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Local park in running for Coca-Cola's 'America's Favorite Park' campaign

Staff

Wes Skiles Peacock Springs State Park in Luraville was ranked 17th Tuesday afternoon in Coca-Cola's third annual America Is Your Park campaign. At stake is the title of "America's Favorite Park" and a recreation grant from Coca-Cola.

America is Your Park is an online campaign which will provide \$100,000 for the 1st place park, \$50,000 for the 2nd place park, and \$25,000 for the 3rd place park. Additionally, a \$15,000 grant will be awarded, at random, to a

park that finishes between 4th and 25th place.

You can learn more about this contest at www.livepositively.com/parks. Online voting is worth one point, and checking-in at the park via "foursquare" is worth 100 points. Voting ends July 15, so time is running out.

To vote, visit <https://apps.facebook.com/coca-colaparks/>.

As of Tuesday afternoon, there were 100,591 votes for Wes Skiles Peacock Springs State Park.

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Two SCUBA divers staging for entrance into the Peacock I cave system, which extends for hundreds of meters beyond the spring vent directly beneath. - Photo: Florida Park Service

Penn Oil improvements underway

New store will boast fast food restaurant



Construction on the diesel bay at the Penn Oil Truck Stop on US 129, north of Live Oak, is underway.

- Photo: Misty A. Ward

By Misty A. Ward
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The Penn Oil Truck Stop located on US 129 north in Live Oak is undergoing several improvements including the relocation of several diesel pumps, a new store and restaurant.

According to Suwannee County Planning and Zoning Director Ron Meeks, the county has approved a partial site plan for the relocation of the diesel pumps and moved a temporary office to the site as well.

The new diesel bay will host six diesel pumps. Jay Johnson, of Johnson & Johnson, Inc., owners of Penn Oil said

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HUNDREDS CAUGHT THE 'JUNE BUG'



Hundreds of people turned out Saturday to enjoy the fourth annual June Bug Festival thanks to the success of Event Chairman Barney Everett. The June Bug was a festival of vendors, food, entertainment and fun. A spectacular fireworks show ended the night. Here, folks enjoy the display of classic cars. See more photos on pages 10 and 11. - Photo: Jeffrey Boatright

IT'S OFFICIALLY SUMMER

Summer solstice begins today

By Jeffrey Boatright
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Those long lazy days of summer have returned with the Sun reaching its farthest point north of the equator today, according to The Old Farmer's Almanac.

The joys of summer are evident as children walk carelessly with cane poles and buckets of bait, in search of that large, elusive bass. It is a time of year when many become reacquainted with sounds of the Beach Boys and replay country favorites. Old friends take advantage of the lengthy days, while sitting on the front porches, reminiscing of days gone by. It is the season of blackberries and watermelons, vacations, swim-

ming and fun.

Depending on the time zone, summer always begins in North America on June 20 or June 21.

Since the Earth completely revolves around the Sun once every 365 days, following an elliptical shaped orbit, the distance between Earth and the Sun varies throughout the year. During the first week of the year, the Earth is about 1.6 million miles closer to the Sun than usual. However, our planet is about 1.6 million miles farther away from the Sun during the first week of July. While 1.6 million miles might seem like a great distance, it really isn't that much

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Commitment pending for 'Project Christmas'

By Jeffrey Boatright
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Suwannee County officials came back from Friday's meeting with "Project Christmas" representatives still hopeful of securing a letter of commitment from the prospective company for the catalyst site in western Suwannee County. The county drafted a commitment letter to be signed by both parties during Friday's meeting. According to Suwannee County Commission Chairman Wesley Wainwright, representatives from "Project Christmas" present

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Tea Party hosts state attorney candidates

By Jeffrey Boatright
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A group of concerned citizens gathered in Columbia County on a soggy Thursday evening to hear where the two Third Judicial Circuit state attorney candidates stand on certain issues.

The North Central Florida Tea Party hosted incumbent Robert L. "Skip" Jarvis Jr. and challenger Jeff Siegmies-

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Gamble seeks District 3 commission seat

Submitted

My name is Ricky Gamble, I'm running for county commissioner, District 3 and I'm asking for your vote and support.



Gamble

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Jarvis seeks another term as state attorney

Submitted

Robert L. "Skip" Jarvis formally announces that he is running for re-election as your state attorney for the Third Judicial Circuit of Florida covering Columbia, Suwannee, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Taylor, and Dixie counties.



Jarvis

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ELECTION 2012

Schutte seeks circuit judgeship, Group 2

Submitted

To the people of the Third Judicial Circuit, my name is Frederick "Rick" Schutte, and I wish to announce my candidacy for Circuit Judge, Group 2.



Schutte

I also wish to say that I am proud to be able to run for the seat being vacated by the retirement of the Honorable

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McDonald's adding additional drive through



The McDonald's located on US 129, north in Live Oak, applied for a permit to add an additional drive through lane as well as to begin some renovations on the exterior of the building. Suwannee County Planning and Zoning Director Ron Meeks said that McDonald's should be starting renovations soon. - Photo: Misty A. Ward

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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

June 14, Sydney Lange, 22, 1102 Pine Ave, Live Oak, FL, Burglary, Grand Theft, Dealing Stolen Property, Burglary, Grand Theft, Dealing in Stolen Prop, VOP O/C Deal in Stolen Property: SCSO- J. Cameron

June 14, James Edward Skinner, 29, 7295 122nd St, Live Oak, FL, Grand Theft, Burglary, Deal in Stolen Prop, Grand Theft, Burglary, Deal in Stolen Prop, Burglary, Grand Theft, Dealing in Stolen Prop, VOP O/C Gr Theft-3 Cts, VOP O/C Deal Stolen Prop: SCSO- J. Cameron

June 14, Robert Neil Castengera., 28, 15439 N CR 349, Live Oak, FL, Sent 170 Days CJ: SCSO-

L. McDaniel
 June 14, Troy Charles Lancaster, 20, 11457 Vera Drive, Oceanway, FL, FTAC O/C No DL: SCSO- A. Loston

June 14, Lisa Marie P Martin, 31, 121 SE Cypress Hollow Gle, Lake City, FL, VOP O/C Poss Worthless Ck, Cash \$655.50 Pay. SVPS: SCSO- A. Watson
 June 14, Jimmy Jean, 38, 7342 68th Tr, Live Oak, FL, Battery (Dom Viol), 1st App PD N/A Per WFW: SCSO- T. Wadford

June 15, Charles Emmanuel Wheeler, 50, 736 Chuch St, Live Oak, FL, Disorderly Intox, Trespass After Warning, Battery, Poss Praphernalia: LOPD- J. Roundtree

June 15, Derrick DeWayne Brown, 30, 907 15th Street S Apt B, Cordele, GA, VOP (Burglary), GA Parole Wrt: OALE- T. Nobles

June 15, Alfred Frank Godfrey, 52, 8325 200th St, McAlpin, FL Sent 15 Days CJ: SCSO- J. Mills

June 15, Jennifer Lynn Leidy, 28, 619 Scriven St, Live Oak, FL, Sale of Cannabis W/I 1000 Ft of Place of Worship, Sale of Cannabis W/I 1000 Ft of a Daycare, Poss of Cannabis W/I Sell, Sale of Cannabis W/I 1000 Ft of Place of Worship, Sale of Cannabis W/I 1000 Ft of a Daycare, Poss of Cannabis W/I Sell, Sale of Cannabis W/I 1000 Ft of Place of Worship, Sale of Cannabis W/I 1000 Ft of a Daycare, Poss of Cannabis W/I Sell: SCSODTF- R. Sammons

June 15, Jose Alexis Torres, 29, 1800 NW Opalocka Blvd, Miami, FL, Poss -20Grams Cannabis, Contraband in Prison, Introduction or Removal: SCSO- Sgt. T. Ford

June 16, Robert Roy St. Clair, 21, 604 Savannah St, Branford, FL, VOP (Poss +20 Cannabis), Madison Co. Wrt: SCSO- P. Shea

June 16, Daniel Wayne Ades, 37, 8184 260th Ter, Branford, FL, Agg. Battery, VOP O/C Sale/Del

Meth and Poss Listed Chemicals: SCSO- Z. Clark

June 16, Fred Kerlin Moore, 46, 1826 Sunset Place, Ft. Myers, FL, Writ of Bodily Attachment, \$1500 or Serve 179 Days: SCSO- H. Tucker

June 17, Ronald Gordon Bilyou, 51, 245 S.E. Coolege Avenue, Lee, FL, Fleeing & Eluding LEO, Child Abuse, Resisting W/O Violence, Grand Theft, 1st app PD App Per WFW: SCSO- E. Padgett

June 17, Leisa Dawn Harrelson 39, 245 S.E. Coolege Avenue, Lee, FL, Grand Theft, Child Abuse, Resist Arrest W/O Violence, Fleeing & Eluding LEO, 1st App PD App Per WFW: SCSO- E. Padgett

June 17, Kreshonda Meshia McIntyre, 23, 841 SW 6th Street, Live Oak, FL, Madison Co VOP-Trespass, Retail Theft, 1st App PD App Per WFW: SCSO- E. Padgett

June 17, Erikka Monique Jackson, 19, 841 SW 6th St, Live Oak, FL, Retail Theft, VOP-Grand Theft, VOP-Fel Criminal Mischief, 1st App PD App Per WFW: SCSO- E. Padgett

June 17, Tammy Bell Hughes, 41, 202 Irvin Ave Lot #4, Live Oak, FL, DWLS/R Knowingly, 1st App PD App Per WFW: LOPD- B. Kastor

June 17, Chain Lee Williams, 32, 663 NW Lonnie Lane, White Springs, FL, VOP (Battery), FTA (Dom Violence), Columbia Co Wrts, Wrti of Bodily Attachment, New OBTS #6101025850: SCSO- Z. Clark

June 18, Forest Hayward Greene, 43, Liv Oak Motel #25, Live Oak, FL, DWLS/R: SCSO- H. Harris

June 18, Laney G. Reynolds, 45, 3523 NW 103rd Pl, Jasper, FL, Grand Theft: SCSO- C. Thompkins

June 18, Edward Lee Riley, 57, 504 Clay Street, Live Oak, FL, VOP-Poss of Contr Subst: SCSO- A. Robinson



Tea Party hosts state attorney candidates

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ter during the June 14 meeting, where each candidate spoke for about 15 minutes. A series of questions from the audience proceeded the candidates' speeches.

Taking the podium first was Siegmeister, a Lake City based attorney, who stated that he was the only candidate that can say he has almost 20 years experience in trying cases on both sides.

"We have a lot of laws and we have a lot of government intrusion in our lives, so wisdom comes from experience," Siegmeister emphasized. "I am the only candidate that has picked up the case from traffic misdemeanor to first degree murder on both sides."

Siegmeister told those in attendance that he wants the job as state attorney because it is a noble cause. Stressing the importance of the state attorney maintaining a working relationship with law enforcement in the community, Siegmeister emphasized that he taught law enforcement officers for almost 15 years. In addition, he noted that he had the luxury and joy of working with cops and being a cop when he left the state attorneys office.

When Jarvis took the podium, he echoed the three promises that he made as a candidate seeking office nearly four years ago.

According to Jarvis, his

first promise was to be open and accountable.

"I have made some very tough decisions over the past three and a half years," Jarvis emphasized. "They are my decisions, I have made them, I am responsible and I stand behind them."

The second promise Jarvis reminded those in attendance that he had made was to work closely with law enforcement.

"I will not come in here and tell you that I will rubber stamp every thing that a sheriff or chief of police brings to me, because they may be sending something that can not be prosecuted," Jarvis explained. "There may be search and seizure issues and there may be just out and out violations of someone's rights. But when the case is there and we have an issue that we can go forward on, we do work very closely with law enforcement. Ask them."

The third promise that Jarvis recalled making was to try to bring integrity back to the system.

Jarvis reiterated that his qualifications include serving as assistant state attorney for more than 24 years prior to being elected state attorney in 2008. He added that he is a hands on administrator who is personally involved in cases throughout the Circuit and has developed a fraud prevention program to educate citizens on how to avoid being victimized.

After addressing the audience, Jarvis and Siegmeister fielded various questions including night court, corruption of public officials, stand your ground laws and Second Amendment rights.

Penn Oil improvements underway

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that there will be diesel available throughout all the phases of construction. The existing structures will be demolished to make way for the new store and gas bay. Due to the construction, there will be a short period of time where gasoline is not available because Johnson said they will be "removing the existing infrastructure".

"It's going to be a totally new site," Johnson said.

Johnson said the diesel bay canopy construction is scheduled to be complete next week.

