relative. Having a spiritual life and its practices have been shown to be a source of strength as we contemplate our life review and consider our mortality. Suggesting or providing reading material in those areas can be helpful. These daily routines can keep the elderly from falling into ruts like

staying in pajamas all day or sitting in front of the TV for extended periods, both of which can lead to depression at a period in their lives when endorphin production and energy may be dwindling.

Medium-term goals are the projects they would like to undertake, such as cleaning out the closet, finishing the toy for that grandson or the afghan they started last year. You might encourage an elderly parent to make a list of those projects so that they can cross them off the list when finished. The sense of accomplishment inevitably boosts morale.

Staying in touch with distant loved ones through letters is very important as we curtail our traveling. A granddaughter may treasure forever a card from grandparents in which they describe the pleasure at being with her and how much she means to them. Handwritten notes carry much more meaning than telephone calls or emails. Make a list with your parents of those with whom they might communicate weekly or monthly by letter or card and provide the cards and postage for them.

Those things they have always wanted to do, their "bucket list," go on the long-term goal list. Some of these may require careful planning and budgeting, but having something to look forward to can be energizing. Of course, there are many possibilities that do not cost money: setting a date to volunteer, committing to a pen pal or mis-

sionary for prayer support, or becoming a club organizer or hospitality host. These are goals for which anyone can make a long-term commitment.

Other one-time goals, such as visiting relatives in another country, taking a long cruise, or hiking in the Grand Canyon, can provide incentive to save or get in shape to thoroughly enjoy the event. Often we gain enthusiasm and vitality just from the planning process. Even if goals have to be adjusted along the way, having something to look forward to increases optimism, enjoyment for life, and anticipation.

Finally, avoid discouragement by giving others permission to alter or let go of goals that no longer interest them, and encourage goals that you know your loved one can accomplish. We can always take a different path – the critical element is choosing a path, having goals and moving forward.

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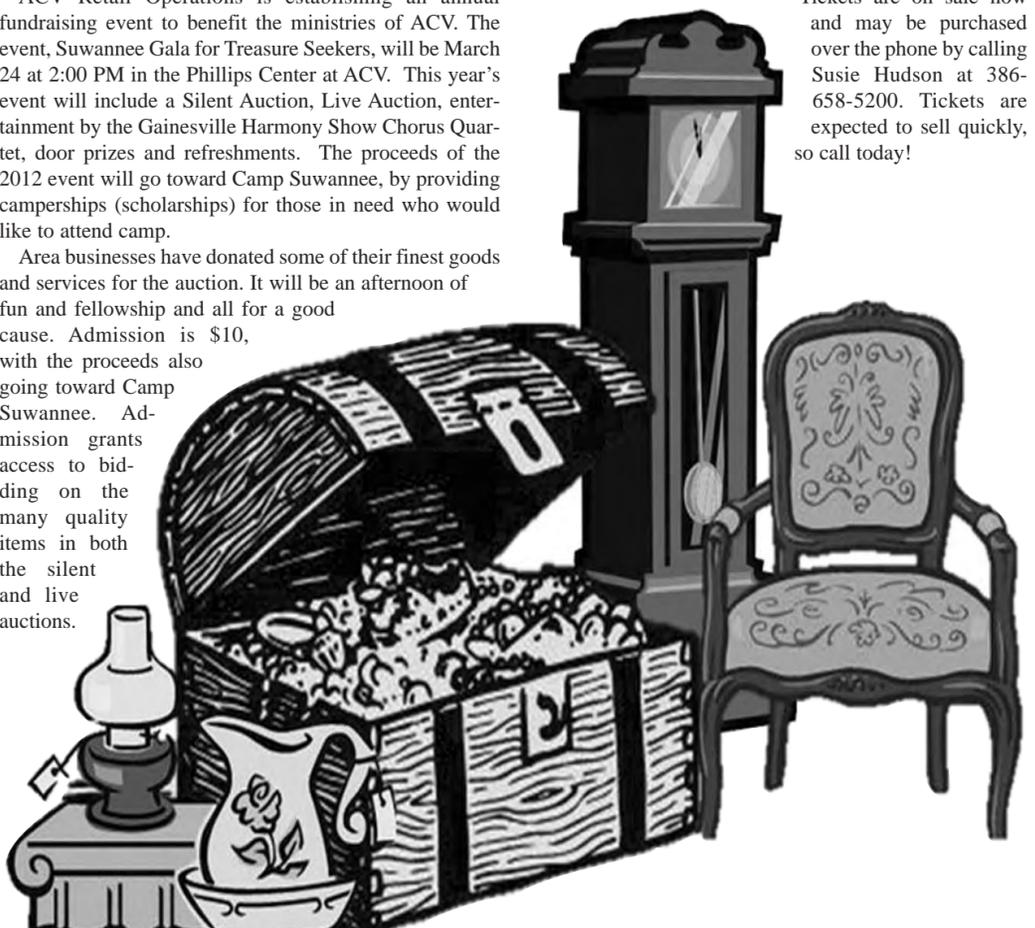
Dr. Rob Crankshaw is the VP for Youth & Family Services at Advent Christian Village. He holds a PhD from Florida State University and is a licensed marriage and family therapist. In his role at ACV, he offers counseling for members of the community and has developed programs for youth including weekend retreats for foster children and Leadership Development Training for high school students.

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ACV Retail Operations is establishing an annual fundraising event to benefit the ministries of ACV. The event, Suwannee Gala for Treasure Seekers, will be March 24 at 2:00 PM in the Phillips Center at ACV. This year's event will include a Silent Auction, Live Auction, entertainment by the Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus Quartet, door prizes and refreshments. The proceeds of the 2012 event will go toward Camp Suwannee, by providing camperships (scholarships) for those in need who would like to attend camp.

Area businesses have donated some of their finest goods and services for the auction. It will be an afternoon of fun and fellowship and all for a good cause. Admission is \$10, with the proceeds also going toward Camp Suwannee. Admission grants access to bidding on the many quality items in both the silent and live auctions.

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Community Currents

On the road again—

Road scholars visit ACV



Cyclists

Road scholars recently held one of their events at Advent Christian Village. Twenty-two people from all over the US enjoyed this 4-day adventure package by Dragonfly Expeditions focusing on cycling and preservation of the Florida's natural beauty. The group enjoyed the accommodations of the Conference & Retreat Center at ACV and cycled approximately 30-40 miles each day. Highlights of the adven-

ture were biking trips to Stephen Foster State Park and area natural springs. Butch Harrison, storyteller from Stephen Foster State Park came to ACV and presented his tales around the campfire. Naturalist Ann Wiley led a nature walk on the 3-mile trail at ACV. Friendships developed over meals and in porch rockers overlooking the historic Suwannee River. The adventure was so well received that Road

Scholars plan another adventure at ACV in 2013.

Road Scholars (formerly called Elderhostel) is a not for profit organization with a mission to inspire adults to learn, discover and travel. Their motto is "Learning is the journey of a lifetime." Since 1975, more than 5 million people have enrolled in its 6,500 educational adventures offered annually in 50 states and 150 countries.

Earn (and keep) more money

By Mary Kate Vang

Social Security District Manager, Lake City, FL

You probably already know that there was an increase in Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) monthly payments at the beginning of the year. If you receive monthly Social Security or SSI payments, you received a 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment beginning with your payment for the month of January 2012.

