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## BULLDOGS VS. RAMS

The Suwannee Bulldogs (2-2) fell to the Rutherford Rams (1-3) Friday night 31-14. See sports, Page 1B for more.

## BUCCANEERS VS. MARAUDERS

The Branford Buccaneers (2-2) fell to the Maclay Marauders (1-2) Friday night 45-7. See sports, Page 1B for more.



- Photo: Bryant Thigpen

# Klausner weighing options

### Still has sights on two other possible sawmill sites

Staff

A representative for Klausner Lumber One, LLC met with the county Tuesday afternoon and asked the county to give them more time before they commit to building a sawmill here.

Thomas Mende, facility contact with Klausner, told the county that

the company wants more time to weigh their options before signing the development agreement that the county approved on Sept. 18.

Those other options may include other possible sawmill site locations in North and South Carolina in which Klausner is still considering.

Klausner Holding USA, Inc., based in Myrtle Beach, S.C., has applied for an air quality permit with the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources for a possible sawmill site in Halifax County, N.C. Klausner has also applied for an air permit for a possible site in Orangeburg County, S.C.

"I'm not sure what their inten-

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# Commissioner now in fair condition following ruptured spleen

By Bryant Thigpen  
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Caruthers

Suwannee County Commissioner Jesse Caruthers has been hospitalized due to complications from a ruptured spleen. He was listed in fair condition Tuesday afternoon at Shands Gainesville

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# Pinewood Drive repairs underway



Workers began grouting work on Pinewood Drive Thursday near Suwannee High School. - Photo: Andrew McGee

By Andrew McGee  
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Repair efforts are underway for the much needed Pinewood Drive area between Walker and Ohio av-

enues. One of the main connector roads between several of Suwannee County schools has been out of commission since Tropical Storm Debby's flood waters created a sink hole about 75 feet deep

at that location. Since the city closed the road due to the hazardous nature and unpredictability of such serious

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Local beauty queen Kailah Henderson, right, poses for a photo with TLC star Honey Boo Boo. Courtesy photo

# Local beauty queen meets Honey Boo Boo

By Andrew McGee  
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"Mama, I'm going to put Live Oak on the map," said then six-year-old Kailah Henderson.

She's now nine and a first-place winner of several beauty pageants living in Live Oak. Kailah,

since winning her first pageant at the age of five, has been competing in local, state and national beauty pageants.

Kailah was recently invited to participate in The Miss Sparkle and Shine pageant that took place in

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# Former animal control officer loses battle with cancer

By Andrew McGee  
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See obituary, 5A.

Former city of Live Oak Animal Control Officer Sally Roman passed

away Friday, Sept. 21 at Haven Hospice in Lake City following a brief battle with cancer.

Sara Elizabeth Roman

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## ELECTION 2012

# Cameron seeks re-election as sheriff

Submitted

Suwannee County Sheriff Tony Cameron is seeking re-election. With a strong Cameron



record of integrity and service to the community, Cameron's leadership will ensure continued

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# Shands Live Oak welcomes new CEO



Huth

Submitted

Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center is pleased to welcome Richard Huth as its new Chief Executive Officer beginning Sept. 4. Mr. Huth has more than 25

years of executive health-care experience and his arrival demonstrates Shands' ongoing commitment to providing high quality health care to Live Oak and the surrounding communities.

Originally from Arkansas, Huth earned a Bachelor of Science degree in both zoology

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# County raises millage tax by half percent

By Bryant Thigpen  
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On Sept. 18, county commissioners met before a packed house to discuss several key items on the agenda. The meeting began at 4 p.m. discussing proposed projects

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The following abbreviations are used below:  
 SCSO-Suwannee County Sheriff's Office  
 LOPD-Live Oak Police Department  
 FDLE-Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
 FHP-Florida Highway Patrol  
 FWC-Florida Wildlife Commission  
 DOT-Department of Transportation

OALE-Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement  
 P & P-Probation and Parole  
 USMS-US Marshals Service  
 ATF-Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
 DOC-Department of Corrections

Sept. 20, Kellie Elaine Lanier, 30, 12946 88th Terrace, Live Oak, FL, retail theft: SCSO-W.Kelly  
 Sept. 20, James Zelenak, 50, 8011 213 Dr. Live Oak, FL, agg battery (dom viol): SCSO-Stevenson  
 Sept. 20, Allison Bernard Broxey JR, 19, 1035 Davis Street, Live Oak, FL, sale

cocaine w/in 1000ft child care facility, sale cocaine w/in 1000ft of place worship, poss cocaine w/intent sel, vop o/c trespass after warning: SCSO-DTF-R.Sammons

Sept. 20, Jordan Thomas Aldridge, 24, 7491 Devondale Road, Jacksonville, FL, vop o/c sell lieu of controlled substance: SCSO-T.Smith

Sept. 20, Jimmy Dale Miller, 33, None, Live Oak, FL, violation of parole for lewd & lascivious, violation of parole for lewd & lascivious: P & P Donalson

Sept. 20, Clarence Clifton Foster, 69, 8305 Campbellton Street, Douglassville, GA, vop o/c shoot/throw missile/bldg/veh: SCSO-J.Mills

Sept. 21, Corey Patrick Jenkins, 29, 11183 112th Street, Live Oak, FL, disorderly intoxic: SCSO - A. Cundiff

Sept. 21, Tamala Lashelle Garza, 42, 415 Louis Avenue, Live Oak, FL, vop (poss cocaine 2 cts): SCSO - T. Donaldson

Sept. 21, Michael Leon Jones, 53, 5020 123rd Road, Live Oak, FL, vop o/c resist ofcr w/violence: SCSO-T. Roberts

Sept. 21, Timothy Daniel Wells, 44, RMC, Lake Butler, FL, return for court: SCSO-T. Ford

Sept. 21, Steve Cameron Thomas, 42, RMC, Lake Butler, FL, return for court: SCSO-T. Ford

Sept. 22, Bobbie Wayne Boen II, 29, 2959 208th St, Lake City, FL, aggravated battery: SCSO - B. Shaw

Sept. 22, Fortino Rios-Ramirez, 24, 1421 6th Street, Live Oak, FL, leav-

ing scene if crash w/property damage, reckless driving, no valid dl: LOPD-C. Kinsey

Sept. 22, Carlos Castro, 45, 514 Duval St nw, Live Oak, FL, dwls/r: LOPD - B. Kastor

Sept. 23, Glenn Earl Granville, 27, 823 McGee St, Live Oak, FL, battery (dom violence), resisting w/violence, bond surrendered robinson, Duval co.wrt, criminal mischief, making threats: LOPD C. Kinsey

Sept. 24, David Gomez Deleon, 25, Hamilton Ave, Live Oak, FL, agg battery: LOPD-Fipps

### Correction

Due to an editing error, Herman Gunter IV was published as Herman Gunter III in the article titled "County inks Klausner contract" published Sept. 21. Herman Gunter IV should have been the one quoted.

### LOTTERY RESULTS

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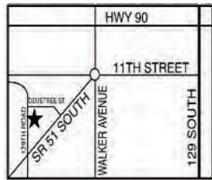
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## Pinewood Drive repairs underway

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flood and erosion damage, school personnel, students, parents and anyone else has had to use alternate routes instead of Pinewood Drive.

Grout work began Thursday, Sept. 20, Public Works Director Brent Whitman said.

"It'll take them about two weeks to finish (the grouting). That's 10 working days," said Whitman. "They don't work on Saturdays and Sundays."

The grouting is the first phase of this endeavor as there are several stages to the repair.

"They have to lay the dirt, then a base, a sub-base and finally the asphalt," said Whitman.

Whitman said the projected date to complete all the repairs and reopen the road will be about the middle of October. He did make it a point to say this projection date may be pushed back if Live Oak gets any substantial amount of rain in the next few weeks.

## Former animal control officer loses battle with cancer

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of Live Oak, 67, also known to her friends as "Sally", was a senior officer for the animal control department of the Live Oak Police Department. She left the LOPD in August of 2010.

"Sally was a good friend. She was a dedicated employee to the department," said LOPD Chief Buddy Williams. "She'll be missed in this community."

Tennessee-born on Dec. 28, 1944 of WWI veteran father and school teacher mother, Sally's life career

would later be defined as her having an affinity for animals as she dedicated 42 years of her life in the field. She tried to place many of the animals in her care up for adoption to avoid euthanasia.

Sally is survived by her daughter, Lisa Roman and her son, Thomas Roman. She leaves several of her four-legged friends, her dogs, in their care.

Sally was cremated as was her wish.

Her family requests that in lieu of flowers, please make donations to the humane society or the charity of your choice.

## Commissioner now in fair condition following ruptured spleen

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where he had been listed in critical condition in ICU.

He was taken to Shands Regional Medical Center in Live Oak on Friday, Sept. 14 where he was given the diagnosis of a ruptured spleen before being transferred to Shands Cancer Center and Trauma Unit in Gainesville for care.

According to fellow commissioner and friend Ivie Fowler, Caruthers

went in for surgery on that Friday night concerning the ruptured spleen.

"Jesse and I go back about 25 years," Fowler said. "Long before we had elected offices, I owned a car lot and Jesse would do mechanic work for me. He's been a great friend. I would ask that everyone keep him in your prayers and put him on your church's prayer list."

Caruthers has been the District 1 county commissioner for the past 12 years.

## Klausner weighing options

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tions are at this point," said Ben Brooks, one of the attorneys for Klausner from Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP out of Atlanta.

However, Brooks did confirm that Klausner is still looking at other sites.

"They're looking at other places and options," said Brooks.

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners voted 3-1 in favor of the development agreement from the company Tuesday night, Sept. 18. If the contract is signed by Klausner then the company

is set to build a state-of-the-art sawmill in western Suwannee County. Commissioner Jesse Caruthers was not at the Sept. 18 meeting due to illness. Commissioners Clyde Fleming, Ivie Fowler and Wesley Wainwright voted in favor. Commissioner Phil Oxendine voted against.

Talks between Klausner and the county have been ongoing for almost two years.

The multi-million dollar sawmill's location site would be located at the US 90 West and I-10 interchange.

# Pony Express 4-H horse show

**Yancey Cushman**  
Reporter/Historian,  
Pony Express 4-H Club

The Pony Express 4-H club held their first open horse show of the season on Saturday, Sept. 15. Everyone did a great job. Special thanks to all the volunteers that made the show a success.

The Pony Express 4-H horse shows are open to the public. Admission is free and spectators are welcome. Restrooms and concessions are on site.

Anyone interested in joining the Pony Express 4-H Club or participating in an open show can contact Brian Estevez at the Suwannee County Extension Office or by

calling 386-362-2771. You do not need to have a horse to become a 4-H club member.

Extension programs are open to all people regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in any activity should contact the Suwannee County Cooperative Extension Service at 1302 Eleventh Street, SW, Live Oak, Florida 32060 or telephone (386) 362 - 2771 at least five working days prior to the event. Hearing impaired can access the foregoing telephone by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1 - 800 - 955 - 8770 or 800 - 955 - 8772 (TDD).



The Pony Express 4-H Club shows are open to the public. Courtesy photo

# Norman Jackson Day Sept. 30, 2012 Wellborn Church of God

The Wellborn Church of God would like to honor Norman Jackson by having Norman Jackson Day. Everyone is welcome to come on

Sept. 30, to the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Everyone is asked to bring some covered dishes and drinks and enjoy a day of fellowship after the

morning worship service.

The church is located at 3330 US 90 East in Wellborn.

need to pray with Norman. Then one day she asked it it would be okay if the pastor came to see Norman at the hospital. My first thought was I would love for him to go and see Norman, but I was not sure how Norman would react to his visit. I went with what I thought would be the best thing for him.

\*\*\*\*\*  
This is the story of how God answered Norman Jackson's prayer as told by Janet and Norman Jackson. It all began in November 2010 at the VA Hospital in Lake City. The day after Thanksgiving, Norman's blood sugar dropped down to 20 and he became unresponsive. He went by ambulance to the VA. He stayed in the ICU for over a week, still fighting for his life as his blood sugar continued to drop. He was very weak and unable to stand or walk. His social worker suggested to us the option of putting him into a nursing home until he got better and was able to walk. My response was there is no way I can do that to my husband.

As time went on while Norman was in the hospital, I would talk to Deanna Riegel, a co-worker and a member of the Wellborn Church of God. Norman was very sick and Janet would ask Deanna to pray for him. She would pray and also request pray for him at church and would tell her pastor that, I think you

Norman was not a very religious man at that time and I was not sure how the hospital visit from the pastor would go. I went to visit him at the hospital and told him. I waited to see that the expression on his face would be to this and I was surprised he said that would be fine. The pastor and Norman prayed together. Norman gave his heart to God that day.

When Norman finally got to come home, it was a long and slow recovery process. As time went on he started to get better and I started to notice a big change in him. It was like he was a different person, he was calmer and at peace with himself. He realized that he was given a second chance at life.

Jesus is now our top priority in our lives. We are so glad that we have changed our lives to serve him.

# Jonathan Clayton joins US Army



Left to right: Jonathan Clayton, Tammy and Carl Clayton.

Jonathan Clayton, 18, has been enlisted into the United States Army and will be leaving on Monday, Oct. 1 to begin basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. At Ft. Leonard Wood, Clayton will undergo One Station Unit Training for Military Police.

His inspiration to join the service came when this country faced one of its greatest tragedies in nearly half of a century. "I joined the Army because of September 11, 2001," Clayton said. "I was in the second grade and I remember seeing my parents crying and upset about what had

happened to our country. I swore to myself that I wouldn't let anything like that happen to my Country again without being able to fight."

Clayton was born and raised in Live Oak and is a member of the 2012 Suwannee High School graduating class.

Clayton, a native of Live Oak, is the son of Carl and Tammy Clayton. His maternal grandparents are Robert Majewski of Ocala and the late Barbara Majewski. Clayton's paternal grandparents are the late John Clayton and Cora Ellen Clayton.

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# Zumba one more time and "Sweat Your Shoes Off" Sept. 27 for Love INC's tennis shoe drive

Admission is a new pair of tennis shoes. Help collect more than 700 pairs of shoes this year.

Go Figure For Women will hold its second Zumba Sweat Your Shoes Off Sept. 27 for Love INC's fall effort to gather 700 pairs of new tennis shoes for needy Suwannee County students. Stop by the gym any time Thursday, Sept. 27, during business hours and join us in sweating our shoes off.