The partial site plan approval was for Penn Oil to maintain their permits and to be able to continue serving customers, Meeks said. The county is still waiting for additional data from the engineers before Penn Oil may begin construction on the store.

Once completed, the new station will have a fast food restaurant and general merchandise and supplies for truck drivers, travelers and local customers, but it will not be a full-service truck stop with showers and laundry, Johnson said.

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oceans remain relatively cool following spring's gentle temperatures.

In addition to the joys of summer, everyone is cautioned to be conscious of the season's hazards as well. Rattlesnakes and cottonmouths are both plentiful in the area and extremely active during the summer months. Black widows and brown recluse spiders also become more of a threat as children of all ages spend more hours outdoors. While mosquitos and flies may not pose the same dangers as some snakes and spiders, they too can hamper the joy of a summer outing. Other summer hazards include sudden electrical storms and extreme heat.

Still, the joys of summer outweigh the inconveniences the season brings, especially if everyone remembers to carry plenty of water, sunscreen and insect repellent.

Brinson family reunion set for July 28

The annual Brinson family reunion will be held on Saturday, July 28 at Day Community Center. Please come and bring a covered dish to share. Everything else will be furnished. Lunch will be around 1:30 p.m. Contact: Ruth 386-294-2527.

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Jarvis seeks another term as state attorney

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As your state attorney, Skip Jarvis represents the people of the state of Florida. In that capacity, while matters involved in criminal investigations are confidential, he believes that each and every citizen should feel free to openly and candidly speak with their state attorney regarding matters of concern to them. Skip has been accountable to the people he represents. Their interests and the law are the criteria he has applied to all matters he has handled.

He has worked in partnership with law enforcement, while at the same time maintaining an independence and discretion necessary to make appropriate charging decisions. This partnership has worked toward protecting and serving the people of the state of Florida.

He has never placed his personal feelings nor politics before his duty to the people. He has protected the integrity of his office even in the face of political attack and continues to demand of himself and his staff the highest standards of professionalism. He carefully controls his budget to ensure that the services he provides are done in the most cost effective manner.

Skip took office during the 2008-09 fiscal year, one of the most trying financial times in the history of the state of Florida. In the face of drastic budget cuts Skip has not relaxed the standards he requires of himself or his staff, but has maintained a level of professionalism and efficiency in his office.

The State Attorneys Office is in reality the largest law firm in the Third Judicial Circuit. Skip has shown leadership and the

ability to handle the administration of this organization.

His former experience as an assistant state attorney includes economic and white collar crime prosecutions, environmental prosecutions, consumer fraud, felony, misdemeanor and juvenile prosecutions. He was also responsible for representing the state in civil cases including bond validations, civil tort actions, contract forfeiture actions, and various other civil issues in which the state was involved. For some 20 years, Skip was an adjunct instructor for North Florida Community College Law Enforcement Academy teaching basic recruit, incentive and recertification classes to law enforcement and correctional officers.

Skip is a hands on state attorney who also personally handles cases in our courtrooms.

His former experience also includes having served as chief deputy clerk of court for Columbia County, as city treasurer for the city of Lake City, his having managed a limited partnership involved in oil and gas production, and receiving an honorable discharge from the United States Navy. This experience has given him the understanding of administrative, financial, and personnel issues. He understands what it takes to make the State Attorneys Office work.

Skip has shown himself to have the ability to carry out the duties of the state attorney. In the general election on Nov. 6, 2012, whether you vote by absentee ballot, early voting, or voting at the polls on election day, vote for and re-elect Robert L. "Skip" Jarvis to continue serving you as your state attorney.

Schutte seeks circuit judgeship, Group 2

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E. Vernon Douglas. My connection to the Third Circuit began in 1993, with a trial in Madison County, where Judge Douglas was the presiding judge.

For those who may not know me, I want to give you a brief biography. I have been associated with the law since 1976, first as a police officer, with Metro-Dade Police as a deputy sheriff. I was awarded the Medal of Valor for rescuing a fellow officer from a rioting crowd. As a motorcycle officer, I was selected by CBS News, 60 Minutes, as an expert in traffic. I graduated from Florida State University College of Law in 1989.

Prior to my law enforcement experience, I served in the United States Army, receiving my honorable discharge in 1976. As a service connected disabled veteran, I am a member of the Disabled American Veterans, currently with the Suwannee Memorial Chapter 126, as the chapter's judge advocate.

I grew up in St. Augustine, graduating in the class of 1971, St. Augustine High School. I have had my office in Live Oak since 1995, at the request of my mother, who lived with me until her passing in 2007. My wife and I live in our Suwannee County home.

In my law practice, my caseload has been diverse, criminal cases as well as civil cases, from traffic tickets to capital sexual battery, small claims, family law to wrongful death, as well as civil rights cases concerning freedom of speech and religion. I have appellate experience, with cases before various district courts of appeal, Florida Supreme Court, and the

United States Supreme Court. My office is in Live Oak, but I have actively handled cases from Pensacola to Jacksonville and south to Miami. My clients have been as diverse as my practice. I support pro bono work, selecting cases from persons without the resources to retain an attorney. I practice with the principles of honesty, fairness and dignity, tenets of decency given to me by my mother, and I would carry those principles to the bench if elected.

The office of circuit judge seems an enigma, but is a court of general jurisdiction, handling civil and criminal cases. In civil, the court handles real property disputes, family law, juvenile dependency, probate and civil controversies over \$15,000. In criminal law, all felony cases. I have personally handled every type of case listed. In addition, the circuit court sits as an appellate court for decisions of the county court. Again, I have appellate experience, in both civil and criminal cases.

I have been associated with the law for 33 years. I have the experience and qualifications necessary to be a circuit judge, and, if elected, I will serve in the position with the tenets given to me by my mother. I believe judges must be fair to both sides. I will be a judge that hears both sides of every case and rules according to fact and law, not emotion and political agenda.

I hope that this has demonstrated that I have the qualifications to be your next circuit judge, but should you have questions, you may visit www.schutteforjudge.com.

Gamble seeks District 3 commission seat

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I am a sixth generation Suwannee County resident. I have been married to Shae Brannon Gamble for 11 years and we have two children, Dawson, 4, and Hannah, 2.

For eight years, I worked for the Florida Department of Corrections where I was promoted to sergeant and served on all three special response teams, Rapid Response Team (R.R.T.), K-9 Team, and Correctional Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.). While serving on the C.E.R.T. I was appointed to assistant team leader and was afforded the opportunity to become a certified F.D.L.E. instructor. In 2007, my wife and I started our own business, Gamble Pest Control, Inc., which we have built into a profitable business.

As a county commissioner, I believe it is important to be accessible to the people and have a willing ear to hear the voice of the constituents. I also believe that it takes a strong leader with the desire to do what is right despite the personal ramifications that may follow. Along with leadership and accessibility, a commissioner needs to take a business like approach to operating and maintaining our county government. From my years with the Department of Corrections and special teams, I have developed the leadership skills needed to stand strong for the people of Suwannee County. With strong leadership we can do what is right for our county and not just in the best interest of a few. I also vow to be accessible to anyone who has a need

or concern and will most certainly be willing to listen to all sides of an issue before making crucial decisions that affect us all. By owning and operating our business, it grants me the ability to make my own schedule, giving me the time needed to see to our county's business and attend all county meetings. The experiences I have gained from managing our company have reaffirmed for me the importance of running an effective government and maintaining a sound budget.

One of the main issues we are facing now is job creation. Job creation is an issue which needs to be focused upon in our county. I will work with the Chamber of Commerce, the state of Florida, and local boards to seek out new companies willing to start up or relocate here. While seeking new companies we cannot forget about the ones we are already blessed to have and the functions they provide us. As commissioner, I will work with these groups to seek out new ideas to attract new businesses while ensuring the ones we have stay and prosper.

In closing, I thank you for your time and humbly ask for your vote and support on Aug. 14. Vote Ricky Gamble, county commissioner District 3, Republican.

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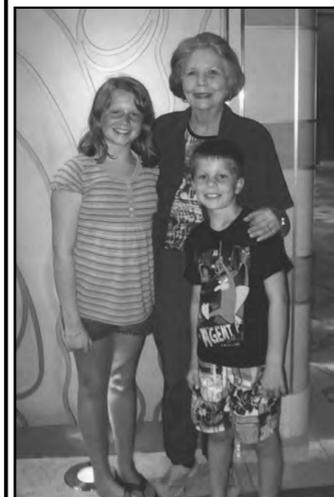
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were to take the document for review. Wainwright said the county is now awaiting the document.

Suwannee County Administrator Randy Harris stated that the county has communicated to the representatives of "Project Christmas" that the county has done everything it can do until a letter of commitment was received.

Now THAT'S Something To Smile About!



Dorothy Jean Johns took two of her grandchildren, Dawson and Ashton Johns on the Disney Dream Cruise to the Bahamas. They are the children of David and Alice Johns of Hattiesburg, MS

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Julia's father, H.A. Lawson, had a retail meat market and did custom butchering in Starke. She was the middle child of a family of five, and grew up playing the piano for a girl's quartet that sang at social functions and funerals. I was working at the funeral home, so we saw a lot of each other.

One of the first things that we did together was to make a commitment to Christ at a Park of the Palms revival in Keystone Heights. We later became a couple and had a Thursday afternoon wedding because all the local businesses closed. I was the only Jordan at the wedding until the minister pronounced us husband and wife, then there were two of us.

Our first child was born 13 months later and we eventually raised a family of four. We moved around for different opportunities, but Julia never complained. At times I would have to leave home early and return late at night, only being able to spend time with Julia and the children on weekends. Julia ran the home and kept

everything going, including the discipline of the children. I remember her telling me she was talking with God one day saying, "I'm just too tired to give 12 more spankings today." I'm sure this was a bit more than they needed because they all became good adults. She also made sure that the children were raised with church attendance as a priority, regardless of where we lived.

Over the years she has had a medical history you could write a book about. The only comment I've heard her say about this was, "I'll have to give up my organ donor card because I'm almost out of organs." (But we bought her two, a Hammond and a Wurlitzer)

The past 60 years have seen a lot of up and down times. We learned that the down times helped strengthen the marriage and prepared us for the next step in our life together. Julia has been a faithful partner through out all those years.

The most amazing thing about our time together is that while we age, our love has grown stronger. Now, as I look back over those 60 years, I can only thank God for allowing me to share them with the love of my life, Julia "Mimi" Jordan.

Wedding Announcement
Burgess/Wainwright



Wesley and Pamela Wainwright of McAlpin, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Chelsea Leigh Wainwright, of Tallahassee, Fla., to Matthew Robert Burgess, of Tallahassee, Fla., son of Robert and Melissa Burgess of Live Oak, Fla.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Harold and Alma Bracewell of Live Oak, James Alvin Wainwright and the late

Barbara Wainwright of McAlpin. She is a 2009 graduate of Suwannee High School and is currently attending Florida State University.

The groom-elect is a 2009 graduate of Suwannee High School and is attending Florida State University. He also serves in the National Guard 868th Engineering Company in Live Oak.

The wedding will be held July 28, 2012.

Cruse/Land
Wedding Reminder

The parents of Stephanie Brooke Cruse and Justin Troy Land wish to remind you that their children's wedding will take place on Saturday, June 23, 2012 at 5 p.m. at Wellborn Baptist Church in Wellborn, Fla.

Cannon clan
family reunion

The annual Cannon reunion will be held Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at Hart Springs in the pavilion. All ancestors and descendants of the William (Bill) Jackson and Henrietta (Aunt Hett) Clementine Townsend Cannon are invited. Bring a covered dish, drinks, goodies, etc. All paper products, silverware, cups and ice will be furnished.

Meeting starts at 12 p.m. and lunch at 12:30 p.m. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. For more information, please call Rose Williamson at 352-463-7320 or Karen Prescott at 904-708-3399.

Vol. fire dept.'s presented
with life saving devices



The Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park VFD Station 31 completed training requirements and was issued an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) by Interim Public Safety Director James Sommers. (From left: James Schenck, Daryl Ball, Craig Carter and James Sommers.)



Former Suwannee County Public Safety Director Charlie Connor and District 4 County Commissioner Philip Oxendine presented volunteers from stations 51, 43 and 35 with a new Automated External Defibrillator. (From left: Charlie Connor, Philip Oxendine, Terry Burgess, Paul Gamble and Tom Maynard.)

Five Suwannee County volunteer fire stations now have an additional life saving tool to pull from their arsenals during emergencies, according to Suwannee County Fire/Rescue.

After applying for and receiving five new Zoll Automated External Defibrillators, which came through a Florida EMS matching grant, SCFR began training volunteer firefighters in November.

According to Robert Eyer of SCFR, the new AED's will cut the time of cardiac arrest and save lives of Suwannee County citizens and visitors.