For people who receive Social Security retirement benefits, there's more good news. In addition to receiving a little more each month, you may now earn more income without offsetting your benefits because the "earnings test" numbers also have gone up.

If you have reached your full retirement age (age 66 for anyone born between 1943 and 1954), the earnings test does not apply and you may earn as much money as you can without any effect on your benefits. However, if you are younger than full retirement age, collecting benefits and still working, we do offset some of your benefit amount after you reach a certain earnings limit. For people under full retirement age in 2012, the annual exempt amount is \$14,640, and if you do reach that limit, we withhold \$1 for every \$2 above that limit from your monthly benefit amount. For people who retired early, continue working and will obtain full retirement age in 2012, the annual exempt amount is \$38,880 and we will withhold \$1 for every \$3 you earn over the limit from your monthly benefits.

You can learn more about the earnings test and how benefits may be reduced by visiting our website, www.socialsecurity.gov, and searching on the topic "earnings test."

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Renowned cardiologist Dr. Kochicherial Moni and Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center host open house, ribbon cutting ceremony and free cardiac community lecture

Cardiologist, Dr. Kochicherial Moni, who opened his practice, Shands Live Oak Cardiology, last October, bring cardiac expertise to the Suwannee Valley. In celebration, the community is invited to welcome Dr. Moni for an Open House on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 4 p.m. followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony at 5:15pm at Shands Live Oak Cardiology located at 1116 SW 11th St. in Live Oak.

Dr. Moni has worked in private practice for the past 32 years in Virginia Beach, Va. "The opportunity to start a desperately needed cardiology program in Suwannee Valley through Shands Live Oak was really appealing," said Dr. Moni. He has dedicated himself fulltime to caring for cardiology patients in the hospital, as well as his private office, Shands Live Oak Cardiology.

Dr. Moni specializes in a variety of non-invasive procedures and temporary pacemaker placements. He is board certified in Cardiac CT Angiography. The community is invited to attend a free lecture on Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the

Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center Cafeteria. Dr. Moni will be discussing "Chest Pain – Causes, Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment."

"Having a physician of Dr. Moni's caliber join our community on a full time basis is a huge win for both the patients and staff at Shands Live Oak. I'm confident that his clinical expertise and compassion will make him a sought-after cardiologist," said Ricardo Diaz, CEO of Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center.

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Suwannee Academic Boosters Inc., (SAB) a non-profit group formed to recognize outstanding scholastic performance at Suwannee High School (SHS), honored 11 students Friday, March 16 for their stellar state and national test score performances. The 11 were presented special lapel pins at a Live Oak luncheon jointly underwritten by SAB, First Federal Bank of Florida and the Suwannee Foundation for Excellence in Education (SFEE).

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SPORTS



Softball SHS beats Wakulla Below - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

Runners pound pavement for Pot O' Gold 5k



Zach Pennington, 16, Live Oak, was the top male overall winner. Pennington had a time of 20:08.

By Misty A. Ward

More than 130 people showed their St. Patty's Day spirit and fitness prowess in

the Pot O' Gold 5k run last Saturday morning in Live Oak.

With 131 racers crossing the finish



Mindy Berry, 31, Live Oak, was the top female overall winner. Berry finished the race with a time of 25:40. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

line, Kathy Wood, Suwannee County School District Wellness Initiative coordinator, said she was happy with the race.

"I was very excited. We tripled the number of participants from our Turkey Trot. It was a very good course. Everybody was happy with the course," Wood said.

The 5k was coordinated by the SCSD's Wellness Initiative.

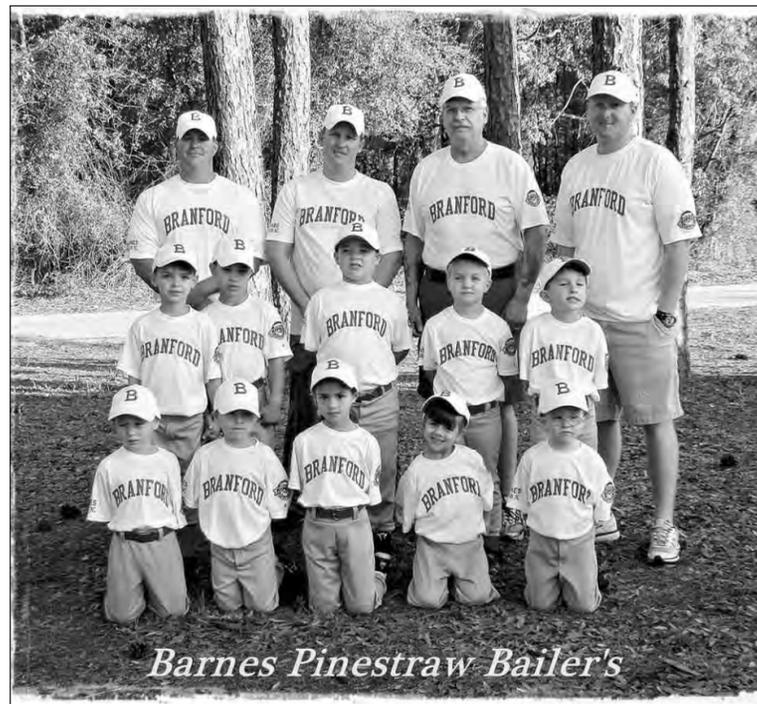
The top overall male finisher was Zach Pennington, 16, of Live Oak, with a time of 20:08. The top overall female finisher was Mindy Berry, 31, of Live Oak, with a time of 25:40. Celebrating fitness while being pregnant, Stephanie Phillips, representing Suwannee Elementary School, won the best costume with an infant

onesy pinned to her shirt that read "Me First St. Patrick's Day".

Wood says they hope to start having a race every other month. The WI will be a sponsor for the the Suwannee County Fair 5k Run-A-Fair & Walk/Talk on April 7. The event, in conjunction with the Suwannee County Fair, is a competitive event for runners and walkers, but the Walk/Talk can be enjoyable to those who want to walk with a group and have fun. Please visit the SuwanneeCountyFair.org for more information on that race.

For information regarding future runs for the SCSD Wellness Initiative, visit Suwannee.Schooldesk.net and click on the Wellness tab.

Babe Ruth season begins in Branford



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Branford held opening day for Babe Ruth Saturday, March 17. You can find a game most weekends in Branford for the season. Come out, watch and support these young athletes. Courtesy photos

SHS softball beats Wakulla



Staff

The Suwannee High School Lady Bulldog softball team beat Wakulla in a rematch Thursday night, March 15 by a score of 8-4.

With the triumph, Suwannee improves its record to 10-2. The Wakulla War Eagles' record went to 6-6 after the loss. The Bulldogs played the Taylor County Bulldogs in a non-league match Monday night.

In the the game against Wakulla, Suwannee's Nicole Roper, Jesse Tenbroeck and Fallon Ratliff led the team in scoring with two a piece. Tinsley Smith added one and so did Sarah Futch.

Suwannee improves its record in varsity softball to 10-2 following the win against Wakulla Thursday night. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (Suwannee Sports.com)

SHS varsity baseball beats Yulee, improves record



Suwannee senior Makari Hines (3) connects with the ball. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

JV invitational continues

Staff

The Suwannee High School baseball team beat Yulee High School Friday, March 16 by a score of 6-5. The boys improve their record to 8-4 and 1-1 in district play.