If you have already donated a pair of tennis shoes, you do not have to bring another pair, just come join the group. All classes on this day are FREE with the exception of donating a pair of new tennis shoes, all sizes for adults. Bring your family, friends, neighbors, ladies, MEN and kids.

Shoes collected are given to LOVE INC and then provided to students in need through their schools.

**Schedule for Thursday, Sept. 27**  
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3:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. HAT class (Hips, Abs, & Thighs)  
 4:05 p.m. - 5:05 p.m. Zumba Fitness

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Zumba Fitness  
 If you have any questions, call the gym at 386-364-5739 or email [gofigureforwomen@windstream.net](mailto:gofigureforwomen@windstream.net). Everyone is also encouraged to share this event through social media such as Twitter and Facebook. Let's help others while having a good time getting physically fit. Go Figure personnel hopes to sweat our shoes off with you.

Love INC is a "faith based" non-profit organization in Live Oak whose mission is to mobilize the church to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ (INC).

For more information, call the Love INC office at 386-364-4673 or to learn more about Love INC, go to [www.loveinc-suwanneecounty.org](http://www.loveinc-suwanneecounty.org). \*Love INC is a registered 501(C)(3) charity and operates under the tax exempt guidelines as designated by the IRS and as such all donations made to us are tax free. Love INC - Helping Families in Our Community Through the Love of Christ.

See you Aug. 27 at Zumba for Love INC! Don't forget to bring at least one new pair of new tennis shoes.

# Study to promote healthy acts for youngsters

This fall, researchers at the University of Florida will begin a study examining a healthy lifestyle program for young children (3 to 6 years of age) and their parents in Suwannee County, as well as other rural areas in North Central Florida.

The Community-based Healthy-lifestyle Intervention for Rural Preschoolers Program (CHIRP Program) is designed to help young children at the higher end of the growth chart, and their parents, improve diet, physical activity, and the home environment to promote healthy lifestyles. The no-cost program helps families work together to learn how to manage real-life problems and make gradual changes to their lifestyles. The study is a joint effort between researchers at the UF Health Science Center, IFAS Extension at UF, and the UF-IFAS Suwannee County Extension Service. For residents in Suwannee County, all treatment contacts for this no-cost program will be held at the UF-IFAS Suwannee County Cooperative Extension Service office in Live Oak.

The CHIRP Program is led by David Janicke, Ph.D., along with a team that includes physicians, nurses, nutritionists, an exercise physiologist, and behavioral health psychologists. The study is supported by a grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. "Rates of childhood and adult obesity are higher in rural areas compared to non-rural areas," said Janicke, an Associate Professor

of Clinical and Health Psychology in the College of Public Health and Health Professions. "While many young children who are at the higher end of the growth curve do grow out of their extra weight, we are beginning to see more and more children who are not growing out of the extra weight. Young children who continue to be at the higher end of the growth curve are at greater risk for long term obesity, as well as associated health problems such as type II diabetes. We have received a number of requests from families and physicians regarding programs to help establish healthy eating and activity habits for young children. Unfortunately, easily accessible options for this type of treatment are hard to find in rural areas. This study can benefit families in rural areas by providing a local option to help families establish healthier eating and activity patterns for children who may be at greater risk for overweight and obesity in the future."

The program is designed to help young children and parents work together to establish healthy eating and physical activity habits that can promote healthy weight and lifelong health. The program also aims to provide parents with the tools and information they need to help navigate marketing practices that challenge parent's efforts to make healthy choices for their children and their family and to teach parents strategies that will help making changes easier. Young children and parents will also participate in fun activities and sample

healthy foods during CHIRP meetings. The program lasts four months. Group meetings will occur once per week during the first two months of the program and then will meet bi-weekly for the last two months. Families will also be followed for six months after the group meetings end to assess the long-term impact of the program. All families who participate in CHIRP program will receive the same intervention. However, while half the families will receive the program soon after finalizing eligibility, the other half of participating families will receive the intervention ten months after registration.

The CHIRP Program is available to children at the higher end of the growth chart (above the 85th percentile for weight for height) between the ages of 3 and 6, and their parents, who live in Suwannee County. To participate, children must have a parent or legal guardian who is willing to attend group treatment sessions. All treatment visits will be held at the Suwannee County Extension office in Live Oak. Families will be given \$10 per treatment session for travel costs. Screening visits for the study are currently underway, with the first treatment programs beginning in January 2013. Families interested in signing up for the program or who have questions should call the CHIRP office toll free at 1-866-673-9623. Our team will help parents determine their family's eligibility for the program. The CHIRP team is taking calls now.

## Days of Glory

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 Charles Tyler Deas to Alexandria Gabrielle Lilly  
 Raymond Lee Jones to

Stacy Leigh Seckinger  
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# Ask a Lawyer

By Pierce Kelley

*Can I carry a gun when I drive to other states?*

J. K. of Inglis writes: "I've got a question for you...you've written about Florida's Concealed Weapons permit the last two months...what about if I have a Concealed Weapon Permit and I drive to California to see my daughter. Can I get in trouble if I carry my gun on me? I can do that, can't I?"

Dear J. K.;

In a nutshell, the answer to that question is YES, you can carry your gun with you in your car to California, BUT, you might get arrested along the way if you are not careful. 33 states will recognize and honor that permit you hold, but 17 others will not, so you must know if you are in a state which will reciprocate with Florida before you get there. California is one of the 17 states

that does not reciprocate with Florida.

However, let's back up a bit and look at the question from a different perspective. There are two general rules to be aware of...first, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution provides, among other things, that citizens of the United States may possess guns, or bear arms, to be more precise; second, the governments, both state and federal, have the right to impose reasonable and appropriate restrictions upon that basic right to own and possess a gun.

So, even if you didn't have a Concealed Weapons Permit, you would still have the right to own and possess a gun, AND TO CARRY THAT GUN IN YOUR CAR ACROSS INTERSTATE LINES...and it is not against the law in Florida to carry that gun with you...but there are a few exceptions...

Florida Statute 790.25 (5) provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

"It is lawful and is not a violation...for a person 18 years of age or older to possess a concealed firearm or other weapon for self-defense or other lawful purpose within the interior of a private conveyance, without a license, if the firearm or other weapon is securely encased or is otherwise not readily accessible for immediate use..."

The general rule is called a "two-step" procedure...it would take a person two separate movements to get to the gun. The critical language in the statute is "not readily accessible for immediate use," and that is the test. Whether it needs to be locked in a gun case or a glove compartment, or even in a zippered gun case, or if the gun is loaded or unloaded, with a trigger lock or not, are all separate factual issues and the facts of each case will differ, as will the application of the law to those facts...and that is Florida law, not the law in say, New York, Iowa, Illinois, Massachusetts or any other state which does not recognize and honor Florida's Concealed Weapons Permit, though it may have a statute like 790.25 (5), or not. I don't know the answer to that question.

As far as the federal government is concerned, since

the federal government controls matters involving more than one state, such as interstate commerce, 18 United States Code, section 926 (A) requires that a person carrying a gun across state lines make sure the gun is unloaded and in a locked container which is stored in some place within the vehicle other than the glove compartment or console, like the trunk, among other things.

As far as travel by airplane is concerned, the Federal Aviation Administration requires that weapons be unloaded, stowed in hard-sided, locking luggage, and declared at the time of check-in. Each airline will have its own procedures to be followed.

So, as with many other things which a person must be aware of when it comes to the law, one who owns and possesses a gun must be aware of the many rules, regulations and restrictions which accompany that basic right which we, as Americans, cherish. You, and all others who own guns, must be very careful in doing so. I think it is always good legal advice to keep a gun unloaded and in a locked case at all times, except when immediate use is expected or anticipated, whether in a car or at home.

I hope I have answered your question, J.K., even though the answer is, undoubtedly, not as clear as you would like for it to be.

Any readers with specific legal questions for this "Ask a Lawyer" column are invited to submit those questions to the Editor of this newspaper, who will pass it along to me. If you need assistance with a consumer matter, such as an unfair and deceptive collection practice, or garnishment of wages, a mortgage foreclosure or other such things, and you cannot afford an attorney, call the Legal Services office closest to you, which provides free legal assistance to qualified individuals, or call the Florida Bar Referral service at 1-800-342-8011. I wish you good luck in obtaining access to our legal system, no matter what your income and asset level might be.

The foregoing was written by attorney Pierce Kelley, who is a member of the Florida Bar Association. The contents reflect his personal opinions and beliefs.

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The sale will be held during the regular library hours, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale is being held at the Suwannee County Regional Library, 1848 Ohio Ave (US 129) south of Live Oak.

The Suwannee County Friends of the Library is a volunteer booster organization for the libraries of Suwannee County. Through membership and fundraisers, such as The Great Book Sale, thousands of dollars have been donated to enhance and provide for library services.

For more details call Betsy Bergman, President of the Suwannee County Friends of the Library, 386-842-2953 (evenings).

## SUWANNEE RIVER READINGS

### Branford 2012

The water levels provided here refer to the height at the US Hwy. 27 bridge in Branford in feet above mean sea level (ft-msl) at the gauging station. In the past the levels were read as gauge height not mean sea level.

9/18/2012	13.84	9/22/2012	14.29
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# Local Boy Scouts love to swim



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First Class Cody Hedrick, patrol leader for the Blue Phoenix Patrol, and Scout Nichlas Wilson, a member of the Ravens Patrol, enjoyed an afternoon at the pool of one of the troop's leaders.

Nichlas' mother and brother also took the opportunity to get cool.

The scouting program emphasizes swimming as of those skills that will last a long time as well as possibly preventing a drowning or even saving a life. The scouting program also requires the scout to know what is required for a safe swim. Additionally, National BSA has a Safe Swim Defense course for adults.

Second Class rank requires the scout to be able to swim 50-feet and to float. It also requires very basic lifesaving skills of extending an arm, leg, or object to someone needing help who is close to the edge of a pool.

First Class rank requires the scout to be able to swim 100-yards and to swim with ease on his back. It also requires addition-

al lifesaving skills of using lines and assistance for a rescue.

There is also a swimming merit badge which requires many additional skills and more stamina.

The penultimate activity is the Lifesaving merit badge and the ultimate award for swimming ability is the BSA Lifeguard award.

The scouts' troop 693 meets at the Church of the Nazarene, 515 Church Street, S.W., Live Oak, on Thursday nights throughout the year, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Membership is open to boys who have finished the fifth grade and are at least 10, or who are 11-17. They age-out at 18. Parents and other adults are always welcome to participate as leaders, on the troop committee and/or work as a merit badge counselor. They must pass a background check. For additional information, please contact Scoutmaster Charles Stephens, 386-364-3766, charles@susanneinsurance.com.

# Citizens Police Academy

Chief Buddy Williams announces the Live Oak Police Department will be conducting a Citizens Police Academy beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 9.

The academy will be held at the police headquarters at 205 SE White Ave. and other selected locations each Tues-

day evening, from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for ten weeks.

The academy offers an opportunity for citizens to learn more about local law enforcement and the criminal justice system, "up close and personal", ..... and ..... much, much more.

There is a \$20 registration

fee payable upon application. Pick up an application at the Live Oak Police Department located at 205 SE White Ave.

For further information: contact Erica Elliott at 386-362-7463.

Submit your application soon! .... Space is limited.



## Strength Team making stop in Live Oak

The Strength Team is coming to Live Oak Friday through Sunday, Sept. 28-30 at 7 p.m. nightly at First Baptist Church of Live Oak. Admission is free.

The Strength Team is a group of professional athletes traveling the world bringing a highly motivational and inspirational message to thousands each year. How do they get your attention? The Strength Team has some of the strongest athletes that perform amazing feats of strength. Feats like ripping a phone book in half, crushing walls of

concrete with a blow from their arm or head, breaking hand-cuffs, running through two-by-fours and blowing up hot water bottles until they explode. They do all of this to get the attention of the audience and then they deliver a motivational message.

The Strength Team will also be involved extensively in several schools around Live Oak. Their message is to inspire and encourage students to reach for their goals and dreams in life. They emphasize the importance of education and hard work. The Strength Team also addresses some of the possible "pitfalls" that

can detour them from reaching their goals and dreams.

The leader and founder of The Strength Team, Mike Hagen, has dedicated over 20 years of his life to this kind of work. He has spoken to hundreds of thousands of people and performed thousands of school assemblies. He has been featured on CNN, ESPN, and the popular television show "Walker Texas Ranger", with Chuck Norris. Mike also played professional football for the USFL Michigan Panthers and the Seattle Seahawks.

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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

## On good citizenship

By Jim Holmes

A couple of thoughts this week about the Sept. 18 public hearing at which the Suwannee County Commission agreed to a group of terms set out by Klausner Holdings USA.

As you may already know, Klausner is an Austrian-based lumber company looking for a site in the deep south on which to build a huge sawmill. It reportedly will be capable of cranking out up to 700 million board feet of lumber annually.

Due to its potentially beneficial economic impact, Suwannee officials hope that Klausner will select as its site, land in the county's industrial park near I-10 and US 90 and to that end last week agreed to virtually every demand made by the company.

The wisdom of the county acquiescing to some of those demands was at the center of last Tuesday's big public hearing.

With that background information, let me begin by giving a tip of the hat to Wellborn resident Wendell Snowden. He is part of a group of area residents who take the local democratic process very seriously. Seldom is there a county commission meeting that you won't find Wendell and a small number of like-minded citizens sitting in the audience and observing.

While I applaud Snowden's regular involvement in local governmental activities--more of us should be as conscientious as he is--it was his extraordinary effort just prior to last week's public hearing that I want to especially recognize.

Snowden wrote a detailed, well-crafted letter to the editor of this newspaper, in which he carefully outlined his concerns and objections to the then proposed contract. I thought his letter was particularly valuable, as I knew he lived nowhere near the proposed site and initially had even supported efforts to bring the lumber company to the county.

Whether you agree or disagree with his viewpoint, Snowden should be saluted for taking the time to organize and voice his concerns. I suspect it was the first opportunity many local residents had to contemplate the possible negatives attached to this project.

Secondly, I want to take this opportunity to commend the conduct of the citizens of Suwannee County who attended the Sept. 18 hearing.

As a long time reporter, I'll be honest about it. I was dreading attending the meeting, for in recent years it seems to have become acceptable--at least in some communities--to publicly deride or demean those who speak their minds on hot button governmental issues. Insulting those with whom you disagree all too often has become the norm...one of the impacts, I suspect, of "talk radio."

