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Meth lab busted in city

By Jeffry Boatright
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A Live Oak man has been arrested for manufacturing methamphetamine within the city limits of Live Oak, according to a press release from the Live Oak Police Department.

Britt

Reports show that Andrew James Britt, 24, 1218 2nd Street, was arrested after police discovered he was operating a meth lab in a camper.

According to the press release, officers responded to a residence on 2nd Street on March 26, in response to a report of suspicious activity. Upon arriving, authorities were told by the complainant that someone had been living in a camper in their yard without permission.

When police entered the camper, they found Britt asleep, along with several suspicious items around him, the press release stated. Based on experience, it

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Judicial Annex nears completion

By Jeffry Boatright
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The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners are just weeks away from having their own meeting room in the newly constructed Judicial Annex, according to Suwannee County Public Works Director Randy Harris.

"The majority of the work should be completed in about 30 days, providing there are no delays in receiving some of the items we are waiting on," Harris said.

According to BOCC Chairman Wesley Wainwright, some electronic work remains to be completed on the structure. The electronic work should provide suitable audio

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The Judicial Annex is located at the intersection of Suwannee Avenue and Parshley Street.

WARRIOR DASH AT CAMP WEED

Camp Weed and Cerveny Conference Center Executive Director Joe Chamberlain and Live Oak Mayor Sonny Nobles check out the set up for Warrior Dash. The race is tomorrow morning. The first heat starts at 10 a.m. and the last heat starts at 2:30 p.m., live music starts following the race. Courtesy Photo

5,500 runners expected

By Misty A. Ward
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Camp Weed will be invaded tomorrow with 5,500 Warriors.

Fire, tires, barbed wire and mud are obstacles to be expected and more at the Warrior Dash tomorrow at Camp Weed.

The Warrior Dash is the world's largest running series. It is a 5K, or 3.02 miles, of obstacles sure to test one's physical threshold. The event has been at more than 65 locations across the globe. The first heat starts at 10 a.m., with 600 Warriors, each half hour another 600 will start.

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Nine candidates qualify for three city seats

By Jeffry Boatright
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The City of Live Oak will hold its 2012 General Election on May 8, according to Suwannee County Supervisor of Elections Glenda B. Williams.

Three of the five nonpartisan city council seats will be up for grabs during the election and nine candidates have officially qualified to run for those seats.

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Arrest made in coin caper

By Jeffry Boatright
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Ward

A Lake City woman has been arrested following the January theft of coins, according to the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office.

Records show that Dana Rene Ward, 30, 701 NE

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SPRING IS IN THE AIR

The Suwannee County School District Spring Break is next week. Reporter Misty A. Ward asked the people in the halls of Branford High and Suwannee High about Spring Break and "What will you do with your time off of school?"

Taylor Millikan, BHS sophomore
"I am going to the fair during Spring Break to show my cows. I will probably go to the springs too."

Keysha Horn, BHS junior
"I'm very excited about Spring Break. I'll probably go to the river. My brother is in the Navy and stationed in Pensacola. He will be home for a visit next week."

Vaster Fryar, BHS art teacher
"I am ready for a break! I'm going to be working on my yard. Catching up on some reading, I have to finish up Hunger Games books two and three. Then I will start planning for the next nine weeks."

Kelly Waters, coordinator for Suwannee Opportunity School
"I am very excited. I bought a new house the end of December. My plans are to enjoy my new house, and maybe do some yard work, decorating and sewing projects."

Shanika Hightower, SHS senior
"I am excited it is my senior Spring Break. I plan to do something every single day. I want to go horseback riding, because I've never been, fishing, because I've never been and to the beach. If I do that, I'll be happy."

William Udell, SHS senior
"I'm just ready to get out of school. I'm going to visit my family in Alabama."

- Photos: Misty A. Ward

The Old Dog Says, "Hey guys, wait for me."

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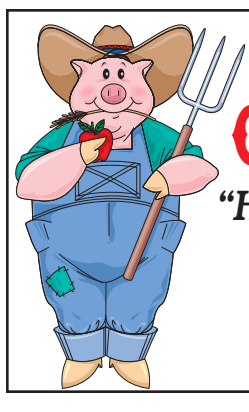
SHS varsity girls tennis finishes season with eight shutouts

Celebrating great things in medicine here in our hometown

Shands Live Oak held an Open House and Ribbon Cutting March 22 to officially open Shands Live Oak Cardiology, under the direction of Kochicheril N. Moni, M.D. Dr. Moni is SCCT Board Certified in Coronary CT Angiography. - Photo: Staff

Pictured left to right, Carl Goana, Echo Sonographer, Don Mills, M.D., Radiologist; Jennifer McLeod, Nuclear Medicine Technologist and Dr. Moni in front of the new nuclear camera which does bone imaging, nuclear scans, heart and lung studies, and detects infections.



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Arrest Record

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

The following abbreviations are used below:

SCSO-Suwannee County Sheriff's Office

LOPD-Live Oak Police Department

FDLE-Florida Department of Law Enforcement

FHP-Florida Highway Patrol

FWC-Florida Wildlife Commission

DOT-Department of Transportation

OALE-Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement

P & P-Probation and Parole

USMS-US Marshals Service

ATF-Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

DOC-Department of Corrections

March 27, Dana R. Ward, 30, 701 NE Harrington Ct, Lake City, FL. Burglary of Dwelling, Grand Theft, 1st App PD Appt Per WFW: SCSO- D. Falgout

March 27, Jessica Renee Pollock, 27, 2361 Townsend Blvd, Jacksonville, FL, FTA-Exp Reg Over 6 Months, $250.00 Cash Bond: SCSO-A. Loston

March 27, David Lee Lomas, 24, 9187 220th St, O'Brien, FL, Grand Theft, Burglary of Conv, Poss Burglary Tools, VOP O/C Crim Mischief, 1st App PD Appt Per WFW: SCSO- D. Brooks

March 27, Sparkles Shamirra Harris, 28, 3304 E Wilder, Tampa, FL, VOP Traf Stolen Property: SCSO- M. Jelks

March 27, Kendric A Carter, 20, 122 Hammond Rd, Harvest, AL, DWLS/R: FHP- D. Williams

March 27, David Earl Ballew, 62, 4705 246th Place, O'Brien, FL, Poss Firearm By Felon, Poss Meth, Poss +20 Grm Cannabis, Cultivation Cannabis, Poss Drug Para: SCSO- P. Shea

March 28, Tracy Ann Hole, 37, 202 7th Ave, Wellborn, FL, Grand Theft, Deal in Stolen Property: SCSO- M. Landis

March 28, Charity Lynn Jordan, 27, 612 Rogers Ave, Live Oak, FL, VOP O/C DWLS/R, VOP O/C DWLS/R: SCSO- K. Osborn

March 28, James Robert Smith, 41, 823 Howard St #26, Live Oak, FL, VOP O/C Dealing in Stolen Property; Trafficking: SCSO- K. Osborn

Correction

Staff

The Suwannee Gala was held Saturday, March 24 at ACV's Phillips Center. The Democrat erroneously printed the wrong date of the event in the March 28 edition of the newspaper. We apologize for the error.

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Airport open for business

By Jeffry Boatright

The Suwannee County Airport is open for business, according to Airport Facilities Manager Dana Brindle.

After nearly two months of updating the runway facilities, work has been completed and the airport can once again accommodate air traffic around the clock, Brindle confirmed.

The work, which included new runway lights, signs and striping mandated the airport enforce temporary closings, but with the work's completion, Brindle encourages flyers to access the facility anytime.

According to Brindle, work is still underway on the facility's self-serve fuel pumps, but he anticipates that to be completed within a week.

The Suwannee County Airport, which accommodates flights on a daily basis is located at 13302 80th Terrace in Live Oak. The 24 hour facility offers hangar rentals, competitive fuel prices, snacks and restroom facilities for flyers.

For residents who do not fly but genuinely enjoy seeing aircraft, the Experimental Aircraft Association Building is also located on airport property near the airport offices. Each month the EAA hosts a fly-in on the last Saturday of the month.

According to EAA Chapter 797 President Reid Paget, it is not necessary to own a plane or even be a licensed pilot to enjoy the association. Paget encourages everyone to join them and enjoy the monthly fly-ins.

A five dollar pancake breakfast is served during the fly-in events, which begin at 8 a.m. and lasts until 11 a.m. According to Paget, flyers and drivers alike are welcome to drop in, enjoy the food, fellowship and see some fascinating aircraft. Those wishing to enjoy breakfast should plan to go early, Paget advised.

Gateway Task Force nets 20 arrests

By Jeffry Boatright

Operation Gateway 2012, a collaborative effort between multiple North Florida law enforcement agencies, resulted in 20 drug-related arrests, according to a press release from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

The press release stated that Governor Rick Scott created seven Regional Drug Enforcement Strike Forces as part of Florida's Pill Mill initiative to combat the growing prescription medication abuse in Florida.

Operation Gateway 2012 was conducted from March 21 through March 23 and focused on interstate corridors in North Florida. According to the CCSO, passenger bus services were a focus of the operation. Law enforcement agencies, including CCSO, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Suwannee County Sheriff's Office, FDLE and FHP contributed to the campaign.

As a result of their efforts, five handguns, two of which were stolen, were seized. Also seized was 48 pounds of marijuana, 12 grams of synthetic marijuana, one gram of cocaine, nine grams of methamphetamine, 116 grams of Psilocybin (mushrooms), 627 prescription pills, 10 cc's of anabolic steroids, and four grams of heroin. The operation also resulted in the seizure of a 2002 Buick and $9,740 in currency.

"A collaborative, interagency approach has shown that a major impact can be made to stem the flow of illegal narcotics in the State of Florida and make our communities a safer place to live," Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter stated.

According to Chief Deputy Ron Colvin of the SCSO, drug abuse affects the lives of many and he credits the joint efforts of those agencies involved.

"It is an asset to work with other agencies and stop the spread of illicit drugs," Colvin stated.

Hamilton County Sheriff J. Harrell Reid stated, "This was something that the Sheriff's Association, in conjunction with the Governor's office, initiated to crack down on the pill mill problem in the state of Florida. I was president of the Sheriff's Association when this came about," he added.

According to the press release, investigations based on the seizures are continuing and additional arrests are possible as a result.

Reporter Joyce Marie Taylor contributed to this article

Senior Citizen Day at fair

By Jeffry Boatright
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The 2012 Suwannee County Fair opens March 30, but one of its most cherished events will be held on Tuesday, April 3. The Suwannee County Fair Association has designated that day as Senior Citizen Day for this year's fair, according to Fair Board Member Susan Brown.

According to Brown, admission is free to all senior citizens between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m on Tuesday. However, Brown encourages the senior fairgoers to arrive early because they will also receive a free lunch.

Brown will prepare 16 pounds of spaghetti with about 500 meatballs and, as always, it will be extraordinarily delicious. In addition to Brown's delightful spaghetti, the ever-pleasing chicken and rice of George Kelton will be served during the meal. While there, free blood pressure checks will be available for all senior citizens.

The 2012 Suwannee County Fair will continue through Sat., April 7 and is sure to offer something for everyone. In addition to the exciting rides of the midway, there will be games, livestock, exhibits and plenty of food. There will also be live entertainment featured throughout the nine-day event.

Everyone is encouraged to take a moment and appreciate the talent within our community through the various arts and crafts that will be on display during the fair. Another highlight at the Suwannee County fair will be a petting zoo. Featured in the petting zoo are camels, a zebra, a porcupine, and many other exotic animals.

According to Fair Manager Lynn Touchton, the fair is an excellent opportunity for a family outing because it really does offer something for everyone.

The gates will open each day at 5 p.m., 12 noon on Sat. and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Touchton said. The cost of admission is only five dollars for adults and three dollars for children ages six to 12. The majority of the revenue generated by the fair association comes through gate admissions, which enables the association to purchase supplies and pay for expenses, Touchton explained.

Touchton encourages everyone to come out on Monday, April 2 when admission is only one dollar. However, anyone can bring at least one can food item and gain free entry into the fair. According to Touchton, it is all part of the "Cram the van with the can" campaign. This is a campaign that is sponsored by Cheek and Scott Drugs for the purpose of raising food items for a local food bank.

For more information about the 2012 Suwannee County Fair, please call (386) 362-FAIR.

SHS Theatre Troupe presents 'Little Women'

Suwannee High School's Theatre Troupe presents Little Women. The shows are Friday, at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m in the SHS auditorium. Tickets are $7 and will be sold at the door. Over 30 students have been working diligently for months on this musical retelling of Louisa May Alcott's story that celebrates the bonds of family and reaching for one's dreams. Many of the students featured in the musical aspire to have careers in the performing arts. Chrystal Furst, who plays Jo, has been accepted to the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City. Emily Pfender, who plays the role of Amy, plans to pursue musical theatre in college as well. Dillon Ellis, who plays Laurie, will be continuing his love of the arts by majoring in music education. Pictured from left to right, Rachael Bullock, Autum Denmark and Jennifer Santana. - Photo: Misty A. Ward

Antique event comes to Live Oak

By Jeffry Boatright
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The age old question of what an old relic is worth could possibly be answered this week. It has been said, one man's junk is another man's treasure.

The Ohio Valley Antiques Event, which is a production of the Ohio Gold and Silver Refinery, will be in Live Oak for a free five day event through Sunday, April 1. Experts will meet with local residents at no charge and evaluate their potentially valuable items. If they like what they see, they are likely to make an offer and write a check on the spot.