The Suwannee JV Invitational Baseball Tournament began this week with games at 4 and 7 p.m.

Columbia County and Baker County took on each other Monday night, March 19. Suwannee took on Taylor County

Tuesday night in game 4 at 7 p.m. Fort White plays the loser of Monday's game on Thursday and Lafayette plays the loser of Tuesday's game.

On Friday, March 23, the Thursday winner against Fort White will take on the winner of the Columbia and Baker game at 4 p.m. and the winner of the Thursday night game against Lafayette will play the Tuesday night Suwannee vs. Taylor winner at 7 p.m.

The championship games will be held Saturday in Live Oak.

Runners pound pavement for Pot O' Gold 5k



Cameron Simpson earned his third place finish cruising into the finish line missing one shoe. There were 131 people that crossed the finish line last Saturday morning at the Suwannee County School District Wellness Initiative's Pot O' Gold 5k run. - Photos: Misty A. Ward



Jim Simpson, representing Suwannee Middle School, greets his daughter Caroline at the finish line. Jim Simpson finished first out of the SMS racers. Caroline Simpson finished first in her age group.



Suwannee County Supt. of Schools Jerry Scarborough. - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

Legals

Suwannee Legals

INVITATION TO BID

Suwannee County School Board will receive sealed bids in the office of the Chief Financial Officer, 702 2nd Street NW, Live Oak, FL 32064, until 3:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 17, 2012, on the following:

BID #12-209 - MILK (August 1, 2012-July 31st 2013)

Specifications may be obtained from the office of Vickie Music, Chief Financial Officer or at the following web address: <http://teacherweb.com/FL/SuwanneeCountyDistrict/SchoolHomePage/ap35.aspx>

Awarding of the bid will be at the regular board meeting in May 2012. The District School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF SUWANNEE COUNTY

By: Vickie C. Music, Chief Financial Officer
03/21, 23

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

CASE NO.: 11-398-DR

AMANDA NICHOLE SIMPSON

Petitioner,

and

FAISAL AHMED HAMMADI

Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: Faisal Ahmed Hammadi
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Amanda Nichole Simpson whose address is 1099 SW Kentucky Street, Ft. White, FL 32038 on or before March 30, 2012, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: March 2, 2012

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Sallie Pert
Deputy Clerk

03/07, 14, 21, 28

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. 12-23-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF

BERNICE VINELLE EVANS
A/K/A BERNICE W. EVANS

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of BERNICE VINELLE EVANS, deceased, whose death was January 26, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064. The names and addresses of the personal

Suwannee Legals

representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is March 21, 2012.

Attorney for Representative:

/s/ Thomas M. Donahoo, Jr.
Thomas M. Donahoo, Jr.
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Emily K. Dillow
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Attorney for ELAINE E. CRAPPS
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Personal Representative:

/s/ Elaine E. Crapps
ELAINE E. CRAPPS
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Live Oak, Florida 32064
03/21, 28

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

CASE NO.: 11-304-CA

PEOPLES STATE BANK

Plaintiff,

vs.

PATRICK C. ALLBRITTON, SR.,
a/k/a PATRICK ALLBRITTON;
GEORGETTE ALLBRITTON; G & P
LAND COMPANY, INC., a dissolved
Florida corporation; THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA; FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA; and
CAPITAL CITY BANK,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the following described real property:

Lot 33, MAY ESTATES, according to the plat thereof on file in Plat Book 1, page 266, in the office of the Clerk of Court, in and for Suwannee County, Florida. Together with a 1999 ANNI triple wide mobile home, identification numbers 10L26495T, 10L26495X AND 10L26495U, located thereon and assessed as real property.

shall be sold by the Clerk of this Court, at public sale, pursuant to the Final Judgment in the above styled action dated March 15, 2012, at the SUWANNEE County Courthouse in Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, to the best and highest bidder for cash. Any person claiming an interest in any surplus from the sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the notice of its pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid this 15th day of March, 2012.

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By: /s/ Marilyn Pait
As Deputy Clerk

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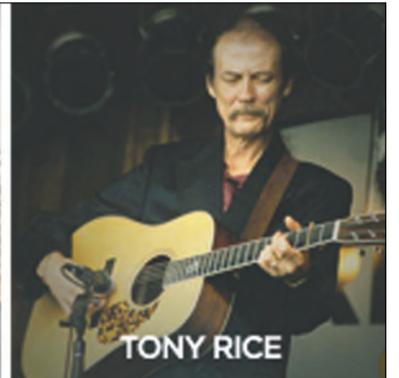
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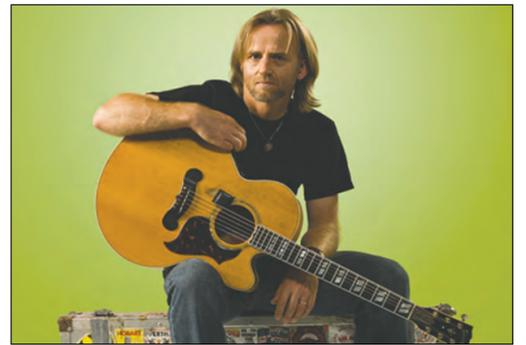
suwanneespringfest.com. Suwannee Springfest has always helped to develop and promote Americana music. A 2007 documentary film about the festival and its unique sphere of influence called "Music Farmers: Sowing the Seeds of Americana" aired on more than 175 PBS network outlets worldwide and was also shown at the Jacksonville Film Festival that same year. Suwannee

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

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Texas Country Sensation

Morgan Frazier to perform at the Suwannee River Jam May 2-5



You can find this up and coming artist on the 1st Street Music and Sound Stage/Budweiser Party Zone in the amphitheater along with many other great country artists during the biggest country Jam in the Southeast!

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SUWANNEE MUSIC PARK, LIVE OAK, FLA - Straight from the famous Tootsie's Orchid Lounge in Nashville, the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is proud to announce that up and coming singer, song writer and musician sensation Morgan Frazier will be among the notable artists performing at the Suwannee River Jam May 2-5. Morgan, 18, and already touring this year, will perform on the 1st Street Music and Sound Stage/Budweiser Party Zone in the amphitheatre.

She has the rare ability to bring an audience into her world with just her words and a few chords on her guitar. And her songs just keep getting better and better. For the last three years she has been co-writing with many of Nashville's best, including Dean Dillon, Randy Boudreaux, Keith Anderson, Doug Johnson, and John Scott Sherrill.

"I love songwriting. I wrote my first song when I was 7, and I've kind of been addicted to it ever since," she says.

Morgan, now 18, spends most of her weekends singing at Tootsie's Orchid Lounge, the legendary honky-tonk in Nashville where legends like Willie Nelson, Patsy Cline, Kris Kristofferson and Loretta Lynn all performed.

"I love Tootsie's," she said in late January. "It's fun, and I get to do what I love." And the patrons ab-

solutely agree. She can bring a room of tired tourists to their feet with just a few quick strums on her guitar!

While she began her career in Texas, Morgan is now considered one of Music Row's rising stars. Although she will release a Nashville album soon, she was just 9 when she made her first CD in Texas.

Overbuying the CD, the family was glad to help when Morgan gave them an ultimatum the CDs must be dispersed! Everyone pitched in with Morgan leading the charge. Traveling the Southwest and the South for the next two years along with her family to promote her music, the original CDs were soon gone and more had to be ordered! Some 30,000 CDs soon had been sold by Morgan, 11 by that time!