To me, it is infuriating. Joe Citizen walks to the podium to voice views on an issue of importance to him, only to be heckled by those in the audience who disagree.

Let the record show that DID NOT happen in Live Oak on Sept. 18.

For more than two-hours, one person after another voiced their views on this important issue. Supporters would then applaud, while those who disagreed sat quietly and respectfully waiting their turn at the speaker's lectern to express a differing view. Oh, some folks would quietly whisper among themselves when they thought a speaker was off the mark, but they made no effort to interrupt or make some loud, snide comment, as I have seen happen elsewhere.

I'm not certain if the county commission was wise to vote as it did. I don't think even the commissioners are 100 percent sure. Only time will tell. But I am certain about this. I am glad to live in a community where people can still be civil, even if they might vehemently disagree on some issue.

Jim lives in Live Oak.

### BIBLE VERSE

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

— Colossians 4:6

## OPINION

# Understanding economics

Here's a question: If there's a disaster, a war, a severe drought or some other calamity that restricts future supplies of a commodity -- such as oil, coffee or corn -- what is the intelligent thing for people to do right away? If you said "use less now and try to produce more," you'd be absolutely correct. That's not rocket science, but understanding the machinery involved in getting people to do so is a bit more challenging.

The best way to get people to use less and produce more is to allow prices to rise. For example, say a Middle East conflict restricts oil supplies and causes prices to rise. The effect of higher prices for oil is that it gives individuals incentive to eliminate or reduce the low-valued uses of oil. For example, a low-valued use of oil is for homeowners to allow the heat that it generates to seep through walls and leaky windows. Higher oil prices create incentives to homeowners to install insulation. Higher gasoline prices force motorists to economize by taking measures such as carpooling and taking fewer low-valued trips.

Suppose that in the wake of a natural disaster -- in the name of anti-gouging or some other nonsense -- government officials mandate that prices cannot rise. What's the economic message? The mandate encourages people to continue their consumption as if the disaster didn't happen. Let's use gasoline as a concrete example. Suppose a family is fleeing a pending hurricane and has a half-tank of gas, plenty to get them to a safe destination, but they would feel more comfortable topping off the tank. If the price of gasoline remained at a pre-hurricane price of \$3 a gallon, they might do so. But if the price shot up to \$5, they'd wait until they arrived at their destination. Their decision has the effect of making more gasoline available for others. So here's my question: Which alternative is preferable for a family, fleeing the hurricane with their gas gauge showing nearly empty, gasoline available at \$5 a gallon or gasoline unavailable at \$3?

You might say that when there's an emergency, the government should step in to prevent prices from rising



A  
MINORITY  
VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

by establishing price controls. During the 1970s, the Nixon and Ford administrations, in reaction to a jump in fuel prices caused by cuts in production by OPEC, did just that. Price controls led to massive shortages, long lines at gasoline stations and massive misallocation of resources.

Whenever there are expected shortages of a commodity,

there are millions of wonderful nongovernmental people who enter to help. These people, often vilified and called every name except child of God, are the speculators. Efficient allocation of resources requires allocation over time. If speculators guess there will be future shortages, they will buy the commodity now in the hopes of making a personal gain when prices rise. Their purchases have the effect of raising the commodity's price now and making more available in the future -- and at a lower-than-otherwise price.

Last April, President Barack Obama called for his Department of Justice to lead a task force to root out manipulation of the oil market and gouging of consumers at the gas pump. U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., introduced legislation called the End Excessive Oil Speculation Now Act. White House and congressional attacks on oil speculation do not alter the oil market's fundamental demand-and-supply reality. What would lower the long-term price of oil is for Obama and Congress to permit exploration for the estimated billions upon billions of barrels of oil off our Atlantic and Pacific shores, the Gulf of Mexico, and Alaska -- not to mention the estimated billions, possibly trillions, of barrels of shale oil in Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and North Dakota -- but doing that would offend the sensitivities of environmental extremists who have the ears of Congress and the White House.

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

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Harry C. Gray III. After serving honorably more than 26 years in the Air Force I retired as a senior master sergeant, E-8; bought my first parcel of land in Suwannee County 33 years ago and moved here. I farmed trees, got my AA degree from Lake City Community College, graduated from nursing school cum laude and worked on the surgical ward at the Lake City V.A. Medical Center as a nurse. Suwannee County has been good for me. I made more money selling real estate in one month than I made in 26 years in the Air Force. I love Live Oak and Suwannee County and this is why Mr. Snowden's letter inspired me to speak out against signing the proposed agreement at the public hearing, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012.

After I read Mr. Wendell Snowden's letter to the editor published in the *Suwannee Democrat* Friday, Sept. 14, 2012, I got all fired up. I took Randy Harris, the county administrator's offer to give anyone who wanted a copy of the "Development Agreement by and among Klausner Lumber One, LLC (Klausner) and Suwannee County, Florida" to any one who wanted one. I read the agreement and much of what Mr. Snowden wrote in his letter to the editor were in the agreement. We all owe Mr. Snowden a big thank you for researching the agreement and bringing it to the public's attention. However, it was too late for the county board of commissioners had already made up their minds before the public hearing, in my opinion, as they have done before with the non ad valorem tax hearing. So, the public hearing was, in my opinion, just a formality possibly to give the agreement more legality.

The public (the taxpayers) were "kept in the dark" about the agreement because Klausner required confidentiality. After reading the agreement I can understand why. At first the project was called "Project Christmas". I think it is an appropriate name for Suwannee County and the state of Florida are playing Santa Claus and giving Klausner just about everything they demanded. That is, clear title to land the county paid one and a half million for; clear the land to their specification, provide water, sewage and a railroad spur. No one has a total figure for all this and what Suwannee County will end up paying.

Throughout the agreement, I found six names for Klausner. It is like they could not decide what to call themselves. The agreement shows two different presidents, one living in Myrtle Beach and another one living in Atlanta, Georgia. The agreement is filled with whereas, desires, deemed, wishes, expects, anti-

pates and plans. I could not find one concrete thing Klausner was going to do for the taxpayers of this county. The "carrot" was that their "goals are that it will make an investment of approximately \$130 million and reasonably expects to have a total employment of approximately 350 at full operation," or is that 86 jobs paying \$14 per hour. Klausner, whose home base is Austria, has not shown that they have one million let along 130. But, with clear title to the land we buy them and a lot of promises they can go out and borrow the money to build their sawmill. If they pull this off everyone will be happy, but if they flop guess who is second lien holder? That's right, Suwannee County. There is virtually no concrete protection for Suwannee County in this agreement. What is amazing to me is that there were lawyers at the Sept. 18 public hearing that advocated the commissioners sign this agreement, as is, saying they would be remembered for this decision.

There were a lot of people at the Sept. 18 public hearing, even kids carrying signs something like "vote for jobs". But, as one commissioner is quoted as having said, "I don't see any regular, average taxpayer in the room pushing to go forward with this project. I see only members of local groups who all have a personal interest in this project."

Do we want our kids to have to move out after graduation because there are no jobs in Suwannee County? Of course not! Do we need quality jobs? Of course!

We are all going to have to do a lot of praying about this for this agreement does not give the county any protection.

This agreement, as written, gives no assurances there will be good jobs nor does it offer protection to the citizen taxpayers whose interest is supposed to be protected by our elected officials.

I do not intend to attend another public hearing for I believe nothing said at these hearings is going to have anything to do with the way the official will vote. As a responsible citizen, I will keep informed as much as possible and let my voice be heard at the voting poles.

Harry C. Gray III



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

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# Branford News

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## Mission: Building up the band



BHS band at practice.

By Andrew McGee  
andrew.mcgee@gafnews.com

Branford High School Band Director, Carl Manna is on a mission. He not only wants to teach his students the fundamentals of music, he is looking to build up the band's membership.

Manna, a returning faculty member to BHS, was here in 2001-07 teaching music when an opportunity came to travel playing drums for live gigs and doing session work for studio projects.

"I was hired by band directors to write percussion music and teach their drum lines," Manna said. "I played mostly local Florida live gigs, and some out of state. I recorded for many ses-

sions." On his return in 2010, there were only 17 kids in the band program. Why the seemingly low number?

Admittedly, he said that some of his students in the past thought he was too tough, very disciplined and of course, word gets around.

"At games, we played in the stands. We didn't go on the field," he said. "We were more like a pep band."

He had 33 kids in the 2011-12 Beginning Band, which he admits is a pretty high number for a school that size. Of those 33, 15 were moved up this year to the High School Band.

When asked how that many moved up so quickly, Manna said, "We hit the

fundamentals really hard. They improved a lot. This built confidence and with confidence brought pride."

Manna knew how pivotal for growth this was for the band. Students began to realize that discipline and hard work could be rewarded with success.

He said he's going to have a set-back this year because of six seniors graduating, but he's not worried.

"Were on task," he said. "Next year's growth is not as significant. We'll have a potential 35-40."

By the 2014 school season, Manna's goal is to have 80 instrument-playing kids for BHS Band.

Another semi-related challenge for Manna is getting the money to pay for

the new band uniforms. With more band students comes the need for more uniforms. He's been working on the specifics and design for sometime and finally has what he wants for the uniforms look, but they carry a hefty price: \$300 per uniform.

"We're easing into finding sponsors," Manna said.

He says he gets a lot of help from Angie Fennell, president of the BHS Band Boosters and the other Boosters, but at \$300 a pop, the task is still going to be tough.

If you are interested in helping the BHS Band in any way, please email Carl Manna at [carl.manna@suwannee.k12.fl.us](mailto:carl.manna@suwannee.k12.fl.us)

## Branford community-wide yard sale is coming

By Andrew McGee  
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It's that time of year again! Yep, mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 6 because it's the day for Branford's community-wide yard sale. Men, this is your chance to make your wives happy. Think about it. You'll be cleaning out the garage. That's a big plus just by itself. Then, you might be able to sell the stuff that's been sitting around collecting dust and cobwebs for who knows how long to make some money to maybe take the wife out to eat. Sounds like a win-win situation, right?

The event, one for the fall, the other in spring, has

become a semi-annual Branford tradition. It gives everyone in the community an opportunity to get out of the house, to see and maybe buy some neat stuff you want or need and to visit with folks.

It won't cost you anything. Permits are waived for that day for the event, so as long as you have the yard sale on your own property or get permission from an owner, you're good to go.

So, start getting that garage in order. For those who may want to hold on to their stuff or who might be in doubt about the stuff they're selling's worth, remember: One man's trash is another man's treasure.

## Truck flips twice No serious injuries reported

By Andrew McGee  
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Two people walked away from a Monday morning accident in McAlpin with little more than some minor abrasions on their body after the truck they were in flipped twice.

No one was seriously injured. Around 10:20 a.m., an accident near 170th Terrace involved a dark grey Ford Ranger XLT pick-up and a yellow Toyota Spyder.

Suwannee County Fire/Rescue units along with the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office and Florida Highway Patrol were deployed to the scene. There were some dents to the body of the truck, but the Spyder escaped being damaged.

The driver of the truck, Joseph Williams, along with friend, Joey Hall, were northbound on US 129 when the accident occurred. Ac-



No serious injuries were reported after this truck, carrying two, flipped near 170th Terrace and US 129 South. - Photo: Andrew McGee

ording to Williams, he swerved to miss hitting the back of the Spyder, flipping the truck.

Williams had some minor abrasions but seemed fine. "Seat belts save lives," He said.

"It worked so good, it won't come undone now."

"We flipped (the truck) twice," said Hall.

The driver of the Spyder was Jerry Heigman.

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## Branford's 56th Annual Rodeo

By Andrew McGee  
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Don't forget, partner, to get on your cowboy boots and grab your cowboy hats because a "rodeo" kind of weekend is coming.

Branford's 56th Annual Rodeo weekend is Friday and Saturday Sept. 28-29 at 8 p.m. and as always held at the Suwannee River Riding Club at 9132 254th Terrace, Hwy 129 North in Branford.

Friday night kicks off this fun-

filled Branford event. There's going to be riding, roping and a raffle. It's fun and you might win something. There's going to be a golf cart raffle with a \$5 donation ticket on Saturday. Another raffle that only costs a dollar might win you a 12 gauge Remington 870 Sportsman Field Gun-3 inch chamber. Second prize winner receives one pair of Ariat Boots in stock, care of Smitty's Western Store. Third prize is \$100 cash and fourth prize is a custom handmade hunting knife.

The SRRR Rodeo parade is Saturday at 3 p.m. Line-up will be at 2 p.m. at the Old Feed Mill and everyone is welcome to participate.

The rodeo queen crowning is also Sept. 29 at the SRRR Arena at 6 p.m.

Gate tickets are available. \$10 for Adults (13 & Up), children (6-12) are \$5 and children (5 & under) are free.

For more information about the parade, contact Tonya Byrd at 386-935-2156.

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# The Arc North Florida 2012 Awards Banquet

Over 180 people gathered "down on the farm" to participate in the The Arc North Florida's Annual Awards Banquet to celebrate 31 years of operation. This year's event was held at McCulley Farms in Jasper on Sept. 13 in their totally new and unique recreational banquet barn. Guests arrived dressed as farmers and cowhands and had the opportunity to kick the sawdust on the floor as they made their way to their seats located around the large wooden dance floor.

The festivities were held to celebrate the successes of The Arc's many clients and to recognize the individuals and local businesses that provide support to the organization. The audience was treated to a special performance by The Arc Singers, accompanied by Dick Grillo, and the group

sang a variety of old favorites like Old McDonald Had a Farm. The members of the group also danced to Boot, Scootin' Boogie which was sung by lead singer, Tammy Truluck. Dinner for this year's banquet included top notch barbecue cooked up by Arc supporters, Wyman Clark and Bobby Cason.

According to Janet Sampson, The Arc's Development Assistant, "Based on the smiles on the faces throughout the night, everyone had a wonderful time. We always say this, but everyone said that this year was the best event we've ever had. We really appreciate all of the volunteers and table sponsors for their support."

Nominated awards were given to the clients, individuals and area business people in the following categories:

One individual from each Adult Day Training Center was presented an award to recognize the great strides they have made towards reaching their personal goals and increasing their self-advocacy. The recipients were James Drury from the Suwannee County program and Joe Gibbons representing Hamilton County.

Danny Miley of Live Oak was given The Freedom Award for the great advances in self-advocacy in independence and community living he has made.