According to Ohio Valley Antiques Event Media Representative Brittany Thomas, experts will have over $300,000 set aside while in Live Oak to buy items that experts find to be rare or of interest to potential collectors.

"Experts will be meeting with local residents in search of all types of antiques, collectibles, precious metals, and coins," Thomas stated.

Just last month at a show in California, the Ohio Valley Antiques Event purchased a coin from an individual for over $15,000, according to Thomas.

While most of us probably do not have a rare letter from Abraham Lincoln lying around the house like one Ohio resident was paid $25,000 for, we might be surprised at what we do have. According to the Ohio Valley Antiques Event, nearly all coins and paper currency, vintage jewelry, war memorabilia, musical instruments and toys made prior to 1970 are highly sought after.

Anyone with gold, silver, antiques, or other rare collectibles lying around is encouraged to drop by the Holiday Inn Express at 6694 129 N. in Live Oak and meet with event representatives. The event will be Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

According to Thomas, there are no appointments needed for the general public to sell their items. The event is free, there is no limit to the number of pieces that can be brought in and there are no hidden fees, Thomas stated.

For further information, please call (217) 726-7590.

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Wedding

Creech/Layton wedding reminder

Zoey, Ronnie and Ethan Layton would like to invite you to the upcoming wedding of their mother Theresa Layton to Jay Creech. Theresa is a 1999 Suwannee High graduate and is currently employed as a certified pharmacy technician at Winn-Dixie pharmacy. Jay is a 1989 Suwannee High graduate and is currently employed at PCS in White Springs.

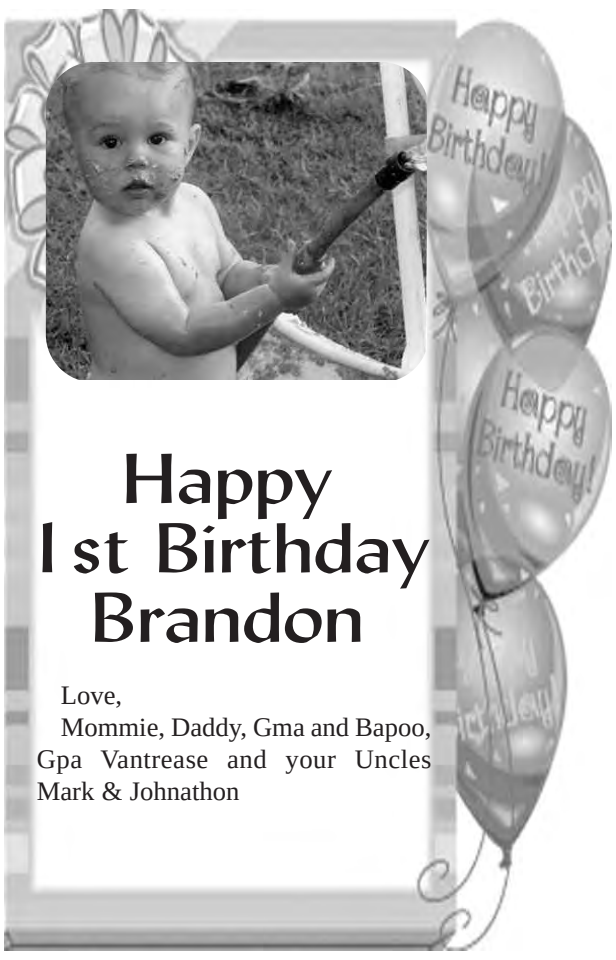
The wedding will be held on March 31, 2012 at 6 p.m. at Rosemary Baptist Church with reception to follow at the Live Oak Armory.

No local invitations will be sent. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Goatees for Charity

Suwannee County Fire/Rescue crew members get their goatees measured by the judges from Love in the Name of Christ. SCFR raised $550 for the charity. Eddie Hand, left, won the contest, by a hair. - Photos: Misty A. Ward

Suwannee County Fire/Rescue did its first Goatees for Charity. The crew raised $550 for Love in the Name of Christ. Chief Charlie Conner said the contest came about because he was asked by several people about growing a goatee. He said he decided to let them grow the goatee for a $25 donation and as long as the facial hair did not interfere with equipment. The crew had the opportunity to compete in four different contests, longest goatee, wannabe goatee, most artistic and the grayest goatee. Eddie Hand won for the longest goatee, by a hair; Lucas Hodge won the wannabe goatee; Nathan Griffis had the most artistic goatee; and David Smith had the grayest. Conner said they will do the contest again next year for charity.



Happy 1st Birthday Brandon

Love,
Mommie, Daddy, Gma and Bapoo, Gpa Vantrease and your Uncles Mark & Johnathon

Luraville Baptist Church presents "The Passion of Christ"

The movie, "The Passion of Christ" by Mel Gibson, will be shown at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 1, 2012 at Luraville Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. This movie makes Easter more meaningful to us as it depicts the life of Jesus and what he did for each of us.

Life and times of Live Oak

According to "The Red Devil," written by Edward Porter in 1949, this car is a 1903 Oldsmobile runabout, one cylinder, 4 horsepower, chain drive, equipped with two kerosene lamps and a bicycle bell. It is probably safe to assume that the man on the right is Edward Porter and the other is his father, Col. George E Porter, who purchased the car for him in Jacksonville in 1903 (thanks to Randy Torrence for this information). They appear to be headed east on US 90, just east of the intersection with US 129. Photo is courtesy of the Suwannee Valley Genealogical Society. SVGS is located at 215 Wilbur St. SW, Live Oak. Its library is open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Go to svgsoc.org for more information.

Relay for life events

Community Yard Sale in the Park the morning of the Relay April 28 beginning at 6 a.m. Spaces are $25 Contact: April Young 386-688-3614 or Kacia Folsom 386-209-3142

March 31 - Alms of Bethel. Fashion Show 7 p.m. Alms of Bethel Community Center. Models needed, Information 352-210-1307

Guardian ad Litem volunteer orientation set for April 5

Right here in your community, there are abused and neglected children who live in the shadows of our lives. She may be the little girl in your son's kindergarten class who had to move homes and change schools three or four times in the last year. He may be the lonely child at the park who doesn't join the game.

Right now there are 108 children in the Third Circuit that need your voice. I invite the people of Suwannee County to stand up with me and support these children.

On Thursday, April 5, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. the Third Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program is conducting a New Volunteer Orientation for those individuals interested in becoming a voice for abused, abandoned, and/or neglected children in our areas. This event will be held at the Guardian ad Litem office located at 213 Howard Street East, Live Oak. Participants will learn how they can make a difference in the life of a child. There is no cost or obligation to join. How is your voice? Join me to find out how you too can become a champion for children. Stand Up and say "I am for the Child."

I look forward to seeing you at the Guardian ad Litem office on April 5, 2012 or you can contact me at (386) 364-7720 or linda.dedge@gal.fl.gov. Linda Dedge, Circuit Director

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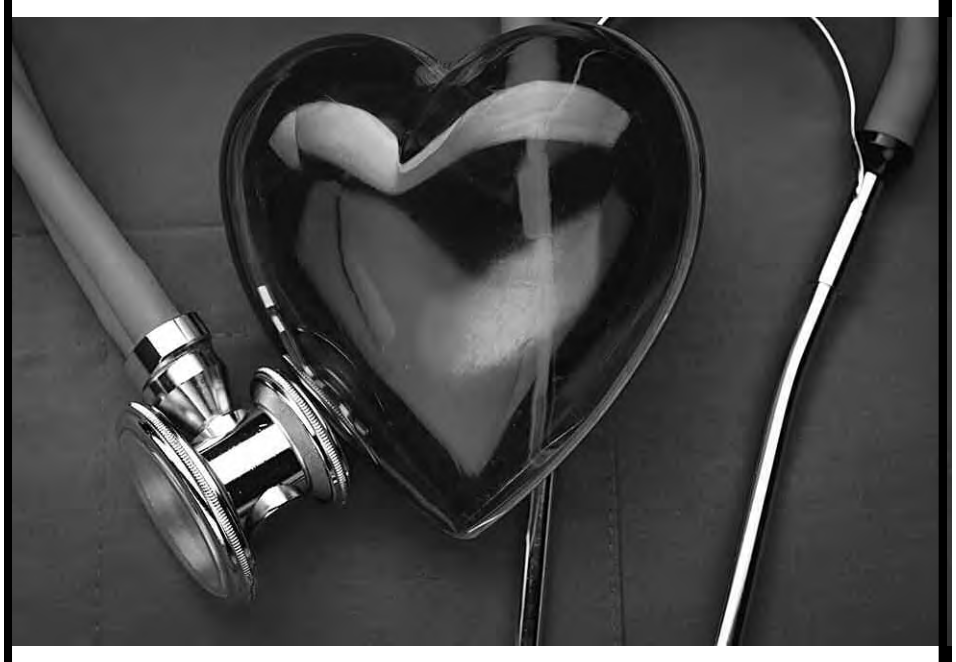

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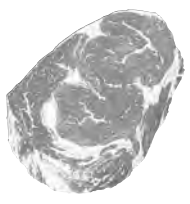

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OBITUARIES

Grace Earl McKinney Boney
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March 20, 2012

Grace Boney, age 83, passed away March 20, 2012 at Haven Hospice in Lake City, Florida. Born August 11, 1928 to the late Rossie and Corine McKinney in Live Oak, Florida, she was a graduate from the old Douglas High School, class of 1947. After graduating from high school, she extended her career and received a license in nursing.

She was a faithful member of Greater New Bethel A.M.E. Church since her childhood and served as an usher and was a member of the Eastern Star. She was employed by Broward County Hospital for 27 years until moving back to Live Oak. She was employed by Live Oak Hospital for 17 years of service as an X-ray Technician.

She leaves to cherish her memory a devoted daughter, Jaquelyn D. (Darnell) Watson, Live Oak; five grandchildren, Natalie Boney (Scottie) Brown, Larita and Alicia Hunter, Live Oak, Darnell Hunter, Jr., Hawaii, Destra Wiggins, Tampa, Florida, three great grandchildren, and a host of cousins and sorrowing friends.

The family will meet and greet friends Friday, March 30, 2012, at Bennie Thomas Funeral Home Chapel from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012, at 2:00 p.m at Greater New Bethel A.M.E. Church; Rev. Johnny Merritt, Pastor, officiating.

Bennie Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of all the arrangements.

Rozine Ross Foster
March 21, 2012

Rozine Ross Foster, 53 of Live Oak, Florida passed from this walk of life Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at her home in Live Oak, Florida. Home going service for Rozine will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, March 31, 2012 at African Missionary Baptist church in Live Oak, Florida. Rev. Alex Fountain is the pastor and Pastor Alfonso C. Ross, Sr. Officiating. Following the Home going services of Rozine Ross Foster, her earthen vessel along with her family members and friends will be escorted to Eastside Memorial Cemetery, for Burial. A time to visit with the Ross and Foster family will be Friday, March 30, 2012 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Spirit and Truth Ministry, Inc. Professional mortuary services entrusted to Eric A. Brown & Son Funeral Home.

Nakilya Hillmon-Gray
March 15, 2012

Nakilya Hillmon-Gray, 33 of Atlanta, Georgia passed from this walk of life Wednesday, March 15, 2012 at Emory Midtown Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. Memorial services for Mrs. Hillmon-Gray will be Saturday, March 31, 2012 at New St. James Missionary Baptist church, 418 Laura Street, Daytona Beach, Florida. Public viewing will be from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. prior to the memorial service. Following the public viewing Mrs. Gray earthen vessel will be escorted back to the Columbus Cemetery, In Live Oak, Florida, for burial. Professional mortuary services entrusted to Eric A. Brown & Son Funeral Home.

Paul Niehaus
Dec. 9, 1931
March 24, 2012

Paul Niehaus, 80, Wellborn, Fl passed away on Saturday, March 24, 2012. The Cincinnati, OH native moved to Wellborn in 1994 from Ft. Lauderdale, Fl and was a Veteran of Peacetime while serving in the Army. He owned a Cabinet Company and was a member of St. Frances Xavier Catholic Church. Mr. Niehaus is survived by his wife: Mary Niehaus, Wellborn, Fl ; three daughters: Debbi (Mark) Rath, Port St. Richie, Fl, Rita (Dennis) Yocca, Fort Lauderdale, Fl, Cheryl (Rick) Neumann, Michigan; two sons: David (Jeanene) Niehaus, Melbourne, Fl, Jeffery (Donna) Niehaus, Wellborn, Fl; twelve grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with Father Mike Pendergraft officiating. Interment will follow at Live Oak Cemetery.

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

Benell Smith
Feb 22, 1949
March 26, 2012

Benell Smith of Bellville, Fl. funeral service will be held 3 PM, SATURDAY, at the New Bethel AME Church,Bellville. The visitation will be held 1 - 3 PM, SATURDAY at the church. Please sign his guest book at www.tswarden.com. Arrangements in care of FUNERALS BY T. S. WARDEN, Jacksonville, Fl (904)765-1234.

Broadband expansion creates need for Internet training in rural Florida

Internet workshop at Suwannee River Regional Library, April 4 at 4:30 p.m.