Training for proper AED use began in November with Wellborn VFD Station 51, Ranchettes VFD Station 43 and Luraville VFD Station 35, and was completed in January. Former Public Safety Director Charlie Connor and District 4 County Commissioner Philip Oxendine presented each of those stations with their new AED's. Also completing their training in January was Branford VFD and they received a new AED on March 13.

In addition to these volunteer fire departments, the Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park VFD Station 31 completed their training as well and was later presented with a new AED by Interim Public Safety Director James Sommers.

-Jeffry Boatright

The following couples applied for a marriage license the week of June 11 - 15, 2012:

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OBITUARIES



Marry Viola (Ford) Crossno
Nov. 1, 1919
June 16, 2012

Marry Viola (Ford) Crossno, 92, of Live Oak, Fla., went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 16, 2012.

Marry was born on Nov. 1, 1919 in Poughkeepsie, Arkansas and moved to Florida in 1961. In June of 1998 she moved to Live Oak from Felda, Florida. Marry was of the Baptist faith.

She is preceded in death by two daughters: Joenell Crossno and Sharon (Crossno) Condy; and one son: Roger Crossno.

Marry is survived by her four sons: Garry Crossno, Immokalee, Fla.; Arlin (Cindy) Crossno, Felda, Fla.; Steve (Mary) Crossno, Live Oak, Fla.; and Arnold (Lynn) Crossno, Live Oak, Fla.; 48 grandchildren; 75 great-grandchildren; and 24 great-great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at Daniels Funeral Home, Live Oak, Fla. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 21, 2012 at Daniels Memorial Chapel, Live Oak, Fla. with Rev. Thomas Willingham officiating. Interment will follow in Live Oak Cemetery.

Please sign the guestbook at www.danielsfuneral-home.com

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

Joyce W. Ross
Nov. 8, 1931
May 29, 2012

Joyce W. Ross, age 80, of Douglas, Ga., passed away Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at Coffee Regional Medical Center following an extended illness.

Mrs. Ross was born Nov. 8, 1931, in McAlpin, Fla., to the late John Elmer Welch and the late Thelma Virginia

Vann Welch. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Leonard J. Ross, and four brothers, Berman Welch, Waymon Welch, Jerry Welch and Clinton Welch.

Survivors include her daughter, Susan (Dale) Kirkland of Hazlehurst, Ga.; two sisters, Linda (Ron) Manning of Jacksonville, Fla., and Wanna Welch of Ocala, Fla.; two grandchildren, Matt Kirkland of Brunswick, Ga., and Michael Kirkland of Screven, Ga.; and a special friend, Betty Thurman.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Friday, June 1, 2012, at Sims Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Elisha Purvis Jr. and Rev. Ben Glosston officiating. Music for the service: Rev. Ben Glosston singing "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" and "Softly and Tenderly" with Katherine Threatt playing the piano. Interment followed at Santilla Memorial Gardens.

Active pallbearers were Stanley Smith, Ron Burkett, Franklin Burkett, Walter Daniel, Ed Bagwell and Milton Clements.

Honorary pallbearers were Jimmy Sammons, Joe Phelps and Bob Preston.

Sims Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Cheryl J. Taylor
Sept. 11, 1955
June 14, 2012

Cheryl J. Taylor, 56, Live Oak, Fla., passed away on Thursday, June 14, 2012 after a long illness. The Moline, Ill. native moved to Live Oak in 2000 from Moline and was of Protestant faith. She is survived by her husband of 40 years: Donald B. Taylor Jr., Live Oak,

Fla.; mother: Gertrude "Lavone" Newberry, New Windsor, Ill.; three daughters: Tara (Zac) Carnahan, Live Oak, Fla., Erica (Dan) Olson, Branford, Fla., Gina Weed, Live Oak, Fla.; one son: Donnie (Krystyna) Taylor, Live Oak, Fla. and nine grandchildren. Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 18 at Daniels Memorial Chapel with Rev. James Carrier officiating. Interment followed in McCellan Cemetery.

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

Enoch E. Garrison Jr.
April 26, 1921
June 12, 2012

Enoch E. Garrison Jr., 91, Live Oak, Fla., passed away Tuesday, June 12, 2012.

The Georgia native was a WWII veteran while serving in the Army Air Corp and was of Methodist faith. He had over 50 years of service with the US Army Air Corp and US Postal Service.

Mr. Garrison is survived by his four sons: Gary (Myra) Garrison, Live Oak, Fla., David Elton Garrison, Live Oak, Fla., Paul Bryan Garrison, Tallahassee, Fla., Don Edward (Terry) Garrison, Live Oak, Fla.; one sister: Doris Hipps, Gainesville, Ga.; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 20 at Daniels Memorial Chapel with Mr. Bob Fletcher officiating. Interment will follow in the Live Oak Cemetery.

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

The Woman's Club of Live Oak begins a new year

After a very successful two years under the competent guidance of President Susan Baan, she passed the gavel to the new incoming President, Karen Jackowski, for the term of June 1, 2012 through May, 2014. The following members of the Woman's Club of Live Oak also stepped into their new positions: First Vice President - Barbara Grondzki; Second Vice President - Jean Calabrese; Recording Secretary - Sandy McKenzie; Corresponding Secretary - Pat Roberts; and Treasurer - Julie Ulmer.

The Woman's Club of Live Oak is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), one of the world's largest and oldest woman's volunteer community service organizations, founded in 1890. The GFWC has more than 100,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state and more than a dozen countries. GFWC members volunteer more than five million hours and raise an average of \$30 million on behalf of more than 100,000 projects.

Mrs. Jackowski stated the goals for our Woman's Club of Live Oak will be to sup-

port the State Project of Education, with a theme of "Schools and Scholarships". We look for ways to fill the unmet needs of the children of Suwannee County. One such project will be to continue the reading program for children as we have done in the past. Reading can open up new worlds and enrich children's lives with a vast repertoire of information. A story hour will bring children together for a positive shared experience, an opportunity to socialize and learn how to behave or how to sit quietly for group activity. Nurturing "reading" in small children is a vital skill they will take with them all their lives and will most certainly enhance their lives by opening up the doors to the world and to the universe.

Our local Club, with a force of 65 women, is prepared to take on the task and challenge of helping Suwannee County children, and others, as needs become apparent. We welcome all citizens of Suwannee County to support our projects, fund raisers, requests of all kinds, throughout this coming year.

SHS class of 1972 reunion

It's that time 1972 classmates. Yes, it's our 40th reunion June 23, 2012 at the Suwannee Country Club. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres beginning at 7 p.m. until...and a DJ to help us remember those wonderful school days! If you have not received a letter, please give Bonnie, 386-963-2264, or Edwin 386-362-1001, a call and we will provide the address where your money should be mailed. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Locals to be honored at Live Oak Church of the Nazarene

The Live Oak Church of the Nazarene, 915 S. Church Avenue, is having a special day in honor of Mary Edna and Lucy Rex on Sunday, June 24 at 11 a.m. Mary Edna has been the church pianist for over 50 years and Lucy has played the marimba for over 50 years. They have also held various positions in many other areas of the church. The public is invited to come and join in on the celebration. The service will be followed by a time of food and fellowship after the service. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the celebration.

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4. Continue progress on Perimeter Road
5. Reduce duplication of effort by city/county offices and agencies

THE SUWANNEE SCRIBBLER

Me and Big Red

By Jim Holmes

I want to tell you about my Live Oak buddy, Big Red.

Well, perhaps "buddy" isn't quite the correct word to describe our relationship. "Acquaintance" might be a more apt term. I mean, we're together side-by-side, day-in and day-out in my barn and workshop, but we're not really close.

And although Big Red and I have not discussed our feelings toward each other, I believe I am safe in saying it is one of mutual respect. On the other hand, neither of us appears to have any interest in taking our relationship to the next level. For instance, I have no plans to invite him over to the house.

You see, Big Red is a male, broad-headed skink. For the uninitiated, I should describe Red.

His body is a shiny, olive-brown color. And there is little doubt why Red is called "broad-headed." His cranium resembles an arrowhead, which this time of year, when he is looking for love, is bright red.

Then there is his SIZE!

Big Red is nearly 12-inches long, although my wife insists I'm wrong. Lynda's positive he's closer to a foot and a half. And since adult broad-headed skinks are documented to get up to 17-inches in length, she just might be correct. I invited her the other day to catch Big Red to determine whose estimate is correct. Her response might best be described as succinct!

Big Red and I first met each other last summer.

I was picking up a large bag of chicken feed when he darted out from under it. Now, as I race toward my 68th birthday, I don't claim to be any Charles Atlas, but even with that 50-pound bag clutched tightly to my chest, I leaped about three-feet in the air. More significantly, I believe I was able to stay aloft for the better part of a minute.

OK, maybe the amount of time I defied gravity is a slight exaggeration. I can say with great certainty however, that among my life-time of startled leaps, that one was my personal best.

At first, I wasn't sure exactly what to do with Big Red's presence in my barn. Should I chase him off? Or perhaps try to send him to skink heaven?

Some quick Internet research proved to me he wasn't a bad addition. Contrary to what many people say, broad-headed skinks aren't venomous. On the other hand, they can give a painful bite if handled - an activity that has yet to be added to my bucket list. He dines primarily on insects, which explains why he's taken up residence in my barn. I think he equates my bug zapper with a five-star restaurant specializing in fried food, but with some insect sushi on the side.

At any rate, he must be happy there. After all, the other day I walked in to find him courting a young lady of his species, so perhaps more Big Reds will be in my future.

For the most part, however, Big Red and I simply coexist; he on one side of the barn, me on the other. But we do accommodate each other. For instance, I don't hoist bags of feed anymore without first kicking them a time or two.

In return, Big Red is kind enough not to scare the caca out of me.

Jim lives in Live Oak.

BIBLE VERSE

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,"

Ephesians 5:25-26 NIV

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OPINION

Racial double standards

A MINORITY VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS



Back in 2009, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said we were "a nation of cowards" on matters of race. Permit me to be brave and run a few assertions by you just to see whether we're on the same page. There should be two standards for civilized conduct: one for whites, which is higher, and another for blacks, which is lower. In other words, in the name of justice and fair play, blacks should not be held accountable to the same standards that whites are and should not be criticized for conduct that we'd deem disgusting and racist if said or done by whites.

You say, "Williams, what in the world are you talking about?" Mitt Romney hasn't revealed all of his fall campaign strategy yet, but what if he launched a "White Americans for Romney" movement in an effort to get out the white vote? If the Romney campaign did that, there'd be a media-led outcry across the land, with charges ranging from racial insensitivity to outright racism. When President Barack Obama announced his 2012 launch of "African Americans for Obama" (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdjoHA5ocwU>), the silence was deafening. Should the same standards be applied to Obama as would be applied to Romney? The answer turns out to be no, because Obama is not held to the same standards as Romney.

Liberals won't actually come out and say that criticism of Obama is in and of itself racist, but they come pretty close. Former President Jimmy Carter said that criticism of Obama shows that there is an "inherent feeling" in America that a black man should not be president. Chris Matthews, host of MSNBC's "Hardball," said that critics of Obama are crackers. Morgan Freeman said that the campaign to see that Obama serves one term is a "racist thing." Former Obama czar Van Jones said that Romney's campaign sign "Obama Isn't Working" implies Obama is a "lazy, incompetent affirmative action baby."

Racial double standards also apply to how crime is reported. I'm betting that if mobs of white youths were going about severely beating and robbing blacks at random and preying on black businesses, it would be major

news. News anchors might open, "Tonight we report on the most recent wave of racist whites organizing unprovoked attacks on innocent black people and their businesses." If white thugs were actually doing that, politicians would be demanding answers. Such random attacks do happen, but it's blacks preying on whites.

On St. Patrick's Day in Baltimore, a 19-year-old white man was viciously attacked by a mob of black thugs. He broke loose, but a second mob of black thugs attacked him, taking all of his belongings. Baltimore County Delegate Pat McDonough demanded the governor send in the Maryland State Police to control "roving mobs of black youths" at Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley and other activists demanded that McDonough apologize for talking about "black youth mobs."

Similar episodes of unprovoked violence by black thugs against white people chosen at random on beaches, in shopping malls and at other public places have occurred in Philadelphia, New York, Denver, Chicago, Cleveland, Washington, Los Angeles and other cities. Most of the time, the race of the attackers, euphemistically called flash mobs, is not reported, even though media leftists and their allies are experts in reporting racial disparities in prison sentencing and the alleged injustice of the criminal justice system.

Racial double standards are not restricted to the political arena and crime reporting; we see it on college campuses and in the workplace. Black people ought to be offended by the idea that we are held accountable to lower standards of conduct and achievement. White people ought to be ashamed for permitting and fostering racial double standards that have effects that are in some ways worse than the cruel racism of yesteryear.