Additional awards were given to the following recipients:

Outstanding Direct Care Staff – **Tammy Fast of Live Oak.**  
Community Supporter of the Year –

**Nancy Roberts of Live Oak.**  
Volunteer of the Year – **Ken & Sandi Bartolotti of Live Oak.**

Leadership in Fundraising – **Knights of Columbus of Suwannee County.**

For pictures of the event or more information, you can go to [www.arcnfl.com](http://www.arcnfl.com)

*The Arc North Florida, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit agency providing advocacy and services, including supported employment and training in daily living skills, to individuals with developmental disabilities residing in Suwannee, Hamilton, Lafayette, Baker and Columbia counties. The Arc is a provider agency for the United Way of Suwannee Valley. For more information, contact Janet Sampson at 386-362-7143 or [jsampson@arcnfl.com](mailto:jsampson@arcnfl.com).*



The Arc Clients having fun "down on the farm".



Suwannee Individual - James Drury.



Hamilton Individual - Joe Gibbons.



## Walk/Run for Life

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- 5K Run - 8:00 a.m.
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Outstanding Direct Care Staff - Tammy Fast. Courtesy photos

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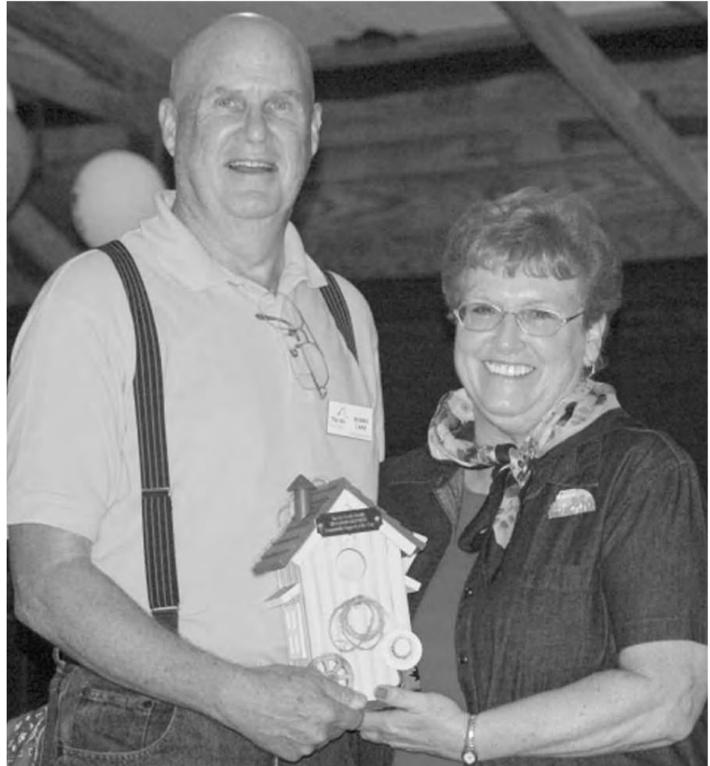
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# The Arc North Florida 2012 Awards Banquet



Volunteers of the Year - Ken & Sandi Bartolotti.



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Shannon and Edna Burnham enjoying the event.

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# Cameron seeks re-election as sheriff

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courage, honor, and compassion in the Sheriff's office.

When Cameron ran for Sheriff in 2004, he promised to rid the streets of "curb service drug delivery in broad daylight." Under his administration, the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office and the Suwannee County Drug Task Force has enforced that promise. In seven and one half years, the Drug Task Force, under Cameron's administration, has made over 2,000 drug arrests. He stated, "We will continue to do drug round-ups, taking drug dealers out of the neighborhoods and off of our streets. We will continue to crisscross county lines and work with state and local law enforcement agencies to eliminate every avenue of illegal drug distribution."

Sheriff Cameron was educated in the Suwannee County School

System and graduated in 1971. He furthered his education at North Florida Community College, then completed his Bachelor of Arts at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. Cameron has over 1,800 hours of law enforcement training and is a graduate of the FDLE Chief Executive Seminar.

As a decorated US veteran, he served as a sergeant in the US Army. He began his career in law enforcement immediately upon his honorable discharge, serving Suwannee County as a deputy sheriff and sergeant for over 13 years. As a deputy, he was credited with numerous felony arrests and convictions, was honored for outstanding contributions in drug law enforcement by the US Drug Enforcement Administration, and was decorated for heroism by both Suwannee County and Lafayette county sheriff's offices. Cameron served as dean of stu-

dents at Suwannee High School for seven years, and he has been active with the Police Athletic League for 12 years. Sheriff Cameron pledges to continue avidly working with P.A.L., the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, as well as all other youth of our community. He stands firmly that Suwannee County's future lies in the hands of its children.

Cameron is married to the former Melissa Williams, daughter of Ronald and Carolyn Williams. She is a teacher at Suwannee Middle School. Cameron has three children: Brandy, Bo Garret and Denver. He also has two grandchildren. Cameron's school-aged children attend Suwannee County public schools, and the family attends church at First Baptist Church in Live Oak.

Through Cameron's career, he has maintained an open-door policy to the people. He has always been available to the citizens he

serves. Whether meeting in his office or on your front porch, he has and will continue to listen to your concerns.

Cameron strongly believes that the sheriff must be accountable to the public, spending tax dollars wisely, while providing public safety and equal service to all citizens. Sheriff Cameron has eliminated useless spending by removing unnecessary vehicles from service, purchasing more economical patrol cars, and zoning the county. These efforts have saved the taxpayers thousands of dollars in fuel, maintenance, and insurance costs.

"I take fiscal responsibility very seriously. Not only have I worked within our budget, but I have been able to return a portion of our funds to the Board of County Commissioners each year," explains Cameron.

Sheriff Cameron has a strong work ethic, and he leads the

sheriff's office by example. He believes in everyone rolling up their sleeves and solving problems.

"From deputies to dispatchers and correctional officers to office personnel, everyone is willing to go above and beyond the call of duty to serve our community. I am honored to lead the fine men and women of our sheriff's office as they protect and serve you every day," said Cameron.

As an accessible, accountable leader, Cameron has the skills, the education, the courage, and the dedication for effective, continued service as our sheriff.

"Suwannee County deserves the best. Our community is entitled to effective, honorable law enforcement," said Cameron. "My priorities remain simple - public safety and service to you. On Nov. 6, please vote for and reelect your sheriff, Tony Cameron."

## Lions Club Charity Horseshoe Tournament set for Saturday

By Bryant Thigpen  
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Get ready, get set, it's time for the Lions Club's Second Annual Charity Horseshoe Tournament that is set to take place this Saturday, Sept. 29 at the First Federal Sportsplex in Live Oak. Competitors can register at 8 a.m. prior to the games starting at 9 a.m.

One hundred percent of the proceeds raised during this event stays in Suwannee County. The mission of the club is to help those who are financially inca-

pable of paying for an eye exam or glasses. In 2011 alone, the Lions Club provided over 100 eye glasses to residents of Suwannee County. The club also provides testing and hearing aids to those who qualify.

"I encourage everyone to come out and support this great cause," said Lions Club member, Wyatt O'Neal. "We want to help as many people as we can."

Entry fees for the tournament are \$25 per person or \$50 per team, and a meal is included in the fee.



First place winner will receive \$200 plus a trophy. The team that places second will win \$100 and the third place winner will walk away with \$50.

Bring the whole family and enjoy a day of fun in the sun. For more infor-

mation, please call Wyatt O'Neal at 386-362-2986 or 386-209-4109. You may also call Suwannee Parks & Recreation at 386-362-3004. The Lions Club is seeking used horseshoes. Please call for details.



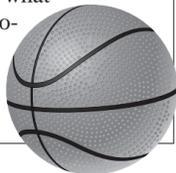
Kailah with her trophies following a recent pageant where she met Honey Boo Boo. Courtesy photo

## Harlem Legends basketball game ticket winners



Lucky us! We located all of the basketballs in the Harlem Legends basketball game contest in the *Suwannee Democrat* and won two free tickets. Photo at left: Phyllis Klitzkie and photo above: *Suwannee Democrat* circulation team member Jennifer Newham presents Lillie Perry her two tickets. Also winning tickets are: Dimple Brown and Vickie Morse.

Readers! Here's one more opportunity to win two tickets! Be the first person to call 386-362-1734 and tell the operator what page you saw this story on and you will win two tickets to Saturday's game.



## County raises millage tax by half percent

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for the catalyst site that could be home to Klausner Lumber One, LLC. At 5:15 p.m., the commissioners stepped away from Klausner talk long enough to hold the final financial hearing. The board approved a new millage rate that would increase last year's rate of 8.0 percent to 8.5 percent.

"The first proposed millage rate was 9 mills, but we decided on 8.5 mills which is only a slight increase," Chairman Wesley Wainwright told the *Democrat*. "Overall, it's a 3.06 percent increase in ad valorem taxes over last year's rate in actual dollars that will be collected."

## Local beauty queen meets Honey Boo Boo

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Cochran, Georgia. This is where she met Alana Thompson, 7, better known as Honey Boo Boo of TLC's reality show *Here Comes Honey Boo Boo*. TLC was at the pageant shooting for tonight's season finale of the show which airs at 10 p.m. on TLC. You may even catch a glimpse of Kailah.

Michelle Henderson, Kailah's mom, said that Kailah won first place in her age division and Honey Boo Boo got second place.

"She was a sweet little girl. Very down-to-earth and blended in with the rest of the girls," said Michelle of Honey Boo Boo. "Kailah and her were chit-chatting backstage."

Michelle said that Kailah has been in over 25 pageants and won first place in seven of them.

Kailah, better known as Boss Lady, is in the third grade and attends school at Shining Star Academy, a charter school located in Lake City.

"A lot of kids would bul-

ly her. I wanted her to do her (school)work. I told her, you're not here to make friends, but that's what she wanted to do. She's always trying to make friends," Michelle said. "Once the kids would get to know her, they loved her. She's a sweet little girl."

Michelle also said that some of the kids are a little intimidated by Kailah's height as she is already five feet.

"Whenever the other contestants see her name on the list for the contests, they say 'uh oh,'" laughed Michelle. "Her doctor says she's probably going to grow to be over six feet tall."

Michelle wanted to thank all her daughter's sponsors: Pastor Kathy Hawkins, her aunt, Dorothy Hawkins, Mary Potts and Jeff Scott of Cheek & Scott Drugs.

When asked if she thinks Kailah will continue with pageants into her teens, Michelle laughed, "Oh yeah. She's going to keep going."

## Shands Live Oak welcomes new CEO

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and medical technology from Louisiana Tech University and a master's degree in business administration from Northeast Louisiana University. After progressive health-care administration jobs, he was named Chief Operating Officer of Capital Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee in 2000. In this position, Huth oversaw all hospital ancillary operations while managing the construction, design and equipping of a new \$120 million, 200-bed replacement

facility. In 2009 Huth was named CEO at Doctor's Memorial Hospital in Perry. Despite a \$2 million debt, Huth's leadership and business acumen were directly responsible for the hospital's turning a profit of almost \$1 million the following year. His other accomplishments there included upgrading hospital equipment and services, recruiting new physicians and improving quality scores.

"As I have gained experience as an executive in different hospitals, I grew to appreciate the challenges and opportunities

that exist in rural areas. Shands Live Oak is one of those smaller hospitals with a commitment to providing excellent patient care and increasing its role in the community. The associates, physicians and volunteers in this hospital understand that their first priority is to meet the needs of its patients. I am honored to have the opportunity to expand our services to meet more of those needs. I am not only excited for my wife and me to be part of this growing community, but also to provide our neighbors the highest quali-

ty care so they do not have to travel outside Suwannee County for health services," Huth said.

Michael Fencel, president of Health Management Associates North Florida Division selected Huth for this important position.

"Richard has spent more than a decade demonstrating the kind of executive leadership needed to achieve success. From recruiting new physicians to rural areas, to increasing surgical volumes at his facilities, his leadership has always en-

hanced the quality of care available at his hospitals. With his love for rural communities, he is the perfect fit for Shands Live Oak and we are fortunate to add him to our team. We are confident Richard's expertise and professional skills will position Shands Live Oak to continue to grow and serve the community," Fencel said. Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center is located at 1100 SW 11th Street in Live Oak. For more information, please call 386-362-0800 or visit [shandsliveoak.com](http://shandsliveoak.com).

# Danceology Lyrical and jazz workshop

On Saturday, Aug. 4, Danceology hosted a Lyrical & Jazz workshop with guest instructor, Tom Alexander, of Washington, D.C. in their new facility on Helvenston Street.

Seventeen dancers from Live Oak and the surrounding areas attended and enjoyed an amazing day of dance. Dance-

ology owner Miss Shannon hopes to make this an annual event and thanks everyone who came to dance! Attending classes were: CaliAnn Daniel, Paisley Stapleton, Emma Herrington, Ashley Robinson, Maggie Forehand (Cross City), AnnMarie Scott, Joy Scott, Morgan Loadholtz, Cassie

Herring (Lake Park), Libby Young (Jasper), Susan Hill (Jacksonville), Carmen Gray, Rachel McCoy, Jamie Good, Ashton Harrell, Cara Seaman, Natalie Fina (Gainesville), and Becky Robinson, of Becky's Dance Steps in Madison.



Front row from left: CaliAnn Daniel, Paisley Stapleton, Emma Herrington, Ashley Robinson, Ashton Harrell and Joy Scott. Middle row from left: Natalie Fina, Katrina Sivyler, Morgan Loadholtz, AnnMarie Scott, Jamie Good and Maggie Forehand. Back row from left: Miss Shannon, Tom Alexander and Becky Robinson.



Front from left: Katrina Sivyler, Ashton Harrell, AnnMarie Scott and Cara Seaman. Middle from left: Carmen Gray, Morgan Loadholtz and Rachel McCoy. Back from left: Miss Shannon, Natalie Fina, Jamie Good, Tom Alexander, Cassie Herring, Libby Young, Susan Hill and Becky Robinson. Courtesy photos



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# SPORTS



The Maclay Marauder's offense shined in Friday night's game, racking up 45 points against the Buccaneer's defense.



## Rams down 'Dogs

Final score, 31-14



Sept. 21 was game four in the season for the Suwannee Bulldogs (2-2) when they took on the (1-3) Rutherford Rams during the Rams homecoming. The Rams won the game 31-14.



