



SHS vs. Madison County

Denzel Washington, #25 for the Bulldogs, runs it in for a touchdown Friday night against the Madison County Cowboys. The Cowboys won it 49-7. See sports, 11A for more.
- Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

Branford vs. Seven Rivers Christian

Nick Edington celebrates his touchdown pointing to the crowd. He ran two touchdowns Friday night against Seven Rivers Christian Academy. The Buccaneers won 60-0. See sports, 11A for more.
- Photo: Misty A. Ward



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122nd Trail is barricaded from the only access road into the flooded out neighborhood. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

Waterlogged

Parts of county still flooded two months after TS Debby

By Joyce Marie Taylor
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Editor's note: The following is just three neighborhoods in the county that are still flooded, or have homes that are surrounded by floodwaters, two months following Tropical Storm Debby.

122nd Trail

Suwannee County residents on 122nd Trail remain flooded more than two months after slow moving Tropical Storm Debby dumped copious amounts of rain on the region in late June.

For 26 years Barbara Gill and her husband have lived in a beautiful home in a peaceful country setting surrounded by the wonders of nature just south of the city limits of Live Oak off US 129. At least that's the way it was before Debby decided to pay a visit. Now it's like living in the middle of a swamp.

Fast rising floodwaters caused by days of nonstop rainfall from Debby inundated a section of roadway and about 10 homes on 122nd Trail. At least five houses remain underwater more than two months after the storm. Gill said she could only recall one other time in those 26 years that 122nd Trail flooded, but she said it was nowhere near as bad and the water

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"I think what disturbs us the most is not knowing what the county is doing."
- Barbara Gill

104th Street off CR 49.
- Photo: Andrew McGee



This home on 74th Trace in Oakwood Forest is still surrounded by flood water. - Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor

Protest held over shooting of Brent Blevins

By Andrew McGee
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Several family members and friends of the 25-year-old that was fatally shot by a Florida Highway Patrol trooper on Aug. 26 held a protest Tuesday in front of the Suwannee County Courthouse.

"We're here trying to raise awareness of the shooting of Brent Blevins," said Daniel Shannon.

Several of the protesters held signs that said "Brent Blevins was murdered by FHP Derek MacLaren."

MacLaren, 33, is the
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Cynthia Meredith, mother of Brent Blevins, holds a photo of Blevins reading to kids at Happy House in Lake City in which he worked. Eddie Hendershot, an uncle of Blevins, holds a protest poster. - Photo: Andrew McGee

Munn guilty on all charges

Accused in role of killing three members of a McAlpin family

By Misty A. Ward
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The murder trial of Lonnie Robert Munn began on Tuesday in a Suwannee County court-

room and concluded Friday, with the jury delivering a guilty verdict on 9 charges.

Munn was charged with three counts of first degree murder, three counts of home invasion robbery and three counts

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Lonnie Munn being handcuffed after a Suwannee County jury found him guilty of the murders of three members of a McAlpin family in August 2010. - Photo: Misty A. Ward

School board considers virtual options

By Misty A. Ward
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The Suwannee County School Board discussed its virtual school options at a recent workshop.

Currently, the district uses Florida Virtual School as an option for students to attend school via the Internet.

Director of Special Programs Cheryl Mae Brinson brought to the board the proposal to use North East Florida Education Consortium as an alternative option. NEFEC owns a Florida Virtual School (FLVS) franchise, which enables them to use FLVS curricu-

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LOFD RAISES \$3K FOR MDA



The Live Oak Fire Department raised \$3,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association through their "Fill the Boot" campaign that lasted four weeks. Pictured here from left is Donna Branch, donating money in front of Publix; LOFD's Mike Baan; LOFD's Brandon Nobles and Amanda Norris, donating money. - Photo: Misty A. Ward

16th annual Autumn Artfest 2012 kicks off with Sept. 9 opening



The Live Oak Artists Guild, in partnership with the Suwannee River Regional Library, will be kicking off their annual fine art ex-

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Local teen attends military academy



Devore

By Tracie Alyson Daniels

On Aug. 18, 2012, family and friends of cadet De'An-

dre Devore of Live Oak attended family day to visit at Camp Blanding in Starke. Devore is currently attending the Florida Yough ChalleNGe Academy and is completing the second month of the five month program.

Devore, an accomplished former Suwannee High School athlete, is most recently remembered for his achievements and potential in football and basketball. He pulled down a triple-double in the successful 2011-12 basketball season and was hoping to play college football after graduation. However, Devore began to struggle with discipline, school attendance, and by all accounts was on the wrong path. That is when SHS Dean of Students Malcom Hines suggested that Devore enter the academy.

Quoted from their website at <http://www.ngycp.org/site/node/21>, "The mission of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of 16-18 year old high school dropouts, producing program graduates with the values, life skills, education, and self-discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens." The program targets youth who are "at the greatest risk for substance abuse, teen pregnancy, delinquency, and criminal activity."

Devore is a member of the "Scorpion" platoon, under the leadership of one of the superior officers, or "cadre." The Scorpion platoon was just commended for their superior marching maneuvers and cadences. A typical day for De'Andre is to get up at 4:45 a.m. and then do PT at 5 a.m. until breakfast/break time at 6:30 a.m. At 7 a.m. the whole academy lines up down a paved strip called "Motivation Drive." Then De'Andre is off to morning classes, where he is successfully working to get his high school equivalency or GED. Lunch is at 11 a.m., he is in class again from 12 noon to 2:55 p.m. On the mornings he doesn't

have class, he occasionally helps out at the camp library. Devore has made the prestigious color guard at the academy, and goes to practice from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. He then eats a quick dinner and goes back to barracks by 6 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. he is assigned to the maintenance and cleanup crew, and lights out is at 8:45 p.m. The opportunity to attend the academy is extended to both males and females, and statistics provided by the program's website include:

- Over 54 percent of 2011 ChalleNGe graduates received their high school diploma or GED.
- Over 47 percent joined the work force.
- Nine percent joined the military.
- Nearly 44 percent continued their education.
- Program participants have donated well over 5 million hours of community service during the program's 16-year duration.
- Programs have awarded graduates nearly 50,000 academic credentials since 1993.
- Over 100,000 teens have graduated

Devore has thrived at the academy, is doing well in classes that include math, science, agronomy, and history, and he has recently made the academy basketball team. DeVore will travel off-grounds to perform duties with the color guard, and also soon will be traveling with the academy basketball team to compete with other teams. He plans to go into active duty into a branch of the military after leaving the academy. There will be a notable absence on the football field and basketball court this year at SHS, but all family and friends wish him the very best as he continues on an excellent upward path and plans to graduate in December of this year.

News from The Woman's Club of Live Oak

Sunny beaches and old cars

A small delegation of women from The Woman's Club of Live Oak, President Karen Jackowski, First Vice President Barbara Grondzki, and Second Vice President Jean Calabrese, traveled to Jacksonville Beach to meet with Susan Taylor, a member of the Board of Trustees for "BEAM", Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry, Inc. BEAM is a very successful Organization which began 25 years ago for the sole purpose of helping fulfill the needs of families, especially the children and elderly folk, the most vulnerable in our societies. BEAM started with small fundraisers, building it up to a one-million dollar Corporation today. The Woman's Club of Live Oak is a "service" organization with similar goals for our

community but with a much smaller budget provided by fundraisers. We therefore are on a constant quest for new and innovative ideas to reach our service goals. Thus, our "idea-searching" trip to BEAM. As we work towards accomplishing the many suggestions offered by BEAM, we ask you, the general public, to continue patronizing and supporting our many fundraisers as we continue our work of helping fulfill the many needs of families in our own community. Thank you for your support. As our small delegation traveled home, we made one brief stop at the home of Jean Calabrese. She invited us to "test drive" her 1947 Crosley pickup and her 1924 Dodge Bros. three-fourths ton pickup truck!



Pictured left to right Barbara Grondzki, Karen Jackowski, Susan Taylor, Jean Calabrese



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suwannee living

Weddings/Anniversaries

Couple, both 90, celebrate 71st wedding anniversary



Our parents, 'the happy couple', are Wm Myrl and Frances (Brock) Ellis. They love being residents of the Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park.

Myrl and Frances were each born in 1922. After being high school sweethearts, they were married in

1941. They remained in their small hometown of Felicity, Ohio. Soon came along a baby girl, Charlotte.

But, our country called and it was off to WWII for Myrl. Frances held the home front down with vigor. Their only communication was a letter every day for three years.

Upon discharge, it was out to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Myrl attended airplane mechanic school.

It was there another girl was born, Dianne.

How exciting it was to be offered a job with Eastern Airlines in Miami. So off the young couple went, having 11 flats on the long trip. But they made it.

It was here in Miami they spent 42 years of their married life. Frances continued to be a devoted mother and housewife. Then, along came that baby boy, Wm Myrl Jr. (Bill).

After retirement in 1985 they began looking for another Florida city to call home.

Ocala was an instant love to them both. The very much enjoyed living there for 20 years.

And three years ago they moved to their new home in Dowling Park.

They are true Floridians!

Congratulations Mother and Father, Charlotte, Dianne and Bill

Wedding Reminders

• Adams and Keen

Clarence and Debra Adams of Jennings, Fla., are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Cierra Blake Adams, to Clint Houston Keen, son of Clinton and Kathy Keen of Mayo, Fla.

The wedding and reception are set to take place on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012 at 5 p.m. at the Quail Branch Lodge in Lake Park, Ga. No local invitations will be sent. All friends and family are welcome to attend.

• Davis and Jones

Frank and Amanda Davis of Live Oak, Florida would like to remind you of the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Lisa Marie Davis, to Bradley Stephen Jones, son of Cathy and Steve Bolin of Columbus, Georgia and Col. Ed and Wendy Jones of Kathleen, Georgia.

The wedding will take place Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012 at 4:30 in the afternoon at Honey Lake Plantation in Greenville, Florida by invitation only.

Thank you

The family of Guy Copeland would like to take this time to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has been there during our loss. Thank you for the food, the thoughts and prayers and support as we said goodbye to our wonderful husband, dad, paw-paw and G-pawpaw. We would also like to thank those of you who helped out during his final days with us. He will be missed very much.

Wildfire activity

During the month of August 2012, wildland firefighters of the Suwannee Forestry Center conducted suppression operations on a total of three fires which burned 23 acres. This brings our total for the year to 209 fires burning 4,101 acres. By county, the totals are as follows:

County	#Fires	Size	Year To Date
Baker	0	0 acres	33 fires/381 acres
Bradford	1	17 acres	31 fires/60 acres
Columbia	1	5 acres	40 fires/3330 acres
Hamilton	1	1 acres	31 fires/153 acres
Suwannee	0	0 acres	58 fires/125 acres
Union	0	0 acres	16 fires/52 acres

The higher acreage totals for Baker and Columbia counties include 3,428 acres of the County Line Fire that burned on state or private lands. Florida Forest Service does not maintain records for fire on federal lands, and the majority of the 35,000 County Line Fire was in the Osceola National Forest.

As of Sept. 3, there were no (0) active fires in the Suwannee District.

Johnson graduates from Air Force basic training

Air Force Airman Adrian D. Johnson graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week pro-

gram that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Johnson is the son of Cessandra Johnson of 93rd Drive, Live Oak.

He is a 2009 graduate of Suwannee High School, Live Oak.

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 UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 8 - AQHA/Open Sanctioned Trail Obstacle Course Challenge
Spectators Invited \$5.00 per vehicle
 Time: 10:00 am

September 8 - AQHA/Open Sanctioned Trail Ride Chapel of the Woods -

September 15 - Renewal of wedding vows
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 We will not start eating until 6 p.m. and stay until
 Call 386-294-1168 or 386-776-1325 for more information.