She claims to have visited just about every small town between Texas and Georgia, selling and singing in each place along the way. "It was super hard, especially for being 9 years old, having to grow up and just bite the bullet and be like, 'this is what I have to do' (to provide for my family)," she says. "It was a lot of pressure."

Morgan has no regrets and says she wouldn't trade that unique experience for anything. "It made me who I am...it gave me a lot of opportunities," Morgan says. "I learned to talk to people and develop common ground with adults, which helped me later in life."

On her 13th birthday, Morgan performed at a songwriters' showcase at the Hotel Preston near the Nashville Airport. Her future manager, John Northrup of Northrup Entertainment, was in the audience. Northrup never forgot the talented teenager. When she turned 15, he called her and asked, "Do you still want to sing?" "Absolutely!" Morgan answered.

Soon after Northrup helped begin Morgan's transition to Nashville. Within a year's time, Morgan had not only earned herself a recording contract with Curb Records, she also negotiated a songwriting deal with Curb Publishing.

Now, she's coming to the Suwannee River Jam to perform. Don't miss this talented young singer who is headed towards a huge entertainment career in country music...buy your Jam tickets today!

For more information about the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park and the Suwannee River Jam, to buy tickets or book overnight or weekend accommodations for the Jam, you may call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com. You may also go to suwanneeriverjam.com to learn more about the Jam or to purchase tickets.

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

Phil Sweetland, music and radio contributor, contributed to this article.



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The Fable Factory Theatre Company returns to Gainesville with a musical Wizard of Oz

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The City of Gainesville Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs annual Theatre for Young Audiences program will present a musical adaptation of The Wizard of Oz. Playing every Thursday, Friday and Saturday during the month of April, The Fable Factory will present The Wizard of Oz, an original stage adaptation of L. Frank Baum's classic tale that first premiered in Gainesville in 1993.

The Fable Factory began producing family theatre in Gainesville nearly 30 years ago, and had a long and successful run both locally and throughout Florida that lasted until 2001. The company first opened in the old Gainesville Mall in the fall of 1982 with a production of the popular children's musical, The Fabulous Fable Factory and subsequently performed in the Gainesville High School auditorium and other local venues. The Fable Factory began touring the state in 1984, performing in such venues as the Golden Hills Theatre in Ocala, the Tampa Theatre in Tampa and the Shores Theatre in Miami. In 1985, they performed A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Florida Theatre. For the next few years, The Fable Factory performed in the Edith D. Cofrin Theatre at Oak Hall and later, from 1989 through 1991, they operat-



Wizard of Oz coming to Gainesville.

ed at the Florida Theatre as a home base and rental venue. After that, the company was a favorite performer at those venues, as well as the Historic Thomas Center, the Oaks Mall and all of the libraries in Alachua County.

According to Joe Argenio, the creator and director of The Fable Factory,

the shows are "purposefully designed to be for families. Moms, dads and teens will enjoy the show as well as younger children." The musical score for The Wizard of Oz production "is a mix of contemporary styles, from beautiful pop ballads to 'stand up and shout' gospel and rollicking reggae."

The play is staged at the Historic Thomas Center Knight Garden Theatre, a delightful and intimate courtyard amphitheater donated to the city by Grace and Sidney Knight. The Wizard of Oz opens on Thursday, April 5. The show is free and runs every Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. and every Sat-

urday at 11 a.m. through Saturday, April 28, for a total of 12 performances. The theatre opens 30 minutes before show time and audiences are advised to come early, as seating is general admission on a first come, first served basis. The Wizard of Oz is sponsored by

http://www.fun4gatorkids.com and is supported by donations and fundraisers. For more information on The Wizard of Oz, to make a donation, arrange a sponsorship or to schedule an interview, please contact David Ballard at 352-393-8746 or visit our website at www.gviculturalaffairs.org.



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

Haven Hospice

Hosting a patient and family volunteer training on March 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The training will be held at 6037 W. US Highway 90. For more information, contact the office at 386-752-9191.

Navy Reunion

Who: Navy Ship U.S.S. Cascade AD-16

When: Oct. 2-7, 2012

Where: Buena Vista Hotel Suites

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Mayo

ACS Relay for Life

Seeking teams

Team meetings on the fourth Thursday each month at 6 p.m. at Cornerstone Baptist Church.

The event is scheduled for April 27-28 at Mayo Town Park.

If your team is not registered, please come to the next meeting to get registered.

If you are interested in forming a team or you are raising money and do not desire to have a site the night of relay, please still register so that we can have a record of your work and dedication. Also, we will know what fundraisers you are doing so we can share with the others and community.

Thank you for your support and dedication.

Come paddle with us

Suwannee River Paddle for Autism

Saturday, April 28, 2012

The first Suwannee River Paddle for Autism will start at 9 a.m. - noon at Highway 51 Bridge near Mayo for a 3 to 5 hour trip to Suwannee River Ren-

dezvous Resort and Campground. A \$10 donation includes entertainment and raffle for prizes - grand prize is a Perception Prodigy 10.0 Kayak. There will be live entertainment by recording artist, Mean Mary (meanmary.com) from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. For boat rental or lodging information call 386-294-1319 or online at canoe-suwannee.com or suwanneeriverrendezvous.com or 386-294-2510.

For more information or if you are interested in becoming a sponsor please call 386/294-3322.

Proceeds from donations to be provided to: www.cards.fl.edu www.facebook.com/UF-CARD for autism services in the Lafayette County area.

The ARC North

Florida 14th Annual

Lawn Mower Race

March 24, 2012

Rider and team registration at 9:30 a.m. Lawn Mower Race starts at 10 a.m. Event location is at John's Lawn Equipment in Live Oak. For details and online registration visit www.arcnfl.com or call 386-362-7143.

Haven Hospice

Hosting a compassionate friends group Monday, March 19, from 8-8:30 a.m. This meeting will be in the Suwannee Valley Hospice Care Center community room at 6037 US Highway 90 West. These meetings will occur on the third Monday of every month until Dec. 17. For more information, contact their office at 800-759-6357.

Amernet Quartet

The internationally renowned Amernet Quartet presents a program of favorite works for string quartet on Monday, March 19 at the beautiful and inti-

mate sanctuary of St. Lukes Episcopal Church in Live Oak. The concert will start at 7 p.m.

St. Lukes Episcopal

Church

Located at 1391 11th St. SW in Live Oak. For more information about the concert, please call Ellen at 386-362-1837. For more information about the group, please visit their website at www.amer-netquartet.com

Happy 20th

Anniversary

Pastor Willie J. Warren Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrating their Pastor's 20th year Anniversary on Friday, March 23, 2012 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 11 a.m. and closing out at 4 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to come out and worship with us on this great celebration in honoring our Pastor & First Lady. The theme for this occasion is: Leadership Worth Following: Hebrews 13:7.

Caregiver support

group

Suwannee River Economic Council Inc., will be hosting a caregiver support group meeting on Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 4 p.m. at the Suwannee Senior Center in Live Oak. The Senior Center is located on Nobles Ferry Road. All individuals who are involved in taking care of another adult are encouraged to attend.

Should you have questions or need additional information, do not hesitate to contact Sabrina Brock at 386-362-1164.

Alzheimer's Support

Group

First Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. at Surrey Place Care Center.