## Bucs conquered by Marauders



The air was filled with excitement as fans filled the stadium for a showdown featuring the Branford High Buccaneers (2-2) and the Maclay Marauders (1-2). Buccaneer fans enjoyed a day of festivities in celebration of their homecoming, but the party was soon crashed by the Marauders who walked out with a 45-7 win.

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The Rams won the coin toss and kick-off brought the ball to the 24 yard line for first and 10. They got to the 32 yard line and next play to the 38. Suwannee's Kyle Stebbins (23) caused them to lose yards so the Rams were pushed back to the 30 yard line. The Rams had an incomplete pass as Kody Mercer (45) pressured the Rams' quarterback. The Rams had to punt and gave the 'Dogs good field position at the 47 yard line. Stebbins handed off to Denzel Washington and he picked up about 18 yards bringing the 'Dogs to the 29 yard line. Randy Waddy (5) was the carrier on the play and took it down to the 10 yard line. Washington was covered by Rams on the next play and picked up about a yard. The 'Dogs received an offsides penalty putting them back to the 15. Then the very next play, Washington took it in for a big touchdown. Trevor Ross (32) put the ball through for an extra point bringing the score to 7-0 Bulldogs.

The Rams then got the ball, but weren't able to move it down the field, so they punted back to the 'Dogs. They received the ball at about the 27 yard line. A flag

was thrown on the 'Dogs for holding and they're moved back to the 16 yard line with a first and 20. With four minutes and 27 seconds left in the first quarter, another flag was thrown at the 'Dogs for a personal foul bringing it to second down and 25. No more yards were gained for the 'Dogs. A couple of plays in and the ball was moving down the field for the Rams. They made it to the 23 yard line before taking it in for six. After the kick for the extra point, it was a tied game. With nine minutes and 36 seconds left in the second quarter, the 'Dogs fumbled the ball and the Rams picked it up and ran it in for another touchdown. After the extra point kick, the score was 14-7 with Rams on top. After the kick, it was a touchback to the 20 and the 'Dogs had the ball. They weren't able to get any real yardage and the ball was back to the Rams. The Rams were known for more of a passing game this season, but they kept running the ball. Then ironically, the next play was a pass play and their receiver ran it in for yet another Rams touchdown. After the extra point kick, the score was 21-7 Rams. The 'Dogs got one play in after the kick and

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To begin the first quarter, the Buccaneers kicked off to the Marauders beginning their drive at their own 30 yard line. Two minutes into the game, the Marauders fumbled the ball, which was recovered by the Buc's Dillon Whitfield. The Buc's fumbled the ball on their possession giving Maclay an accepted invitation for a touchdown with 5:37 left in the quarter. The Buccaneers went four and out on their next possession allowing the visiting team to take over on the Buc's 47 yard line. With 2:16 left to play in the first quarter, Maclay ran the ball into the end zone for another score, now leading 14-0. Four minutes into the second quarter, the Marauders find the end zone once again for their third touchdown in the competition. During the Buccaneer's next possession, the offense drove the ball for several first downs, but were unable to convert and punt the ball to the Marauders. Taking over at their own 36 yard line, the home team's defense took a stand and forced the Marauders to go four and out, leaving the score at 21-0 before halftime. Branford got the ball to start the second

half. Starting at their own 28 yard line, the Buccaneers showed signs of a comeback driving the ball down the field. A couple of big plays ended with Nick Edington walking into the end zone for a Buccaneer touchdown. With the Buccaneers clawing to get back into the game, the visiting team kept fighting back, scoring another touchdown (28-7). The Buc's went four and out and punted the ball to the Marauders, who walk the ball into the end zone once again with 5:15 left on the clock. Branford went four and out and ended the third quarter with Maclay behind the steering wheel. The defense held the team from Tallahassee to just a field goal to begin the fourth quarter, putting the home team in a 38-7 deficit. The Buc's began with a fresh set of downs at their own 20 yard line, but capped their drive with an interception that gave Maclay the ball at the Buc's 28 yard line. The Marauders rushed the ball into the end zone for the final score of the game, walking out with a 45-7 win over the Buccaneers. The Buccaneers will have an off week before they travel for a series of games. Their next home game will be on Friday night, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

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Denzel Washington (25) takes it in for six points.



Coach Roy Harden chats with the Buccaneers.



This Bulldog holds on for more yards. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)



The Bucs at the line of scrimmage. - Photos: Bryant Thigpen

## SHS volleyball

SHS @ Hamilton County  
Sept. 18  
Game 1: 25-22 (SHS)  
Game 2: 25-17 (Hamilton)  
Game 3: 25-18 (Hamilton)  
Game 4: 25-12 (Hamilton)

JV  
Game 1: 25-22 (SHS)  
Game 2: 25-19 (SHS)  
  
SHS @ Rickards  
District game  
Sept. 20  
Game 1: 25-21 (SHS)  
Game 2: 25-18 (SHS)  
Game 3: 25-14 (SHS)



Sienna Johnson (4) gets ready to hit the ball back as Chelsea McKire (44) watches on the JV team. - Photos: Paul Buchanan

SPORTS

# SHS swim team

The Suwannee High School swim team has had four meets so far this season. The boys team has won one meet and the girls none.

"This is due to the small size of the team," said coach Doug Morgan. "We have seven girls and nine boys. The team has had many first place finishes this year."

Morgan said that three girls are close in scores for

most valuable player - Linzey Cross, Stacey Lovell and Denver Carman. Three boys are close to MVP as well - Zach Hill, Zach Wiggins and Caleb Smart. Hill set a new Suwannee High record for the 200 freestyle in the last race.

Suwannee took on Florida High on Monday and will host Baker High on Oct. 4 at 5 p.m.

# SHS volleyball



Fallon Ratliff in action at a recent match. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

# Rams down 'Dogs Final score, 31-14



Bulldogs team together to take down this Ram.

**Today's Weather**  
**Local 3-Day Forecast**

Wed 9/26	Thu 9/27	Fri 9/28
<b>88/68</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>88/67</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>88/67</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.
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Frank Smith (59) makes sure this Ram isn't going anywhere. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Children's Medical Center would like to announce that the Branford location at 122 SW Suwannee Avenue, Branford, FL will be merging with our Live Oak and Lake City locations as of September 30, 2012. Branford patients may choose which location to take their children to. Please call the Live Oak location at (386) 364-8050 or our Lake City location at (386) 755-1546 to schedule your appointments. Records will be located at both sites. As always, we appreciate your business. 09/26, 10/03, 10, 17

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

CASE NO.: 11-104-CA

**CHARLI M. HENSLEY Plaintiff,**

v.

**ROBERT RAY COOK, and SARA ELIZABETH COOK Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PARTITION SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45.031**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an Final Order granting partition dated September 18, 2012, in Case No.: 11-104-CA of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Suwannee County, Florida, in which Charli M. Hensley is the Plaintiff and Robert Ray Cook and Sara Elizabeth Cook are the Defendants, I will Sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the front steps of the Suwannee County Courthouse at Live Oak, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. on November 20, 2012 the following described property:

*Parcel Number: 13-03S-12E 1026200.0051 (Lot 5S Pecan Ridge)*

*Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 3 S, Range 12 East, Suwannee County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: For a point of reference commence at the Northwest corner of said Southeast 1/4, thence run North 89 degrees 05'14" East along the North Line of said Southeast 1/4 a distance of 360.00 feet; thence run South 00 degrees 49'33" East, a distance of 1568.64 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run North 89 degrees 05'28" East, a distance of 1218.04 feet; thence run South 00 degrees 48'08" East, a distance of 360.00 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 05'28" West, a distance of 1217.89 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 49'33" West, a distance of 360.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 10.07 acres more or less. Reserving the West 30.00 feet of said Parcel for ingress and egress and utility purposes.*

**Indexing Instructions: Sec. 13, 73S, R12E SE1/4**

DATED this 20th day of September, 2012.

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

By: *Sharon Hale Deputy Clerk*

09/26, 10/03

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

CASE NO. 12-78-CP

**IN RE: ESTATE OF EMORY E. YARBROUGH, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of EMORY E. YARBROUGH, deceased, whose date of death was July 12, 2011, and whose social security number is 257 52-9505, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064. The names and addresses of the person giving notice and her attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is September 26, 2012.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice: */s/ Donna S. MacRae, Esquire Florida Bar No. 864730 Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. 334 NW Lake City Avenue Lake City, Florida 32055 (386) 752-5960*

Person Giving Notice: */s/ Frances R. Checkett 09/26, 10/03*

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

The Live Oak Police Department is seeking the owner of an undisclosed amount of U. S. currency that was recovered in the City of Live Oak by an Officer. Anyone wishing to claim said property should report to the Live Oak Police Department complete a Return Property Request stating the amount of the unclaimed currency, the bill denominations and the location it was lost. The person(s) who gives the correct information will be contacted by the Property Officer and arrangements will be made to collect the property. Any questions please contact Detective Justin Bates, Evidence and Property Custodian at 386-330-6697. 09/21, 26, 28

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

CASE NO. 12-267-CA

**ROBERT CARR, Plaintiff,**

v.

**TAYMI DIAZ, Defendant.**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Suwannee County, Florida:

**07-05S-15E LEG LOT 44 SEC A SUWANNEE RANCHETTES ORB 794 P 236 WD YR 2000 ORB 883 P 52 CWD YR 2001 NOTE RP#775888 & 889 YR 01**

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commonly known as 21003 49th Road, Lake City, Florida, has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Frederick J. Schutte, IV, Esquire, of the Law Offices of Frederick Schutte, Plaintiffs Attorney, whose legal mailing address is Post Office Box 6125, Live Oak, Florida 32064, Telephone 386-362-2030, within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication of this notice, October 22, 2012, and file the original with the Office of Clerk of Court, either before service on Plaintiff's Attorney or immediately thereafter. If you fail to answer timely, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2012.

**BARRY A. BAKER** Clerk of Court, Suwannee County 200 South Ohio Avenue Live Oak, Florida 32064

By: */s/ Sharon Hale Deputy Clerk*

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

CASE NO.: 12-288-CA

**JIM FEAN AUCTIONS, INC., a Florida corporation,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**MICHAEL LEE LAWRENCE, Deceased, the estate and heirs of MICHAEL LEE LAWRENCE, Deceased, by and through his known heirs, IKE LAWRENCE and BETTY Y. LAWRENCE, his surviving parents, ANITA HAYES, his surviving sister; and by and through any unknown heirs and creditors at law,**

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: All unknown parties claiming interest by, through, under or against MICHAEL LEE LAWRENCE, Deceased; and,

All unknown parties having or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in the property herein described.

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Suwannee County, Florida:

Lot 12, **FALCON CREST SUBDIVISION**, a subdivision as per the plat thereof, filed at Plat Book 1, page 414 of the Official Records of Suwannee County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to **WAYNE CARROLL**, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 1898, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, within 30 days from the first publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

**WITNESS** my hand and the seal of this Court on this 14th day of September, 2012.

(Court Seal) Barry A. Baker Clerk of the Court

By: *Sallie Part As Deputy Clerk*

09/26, 10/03

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

CASE NO. 2012-91-CA

**JUBILEE VENTURES, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**NADEGE S. JUSTE and ELIE MADEUS; et al,**

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 5, 2012 in the above referenced case in which JUBILEE VENTURES, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, is Plaintiff, and NADEGE S. JUSTE and ELIE MADEUS; unknown tenants; and other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property, and if a named Defendant is deceased, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the named or described Defendants, are Defendants, I, BARRY A. BAKER, Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Suwannee County Courthouse or such other location in the Suwannee County Courthouse in Live Oak, Florida, as I as the Clerk of the Court may designate at the time of sale, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 4th day of October, 2012, the following described property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Lot 14, Green Grasses South, a subdivision according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 505, Public Records of Suwannee County, Florida.

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

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

**[NOTE: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administrator, Post Office Box 1569, Lake City, Florida 32056-1569, Telephone: (386) 758-2163, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice or pleading, if you are hearing or voice impaired, please call: 1-800-955-8771.]**

**WITNESS** my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 7th day of September, 2012, at Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida.

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

By: */s/ Sharon Hale As Deputy Clerk*

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**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012 NOTICE OF ELECTION**

**I, Kenneth W. Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that an election will be held in each county in Florida, on November 6, 2012, for the ratification or rejection of proposed revisions to the constitution of the State of Florida.**

**NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 28 (Legislative)**

**Ballot Title: HEALTH CARE SERVICES. —**

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage; permit a person or an employer to purchase lawful health care services directly from a health care provider; permit a health care provider to accept direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; exempt persons, employers, and health care providers from penalties and taxes for paying directly or accepting direct payment for lawful health care services; and prohibit laws or rules from abolishing the private market for health care coverage of any lawful health care service. Specifies that the amendment does not affect which health care services a health care provider is required to perform or provide; affect which health care services are permitted by law; prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation; affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010; affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; or affect any general law passed by two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature, passed after the effective date of the amendment, provided such law states with specificity the public necessity justifying the exceptions from the provisions of the amendment. The amendment expressly provides that it may not be construed to prohibit negotiated provisions in insurance contracts, network agreements, or other provider agreements contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

**Full Text:** **ARTICLE I**

**DECLARATION OF RIGHTS SECTION 28. Health care services.—**

(a) Preserve the freedom of all residents of the state to provide for their own health care:

(1) A law or rule may not compel, directly or indirectly, any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage.

(2) A person or an employer may pay directly for lawful health care services and may not be required to pay penalties or taxes for paying directly for lawful health care services.

(b) The private market for health care coverage of any lawful health care service may not be abolished by law or rule.

(c) This section does not:

(1) Affect which health care services a health care provider is required to perform or provide.

(2) Affect which health care services are permitted by law.

(3) Prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation.

(4) Affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010.

(5) Affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services, except that this section may not be construed to prohibit any negotiated provision in any insurance contract, network agreement, or other provider agreement contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

(6) Affect any general law passed by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature after the effective date of this section, if the law states with specificity the public necessity that justifies an exception from this section.

(d) As used in this section, the term:

(1) "Compel" includes the imposition of penalties or taxes.

(2) "Direct payment" or "pay directly" means payment for lawful health care services without a public or private third party, not including an employer, paying for any portion of the service.

(3) "Health care system" means any public or private entity whose function or purpose is the management of, processing of, enrollment of individuals for, or payment of, health care services, health care data, or health care information for its participants.