Marriage Applications

The following couples applied for a marriage license the week of August 27 - 31, 2012:

Scott Barry Drost to Sheena Marie Harris
 Anthony Joseph Adams to Martha Shirlene Allen

Today's Weather
Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 9/5	Thu 9/6	Fri 9/7
89/73 A mix of clouds and sun with the chance of an isolated thunderstorm in the afternoon. High 89F.	88/73 Scattered thunderstorms possible. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.	89/73 A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.
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Florida At A Glance

Social Security Questions & Answers

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

Question:
What can I do to protect myself against identity theft?

Answer:
First, don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet. Keep it at home with your other important papers. Second, avoid giving out your Social Security number. While many banks, schools, doctors, landlords, and others will request your number, it is your decision whether to provide it. Ask if there is some other way to identify you in their records.

To report identity theft, fraud, or misuse of your Social Security number, the Federal Trade Commission, the nation's consumer protection agency, recommends you:

Place a fraud alert on your credit file by contact-

ing one of the following companies (the company you contact is required to contact the other two, which will then place alerts on your reports):

- Equifax, 1-800-525-6285;
- Trans Union, 1-800-680-7289; or
- Experian, 1-888-397-3742.

2. Review your credit report for inquiries from companies you have not contacted, accounts you did not open, and debts on your accounts you cannot explain;

3. Close any accounts you know, or believe, have been tampered with or opened fraudulently;

4. File a report with your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place; and

5. File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-438-4338 (TTY 1-866-653-4261).

do business with Social Security?

Answer:
During an emergency, keep in mind two things. First, you can conduct most of your business with Social Security online at www.socialsecurity.gov. There, you'll find a wealth of information and online services. For example, you can apply online for Social Security benefits or for Medicare, and then you can check on the status of your pending application. If you're already receiving Social Security benefits, you can go online to change your address, phone number, or your direct deposit information, get a replacement Medicare card, or request a proof of income letter. You even can get your Social Security Statement online. You also can find out if your local office is open by going online to www.socialsecurity.gov emergency. That site lists any office closings and delays.

Second, make sure you receive your benefits through Direct Deposit.

While the mail can be disrupted during severe weather, Direct Deposit

payments arrive in your account on time, all the time. Go to www.socialsecurity.gov to sign up or for more information.

Defense and offense matter in football, and in preventing improper payments

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

Making proper Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments is no game. But improving our accuracy has some similarities to a good football strategy. You've got to be strong on both defense and offense.

Social Security is committed to reducing improper payments. Our goal has always been to pay the right person the right amount at the right time. And we're highly successful at doing that.

In paying retirement, survivors, and disability benefits to more than 55 million people each month, our accuracy rate is over 99 percent. When it comes to Supplemental Security Income – the means-tested program for elderly, disabled and blind people who have limited income and resources – our payment accuracy is about 91 percent.

As with a good game of football, we

need a game plan to improve payment accuracy. Here is ours.

On offense, we check and recheck our benefit computations and recipient information. That's done at kickoff, before we ever make a payment.

On defense, we have game plans, or strategies, to collect funds back from the person we improperly paid, especially if the error was the result of a beneficiary failing or incorrectly reporting an event that affects his or her payment amount. When an individual commits fraud in order to receive payments not due, we prosecute him or her to the fullest extent of the law.

We will continue to work on offense and defense in our efforts to perfect our game plan and to make each and every payment a touchdown. Learn more about what Social Security is doing to prevent improper payments by visiting our website on the subject at www.socialsecurity.gov/improperpayments.

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Obituaries

Daniel C. Wilkerson
April 18, 1940 -
Sept. 1, 2012

Daniel C. Wilkerson, 72, passed away Saturday September 1, 2012 in the VA Medical Center, Lake City, FL.

Mr. Wilkerson was born in Branford, Florida April 18, 1940. He was an Electronics Technician Veteran of the US Navy and of the Church of Christ Faith.

Survivors include two daughters, Leana D. Mace of Dade City, FL., Laura Patterson of Lake Alford, FL., three sons, John Wilkerson of Tampa, FL., Dannel Wilkerson of St. Petersburg, FL., Darren Wilkerson of Tampa, FL., one sister, Evelyn Eilers of Branford, FL., two brothers, Darrell Wilkerson of Trenton, FL., Larry Wilkerson of Branford, FL., 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren also survive.

Graveside services will be conducted Thursday September 6, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Santa Fe Cemetery, 45th Road, Branford, FL with Mr. Bob Fletcher officiating.

Visitation will be held the day of the services (Thursday) from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. at the Funeral Home

Death Notices

David Clary
Aug. 30, 2012

David Clary, 68, Live Oak, Fla. passed away on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012.

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

Barbara Ann Whiteford
September 1, 2012

Barbara Ann Whiteford Wells, 62 - Gainesville, Fla. passed away on September 1, 2012.

Daniels Funeral Homes & Cremation, Inc., Live Oak & Branford, Fla.

Question:
It's hurricane season. If there is a big storm in my area, will I still be able to

If 2013 is your lucky year to retire, prepare now

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

Do you plan to begin receiving Social Security retirement benefits early in 2013? If so, now is the time to prepare. We recommend you apply up to four months before you want your retirement benefits to begin.

These days, you no longer need to travel to an office or wait in line to apply for benefits. You can do it from your home or office

computer. The Social Security website at www.socialsecurity.gov makes the process easy and convenient.

You can complete your application for retirement benefits in as little as 15 minutes. In most cases, after you submit your online application electronically, that's all you have to do. You're done. There are no forms to sign or additional paperwork to complete. In rare cases where we need additional information, a representative will contact you.

Not ready to retire yet? Perhaps you want to plan ahead and begin considering your options regarding when to retire. In that case, you'll want to visit Social Security's website to use our convenient and informative retirement planner at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2. Here you can find out just how close you are to meeting your financial goals and then "bookmark" the website to apply for retirement benefits whenever you are ready.

We encourage people at any

stage in their working career to use the Retirement Estimator for an instant, personalized estimate of future retirement benefits. Find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

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September 8
Discover
Hernando De Soto Trail
and the Indians of
Camp Weed



Photos Courtesy Florida Archives.

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Viewpoints/Opinions

Suwannee Democrat



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Members of the Suwannee Democrat editorial board are Myra C. Regan, publisher, and Jeff Waters, editor. Our View is formed by that board.

Editorial objectives for 2012

- ✓ 1. Install a county manager
2. Update our LDRs and comp. plan to better protect resources and plan for growth
3. Multidisciplinary study to look at our diminishing water supply
4. Continue progress on Perimeter Road
5. Reduce duplication of effort by city/county offices and agencies

THE SUWANNEE SCRIBBLER

The winds of change

By Jim Holmes

If you are a regular reader of this column, a former member of the US military and shelled-out \$8.25 recently to get the veterans designation on your Florida driver's license so as to get discounts at businesses like Lowe's, well then I may owe you an apology. On second thought, I really didn't do anything wrong, so "apology" isn't the correct word. I guess "explanation" might be a better one.

That's because when I wrote my piece, Live Oak's Lowe's was in fact giving a 10 percent discount to any vet who presented a valid Florida driver's license, as long as it had that "Blue V" printed in the bottom, right-hand corner proving military service. Well, no more!

I'm not exactly sure what happened or who was responsible, and it really isn't all that important, but our Lowe's has put the kibosh on those universal military discounts.

It caught me flatfooted the other day and I suspect it has already surprised many of you as well.

I contacted Lowe's corporate offices via email to determine what exactly was going on and it boils down to this. Under the policy now being enforced locally, if you are retired from the military, a disabled vet or use the VA hospital and have the veterans ID card, you can still get your discount any time you shop at the big box hardware.

For the rest of us old warhorses, Lowe's will only honor the 10 percent veterans discount on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day. I'm not sure why the policy was being more liberally applied in the past. Perhaps it was a corporate communications snafu...or maybe just a local screw-up. Regardless, the old policy interpretation is history and the new one is in effect.

I have mixed emotions about this more restrictive policy interpretation. You see, I am a veteran who is registered and who is entitled to medical benefits from the Veterans Administration. However, I have voluntarily elected not to use them.

There is both a practical and a patriotic reason for my decision. I have good health insurance coverage, so the cost of using the VA hospital or a private physician is virtually the same. When I became aware of that fact, I decided not to take up the time and energy of the Veterans Administration's doctors. It seemed to me, the VA's limited resources would be better spent treating the thousands of men and women injured and maimed in Iraq and Afghanistan, rather than me taking up the time of some VA doc for nothing more serious than a Flomax prescription refill.

I guess I'll file my decision under the heading, "No good deed goes unpunished," which in my case, will be kept in a file cabinet marked "You'll Live! Get Over It!" After all, I am lucky enough that the 10 percent discount isn't really all that critical. Unfortunately, I fear that there are a lot of other old military coots in Suwannee County who are not as fortunate as I am and who WILL feel the pain in their wallets.

Of all the folks impacted by this decision, the ones I feel most sorry for are the gals and guys working in Lowe's check-out lanes. I'm sure they are getting an earful of grief from angry old codgers. I even found myself a little snippy with the young lady who was the first to inform me of the policy change, even though rationally I knew this gal was just following the boss's orders. To her, I really do need to apologize.

Now don't get me wrong. I expect I will still frequent Lowe's, when I need something...and can't find it elsewhere. After all, our options are relatively limited here in Live Oak.

But whoever made this change in the policy interpretation should realize, the few extra bucks being generated for the giant corporation's home office isn't without a significant cost to Live Oak's Lowe's. And believe me, customer goodwill doesn't come cheap!

Jim lives in Live Oak.

BIBLE VERSE

"What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us." **2 Timothy 1:13-14 NIV**

OPINION

Upward mobility barriers

Let's pretend that we have the political guts to expand economic opportunities for people at the lower end of the economic spectrum. What vested interests should be attacked, and what economic regulations should be targeted for elimination?

It doesn't take a lot of money to become a taxi owner-operator and earn more than \$40,000

a year. One needs a car, an insurance policy and ancillary interior equipment to make a car a taxi. In New York City, to be a taxi owner you'd have to purchase a license -- called a medallion -- that in June 2012 cost \$704,000. New York's Taxi and Limousine Commission restrictions that generate such a license price outlaw taxi ownership by people who don't have access to a \$704,000 loan. By contrast, in Washington, D.C., the annual fee for a license to own a taxi is \$125. I'll let you guess which city has more taxis per capita, cheaper fares and more black taxi ownership.

For decades, the Institute for Justice has been successfully bringing suit against egregious taxi regulations. Last year, it filed suit, *Ghaleb Ibrahim v. City of Milwaukee*. In Milwaukee, a taxi license costs \$150,000. The suit will be argued before the Milwaukee County Circuit Court in December 2012.

Taxi regulations such as those in New York, Milwaukee, Chicago, Boston and other cities just didn't happen. There are vested interests who benefit from keeping outsiders out and therefore enrich both companies with large fleets and single taxi owners at the expense of would-be owners and the riding public through higher prices.

Suppose you are affiliated with a poor congregation and wish to sell them caskets as did the Rev. Nathaniel Craigmiles. Casket retailers neither perform funerals nor handle dead bodies, but the state of Tennessee required anyone selling caskets to be a licensed funeral director, which takes years of costly training, including learning how to embalm. The Institute for Justice brought suit, *Craigmiles v. Giles*, and successfully got the law repealed. The institute has attacked and is attacking similar regulations in other states.

What kind of money does it take to get into the business of African-style hair braiding? The main inputs are the skills and a place in which to braid. However, in some states -- such as Utah, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio and California -- a person had to spend thousands of dollars in tuition and anywhere from 1,500 to 2,000 hours at a cosmetology school to obtain a beautician's license. Safety is not an issue, because African-style braiders do not use chemicals, shave or give facials. Most of what's in cosmetology school curricula is irrelevant to hair braiding. As a result of Institute for Justice lawsuits on behalf of hair braiders, a number of restric-

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tive state licensing laws have been struck down or repealed by state legislators under the threat of suits. Nonetheless, hair braiding restrictions remain in some states.