The Center is located at

110 Lee Ave. SE in Live Oak.

Call Lester Curry at 386-364-5961 for more information.

Live Oak Garden Club

Meets on the 3rd Friday of each month, September through May for a luncheon and a program for "all gardeners". Our next major event is the Spring Fling, April 14, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature barbecue chicken, a plant and caladium bulb sale and fun for the whole family. Tickets will be available through any Garden Club member. The Live Oak Garden Club is also an ideal location and facility for a wedding reception, baby shower, family reunion, suitable for any event up to 100 people. Visit our website at www.liveoakfloridagardenclub.com or phone Sara at 386-364-4189 for additional information.

Suwannee River Jeep

Club & 4X4

SRJC 4X4 is a new off-road club dedicated to Jeeps but open to other makes of 4X4's. We are looking for members that enjoy off-loading activity. We are a family oriented club that have monthly meetings and organize other activities such as trail rides, camping tis, mud events and fundraising events. Please contact Sarah or Cat at srjc4X4@gmail.com for more info. 386-688-3750 (Sarah).

Save the Cats Live Oak

Volunteers needed!

T.N.R. campaign to save Live Oaks ferrel cats has been started. Ferrel and stray cats will be trapped, neutered and returned to where they were trapped. All kittens & friendly cats will be adopted out.

Donations needed: Cat food, wet & dry, money for neutering, traps, carriers, cages, food & water containers etc. Anyone interested in helping in any way please contact Barney or Sherry at 386-364-1006. Donated items may be taken to the Big Wheel Market Place at 127 W Howard St.

The McAlpin Community Club 1st Annual

Yard Sale set for

Saturday, April 14.

The McAlpin Community Club asks everyone to mark their calendars and come join us on Saturday, April 14, 2012, for our first annual yard sale and fundraising event. The sale starts at 8:00 a.m. and will last until 2:00 p.m., rain or shine. Outside vendor spaces available for \$5.00 each.

The proceeds will help benefit the club's building fund, which is home to a variety of civic groups including two local 4-H Clubs, the McAlpin Community Club, Home and Community Education (HCE) Club and volunteer firefighters. If you would like to donate any items for this event or wish to reserve a space please call Debbie Phillips at 364-7028.

The Club is located at 9981 170th Terrace in McAlpin, on the west side of US Hwy 129 between Live Oak and Branford, directly across the street from the Post Office and the McAlpin S & S Food Store.

CrossHeir Outfitters

Men's and Boys Event

Crossheir Outfitters Team, bringing there Trophy Displays, etc. with Speaker Robert Bradow will be at North Hamilton Elementry School on March 17, 2012 at 4:00 pm with Great Door prizes many Hunt give aways, Free BBQ Supper! More

Information you may call Pastor Edgar Wood 386-590-6267 or Johnnie Philman at 386-842-5494 P.O. Box 521 Jasper, Florida 32052 Provided by Pentecostal Deliverance Center men's Ministry Jennings, Florida This is a Tri-County Event Drawing all Men and Boys to have a better walk with the Lord!!

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.

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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>.

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.

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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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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.

REVISION for Feb., March, April, May

The Senior Citizens will meet at the regular time (the first Monday) in Feb. & March. There will be NO meeting in April because of the fair. Also, the meeting for May will be changed to Mon., May 14th, because of elections. All meetings are at 10:30 a.m. in the W. Annex at the Suwannee County Coliseum. Don't forget the changes for April and May. All other meetings will be on the first Mon. of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Coliseum unless notified. Please call 386-330-6319 if any questions.

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:

3/24/12 14th Annual

Lawn Mower Race

5/11/12 The Arc North

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Addiction Support

Group:

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

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Registry of Persons with Special Needs

According to Chapter 252.355 Florida Statutes, "in order to meet the special needs of persons who would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering because of physical, mental or sensory disabilities, each local emergency management agency in the state shall maintain a registry of persons with special needs located within the jurisdiction of the local agency."

This registration helps the local Emergency Management Agency to identify those persons in need of assistance and to plan for resource allocation to meet those needs. This program gives persons with special needs the option of preauthorizing emergency response personnel to enter their homes during search and rescue operations if necessary to assure their safety and welfare following disasters.

If you or someone you know has a special condition affecting eyesight, hearing, speech, walking, breathing or has an emotional condition and would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering, please contact your local emergency management agency. The level of care given in special needs shelters goes above the basic first aid care available to shelters open to the general population.

All information given will be kept strictly confidential.

Local Emergency Management Office

Phone Number:

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Applications may be submitted to the Custodial Department located in the Courthouse Annex, 1153 US Hwy 41 NW (old Hamilton Co. High School), Suite 21, County Coordinator's Office in Suite 2 or the Office of Clerk of Circuit Court, County Courthouse, 207 Northeast First Street, Room 106, Jasper, Florida 32052. For consideration all applications must be received no later than 3:00pm on Thursday, March 22, 2012. Salary Range: \$16,351.20-\$21,366.00

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The Suwannee County Public Works Department is currently recruiting for a Temporary Machine Operator II position. Applications are available at the Suwannee County Administrative Services Department, 224 Pine Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064, (386) 362-6869. The deadline for submission of applications is Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex, including pregnancy, age, disability, or marital status. Spanish speaking individuals are encouraged to apply. All applicants subject to a pre-employment physical. Successful completion of a drug test is a condition of employment. EE/AA/V/D

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Playing with your food

FAMILY FEATURES

Summer time means plenty of play time — so why not play with your food? Finding creative ways to enjoy healthy foods like watermelon is a great way to encourage the whole family to eat well — and have fun while doing it.

Here are three ways you can get the whole family in on some fun and healthy eating:

■ **The wetter, the better** — Playing hard on a hot summer day can take a lot out of you. In addition to drinking plenty of water, look for foods that can help you keep hydrated. Watermelon is 92 percent water — so keep some slices or cubes in the refrigerator for a handy, hydrating snack. For a fun, kid-friendly twist, use cookie cutters to cut watermelon into fun shapes.

■ **Get colorful** — For a real nutritional boost, serve plenty of colorful, deeply pigmented produce. For example, red peppers, carrots, broccoli and grapes are packed with minerals, vitamins and antioxidants. In addition to vitamins A and C, watermelon has a higher level of the antioxidant lycopene than any other fresh fruit or vegetable. Let the kids use an ice cream scooper or melon-baller to scoop out watermelon, cantaloupe and honeydew to make a colorful and nutritious dessert.

■ **Think outside the recipe box** — Look for fun and unusual ways to serve healthy foods. These recipes from the National Watermelon Promotion Board, for example, are creative enough to appeal to kids and grownups, and easy enough for just about anyone to make.

Healthy eating doesn't have to be boring at all — it just takes a little creative thinking to get everyone in the family playing with their food.

You can find more deliciously fun ways to enjoy watermelon, and sign up for a free newsletter, at www.watermelon.org.

Pick a Good Watermelon

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3

1. Look the watermelon over.

You are looking for a firm, symmetrical watermelon that is free from bruises, cuts or dents.

2. Lift it up.

The watermelon should be heavy for its size. Watermelon is 92 percent water.

3. Turn it over.

The underside of the watermelon should have a creamy yellow spot from where it sat on the ground and ripened in the sun.