Broadband services have a huge impact on local economies by accelerating business expansion, job creation, and educational opportunities. Rural parts of Florida have fallen far behind urban areas in terms of broadband availability but that is now beginning to change. Driving the change is a $24 million federal grant that is being used to build and add broadband infrastructure throughout the rural regions in Florida. Benefiting directly from the project are Florida's rural counties in the panhandle, north central Florida and the Heartland region in South Florida.

Providing broadband services, however, is only part of the equation. Teaching new users how to take full advantage of the Internet is the next step. The Florida Learning Alliance and Workforce Florida, Inc. have taken the lead in an initiative to address broadband education issues. They have recently launched a multi-media campaign to teach new and novice users how to use the Internet.

The campaign centers on the development of an aggregate website that assembles topics such as healthcare, education, job services, Internet safety, as well as other important topics. The website, www.floridainternettour.com, simplifies and demystifies the process of learning by allowing the user to participate in a self-directed guided tour of the Internet.

According to Mary Bedford, the Executive Director of the Florida Learning Alliance, "Many rural Floridians, including children, have not had an opportunity to take advantage of all the Internet has to offer especially in terms of education. High speed Internet can change that and this website will help make new users more comfortable as they learn."

Educators point to several advantages of high speed Internet availability besides the obvious research capabilities. Rural students can have easier access to dual enrollment, digital books and collaborative home studies, for example.

Internet safety is an important component of the website as new users may be unaware of the dangers of providing personal information. More importantly, the website guides parents on how to block inappropriate websites from being accessed.

A free "Internet Training Workshop for Beginners" will be held at Suwannee River Regional Library in Live Oak on April 4 at 4:30 p.m. Please contact Mary Bedford at 850-402-1919 for more information.

The website was developed with input from regional advisory boards throughout Florida. It is available for use now at www.floridainternettour.com.

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The palatine bones, like other bones of the cranium, are joined by a thin strip of connective tissue called a suture. Through infancy and childhood, the suture is flexible and stretches easily. It becomes stronger and more rigid in adolescence. Ideally, the arches of the maxilla and the mandible will match closely in size and shape. Sometimes, though, because of genetics, they don't. This can result in a condition known as malocclusion, which means that a person's bite-where the upper and lower teeth meet-is off. Talk with your dentist about the components of your mouth and find out how you can keep all of them healthy and working right.

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1. Install a county manager
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OUR VIEW

Suwannee Democrat

Our View will return next week

GUEST COMMENTARY

On snakes, religion and politics

By Dwain Walden

You remember that big snake that tried to eat Jennifer Lopez in the movie "Anaconda?" Well as big as Hollywood tried to make that creature, there actually was one that slithered around in Colombia millions of years ago that could have called Jennifer's predator "junior" or maybe "scooter."

A skeleton of such a super snake is being studied at the University of Florida's Museum of Natural History down in Gainesville. It's probably the biggest thing on campus since Tim Tebow.

We're talking about a serpent that was 45 feet long and weighed 2,500 pounds. Scientists say it ruled tropical ecosystems 6 million years after the demise of the fearsome Tyrannosaurus rex.

It's the length of the T-Rex "Sue" on display at the Field Museum in Chicago. I saw Sue during a visit there a few years back. As I gazed upon the leftovers of this huge beast, I thought how fitting it was that it disappeared long before Noah built the ark. Had it not become extinct, Noah likely would have been the very first person to say, "We're gonna need a bigger boat."

And maybe he would have said to the Lord, "Sir, let me get this straight now," .... which was a phrase probably first uttered when Abraham got the instructions for circumcisions.

The species of that ancient snake is called "Titanoboa." But specifically, I don't think it has a name like the T-Rex named "Sue." I think it should have a name, and if the University of Florida hasn't thought about it, I would like to suggest that they hold a contest to name this thing. I would even suggest the name "Tebow" just to get the ball rolling.

Quite often at the breakfast club, we discuss such topics as this prehistoric snake, and sometimes we find a conflict with religion, especially among those who believe that the earth is only 5,000 to 6,000 years old based on Biblical reference.

Carbon dating shows that our earth is actually many millions of years old. For instance, Sue and her kind were estimated to have roamed the earth 68 million years ago, give or take a century or two. And it's a good thing they became extinct because one can't conceive the problems we would have had on our interstates if they were still around. And can you imagine a motorcycle hitting one of those Titanoboas?

Now I'm pretty sure that Sue and this big snake were not around when Abraham was establishing the children of Israel or later when Samson cleaned house with the jawbone of an ass. But that time frame between those creatures and the serpent that spoke to Eve in the Garden of Eden does not really bother me. I don't know how time was measured back then just like I don't know if Adam was a specific individual or if the reference to him was meant to describe "mankind." It gets kind of fuzzy on that thing about Cain going into another land and marrying some girl from Nod .... if we are to believe that Adam and Eve were the very first two individuals.

I just embrace that old gospel song, "We'll understand it better by and by."

I've heard a lot of people say they don't discuss religion or politics. But I don't think I've ever met anyone who actually didn't. They are certainly popular topics at our breakfast club, and they bring forth a broad array of ideas. And sometimes it gets a little confusing, especially when one end of the table is talking about politics and the other end is talking about things that slither.

The other morning, it was politics on one end of the table and religion on the other. By the time it got to the middle someone had extrapolated that Samson was a Democrat. Had he been a Republican, he likely would have used the jawbone of an elephant.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Soft spot for soft drinks

By Garret Leiva
CNHI News Service

Almost every day I take my life in my hands — 20 fluid ounces at a time. Pop goes the willpower.

While not a 2-liter-a-day junkie, I am a habitual soft drink offender. I even pay a 10-cent deposit fee for my addiction.

Whether bottle or can, soda or pop, I'm among the millions of Americans who can't get through the day without a visit to the doctor — Dr Pepper, that is.

As vices go, soda sipping falls between smoking and watching reality television; all three are a detriment to well-being. Luckily there is no such thing as secondhand exposure to high fructose corn syrup. Too many episodes of "Swamp People" will pop your brain cells.

Unlike smokers who light up before breakfast, I don't roll out of bed and crack open a Coke. However, this speaks more to brand loyalty than commendable restraint. I'm a Pepsi guy.

I can usually hold out until 11 a.m. before I hit the bottle — or soda can.

Round figure wise, the typical American drinks 50 gallons of soda every year. It seems unfathomable that I could down 189 liters of this liquid refreshment over 12 months. Of course, what fast-food order isn't complete without a straw attached to a 55-gallon drum of pop?

It's no wonder our cars come equipped with 14 cup holders.

I do exercise enough soft-drink restraint to keep another fact from weighing me down: Two daily sodas can pack on a pound a week. There are other bad numbers. A typical 20-ounce pop contains 17 teaspoons of sugar. The same size Mountain Dew is 290 empty calories.

Soft drinks are heavily linked to health problems. Studies suggest pop consumption contributes to diabetes, bone loss, childhood obesity and dental decay. Have a Coke and a smile, anyone?

However, a "diet" soda won't offset health risks or that Big Mac and fries. Woe if you drink these artificially-sweetened beverages. You might as well roll on a fire ant hill wearing only a lunchmeat necklace.

The U.S. government has even waded into the sticky national soda tax debate.

Last month, Hawaii lawmakers killed a proposed tax that would have added 17 cents to a single-serve bottle of soda, according to a Bloomberg News report. The March 13 article notes that efforts to enact such levies have fallen flat in 30 states. I guess Mr. Pibb has well-connected lobbyists.

Habits involving caffeine, Yellow 5 and other "natural flavors" are hard to break. I should go cold erythorbic acid and give up pop drinking altogether. Water is clearly a healthier alternative — no addictive qualities or bottle deposit fee.

Then again, I could wait until someone files a soda pop class-action lawsuit. If the judge rules on the side of the outlandish free-will consumer argument — well, pop goes that case.

The soft-drink choice is in my hands. Unfortunately, so are several less soda fluid ounces after writing this column.

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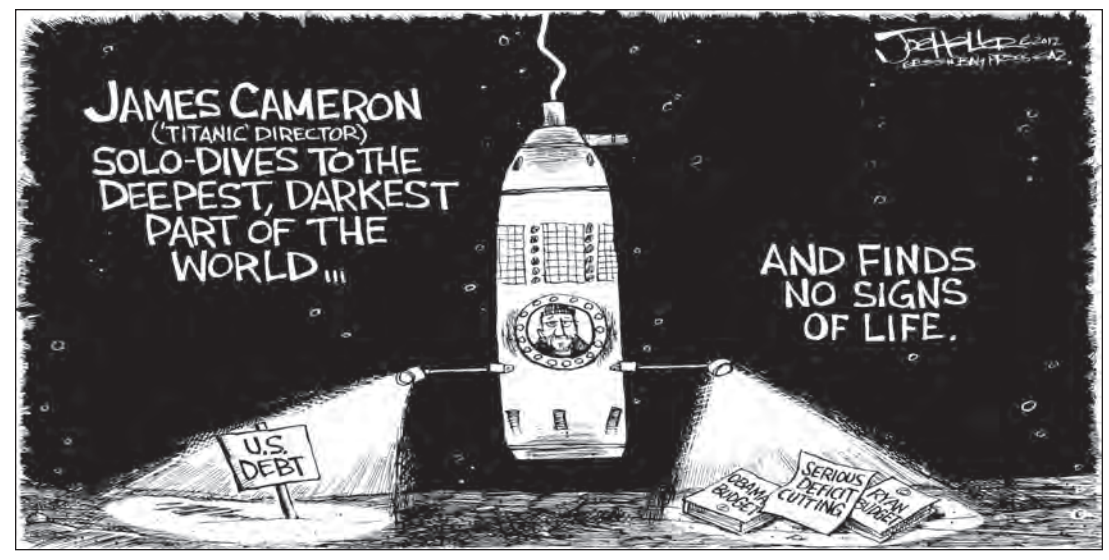

BIBLE VERSE

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV

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- ❑ This is the kind of event we need to showcase our community.
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Poll Results (3-23-12)

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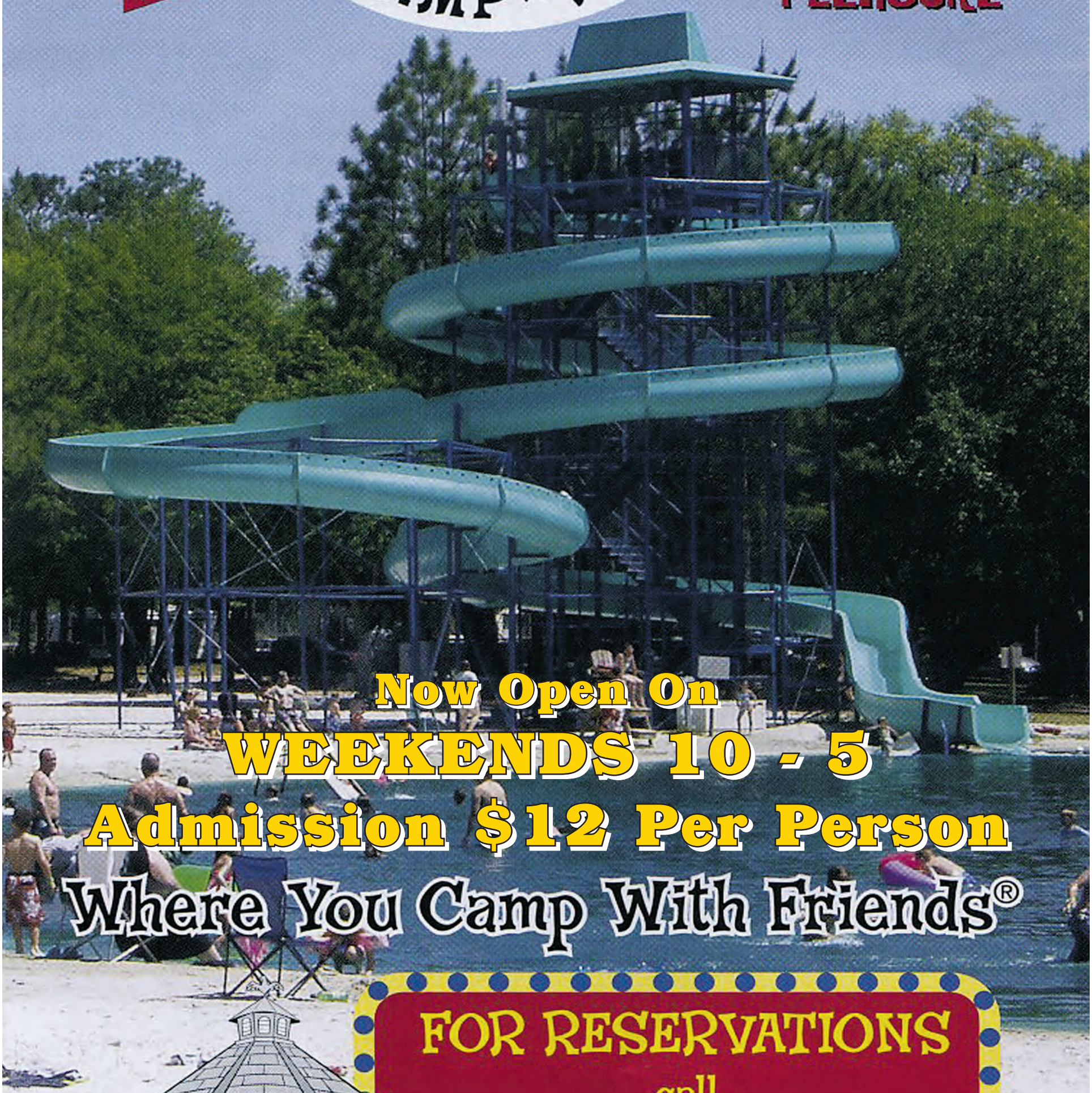