As I have documented in my recent book "Race and Economics" (2012), historically, occupational licensing and economic regulation have been used to keep blacks out of particular trades. For example, the Plumbers, Gas and Steam Fitters Official Journal, in January 1905, wrote, "There are about 10 Negro skate plumbers working around here (Danville, Va.), doing quite a lot of jobbing and repairing, but owing to the fact of not having an examination board (licensing agency) it is impossible to stop them, hence the anxiety of the men here to organize." Black scholars Lorenzo Greene and Carter G. Woodson said, "A favorite method of barring (Negroes) from plumbing and electrical work was to install a system of unfair examinations which were conducted by whites."

Today we don't hear racist intentions for restrictive economic regulations and licensure laws, but the intentions behind those laws do not change their effects. Their effects are to prevent people with meager means and little political clout from getting a foothold on the bottom rungs of the economic ladder. Politically, it's preferable to give handouts than attack these and many other vested interests.

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FROM OUR READERS

Dear editor,

For the past 15 years our class has been having yard sales in order to make money to fund class projects. Some of the events that the money was used for went to class projects, a before prom dinner for our students including all the theme decorations, and field trips. Unfortunately we are unable to have yard sales any more.

We would like to thank everyone for the tremendous support over the years.

Whether you helped by giving a donation, worked before, after or during the yard sale or made purchases and monetary donations, please know how much we appreciate you. You made a difference in a child's life.

Candy Vickers
ESE Teacher
Suwannee High School



Letters To The Editor, Suwannee Democrat, PO Box 370, Live Oak, FL 32064.

Please include your full name, address and daytime phone number.

We ask this so we can verify your letter and discuss any questions about it with you.

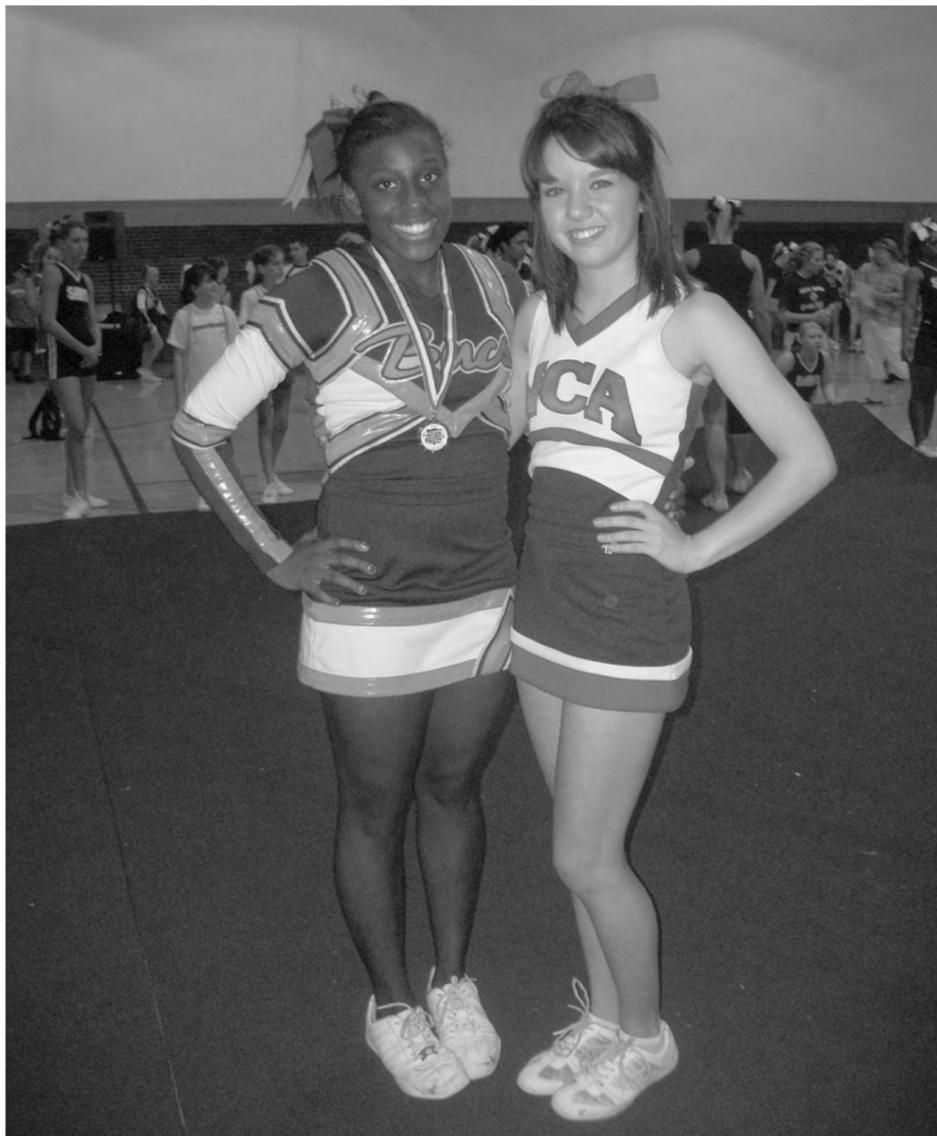


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Branford News

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Whitley awarded Top Cheerleader at NCA camp



Tifhani Whitley, left, with NCA cheer camp counselor Kyli. Whitley was awarded Top Cheerleader at NCA camp this summer.

Submitted

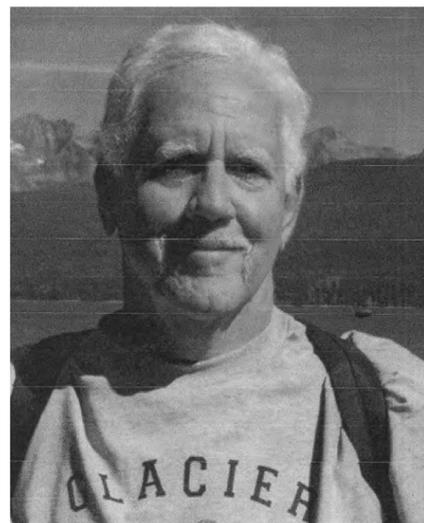
Branford High School junior varsity cheerleader Tifhani Whitley has been cheering, jumping, dancing and tumbling from the moment she could walk.

On the last night of National Cheerleaders Association camp recently, Whitley competed for a position as an all American cheerleader, but what she didn't know until the awards ceremony the following day is she wasn't just selected as an All American Cheerleader, but she was awarded the Top cheerleader for the entire camp.

Each cheerleader is judged on their jumping, tumbling and cheering abilities. They must score an overall score of 23 in order to be chosen to represent NCA as an All American Cheerleader. Tifhani had the highest score of all the cheerleaders that were nominated to tryout. This is a prestigious award especially for such a young girl. Tifhani is only 14 years old and was competing against JV and Varsity cheerleaders.

"The JV cheer team and I are very supportive and happy for her," junior varsity cheer coach Tracy Lamb said. "Way to go Tif, you've made the Branford Buccaneers proud!"

Local author to speak at Branford Public Library



Pierce Kelley

Submitted

Pierce Kelley, lawyer and educator, turned author will be at the Branford Public Library on Monday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. He will be discussing his latest book, Roxy Blues.

Kelley began writing in 1989 when a freak accident in a softball game caused him a broken ankle. While convalescing, he wrote A Parent's Guide to Coaching Tennis, which was recognized by the United States Tennis Association as being the perfect introduction and primer for parents and beginning players.

Kelley began writing his first novel, A Very Fine Line, in 2001. Since then 10 more have followed, which are Fistfight at the L and M Saloon, A Plenary Indulgence, Bocas del Toro, Asleep at the Wheel, A Tinker's Damn!, A Foreseeable Risk, Thousand Yard Stare, Pieces to the Puzzle, and Kennedy Homes: An American Tragedy and Roxy Blues.

Please call the library, 935-1556, to make a reservation, as seating is limited.

Branford Briefs

Bucs football

Friday night, Sept. 7, the Bucs take on the Trenton Tigers. The Tigers defeated Lafayette High School on Friday night Aug. 31, 42-26.

"Trenton's pretty good. We know it's going to be a challenge and we know we'll have to improve in order to be competitive," head coach Roy Harden said.

The Bucs and the Tigers' helmets will crash at the Buccaneer Stadium, at 7:30 p.m., Friday.

Branford Farmers Market

The Branford Farmers Market is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays, through October.

Save the Date: Big Blue Raid, Homecoming Week

Branford High School is celebrating Homecoming Week Sept. 17-21.

The Buccaneers will take on Maclay for their Homecoming game, at 7:30 p.m., on Sept. 21, at the Buccaneer Stadium. Earlier in the day, the students, community members and local businesses will parade their school spirit throughout the town for the annual parade. The Big Blue Raid is in the evening, on Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Buccaneer Stadium.

Suwannee River Riding Club's 56th Annual Rodeo

The Suwannee River Riding Club's 56th Annual Rodeo is coming in September.

The rodeo is Sept. 28 through 29, at the riding club, at 8 p.m. The parade is on Sept. 29, at 3 p.m.

Rodeo Call-in is on Sept. 24, from 7 to 10 p.m., (904) 845-7492.

For more information about SRRC's 56th Annual Rodeo, please contact Darrell Summers at (386) 365-8971, or visit SRRCBranford.com.

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Rep. Porter visits Kiwanis



State Representative Elizabeth Porter (R-Lake City) visited Kiwanis Club of Live Oak recently. Pictured from left: Joe Flanagan, Kiwanis Club of Live Oak president; Porter and Danny Hales, vice president of Kiwanis Club of Live Oak. - Courtesy photo

NFCC opens Artist Series season with Hotlanta

Hotlanta Dixieland Jazz performs Sept. 15 at Van H. Priest Auditorium

MADISON, FL – North Florida Community College kicks off its 2012-2013 Artist Series season with Hotlanta Dixieland Jazz on Saturday, Sept. 15 at Van H. Priest Auditorium, 7 p.m.

"This is a fun show to start the season," said Kim Scarboro, NFCC Artist Series coordinator. "Hotlanta is a great group to work with and they work hard to make the audience happy. They last performed at NFCC in 2004 and we are thrilled to have them return to the VHP stage."

The six-piece band features clarinet, cornet, trombone, banjo, tuba, drums and vocals. Hailed as "Jazz with a Southern Accent," Hotlanta sets your feet firmly on Bourbon Street in Old New Orleans. You'll experience every bit of the joy, energy, and humor of that early American Jazz called Dixieland. Songs from Fats Waller, Hoagy Carmichael, Louie Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, plus many old favorites like "Sweet Georgia Brown", "Royal Garden Blues", "South", "Hard Hearted Hannah", and "When The Saints Go Marchin' In" are all part of Hotlanta's musical treat.

"Hotlanta concerts aim to entertain," said Hotlanta founder Don Erdman. "Our audiences become part of the concert when we do audience requests. From a list in their program, the audience will write down their requests during intermission. These requests are then performed during the concert second half. Audiences always have a great time with this popular Hotlanta feature."

Based in Atlanta, the group has performed extensively in the South since its founding by Don Erdman in 1990 with appearances at "The Famous Door" on Bourbon Street in New Orleans' French Quarter, The Brevard College Jazz Festival in North Carolina, and the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, to name a few. Beyond the South, Hotlanta's music has been enjoyed around the globe at clubs and jazz festivals in Spain, Germany, Japan, France, Belgium, Finland, Denmark, Poland, Belarus, Saudi Arabia, and Singapore.

NFCC is proud to bring Hotlanta to its campus in Madison, Fla. on Sept. 15. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door the night of the performance. Season passes to the 2012-2013 Artist Series season are also available and include six total performances. For more information, contact the NFCC College Advancement Office at (850) 973-1653 or Artist-Series@nfcc.edu, or visit www.nfcc.edu (search Artist Series).

Free English classes

Sept. 10 - Dec. 13, 2012

There are four levels of classes from the most basic to the most advanced. You will learn pronunciation, conversation, reading and writing in English. All are welcome.

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For more information call the teacher, Phyllis, at 386-249-0096.

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Para mas información llame a la maestra Felicia 386-249-0096.