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Watermelon Strawberry Shake and Frozen Smoothie Pops

Makes 4

Strawberry Shake

- 1 container (8 ounces) lemon nonfat yogurt
- 2 cups cubed, seeded watermelon
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, cleaned and hulled
- 1 medium banana, peeled and sliced

In blender or food processor, process yogurt, watermelon, strawberries and banana until smooth and frothy. Serve immediately.

Frozen Smoothie Pops

- Strawberry Shake
- Small paper cups
- Popsicle sticks

Pour prepared Watermelon Strawberry Shake into small paper cups. Freeze, inserting popsicle sticks or plastic spoons when mixture is partially frozen. Or, pour Watermelon Strawberry Shake into ice cream machine. Set and enjoy.

Surf Wave

- Oval or round shaped watermelon
- Kitchen and paring knives
- Cutting board
- Green dry-erase marker (preferably washable)
- Large bowl and spoon
- Brown sugar or raw sugar
- Small dolls or beach themed toys

1. Wash watermelon under cool running water and pat dry.
2. On a cutting board, place watermelon on its side and cut off 1/4 to 1/2 inch from the stem end, being careful not to cut too deep into the white part of the rind. This will provide a sturdy base.
3. Using the dry-erase marker, draw a wave from the top of the watermelon halfway down, similar to a backwards C. Repeat on the other side to form a wave.
4. Use the knife to carefully cut away the parts of the watermelon that you will not be using. Use the spoon to hollow out the watermelon, reserving the inside watermelon to cut up and serve.
5. Place the carving on a serving platter covered with brown sugar. Decorate with toys and shells and fill your carving with fruit.

Watermelon Pizza Supreme

Serves 6

- 1 slice watermelon (8 to 10 inches around and 1 inch thick), drained to remove excess moisture
- 1 cup strawberry preserves
- 1/2 cup white chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup sweetened shredded coconut

Place watermelon slice on a serving platter and cut into 6 wedges, leaving them in the shape of a pizza. Spread preserves over watermelon and sprinkle toppings over the top.

Ice Cream Cone Sundaes

Serves 8

- 8 ice cream cones of choice
- 8 tablespoons pineapple cream cheese frosting (recipes available online)
- 1/2 cup dried Craisins
- 1/2 cup vanilla yogurt
- 8 scoops seedless watermelon (use an ice cream scooper)
- Additional toppings of your choice: sprinkles, pineapple chunks, chocolate chips or coconut flakes

Pipe a tablespoon of the frosting into the bottom of each cone. Divide Craisins over frosting. Top Craisins with yogurt. Place an ice cream scoop of watermelon on top of each cone. Top with additional toppings as desired and serve.



Helpful Carving Hints

- Read through the directions before you start.
- Have the watermelon at room temperature when you carve. That makes it easier to cut.
- Drain cut watermelon and other fruit before placing it in the carving.
- When removing excess flesh, try to leave it in big pieces. It's easier for making melon balls or cubes.
- Use a green dry erase marker, then wipe off excess marker after making cuts.



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A Florida State University researcher is on the verge of a technological breakthrough in drug creation process

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — New technology being developed at Florida State University could significantly decrease the cost of drug discovery, potentially leading to increased access to high-quality health care and cancer patients receiving personalized chemotherapy treatments.

The details, which are spelled out in a recent publication of the journal *Biomaterials*, outline the work of Steven Lenhart, a Florida State biology assistant professor and principal investigator on the research effort.

“Right now, cancer patients receive chemotherapy treatments that are based on the accumulated knowledge of what has worked best for people with similar cancers,” Lenhart said. “This is the case because hospitals don’t have the technology to test thousands of different chemotherapy mixtures on the tumor cells of an individual patient. This technology could give them access to that capability, making the treatments truly personalized and much more effective.”

The key to Lenhart’s invention is miniaturizing the first phase of a process used by pharmaceutical companies to discover new drugs. Right now, these companies use large, specialized laboratories to test hundreds of

thousands of compounds on different cell cultures in a process known as high throughput screening. The equipment and manpower cost is substantial, even though only a tiny fraction of the compounds will ever make it to the next phase of testing.

Lenhart’s technology miniaturizes that process by printing all of the compounds on a single glass surface and testing them on cells using an innovative technique involving liposome microarrays, which are basically collections of drug-containing oil drops on a surface. If fully employed in the pharmaceutical industry, this technology would make the cost of this expensive process a thousand times cheaper, creating the potential for personalized cancer treatments, lower-cost medicine and more affordable, higher-quality health care options.

“In looking at the first phase of the drug-discovery process, it struck me how, in this age of extreme miniaturization, we are still using rooms full of robots and equipment to test drug compounds,” Lenhart said. “It reminded me of the early days of computers where you needed huge, room-spanning pieces of hardware to do the most mundane tasks. I said, ‘There has to be a better way.’”

Lenhart’s nanotechnology has been demonstrated as a proof of concept on a small scale with cells commonly grown in university laboratories. His research group is now working on scaling their technology up to the high

levels needed to achieve medically relevant benefits. For personalized medicine applications, the “lab on a chip” technology could then be applied to cells obtained from patients through biopsies so doctors can determine which drugs will work on a particular patient. Depending on funding, Lenhart expects that the technology could be made commercially available after two years of development.

“We have taken an important first step in making liposome microarray technology viable for the pharmaceutical and medical industries,” said Aubrey Kusi-Appiah, a graduate student in Lenhart’s research group and first author on the published work. “We have established that it can be done.”

Lenhart’s membership in a unique faculty cluster of Florida State researchers from areas such as biology, chemistry and physics, known as the Integrative Nanoscience Institute (<http://insi.fsu.edu/>), played an important role in his discovery of the new technology. Through the cluster, Lenhart had ready access to the knowledge of experts in various scientific fields to help guide his research in new directions.

To read the research publication in the journal *Biomaterials*, visit <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.biomaterials.2012.02.023>. To learn more about Lenhart and his research group, visit <http://www.bio.fsu.edu/lenhart-group/>.

Young Frankenstein’ comes to Phillips Center March 28

‘Mel Brooks’ musical “Young Frankenstein” comes to Gainesville for a 7:30 p.m. March 28 performance at the Phillips Center.

From the creative team of the 12-time Tony Award-winning smash “The Producers,” “Young Frankenstein” opened on Broadway

in 2007; won the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Broadway Musical in 2008; began touring nationally in 2009; and has earned five Broadway.com Audience Awards.

Based on the Oscar-nominated 1974 film, “Young Frankenstein” is the wickedly inspired re-

imagining of the Mary Shelley classic from the comic genius of Brooks. The musical features raucous scores, including “The Transylvania Mania,” “He Was my Boyfriend” and the unforgettable treatment of Irving Berlin’s “Puttin’ on the Ritz.”

In 2000, the classic film was ranked No. 13 on AFI’s 100 Funniest American Movies of All Time and in 2003, it was chosen for preservation in the Library of Congress National Film Registry.

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.

Nuisance alligator trappers sought in Duval, Dixie counties

Interested in catching nuisance gators? Live in Duval County or Dixie County?

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program is accepting applications for contracted nuisance alligator trappers in Duval and Dixie counties.

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Applications must be received by March 30, 2012. To learn more about becoming a nuisance alligator trapper and to apply online, visit MyFWC.com/Alligator and click on “Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program.”

For more information, email FWCGator@MyFWC.com.