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- ❒ Gold Certificates
- ❒ Silver Certificates

JEWELRY: (All Time Periods)
- ❒ Old Gold Wristwatches
- ❒ Pocket Watches
- ❒ Gold & Silver Jewelry
- ❒ Vintage Gold-Filled Jewelry
- ❒ Diamonds (old & new cuts)
- ❒ Diamond Jewelry (all kinds)
- ❒ Investment Diamonds (70's & 80's)
- ❒ Platinum & Pearl Items
- ❒ Art Nouveau, Deco & Victorian
- ❒ Charm Bracelets (Silver & Gold)
- ❒ Tiffany & Cartier Items
- ❒ Class Rings
- ❒ Gold Rings (all kinds)
- ❒ Rolex & Patek Philippe Watches
- ❒ Enamel Items on Gold & Silver
- ❒ Antique Jewelry

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:
- ❒ Disney Cells
- ❒ Oil Paintings
- ❒ Paintings on Porcelain
- ❒ Silver & Gold Boxes
- ❒ Cast Iron Banks, Toys, Etc.
- ❒ Historical Documents
- ❒ Famous Autographs/Photos
- ❒ Old Movie Posters
- ❒ Fountain Pens (1940 & older)
- ❒ Antique Indian Items (pre 1940)
- ❒ Rookwood Pottery
- ❒ Galle' & R. LaLique Items
- ❒ Van Briggle Items
- ❒ Lamps - Tiffany & Handel
- ❒ Watch Tools & Parts
- ❒ Old Casino Chips
- ❒ Early Mexican & Silver Jewelry

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- ❒ Tea Sets (Even Partial Sets)
- ❒ Antique Silver

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US Nickels 1938 and Older	Up To	$450
US Three Cent Pieces 1889 and Older	Up To	$450
US Two Cent Pieces 1873 and Older	Up To	$450
US Indian Head 1 Cent 1909 and Older	Up To	$450
US Large Cent 1857 and Older	Up To	$950
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Cocktail Rings....$15,000	Cameos $500	Cuff Links.....$750
Charm Bracelets..$5,000	Victorian.....$10,000	Pins.....$5,000
Earrings $10,000	Art Deco.....$12,500	Gold Filled $200
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Chronograph Watches	$20,000	Stop Watches	$9,950	Jump Hour Watches	$20,000
Audemars Piguet	$29,000	Corum	$20,000	Frodsham	$11,500
Illinois	$4,000	Movado	$1950	Tiffany and Co	$69,900
Repeating Watches	$58,750	Unusual Function	$34,950	Doctor's Watches	$5,000
Ball	$4,000	Ditishiem	$13,995	Gallet	$2,000
International	$1,100	Omega	$10,000	Ulysse Nardin	$9,950
Musical Watches	$34,500	Unusual Dial	$40,000	Pocket Watches	$49,900
Breitling	$14,000	Dudley	$10,950	Gruen	$5,000
Jules Jurgenson	$14,500	Patek Philippe	$69,500	Vacheron & Constantin	$40,000
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Foreign	Up To	$475
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US Large Size Bills	Up To	$2475
Obsolete Paper Money and Stocks And Bonds	Up To	$225
Fractional Currency	Up To	$75
Currency with Bank Names	Up To	$500
$500 and $1,000 Bills	Up To	$3,000
$5,000 and $10,000	Up To	$19,500
National Note	Up To	$5,000

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Will Pay Up To:		Antique Items	$5,000
Class Rings	$110	Gold Dental Items	$200
Chains & Necklaces	$5,000	Gold Coins	Bring for Quote
Charm Bracelets	$4,000	Bullion	Bring for Quote
Wedding Bands	$100	Scrap Gold	Bring for Quote
Mountings	$500	Platinum	Bring for Quote

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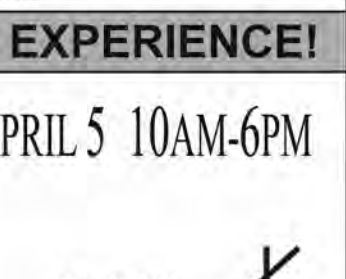

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EASTER EGG HUNT

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Branford News

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Branford weekend update

Easter egg hunt

Easter is just around the corner, which means the Easter bunny will be hiding some eggs around Hatch Park in Branford.

The annual Rotary of Branford Easter Egg hunt starts at 9 a.m., on March 31. The children will be split into age categories, 0-2 may be escorted by parents during their heat, the rest of the age groups, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-10 must hunt for eggs on their own.

Community-wide yard sale

The community-wide yard sale is on Saturday, March 31.

Community members, churches and businesses will be selling items at various locations.

The Branford United Methodist Church is participating in the Community-Wide Yard Sale, as well as having a bake sale and canned food drive. Register for the white elephant sale of crafts made by area artisans.

Third Annual Branford-O'Brien Reunion

The Third Annual Branford-O'Brien Reunion is March 30 through April 1, at Jenkins Park, in Branford. Please bring water and drinks. There is a fish fry with side dishes on March 30. On March 31, there is a barbecue with side dishes. There will be fun and games throughout the weekend.

Moratorium passes on Internet cafes, sexually oriented businesses

By Misty A. Ward

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In an emergency Town Council meeting, on March 22, the council members unanimously passed an 18 month moratorium on issuing business licenses to Internet cafes and sexually oriented businesses.

Council member Shirley Clark made the motion, which was seconded by Alice Childress and unanimously passed by the council. In Ordinance 2012-1, it cites "the Town Council of the Town of Branford finds it necessary to the public's health, safety, morals and welfare to cause a study to be accomplished related to the criteria for the issuance of permits for separate sexually oriented shops and stores, or game rooms, arcades, Internet cafes."

The Town of Branford has submitted its amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to the Department of Economic Opportunity. The Town anticipates approval of the plan within six months. Following the approval of the amendment, the Town of Branford will have in place new Land Development Regulations within one year of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment, in pursuant to Florida Statutes. The new LDRs will address Internet cafes and sexually oriented businesses described within the ordinance.

For more information regarding Ordinance 2012-1, please contact Town Hall, 935-1146.

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Dollar General Market

Construction continues on the Dollar General Market located on US 27, across from the existing Dollar General, in Branford. According to Donna Hardin, Town of Branford Clerk, the construction is anticipated to be complete by the end of April. - Photo: Misty A. Ward

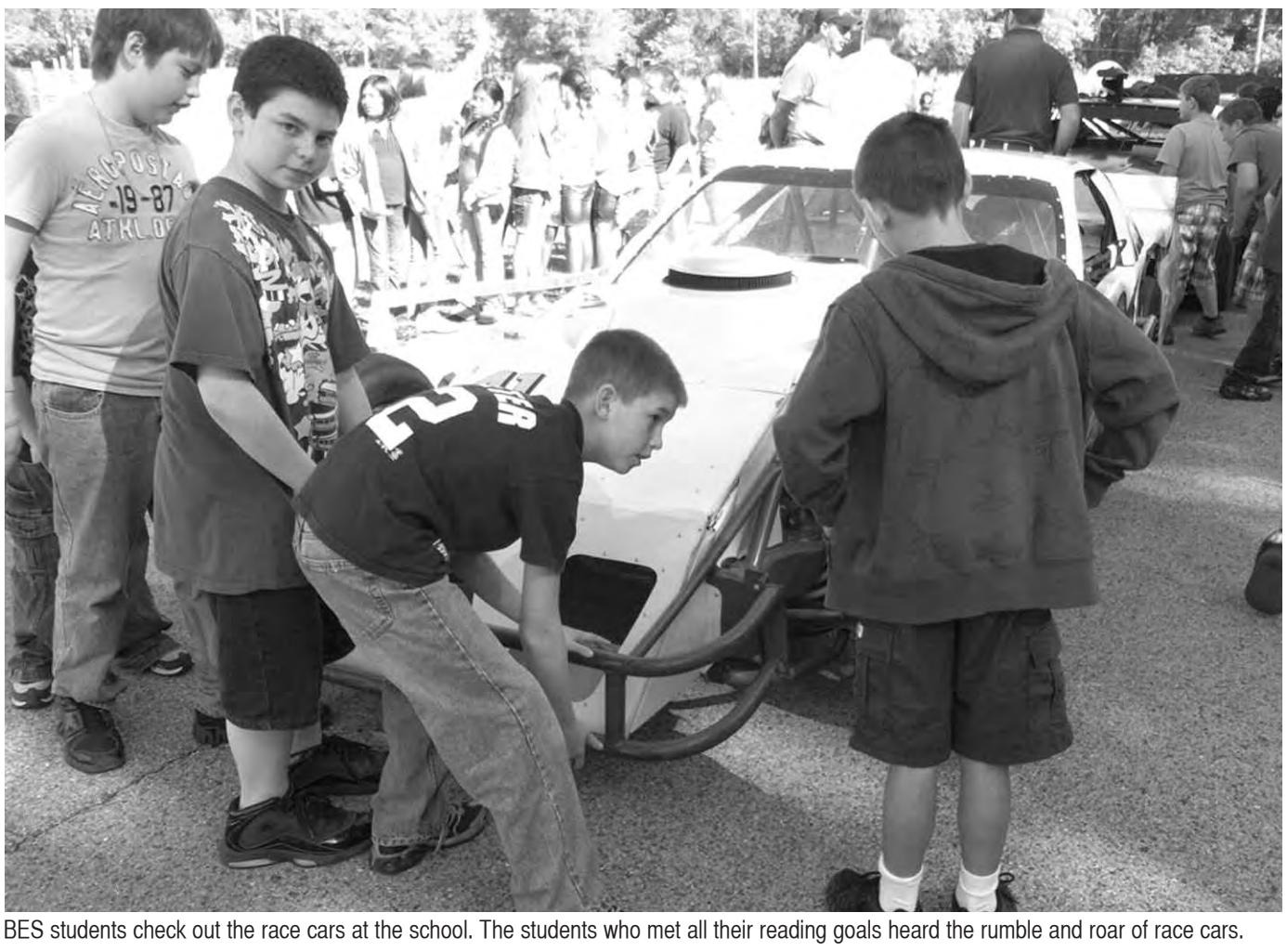
Branford High School Beta Club

Members of the Branford High School Beta Club prepare to participate in the Walk to Cure Duchenne. They're sporting t-shirts sponsored for the walk by Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center.

Kenny Hitt is pictured prior to participating in the Annual Walk to Cure Duchenne. Duchenne muscular dystrophy is a rapidly-worsening form of muscular dystrophy that affects 1 out of every 3,600 male infants. It affects females, as well, however, the occurrence is greater in male babies. - Courtesy Photos

READY! SET! WIN!

BES celebrates student readers with race cars



BES students check out the race cars at the school. The students who met all their reading goals heard the rumble and roar of race cars. - Courtesy Photos

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Branford News

READY! SET! WIN!

BES celebrates student readers with race cars

Branford students receive a special treat for accomplishing their reading goals.

Branford Elementary student readers were rewarded with a visit from the races.

BES students gather around one of the three race cars that made a special visit to the school. The students who met all their reading goals heard the rumble and roar of race cars.

Racers and race cars made a special visit to Branford Elementary to finish the Reading Celebration. Courtesy Photos

The checkered flag came down on Branford Elementary's Reading Celebration, Tuesday.

The students who met all their reading goals heard the rumble and roar of race cars.

Three local drivers Dennis Nixon, Roy Crane and Mr. Hitt visited the school to share the in's and out's of race car driving.

The drivers offered our students a rare opportunity and the school officials appreciated the time they took to talk to the children.

Who Is The God Of The Bible? #3

For the past two weeks we have been looking at the God of the Bible. Today we will conclude this series.

1) God Is Living And Eternal:

Over a billion people today will worship gods made of wood, stone, or metal. The God of the Bible is the "Living God." [Jer. 10:10, I Thess. 1:9]. He is the "Eternal God" [Isa. 40:28, Deut. 33:27].

2) God Is Invincible:

God's purpose will go forth [Isa. 14:27, 43:13]. No one can hinder God's purpose [Psa. 148:7-8].

3) God Is Not Bound By Time:

Time is no consequence to God. He secs the beginning and the end [II Pet. 3:8, Isa. 46:9-10]. History and present stand at His present!

4) God Owns The World:

Everything belongs to God [Psa. 50:10-11, 15; Hab. 2:8]. He uses these things to bless our lives!

5) God Doesn't Want Us To Perish:

It is His will that we repent [II Pet. 3:9]. That we come to the knowledge of truth [I Tim. 2:4].

Ken Campbell, Evangelist

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Sunday Worship....10:00 a.m.
Wednesday....7:30 p.m.
718447-F

Branford United Methodist Church
Lerbie Alligood
935-1653
Sunday
Sunday School....9:30 a.m.
Church Service....10:45 a.m.
Wednesday
Bible Study....5:30 p.m.
718449-F

Burlington Santa Fe Church of Christ
4393 US Hwy 27 • Branford, Fl 32008
Evangelist Ken Campbell
935-1532
Bible School....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service....11:00 a.m.
Worship Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed.-Bible Study....7:00 p.m.