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

GUEST COLUMN

You probably haven't heard about this gender gap

By Taylor Armerding
CNHI News Service

With another graduation season past, it is time for your humble curmudgeon to complain about the gender gap again.

Not the ones you constantly hear about - that women still allegedly make 70 cents for every dollar men make for doing the same job; that women are far too small a percentage of the CEOs of major corporations; that there are not nearly enough women in Congress; that women are banned from combat in the Armed Forces; that women do too much of the housework.

I'm half surprised not to read outraged, scholarly articles about women having to deliver all the babies. Nothing, it seems, is too absurd when arguing that women are treated as second-class citizens thanks to a still patriarchal society totally controlled by men.

But there is a different gender gap that ought to concern both sexes. There is nothing absurd about it. Nationwide, more than 70 percent of high school valedictorians are female. In the area where I live, the Boston Sunday Globe profiled 39 of the region's valedictorians in a spread called "Faces of Excellence." Thirty of them were female.

This is not a screed against these young women. I applaud them. If they did the work and got the best grades, they deserve the reward. The last thing I would advocate is affirmative action for the boys - you know, extra grade points just to overcome the alleged disadvantage of being male, to even things out and celebrate diversity since they are about half the population.

But I know one thing for certain: If the valedictorian disparity in Boston had been 30 males to nine females and 70-plus percent of valedictorians nationwide were males, you would hear the screams of the feminist advocacy groups from sea to warming, rising sea. There would be front-page stories, concerned editorials, letters to editors, blogs sizzling with rage, radio talk shows pummeling school principals and superintendents, and television specials with talking heads and a parade of experts marshaling those statistics as proof that American education discriminates against girls. There would be studies piling up, demanding changes in teaching to connect better with girls.

Yet when it is happening to boys, there is relative silence.

Not complete silence. A few people are talking about it. Tom Mortenson of the Pell Institute for Study of Opportunity in Higher Education has been speaking about it - quietly and soberly (which may be why he doesn't get much notice) - for more than a decade. When I first spoke with him, sometime around 2002, females already outnumbered males on

college campuses, but males were still earning the majority of advanced degrees.

Now, 67 percent of college graduates are female. They hold 51 percent of the PhDs and are 51 percent of business school applicants.

Women's groups note that both males and females are earning more college degrees. True. But Mortenson pointed out on the Public Broadcasting Service in 2008 that females represent 85 percent of the increase in college degrees, while males were 15 percent.

That trend is continuing.

There is nothing at all wrong with women earning advanced degrees and going into business. It would be fine if the ratio of men and women with advanced degrees and going to business schools stayed roughly equal. But it won't for long.

Mortenson emphasizes that he applauds higher achievement by women in education and the workplace. But the fact that males continue to lose ground is a problem. Indeed, there are multiple problems caused by a K-12 public education system that clearly caters to girls but won't admit it.

More males are dropping out of the labor force. A growing percentage of them are unemployed. A growing percentage are in prison. And the suicide rate among young men is increasing.

Mortenson is not the only voice out there warning about this problem. Author and mother of two sons Christina Hoff Sommers wrote "The War Against Boys" 12 years ago. Dr. Leonard Sax, a psychologist and physician who is an advocate for better education for both genders, has said it is time for schools to stop treating boys as defective girls. And Bill Costello, training director of Making Minds Matter, was only stating the obvious in 2008 when he wrote that boys' academic performance relative to girls has been declining for decades.

"Boys are more likely than girls to earn poor grades, be held back a grade, have a learning disability, form a negative attitude toward school, get suspended or expelled, or drop out of school," he wrote.

It goes beyond that. It is more difficult for women to find a peer to marry. More children are growing up without fathers. The National Center for Fathering reports that America is the world leader in fatherless families.

And the response to this? More often than not, it is to put the boys on Ritalin, to make them behave more like girls.

Women's advocates say this does not have to be a zero-sum game - that there is no reason both genders can't succeed.

They are right. But that is not what is happening. And they wouldn't stand for it if it was happening to the girls.

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Branford FFA to manage 175 acres in Branford Bend tract



From left, FFA Advisor Stacy Young, FFA students Jesse Lynn Kelley, Jerrica Byrd, Tori Aderholt, Josh Hardin, Jonathan Gaylard, Taylor Randell, Alie Randell, Katie Lloyd, JT Byrd and SRWMD Governing Board Chairman Donald Quincey. - Photo Courtesy of SRWMD

By Misty A. Ward
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A land use agreement between the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Suwannee County School District was finalized on June 12 by a unanimous vote from the SRWMD governing board at the District's regularly scheduled meeting.

The plan is for the Branford Future Farmers of America Chapter to manage 175 acres of land within the town limits of Branford inside of the 1,025 acre Branford Bend tract owned by the water district.

"It will prove to be an excellent opportunity for me to teach my students about forestry, conserving and protecting our natural resources, and how to work with an agricultural organization (SRWMD)," Stacy Young, Branford FFA advisor and ag teacher, said.

According to Senior Forester Brian Cobble, there is an outdoor classroom and several old buildings on the 175 acres. It is split up between forest, an old pecan grove and hay fields. Many of the buildings and much of the land will need a lot of work, but Cobble said that "it's a good starting point".

"This will help the community of Branford and the Branford FFA students, in what looks like a good long-term project," Cobble said.

Members working on the agreement were Superintendent Jerry Scarborough, Walter Boatright, Terry Demott of SRWMD, Young and the Florida Forest Service have all partnered together to get this project in place for the Branford FFA Chapter.

According to SRWMD officials, the public will still have full access to recreational activities currently allowed on this land.

BUMC hosts Friday Fun Nights throughout summer

The Branford United Methodist Church is having Friday Fun Nights from 6 to 8 p.m., starting this Friday night through Aug. 3.

Children ages five to 12 are welcome to come to the church and enjoy dinner, games, crafts, puppet shows and much more in the safety of the church. Parents may join them at the church or drop them off to run errands or have a date night.

For more information or to register, please call 935-0200 or 935-1653 to leave a message to include, the child's name, age and phone number. One of the coordinators will return the call.

Branford Briefs Retirement reception

The Town of Branford and the town council are hosting a retirement reception for Cole Timberlake on June 28.

Community members are welcome and encouraged to stop by Town Hall for cake and punch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on June 28.

BHS JV Cheerleaders to host Independence Day Pageant

Branford High School junior varsity cheerleaders are hosting the Independence Day Pageant on Saturday, June 30, at the BHS auditorium.

There are age divisions from infant through 18 years old. The entry fee is \$25 and includes casual wear and one photo submission for photogenic category. Deadline for entry submission is today, June 20, 2012.

Entry forms are available in the offices at BES and BHS. For more information or to have an entry form mailed, contact crummsnatchers@yahoo.com, or call 386-963-3486.

Rotary Club of Branford Duck Race

The Rotary Club of Branford's annual Duck Race is just around the corner.

The Duck Race is at 2 p.m., on July 4. Tickets for the event are available at local businesses throughout Branford or they can be purchased from Branford Rotarians. Rotarians will be at Scaff's and the C-Store on Saturdays throughout May selling tickets.

Proceeds from the race go to the Rotary College Fund and toward community projects. The top prize is \$500, plus many prizes will be awarded.

For more information or to make a prize donation, please contact John Lacquey, 935-1705. The Rotary Club of Branford meets every Tuesday, at 12-noon, at the Gathering Cafe. Guests are welcome. For more information about the nonprofit organization, visit their website at RotaryClubofBranford.com.

Free outdoor family movie night

A movie will be playing at the outdoor theater Friday night, at Living Springs Family Worship Center on CR 247, in Branford. Sit in the car and tune in to the radio for surround sound, or bring a lawn chair or blankets and sit outside to enjoy the show. The movie starts at 8 p.m. Living Springs FWC will be having outdoor movie nights every Friday at 8 p.m., throughout the summer, weather permitting.

Branford man unscathed in car wreck

By Misty A. Ward
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A Branford man was unscathed after he struck a 1986 Toyota pickup truck with his 2011 Chevrolet Silverado in the early morning hours on Friday.

Broward Lamar Putnal, 71, of Branford, was traveling southbound on SR 49 in Gilchrist County, when Carcel Payton Dickerson, 24, of Bell, traveled eastbound on CR 340 into Putnal's right of way.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Dickerson said he "misjudged" how close Putnal's Silverado was to the intersection and "attempted to cross SR 49". The report stated that Putnal "took evasive action by braking" but still struck the left rear of Dickerson's vehicle with the left front of his vehicle. Dickerson did not sustain any injuries in the collision.

Dickerson's vehicle came to final rest on the "south shoulder of CR 340 on the east side of SR 49 facing east". The report stated that Putnal's vehicle came to rest facing south, just south of CR 340, on the west shoulder of SR 49.

According to the FHP report, Putnal's Silverado received about \$1,500 in damages. Dickerson's pickup sustained approximately \$250 in damages. Dickerson was cited with failure to yield the right of way and no proof of insurance. Putnal was cited for failure to carry registration.

Branford FFA gets community, alumni support prepping for corn maze



Branford FFA members, alumni and community members work together to get the field ready for the corn maze. - Courtesy Photo

Youth activities this summer at library

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The library will be hosting many activities throughout the summer for youth from movies, to Story Time, to the Stuffed Animal Sleep Over.

They are having the Dream Big Read Book Club from 10 to 11 a.m. and movies from 2 to 3:30 p.m., on Tuesdays. Teens can Own the Night in Branford, from 10 to 11 a.m., on Wednesdays. Fun Days are on Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m.

The Stuffed Animal Sleep Over is scheduled for July 16. The following day, children get to come in to watch the slide show of all the activities their stuffed friend got to participate in at the sleep over.

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Community Currents

Living well with visual impairment



ACV members Terry & Lee Carney have not allowed their visual impairment to keep them from achieving their goals.

Most people's idea of what it is like to be legally blind is a dismal life of dependence and isolation. That does not have to be the case, as ACV members, Terry & Lee Carney demonstrate on a daily basis. Both have been visually impaired from childhood and yet, they have both lived productive lives and continue to be quite independent.

James "Terry" Carney has been legally blind from birth, caused by a prenatal infection. His parents let him do what he wanted to, so he didn't know how limiting his vision was until at the age of 10 his physician said that he should go to a residential school for the blind. He remained there through high school graduation.

After high school, he attended the University of North Carolina. Since at that time, there was no adaptive equipment available, he had to hire someone to read him the printed course materials. Following graduation, he taught public school for a year. He then went to work for the Department of Rehabilitation, eventually earning his Master's Degree in Public Administration. He became the Director of the Agency for the Blind in Portland, Oregon. He was tapped by the federal government, under Jimmy Carter's administration, to work in the area of Civil Rights for Disabled People. He then worked with four state agencies in the area of compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act. He was also a legislative analyst with the Commission on Civil Rights.

Nell "Lee" Carney became visually handicapped at the age of 16, from a genetic condition known as Retinitis Pigmentosa. She became legally blind at the age of 30. She attended public school throughout her youth and earned two degrees from Vanderbilt University. She earned her Master's Degree from George Peabody College and later, her

PhD in Administration from the University of Northern Colorado. Her early career consisted mainly of teaching Special Education in public schools, as well as teaching Braille and rehabilitative and adaptive skills to those with visual impairment. It was while living in Virginia, she began working in rehabilitation and climbed the corporate ladder within the Virginia Department for the Visually Handicapped. While working in that agency, George H. W. Bush appointed her as the US Commissioner of Rehabilitation. She was in charge of policy reform and helped to form a federal definition of deaf/blindness. After Bush's term ended, she continued work as an administrator and advocate for the blind in various schools and state agencies.

The couple met in 1972, when Lee was attending Vanderbilt University. Funding was cut for reader services for blind college students. She expressed her dissatisfaction with the situation to the Agency for the Blind, of which Terry was the Deputy Director of Services for the Blind. Following her complaint, Terry went to the university to inform her that the funding had been reinstated. He also asked her to go to lunch with him and they were married a year later.

To other visually impaired individuals, the Carney's offer this advice:

- Recognize that people are uncomfortable around blindness, because they don't know how they should respond to you. The more at ease you are, the more they will be.
- As in any situation in life, keep a sense of humor.
- Use community resources as much as you can.
- Be honest about your needs and ask for help when you need it.
- Get training in adaptive technics and use adaptive equipment. It will help you live a more independent life.

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Lee Carney being sworn in as the U.S. Commissioner of Rehabilitation, a post she was appointed to by George H. W. Bush.