(4) "Lawful health care services" means any health-related service or treatment to the extent that the service or treatment is permitted or not prohibited by law or regulation at the time the service or treatment is rendered, which may be provided by persons or businesses otherwise permitted to offer such services.

(5) "Penalties or taxes" means any civil or criminal penalty or fine, tax, salary or wage withholding or surcharge, or named fee with a similar effect established by law or rule by an agency established, created, or controlled by the government which is used to punish or discourage the exercise of rights protected under this section.

For purposes of this section only, the term "rule by an agency" may not be construed to mean any negotiated provision in any insurance contract, network agreement, or other provider agreement contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

**NO. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 (Legislative)**

**Ballot Title: VETERANS DISABLED DUE TO COMBAT INJURY; HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX DISCOUNT.—**

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VII of the Constitution to provide for the availability of the property discount on the homesteads of veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury to include those who were not Florida residents when they entered the military and schedule the amendment to take effect January 1, 2013.

**Full Text:** **ARTICLE VII**

**FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—**

(a) Every person who has the legal or

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equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 6 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable in the particular case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homesteaded property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service, the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residence at the time of entering military service; an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7-2006; is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

**ARTICLE XII**

**SCHEDULE**

**SECTION 32. Veterans disabled due to combat injury; homestead property tax discount.—**The amendment to subsection (e) of Section 6 of Article VII relating to the homestead property tax discount for veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury shall take effect January 1, 2013.

**NO. 3**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1 and 19 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32 (Legislative)**

**Ballot Title: STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE LIMITATION.—**

**Ballot Summary:** This proposed amendment to the State Constitution replaces the existing state revenue limitation based on Florida personal income growth with a new state revenue limitation based on inflation and population changes. Under the amendment, state revenues, as defined in the amendment, collected in excess of the revenue limitation must be deposited into the budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches its maximum balance, and thereafter shall be used for the support and maintenance of public schools by reducing the minimum financial effort required by school districts for participation in a state-funded education finance program, or, if the minimum financial effort is no longer required, returned to the taxpayers. The Legislature may increase the state revenue limitation through a bill approved by a super majority vote of each house of the Legislature. The Legislature may also submit a proposed increase in the state revenue limitation to the voters.

The legislature must implement this proposed amendment by general law. The amendment will take effect upon approval by the electors and will first apply to the 2014-2015 state fiscal year.

**Full Text:** **ARTICLE VII**

**FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 1. Taxation; appropriations; state expenses; state revenue limitation.—**

(a) No tax shall be levied except in pursuance of law. No state ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon real estate or tangible personal property. All other forms of taxation shall be preempted to the state except as provided by general law.

(b) Motor vehicles, boats, airplanes, trailers, trailer coaches and mobile homes, as defined by law, shall be subject to a license tax for their operation in the amounts and for the purposes prescribed by law, but shall not be subject to ad valorem taxes.

(c) No money shall be drawn from the treasury except in pursuance of appropriation made by law.

(d) Provision shall be made by law for raising sufficient revenue to defray the expenses of the state for each fiscal period.

(e) Except as provided herein, state revenues collected for any fiscal year shall be limited to state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year plus an adjustment for growth. As used in this subsection, "growth" means an amount equal to the average annual rate of growth in Florida personal income over the most recent twenty quarters times the state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year. For the 1996-1997 fiscal year, state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year shall equal the state revenues collected for the 1994-1995 fiscal year. Florida personal income shall be determined by the legislature, from information available from the United States Department of Commerce or its successor on the beginning of the fiscal year. State revenues collected for any fiscal year in excess of the limitation shall be transferred to the budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches the maximum balance spe-

elled in Section 19(g) of Article III, and thereafter shall be refunded to taxpayers as provided by general law. State revenues allowed under this subsection for any fiscal year may be increased by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature in a separate bill that contains no other subject and that sets forth the dollar amount by which the state revenues allowed will be increased. The vote may not be taken less than seventy-two hours after the third reading of the bill. For purposes of this subsection, "state revenues" means taxes, fees, licenses, and charges for services imposed by the legislature on individuals, businesses, or agencies outside state government. However, the term "state revenues" does not include: revenues that are necessary to meet the requirements set forth in documents authorizing the issuance of bonds by the state for bonds issued before July 1, 2012; revenues that are used to provide matching funds for the federal Medicaid program with the exception of the revenues used to support the Public Medical Assistance Trust Fund or its successor program and with the exception of state matching funds used to fund optional expansions made after July 1, 1994; proceeds from the state lottery returned as prizes; receipts of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund and Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; receipts of public universities and colleges; balances carried forward from prior fiscal years; taxes, fees, licenses, fees, and charges for services imposed by local, regional, or school district governing bodies; or revenue from taxes, fees, licenses, fees, and charges for services authorized by any amendment or revision to this constitution after May 6, 2011.

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**SCHEDULE**

**SECTION 32. State revenue limitation.—**The amendment to Section 1 and the creation of Section 19 (Homestead VII) revising the state revenue limitation, and this section take effect upon approval by the electors and apply beginning in the 2014-2015 state fiscal year.

**NO. 4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 4, 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTIONS 27, 32, 33 (Legislative)**

**Ballot Title: PROPERTY TAX LIMITATIONS; PROPERTY VALUE DECLINE; REDUCTION FOR NONHOMESTEAD ASSESSMENT INCREASES; DELAY OF SCHEDULED REPEAL.—**

**Ballot Summary:**

(1) This would amend Florida Constitution Article VII, Section 4 (Taxation; assessments and Section 6 (Homestead VII) exemptions). It also would amend Article XII, Section 27, and add Sections 32 and 33, relating to the Schedule for the amendments.

(2) In certain circumstances, the law requires the assessed value of homestead and specified nonhomestead property to increase when the just value of the property decreases. Therefore, this amendment provides that the Legislature may, by general law, provide that the assessment of homestead and specified nonhomestead property may not increase if the just value of that property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding January 1, subject to any adjustment in the assessed value due to changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property which are assessed as provided for by general law. This amendment takes effect upon approval by the voters. If approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013.

(3) This amendment reduces from 10 percent to 5 percent the limitation on annual changes in assessments of non-homestead real property. This amendment takes effect upon approval of the voters. If approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, takes effect January 1, 2013.

(4) This amendment also authorizes general law to provide, subject to conditions specified in such law, an additional homestead exemption to every person who establishes the right to receive the homestead exemption provided in the Florida Constitution within 1 year after purchasing the homestead property and who has not

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tially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**b.** The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property assessed as provided in paragraph (5), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding January 1.

(2) An assessment may not exceed just value.

(3) After a general change of ownership, as provided by any law, homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 of the following year, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) New homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 of the year following the establishment of the homestead, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. That assessment shall only change only as provided in this subsection.

(5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law. However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(6) In the event of a termination of homestead status, the property shall be assessed as provided by general law.

(7) The provisions of this subsection amendment are severable. If a provision any of the provisions of this subsection amendment shall be held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of the court does not affect or impair any remaining provisions of this subsection amendment.

(8)a. A person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2009, or January 1 of any subsequent year and who has received a homestead exemption pursuant to Section 6 of this Article as of January 1 of either of the 2 two years immediately preceding the establishment of a new homestead is entitled to have the property assessed at less than just value. If the revision is approved in January of 2009, a person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2008, is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value only if that person received a homestead exemption on January 1, 2007. The assessed value of the newly established homestead shall be determined as follows:

1. If the just value of the new homestead is greater than or equal to the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be the just value of the new homestead minus an amount equal to the lesser of \$500,000 or the difference between the just value and the assessed value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

2. If the just value of the new homestead is less than the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be equal to the just value of the prior homestead divided by the just value of the prior homestead and multiplied by the assessed value of the prior homestead. However, if the difference between the just value of the new homestead and the assessed value of the new homestead calculated pursuant to this sub-subparagraph is greater than \$500,000, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be increased so that the difference between the just value and the assessed value equals \$500,000. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

b. By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the legislature shall provide for application of this paragraph to property owned by more than one person.

(e) The legislature may, by general law, for assessment purposes and subject to the provisions of this subsection, allow counties and municipalities to authorize by ordinance that historic property may be assessed solely on the basis of character or use. Such character or use assessment shall apply only to the jurisdiction adopting the ordinance. The requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law.

(f) A county may, in the manner prescribed by general law, provide for a reduction in the assessed value of a homestead property to the extent of any increase in the assessed value of that property which results from the construction or reconstruction of the property for the purpose of providing living quarters for one or more natural or adoptive grandparents or parents of the owner of the property or of the owner's spouse if at least one of the grandparents or parents for whom the living quarters are provided is 65 years of age or older. Such a reduction may not exceed the lesser of the following:

(1) The increase in assessed value resulting from construction or reconstruction of the property.

(2) Twenty percent of the total assessed value of the property as improved.

(g) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of residential real property, as defined by general law, which contains nine units or fewer and which is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law. However, but those changes in assessments may not exceed 5 ten percent (40%) of the assessment for the prior year. The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (4), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law.

(2) An assessment may not exceed just value.

(3) After a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of a legal entity that owns the property, such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law. However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(h) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of real property that is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law. However, but those changes in assessments may not exceed 5 ten percent (40%) of the assessment for the prior year. The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (5), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law.

(2) An assessment may not exceed just value.

(3) The legislature must provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a qualifying improvement, as defined by general law, is made to such property. Thereafter, such property shall be as-

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essed as provided in this subsection.

(4) The legislature may provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of the legal entity that owns the property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law. However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(i) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes:

(1) Any change or improvement made for the purpose of improving the property's resistance to wind damage.

(2) The installation of a renewable energy source device.

(j)(1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property.

a. Land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes.

b. Land that is accessible to the public and used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable.

c. Marinas and drystacks that are open to the public.

d. Water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities.

(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of \$25,000 twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than \$50,000 fifty thousand dollars and up to \$75,000 seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of 98 ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to an assessment roll until such roll is made in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent tenants, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding \$50,000 fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age 65 sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed \$20,000 twenty thousand dollars. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was equal or better than the disability of a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the applicant is denied the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

(f) As provided by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, every person who establishes the right to receive the homestead exemption provided in subsection (a) within 1 year after purchasing the homestead property and who has not owned property in the previous 3 calendar years to which the homestead exemption provided in subsection (a) applied is entitled to an additional homestead exemption for all levies except school district levies. The additional exemption shall apply for a period of 5 years or until the year the property is sold, whichever occurs first. The amount of the additional exemption shall be reduced in each subsequent year by an amount equal to 20 percent of the amount of the additional exemption received in the year the homestead was established or by an amount equal to the difference between the just value of the property and the assessed value of the property determined under Section 4(d), whichever is greater. Not more than one exemption provided under this subsection shall be allowed per homestead property at one time. The additional exemption applies to property purchased on or after January 1, 2011, if this amendment is approved at the 2012 general election, but the additional exemption is not available in the sixth and subsequent years after it is first received.

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### SCHEDULE

SECTION 27. Property tax exemptions and limitations on property tax assessments.—The amendments to Sections 3, 4, and 6 of Article VII, providing a \$25,000 exemption for tangible personal property, providing an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption, authorizing transfer of the accrued benefit from the limitations on the assessment of homestead property, and this section, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on January 29, 2008, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2008, or, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election, shall take effect January 1 of the year following such general election. The amendments to Section 4 of Article VII creating subsections (f) and (g) of that section, creating a limitation on annual assessment increases for specified real property, shall take effect upon approval of the electors and shall first limit assessments beginning January 1, 2009, if approved at a special election held on January 29, 2008, or shall first limit assessments beginning January 1, 2010, if approved at the general election held in November of 2008. Subsections (f) and (g) of Section 4 of Article VII, as amended, adopted as subsections (f) and (g), are repealed effective January 1, 2023 2019; however, the legislature shall by joint resolution propose an amendment abrogating the repeal of subsections (g) (f) and (h) (g), which shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the general election of 2022 2018 and, if approved, shall take effect January 1, 2023 2019.

SECTION 32. Property assessments.—This section and the amendment of Section 4 of Article VII addressing homestead and specified non-homestead property having a declining just value and reducing the limit on the maximum annual increase in the assessed value of nonhomestead property, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013.

SECTION 33. Additional homestead exemption for owners of homestead property who do not own homestead property.—This section and the amendment to Section 6 of Article VII providing for an additional homestead exemption for owners of homestead property who have not owned homestead property during the 3 calendar years immediately preceding purchase of the current homestead property, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, and the additional homestead exemption shall be available for properties purchased on or after January 1, 2011, or if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013.

### NO. 5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 2, 11, AND 12 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: STATE COURTS.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing a revision of Article V of the State Constitution relating to the judiciary.

The State Constitution authorizes the Supreme Court to adopt rules for the practice and procedure in all courts. The constitution further provides that a rule of court may be repealed by a general law enacted by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature. This proposed constitutional revision eliminates the requirement that a general law repealing a rule of court pass by a two-thirds vote of each house, thereby providing that the Legislature may repeal a rule of court by a general law approved by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature that expresses the policy behind the repeal. The court could repeal the rule in conformity with the public policy expressed by the Legislature, but the Legislature's determination of a rule has been repealed and repeals the repealed rule. This proposed revision prohibits the court from further readopting the repealed rule without the Legislature's prior approval. Under current law, rules of the judicial nominating commissions and the Judicial Qualifications Commission may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature. This proposed revision, a vote to repeal those rules is changed to repeal by general law enacted by a majority vote of the legislators present.

Under current law, the Governor appoints a justice of the Supreme Court from a list of nominees provided by a judicial nominating commission, and appointments by the Governor are not subject to confirmation by the Legislature. The Senate confirmation of a justice by the Supreme Court before the appointee can take office. If the Senate votes not to confirm the appointment, the judicial nominating commission must reconvene and may not reappoint any person whose prior appointment to fill the same vacancy was not confirmed by the Senate. For the purpose of confirmation, the Senate may meet at any time. If the Senate fails to vote on the appointment of a justice within 90 days, the justice will be deemed confirmed and will take office.

The Judicial Qualifications Commission is an independent commission created by the State Constitution to investigate and prosecute before the Florida Supreme Court alleged misconduct by a justice or judge. Currently under the constitution, commission proceedings are confidential until formal charges are filed by the investigative panel of the commission. Once formal charges are filed, the formal charges and all further proceedings of the commission are public. Currently, the constitution authorizes the House of Representatives to impeach a justice or judge. Further, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may request, and the Judicial Qualifications Commission must make available, all information in the commission's possession for use in deciding whether to impeach a justice or judge. This proposed revision requires the commission to make all of its files available to the Speaker of the House of Representatives but provides that such files would remain confidential during any investigation by the House of Representatives and until such information is used in the pursuit of an impeachment of a justice or judge. This revision also removes the power of the Governor to request files of the Judicial Qualifications Commission to conform to a prior constitutional change.