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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 13 weeks starting March 6th ending May 29th, non-denominational group that features Biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. You can begin the GriefShare sessions at any time. Please call Antioch Church (386) 362-3101 or Kathy Bauman (386) 362-3823 for more information.

Elks Monday Bingo

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

nanza 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

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White Springs Couponers is a community gathering

- We would like to meet on the last Thursday of each month with our first gathering introducing you to couponing.
- During future gatherings we'll discuss new ways of finding coupons, the month's best bargains, and we'll allow those interested to have a coupon swap (not everyone uses the coupons they are able to find)!

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Thyme-Basted Ham with Roasted Grapes

Serves: 15 to 20 (4-ounce servings)
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 2 to 2 1/2 hours

- 6 to 8 pound cooked bone-in ham, trimmed
- Pepper
- 1/2 cup grape jelly
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter (1/2 stick), cut into 4 to 6 pieces
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
- 3 cups whole grapes, red, green, or a combination
- 4 shallots, halved lengthwise and cut into 1/4-inch slices

Preheat oven to 325°F. Position rack in lower third of oven.

Place ham flat side down in large shallow roasting pan and score a diamond pattern about 1/8-inch deep into any fat. Season with pepper and bake for 1 1/2 hours.

Meanwhile, in small saucepan over medium heat, combine jelly, butter and thyme, whisking occasionally until jelly and butter melt together and mixture comes to a gentle boil, 1 to 2 minutes. Cover and set aside.

In medium bowl, combine the grapes and shallots. Set aside.

Baste ham with jelly mixture. Continue baking, basting the jelly mixture and/or pan juices about every 15 minutes. When ham temperature reaches 120°F, add grapes and shallots to roasting pan, stirring to coat with pan juices. Continue baking and basting until internal ham temperature reaches 140°F, 15 to 18 minutes per pound total cooking time. Remove ham from oven, transfer to cutting board, and let rest 15 to 30 minutes. (If grapes and shallots aren't tender yet, return roasting pan to oven.)

Slice enough ham to serve and arrange on plates or a platter. Season roasted grape, shallot, and pan juice mixture with pepper and spoon some on top of ham. Serve remaining grape mixture on the side.

Serving Suggestions: Serve with roast potatoes, fresh peas or steamed asparagus. If you're cooking for a smaller crowd, use ham steaks instead, basted with a smaller amount of the jelly mixture.

Nutrition per serving: Calories: 280; Fat: 11g; Saturated Fat: 4.5g; Cholesterol: 105mg; Sodium: 2040mg; Carbohydrate: 14g; Protein: 33g; Fiber: 0g

An elegant Easter feast

FAMILY FEATURES

Bring ease and elegance to your Easter feast with a classic roast ham served up with a sweet twist. Thyme-Basted Ham with Roasted Grapes is a sophisticated centerpiece that pairs deliciously with inspired brunch ideas.

For time-strapped cooks, this refined recipe is a breeze to create — all that's left to do after purchasing the ham is to prepare a quick grape jelly glaze and finish heating the ham in the oven.

Sumptuous sides celebrating the flavors of the season make it a meal. Ham and Peas with Mint and Tarragon, and savory Ham, Bacon, and Caramelized Onion Tart require less than 20 minutes of prep time in the kitchen, elevating taste and simplicity for an effortlessly elegant Easter brunch.

And for hassle-free leftovers, ham is hard to beat. In addition to sandwiches, toss diced ham into a breakfast scrambler, or sprinkle over a spring salad for a hearty after-Easter meal.

For recipes, tools to help you prepare the perfect ham and more easy leftover ideas, visit www.PorkBeInspired.com or www.Facebook.com/PorkBeInspired. Follow the National Pork Board @allaboutpork for a limited-time chance to win a free Easter ham.

Ham, Bacon, and Caramelized Onion Tart

Serves: 6 to 8
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 1 3/4 hours

- 6 slices thick-cut bacon, cut crosswise into 1/4-inch strips
- 4 ounces cooked ham, cut into 1/4-inch dice
- 1 onion, halved lengthwise and thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 9-inch deep-dish pie shell, homemade or store-bought, chilled
- 1 1/3 cups heavy whipping cream
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg

In large skillet over medium-low heat, cook bacon, stirring occasionally, until crisped, 10 to 12 minutes. Use slotted spoon to transfer bacon to large bowl.

Add ham and heat, stirring occasionally, until browned, 3 or 4 minutes. Use slotted spoon to transfer to bowl with bacon.

Add onion, salt and pepper to skillet and cook, stirring occasionally, until soft, 3 or 4 minutes. Reduce heat to very low and cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is golden brown and very tender, 12 to 14 minutes. Transfer onion to bowl with bacon and ham and set aside to cool.

Meanwhile, preheat oven to 350°F. Place pie shell on rimmed baking sheet and bake until pastry is pale gold along the rim, 20 to 25 minutes.

Add cream, eggs and nutmeg to bowl with bacon, ham and onion, whisking to combine.

Remove shell from oven (leave oven on). Pour cream mixture into shell and bake until top is golden and a knife inserted into center comes out clean, 45 to 50 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before

slicing and serving.

Serving Suggestions: This versatile tart serves as a main dish, or can play a supporting role to a holiday ham. To dress up the presentation, make the tart in an 11-inch fluted tart pan.

Nutrition per serving: Calories: 400; Fat: 31g; Saturated Fat: 15g; Cholesterol: 180mg; Sodium: 550mg; Carbohydrate: 16g; Protein: 13g; Fiber: 1g

Ham and Peas with Mint and Tarragon

Serves: 4 to 6
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 5 to 10 minutes

- 4 ounces cooked ham, cut into 1/4-inch dice
- 3 cups peas, fresh or frozen
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter (1/2 stick), cut into 4 to 6 pieces
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh mint, plus sprigs for garnish
- 2 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh tarragon, plus sprigs for garnish
- Salt and pepper

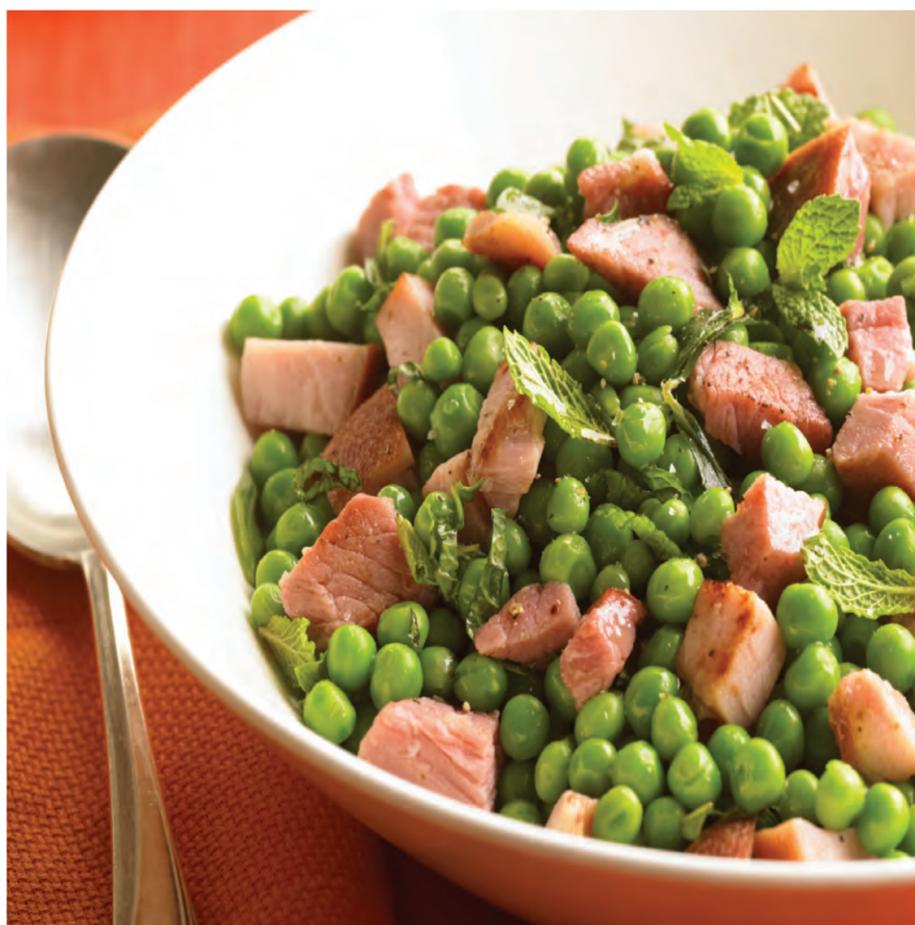
Bring medium saucepan of well-salted water to a boil over high heat. Add peas and cook until tender, 3 to 8 minutes depending on size of peas.