The spiritual needs of senior adults

By Dr. Timothy Setzer

Are spiritual needs for the older adult different from younger adults? How can caregivers of older adults help them with their walk with God?

I met with two groups of older adults and asked a couple of questions about their spiritual life. One group was in an assisted living facility and the other was made up of older adults living independently.

The first question I asked was, "How has your spiritual life improved as an older adult?" Here are some of the answers.

- The experience of walking a long time with God has given them a better understanding of God.
- With all they have been through in life, it is much easier to trust that God is in control and that He will take care of them. They are able to look back on their life and see God's hand upon them and the circumstances of their life.
- The busyness and responsibilities of life have lessened and given more time to developing their relationship with God.
- A greater recognition of their need and thus a greater dependence upon God.
- The awareness of the brevity of life causes a greater focus on the things that are really important.
- More time is spent in

prayer.

From this sample of answers we can see that growing older with God is not a bad thing, in fact, it can be a great blessing.

The second question I asked was, "What aspects of your spiritual life have become more difficult or what obstacles do you now experience in your spiritual life?" Most of the answers to this question were in the realm of physical problems. Here's a sample of their answers.

- Cannot see well enough to read the Bible.
- Memory is a problem.
- Getting to church is more difficult and the lack of being there as often as we wish can cause feelings of isolation. Dependent upon others for transportation to church or other activities.
- Hearing the preacher and others is often difficult.
- They cannot be as involved as they would like in church activities because of physical limitations.
- Sometimes, physical problems become the focus of their thoughts.
- If you are a caregiver for an older adult, most of



these obstacles can be addressed.

A larger print Bible is helpful. If they cannot see a large print, then an audio version of the Bible is very helpful.

Most churches now offer hearing assistance of some sort. If your older adult's church does not offer this, speak to the pastor and make the suggestion.

Make sure transportation is arranged ahead of time. Ask the older adult what activities are priorities to them and make sure transportation is always available.

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ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE AT DOWLING PARK

Community Currents

Telikin donates computer to ACV

Suwannee County resident Cindy Johnson convinced her mother to move to Advent Christian Village in October 2011, so that she could be close to her, but could also enjoy a certain amount of independence. Her mother, Rosemary Christopher had been living in San Diego with Johnson's brother. Mrs. Christopher shared a computer with her son and used it often. She was self-taught and loved the computer, doing her accounting, taxes, email, shopping and even creating artwork on computer. When she moved, she left the computer behind.

After moving, she missed having her own computer, so Johnson began to research the best computer for senior adults. She found Telikin's website. She learned that

their computers are very user friendly and offer all the features her mother used.

Telikin computers were designed with seniors in mind, particularly seniors who have not used computers before. They feature touch screen access to email, video chat, word processing, photo sharing, Internet, media player and more. The large menu buttons remain on the left side of the screen on all pages, so there is no need to search for applications. The computers are completely safe from viruses, making repairs far less likely. If needed, tech support is just a touch away also. Updates are free and automatic.

Before Johnson could order a computer for her mother, Mrs. Christopher passed away suddenly,



just a month after her move. After learning that Telikin donates two computers each month to senior organizations, Johnson nominated Advent Christian Village for such a donation.

ACV was notified that they were chosen for the donation, and Johnson recently attended a demonstration of the computer that was donated in her mother's memory. When

the preview was over, her comment was, "I want one."

Advent Christian Village is pleased to be chosen as a recipient of the donation and wishes to thank both Telikin and Cindy Johnson for their thoughtfulness. The Telikin is now part of ACV's computer lab and will undoubtedly encourage more members to use computers.

Living well with visual impairment

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The Carney's offer these tips to help sighted people:

- Realize that there are very few totally blind people in the world. There are, however, roughly 580,000 Americans who are legally blind. These people have some vision, but it is severely diminished and cannot be corrected.

- When approaching a visually impaired acquaintance, tell them who you are so that they know your

identity immediately.

- Don't assume that because someone is blind that their hearing or other senses are improved. That is a myth.

- Do not assume that blind people need your help. Feel free to ask if you can help them, but do not give unwanted help.

- When helping to guide a blind person, do not pull or push them along, allow them to take your arm as you hold it by your side.

The Carney's have been

strong advocates for the blind throughout their lives, and through their influence, they have seen many policy changes. Having dealt with their visual impairment for many years, Terry and Lee have learned to adapt well, and many people do not realize that they are blind. They do most of the things that anyone else does, they just do it a little differently or with assistive devices. They own a car and hire a driver. They read the newspaper with the assistance of

strong magnifiers. They do their own grocery shopping with the aid of a magnifying glass and they cook their own meals.

Blindness need not be the defining factor of one's life. As with any other impairment, it is all in the attitude of the person who deals with it. Spending time with Terry and Lee Carney, it is evident that they have a positive attitude toward life and have not allowed anything to stop them from their goals.

The spiritual needs of senior adults

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Periodically ask groups to meet at the older adult's house. Hold social gatherings at their home when appropriate. Both of these will help them to feel less isolated.

As we desire to help older adults with their spiritual needs, the understanding that most of their needs are physical will keep us from a serious mistake. That mistake is falling into the trap that they need us in order to continue to grow spiritually. Just the opposite is true; we need them in or-

der to grow spiritually. Most of our society puts the older adult out to pasture and considers them unable to contribute meaningfully. We must not make this mistake in the spiritual realm. The older adult has much to teach us about walking with the Lord and trusting Him in our daily life. Do not approach an older adult as though they need you, but recognize that you need them. Yes, some of their ideas may be outdated and they may have some problems with the Christian music you enjoy, but they have more to offer us than

we have to offer them.

The older adults I met with felt that their spiritual life was much better now than it has ever been. Accepting this will enable us to help them in the most significant way possible—by listening. Our listening ear is what will benefit the senior adult the most. They have much to teach us, if we are willing to listen.

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Summertime's the right time for electronic payments

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

When you are away from home, one thing you don't want to worry about is how you will receive your next monthly Social Security payment. That is why it is important for everyone receiving Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits to sign up for electronic payments.

These days, almost everyone gets benefit payments electronically. Today, about 90 percent of all Social Security and SSI beneficiaries receive their payments electronically. That number is increasing because the law requires that by March 1, 2013 all federal benefit payments, including Social Security and SSI payments, be made electronically. Whether you receive So-

cial Security or SSI, you can depend on your payment arriving in your account on time, every time. If you don't already receive electronic payments, there are many good reasons to sign up. For one, less money and time spent driving to the bank to cash your check helps you save. Second, fewer paper checks, envelopes, and stamps, and less fuel to deliver the checks mean savings for the government.

Hurricane season is here for some areas of the country. Other regions bear the brunt of flooding. Some areas of the nation are plagued by tornadoes, and still others must deal with wildfires, severe thunderstorms, or even earthquakes. If you are unfortunate enough to be in the path of a natural disaster, the last thing you want is for your income to be interrupted because of an evacuation or a miss-

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June Bug scenes

The June Bug Festival returned to downtown Live Oak in its fourth year on Saturday, June 16. Event Chairman Barney Everett put on a successful event. Thanks for what you do, Barney. Here are some scenes from Saturday's event.



It was a perfect June day for vendors to converge on Millennium Park in Live Oak. Vendors sold collectibles, storefronts opened and there was plenty of food to satisfy the hardest of appetites. It was also a great opportunity for constituents to meet their local and state candidates.



This Model A Ford attracted a lot of attention throughout the day during Live Oak's June Bug Festival.



Arts and crafts vendors lined Pine Avenue, just west of Millennium Park during Saturday's event. Shoppers took advantage of great bargains on the streets and in the stores.



Regardless of how great the entertainment is, the food smells or the bargains are, a park bench and newspaper is still hard to beat.



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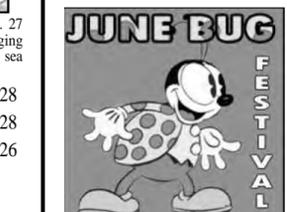
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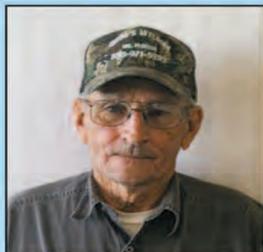
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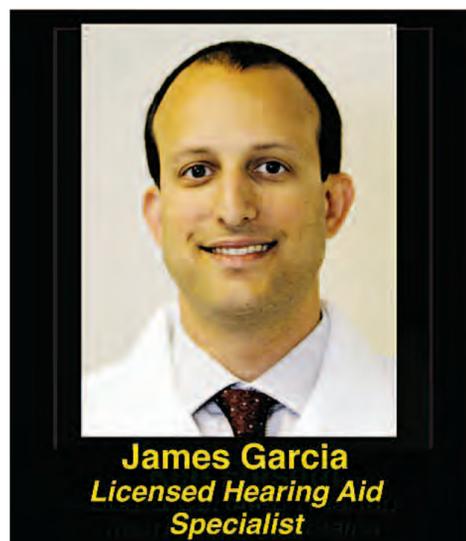


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Five acts win at 2nd Texaco Country Showdown audition at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park



During the program an encouraging letter was read from 2008 Texaco Country Showdown winner Johnny Bulford who recently saw his song, "A Woman Like You," become the number one country song sung by Lee Brice. That single has now gone platinum.

Five acts went home winners June 15 at the second of three Texaco Country Showdowns at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak, Fla.

Judges decided these five contestants/groups, Demi Downing of Adel, Ga, Rion Paige of Jacksonville, The Terry Cole Show of Central Florida, Nick Kirby and Ashley Kirby Starling of Live Oak and Stephen Combs of Glen St. Mary will now move on to the finals July 13.

The winner July 13 will compete in the state finals at the SOSMP Sept. 8, hoping to win the \$1,000 state winner's prize and move on to the national regionals and then to Nashville where one winner will be named the Best New Act in Country Music and receive a check for \$100,000!

During the audition, the contestants were surprised when an encouraging letter from 2008 Texaco Country Showdown winner Johnny Bulford of Orlando/Nashville was read, telling the contestants that when he won the \$100,000, he used it to move to Nashville and sell the songs he writes. "I just wanted to let all the competitors know that dreams do come true," Johnny Bulford told the contestants in the letter. A video of Lee Brice singing Johnny's song (co-written by Phil Barton and Jon Stone) was also played.

Singer Demi Downing is a student at Cook High School in Adel, Georgia. She's been performing since she was three. Her musical heroes are Elvis Presley and Patsy Cline. Demi says people often tell her she reminds them of another of her favorites, Brenda Lee. Demi is working hard to make her way into the country music world and feels blessed

her family believes in her ability to do so. Most of all, she's thankful to "Jesus for giving me a life full of people who love me."

Rion Paige, 11, is a sixth grader in Jacksonville. Her performance during the recent Suwannee River Jam auditions brought tears to the eyes of the judges. During her last performance that night, the entire audience stood up, screamed, cheered and clapped for this young performer who kept right on singing through the last perfect note! And she certainly didn't disappoint anyone during the Texaco audition. Rion has performed on TV, in various venues around the Jacksonville area, at the Suwannee River Jam and many festivals. Rion was invited to Nashville by singer Linda Davis to perform during an event at the James Gang Company and was also invited to sing at the Nashville Palace in Nashville.

Stephen Combs is a Glen St. Mary resident determined to make it to Nashville. He's performed at the SOSMP weekend live shows in the past and is currently working on his third CD featuring redneck, mud slingin' rock-a-billy. A couple of music videos are also in the works. Stephen has done opening acts for Andy Griggs, Lone Star, Jason Aldean, Montgomery Gentry, Terri Clark and many others, played the Jacksonville Metropolitan Park, Jacksonville Landing, Baker County Fair, '08 Gainesville, The Crazy Horse Jacksonville and many more venues in his quest to make it to stardom in country music.

Nick Kirby and Ashley Kirby Starling, a brother and sister duo, were also among the winners. These two have competed in various contests including the Texaco Country Showdown previously. They perform in the North Florida area and have many videos of their performances online. They have been singing together their entire lives. Nick sings, plays guitar and writes some of his

own songs. Ashley is an accomplished singer who, with Nick, hopes to make it to Nashville and pursue a career in country music.

The Terry Cole Show has been performing for many years also, often at the SOSMP but throughout Florida. Terry Cole leads the group consisting of Scott Turner, Dave Aronow and Chris Teele. This band rocks the house with music from all genres ranging from country, Southern and classic rock, dance music, classics and hits from the 70s-90s.

The last Texaco Country Showdown in North Florida for 2012 will be held this Friday, June 22, at the SOSMP beginning at 8 p.m. If you think you have talent in the country music genre, you can still sign up for this audition. Entry fee is only \$20! Call the SOSMP at 386-364-1683, ask for Michelle, and she will get you signed up. Contestants have until 8 p.m. Friday night, June 22, to sign up to compete in this last audition.