This revision also makes technical and clarifying additions and deletions relating to the selection of chief judges of a circuit and relating to the Judicial Qualifications Commission, and makes other nonsubstantive conforming and technical changes in the judicial article of the constitution.

Full Text: ARTICLE V JUDICIARY

SECTION 2. Administration; practice and procedure.—

(a) The supreme court shall adopt rules for the practice and procedure in all courts including the time for seeking appellate review. The administrative servicing of all courts, the transfer to the court having jurisdiction of any proceeding where the jurisdiction of another court has

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been inappropriately invoked, and a requirement that no cause shall be dismissed because an improper remedy has been sought. The supreme court shall adopt rules to allow it the court and the district courts of appeal to submit questions relating to military law to the federal Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for an advisory opinion. Rules of court may be repealed by general law that expresses the policy behind the repeal enacted by the legislature. The repeal of each house of the legislature. The court may readopt the repealed rule only in conformity with the public policy expressed by the legislature. If the legislature determines that a rule has been readopted and repeals the readopted rule, the rule may not be readopted thereafter without prior approval of the legislature.

(b) The chief justice of the supreme court shall be chosen by a majority of the members of the court; shall be the chief administrative officer of the judicial system; and shall have the power to assign justices or judges, including consenting retired justices or judges, to temporary duty in any court for which the judge is qualified and to delegate to a chief judge of a judicial circuit the power to assign judges for duty in that circuit.

(c) A chief judge of each district court of appeal shall be chosen by a majority of the judges thereof or, if there is no majority, by the chief justice. The chief judge shall be responsible for the administrative supervision of the court.

(d) A chief judge in each circuit shall be chosen from among the circuit judges as provided by supreme court rule. The chief judge of a circuit shall be responsible for the administrative supervision of the circuit courts and county courts in the circuit.

SECTION 11. Vacancies.—

(a) Whenever a vacancy occurs in a judicial office to which election for retention applies, the governor shall fill the vacancy by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission.

(b) The governor shall fill each vacancy on a circuit court or on a county court, wherein the judges are elected by a majority vote of the electors, by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next primary and general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission. An election shall be held to fill that judicial office for the term of the office beginning at the end of the appointed term.

(c) The nominations shall be made within thirty days from the occurrence of a vacancy unless the period is extended by law. The governor shall not exceed thirty days. The governor shall make the appointment within sixty days after the nominations have been certified to the governor.

(d) Each appointment of a justice of the supreme court is subject to confirmation by the senate. The senate may sit for the purpose of confirmation regardless of whether the house of representatives is in session. If the senate fails to vote on the appointment of a justice within 90 days, the justice shall be deemed confirmed. If the senate votes not to confirm the appointment, the supreme court judicial nominating commission shall reconvene as though a new vacancy had occurred but may not reappoint any person whose prior appointment to fill the same vacancy was not confirmed by the senate. The appointment of a justice is effective upon confirmation by the senate. (e)(f) There shall be a separate judicial nominating commission as provided by general law for the supreme court, one for each district court of appeal, and one for each judicial circuit for all trial courts within the circuit. Uniform rules of procedure shall be established by the judicial nominating commissions at each level of the court system. Such rules, or any part thereof, may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the legislature; or by the supreme court, five justices concurring. Except for deliberations of the judicial nominating commissions, the proceedings of the commissions and their records shall be open to the public.

SECTION 12. Discipline; removal and retirement.—

(a) JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION—A judicial qualifications commission is created.

(1) There shall be a judicial qualifications commission vested with jurisdiction to investigate and recommend to the Supreme Court of Florida the removal from office of any justice or judge whose conduct, during term of office or otherwise, occurring on or after November 1, 1966, (without regard to the effective date of this section) demonstrates a need to be removed from office, and to investigate and recommend the discipline of a justice or judge whose conduct, during term of office or otherwise occurring on or after November 1, 1966 (without regard to the effective date of this section), warrants such discipline. For purposes of this section, discipline is defined as any or all of the following: reprimand, fine, suspension, or removal from office. The discipline. The commission shall have jurisdiction over justices and judges regarding allegations that misconduct occurred before or during service as a justice or judge. The commission shall have jurisdiction regarding allegations of incapacity during service as a justice or judge. The commission shall be composed of:

1. Four judges,

2. Two members of the bar of Florida, and

3. Three non-lawyers.

c. The hearing panel shall be composed of:

1. Two judges,

2. Two members of the bar of Florida, and

3. Two non-lawyers.

d. Membership on the panels may rotate every two years. The rules of the commission provided that no member shall vote as a member of the investigative and hearing panel on the same proceeding.

e. The commission shall hire separate staff for each panel.

f. The members of the commission shall serve for staggered terms of six years.

g.—The terms of office of the present members of the judicial qualifications commission shall expire upon the effective date of the amendments to this section approved by the legislature during the regular session of the legislature in 1996 and new members shall be appointed to serve the following staggered terms:

1. Group I.—The terms of five members, composed of two electors as set forth in s.—12(a)(1)c.—of Article V, one member of the bar of Florida as set forth in s.—12(a)(1)d.—of Article V, one circuit judge and one county judge as set forth in s.—12(a)(1)e.—of Article V shall expire on December 31, 1998.

2. Group II.—The terms of five members, composed of one elector as set forth in s.—12(a)(1)c.—of Article V, two members of the bar of Florida as set forth in s.—12(a)(1)d.—of Article V, one circuit judge and one county judge as set forth in s.—12(a)(1)e.—of Article V shall expire on December 31, 2002.

g.h.—An appointment to fill a vacancy of the commission shall be for the remainder of the term.

h.i.—Selection of members by district courts of appeal judges, circuit judges, and county court judges, shall be by no less than a majority of the members voting at the respective courts' conferences.

i.—Selection of members by the board of governors of the bar of Florida may be by no less than a majority of the board.

i.j.—The commission shall be entitled to recover the costs of investigation and prosecution, in addition to any penalty levied by the supreme court.

i.k.—The compensation of members and referees shall be the travel expenses or transportation and per diem allowance as provided by general law.

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(5) The commission shall have access to all information from all executive, legislative and judicial agencies, including grand juries, subject to the rules of the commission. At any time, on request of the speaker of the house of representatives or the governor, the commission shall make available to the house of representatives all information in the possession of the commission, which information shall remain confidential during any investigation and until such information is used in the pursuit for use in consideration of impeachment or suspension, respectively.

(b) PANELS.—The commission shall be divided into an investigative panel and a hearing panel as established by rule of the commission. The investigative panel is vested with the jurisdiction to receive or initiate complaints, conduct investigations, dismiss complaints, and upon a vote of a simple majority of the panel submit formal charges to the hearing panel. The hearing panel is vested with the authority to receive and hear formal charges from the investigative panel and upon a two-thirds vote of the panel recommend to the supreme court the removal of a justice or judge or the involuntary retirement of a justice or judge for any permanent disability that seriously interferes with the performance of judicial duties. Upon a simple majority that seriously interferes with the hearing panel, the panel may recommend to the supreme court that the justice or judge be subject to appropriate discipline.

(c) SUPREME COURT.—The supreme court shall receive recommendations from the judicial qualifications commission's hearing panel.

(1) The supreme court may accept, reject, or modify in whole or in part the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the commission and it may order that the justice or judge be subjected to appropriate discipline, or be removed from office with termination of compensation for willful or persistent failure to perform judicial duties or for other conduct unbecoming a member of the judiciary demonstrating a present unfitness to hold office, and be involuntarily retired for any permanent disability that seriously interferes with the performance of judicial duties. Malfeasance, scienter or moral turpitude on the part of a justice or judge shall not be required for removal from office of a justice or judge whose conduct demonstrates a present unfitness to hold office. After the filing of a formal proceeding and upon request of the investigative panel, the supreme court may suspend the justice or judge from office, with or without compensation, pending final determination of the inquiry.

(2) The supreme court may award costs to the prevailing party.

(d) REMOVAL POWER.—The power of removal conferred by this section shall be both alternative and cumulative to the power of impeachment.

(e) PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING SUPREME COURT JUSTICE.—Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this section, the existing rules of the subject of proceedings by the judicial qualifications commission is a justice of the supreme court of Florida all justices of such court automatically shall be disqualified to sit as justices of such court with respect to all proceedings therein concerning such person and the supreme court for such purposes shall be composed of a panel consisting of the seven chief judges of the judicial circuits of the state of Florida, the next senior in tenure of judicial office as circuit judge. For purposes of determining seniority of such circuit judges in the event there be judges of equal tenure in judicial office as circuit judge the judge or judges from the lower numbered circuit or circuits shall be deemed senior. In the event any such chief circuit judge is under investigation by the judicial qualifications commission or is otherwise disqualified or unable to serve on the panel, the next most senior chief circuit judge or judges shall serve in place of such disqualified or disabled chief circuit judge.

(f) SCHEDULE TO SECTION 12.—

(1) Except to the extent inconsistent with the provisions of this section, all provisions of law and rules of court in force on the effective date of this article shall continue in effect until superseded in the manner authorized by the constitution.

(2) This section shall become effective and until adopted by rule of the commission consistent with it:

a. The commission shall be divided, as determined by the chairperson, into one investigative panel and one hearing panel to meet the responsibilities set forth in this section.

b. The investigative panel shall be composed of:

1. Four judges,

2. Two members of the bar of Florida, and

3. Three non-lawyers.

c. The hearing panel shall be composed of:

1. Two judges,

2. Two members of the bar of Florida, and

3. Two non-lawyers.

d. Membership on the panels may rotate every two years. The rules of the commission provided that no member shall vote as a member of the investigative and hearing panel on the same proceeding.

e. The commission shall hire separate staff for each panel.

f. The members of the commission shall serve for staggered terms of six years.

g.—The terms of office of the present members of the judicial qualifications commission shall expire upon the effective date of the amendments to this section approved by the legislature during the regular session of the legislature in 1996 and new members shall be appointed to serve the following staggered terms:

1. Group I.—The terms of five members, composed of two electors as set forth in s.—12(a)(1)c.—of Article V, one member of the bar of Florida as set forth in s.—12(a)(1)d.—of Article V, one circuit judge and one county judge as set forth in s.—12(a)(1)e.—of Article V shall expire on December 31, 1998.

2. Group II.—The terms of five members, composed of one elector as set forth in s.—12(a)(1)c.—of Article V, two members of the bar of Florida as set forth in s.—12(a)(1)d.—of Article V, one circuit judge and one county judge as set forth in s.—12(a)(1)e.—of Article V shall expire on December 31, 2002.

g.h.—An appointment to fill a vacancy of the commission shall be for the remainder of the term.

h.i.—Selection of members by district courts of appeal judges, circuit judges, and county court judges, shall be by no less than a majority of the members voting at the respective courts' conferences.

i.—Selection of members by the board of governors of the bar of Florida may be by no less than a majority of the board.

i.j.—The commission shall be entitled to recover the costs of investigation and prosecution, in addition to any penalty levied by the supreme court.

i.k.—The compensation of members and referees shall be the travel expenses or transportation and per diem allowance as provided by general law.

### NO. 6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 28 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: PROHIBITION ON PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTIONS; CONSTRUCTION OF ABORTION RIGHTS.—

Ballot Summary: This proposed amendment provides that public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This prohibition does not

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apply to an expenditure required by federal law, a case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would place her in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, or a case of rape or incest. This proposed amendment provides that the State Constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution. With respect to abortion, this proposed amendment overrules court decisions which conclude that the right of privacy under Article I, Section 23 of the State Constitution is broader in scope than that of the United States Constitution.

Full Text: ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS SECTION 28. Prohibition on public funding of abortions; construction of abortion rights.—

(a) Public funds may

# Rams down 'Dogs Final score, 31-14



Denzel Washington (25) scores an 87-yard touchdown.



The Bulldogs take down a Ram.

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that brought the first half to an end with the score 21-7 Rams.

During the Rutherford homecoming festivities, the lights went out at Tommy Oliver Stadium. It was pitch black except for the fans' cell phones casting their light. There was no mention why, but the third quarter was delayed during this time. The game was delayed by about 20 minutes due to the outage, but finally light was restored.

The third quarter and 'Dogs had possession, but things weren't looking any better. Each play they lost yards and decided to punt. Rams got the ball and plugged away till they got to the 'Dogs 46 yard line and kicked a field goal bringing the score to 24-7, Rams. A couple of plays in for the 'Dogs and Stebbins got the ball to Washington and he ran an incredible 87 yards for a touchdown. After Ross kicked the extra point, the score was 24-14, Rams. The 'Dogs second touchdown momentum

seemed short-lived as a couple of plays later, the Rams took the ball 85 yards in for another touchdown. With about 53 seconds left in the third, the Rams kicked the extra point bringing the score to 31-14.

The 'Dogs got the ball but couldn't seem to gain any momentum to move it down field, so it's punt time again. Rams got the ball and started little by little moving it down field. At third down, Eric Walker (20) made a great tackle that stopped the Rams from getting a first down. There was seven minutes and 36 seconds left in the fourth and the Rams had to punt. The 'Dogs were able to make some good yardage, but with just third and three for a first down, they fumbled the ball. The Rams picked it up. It was their ball, but they were unable to move it down field. With three minutes and 33 seconds left in the game, the Rams had to kick. The 'Dogs got the ball at about their five yard line, but the clock kept running till the final buzzer and the game ended with the Rutherford Rams winning with a 31-14 score.

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ent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

(f) By general law and subject to conditions and limitations specified therein, the Legislature may provide ad valorem tax relief equal to the total amount or a portion of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property to the:

- (1) Surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces.
- (2) Surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty.
- (3) As used in this subsection and as further defined by general law, the term, a "first responder" means a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic.

"In the line of duty" means arising out of and in the actual performance of duty required by employment as a first responder.

### ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE SECTION 32. Ad valorem tax relief for surviving spouses of veterans who died from service-connected causes and first responders who died in the line of duty.—This section and the amendment to Section 6 of Article VII permitting the legislature to provide ad valorem tax relief to surviving spouses of veterans who died from service-connected causes and first responders who died in the line of duty shall take effect January 1, 2013.