September "Outta' the Woods"

Pull back on a string; huntin' season is here!

By Tony Young

Even though you can hardly tell, summer is almost over. Kids have returned to school, football is back on TV, and hunting season's already been going on for a month now in South Florida. Most of us have already finished our preseason scouting, and we've hung our tree stands along well-traveled deer trails – next to a mature oak tree that'll soon begin dropping acorns, we hope.

Finally, the time of year we've been waiting for is here!

Just like last year on private lands, hunting season still comes in first in Zone A, which is that part of the state south of State Road 70. Archery and crossbow seasons there started July 28.

The fourth hunting zone, which was added two years ago and is made up in part by the Green Swamp Basin, is called Zone B and lies south of S.R. 50, west of U.S. 441 and the Kissimmee Waterway, north of S.R. 60 and east of the Gulf of Mexico. Archery and crossbow seasons in Zone B start this year on Oct. 13.

The line that divides zones C and D begins at U.S. 27 at the (Gadsden County) Florida-Georgia state line and runs south on U.S. 27 until it meets S.R. 61 in Tallahassee. From there, it follows S.R. 61, running south until it hits U.S. 319. There, the line follows U.S. 319, continuing south to U.S. 98; it then runs east along U.S. 98 before turning south on Spring Creek Highway and continuing to the Gulf of Mexico.

If you hunt west of that line, you're in Zone D, where archery and crossbow seasons begin on Oct. 20 this year. In Zone C, archery and crossbow seasons open on the third Saturday in September. This year, that date is Sept. 15.

To hunt during archery season, you'll need a Florida hunting license and an archery permit.

During crossbow season, you'll need a hunting license and crossbow permit. If you're a Florida resident, an annual hunting license will cost \$17. Nonresidents have the choice of paying \$46.50 for a 10-day license or \$151.50 for 12 months. Archery and crossbow permits cost just \$5 each, and all deer hunters must have the \$5 deer permit. Anyone planning on hunting one of Florida's many WMAs must purchase a management area permit for \$26.50.

And don't forget to pick up the WMA brochure for the area you wish to hunt, because hunting season dates on many of the areas are often different from what the zonal dates are. You can pick up a copy of these WMA brochures at your local tax collector's office or read them at MyFWC.com/Hunting.

During archery season and that part of crossbow season that is concurrent with archery, you can take deer of either sex, regardless of antler size (except for spotted fawns). After archery ends, during the remaining portion of the crossbow season, only legal bucks (having at least one antler that is at least 5 inches long) may be taken. The daily bag limit on deer is two. Bag limits for deer on WMAs can differ, so check the specifics of the area before you hunt.

You can hunt wild hogs on private lands year-round with no bag or size limits. On most WMAs, there's also no bag or size limits, and hogs are legal to take during most hunting seasons except spring turkey. On a few WMAs, bag and size limits do apply, so be sure to check the brochure for the specific area to be certain.

It's also legal to shoot gobblers and bearded turkeys during archery and crossbow seasons, given you have a turkey permit (\$10 for residents, \$125 for nonresidents). You can take only one turkey per day, and

there's a two-bird fall-season limit. It's against the law to

hunt turkeys in Holmes County in the fall, and it's illegal to shoot them while they're on the roost, over bait, when you're within 100 yards of a game-feeding station when bait is present or with the aid of recorded turkey calls.

If you're hunting during the archery season, you may hunt only with a bow and must have the \$5 archery permit. During crossbow season, you may use either a crossbow or bow, but you must have the \$5 crossbow permit. On WMAs, only hunters with a disabled crossbow permit are allowed to use crossbows during archery season. All bows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds, and hand-held releases are permitted. For hunting deer, hogs and turkeys, broadheads must have at least two sharpened edges with a minimum width of 7/8 inch.

Tony Young is the media relations coordinator for the FWC's Division of Hunting and Game Management. He can be reached with questions about hunting at Tony.Young@MyFWC.com.

The McAlpin Community Club to Host Glenda Williams, Supervisor of Elections, at Their September 10th Meeting

The McAlpin Community Club wants to welcome everyone back from their summer adventures with our traditional potluck supper at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are welcomed and we ask that everyone bring their favorite covered dish to share. Our guest speaker for the night will be Glenda Williams, Supervisor of Elections for Suwannee County.

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

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Waterlogged Parts of county still flooded two months after TS Debby

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quickly receded.

"This time it's not going away," she said.

Out of concern for her property and the properties of her displaced neighbors, Gill has been monitoring the water level in the area on a regular basis and has attended numerous meetings of the emergency operations center and other long term recovery meetings, including one headed up by the pastor of Westwood Baptist Church. She said they keep talking about helping people clean up their homes so they can move back in.

"What about the people who still have water in their homes?" she asked. "Are we anywhere on anybody's list? No," she said. "Nobody does pumping and I don't understand that in a flood situation."

Gill has spoken to Suwannee River Water Management District and gained a lot of information about how the drought has affected the region and why so many sinkholes opened up. She also learned it's a possibility the underground water route in the aquifer could have been altered by recent events, which might explain why certain areas are still flooded.

The water surrounding the homes in Gill's neighborhood doesn't seem to be in a hurry to evaporate or seep into the ground, according to the measurements Gill has taken. The mosquitoes, she said, were fierce right after the storm, but their bite has let up some.

"I know it's a scary thing what's going on with the West Nile," she said.

When the storm hit, Gill said the water rose quickly and overflowed the roadway before washing into her front yard. Floodwaters were forced into her back porch and laundry room, and some also seeped in under the foundation and into her bedroom. She was also without electricity for a week after the storm.

The water, she said, was backed up into her driveway from out on 122nd Trail and she had no way to get out. A large puddle of water still lies in a portion of her front yard and she is unable to use the toilets in her home because the septic tank is full of water. Without roadway access there is no way for a pumping truck to get onto her property to pump it out.

"It's all mushy over our septic tank," she said. "You still can't walk out there. You sink up to your ankles in mud."

A Port-o-John sits in her backyard now, replacing a Lowe's bucket she and her husband were using as a toilet. She carries her house wastewater out in buckets instead of letting it go down the drains into the compromised septic tank.

Gill recalled one of her neighbors, Nancy Myers, being evacuated from her home in the early morning hours during the storm before the roadway completely flooded. Myers' home remains flooded and the house next door still has water up to the windows.

Another still flooded house was home to a family with two children, who have temporarily relocated to Lake City. The mother, Gill said, transports her two children back and forth to Suwannee County every school day so that "they have some sort of normalcy" in their lives.

The family next door to Gill whose home is still underwater, comes out after work every day, Gill said. They hop in a Jon boat, which is the only way to get to their home, and they bring their belongings out of the house one at a time and either clean it up or throw it out.

"They've been through so much bleach," said Gill. "They're just trying to salvage all they can from their house."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, she said, has been out, but they cannot evaluate the homes and assess damage until they are able to get inside without walking through water.

"So, these people are in limbo," said Gill. "They don't know what's going to happen. They've been underwater now since June 26, two solid months."

Gill believes that because 122nd Trail is a county road, there should be some assistance from the county to help alleviate the flooding.

"I understand their problem," she said. "Where are we going to pump it? We can't flood anybody else. The

problem is you can't use public funds on private property. I don't have a problem with that, except in a disaster."

Gill said she got permission from John Crapps to pump water to a low spot on property he owns on US 129. The problem is it's a mile away from the flooded area and all uphill, plus they would need permission from four other property owners to cross their land with hoses.

Gill said she learned that Columbia County at one point had 21 pumps going to relieve floodwaters on county roads and she didn't understand why Suwannee County has no pumps, although she has heard other people in the county say that the county has pumped their road.

"Now how did they do that?" she asked. "They told me they don't have any pumps. I'm real confused on that. I'm not pointing fingers. I'm just asking questions."

She said she can't believe nobody in Suwannee County knows how to pump water, as many times as the county has gone through similar flooding issues over the years.

"Look at the pictures in restaurants around Suwannee County," she said. "How many times has there been water all over the county? You mean it only floods in downtown Live Oak? (expletive) It floods everywhere!"

The people in this flooded out neighborhood, she said, feel as if they are stuck between a rock and a hard place. She said she tries to stay calm when talking about it, but her frustrations are more than evident.

Mail service, Gill said, has stopped since the flood and residents are forced to go into town to pick up their mail. School buses also can't get into the area.

Since she can't get out of her driveway and 122nd Trail is a dead end street on one end, Gill had to ask the neighbor behind her if she could cut through their yard to get out to 122nd Terrace. The neighbor graciously agreed and the Gill's had to cut down a tree and take out a portion of their fence in order to make a passageway over to 122nd Terrace.

Gill and her husband continue taking water measurements of the flooded area on a regular basis. The water, she said, isn't moving at all.

"It looks like a very still lake," she said. "At this rate, it's going to be here another three months. I just don't think five months of having water in your house is acceptable for a county that has options."

Gill has been pressing the county to pursue FEMA mitigation funds to help not only fix the drainage problem, but fix it to where it doesn't happen again.

Getting rid of storm debris was another issue and Gill said nothing was ever said as to where to dispose of it. She said she tried to take a load to a nearby landfill and was told she had to go to the north part of the county, where she had to pay an unexpected \$20 fee.

"I think what disturbs us the most is not knowing what the county is doing," Gill said.

74th Trace - Oakwood Forest

Barbara McKee from Oakwood Forest, a small subdivision barely half a block outside the city limits of Live Oak has homes that are still surrounded by floodwaters from Tropical Storm Debby two months later.

On Tuesday, Aug. 21, McKee, along with other residents of Oakwood Forest, pleaded with county commissioners to help them get water pumped out of their neighborhood, but to date, nothing has been done.

At that meeting County Commissioner Jesse Caruthers said the city was pumping until they got Nobles Ferry out from under water and then they quit. Since then, the county has been out to the site, but all they do is look and leave, said McKee's neighbor Deborah Harris who lives across the street.

McKee said after the commission meeting she tried speaking with Live Oak City Administrator Bob Farley for an update on the situation, but was told by his receptionist that she needed to contact the county. When McKee went to the county offices she was told by a receptionist that she needed to talk to Farley. She then called Live Oak Public Works Director Brent Whitman on Aug. 30, who told her his hands were tied because it is public property and there is nothing he can do.

"I can't get assistance from anybody," she said.

McKee bought her mobile home in Oakwood Forest new four years ago in 2008 and she said she just remodeled the inside last year. She had a metal storage shed and an above ground pool in her fenced in backyard, which have also been destroyed by floodwaters. The water inside her home was at chest level immediately after the initial flood and then went down to knee level after the pumping done by the city.

"You couldn't even see my fence," McKee said.

A meter box beside her home was completely underwater and Suwannee Valley Electric came out and turned off power to her home and several others farther down the street that are in worse shape than McKee's and to date are only accessible by boat. FEMA came out at one point, McKee said, but they told her there was nothing they could do because they couldn't walk the property. They still can't because the home is still surrounded by water.

Now, two months after the storm, McKee still needs rubber boots to wade through water just to get to her front steps, as she tries to salvage what she can of her belongings. Unfortunately, most everything is ruined either from water damage or mold, which continues to grow and multiply inside the home. She still can't get inside her shed to retrieve anything. She said when she tells people she still has floodwater issues they are shocked.

McKee said she has received insurance money for the loss of the home, but it doesn't cover all her losses. In the mean time, she, her two children and two dogs are staying in a bedroom at her mother's house.

"There's another family living in the side apartment," said McKee. "So, there's seven of us living in the home."

McKee rented a Dumpster that sits outside her flooded home for \$145 and she has been filling it up with debris from inside her home as often as she is able to, but trying to cart heavy items from the home to the Dumpster through several feet of water is no easy task, she said. Once the contents are dumped and the Dumpster is returned to her it will cost another \$145, she said.

Across the street, Harris said her driveway is not usable, but she has alternate ways to get in and out of her property. Her air conditioner was damaged and her house needs to be re-leveled due to settling of the ground since the storm. She also had two vehicles damaged by floodwaters, along with several other of her neighbors.