If you would like to make reservations for RV parking, cabins or camper parking for the last Texaco Country Showdown of 2012, now's the time. You may call the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park at 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com. You may also contact the SOSMP to inquire about any of the many exciting events coming up such as July 4th, Labor Day, Magnolia Fest featuring such artists as Bonnie Raitt, Del McCoury Band and Emmylou Harris, Raid on the Suwannee Civil War Re-enactment and many other wonderful events this year.

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

Third Texaco Country Showdown

Audition and Jamie Davis Band June 22-23 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park!

The third and final Texaco Country Showdown at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak, Fla. will complete the competition series Friday, June 22, with three more winners joining the six already chosen. Those nine winners will compete against each other July 13 at the SOSMP for the right to go to the state finals Sept. 8.

Competition will begin at 8 p.m. Friday, June 22, in the Music Hall. Anyone who wishes to sign up to compete may do so up until 8 p.m. the night of the event. If you were a non-winner during this year's competition, you can still sign up and try again. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The showdown entry fee is only \$20 and could lead to a new career in Nashville as a country recording artist or songwriter, \$100,000 in cash and being named the Best New Act in Country Music. The one winner chosen at the finals July 13 will represent North Florida at the Florida Texaco Country Showdown to be held Sept. 8 at the SOSMP. One

winner there will go on to regional competition and if they score a win there, go to the finals in January 2013 in Nashville at the Ryman Auditorium where they could be the national

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Jamie Davis

winner. Admission to the Texaco Country Showdown at the SOSMP is free.

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Doors open at 6 p.m. and music begins at 8 p.m. No admission charge.

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music Park at 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com. You may also contact the SOSMP to inquire about any of the many exciting events coming up such as July 4th, Labor Day, Magnolia Fest featuring such artists as Bonnie Raitt, Del McCoury Band and Emmylou Harris, Raid on the Suwannee Civil War Re-enactment and many other wonderful events this year.

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FGC's (from left) Doris Lombo, anatomy and physiology associate professor; Ryan Touchton, manager of network and security; Pam Carswell, executive director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching, Design and Business; and Kacey Schrader, assistant registrar, each received a NISOD Excellence Award during the conference.

Since its inception in 1978, NISOD has emphasized the importance of teaching and leadership excellence in institutions of higher education. Courtesy photo

FGC receives \$3.9 million grant to boost Nursing program

LAKE CITY, FLA. – Florida Gateway College has received a \$3.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to support the launch of its Nursing baccalaureate degree, as well as expand the current Nursing program.

The four-year grant, part of \$183 million in funding of the H-IB Technical Skills Training Program, is providing funding to 43 private and public entities for education, training, and job placement assistance. Through these programs, workers will be equipped with the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to succeed in new and emerging occupations in high-growth industries.

FGC is the only state college in Florida to receive one of the grants and one of only 43 organizations nationwide to receive a grant.

One of the major components of the grant is to develop new simulation

practices for nursing career pathways as part of a partnership with the Florida Center for Nursing, Pensacola State College, Tallahassee Community College, and Florida State College of Jacksonville.

These new simulation practices will come through the purchase of cutting-edge equipment and software. One of the purchases, a 3D MRI software called BodyViz, is a specialty imaging program that allows users to "travel" under the skin, past the bones, through the arteries, blood vessels and organs, as well as insert virtual surgical tools that can be maneuvered around internal structures of the anatomy.

The college is also utilizing the grant to add additional faculty members, develop a new Paramedic-RN program, and add a second cadaver.

For more information, contact Troy Roberts at Troy.Roberts@fgc.edu or by calling (386) 754-4247.

Small Business Trends from Monster

Small business trends: When will things shift from so-so to strong?

By: *Melanie Berkowitz, Esq.*

If you have been following small business news to try to get a sense of the health of that sector, you may not be sure what to think.

According to a sampling of recent news items, small business lending is down, but small business owners are having an easier time getting credit, some analysts report that hiring is up, while sales are fairly slow, and small business owners are feeling optimistic. Or maybe they are just less pessimistic.

In other words, it's been a rollercoaster.

Small Business Trends of Late

It has been nearly five years since the current recession began, so it is no wonder that experts are parsing economic numbers in dozens of ways to try to find good news. It's not always easy to find.

The National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB) recently released its April "Optimism Index" for small businesses, which showed an absolute gain of 2 points in small business optimism.

Sounds good, until you consider that the gain merely erases the past year's losses, bringing the index back to February, 2011 levels.

The bottom line? According to the NFIB, small business optimism is likely

to remain flat in 2012 and there will be little improvement in small business hiring and spending this year.

But that does not mean that it is all doom and gloom for small business trends. We are starting to see indications that it is time to stop circling the wagons and start getting back on the road to business growth and expansion. Small businesses just need to be able to recognize the signs and then act on them at the right time.

"Optimism and economic improvement usually grow together for small businesses," explains Holly Wade, Senior Policy Analyst for the NFIB. "We do not see a lot of change in small business owners' behavior until they are confident that the recovery can support their growth. At the same time, small business hiring and spending need to increase to help the economy recover enough to create that optimism."

So where do optimism and recovery begin? According to the experts, a couple of factors are the most important in fueling small business optimism. Not surprisingly, it all starts with sales.

Consistent Sales Growth a "Must" for Small Business Recovery

"The increase in consumer spending we've been seeing since December is starting to trickle down to the small business level," says Steve Strauss, USA Today small business columnist and author of The Small Business Bible.



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He sees a trend that will put more money in the coffers of small businesses: "Individual consumers are spending more, and more freely, and many small businesses are starting to see bigger projects from bigger clients with bigger budgets come their way," he says.

"Small business optimism depends first and foremost on increased sales," agrees Wade. "Most small business owners want to see consistent sales growth for at least six months before they are confident that their economic situation is improving."

Without this confidence, Wade notes, we should not expect to see many small businesses hiring or making big capital expenditures. Instead, small employers will make do with their current workforce and infrastructure to manage the (hopeful) increase in customer activity.

Increased Lending to Small Business Fundings Will Fuel Growth

The Small Business Credit Availability Act we reported on should make it easier for small businesses to get loans – now they just need to feel optimistic enough to ask for them.

Getting business owners to seek out small business funding is key; a Bank of America survey of small businesses found that 78% of small businesses that have requested loans in the past two years were approved, but the majority of small businesses that do have open lines of credit have been using the money for emergen-

cies only.

As optimism increases, more businesses should start using loans for growth as part of their 2012 business plan, Wade says.

A capital expenditure such as the purchase of new equipment or rent of more space does not require additional hiring, allowing small business owners to focus on growing without increasing headcount until they can truly support the cost.

Improved Numbers in the Residential Housing Industry Will Indicate Recovery

We know that overall employment numbers are still below 2007 pre-recession levels, and while small businesses are starting to hire again, their efforts are not yet enough to overcome previous losses.

Both Strauss and Wade agree that it is going to take some time before unemployment levels drop to pre-recession levels.

"Small business owners tend to be nervous about adding to their workforce because they fear getting stuck with a payroll they cannot meet if the economy dips again," says Wade. "So when we see employment numbers growing, particularly across sectors that have been slow, that will be a strong indication that small businesses optimism back.

She points to the residential housing industry, which has taken a serious hit in the past few years, as a good benchmark. "When small businesses in the housing construction industry start hiring again, we expect to see the Optimism Index rise among small businesses across the board."

Work attire from Monster

Work attire: What's appropriate and what's not.

By Robert DiGiacomo

While temperatures are warm outside, you might be tempted to dress down at the office and reveal more skin than you should. But Clinton Kelly, co-host of TLC's "What Not to Wear" reality series, says, "Resist the temptation."

"When it comes to your career, the image you're projecting at work makes a difference in how far you're going to get in the company," he says. "Don't use excuses like, 'It's hot outside,' to not dress appropriately." Kelly, who regularly advises major corporations on workplace attire, offered the following sartorial dos and don'ts for the warm weather months.

One caveat: Individual offices may skew more casually (ad agencies and other creative outlets) or more formally (law and accounting firms). But one rule fits all professions: "If you don't look like management material, you'll never get into a management position," Kelly says.

Shoulder the Burden

• **Women:** Do wear sleeveless shirts, if your office has a relaxed dress code.

• **Men:** Don't try putting on a shirt without sleeves

unless you work at the beach. Suffice it to say, it's a "hairy" issue for most guys, according to Kelly.

One Button or Two?

• **Women:** Do feel comfortable in an open-necked blouse or top that shows some of your décolletage. "If you start to see a lot of soft tissue, that's not good," Kelly says.

• **Men:** Do unbutton one or two of your top buttons and consider a layering T-shirt, which helps wick away perspiration. Don't display a lot of chest hair.

The Long and Short of It

• **Women:** Do wear tailored walking shorts that reach the top of your knee. "You shouldn't wear the same kind of shorts you'd wear to your kids' soccer practice," Kelly says. Don't put on skirts that leave your mid-thigh uncovered.

• **Men:** Don't convince yourself shorts are acceptable. They're not, according to Kelly, who again cites the "hair issue" as the reason.

How Low Can You Go?

• **Women:** Don't think about showing off your toned abs with a crop top, nor should you risk anyone making a crack about your - well, you know -- if you prefer low-rider jeans. "It's just tacky to show your thong out of the back of your jeans," Kelly says.

Nice (Leg) Work If You

Can Get It

• **Women:** Do leave your legs bare, if you have on a skirt or shorts. "Society has gotten to the point where it's a woman's right not to wear pantyhose," Kelly says.

Show of Feet

• **Women/Men:** Don't slip into your flip-flops, unless you have such a relaxed office that your boss' boss wears them, too. "Flip-flops are not appropriate for 95 percent of offices out there," Kelly says.

• **Women:** Do wear a strappy sandal, if you work in a less traditional environment. "They're not going to tell you you can't wear your Manolos," he says. Don't bring your Birkenstocks anywhere near work. "On the food chain of shoes, they're at the absolute bottom," he says.

• **Men:** Don't make the mistake of wearing "mandals" to work. Neither you, nor your feet, will be taken seriously, Kelly says.

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Protect skin from the worst weather has to offer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Class of 1972 40th year reunion

It's that time 1972 classmates, yes it's our 40th reunion June 23, 2012 at the Suwannee Country Club! There will be heavy Hors d'ourves beginning at 7 PM until...and a DJ to help us remember those wonderful school days! If you have not received a letter, please give Bonnie (963-2264) or Edwin (362-1001) a call and we will provide the address where your money should be mailed. We look forward to seeing EVERY-ONE!

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Ages: 4 years old-6th grade

When: July 9 - July 13

From 9 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

VBS Director: Pam Green

386-364-4912

abclo@windstream.net

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Bryan Morgan

Recruitment Manager
Department of Elder Affairs
Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
988 Woodcock Rd, Suite 198
Orlando, FL 32803
850-510-3920 (cellular)
407-228-7752 (office)
407-228-7754 (fax)
morganb@elderaffairs.org

McAlpin codmunity club meetings canceled for the summer

The McAlpin Community Club meetings for June, July and August have been canceled. The next regular meeting will be held on September 10th. We hope that you will have a cool and relaxing summer. For information about the club call Barbara Parks at 362-3044.

The Sparkleberry Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

Will meet the second Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 PM, at Hatch Park, Branford (403 SE Craven St). Directions: Once you have turned onto 247 in Branford, SE Craven St is the 7th block from 129 - you make a right onto SE Craven, Hatch Park is a few blocks down the road on the left. The Public is invited!

The Chapter hosts two native plant sales yearly. Stay tuned!

The program this month will be District Lands...Yours to Enjoy. Edwin McCook, Land Management Specialist for the Suwannee River Water Management District will discuss recreation opportunities on District lands. Recreation opportunities include bicycling, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, picnicking, wildlife viewing and nature study. The program will include photographs of unique features and views on District lands.

For more information contact: President: Carol Sullivan, 386-364-9309, csullivan12@windstream.net, for more information on the Florida Native Plant Society: www.fnps.org.

The purpose of the Florida Native Plant Society is to promote the preservation, conservation and plant restoration of the native plant communities.

Elks Lodge Bingo Every Monday night

Elks Lodge Bingo is every Monday night from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Lodge. Non-smoking. Kitchen is open serving sandwiches, onion rings, etc. Elks Lodge is located on East Howard Street in Live Oak, across from Live Oak City Hall.

CMJ Basketball Tournament

Free admission
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Men's 5 on 5 basketball tournament

Jasper, Old High School Gym

June 23, 2012

10 a.m.