Living Springs Family Worship Center
Pastor Charles Istre
Church 935-1713
www.livingspringsfwc@windstream.net
Sunday School....9:30 a.m.
Morning Service....10:30 a.m.
Wed. Family Night & OPEN Youth Ministries
Service....7:00 p.m.
718451-F

First Baptist Church
Dan Main, Pastor
Church 935-1363
Sunday School....9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship....10:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening....6:00 p.m.
Awana....6:30 p.m.

Peace Baptist Church S.B.C.
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Services Each Sunday
Small Groups....10:00 a.m.
Worship....11:00 a.m.
Worship....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Prayer & Bible Study....6:00 p.m.
718458-F

San Juan Catholic Mission
Reverand Sebastian George
For information call
935-2632
Sunday Mass....9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Mass....6:00 p.m.
718465-F

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5,500 runners expected at Warrior Dash

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The final heat at 2:30 p.m., has 156 Warriors racing to the finish.

According to Kaylyn Sutcliffe, an event coordinator for Red Frog Events, participants can anticipate an exciting day.

"There are a lot of new obstacles to the Warrior Dash this year that are bigger and badder. The mud pit is longer and the wall is about 15 feet tall," Sutcliffe said. "Spectators are welcome. There will be live music, beer and turkey legs following the race."

Although registration is closed for the race, spectators are encouraged to come join the festivities. The event is free but there is a charge for parking. There is no shuttle from the parking to the festivities and it is about a half of a mile walk.

The top three warriors overall for both men and women will receive a custom engraved steel warrior helmet. The top three times in each age division for both men and women will receive a steel warrior helmet trophy. If the creativity flows faster than the feet, there will be a prize for the craziest costume too.

"Costumes are highly encouraged! Contestants are called on stage where the winner is determined by audience applause. The best costume wins a prize," according to the website WarriorDash.com.

Warrior Dash is partnering with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in 2012. The St. Jude Warriors program encourages Warrior Dash racers to fundraise for St. Jude. There will be a VIP area at the Dash for Warriors that raise more than $250 for St. Jude. There will be showers, catering and a lounge for the VIP Warriors.

"Warrior Dash hopes to raise more than $1 million for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital with the help of 2012 participants," Yount stated.

Warrior Dash works with GreenSneakers, an organization that gives tennis shoes a second chance. In 2011, Warriors donated 500,000 pounds of tennis shoes.

While Warrior Dash may sound like a load of fun, it doesn't come without its share of risks.

"There's certainly risk involved in Warrior Dash, but we take every precaution possible to get you to the finish line safely. There will be paramedics and an ambulance on site in case of an emergency. You enter Warrior Dash at your own risk," Warrior Dash officials stated.

To view footage and learn more about the Dash, check out warriordash.com, Red Frog Events Youtube Channel or contact Kendra Alley at 515-321-4847 or media@redfrogevents.com.

Fire/rescue responds to Krystal fire

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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A small fire broke out inside the Krystal restaurant in Live Oak early Thursday morning, but no damage was reported, according to James Sommers from Suwannee County Fire/Rescue.

SCFR responded to a call around 4 a.m. Thursday, March 29 at Krystal off US 129 at 10555 Suwannee Plaza Boulevard in Live Oak. Upon arrival, they discovered a propane leak which had ignited a small fire inside the building.

"It was a minor leak in a hose that caught fire, but there was no damage," said Sommers.

SCFR personnel were able to shut down the system and extinguish the fire, Sommers said.

A call to the business confirmed that Krystal is open for business as usual today.

Judicial Annex nears completion

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and visual aid for not only the BOCC, but the courts as well.

"I'm anticipating our entry date and can't wait until we can get into our own facility and start using it," District Four Commissioner Philip Oxendine stated.

In addition to the electronic work, sodding and landscaping must be done, Harris explained.

Another task Harris emphasized is the installation of a gable style awning at the front of the building.

According to Wainwright, the Judicial Annex will serve as a meeting room for the BOCC, records storage for the clerk of the court and will at times be used as an additional courtroom. The building is located at the intersection of Suwannee Avenue and Parshley Street.

Arrest made in coin caper

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Harrington Ct., Lake City, was arrested on March 27 for taking a glass container filled with coins.

According to reports, Ward entered the home of her victim on Jan. 25, and removed a five gallon container filled with coins of various denominations. Reports show the estimated value of the coins was between $2,000 and $2,500.

Ward has been charged with burglary of a dwelling and grand theft.

Nine candidates qualify for three city seats

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Live Oak resident Jimmy Cherry has qualified to challenge District 2 Councilman Benny Thomas for the council seat he holds. With just two candidates, that race will be decided during the May 8 primary, Williams said.

District 3 Councilman David Burch will not seek reelection, but three candidates are seeking to fill the seat that Burch will vacate. Those candidates include Jacob L. Grantham, William J. "Jimmy" McCullers and J. Quinn Skierski.

While District 5 Councilman James E. "Ed" Rewis will seek another term, he faces challengers David Blevins, Annette Loston and Keith Mixon.

A June 12 runoff election has been scheduled for any races that may require a runoff to be held, according to Williams.

In addition to electing three candidates to fill the city council seats, voters will be asked to approve or disapprove nine proposed city charter amendments. During its Feb. 14 meeting, the Live Oak City Council voted 5-0 to accept the recommendations of a recent charter review committee and present the voters with the proposed amendments for their consideration. Each of the amendments will be presented on the ballot individually, Williams stated.

According to Williams, early voting for the city's General Election will begin April 30 and continue through May 5. The hours for early voting are 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. April 30 through May 4 and 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on May 5.

Early voting will be held at the Supervisor of Elections Office in Live Oak at 220 Pine Ave. S.W.

For further information, please contact Williams at (386) 362-2616 or email her at gwilliams@suwanneevotes.com.

Meth lab busted in city

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appeared to police that Britt was using the camper as a methamphetamine manufacturing laboratory, authorities say.

"Britt later confirmed that he was living in the camper illegally and had been preparing meth inside the camper," LOPD Detective Justin Bates stated in the press release.

Britt was arrested and has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and manufacturing methamphetamine.

Pine Level Missionary Baptist Church

is holding their annual spring Revival. It begins Monday, April 2nd and goes through Friday, April 6th.

It will start at 7:00 p.m. with special singing each night.
Rev. Danny Rogers, who is the pastor at Midway Baptist Church in Lafayette County will be the speaker each night.
Also Easter Sunday, April 8th will be homecoming with a covered dish lunch. At this time there will be an Easter egg hunt for the children.
There will be no evening services on Sunday night April 8th.

The church is located on 11885 217th Road, off of County Road 250.
Look for the Pine Level sign. For more information call Paster J.H. Brown at 386-362-3134.

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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 & A Talent Show Phase 1

Sunday, April 1st Family & Hispanic Day
Sunday All Day Armband: $10
4pm: Entertainment Provided by D.C.O. Musical

Monday, April 2nd
Cram the Van with a Can! Donate a Non-Perishable Canned Good and Gain Free Admission Monday only! All other pay $1 admission.
Sponsored by Cheek & Scott Drugs.
6pm: Youth Goat and Heifer Show
Pedal Tactor Pull & Live Entertainment by Gateway City Big Band
Talent Show Phase 2

Tuesday, April 3rd - Buddy Night:
11am-1pm: Senior Citizen Day, Free Admission Lunch
6pm: Youth Heifer Show & Twirling by Kary
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
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Suwannee Democrat
Section B Wednesday, March 28, 2012

SPORTS

See story below

SHS girls, boys track dominates Baker, Hamilton

A Suwannee High School jumper flies through the air during the long jump at the meet on March 20. - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

A Suwannee High School runner pushes through the 3200 meter run at the meet on March 20. - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

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

The Suwannee girls track team defeated Hamilton and Baker Counties, finishing the season 17-2.

The score for the meet was SHS 85, Baker 72 and Hamilton with 8 points. The SHS girls track team had five first place finishes in individual events and one relay team had first place finishes on their home track.

The following girls placed first in their events Mandy Glass, in pole vault, Shakinna Jones, in the 400 meter dash, Amanda McCall, in the 300 meter hurdles, Amber Morgan, in the 100 meter hurdles, Daycia Bandy in the 100 meter dash, Katie Stalvey in the two mile run. Stavley, Marissa Williams, Alana McClendon and Carley Herring were on the first place 4x800 meter relay team.

The Suwannee High School boys track team defeated Baker and Hamilton County High Schools, on March 20, on the home track, with eight individual first place finishes and three relay teams taking first place.

The meet score was SHS 100.5, Baker 61.5 and Hamilton 16.

In individual events, Josh Wright had a distance of 118 feet for discus, a time of 15.83 in the 100 meter hurdles and 45.86 in the 300 meter hurdles, earning him a first place finish all three events. Austin Collins launched into first with a height of nine feet in pole vault. Kevarius Hayes finished first with a high jump of five feet and eight inches. Justin Martin finished first in the 100 meter dash with a time of 10.92. Jason Brown finished first with a time of 5:19 in the 1600 meter run. Phillip Marco ran the 3200 with a time of 12:04.

The 4x800 relay team with Raymond Gardner, Marco, Eddy Moreno and Collins, the 4x100 relay team with Martin, Jai Kinsey, Denzel washington and Kyle Stebbins; and the 4x400 relay with Sandy Chaires, Hayes, Washington and Kinsey all finished in first place at the meet.

Collins also placed second at the Oak hall Invitational in the pole vault with a vault of 12 feet.

Wildcats defeat Buccaneers in district game

Melody Christian Academy's Steffon Breedlove, number seven, scored the seventh run during the seventh inning. MCA defeated the Bucs 8-1 last Friday night.

- Photos: Misty A. Ward

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

In a district game, the Melody Christian Academy Wildcats baseball defeat the Branford Buccaneers last Friday night on the Bucs' home field, 8-1.

Joseph Stillwell had the loan run for the Bucs in the fourth inning. Stillwell faced 30 batters and threw 42 balls and 63 strikes, including seven strikeouts.

Zack Medearis, A.J. Smith and Trevor Barker lead the Wildcats with two runs each. Bryan Raines had one run. Steffon Breedlove also had one run. Coincidentally, Breedlove is number seven and he scored the seventh run during the seventh inning.

Pitching for the win was MCA's Murphy Chauncey. He faced 17 batters threw 22 balls and 34 strikes, including five strikeouts.

Branford's next game is at Jefferson County on March 30. The Wildcats play against Newberry on March 29, in Live Oak.

Branford Buccaneer Sean Santos makes a run for it. The Bucs were defeated by Meldody Christian last Friday night, 8-1.

A Branford Buc leads off anticipating his next move while the Wildcats stay close. The Bucs were defeated by Meldody Christian last Friday night, 8-1.

SPORTS

SHS girls, boys track dominates Baker, Hamilton

Suwannee High's Amber Morgan runs the 100 meter hurdles at the March 20 track meet at SHS. Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

Suwannee High athlete competes in the high jump. - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

Suwannee High School track athlete competes in the 4x100 meter relay. - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

Wildcats defeat Buccaneers

Melody Christian's Zack Medearis slides into home to finishes off the game with the final run scored. MCA defeated the Bucs 8-1 last Friday night. - Photos: Misty A. Ward

Suwannee High School track athlete competes in the 1600 meter run.

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Suwannee Legals

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 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.
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Florida Bar Number: 078530
Emily K. Dillow
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Personal Representative:
/s/ Elaine E. Crapps
ELAINE E. CRAPPS
P.O. Drawer W
Live Oak, Florida 32064
03/21, 28

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO: 12-14-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF

BEVERLY MAE BRUNELLE,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of

Suwannee Legals

BEVERLY MAE BRUNELLE, deceased, whose date of death was October 9, 2011; File Number: 12-14-CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 S. Ohio Ave., Live Oak, Florida 32064. The names and addresses of the co-personal representatives and the co-personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is March 28, 2012.

/s/ Sandra Cassano
SANDRA CASSANO, Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Beverly M. Brunelle, deceased
8239 163rd Place
Live Oak, Florida 32060

/s/ Lisa M. Blonshine
LISA M. BLONSHINE, Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Beverly M. Brunelle, deceased
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NOTICE
LIVE OAK COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The Live Oak Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), in accordance with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, will file on March 31, 2012, with the City Clerk of Live Oak, other entities, a report of its activities for Fiscal Year 2010-11. The report includes a preliminary financial statement as well as a comparison of the Agency's goals, objectives, and policies to annual program accomplishments. When the results from an independent audit of Agency's Redevelopment Trust Fund are finalized and adopted, they will become a part of this report.

This CRA report for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 will be available for review by the general public during regular business hours in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Live Oak, 101 SE White Ave, Live Oak, FL 32064, after March 30, 2012. This notice is dated the 28th day of March, 2012.

CITY OF LIVE OAK COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY,

Shannon Ventry, CRA Director
03/28

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 lis 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.

(Court Seal) BARRY A. BAKER
Clerk of Court

By: /s/ Marilyn Pait
As Deputy Clerk

03/21, 28

SPORTS

Wildcats defeat Buccaneers in district game

Melody Christian pitcher throws the ball to a Branford batter. The Wildcats defeated the Buccaneers last Friday night, 8-1.