Drain peas, reserving 2 tablespoons cooking water. Return peas and cooking water to saucepan. Add ham, butter, mint and tarragon, stirring until butter melts. Season with salt and pepper.

Transfer to a bowl, garnish with mint and tarragon sprigs, and serve.

Serving Suggestions: Adapt this recipe to your taste by experimenting with other light and delicate herbs — try cilantro, parsley, chives or a combination.

Nutrition per serving: Calories: 200; Fat: 11g; Saturated Fat: 6g; Cholesterol: 40mg; Sodium: 85mg; Carbohydrate: 15g; Protein: 11g; Fiber: 6g



Build a Better Sandwich

In America, the ham sandwich reigns supreme. For Easter leftovers, think beyond the classic ham and cheese with these inspired takes:

- **Ham and Brie Baguettes:** For a French-inspired lunch, cut open a baguette and fill it with sliced ham, sliced Brie, mixed greens, and a mixture of honey and Dijon mustard.
- **Ham Reuben:** Make your ham sandwich corner-deli style. Combine sliced ham, Swiss cheese, and sauerkraut on rye bread — grill the sandwich if you like.
- **Ham, Cheddar and Chutney Quesadillas:** For a ham "melt" with familiar flavors, fill a quesadilla with sliced ham, shredded cheddar, and store-bought chutney, and heat through until cheddar is melted.

Students at SHTC sweep SkillsUSA competition



Childcare skills: Kim Thomas, instructor, left; Crystal Moffatt, Sha'kinna Jones, Amber Cribbs and Stacey Hawkins. (Not pictured: Heidi Brannon).



Building Construction Technology Building skills: Darren Singleton (Electrical 2nd place), Robert Sweat (Plumbing 1st place), Jose Gomez (Plumbing 2nd place), Cody Carlton (Carpentry 1st place), Ashley Love (Team Building 1st place) and Bob Makela, instructor. (Not pictured: Thomas Burke, Carlton Gaskins, Robert Hancock - Team Building 1st place).



Automotive technical skills: Allen McMillan 1st place. (Not pictured: David Hansen, 2nd place)



Autobody L-R: Auto body skills: Joe Ragan, instructor, left; Aspen Carroll (Collision Repair 1st place), Robert Lucas (Collision Repair 1st place), Lucinda Brown (Automotive Refinishing 3rd place) and Abel Gonzalez (Automotive Refinishing 2nd place).



Culinary arts skills: Lisa Dorris, instructor and Nicole Stallings (Commercial Baking and Pastry 2nd place).



Masonry skills: Kyle Deas, left, (3rd place); Jacob Burnham, (2nd place); Jacob Wainwright (1st place) and Derwin Bass, instructor.



Cosmetology skills: Katie Kinsey, Raven Parnell, Darla Slone, Dexter Peterson, Heather Stephenson (Esthetics 1st place), Crystal Carey (Nail Specialist 1st place), Nicole Hall (Esthetics 3rd place), Georgia Pettrey, KC Jeffries (Cosmetology 3rd place), Wanda Jeffries (Cosmetology 1st place) and Patty Sullivan, instructor. Courtesy Photos



SkillsUSA fundraiser: \$3 per ticket is requested. The Workshop/Utility Shed features are: it is completely wired with lights and electrical outlets inside, has motion detection lights, double doors on back, metal roof, work bench & peg board for tools, front porch, and the size is approximately 10x16. Please contact Lynn Lee at SHTC, 647-4201 for more information.

Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center had 29 adult and high school students place in either first, second or third in their respective divisions at the SkillsUSA regional competition, in Jacksonville and Starke, on March 2.

SkillsUSA is a student organization to showcase professional skills knowledge on a regional, state, national and worldwide arena. SkillsUSA is more than winning a contest, it's developing attributes of dedica-

tion to personal and professional excellence. SkillsUSA is dedicated to building champions for America's workforce. Technical, academic and employability skills are learned that help our students develop into a well-rounded person.

The SHTC skills group has constructed a workshop/utility shed to raise funds for the students to go to the state competition which is in Pensacola, April

29 - May 3. The shed is completely wired with lights and electrical outlets inside, has motion detection lights, double doors on back, metal roof, work bench and peg board for tools, front porch, and the size is approximately 10x16. Please call Lynn Lee at SHTC, 647-4201, there is a \$3 suggested donation per ticket. The drawing will be on April 23.

For more information about SkillsUSA please visit www.skillsUSA.org.

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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: 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://ombudsman.myflorida.com>.

Christian Mission In Action Ministry

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

Boy Scout Troop 693

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

Wellborn Community Association (WCA)

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

Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 107

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

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

Addiction Support Group

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

Senior Luncheon at Wellborn Baptist Church

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

Lake Park Line Dancers

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

Line dance

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

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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 din-

ners 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.

Stop, drop and Recycle for Adults with Disabilities.

Comprehensive Community Services Inc. Invites you to participate in our recycling project campaign. CCS Clients are recycling - Printer Ink Cartridges, Laser Cartridges, Cell Phones -Any Kind, MP3 Players Drop off at Lafayette Extension Office, Wes Haney Chevrolet, Suwannee Tax Collectors, Live Oak City Hall, or the CCS Office, larger quantities can be picked up. For more information on how your business can join the CCS recycling team call Janet Sampson, 386-362-7143 ext 5

Free Sunday lunch Live Oak

For the past several

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

Free Sunday lunch Hamilton County

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

Did you earn your pin?

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National Contact:

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

First Baptist Church of Live Oak, FL

Will 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

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

TABE tests

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

Love a mystery?

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

Free English-speaking and literacy classes

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

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



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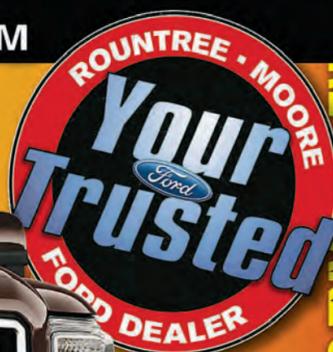
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