Mike Cohen 386-234-0948 or 386-697-5003

Bro. Andre Jackson 386-855-1656

Bro. Josh Johnson 386-792-2683

Let's get cookin' at VBS!

June 24, 2012 - June 28, 2012

6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Westside Baptist Church

13969 Railroad Street,

Live Oak, FL 32060

for more information,

call

386-364-2862

Battle of Olustee Camp #1463, Monthly meeting, third Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Porterhouse Grill, SW Main Blvd., Lake City, FL.
Live Oak, 386-842-2257. Lake City, 386-496-2254.

Branford River Reunion

Vendor space available
The Branford River Reunion 4th of July celebration plans are underway. The event is to be held Wednesday, July 4.

There is booth space available. You can give Peggy Terry a call at 386-935-0021, leave a message for any questions you have. Or pick up an application at Town Hall.

The parade will be at 6 p.m. so line up is at 5 p.m. at the Branford football field. To ride in the parade, please contact Kathy at 386-365-0703.

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shipmates who served on the USS Columbus CA-74/CG-12 from 1944 through 1976 and the USS Columbus (SSN-762) past and present, if you would like to share memories and camaraderie with old friends and make new ones, please contact Allen R. Hope, President, 3828 Hobson Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46815-4505.

Home: (260) 486-2221

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern time.

Fax: 260-492-9771

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USS COLUMBUS CA- 74/CG-12SSN-762

Reunion September 12 - September 16, 2012 at Holiday Inn Portland Airport - Portland, Or. Please contact Allen R. Hope, President, 3828 Hobson Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46815-4505.

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Horseshoe Beach's 2nd annual community fireworks

Will be held on Friday July 6. lots of family fun, fresh seafood, great BBQ, food vendors and much much more. It will be held at Fireworks Island, just across the road from the horseshoe Beach Cafe'.

It was said that Horseshoe's fireworks show was one of the best around last year.

So get out early and get a good spot make a full day of it.

The show will be managed by Dennis Buckley, Day Cherry, John Cherry and Panama Paul.

Vendor's can set up free. Call Dennis Buckley for information and reservations 352-498-5986.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings are held on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m. The meetings are at Nobles Ferry Road next to Meridian Behavioral Health Center. For more information, please call 386-362-4221 or 386-688-3133.

Jasper Market Days

First Saturday each month. 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. downtown on Central Ave. Jasper, Fla.

Arts, crafts, baked goods, fresh produce, food and more!

While in town, visit our local shops and eateries. For vendor info: Ronnie Herring 386-792-2528

Haven Hospice

Compassionate Friends, a national bereavement organization that helps families who have lost a child, is hosting a support group

at Haven Hospice. The group will meet the third Monday of every month from 7-9 p.m. at the Suwannee Valley Hospice Care Center at 6037 US Highway 90 West. For more information, please call 386-697-0286 or email findhopetoday@gmail.com

Suwannee County Health Department

Suwannee County Health Department will be making some changes to the clinic services that we provide. The health department has experienced a recent workforce reduction. We will be working with fewer staff and can no longer provide all services every day of the week. These changes are necessary due to budget reductions. General nursing visits, which include immunizations, STDs, Family Planning supply visits, medication pick-up, TB skin tests, lab testing, obtaining lab test results and pregnancy testing will continue to be provided, however; these services will only be available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. These "general nursing" services will be available between the hours of 8:00-11:00 and 1:00-4:00, with the exception of STD services which will be available from 8-10:00 and 1:00-3:00. The Suwannee County Health Department continues our commitment to protect and promote the health of all residents and visitors in Suwannee County.

Native Plants, Native People

Presented by Barbara Hines. Barbara will discuss how the native people and early settlers in Florida used the native plants of this region. She is a Registered Professional Archaeologist and the Outreach Coordinator for the North Central Region of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN). She specializes in historic archaeology of the 19th and early 20th century. Her interests include the turpentine and lumber industry, early Florida architecture, and Southeastern Indian communities.

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129 S, Live Oak, Fl. For more information contact Dorie at 386-658-2767

Navy Reunion

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

When: Oct. 2-7, 2012

Where: Buena Vista Hotel Suites

8203 World Center Dr. Orlando, FL 32831

For information contact: Leonard Goeke

2790 Quince Ave.

Washington, IA 52353

319-653-3904

bobsr@croghancpa.com

Alzheimer's Support Group

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

The Center is located at 110 Lee Ave. SE in Live Oak.

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

Live Oak Garden Club

Meets on the 3rd Friday of each month, for a luncheon and a program for "all gardeners". The Live Oak Garden Club is also an ideal location and facility for a wedding reception, baby shower, family reunion, suitable for any event up to 100 people. Visit our website at www.liveoakfloridagardenclub.com or phone Sara at 386-364-4189 for additional information.

Suwannee River Jeep Club & 4X4

SRJC 4X4 is a new off-road club dedicated to Jeeps but open to other makes of 4X4's. We are looking for members that enjoy off-loading activity. We are a family oriented club that have monthly meetings and organize other activities such as trail rides, camping, mud events and fundraising events. Please contact Sarah or Cat at srjc4x4@gmail.com for more info. 386-688-3750 (Sarah).

Save the Cats Live Oak

Volunteers needed!

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

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

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Grief recovery is a painful process.

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

at 6:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed!

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

If you are interested in helping others; if you would like to experience the gratification and sense of purpose that comes from working with senior adults with special needs, then we hope you will accept our invitation to learn more about the volunteer opportunities we have available. Surrey Place Care Center welcomes volunteer involvement in a variety of areas and capacities.

Please join us.

Surrey Place Care Center

Teri Christian,

Quality of Life Director

386-364-5961

act.surrey@signature-healthcarellc.com

The Arc North Florida

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

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

The McAlpin Community Club

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

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

Navy and Marine Corps

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Bingo

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

American Legion Post Meeting

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

Senior citizens

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

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 #12018B 09 Chevy Tahoe LT with leather and 22's \$469 mo.	 #5638A 11 Jeep Grand Cherokee Overland edition, Hemi, NAV \$477 mo.	 #6106A 10 Chevy Camaro SS RS pkg., leather, v8 \$485 mo.	 #5973A 07 GMC Sierra 2500 Duramax, crew, 4x4, sunroof \$489 mo.	 #6096A 10 Chevy Silverado 2500 Diesel Z71, 4x4, crew with leather \$496 mo.
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Grief Support group offered at Antioch Baptist Church

GriefShare recovery and support group

Will begin meeting at Antioch Baptist Church in Live Oak each Tuesday at 10 a.m. The church is located at 5203 CR 795 (Boys Ranch Road). GriefShare is 13 weeks starting March 6th ending May 29th, nondenominational group that features Biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. You can begin the GriefShare sessions at any time. Please call Antioch Church (386) 362-3101 or Kathy Bauman (386) 362-3823 for more information.

Elks Monday Bingo

At Live Oak Elks Lodge 1165, 415 East Howard St. Live Oak. Early sessions 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. and the payout will be on a percentage basis. Late sessions: 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. There will be 29 games each paying \$50. One progressive jackpot either \$50 or \$250. One Bonanza paying \$50. One extra large jackpot starting at \$300 if won on the last number called from the Bonanza game - \$100 consolation prize. Kitchen will be open from 4-8 p.m.

Wellborn neighborhood watch

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

Are you a time traveler?

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

The Lake DeSoto farmers market

Lake City, FL, The Lake

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

Bingo, Bingo, Bingo!

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

Grief support group

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

Baptist Men's Meeting at Wellborn Baptist Church

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

Love Forever

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

The Lafayette

Republican Executive Committee

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

The Columbia

Federated Republican Women

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

First Baptist Church of Dowling Park

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

Volunteer Opportunity

& Meeting Notice

Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to join its corps of dedicated advocates who protect the rights of elders residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care homes. The program's local councils are seeking additional volunteers to identify, investigate and resolve residents' concerns. Special training and certification is provided. All interested individuals who care about protecting the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care facility residents -- who often have no one else to advocate for them -- are encouraged to call toll-free (888) 831-0404 or visit the program's Web site at [HYPERLINK "http://ombudsman.myflorida.com/"](http://HYPERLINK) <http://ombudsman.myflorida.com>.

Christian Mission In Action Ministry

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

Boy Scout Troop 693

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

Wellborn Community Association (WCA)

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

Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 107

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

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Senior Luncheon at Wellborn Baptist Church

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

Lake Park Line Dancers

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

Line dance

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

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Pickin' & Grinnin'

Every Saturday 6 p.m. Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park

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

GFWC Woman's Club of Live Oak

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

Narcotics Anonymous

Road to Recovery Group. Meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Friday at 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 311 South Ohio Ave. Live Oak, FL. Help Line 352-376-8008 or 866-352-5323, <http://uncoastna.org> The Road to Recovery Group is not affiliated with First United Methodist Church.

Weatherization funding available

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

Free English Classes

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

I am putting together a family history book

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

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Free Sunday lunch Live Oak

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

Free Sunday lunch Hamilton County

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

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National Contact: United States Submarine Veterans, PO Box 3870 Silverdale, WA 98383 or 1-877-542-DIVE

www.ussvi.org. Local contact: W. Ray Rausch, 386-209-1473, uss483@windstream.net, 10035 105th Drive, Live Oak, FL 32060.

First Baptist Church of Live Oak, FL

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

Haven Hospice hosts

Helping Hands Volunteer Orientation When: Every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

Where: Haven Hospice Suwannee Valley Care Center, 6037 W. U.S. Hwy 90, Lake City, FL. Call Carolyn Long at 386-752-9191 for more information.

Donate your old cars

People may be thinking of donating their old cars as part of a clean up. The Boys and Girls Clubs would be happy to take their old cars. People donating to the Clubs will not only get rid of the unwanted car but will be contributing to the clubs. Boys and Girls Clubs really work with kids in most communities and offer a safe place for them. If you wish to donate a car, call 800-246-0493. Not only will donors be helping the kids, they will be able to take sale price as a contribution for income tax purposes.

Talent Search

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

Donations needed!

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

CJBAT tests

Monday - Thursday Monday - Thursday at 5 p.m. (by appointment): CJBAT (Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test) at NFCC Testing Center (Bldg. #16), Madison. CJBAT is required for acceptance into Corrections & Law Enforcement programs. Photo ID required. Pre-registration & scheduling time and date are required. To register please call 850-973-9451.

College Placement Tests

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

TABE tests

Monday - Thursday

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Monday - Thursday at 5 p.m. (by appointment): TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) at NFCC Testing Center (Bldg. #16), Madison. TABE is required for acceptance into vocational/technical programs. Photo ID required. Pre-registration &

scheduling time & date are required. To register please call 850-973-9451.

Love a mystery?

Try locating your ancestors by working on your family tree. The Suwannee Valley Genealogy Society invites you to join and learn how to find your ancestors. Membership is \$30 for a single

member or \$35 for a family. Corporate membership is also available for donations of \$100 or more (tax deductible). Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the Genealogy Center at 215 Wilbur Street SW in Live Oak. The library is open on Tuesday and Thursday

from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and the talented folks there will be glad to help. For more information call Jinnie or Alice at 386-330-0110.

Free English-speaking and literacy classes

Provided by Columbia County School District's Career and Adult Education Program. Where:

Wellborn, Florida, Unity of God Ministries, Inc., 12270 County Road 137 When: Every Thursday, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Activities for children will be provided. Please contact 386-755-8190 for additional information.

Suwannee County Republican Executive Committee Meeting.

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

Savvy Senior How to Find Help Paying for Your Hearing Aid

Dear Savvy Senior,

Are there any resources or programs that help seniors with the high cost of hearing aids?

Can't Afford To Hear

Dear Can't,

It's unfortunate, but millions of Americans with hearing loss don't get hearing aids because they simply can't afford them. Hearing aids are expensive, typically costing between \$1,000 and \$3,500 per ear, and most insurance companies including traditional Medicare don't cover them. While there's no one simple solution to finding affordable hearing aids, there are a variety of options you can look into that can help.

Check Insurance

Your first step is to check with your health insurance provider to see if it provides any hearing aid coverage.

If you're a Medicare beneficiary, you need to know that while original Medicare (Part A and B) and Medicare supplemental policies do not cover hearing aids, some Medicare Advantage (Part C) plans do. If you have an Advantage plan, you'll need to check with your plan administrator.

Medicaid also covers hearing aids in some states to people with very limited means. Your county social service office can give you more information.

Or, if you're a federal employee or retiree, hearing aid coverage may be available through some insurance plans in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. Or if you're a veteran, the VA provides free hearing aids if you meet certain conditions such as being compensated for any serviced-connected disability or if your hearing loss is connected to military service. See va.gov or call 877-222-8387 to check your eligibility.