Player gets ready for action. - Photos: Misty A. Ward

A Team of Leaders

Congratulations to Tri-County Tree Service for an undefeated (12-0), 10 and up 2011-12 soccer season. Pictured front row from left: Jack Millsap, Madison Bost, Sammy Millsap, Cade Ward, Silas Croft, Hazen Croft and Jakob Bowers. Back row from left: Coach Chuck Millsap, Stephanie Duarte, Francisco "Paco" Hernandez, Brent Long, Frankie Griffin, Daniel Millsap, Kendall Butts, Hailey Korpi and Coach Taft Croft. Not pictured is Coach Ralph Korpi. Courtesy photo

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 Tactor 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
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Wednesday April 4th:
7pm: Tracy Starling & Friend Band; Pedal Tractor Pull

Thursday, April 5th:
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7 PM – DEMO DERBY

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7 PM – SUWANNEE SPIRIT CHEER GYM DEMONSTRATION & PEDAL TRACTOR PULL

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MIDNIGHT MADNESS - $15 ARMBAND, RIDE ALL RIDES FROM 10 PM UNTIL 1 AM
EARLY BIRD MADNESS - $20 ARMBAND, RIDE ALL RIDES FROM 6 PM UNTIL 1 AM
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SPORTS

SHS varsity girls tennis finishes season with eight shutouts

SHS Seniors celebrate Senior Day Courtesy photo

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The SHS girls tennis team shutout Columbia High School on Tuesday at senior day, 7-0.

This records the eighth shutout of the season for the ladies.

Laura-Kaitlyn Boatright played at the number one singles position and beat her opponent, 8-5. Mara Lance played at number two and won the battle, 8-3.

Lindsey Brothers and Taylor Henderson played number three and number four, respectively, and both won 8-3. Columbia took a forfeit at the number five singles position.

The number one doubles duo of Boatright and Lance won by a score of 8-4 and Brothers and Lilly Henderson won at number two doubles, 8-0. This makes the girls record 11-4 overall and the district record of 9-3.

Last week they shutout Madison and Taylor County with scores of 7-0. Lindsey Garland and Boatright both won their singles matches 8-1 and captured a victory at number one doubles, 8-4. Henderson won at number three, 8-3, Brothers at number four, 8-2 and Sami McManaway at number five, 8-3.

Lilly Henderson and Brothers also won at number two doubles, 8-1. Boatright and Henderson finished the season with records of 9-4, Lance, 8-2, Garland, 8-6, and Brothers, 6-2.

Suwannee travels to Tallahassee next week to compete in the district tournament.

Monday at Tom Brown Park.

BHS girls track takes first at relays, boys place third

Branford girls track and field with their first place trophy at the Cedar Key Relays on March 22, pictured are Stephanie Copeland, Olivia Boney, Logan Boss, Carolyn Woods, Montanna Bailey, Anita Woods and Ashley Horn.

Logan Boss broke school record with a high jump of 5 feet 3 inches

Robert Morris mid-flight in the long jump. Courtesy photos

Submitted

Track and field athletes finish in the top at the Cedar Key Relays on March 22.

The Branford High School girls track team finished in first place last week at the Cedar Key Relays. The boys team checked in at third place.

The teams competing were BHS, Bronson, Cedar Key, Chiefland and Hamilton County.

BHS girls jumper Logan Boss broke the school record with a high jump of 5 feet 3 inches.

Branford Babe Ruth feature team: Bryson's Tractor Repair T-ball

A Branford Babe Ruth T-ball player passes the ball to a teammate. Bryson's Tractor Repair is a T-ball team made up of four, five and six year olds. - Photos: Erin Roberts (Studio386Photography.com)

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Bryson's Tractor Repair is a T-ball team made up of four, five and six year olds.

"We have a great group of kids, some of which are in their first season of ball," said Jason Roberts, team manager. "T-ball is a lot of learning fundamentals so we're working hard, improving every game, and having a lot of fun."

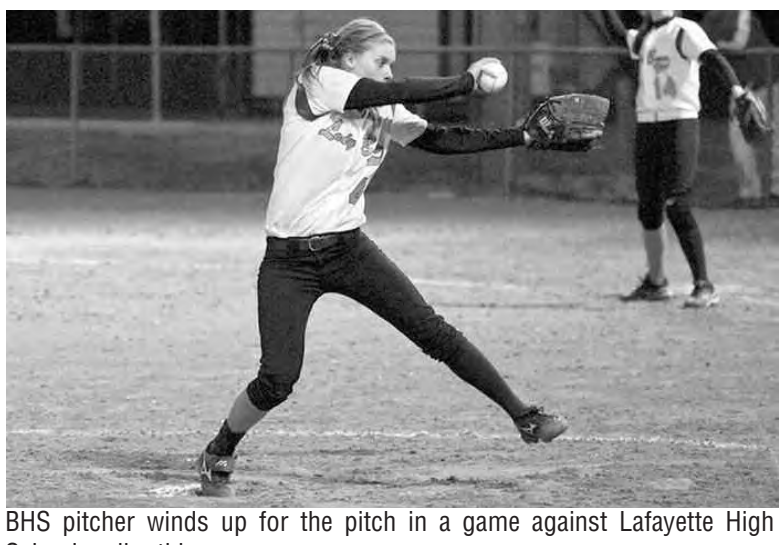
The coaches are Matt Bryson, Amanda Carver and Chace Walker. The team members are Madyson Sikes, Kane Walker, Troy Roberts, Colby Vest, Hunter Bryson, Tristan Kitchen, Karmen Mitchell, Kelsea Corbin, Kaleb Harris and Ethan Eakins.

Next week Branford Babe Ruth takes a break from their regular season for spring break. Action resumes the following week. Don't miss next week's feature team, the Lanier Construction Rookies.

SPORTS

BHS softball dominates Melody Christian, looks to districts

Branford Bucs catcher readies herself for the ball during a game against Lafayette High School earlier this season.



BHS pitcher winds up for the pitch in a game against Lafayette High School earlier this season. - Photos: Jack Howdeshell

By Misty A. Ward
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The softball season is drawing to a close and the Branford Bucs (4-9, 2-4) added one more win under their belt on Tuesday night in a district game against Melody Christian Academy, 12-9.

"They played pretty well last night. It was a district win for us," BHS head coach LaDon Terry said. "We have been working on our batting and fielding.

Jenna Deas led the team with three runs. Becca White, Katie White and Jerrica Byrd all had two runs a piece. Ona Briggs, Stephpanie Copeland and Kasey Raulerson each contributed one run to the 12-9 victory.

The girls went head-to-head with Bronson on March 22, with a win, 8-2. They were defeated by Dixie County on March 26, 11-1.

Briggs and Byrd led the team with two runs each against Bronson. Becca White scored the lone run in the Dixie County game.

The team is putting its focus to districts. They had their last district game against Jefferson County last night.

The team will be taking a rest from games for spring break next week and back into the competition for an away game against Bell High School, at 7 p.m., on April 10, in Bell.

Strength training benefits everybody

Donald flies

By Karla Engel-Molnar,
Manager Suwannee Health and Fitness

If someone mentions lifting weights, do you get the image of a thick-necked, muscle-bound dude benching 300 pounds, and think, "that's definitely not for me!"? If that's the case, it's time to reconsider strength training.

Men and women of all ages and fitness levels can reap the benefits of incorporating strength into their exercise programs. Who doesn't want to lose fat while they gain lean muscle and become a calorie burning machine?

It's a well-known fact that men and women begin to lose muscle mass as we get older, but according to experts at the Mayo Clinic, strength training can help us maintain and even increase our muscle mass, no matter how old we are!

Whether you lift free weights-dumbbells and barbells—use machines, rubber tubing, or do push-ups, pull-ups and body-weight squats for your strength training program, you will experience some benefits that are obvious and others that are more subtle.

The Centers for Disease Control describes muscle as "active tissue" that consumes more calories, and states that "strength training can provide up to a 15 percent increase in metabolic rate, which is enormously helpful for weight loss and long-term weight control."

Further, your increased muscle will work to protect your joints from injury and contribute to better balance, which can potentially help prevent falls.

There is additional evidence to indicate that strength training can also improve or reduce the symptoms of many chronic conditions. In a Tufts University study, older adults with arthritis experienced a 43 percent reduction in pain, increased strength, and decreased disability after a 16-week strength training program.

Another study conducted at Tufts revealed that strength training increases bone density and reduces the risk of fractures for women between the ages of 50 and 70. There's even more good news for those with Type II Diabetes, a 16 week strength training program not only resulted in better glucose control, but participants gained strength and muscle, lost body fat, reported feeling less depressed and more self-confident.

Considering these benefits, you probably want to start strength training right away! After you've gotten your doctor's approval to begin a strength training program, it's important to find something you enjoy doing so that you will stick with it. You may want to join a gym, take classes, or hire a certified personal trainer.

There are many advantages to this approach: you will be around people who are positive, like-minded and will support you in your pursuit of fitness. You will also get professional advice so that you will do your exercises correctly which will maximize results and minimize the chance of injury.

No matter where you choose to do your strength training, be sure to make it a regular part of your exercise program!

SPORTS

Branford Babe Ruth feature team: Bryson's Tractor Repair T-ball

Hunter readies himself to run to the next base.

A Branford Babe Ruth T-ball player waits for some action. Bryson's Tractor Repair is a T-ball team made up of four, five and six year olds.

A Branford Babe Ruth T-ball player gets ready to throw the ball.

A Branford Babe Ruth T-ball player winds up for bat. Bryson's Tractor Repair is a T-ball team made up of four, five and six year olds.

Tristan Kitchen, of the Bryson's Tractor Repair team, throws the ball to a teammate.

The catcher for the Bryson's Tractor Repair team.

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A Branford Babe Ruth T-ball player gets a pep talk.

A Branford Babe Ruth T-ball player takes off to round the bases. Bryson's Tractor Repair is a T-ball team made up of four, five and six year olds.

This Bryson's Tractor Repair team T-ball player is all smiles.

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Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 3/30	Sat 3/31	Sun 4/1	Mon 4/2	Tue 4/3
89/61	87/66	82/64	87/61	90/64
Intervals of clouds and sunshine. Near record high temperatures. High 89F.	Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	Scattered thunderstorms possible.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.
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Evening Worship.....7:00 pm
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CATHOLIC

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928 East Howard St. U.S. 90 East
Live Oak, Florida 32060
(386) 364-1108
Father Andrzej Mitera

Saturday (Vigil) Mass.....6:00 pm
Sunday Mass.....9:00 am
Sunday (Spanish) Mass.....11:30 am

Mission Churches

St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Jasper)
Saturday (Vigil) Mass.....4:00 pm

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

LIVE OAK FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
13793 76th St. (Mitchell Rd.), Live Oak, FL
Rev. Mike Townsend
362-2189
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 am
Children's Church.....10:30 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Evening Worship.....6:00 pm
Wednesday Night.....7:30 pm
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LIVE OAK CHURCH OF GOD
9828 US Hwy 129 South
Lead Pastor Carl Thomas, III 362-2483
Web: www.liveoakchurchofgod.com

SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....10:40 am
Children's Church.....10:40 am
Childrens Choir.....5:30 pm
Evening Worship.....6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY
Family Training Hour.....7:00 pm
Preschool Classes, Boys Clubs, Girls Clubs, V.I.B.E. Youth Church, Young Adults Class and Sanctuary Bible Class
FRIDAY
Prayer at the Gates of the City.....7:00 - 8:15 am
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PRESBYTERIAN (PCA)

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
830 Pinewood Drive, Live Oak, FL
(386) 362-2323
SUNDAY
9:45 AM Sunday School
for children, youth and adults
Prelude of praise 10:45 AM
11:00 AM Morning Worship
WEDNESDAY
5:45 PM Family Fellowship Meal
6:30 PM Kingdom Kids Children,
Partners in Christ Youth, and Adult Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Practice
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Pastor Ryan Wiggan
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364-0717 English; 330-2575 Spanish
SATURDAY SERVICES
Sabbath School.....9:15 am
Devine.....11:00 am
TUESDAY
Worship & Tuesday Night Prayer Meting.....7:00 p.m.
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UNITED METHODIST

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SUNDAY
Contemporary Worship.....9:00 am
Sunday School.....10:00 am
Morning Worship.....11:00 am
WEDNESDAY
Youth Meeting.....6:00 pm
Adult Handbells.....6:00 pm
Men's Crusaders.....7:00 pm
Chancel Choir.....7:30 pm
liveoakfumc@windstream.net
Nursery available Sunday
9:00 and 11:00 services
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NEW HARMONY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
160th St. (Go south on 51 to 160th, turn right)
Pastor: Stan Posey
Phone (386) 776-1806
SUNDAY
Sunday Worship.....9:30 am
Bible Study.....10:30 am
WEDNESDAY
Women's Bible Study.....10 am
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PINE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
5300 CR 136A, Live Oak
Phone (386) 362-5595
Pastor George Swearengin
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.
Traditional Service.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
MONDAY
Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group Service.....5:00 p.m.
Praise Team Rehearsal .....6:00 p.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
"Enter to Worship …. Depart to Service"
718328-F

WELLBORN UNITED METHODIST
12005 CR 137
963-2154 • 963-3071
Pastor James Messer
Music: Geiger Family

SUNDAY
Sunday School.....10:00 am
Worship Service.....11:00 am
Evening Service.....6:00 pm
@ Huntsville UMC, Lake Jeffery Road
Youth Meeting.....1:00 pm
TUESDAY
Prayer Intercession at the Alter
7:00 am, Noon and at 7:00 pm
Church is opened all day, Everyone is welcome

McLeran Memorial Public Library
Tuesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....7:00 pm
732105

RELIGION

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Heart Matters

Nehemiah #6

By Angie Land

I recently heard someone compare a particular politician to that kid in your high school English class who gives an oral book report, but obviously has not read the book. No matter how smooth a speaker they might be, it soon becomes painfully obvious they did not do their homework. After five weeks watching Nehemiah do his homework, we are more than ready for him to present his vision! So, diving in and taking only two verses, Nehemiah confidently shares the mission with the Jews living in Jerusalem:

"Then I said to them, 'You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.' I also told them about the gracious hand of my God upon me and what the king had said to me." (Nehemiah 2:17-18a)

In this short presentation, we find a successful model of casting a vision and enlisting others to join. Remember all the groundwork that Nehemiah had invested time and effort in up to this point: "hearing" the problem, mourning, fasting and praying for favor, and asking for the King's help. Also, don't forget that Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem three days prior to this meeting, with no welcome party. Quietly, he went about gathering information and surveying the damaged walls. Nehemiah didn't want a committee to labor over every detail…what he needed was one plan that would get results…and fast!