"The county is discussing an option with the city and we continue to work on that to see if we can come up with a solution," County Administrator Randy Harris said.

104th Street

Take a right on CR 49 off US 90 East and you will find 104th Street to the left. But you can't go down 104th Street, at least not right now. The road is still under water.

Resident Trina Bard said that just hours after the Democrat visited the area and spoke with county officials on what can be done, a road grader stopped by to look at the damages.

"I swear to you I was so happy I cried!" said Bard.

She and other residents off 104th Street had to cut an alternate route through a corn field to get to CR 49. They said the ride through the corn field is worrisome at best.

"We're concerned if any emergency happened a paramedic or fire rescue couldn't get back to us," said Bard. "They wouldn't be able to find us. We don't want to be helpless."

She said she appreciates all the help they have received so far, including the meals and the visits by the National Guard.

Neighbor Mike Guy said they can't get their mail delivered and have to go to the post office to retrieve it.

Harris said that the county is aware that standing water continues to be a major problem. However, he said that water can't be pumped to private property, which, he said, is where most of the water would have to go. As far as county maintained roads, he said if the water isn't too deep, public works has been laying rock down in the water so vehicles are able to at least drive over the water.

Reporter Andrew McGee contributed to this story.

16th annual Autumn Artfest 2012 kicks off with Sept. 9 opening

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hibition with an opening reception on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012 from 1-3 p.m. at the Live Oak branch of the Suwannee River Regional Library on US 129 South.

The public, all participating artists, their guests and award sponsors are invited to attend.

The reception will include an awards presentation where a minimum of \$3,000 will be awarded in the judged categories of photography (film or digital), painting (oil, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media), drawing (pastel, pencil, charcoal, pen and ink) and three dimensional media (wood, stone, metal, pottery).

The exhibition will con-

tinue to be on display from Sept. 10-21, 2012, during

regular library hours. In addition, the artwork selected

for special awards will be exhibited at a special "Fea-

tured Exhibition" at the

Library, from Sept. 22 to Oct. 5.





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Live Oak Lions work again for local children



Live Oak Lions Club members sort out diapers, food and other supplies. - Photos: Homer Scroggin



Wyatt O'Neal sets out supplies.



Gerald Herring unpacks diapers to be handed out.



David Mullis helps local families.



David Jordan at work filling bags.

By David Mullis

Members of the Live Oak Lions Club got together again Thursday, Aug. 16 to provide items to local families with infants and toddlers. This was phase two of the flood relief effort the Lions undertook to help community citizens affected by the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Debby.

Over 100 boxes of diapers, trays of baby food, boxes of formula and cereal were given to 72 families for over 112 children. The phase one activity was held four weeks earlier and benefitted a similar number. For both activities combined total was 122 families with 226 children that benefitted.

A local Lions spokesperson emphasized that the members were glad to be able to give back to their community. The diapers, food and other supplies were obtained using local club funds and grant funds from Lions International. Lions International is the world's largest community

service organization and traditionally aids the vision impaired and also encourages young people to be good community citizens.

The Live Oak Lions Club began 62 years ago and has for many years assisted hundreds of disabled or just "down and out" Suwannee County citizens obtain glasses that they otherwise could not get. Last year, over a 100 sets were provided. This community activity is made possible by the local support and contributions of our community citizens, sponsors and business professionals supporting their local Lions fundraising activities. Lions are unique in that all proceeds raised from the public and sponsors through community activities or donations are returned to the community. None is used for club operation.

The Lions motto is: We Serve. Anyone interested in learning more about Lions activities visit <http://liveoakfl.lionwap.org>.

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SPORTS



Javell McQuay (#15) runs the ball. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

SHS FOOTBALL

Cowboys come out on top

By Andrew McGee
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Friday night's game between the Suwannee Bulldogs and Madison County Cowboys ended with a score of 49-7 with the Cowboys on top.

The game had barely gotten underway when Madison scored their first touchdown and extra point in the beginning of the first quarter. The Bulldogs then gained some yardage on their possession, but not enough to score before punting back to the Cowboys. The Cowboys ran it in for another touchdown and extra point and brought the score to 14-0.

The 'Dogs plugged away in the second quarter and number 25, Denzel

Washington, took it in for a touchdown. Trevor Ross, number 32, kicked the extra point bringing the score to 14-7. Not long after, with nine minutes and 54 seconds to go in the first half, the Cowboys scored another touchdown and extra point bringing the score to 21-7. The 'Dogs didn't fare too well in yards and had to punt, but gave the Cowboys good field position and a few plays later, it was payday for the Cowboys again bringing the score to 28-7 for the half.

In the beginning of the third quarter, the Bulldogs made a fumble and the Cowboys gained possession. Eleven minutes left in the quarter, Cowboys got a flag for illegal motion, but were still

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Suwannee's Kyle Stebbins (#23) reaches for the ball along with a Cowboy.

BHS FOOTBALL

Bucs shutout Warriors

By Misty A. Ward
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With the blue moon shining down and the lights of the field, fans of the Branford Buccaneers got to see the variety football team dominate the Seven Rivers Christian Academy Warriors, 60-0, in their season opener, at the Buccaneer stadium.

"They played well," head coach Roy Harden said.

Starting the game off with an early lead, the Bucs finished the first period 27-0. They increased the lead early in the second period to 33-0 with another touchdown. Finishing the second quarter and second half 33-0. Brandon Wilson, Nick Edington and Jake Hansen all had two touchdowns each. Cole Lamb led

the team with three touchdowns, for 18 points.

The second half of the game went much of the same way, finishing the game 60-0.

"Seven Rivers is a young team. We played our starters the first quarter and then started rotating our players. It was a good opportunity to play our younger players," Harden said.

Friday the Bucs take on the Trenton Tigers. The Tigers defeated Lafayette High School on Friday night, 42-26.

"Trenton's pretty good. We know it's going to be a challenge and we know we'll have to improve in order to be competitive," Harden said.

The Bucs and the Tigers' helmets will crash at the Buccaneer Stadium, at 7:30 p.m., Friday.



A Seven Rivers Christian player makes a tackle. - Photos: Misty A. Ward



Jake Hansen runs the ball. Hansen scored 12 points for the Bucs on Friday night.



The Buccaneer defensive line held back the Warriors on Friday night. The Bucs won 60-0.



Senior quarterback Robert Morris and head football coach Roy Harden discuss the next play.

SHS VOLLEYBALL

Varsity, JV fall to Union County

The Suwannee High School Bulldogs varsity and junior varsity teams fell to Union County Aug. 30.

Varsity

Game 1: 25-19 (Union)
Game 2: 25-21 (SHS)
Game 3: 25-17 (Union)

Game 4: 28-26 (SHS)
Game 5: 15-5 (Union)

JV

Game 1: 25-17 (Union)
Game 2: 25-12 (Union)

The ladies took on Rickards in a district game Tuesday night at home. They take on Madison County at home Thursday.

Cowboys come out on top

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able to take it in shortly after for another score bringing it to 35-7. With six minutes to go in the third, number 22 for the 'Dogs, Nate Owens, made a play stopping the Cowboys from scoring another touch-

down. Soon after, however, the Cowboys once again bring it in for another touch-down and extra point with the score 42-7.

The Bulldogs fought hard, but couldn't hold the Cowboys offense too long and they scored again and at the final buzzer, the score was 49-7.



A slew of 'Dogs take down a Madison County Cowboy.

Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)



Suwannee's Frank Smith (#59).



Denzel Washington (#25) runs the ball for the 'Dogs.



Dalvius McQuay (#1) stares down a Cowboy.

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NOTICE OF ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT DECISION(S)

The District has granted permit(s) for the following applications:

JEA, 21 W Church Street T-8, Jacksonville, FL 32202, application #88271-12. The District proposes to authorize a change in wellfield allocation distributions and increase the operational flexibility on the North Grid from 20% to 28%, with no requested change in the overall annual allocations, along with the continued use of 155 million gallons per day (mgd) of groundwater (contingently increasing in the last 10 years of the permit up to 162.63 mgd through the permit's providing additional reclaimed water to replace permitted Floridan aquifer uses, if it becomes feasible) to serve a projected population of 1,026,161 people in 2031 with water for household, commercial/industrial, water utility, and essential fire protection uses and unaccounted-for water losses. In addition, the District proposes to add Condition 44 requiring notice to the District of the permittee's commencing regular operation of the river crossing transmission line, changes to Condition 27 and Figure 4 to reflect revised wetland monitoring well locations and a reduction in the overall number of wetland monitor wells from 11 to 10, the addition of Condition 43, which requires that an additional interim water quality report be submitted, and non-substantive changes to Figures 2, 3 and 5. The withdrawals used by this proposed project will consist of Groundwater from the Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 4 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 35, Township: 1 South, Range: 26 East, known as Norwood; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells in St. Johns County, located in Section: 18, Township: 5 South, Range: 28 East, known as St Johns Forest; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in Duval County, located in Section: 35, Township: 1 South, Range: 26 East, known as Norwood; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells in St. Johns County, located in Section: 21, Township: 2 South, Range: 26 East, known as McDuff; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 3 active wells and 1 proposed well in Duval County, located in Section: 42, Township: 3 South, Range: 28 East, known as Southeast Wellfield; Groundwater from the Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 6 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 18 and 7, Township: 3 South, Range: 28 East; Sections: 13 and 24, Township: 3 South, Range: 27 East, known as Deerwood 3; Groundwater from the Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 8 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 10, 3 and 55, Township: 2 South, Range: 26 East, known as Fairfax Wellfield; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 7, Township: 2 South, Range: 28 East, known as Monument Rd; Groundwater from the Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 1 proposed well and 3 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 33 and 34, Township: 2 South, Range: 26 East, known as Cecil Commerce; Groundwater from the Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 8 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 24, Township: 2 North, Range: 26 East; Sections: 44 and 45, Township: 2 South, Range: 26 East, known as Hendricks; Groundwater from the Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 4 proposed wells and 7 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 11, 12 and 27, Township: 2 South, Range: 26 East, known as Main St; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 3 active wells in St. Johns County, located in Section: 18, Township: 5 South, Range: 28 East; Section: 5, Township: 5 South, Range: 27 East, known as St Johns North; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 proposed wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 15 and 22, Township: 4 South, Range: 28 East, known as 9A-9B; Groundwater from the Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well and 2 proposed wells; Groundwater from the Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in Duval County, located in Section: 25, Township: 3 South, Range: 27 East, known as Royal Lakes; Groundwater from the Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 1 proposed well and 5 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 32, Township: 3 South, Range: 26 East, known as Lakeshore; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 7 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 16 and 39, Township: 2 South, Range: 28 East, known as Ridenour Wellfield; Groundwater from the Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 3 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 23, 24, 25 and 26, Township: 1 North, Range: 26 East, known as Northwest; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 proposed wells in St. Johns County, located in Section: 39, Township: 5 South, Range: 27 East; Section: 44, Township: 5 South, Range: 26 East, known as Rivertown; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells in St. Johns County, located in Section: 54, Township: 4 South, Range: 27 East, known as Julington Creek; Groundwater from the Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 2 proposed wells and 5 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 14 and 15, Township: 3 South, Range: 25 East, known as Southwest Wellfield; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells in Nassau County, located in Section: 37, Township: 2 North, Range: 28 East, known as Nassau Regional; Groundwater from the Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 14 and 15, Township: 2 South, Range: 25 East, known as Marietta; Groundwater from the

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Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in Nassau County, located in Section: 38, Township: 2 North, Range: 27 East, known as Lofton Oaks; Groundwater from the Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 3 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 52, Township: 2 South, Range: 27 East, known as Arlington Wellfield; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in St. Johns County, located in Section: 31, Township: 5 South, Range: 30 East; Section: 6, Township: 6 South, Range: 30 East, known as PDL A1A South; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in St. Johns County, located in Section: 43, Township: 3 South, Range: 29 East, known as Ponte Vedra North; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 33, Township: 1 South, Range: 27 East, known as Woodmere; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells and 1 proposed well in St. Johns County, located in Section: 20, Township: 6 South, Range: 30 East, known as Ponce de Leon Wellfield; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 3 active wells in Duval County, located in Section: 52, Township: 2 South, Range: 27 East, known as Lovegrove; Groundwater from the Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 2 proposed wells in Nassau County, located in Sections: 45, 7 and 8, Township: 2 North, Range: 27 East, known as West Nassau Regional; Groundwater from Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in Duval County, located in Section: 51, Township: 1 South, Range: 28 East; Section: 40, Township: 2 South, Range: 28 East, known as Cobblestone; Groundwater from the Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 1 proposed well and 6 active wells in Duval County, located in Sections: 13 and 49, Township: 1 South, Range: 26 East, known as Highlands; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells and 3 proposed wells in St. Johns County, located in Section: 27, Township: 3 South, Range: 29 East, known as Florida Road; Groundwater from the Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 4 active wells; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well in Duval County, located in Sections: 16 and 56, Township: 3 South, Range: 27 East, known as Briarwood; Groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells in Nassau County, located in Section: 14, Township: 3 North, Range: 28 East, known as Otter Run.