Financial Assistance

Depending on your income level, there are various programs and foundations that provide financial assistance for hearing aids to people in need. Start by calling your state rehabilitation department (see www.parac.org/svvp.html for contact information), or the nearest chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America (hearingloss.org) to find out if there are any city, county or state programs, or local civic organizations that could help.

There are also a number of nonprofits that offer hearing aids at deeply discount-

ed prices, or for free. Some good ones to check out include:

HEAR Now: Sponsored by the Starkey Hearing Foundation (starkeyhearingfoundation.org, 800-328-8602), this program provides hearing aids for people with net incomes below \$19,058 for a single or \$25,743 for couples. Your only costs are a hearing test and an application fee of \$125 per hearing aid request.

Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project: Offered through some Lions clubs throughout the U.S., this program provides the opportunity to purchase new, digital hearing aids manufactured by Rexton for \$200 per aid, plus shipping. To be eligible, most clubs will require your income to be somewhere below 200 percent of the federal poverty level which is \$22,340 for singles, or \$30,260 for couples. Contact your local Lions club (see lionsclubs.org for contact information) to see if they participate in this project.

Sertoma: A civic service organization that runs a hearing aid recycling program through its 500 clubs nationwide, refurbishes them, and distributes them to local people in need. Call 800-593-5646 or visit sertoma.org to locate a club in your area.

Audient: This program (audientliance.org, 866-956-5400) helps people purchase new, digital hearing aids at reduced prices ranging from \$495 to \$975 for one hearing aid, or \$990 to \$1,575 for a pair. To be eligible, your income must be below \$27,075 for a single or \$36,425 for couples.

For a list of more programs, visit the Better Hearing Institute website at betterhearing.org, and click on "Hearing Loss Resources," then on "Financial Assistance." Or, call the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders at 800-241-1044 and ask them to mail you their list of financial resources for hearing aids.

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

Savvy Senior
How to Search for Forgotten Money

your Loved Ones Left Behind

Dear Savvy Senior,

I've heard that there are resources available that can help people look for lost or forgotten money left behind by their diseased relatives. When my mother and father passed away their financial affairs were in such a mess, I'm wondering if there was anything I overlooked. What can you tell me?

Searching Son

Dear Searching,

Lost or forgotten money is actually quite common in the U.S. In fact, according National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, nearly \$33 billion in unclaimed assets is sitting in state treasuries and other agencies just waiting to be found.

These unclaimed assets are from some 117 million accounts that are inactive or whose owners or their heirs cannot be located. Unclaimed assets can include things like lost or forgotten investments or bank accounts, Social Security payments, utility deposits, tax refunds, life insurance proceeds, stocks, un-cashed dividends and more.

This typically happens because of a change of address (the owner moved), a name change (the owner got married or divorced), or the owner dies and the estate was unaware of the money or the heirs could not be located. By law, companies and financial institutions that can't find the owner or their next of kin within two to five years must turn the property over to the state where it's held indefinitely.

Where to Search

It's very possible that your deceased parents, or you, have some unclaimed assets out there and you don't even know it. To start your quest, go to missing-money.com or unclaimed.org, both of which contain records from most state unclaimed property programs.

Check every state in which you or your parents have lived, worked or conducted business. Also search using maiden names and any previous names, as well as middle names and middle initials. Every state can tell you immediately if your parents or you have some unclaimed property, as well as how to go about collecting it. If you don't have a computer, you can call the state treasurer's office for assistance.

Look Here Too

Beyond state treasuries, here are some

other agencies you should check for lost loot, along with a few resources that can help you search.

IRS: Each year thousands of refund checks totaling millions of dollars are returned to the IRS by the post office. To look for lost tax refund checks go to IRS.gov and click on "Individuals," then on "Where's My Refund," or call 800-829-1954.

U.S. Treasury: To find out if there are any savings bonds your parents didn't claim dating back to 1974, go to treasury-direct.gov and click on "Check Treasury Hunt to see if you own matured savings bonds." For older bonds or those still drawing interest, use form 1048 which you can download at www.treasury-direct.gov/forms/sav1048.pdf.

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp.: If you or your parents worked for a company that went out of business or ended its defined benefit pension plan, you may be entitled to some of their benefits. Check at pbgc.gov and click on "Missing Participants Search."

The National Registry of Unclaimed Retirement Benefits: To search for lost 401(k) plans, try unclaimedretirementbenefits.com where plan sponsors, administrators and custodians register missing participants who have unclaimed retirement funds.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.: Search for unclaimed bank accounts at firms that were shut down between 1989 and 1993 go to www2.fdic.gov/funds. State treasuries hold assets from shut-downs after 1993.

Social Security: To find lost Social Security benefits, including the \$255 death benefit, call 800-772-1213.

American Council of Life Insurers: If you think your parents had a life-insurance policy try missingmoney.com, or for more tips go to aclc.com and click on "Missing Policy Tips."

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Warm weather means active alligators, crocodiles



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
MyFWC.com

As the weather has heated up, so too have Florida's alligator and crocodile activities, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds Floridians and visitors to be cautious when having fun in and around water.

Florida is home to two native crocodylians: the American alligator, which is found in all 67 counties; and the American crocodile, which may be found in coastal areas of the Keys and in southeast and southwest Florida. Both species have shared Florida's waters with people for centuries.

The FWC recommends keeping pets away from the water. There are other precautionary measures

people should take to reduce the chances for conflicts with alligators and crocodiles, and they are available in the Living with Alligators brochure at MyFWC.com/Alligator and the Living with Crocodiles brochure at MyFWC.com/Crocodile.

The FWC advises, if you have concerns with an alligator or crocodile that poses a threat to you, your pets or property, call the FWC's Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-FWC-GATOR (392-4286).

Alligators and crocodiles are an important part of Florida's heritage and play a valuable role in the ecosystems where they live. For more information on alligators and crocodiles, visit MyFWC.com/Alligator.

Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame: The Commission is Accepting Nominations!

- Honoring civil and human rights heroes-

Tallahassee – The Florida Commission on Human Relations (Commission) is now accepting nominations for the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame. The deadline is July 1, 2012. The judges will be looking for individuals who have made significant contributions and provided leadership toward Florida's progress and achievements in human and civil rights.

"We are once again excited to be accepting nominations for this year's Civil Rights Hall of Fame. This program honors leaders and advocates who have tirelessly worked to protect the rights of various populations throughout Florida," said Michelle Wilson, Commission Executive Director. "It is extremely important to honor the trailblazers who came before us and use their heroic stories as a way to educate and empower our next generation."

Contributions of nominees can include community em-

powerment, legislative advocacy, grassroots organizing, coalition building, authored publications, organizational leadership, private and governmental entity diversity efforts and multicultural educational initiatives in any area of human and civil rights or related areas. Please visit http://fchr.state.fl.us/outreach/florida_civil_rights_hall_of_fame to view the rules, criteria, nomination form and other relevant information.

The Florida Commission on Human Relations, established in 1969, is the state agency charged with administering the Florida Civil Rights Act and Fair Housing Act. Fair treatment, equal access and mutual respect are the benchmarks of the Commission's commitment. Through education and partnerships, the Commission works to prevent discrimination and costly litigation through teaching best business practices and fostering understanding amongst Floridians.

For more information, visit <http://fchr.state.fl.us> or on Facebook.

Chapter 772, Military Order of the Purple Heart

The next monthly Chapter 772, Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) sponsored Bingo for in-patients at the Lake City VA Hospital will be at 2:PM on Friday 06/22/12 in the VA Hospital Auditorium. This will be followed by the monthly MOPH Chapter 772 meeting at 3:PM in the Hospital Administrators Conference Room. All members are requested to participate at either or both of these events. For further information call 386-752-8166.

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California Chicken Wrap

Serves: 4

Prep Time: 10 minutes

- 3 tablespoons Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil
- 4 6-inch fajita size whole wheat flour tortillas
- 12 ounces boneless, skinless chicken breasts, grilled and sliced
- 1 medium avocado, peeled and sliced
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced
- 1/4 cup sliced red onion
- 2 cups mixed salad greens

Spread Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil on tortillas. Layer chicken, avocado, red pepper, red onion and salad greens down center of each tortilla. Roll and fold the filled tortillas.

The Original Potato Salad

Serves: 8

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

- 2 pounds potatoes (5 to 6 medium), peeled and cut into 3/4-inch chunks
- 1 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup thinly sliced celery
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped (optional)

Cover potatoes with water in 4-quart saucepot; bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Drain and cool slightly.

Combine Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil, vinegar, salt, sugar and pepper in large bowl. Add potatoes, celery, onion and eggs and toss gently. Serve chilled or at room temperature.



A New Take on PICNIC FAVORITES

FAMILY FEATURES

Picnics are a perfect way to enjoy getting together with friends and family this summer. No matter what your destination — beach, park or just your backyard — there's no need to settle for standard fare.

Instead, make summertime favorites like pasta salad, potato salad, vegetable dip and California style wraps even more delicious by adding the new Hellmann's® or Best Foods® mayonnaise dressing with Olive Oil recipe. Made with high-quality ingredients, including olive oil, cage-free eggs, and vinegar, it combines the creamy, rich taste of Hellmann's® or Best Foods® with the delicious goodness of olive oil.

Visit www.Hellmanns.com or www.BestFoods.com for more summer recipes and additional information.

**Easy Vegetable Dip**

Makes: 2 1/2 cups

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Chill Time: 2 hours

- 1 package Knorr® Vegetable recipe mix
- 1/2 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil
- 1 container (16 ounces) sour cream

Combine all ingredients in medium bowl. Cover and chill 2 hours to blend flavors.

Stir before serving. Serve with your favorite dippers.

Pasta Salad with Vegetables

Serves: 8

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 25 minutes

- 3/4 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil, divided
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 6 cups assorted fresh vegetables (zucchini, red and yellow peppers and/or red onion), sliced
- 1 box (16 ounces) fusilli pasta, cooked, drained and cooled
- 1/3 cup sliced Kalamata or pitted ripe olives
- 1 cup loosely packed fresh basil leaves, chopped

Blend 1/4 cup Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil, vinegar and ground black pepper in medium bowl. Stir in vegetables.

Arrange vegetable mixture in grill pan or on foil on grill. Grill vegetables, stirring once, 20 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Cool.

Combine vegetables with remaining ingredients in large bowl. Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Tip: Vegetables may also be roasted in the oven.

**Picnic Food Safety Tips**

Make sure you properly store and serve your picnic treats so they stay fresh and delicious.

Cold Food

- Cold perishable food should be kept in a cooler at 40°F or below until it's time to serve.

- Foods like cold salads or desserts in individual serving dishes can be placed directly on ice. Drain off water as ice melts, and replace ice frequently.

Hot Food

- Hot food should be kept hot, at or above 140°F.

- Wrap hot foods well, and place in an insulated container until serving.

Once served, no food should sit out for longer than two hours — one hour if the outdoor temperature is above 90°F. To be safe, throw away any food that has been left out longer.

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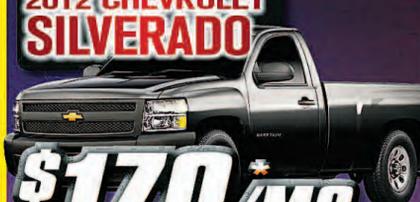



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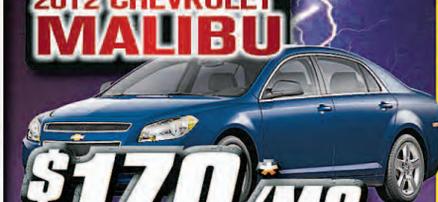
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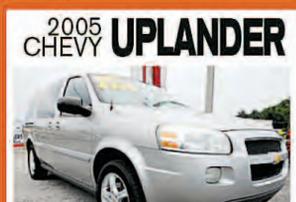
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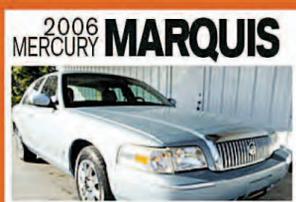
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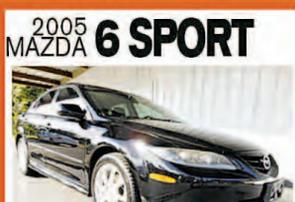
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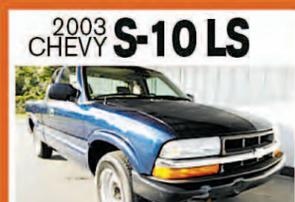
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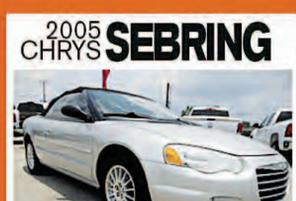
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