Nehemiah approached the enlistment process with the assumption that those living in the city were fully aware of their vulnerability because of the broken walls. "You see the trouble…" Nehemiah knew he didn't need to tell them this was a problem, after all, it was their homes and family living without protection! Notice also how Nehemiah never questioned why they had not already undertaken the task of repairing. Pointing a finger at what others "should" have done never wins allies. The main concern now is to move forward. The walls need repairing. Let's repair them.

The next move Nehemiah makes in enlisting others is to join the mix. Notice that he didn't say, "You need to get on board because I have graciously taken a leave of absence from my important job at the palace to come down here and help you fix your wall." Instead, he says, "Come let us rebuild the wall, and we will no longer be in disgrace." He spoke aloud the feelings they all had in common. There is something so powerfully motivating about a leader who considers his or her place among those being led. We are quick to follow those who have a stake in our fight, but leaders who stay disconnected lose respect quickly. Consider those you have joined for a task. Did they simply point you in a direction, or did they roll up their sleeves and join you? Personally, I tend to want a leader in the trenches with me!

To seal the deal, Nehemiah then gives a convincing testimony that displays God's direction and blessing over this project. No doubt he tells them how he asked God for favor with King Artaxerxes, and how God answered his prayer above and beyond what he imagined. At this point, I am almost certain Nehemiah pulled out the king's letters demanding safe conduct as he traveled, as well as the invoice for timber from the king's forest. Can't you hear him saying, "Look what God has already done! God is for us…how can we fail?"

Being reminded of all Nehemiah invested in this project to get to the place of sharing his vision is a humbling reminder that it takes a lot of work to begin a work. Homework must be done, information gathered, groundwork laid…we must be willing to count the cost in order to cast a vision. And never, ever miss the opportunity to bear witness to what God is up to and give Him glory. "So they began this good work."

Because Every Heart Matters, Angie

Heart Matters is a weekly column written by Angie Land, Director of the Family Life Ministries of the Lafayette Baptist Association, where she teaches bible studies, leads marriage and family conferences and offers biblical counseling to individuals, couples and families. Contact Angie with questions or comments at angieland3@windstream.net

Freedom is here

The God who serves

By Pastor John Whittington

Many religious figures have assumed a state of humility as they endeavored to patiently teach their followers to walk in the way they themselves have discovered.

Then comes Jesus:

• The Word of God Made Flesh

• The Image of the Invisible God

• The Firstborn over all creation

• The Radiance of God's Glory

• The Exact Representation of God's Being

• The Only Begotten Son of God

This is not a gentle soul with a divine spark

He is the Spark of all Creation

This is not an awakened soul

He is the Breath of Life

This is not an enlightened soul

He is the Light of the World

He is the "Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made" (From the Nicene Creed, Fourth Century). A great man who humbled himself for others would be commendable. But Jesus traversed an infinite distance, from heaven to earth, in order to humble Himself for us!

Jesus is the One who stooped down at Simon Peter's feet, washing and drying them only a few hours before this same disciple denied Him. Other leaders have set examples of humility and service to others. But what other "lord" or "god" has ever descended from his altar or pedestal to serve his subjects in such a way as this?

Jesus is the link between heaven and earth; between God and people. In this simple act of service to Simon He humanizes God's love for us, and sanctifies our love for God. Only He could have done that.

I choose to love the God who first loved me.

I choose to serve the only God who became a servant!

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Pastor John Whittington
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Easter pageant

The First Baptist Church of Dowling Park invites you to our Easter pageant entitled "Meeting the Master". It is a musical drama of the public ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and includes a cast of many dozens. Three presentations have been scheduled: 7 p.m. Friday, April 6, 7 p.m. Saturday, and April 7, 10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 8. The church is located at 11274 235th Lane in Dowling Park near the intersection of CR 250 and CR 136. Come early to get a good seat.

The Suwannee County Ministerial Alliance Annual Holy Week

The last seven sayings of Christ

This celebration will take place at Live Oak Christian Church 1018 Ohio Ave. North, Live Oak, just before Walt's Live Oak Ford on April 4, 5, 6 and 8. Rev. Ray Kelley says services start at 7 p.m. nightly through April 7 and Sunrise service is at 7 a.m. Breakfast will be served after the Sunrise service. Please fellowship with us remembering the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. President Rev. Tommie Jefferson, Vice President Rev. Ray Kelley. See you at Holy Week services.

Edify Praise Team to present Gospel at Peace Baptist

Edify Praise Team from Trenton, will be presenting the Gospel in music at Peace Baptist Church on Saturday, March 31 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served after the program. Peace Baptist Church is located at 7794 S. US Hwy. 27, Branford. Call 386-935-4681 for more information or visit www.peacebaptistchurch.net.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth; make a loud noise, rejoice, and sing praise."
Psalm 98:4

Holy Week Services

Faith in Christ Church, located at 282 SW Magical Terrace, Lake City, Florida, will be having Holy Week Services.

We are located just off Pinemount Road, one block north of the Bookstore. Turn South on Pinemount/252 at First Federal Bank, drive about one mile and look for sign on the right.

We will begin Sunday, April 1 with the Palm Sunday service at 10 a.m.

On Thursday, April 5, at 7:15 p.m., there will be a Maundy Thursday service. This will be a Holy Communion service.

On Friday, April 6, at 12 p.m., we will walk the Via Dolorosa or "the Sorrowful Road", retracing the last steps of Jesus as we contemplate and pray what our Lord has done for us.

On Resurrection Day, April 8, Easter Sunday, we will have a Holy Communion Service and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ at 10 a.m.

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In life, an "account at the bank" can be a relative thing

By Rev. James L Snyder

God does not make grandmothers like He once did. At least not like MY grandmother. Grandmother never trusted such things as banks with her money. Someone once told my grandmother, "If you would put your money in the bank, they would pay you interest."

With a confused look on her face she responded, "I have enough interest in my money, nobody else needs to bother about it." That was that!

After my grandfather died, my wife and I had the opportunity to take grandma out for supper. It was a delightful restaurant and we thought it would be a real treat for her. More than once, I had to keep her from getting up and serving coffee to the rest of the people in the restaurant. After all, she did that at the church suppers. Why not here. "I've got two good legs," she protested.

Then came time to pay the check and the waiter brought the check and laid it in front of me. I immediately took a credit card out of my wallet and laid it on the check.

I could tell grandma had never seen a credit card before.

"Put that away," she said. "I believe that man wants you to pay for our supper. Don't you have any money?"

"I'm paying for our supper with my credit card," I explained.

"Oh, dear," she moaned. "You know I don't believe in cards. Cards are of the devil, and I have never had a deck of cards in my house. I'm a little surprised that you, a minister, would be fooling around with such things of the devil."

She insisted we tip the waiter in "good ole American cash." I am not sure if grandma ever really understood the credit card. She bought nothing on credit and did not accept credit. Everything had to be done in cash. She often quoted the scripture verse that says, "Owe no man any thing . . ." (Romans 13:8 KJV), which she took quite literally.

As grandma got older, she began to rethink the business of opening a bank account. Without telling anyone, she decided to go to the bank and open an account. She had saved up $50 for this purpose. Grandma nervously entered the bank and walked up to the man sitting at the desk marked "New Accounts."

"Good morning, Ma'am. I'm Gary Goodman. How can I help you today?"

The man seemed pleasant enough, and grandma thought entrusting him with the delicate job at hand was probably safe.

"I wanna open an account," she mumbled.

"Fine. I'll get you all set up. It won't take but a few minutes." With that, he took out some papers and laid them on his desk in front of grandma.

"Now," he said, "let's begin. What is your name?"

She told him.

"O.K. What is your address?"

"What?"

"What is your address?"

"Why do you need to know that?"

"I'm just filling out the form, Ma'am."

The young man a little confused with her hesitancy said, "We can come back to that. What is your date of birth?"

Grandma's face turned a little red. "What do you want to know that for," she gasped?

"I'm just filling out the forms. Can you give me your telephone number?"

That did it for grandma. She got up from her seat and looked him right in the face and said, "Young man, I don't know who you think you are, but I am not interested in your advances. I'm old enough to be your mother. You ought to be ashamed."

Just then the manager of the bank walked by.

"Mary, what are you doing here?"

The manager quickly assessed the situation and told the young man he would take care of this customer and tried to console my grandmother.

"I don't know what's gotten into young folk these days," she whispered.

Barely concealing the manager his smile he said, "I'll take care of you, Mary," he assured her. He knew all the information about her and quickly filled in the paper work and walked grandma to the teller for her first deposit.

Grandma handed the teller a crumpled $50 bill. The teller took it and gave her a deposit receipt.

"Where's my money?" grandma demanded.

"It's safe in the bank, Ma'am."

"How do you know my money from everyone else's?"

"The money is all deposited in the bank, and if you need any, all you do is write a check."

She showed grandma how to write out a check. By now grandma was confused and more than a little exasperated. Quickly grandma wrote out a check for $50 and handed it back to the teller.

"You're withdrawing all your money?"

"Yes."

The teller counted out $50 and handed it to her. Grandma looked at the teller and said, "No. I want MY money." The teller retrieved the crumpled $50 bill and handed it to grandma.

As she walked out, the teller heard her mumble, "What a crazy way to run business. No wonder banks fail."

There is only one sure account I can bank on. Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:" (Matthew 6:19-20 KJV).

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Lake City Medical Center appoints new CEO

LAKE CITY, FL – Lake City Medical Center, an affiliate of HCA, announces the appointment of Mark A. Robinson to the position of Chief Executive Officer, effective May 1, 2012. Robinson brings more than 11 years of healthcare administration experience to this role, having served for the past four years as Chief Operating Officer at Trident Medical Center in Charleston, South Carolina. His previous experience includes serving as Chief Operating Officer at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Panama City, Florida, and in Associate Administrator roles at both Aventura Hospital and Medical Center in Aventura, Florida, and Greenview Regional Hospital in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

"Lake City Medical Center serves an important role in the community," said Robinson. "I look forward to joining the hospital team, working collaboratively with the medical staff to meet the needs of our patients, and becoming actively involved in the community."

Robinson received his Bachelor of Science in management from the University of North Carolina at Asheville and a Master of Business administration as well as a Master of Health Administration from Georgia State University. His community involvement has included organizations such as the American Heart Association and the Arthritis Foundation.

"We are fortunate to bring Mark to Lake City. His past experience and knowledge of hospital operations will be tremendous assets to Lake City Medical Center," said Michael P. Joyce, FACHE, President, HCA North Florida Division. "The facility has enjoyed a successful history and Mark will be instrumental in continuing its legacy of achievement."

As a 67-bed acute care facility, Lake City Medical Center has provided medical care for over 55 years to Lake City and the surrounding communities – the home to our patients, staff and physicians. Lake City Medical Center strives to offer a broad range of medical services including cardiovascular services, cancer care, Women's Health, general surgical services, orthopedic surgical services and outpatient and inpatient imaging, to name a few. The mission of Lake City Medical Center is to effectively meet the needs of the communities we serve through a continuum of quality healthcare in a compassionate environment of mutual trust and respect.

The Obsolete Covenant

By: Tim Seaton

Many "Christian" doctrines today seek Old Testament Laws. These doctrines include musical worship, keeping the Sabbath, observing Jewish feasts (even the Passover), and even setting up a centralized government with its own handwritten creeds and laws. It's enough to make one question, ought we to be Jerusalem or spiritual New Jerusalem? The apostles had no small debate with the 1st century Jews over this. They too tried to make a hybrid religion between Jewish and Christian faiths (see Ac.15). It is also a consistent trait with these hybrid religions that they must pick and choose what part of the Jewish law they are going to keep. The Bible however, OT and NT, teaches that these things cannot be so.

Firstly, if one desires to keep the OT Law at all, one must keep all of it. "Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision [i.e. the covenant and law], Christ will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace," (Gal.5:2-4).