If you wish to receive a copy of a Technical Staff Report (TSR) that provides the St. Johns River Water Management District (District) staff's analysis of a permit application, please submit your request to: Director, Bureau of Regulatory Support, P. O. Box 1429, Palatka, Florida 32178-1429. Once a TSR becomes available, you may also review it by going to the Permitting section of the District's website at floridaswater.com/permitting/index.html. To obtain information on how to find and view a TSR, visit https://permitting.sjrwmd.com/ep/permitting/html/EP_FAQs.html, and then follow the directions provided under "How to find a Technical Staff Report (TSR) or other application file documents."

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the District. Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P. O. Box 1429, Palatka Florida 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwmd.com, within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the next regular District business day. A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4, and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, F.A.C.), which is available for viewing at floridaswater.com. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation may be available if you meet the conditions stated in the full Notice of Rights (see last paragraph).

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, F.S., Chapter 28-106, F.A.C., and Rule 40C 1.1007, F.A.C. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.).

If you wish to do so, please visit http://floridaswater.com/nr/dec/ to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director, Bureau of Regulatory Support, P. O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178, tele. no. (386)329-4268. 09/05

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

CASE NO.: 12-105-CA

FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA, a Banking corporation organized under the laws of the United States of America, f/k/a FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LOIS RHODES, if alive and if deceased; the Estate of LOIS RHODES, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against him; the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees and creditors of deceased persons, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them;

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and all unknown natural persons if alive, and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees and creditors, or other parties claiming by, through or under those whose unknown natural persons; and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees or any other person claiming by, through, under or against any corporation or other legal entity names as defendant; and all claimants, persons, or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above-named or described defendants or parties claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the lands and property hereinafter described. JIM H. BROWN a/k/a JIM HENRY BROWN, and AMSOUTH BANK OF FLORIDA, ET AL,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: LOIS RHODES, if alive and if deceased; the Estate of LOIS A. RHODES, the decedent's unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against him; the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees and creditors of deceased persons, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them; and all unknown natural persons if alive, and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees and creditors, or other parties claiming by, through or under those whose unknown natural persons; and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees or any other person claiming by, through, under or against any corporation or other legal entity names as defendant; and all claimants, persons, or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above-named or described defendants or parties claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the lands and property hereinafter described.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint to Foreclose Mortgage has been filed by the Plaintiff, FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA, in the Circuit Court of Suwannee County, Florida, regarding the following described real property:

Lot 4, Dos Rios Subdivision, as per plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 231, public records of Suwannee County, Florida

TOGETHER WITH a 1997 Destiny Doublewide Mobile Home, ID #0W57509A & B.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on the Plaintiff's attorney, PAUL V. SMITH, ESQ., whose address is P.O. Box 2029, 4705 West U.S. Hwy. 90, Lake City, Florida 32056, and file the original with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the 5th day of October, 2012.

IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WITNESS My hand and official seal, this 23rd of August, 2012.

(Court Seal) BARRY A. BAKER, Clerk of the Circuit Court Suwannee County, Florida

/s/ Sharon Hale
By: Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO. 2011-218CA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing Service,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LINDA L. STEMLER; and SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 20, 2012, by the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, of the undersigned Clerk of Court or any of his duly authorized deputies, will sell the property situated in SUWANNEE County, Florida, described as:

Lots 1 and 3, Block 7, of Strathoma, Section A, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 41, of the Public Records of Suwannee County, Florida

at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash on October 23, 2012, at the front steps of the Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 South Ohio/Milk Jr. Avenue, Live Oak, Florida, beginning at 11:00 A.M., subject to all ad valorem taxes and assessments for the real property described above.

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

REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Columbia County Courthouse, 173 NE Humboldt Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, Florida 32055, (386) 719-7428, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED on August 22, 2012.

(Court Seal) BARRY A. BAKER, Clerk of Circuit Court 200 S. Ohio Avenue Live Oak, FL 32064

By: /s/ Sharon Hale
Deputy Clerk

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BHS STATS

Passing

#	Athlete Name	Cmp	Att	Yds	Lng	TD	Int
7	Robert Morris	2	2	18	9		

Rushing

#	Athlete Name	Att	Yds	Lng
10	Brandon Wilson	7	101	45
30	Nick Edington	4	81	61
4	Jake Hansen	10	117	45
7	Robert Morris	2	30	37
9	Cole Lamb	4	134	69

Receiving

#	Athlete Name	Rec	Yds	Lng
25	Seth Dickerson	1	9	9
9	Cole Lamb	1	9	9

Offensive Fumbles

#	Athlete Name	Fum	Lost
4	Jake Hansen		1

Punts

#	Athlete Name	Punts	Yards	Avg	Lng	In 20
60	Rey Montoya	2	59	29.50	32	

TD

#	Athlete Name	Run	Rec	Misc	Tot
10	Brandon Wilson	2			2
30	Nick Edington	2			2
4	Jake Hansen	2			2
9	Cole Lamb	3			3

PAT Kicks

#	Athlete Name	Made	Att	Pts
60	Rey Montoya	6	9	6

North Florida Focus

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Seven artists to compete in Florida Texaco Country Showdown finals Sept. 8 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park!

Kicking off the weekend will be Pete Hunt and Southern Branded Band Friday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. in the Music Hall!

SPIRIT OF THE SUWANNEE MUSIC PARK, LIVE OAK, FLA - Seven talented country music artists will gather from across Florida Sept. 8 at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak, Fla to compete for the Florida Texaco Country Showdown title. One of the seven will go on to represent Florida

at the regionals in Shreveport, Louisiana Nov. 4. The winner there goes to the national finals at Nashville, Tennessee January 31, 2013 where that artist will compete on the Ryman Auditorium stage for the title of Best new Artist in Country Music and a cash prize of \$100,000!

Competing in the state finals Sept. 8 at the SOSMP's Music Hall beginning at 8 p.m. will be Ashley Shannon of Dade County, Cayla Hartley of Cantonment, Ciara Rae of Broward County, Emily Brooke of Wellington, Natalie Nicole

Green of Gainesville, Rion Paige of Jacksonville and one additional contestant not yet chosen.

The SOSMP is the host for this event with WQHL The Big 98 Today's Best Country DJ Stevie D as emcee.

All the contestants won the right to compete in the state finals in contests held by country radio stations around the state affiliated with the Texaco Country Showdown, including the contest held yearly at the SOSMP. All contestants were judged by a standard judging

method approved by Texaco Country Showdown. Contestants in the state competition will also be judged by a standard judging method.

The musical weekend will kick off Friday night, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. in the Music Hall with Pete Hunt and the Southern Branded Band shaking the rafters with country, Southern rock and great dance music.

Bio Information



Ashley Shannon



Cayla Hartley



Ciara Rae



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Seven artists to compete in **Florida Texaco Country Showdown** finals Sept. 8 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park!

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leased her first CD of original records in 2010. She holds numerous musical titles including entertainer and vocalist of the year for the North American Country Music Association and Mississippi Country & Gospel Music Association as well as various titles as entertainer, vocalist and songwriter of the year for the Orange Blossom Country Music Association. Ashley was named the 2007 National Jaycee Idol at the National Jaycee Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. She was the 2010 Volunteer of the Year for the Dade City Chamber of Commerce. Sister to a Marine safely returned from Iraq, Ashley helped establish "Words >From Warriors" to send cassette recorders, tapes and storybooks to troops so deployed parents can send bedtime stories home to their children. Ashley represents radio station WOKC in Okeechobee.

Cayla Hartley - Cayla represents WXBM FM in Pace and is from Cantonment. No further information was available on Cayla Hartley at press time.

Ciara Rae - A Broward County resident, Ciara Rae is a 20-year-old singing sensation from South Florida who began her trek towards Nashville in the fifth grade when she took choir. Since then she's been laying the groundwork for her music to be something that becomes the background for hers and other people's lives, she says. She has sung the national anthem at multiple events over the years, competed in many singing contests and sang her way through the remainder of her school years in various school choirs before being accepted at the University of Miami's Frost School of Music. She later transferred to Miami Dade College where she is working on her degree part-time while pursuing a musical career with her band, writing original music and performing. She hopes to return to UM to complete her music degree soon. "My story is somewhere in the music," she says. One of her goals is to sing the national anthem for the Miami Heat! Ciara Rae represents WKIS 99.9 in Miami.

Emily Brooke - Performing from South Florida to Nashville by age 13, Emily is no stranger to the Texaco Country Showdown. In 2009 she won her first show-down at the SOSMP where she beat out a half dozen artists who underestimated a 10-year-old bundle of energy and determination from Wellington! She was already writing and singing her own original songs and had just learned to play the guitar to accompany herself. In 2010, she again went to state but as before, another contestant

took the win. In 2011, Emily, just 12 at that time, won state and went to regionals just one step away from the \$100,000 cash prize but another contestant made the trip to Nashville instead of Emily. Emily was also among the monthly winners for the Texaco Country Showdown song writing contest. This year, almost 14, tall, beautiful and musically experienced, Emily will be in it to win it. Meanwhile, she performed about 60 shows last year, is about to release her CD entitled Here Right Now in late September. She's opened for Casey James (American Idol Finalist 2012), played the VIP Club Party for Jason Aldean and also was the runner-up on the TV show Opening Act where she competed to open for Jason Aldean. Emily represents WAKT FM in Panama City Beach.

Natalie Nicole Green - Natalie grew up in Gainesville, Fla listening to the Platters, Elvis, Billie Holiday, Garth Brooks, Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline and more great singers. "When I was younger I would perform and make my family and friends watch me sing and dance. I remember always loving putting on a show for them," she said. She was the first person ever in the school's history to be chosen to sing for her high school graduation at the O'Connell Center in Gainesville! She sings for every possible Veterans' function, VFW, American Legion, Veteran's Day, Memorial Day and 4th of July event she can fit into her schedule. She has sung for the Atlanta Braves several times and performed for local and statewide events. Natalie won the Ocala Hits National Anthem Contest from WTRS 102.3 Thunder Country Radio and her version of The national anthem was played on the radio. Natalie enjoys singing and worshipping on the Praise Team at her church. Natalie loves singing all types of music, but country is her favorite. Natalie has entertained at festivals, fairs, conventions, cruises and private parties, worked as a demo singer and is always looking for fresh new talent with whom to collaborate. She plans a new CD for this fall. Natalie represents WKFL in Bushnell.