Secondly, the OT Law was for a worldly nation, but the NT brought a very different sort of kingdom as Jesus declared to Pilate (see also Jn.6:15, etc.). God made a covenant with a world nation that they should be a holy kingdom whose laws were written in stone. But Jeremiah declared that a new covenant would arise, "not like the covenant that I made." (Jer.31:31). Paul affirms this in 2Cor.3: "God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."

Next, to desire OT Law, is to be reserved for death! Notice, the letter kills! It only convicts one of sin. It cannot save one from it. OT Law was never given to ensure any promise of God! It was given because of sin (Gal.3:19)! Paul called it "the ministry of death carved in letters on stone." He says, "Will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?" That is, more than the glory of Moses which wore a veil. Notice, the veil over Moses resembles the veil on the hearts of OT subjects (2Cor.3:12-18). Why? Because the OT was by nature waiting for a glory to be revealed, promised to Abraham 400 years before the Law even existed, namely that Jesus, the glory of God and redeemer of our glory, would come! So then, we are saved not by OT Law, but by an ancient active faith like this: "For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD…so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him," (Gen.18:19).

Receiving OT Law today demands that we reject the Christ, for many reasons! The Law disqualifies Christ as our high priest (Heb.7:12-14). It joins us to itself so that we reject Christ the Groom (Rom.7:1-4). Paul recons it to Hagar the slave woman, but we are of the free woman. So then, cast out the slave woman (Gal.4)! OT Law rejects the grace of God (Col.2:13f). It rejects the supreme authority of the Son (Lk.9:33-36; Mt.28:18; Heb.2:1-4; see also Mt.5-7: "you have heard it said… But I say unto you."). Now, one may suggest, "Didn't Christ come not to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it?" (Mt.5:17). Yes, that was his purpose for himself, but it was not his purpose for us. He did what we could not do; thus, he freed us from slavery to the Law. Notice also, Mt.5:18 declares the Law will vanish away when it is all fulfilled! Now let Heb.8:13 speak: "In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away."

– Tim Seaton is the preacher for the Northside Church of Christ on SR51 in Mayo. Come out to edify and be edified with us! We've no authority but Christ; no name but Christian.

97th Annual Suwannee County FAIR

Livestock Show and Sale

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March 30 - April 7, 2012

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Dear Friends,

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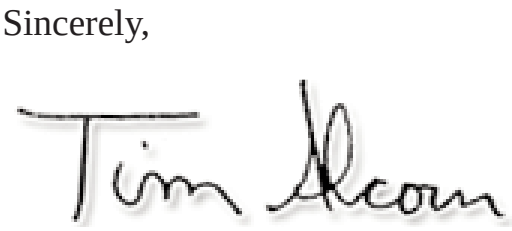
A special thanks to the men and women who continue to work hard all year long to keep our Fair going and to the area businesses and organizations that provide much needed support. Come to the Fair and enjoy viewing, doing and learning from all we have to offer.

WELCOME! To our 97th Annual Suwannee County Fair Livestock Show and Sale.

Sincerely,



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President

CREATIVE CRAFTS

No county fair would be complete without an Arts and Crafts Exhibit, and the 97th Annual Suwannee County Fair and Youth Livestock Show and Sale is no exception. This year's fair promises an abundance of handcrafted, homemade articles. From quilts to holiday crafts to handmade toys, there will be something for everyone. Categories are separated by age and manufacturing level. There will be four divisions, including youth (up to age 18), adult, exceptional and professional. The item must have been made in the last 12 months and may not have been shown at a previous fair. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third place winners. All exhibits must be registered between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 29, 2012. Fair goers should be sure to take a stroll through this exhibit to see first hand the talent that lies within Suwannee County.

Baked Goods Exhibit

You're invited to enter your baked goods at the Suwannee County Fair Livestock Show and Sale Baked goods Exhibit. So get out your best recipes and bake it and bring it on in! We take cookies, cakes, breads and even candy, if it's baked. First, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded, and best of class will receive a $10 premium and best of show will receive a $25 premium. Baked goods need to be registered between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., March 29, 2012.

Suwannee County Fair
Livestock Show and Sale

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Senior Citizen's Day at the Fair

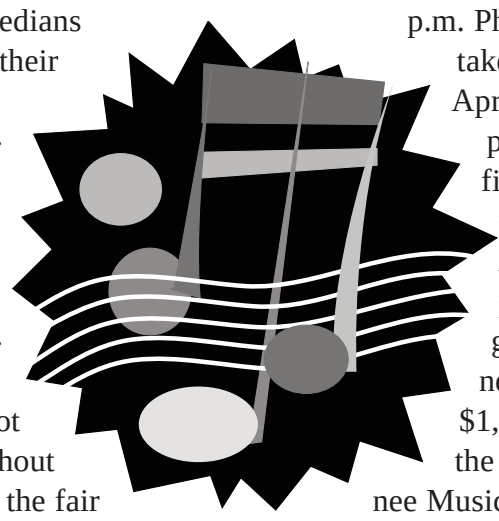
A free lunch will be provided

10 a.m. till 1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 3

Come enjoy the exhibits,
animals and entertainment
Lunch will be served at noon

Suwannee County Fair Amateur Talent Show

As the 97th Annual Suwannee County Fair and Livestock Show and Sale draws near, singers, dancers and comedians are polishing up their acts for the Suwannee County Fair Amateur Talent Show. The show is sponsored by the Suwannee County Fair Association. We could not do this event without the support from the fair association and the Spirit of Suwannee Music Park. This is the chance many of our contestants have been waiting for.

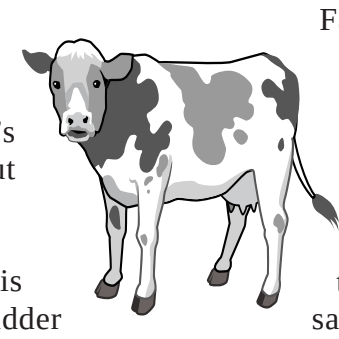


Organizers Hillary Cannon and Tori Musgrove are expecting many contestants this year. The show will be divided into three phases. Phase one will take place Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 7 p.m. Phase two will take place Monday, April 2, 2012 at 8 p.m. The grand finale will take place Friday April 6, at 7 p.m. with the grand prize winner receiving $1,000 given by the Spirit of Suwannee Music Park. All shows start at 7 p.m. or 8 p.m. It will be out on the midway- --look for the tent. The Suwannee County Fair Amateur Talent Show offers three nights of fun, excitement, anticipation and potential to win a lot of money.

The Dairy and Livestock show and sale

Now in its 13th year, the goat show has continually expanded since its beginnings in 1999.

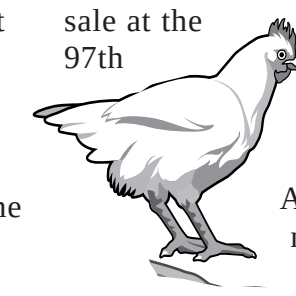
For participants in the dairy show at the Suwannee County Fair and Youth Livestock Show and Sale, it's all about the udders. "There is major udder emphasis," according to Fred Henderson. "The judges will be looking at the cows as milk factories."



The rabbit and poultry exhibit may house the smallest animals at the Suwannee County Fair and Youth Livestock Show and Sale, but they are hardly overlooked. Organizers of the exhibit predict most all fairgoers take at least one trip through their barns. "The crowds love to walk through this barn and look at the different rabbits and poultry." She adds this is also "a great way to get young kids started in the fair process."

The annual hog show and sale of the Suwannee County Fair and Livestock Show and Sale is the longest running tri-county show and sale in the state.

Can you imagine leading 1,000 pounds of animal around a small ring by a modest rope with five other 1,000 pound animals surrounding you? Well, that's what it boils down to for the young men and women who will be participating in the steer show and sale at the 97th Annual Suwannee County Fair and Youth Livestock Show and Sale.



It's all about being a good mother! That is the deciding criterion for the girls in the heifer show at the Suwannee County Fair and Youth Livestock Show and Sale. The judges will look at the age of the heifer and her size for her age and then make their best judgment. A grand champion and a reserve grand champion will be chosen.

SUWANNEE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

5K Run-A-Fair and Walk/Talk

The Suwannee County Fair Association 5K Run-A-Fair and Walk/Talk is back and is held in conjunction with the Suwannee County Fair. The event 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.

Course: The course begins at the Suwannee County Coliseum and winds through one of Live Oak's finest neighborhoods. The 3.1 mile course out and back is flat and fast with two water stops.

- T-shirts to all entrants (runners and walkers).
- Awards to top three in all age groups.
- Award ceremony 30 minutes after race.
- Refreshments at start and finish line.

Time: Race day registration 8 a.m. Race starts at 9 a.m.

Cost: $10 individual open-class, (Make checks payable to Suwannee County Fair).

Classifications: Age groups for male and female - 12 years and under, 13-17, 18-23, 24-30, 31-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-70 and 71 and over. Parent or guardian signature required if under 16 years of age.

Race date: Saturday, April 7.

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Friday, March 30th

5 p.m.	Fair Opens; Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies
6 p.m.	Dairy Show / Ranch Sorting Sign-In
7 p.m.	Rusty Groove Band / Ranch Sorting Ride
8 p.m.	

Midnight Madness - $15 Armband, Ride All Rides from 10 pm until 1 am
Early Bird Madness - $20 Armband, Ride All Rides from 6 pm until 1 am

Saturday, March 31st

12 Noon	Fair Opens, Poultry Skill-A-Thon
12-4 p.m.	Kid's Craft Day
1 p.m.	Pee Wee Dairy Show / Costume Contest
2 p.m.	Miss Suwannee County Fair Beauty Pageant
7 p.m.	Phase 1 Talent Show
7 p.m.	Demolition Derby

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Sunday, April 1st - Family & Hispanic Day

2 p.m. until Close - Armband Reduced to $10, Ride All Rides

2 p.m.	Fair Opens
4 p.m.	ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY D.C.O. Musical
6:30p.m.	Gateway City Big Band

Monday, April 2nd - Dollar Day

$1 Admission and $1 Rides

5 p.m.	Fair Opens
6 p.m.	Youth Goat Show, Youth Heifer Show
7 p.m.	17th Annual Talent Show-Phase One

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Demolition Derby

Saturday, March 31st; 7 p.m.

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April 7th; 3:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 3 - Buddy Night

$20 Ride All Rides from 5 p.m. until Close; You and your buddy pay $10 Each

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Senior Citizens Day - Free Admission & Lunch
12 p.m. Noon	Seniors Lunch Will Be Served
5 p.m.	Fair Opens
6 p.m.	Youth Heifter Show / Twirling by Kary
7 p.m.	Barber Shop Quartet /

Wednesday, April 4

Ride All Rides from 5 p.m. until Close - $15 Armband

5 p.m.	Fair Opens
7 p.m.	Tracy Starling & Friends Band

Thursday, April 5 - Student Day

Students (6-18) Admitted Free from 5-8 p.m.
Ride All Rides from 5 p.m. until Close - $15 Armband

5 p.m.	Fair Opens
7 p.m.	Suwannee Spirit Cheer; Gym Exhibition / Pedal Tractor Pull
8 p.m.	FSU Cheerleading Demostration Autographs & Photos

Friday, April 6

Midnight Madness - $15 Armband, Ride All Rides from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m.
Early Bird Madness - $20 Armband, Ride All Rides from 6 p.m. until 1 a.m.

5 p.m.	Fair Opens
6 p.m.	Hog & Steer Show
7 p.m.	17th Annual Talent Show-Grand Finale
7 p.m.	Demolition Derby
8 p.m.	Justin Case Band

Saturday, April 7

8 a.m.	5K Registration	9 a.m.	5K Race
12 p.m. Noon	Fair Opens	3 p.m.	Run What Ya'Brung
12:30 p.m.	Livestock Sale		Lawn/Garden Tractor and
7 p.m.	Whoo Whee Band		Side x Side Pull

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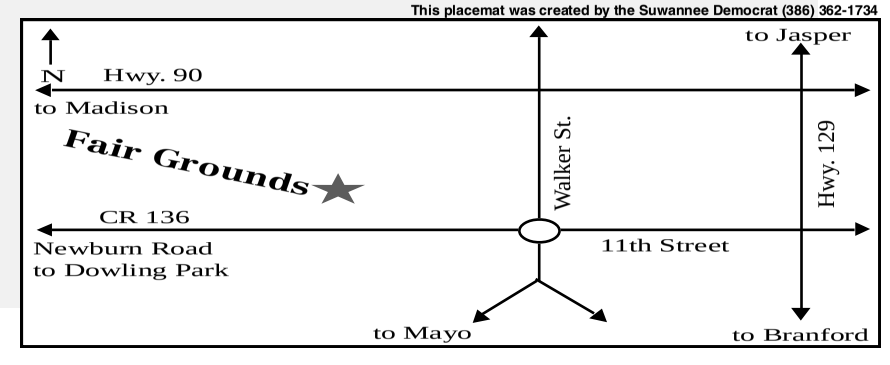

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March 30; 7 p.m.

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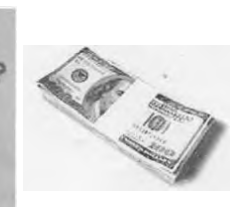

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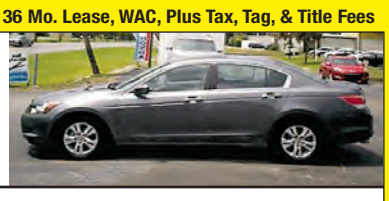

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