Rion Paige - She's just 12 but when Rion Paige starts to perform, this long-haired beauty makes audiences go wild! She's likely the shortest in most any crowd, but Rion never lets that dampen her spirit! She has a voice to match her energy and enthusiasm as she takes command of the stage. This Jacksonville singer has been singing since age three, singing along with her mother in the car and at home as she developed a love for country music. "I'm in love with country music," Rion states. At

a young age Rion and her mom would turn off the TV each afternoon, crank up the radio and sing along with their favorite country stars. "That's when I started to find some of my favorite country stars such as The Judds, Martina McBride and later Carrie Underwood." Rion considers the stage her second home and feels powerful and capable of anything when she's on stage. She's worked with country music star Linda Davis, performed in Nashville, opened for Steve Holy and Justin Moore at the largest country music jam in the South, the Suwannee River Jam, on her 12th birthday! Rion won her place on the lineup through competitions held prior to the Jam. Rion performs regularly in Jacksonville where she lives and all over the North Florida area. She's a YouTube star also! Rion represents WQHL The Big 98 Today's Best Country in Live Oak.

One remaining contestant representing WPCV in Lakeland was not chosen in time to be included in this release.

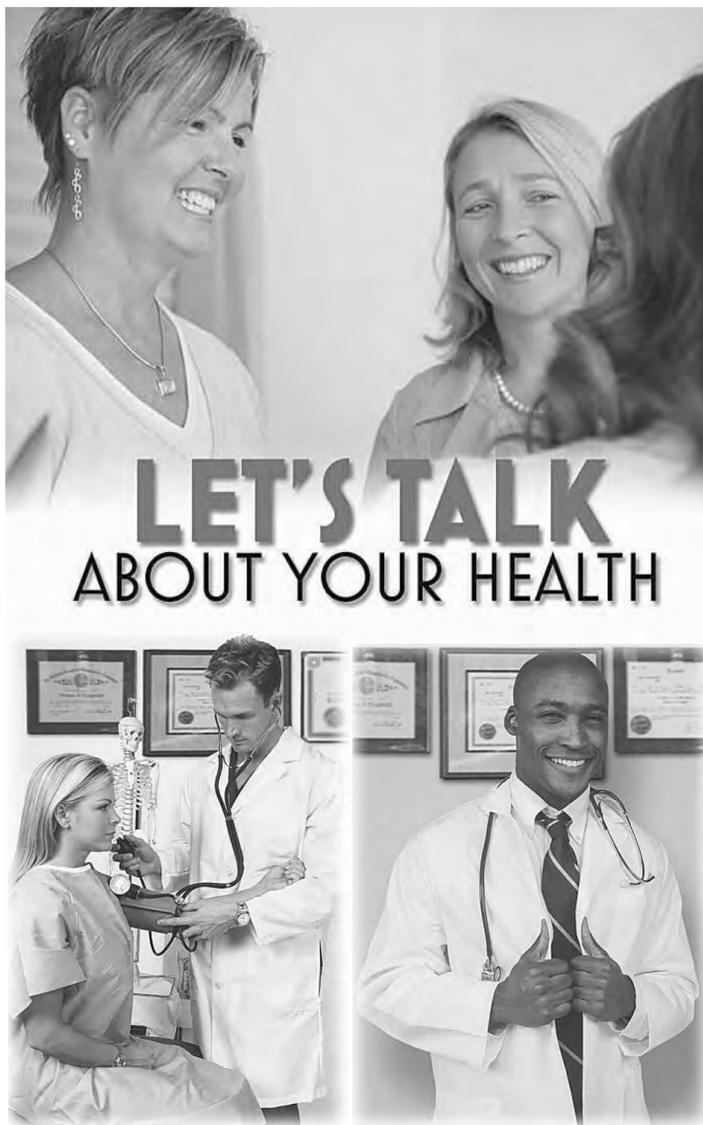
The state winner Sept. 8 will receive \$1,000 in cash! That winner will move to regional competition in Shreveport, Louisiana Nov. 4. One artist from each region will be selected to compete in Nashville. Winners of the regional contests across the US receive reasonable round-trip expenses to Nashville.

Admission Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7-8, for the state competition at the SOSMP is free. Doors to the Music Hall open at 6 p.m. for dinner, shows start at 8 p.m.

As always, the SOS Café and Restaurant will be open Friday and Saturday night with delicious food and beverages available at regular prices. The SOS Café and Restaurant has a full service bar.

If you would like to make reservations for RV parking, cabins and camper parking at the SOSMP, call now. 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 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. See the SOSMP website for more information.

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!



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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Friday, Sept. 7 beginning at 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 8, from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. All proceeds go to purchase diesel for our bus trip to Dollywood for the gospel festival. We will be located four miles south of the roundabout on SR 51. Please drop by and browse through our numerous items from furniture to nick knacks. Hope to see you there. Free English classes
Sept. 10 - Dec. 13, 2012

There are four levels of classes from the most basic to the most advanced. You will learn pronunciation, conversation, reading and writing in English. All are welcome.

The hours: Monday and Thursday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. We are located in the Episcopal Church, St. Luke's, in front of the Suwannee Coliseum, 1391 SW 11th Street, Live Oak.

For more information call the teacher, Phyllis, at 386-249-0096.

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Deadline to sign up for live entertainment is September 15, 2012.

For more information please contact the Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce at 386-294-2705 or Leta Hawkins at 386-294-2301.

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Calling all artists for Autumn Artfest 2012

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Applications, and with an entry fee of \$25 for members or \$35 for non-members, must be submitted by Aug. 21, 2012. A photo or digital image must be submitted with the application. Applications are available at the following locations: The Frame Shop & Gallery, Rainbow's End, and the Suwannee River Regional Library. Or, artists may download/print the application from our website: LiveOakArtistsGuild.org. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Marcil at 386-362-7308.

Autumn Artfest 2012 awards will be determined by the entries and donations received. A minimum of \$3,000 will be awarded. Artwork selected for these awards will be exhibited at a special "Featured Exhibition" at the Suwannee River Regional Library, from Sept. 22, 2012 until Oct. 5, 2012.

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Home: (260) 486-2221
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern time.
Fax: 260-492-9771
email: Hope4391@frontier.com

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 orga-

nization 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 8-11 and 1-4, with the exception of STD services which will be available from 8-10 and 1-3. 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.

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.

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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-roading 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).

Volunteer Opportunity & Meeting Notice

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

All interested individuals

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

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 p.m.

Volunteers Needed!

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

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2	6	7	5	5	8	9	8	3
1	1	5	5	7	2	6	8	4
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6	9	1	5	9	4	7	2	8
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Calendar of Events

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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
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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, Fla.

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

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, email: Hope439@frontier.com.

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 Bruce Ward for information at 386-688-4018.

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 p.m. 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 p.m. 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 8 a.m. 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.

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.

Baptist Men's Meeting at Wellborn Baptist Church

The 2nd Thursday night of every month beginning at 6:30 p.m. 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, Fla. 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 p.m.. 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, 7 p.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.

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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 p.m. This building is just east of US 129 south, on the same road as the Suwannee Valley Elec. Co-op. Membership is open to all boys 11-17 years old. Come join us for having fun with monthly camping, as well as week-long winter and summer camps! Parents are encouraged to participate as adult leaders, committee members and merit badge counselors.

Wellborn Community Association (WCA)

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

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. Please send name, rank and branch of service, along with current photograph, to Teri Hamilton, Americanism Committee Chairman, Legion Auxiliary, 12364 146th Terrace, Live Oak, Florida 32060. 386-362-7978.

Addiction Support Group

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

Senior Luncheon at Wellborn Baptist Church

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

Lake Park Line Dancers

Offer beginner lessons Tuesdays 1 - 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 p.m., 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.

Weatherization funding available

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

Free Sunday lunch

Live Oak

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

Free Sunday lunch

Hamilton County

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

Did you earn your pin?

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

National Contact:

United States Submarine Veterans, PO Box 3870 Silverdale, WA 98383 or 1-877-542-DIVE r 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, Fla.

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

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.

UF researcher named distinguished professor

Paul Davenport, Ph.D., a professor in the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine's department of physiological sciences, has been promoted to the rank of distinguished professor, one of the highest academic designations offered by UF.

Davenport's research focuses on the control of breathing, including basic brain mechanisms, reflex-to-cognitive respiratory neurophysiology, pulmonary function assessments and rehabilitation of respiratory muscles.

"Dr. Davenport has been extremely successful in research, and has made significant contributions in our understanding of the neural control of breathing, and more recently, swallowing and cough," said Paul Cooke, Ph.D., chair of the College of Veterinary Medicine's department of physiological sciences.

Cooke added that Davenport's accomplishments are anchored by basic science observations, which have led to extensive clinical insights and funding.

"Dr. Davenport's research is directed toward critical real-world problems, and thus his laboratory findings frequently have clinical relevance," Cooke said.

Widely published in many professional journals, Davenport speaks frequently at national and international meetings and was the 2011 president of the International

Society for the Advancement of Respiratory Psychophysiology. He also serves as editor-in-chief of the journal *Frontiers in Respiratory Physiology*.

Davenport's research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Veterans Administration, private companies and corporations, and advocacy groups. This past April, he was awarded a four-year, \$2.83 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the relationship between breathing and swallowing.

As an educator, Davenport, who has a joint appointment in the College of Medicine department of physiology and functional genomics, has been involved in the training of 15 doctoral students and has mentored 14 postdoctoral and clinical resident fellows.

A member of the veterinary college faculty since 1981, Davenport has received many campus and national teaching awards during his tenure at UF, including the National Merck Sharp and Dohme AGVET Award for Creativity in Teaching.

The title of distinguished professor acknowledges an exceptional record of achievement in the areas of teaching, research and publication, and professional and public service that is recognized both nationally and internationally, according to UF's Office of the Provost.

Free English classes

Sept. 10 - Dec. 13, 2012

There are four levels of classes from the most basic to the most advanced. You will learn pronunciation, conversation, reading and writing in English. All are welcome.

The hours: Monday and Thursday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. We are located in the Episcopal Church, St. Luke's, in front of the Suwannee Coliseum, 1391 SW 11th Street, Live Oak.

For more information call the teacher, Phyllis, at 386-249-0096.

Clases de Ingles

Sept. 10 - Dic. 13, 2012

Gratis

Hay cuatro niveles de clases de los mas basicos hasta los mas avansados. Aprenden la pronunciación, conversación, lectura y escribir en Ingles. Todos tienen la bienvenida.

El horario: Lunes y Jueves, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Estamos en frente del coliseo. 1391 SW 11th Street, Live Oak.

Para mas información llame a la maestra Felicia 386-249-0096.

FWC to meet Sept. 5-6 in Tampa

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will meet Sept. 5 and 6 in Tampa to discuss the Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program; gopher tortoise, panther and falconry issues; the anchoring and mooring program; marine life and saltwater fisheries; and modifications to management of Atlantic sea bass and reef fish, among other topics.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be at the Doubletree Hotel, 4500 W. Cypress St., Tampa, FL 33607. Sessions both days start at 8:30 a.m.

After review of consent agenda items, Executive Director Nick Wiley will present a report.

Division of Hunting and Game Management staff will follow him with a report on the Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program, after which staff from the Division of Habitat and Species Conservation will discuss the conceptual framework for imperiled species management and provide information on panther population assessment and range expansion.

Also Sept. 5, Commissioners will decide whether to move forward with revision of the FWC's Gopher Tortoise Management Plan. The proposed document is a revision of the 2007 Gopher Tortoise Manage-

ment Plan and is intended to guide the continued recovery of the gopher tortoise through 2022.

To ensure that falconry can continue in Florida, the Commission will consider draft rule amendments to FWC rules pertaining to falconry, wildlife rehabilitation and other falconry-related issues, because the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is relinquishing to the states its share of permitting responsibility.

The final agenda item requiring action Sept. 5 is the latest component of a statewide anchoring and mooring pilot program. Staff will present a review of a proposed ordinance regulating the anchoring or mooring of non-live-aboard vessels outside the marked boundaries of public mooring fields in Monroe County. Commission approval is necessary before the ordinance can be enforced.

On Sept. 6, FWC Commissioners will take up marine fisheries issues, including updates from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council meetings; Atlantic black sea bass management changes; and provisions for restricted-species endorsement exemptions for veterans.

The Commission will consider draft rule changes to black sea bass

management in Atlantic state waters. The proposed change would modify size and bag limits, and commercial harvest and harvesting gear requirements.

The Commission also will consider, in a final public hearing, creating three commercial license exemptions that will assist Florida's veterans wishing to enter into the commercial fishing industry.

After deliberating the FWC's strategic plan, budget issues and legislative proposals, Commissioners will hear an update on tarpon, game fish and sport fish designations and how they might affect some Florida fisheries.

All people who request to speak at a Commission meeting will be allowed to speak to specific issues or about items not on the agenda, according to established guidelines.

For the full agenda, links to background reports and information about the Sept. 5 and 6 Commission meeting, go to MyFWC.com/Commission.

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting should notify the agency at least five calendar days before the meeting by calling 850-488-6411. Contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service at 800-955-8771 (TDD) or 800-955-8770 (voice) if you are hearing- or speech-impaired.

10 and Under tennis workshop at NFCC in Madison



Recreational tennis coaches as well as parents, teachers, camp or school staff who work with the age 10 and under population can get certified in the latest USTA 10 and Under Tennis methods when USTA Florida hosts a 10 and Under Tennis Workshop on Sept. 8, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at North Florida Community College in Madison.

The workshop will be held at the North Florida Community College Gym (Colin P. Kelly Fitness Center) on 325 NW Turner Davis Drive, Madison, Fla.

The 3-1/2 hour interactive on-court workshops gives an overview of 10 and Under Tennis and the six variables that all programs should adhere to for success. Each participant receives a set of 10 and Under Tennis practice plans.

For parents the workshop provides the perfect inroad to get involved and become a tennis volunteer with the 10 and Under Tennis play format in a USTA Jr. Team Tennis league, providing the perceived competence of being a tennis coach and learning the basics for working with small children of beginner and intermediate levels.

10 and Under Tennis allows smaller children to emulate adult play on smaller court sizes, with racquet sizes that fit their hands, foam and low-compression balls, a simple scoring system, all adjusted to ease kids into the sport. Similar mini-tennis formats have long been popular in Eu-

rope, where current stars such as Roger Federer and Kim Clijsters first learned the game with age-adjusted racquets, balls and court sizes.

"10 and Under Tennis has recently been introduced to the Madison area, and attendance at the workshop will help ensure that tennis is made fun for children," said USTA Florida Tennis Program Coordinator for the Panhandle area George English. "Tennis is the sport for a lifetime, and we are very excited about the opportunities for children in Madison to add tennis to the number of sports that they play while growing up."

For additional information or questions contact George English at english@florida.usta.com or (850) 510-6585. To learn more about 10 and Under Tennis, please visit www.10andundertennis.com.

Established in 1949, USTA Florida is a section of the United States Tennis Association. It is a not-for-profit volunteer organization with more than 50,000 members, 1,000 organizational members and a \$4 million budget. As the official governing body of tennis in Florida, USTA Florida operates from an executive office in Daytona Beach with 28 staff members and more than 600 volunteers throughout the state working towards a mission to promote and develop tennis in Florida. To learn more about USTA Florida visit www.ustaflorida.com.

BBQ: Fry this favorite in smoked breadcrumbs



CNHI News Service

Attention health fanatics: Please don't go off on me about this week's column. I am inoculated from your fury because my wife, Liz, who is very health conscious, happened to be complicit in coming up with this recipe. Well, the marinara was her idea. And she did do the frying!

This is a fun way to prepare leftover mac and cheese, and the results are delicious. My concern is we will now crave this monthly. With adequate self discipline, we will limit it to a semi-annual culinary experience.

You can see a video on the fried mac-and-cheese Liz and I posted at www.YouTube.com/BBQMyWay. Search for "fried mac-and-cheese."

To make it yourself, first prepare your

favorite mac and cheese recipe. Here is ours:

- Macaroni and Cheese**
Ingredients
 2 lbs. dry macaroni noodles
 1/2 cup flour
 1 stick real butter
 1 lb. sharp cheddar cheese (shredded)
 1 lb. Velveeta cheese (cubed)
 8 cups milk
 2 tsp. salt
 1 tsp. pepper
 1 tsp. cayenne pepper

In a huge pot, boil the noodles until cooked, then drain and set aside.

Melt the butter in a large pot with a thick bottom over medium heat. Once the butter is melted, slowly add and vigorously whisk in the flour. The pot's thick bottom will keep the flour from burning and the milk from scalding. Once the flour is fully mixed and smooth, you have a roux. Slowly add the milk, while once again vigorously stirring with a whisk. Bring the mixture to a gentle boil while stirring occasionally. The mixture should now coat the back of a spoon. Add salt, pepper and cayenne pepper.

Add the cooked noodles and mix. Now add the two cheeses and turn off the heat.

Stir until the cheese is melted and the mixture is smooth. Transfer to a large casserole dish which has been sprayed with a no-stick spray. Smooth out and sprinkle the top with more cheddar cheese and dried bread crumbs for texture.

Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes or until bubbly and crisp.



 Ok, back to this week's fried mac-and-cheese.

The portion of mac and cheese you didn't eat is probably chilled, or I hope it is. Take roughly one cup of italian flavored bread crumbs combine with two cups of panko crumbs in a cast iron skillet. Spice with other flavors, if you want. Place over

indirect coals with hickory for 10 to 15 minutes to impart a smoky flavor to the crumbs.

Pour the smoked breadcrumbs into a shallow bowl. Whisk three to four eggs in another shallow bowl. Place a cup or two of flour in a third shallow bowl.

Cut the chilled mac and cheese into pieces you are comfortable with. I cut ours into the size of Rice Crispy treats. Liz thought they were too big. Coat the mac and cheese squares in flour, then eggs. Then roll in the smoked bread crumbs.

Heat a mixture of 1/2 olive oil and 1/2 canola oil over medium- to medium-high heat. The oil needs to be about an inch deep. Fry the mac and cheese in the oil until golden brown, which won't take more than 4 to 5 minutes. Turn and brown the other side. Place on a draining rack until all are done. Keep warm in an oven at 200 degrees.

The crunchiness of the outside combined with the soft, creamy cheesiness of the mac and cheese is awesome. Top with your favorite marinara sauce, and this dish goes over the top.

Just don't let the food police know about it.

 Dave Lobeck is a barbecue chef from Sellersburg, Ind., who writes a column for CNHI News Service. Visit his website at www.BBQMyWay.com.



Pack a PERFECT PICNIC

FAMILY FEATURES

Food always seems to taste better when enjoyed outdoors. No matter the occasion or location, these packable, snackable recipes are foods fit for a fabulous picnic.

Bean Salad Stuffed Shells are a simple, flavorful, portable appetizer. Jumbo shells filled with a can of 3 or 4 bean salad, herbs and cheese make great finger food.

Baby Beet and Farro Salad is an easy pack-and-go side. Whole pickled baby beets — just right for one bite — are the star of this whole grain salad, tossed with Dijon mustard dressing.

Picnic Sandwiches with Pickled Beet-Mango Slaw, piled high with deli meats, goat cheese and a tangy-sweet slaw can be made ahead. Wrapped tightly and refrigerated for several hours, the flavors meld deliciously.

Warm weather classic lemonade gets a ruby-red makeover. Simply add antioxidant rich beets to frozen lemonade concentrate, and Pink Lemonade is ready to enjoy.

A Tex-Mex inspired picnic of Southwestern Marinated Chicken with Bean Salad is a meal all its own. The grilled chicken — marinated in liquid from a can of southwestern bean salad — pairs perfectly with the bean salad for a fast fiesta that can be served warm or chilled — just add tortillas and perhaps a margarita.

For additional recipes, visit www.AuntNellies.com and www.READsalads.com.



Picnic Sandwiches with Beet-Mango Slaw

Preparation Time: 20 minutes
Makes 6 servings

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sliced Pickled Beets
- 1-1/2 cups cabbage slaw mix
- 3/4 cup cubed mango (about 1/4-inch cubes)
- 1/4 cup sliced green onion
- 2 to 3 tablespoons prepared vinaigrette
- Baguette or other loaf, plain or multigrain (about 21 inches x 3 inches)
- 1 package (4 ounces) creamy goat cheese or other spreadable cheese
- 1/2 pound thinly sliced deli roast beef or turkey

1. Drain beets well; discard liquid or save for another use. Coarsely chop beets; reserve 1/2 cup for Pink Lemonade (see recipe to follow).
2. In large bowl, toss together slaw mix, mango and onion. Add vinaigrette; toss to coat well.
3. Cut baguette lengthwise in half. Remove insides leaving 1/2-inch shell on top and bottom. Spread bottom half with goat cheese.
4. Toss beets with slaw mixture; spoon half over goat cheese. Arrange beef over slaw; spoon remaining slaw over beef. Close sandwich and press firmly. Wrap tightly with aluminum foil; refrigerate up to 4 hours before serving.
5. To serve, cut baguette into 6 pieces.

Pink Lemonade

Makes about 2 quarts

Place 1/2 cup reserved chopped beets in food processor or blender container; process to puree. Add one 12-ounce can of lemonade concentrate (thawed); process to combine. Pour into pitcher. Add 4 cans water; stir. Serve over ice with lemon slice garnish.

Bean Salad Stuffed Shells

Preparation Time:
20 minutes

Makes 6 servings

- 1 can (15 ounces) READ 3 or 4 Bean Salad
- 12 jumbo pasta shells
- 1/2 cup cubed (1/4-inch) cheese (see note)
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil, parsley, chives or a combination
- Coarsely ground black pepper
- Additional herbs

1. Drain bean salad; discard liquid.
2. Cook pasta al dente according to package directions. Drain; rinse in cold water and drain well.
3. Combine bean salad, cheese and herbs. Add black pepper, as desired.
4. Spoon bean mixture into shells. Sprinkle with additional herbs, as desired. Serve immediately or chill.

Note: Use smoked Gouda, mozzarella, Monterey Jack, or other favorite cheese.

Baby Beet & Farro Salad

Preparation Time: 25 minutes

Makes 6 servings

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Baby Whole Pickled Beets
- 3 tablespoons white or red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon grainy Dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 6 cups cooked farro (see note)
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped toasted walnuts
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs such as rosemary, thyme, basil, chives or a combination
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta (optional)
- Salt
- Pepper

1. Drain beets well; discard liquid.
2. For dressing, in small bowl, whisk together vinegar and mustard, then whisk in oil.
3. In large bowl, toss together farro, walnuts, onion, herbs, dressing and feta, if desired. Gently toss in beets just before serving. Add salt and pepper, as desired. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

Note: Pearled couscous, barley or favorite grain blend may be substituted for farro. Prepare according to package directions.

Southwestern Marinated Chicken with Bean Salad

Preparation Time: 20 minutes

Marinating Time: 1 hour up to 6 hours

Cook Time: 12 minutes

Makes 4 servings

- 1 can (15 ounces) READ Southwestern Bean Salad
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon lime zest
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (optional)
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- Bean Salad (see recipe below)
- Chopped fresh cilantro

1. Drain bean salad. Place bean salad in large bowl; place liquid in medium bowl. For marinade, stir together bean liquid, lime juice, garlic, oil, zest, salt, if desired, black pepper, and red pepper, if desired.
2. Place chicken in large food-safe plastic bag or place in single layer in glass dish. Add marinade; coat chicken well. Close bag or cover dish. Marinate, refrigerated, 1 hour up to 6 hours.
3. Remove chicken from marinade. Place on grill over medium coals or medium setting on gas grill. Grill about 12 to 15 minutes, turning once, or broil in oven 5 to 6 inches from heat about 6 minutes per side, or until chicken is cooked through. Serve with Bean Salad. May be served immediately after cooking or chilled. Sprinkle with cilantro just before serving.

Bean Salad

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Makes 4 servings

- Reserved Southwestern Bean Salad
- 1 large tomato, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro

1. In large bowl, combine bean salad, tomato and cilantro. Toss gently. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

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