### NO. 10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to:

- (1) Provide an exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by counties, municipalities, school districts, and other local governments on tangible personal property if the assessed value of an owner's tangible personal property is greater than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000. This new exemption, if approved by the voters, will take effect on January 1, 2013, and apply to the 2013 tax roll and subsequent tax rolls.
- (2) Authorize a county or municipality for the purpose of its respective levy, and as provided by general law, to provide tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance. This is in addition to other statewide tangible personal property tax exemptions provided by the Constitution and this amendment.

**Full Text:** ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 3. Taxes; exemptions.— (a) All property owned by a municipality and used exclusively by it for municipal or

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public purposes shall be exempt from taxation. A municipality, owning property outside the municipality, may be required by general law to make payment to the taxing unit in which the property is located. Such portions of property as are used predominantly for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes may be exempted by general law from taxation.

(b) There shall be exempt from taxation, cumulatively, to every head of a family residing in this state, household goods and personal effects to the value fixed by general law, not less than one thousand dollars, and to every widow or widower or person who is blind or totally and permanently disabled, property to the value fixed by general law not less than five hundred dollars.

(c) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant community and economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses, as defined by general law. Such an exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality, and only after the electors of the county or municipality voting on such question in a referendum authorize the county or municipality to adopt such ordinances. An exemption so granted shall apply to improvements to real property made by or for the use of a new business and improvements to real property related to the expansion of an existing business and shall also apply to tangible personal property of such new business and tangible personal property related to the expansion of an existing business. The amount or limits of the amount of such exemption shall be specified by general law. The period of time for which such exemption may be granted to a new business or expansion of an existing business shall be determined by general law. The authority to grant such exemption shall expire ten years from the date of approval by the electors of the county or municipality, and may be renewed by referendum as provided by general law.

(d) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant historic preservation ad valorem tax exemptions to owners of historic properties. This exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality. The amount or limits of the amount of this exemption and the requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. The period of time for which this exemption may be granted to a property owner shall be determined by general law.

(e)(1) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, twenty-five thousand dollars of the assessed value of tangible personal property shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation. Tangible personal property is also exempt from ad valorem taxation if the assessed value of such property is greater than twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars.

(2) A county or municipality may, for the purposes of its respective tax levy, provide additional tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance, subject to this subsection and as provided in general law.

(f) There shall be granted an ad valorem tax exemption for real property dedicated in perpetuity for conservation purposes, including real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or by other perpetual conservation protections, as defined by general law.

(g) By general law and subject to the conditions specified therein, each person who receives a homestead exemption as provided in section 6 of this article; who was a member of the United States military or military reserves, the United States

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Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard; and who was deployed during the preceding calendar year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature shall receive an additional exemption equal to a percentage of the taxable value of his or her homestead property. The applicable percentage shall be calculated as the number of days during the preceding calendar year the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature divided by the number of days in that year.

### ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE SECTION 32. Tangible personal property ad valorem tax exemption.—The amendment to Section 3 of Article VII providing that property is exempt from tangible personal property tax if the assessed value of such property is greater than twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars shall take effect January 1, 2013, and applies to assessments for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

### NO. 11 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION; LOW-INCOME SENIORS WHO MAINTAIN LONG-TERM RESIDENCY ON PROPERTY; EQUAL TO ASSESSED VALUE.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law and subject to conditions set forth in the general law, to allow counties and municipalities to grant an additional homestead tax exemption equal to the assessed value of homestead property if the property has a just value less than \$250,000 to an owner who has maintained permanent residency on the property for not less than 25 years, who has attained age 65, and who has a low household income as defined by general law.

**Full Text:** ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entirety, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

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(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant either or both of the following an additional homestead tax exemption:

- (1) An exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintained thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars; or
- (2) An exemption equal to the assessed value of the property to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate with a just value less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and who has maintained thereon the permanent residence of the owner for not less than twenty-five years and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income does not exceed the income limitation prescribed in paragraph (1).

The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant these additional exemptions exemption, within the limitation prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

### NO. 12 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to replace the president of the Florida Student Association with the chair of the council of

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state university student body presidents as the student member of the Board of Governors of the State University System and to require that the Board of Governors organize such council of state university student body presidents.

**Full Text:** ARTICLE IX EDUCATION SECTION 7. State University System.— (a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence through teaching students, advancing research and providing public service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities and economies, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state university system of Florida.

(b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single state university system comprised also of member universities. A board of trustees shall administer each public university and a board of governors shall govern the state university system.

(c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent university shall be administered by a board of trustees consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The board of governors shall establish the powers and duties of the boards of trustees. Each board of trustees shall consist of six citizen members appointed by the governor and five citizen members appointed by the board of governors. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of five years as provided by law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members of the board.

(d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors shall be a body corporate consisting of seven members. The board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system. These responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, defining the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its articulation with free public schools and community colleges, ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds, and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by law. The governor shall appoint to the board fourteen citizens dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The commissioner of education, the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the chair of the council of student body presidents, which council shall be organized by the board of governors and consist of all the student body presidents of the state university system president of the Florida student association, or the equivalent, shall also be members of the board.

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Seafood  
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# Holiday Elegance



Spinach Pesto Crostini



Baked Roesti

## The Perfect Cheese Plate

To add another element of deliciously easy elegance, set up a cheese plate for guests. Here are some quick tips and recommendations.

- Plan on serving one to two ounces of cheese per person.
- Set out a variety of cheeses with different textures and flavor profiles.
- Serve the cheeses at room temperature.
- Use a separate knife or spreader for each kind. Cut up a portion of each cheese to let guests know that they can dig in.

Serve complementary finger foods with the cheeses to help make the most of all the flavors. Here are some cheese and food pairing suggestions:

**Grand Cru Gruyere:** Smooth and mellow with light floral notes. Serve with apples, dried apricots, grapes, almonds, fig spread, whole wheat crackers, bread.

**GranQueso:** Hand rubbed with spices, this Spanish inspired cheese has a buttery nutty flavor and a firm, slightly crumbly texture. Serve with dried figs, almonds, hazelnuts, Spanish olives, roasted red peppers, Peppadews.

**Buttermilk Blue:** Deliciously creamy and tangy with a clean, sweet finish. Serve with pears, pecans, figs, candied walnuts, dates, tomatoes, endive, honey, walnut bread.

### FAMILY FEATURES

Whether you're hosting a holiday open house or a sit-down feast with family and friends, you want dishes that impress, but aren't too complicated to make. These easy and elegant holiday recipes start with rich and savory Wisconsin-made cheeses from Roth Cheese. You can find more recipes for your holiday celebrations at [www.rothcheese.com](http://www.rothcheese.com).



Horseradish and Chive Havarti Fondue

### Seafood Thermidor Dip

Yield: 3 cups

- 6 ounces cooked lobster tails and claws, coarsely chopped
- 1 medium shallot, minced
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 2 cups Alfredo sauce
- 3 tablespoons cream sherry
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 1/2 cups Grand Cru Gruyere cheese, shredded
- 6 1/8 ounces crab, lump-style
- 1/4 cup breadcrumbs

Preheat oven to 400°F.

In mixing bowl combine lobster, shallot, garlic, Alfredo sauce, sherry, lemon juice and cheese; stir together until well-combined. Gently fold in crab.

Place mixture in shallow baking dish (approximately 8 x 8); top with breadcrumbs and bake for 15 to 20 minutes.

### Spinach Pesto Crostini

Yield: Approximately 30 servings

#### Pesto:

- 1 head garlic
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 pound spinach
- 3/4 cup unsalted sunflower seeds, toasted
- 6 ounces GranQueso cheese, grated

#### Crostini:

- 1 medium baguette, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 8 sundried tomatoes, quartered lengthwise
- 3 ounces GranQueso cheese, grated

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Place garlic in aluminum foil, drizzle with olive oil, and wrap. Roast for 45 minutes. Remove roasted garlic cloves from skin.

Blanch spinach in hot water for 30 to 40 seconds. Remove spinach from water, and pat dry.

In food processor, blend roasted garlic, spinach, sunflower seeds and cheese until smooth.

Reduce oven heat to 350°F.

Place baguette slices on baking sheet, brush with olive oil, then season with salt and pepper. Bake for 5 to 7 minutes, until lightly toasted. Remove from oven and cool for 10 minutes.

Evenly spread pesto onto crostini. Top with sundried tomato and grated cheese.

### Horseradish and Chive Havarti Fondue

Yield: Approximately 4 servings

- 1/2 cup Pinot Grigio
- 1 1/2 cups Horseradish and Chive Havarti, shredded (plus extra for garnish)
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise
- Cubed bread
- Hard and soft pretzels
- Tortilla chips
- Pickles
- Pita chips
- Blanched vegetables
- Fresh chives, chopped (optional)

Stir together cheese, wine, mustard and mayonnaise in ceramic fondue pot.

Cook over low heat for approximately 7 to 10 minutes, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon.

When cheese has melted completely, remove pot from stove and transfer to a tabletop burner. Garnish with extra cheese and chives. Serve with dipping items.

### Baked Roesti

Yield: 12 mini muffins or 6 full-size muffins

- 2 1/2 cups frozen shredded hash browns
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 1/4 cup onion, minced
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 3 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup Grand Cru Gruyere, shredded
- 2 ounces Grand Cru Gruyere, 1/2-inch cubes
- Crème fraîche or sour cream (optional)
- Fresh chives, chopped (optional)

Preheat oven to 425°F. Coat a non-stick muffin pan with vegetable oil spray.

In a mixing bowl, gently break apart frozen hash browns.

Stir in butter, onions, flour, bacon, salt, pepper and egg.

Fold shredded cheese into hash brown mixture until well combined.

Evenly distribute mixture in muffin pan. Press mixture firmly into molds.

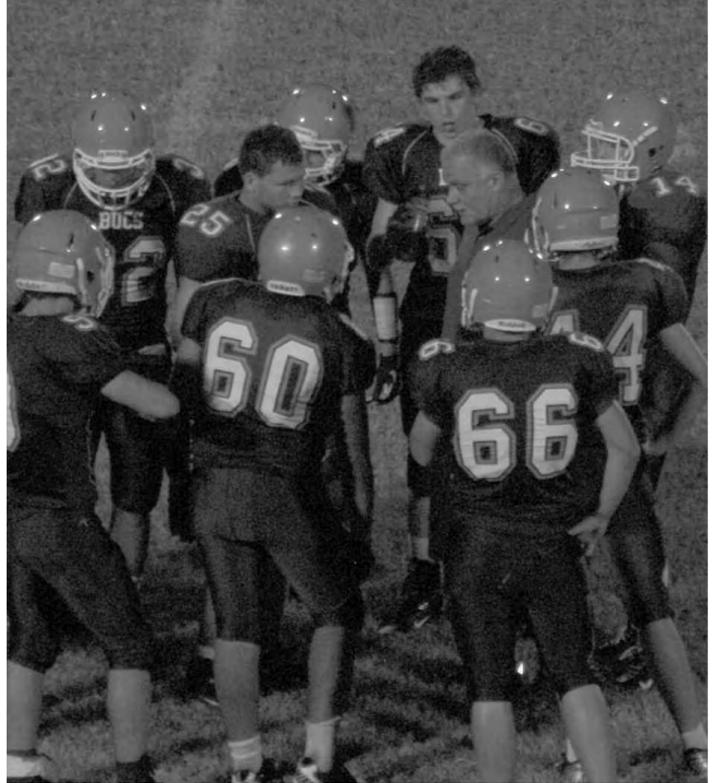
Press a small cube of cheese into the center of each muffin.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until mixture is golden brown and crispy.

Allow to rest for 2 to 3 minutes before removing muffins from tray.

Garnish with a dollop of crème and chives.

# Bucs conquered by Marauders on homecoming night



The Bucs defense fought hard for quarters but fell short in a 45-7 loss to the Marauders.

Couch Roy Harden encourages the student-athletes to stay focused during their homecoming game. -Photos: Bryant Thigpen

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Stonebranch Band is one of North Florida's best bands and makes frequent trips to the SOSMP where the band has a large fan base. Stonebranch will take the stage Friday, Sept. 28 in the Music Hall. The band features Alan Stenquist, Mark McGraw, Ariel F. Machin and Robbie Dill Deluise. These band members, all veteran musicians, have been playing virtually all of their lives across the US. Their influences include The Rolling Stones, Elvis, blues,

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Doors to the Music Hall open at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday night for dinner, shows begin at 8 p.m. Admission is free. As always, the SOSMP's SOS Café and Restaurant will be open and have available delicious food available at regular prices along with nightly specials and a full service bar.

If you would like to make reservations for RV parking, cabins, primitive camping or camper parking for the SOSMP, call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com. You may also contact the SOSMP to inquire about any of the many exciting events coming up such as Magnolia Fest featuring artists Bonnie Raitt, Del McCoury Band and Emmylou Harris; Halloween events, Kids Music Camp, Raid on the Suwannee Civil War Re-enactment, Bear Creek Music and Arts Festival, Thanksgiving Dinner, Old Tyme Farm Days and Swap Meet Annual Heritage Festival Thanksgiving weekend, Suwannee Lights and many other wonderful events. See the SOSMP website for more information.

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# Wild Adventures unveils new nighttime Halloween event, TERROR IN THE WILD



Nine haunted locations promise endless screams Friday and Saturday nights, Sept. 28 – Oct. 27, FREE with a 2012 or 2013 Season Pass

Valdosta, GA – This October, Wild Adventures Theme Park (WA) is the area's number one Halloween destination for fun by day, fright by night. For 10 frightening nights, beginning Sept. 28, the park hosts the new Terror in the Wild. Terror creeps out of the swamp to descend upon the park at dusk, bringing all new scares in nine haunted locations. For the lighter side of Halloween, Kid-O-Ween returns during the day to offer fall-themed activities for families. Both events are included with park admission, a 2012 Season Pass or a 2013 Season Pass, on sale beginning Sept. 25 with new benefits.

WA's new event, Terror in the Wild, conjures up zombies, plagues and other creatures of the night in a new format with nine unique haunted locations. Ashkra Plague of the Witch, an attraction set in the park's blackwater swamp, transports guests to 16th century Europe during the time of the plague. One of three scare zones, Zombie Crash, depicts an apocalyptic scene with flesh hungry zombies while Poe's Garden, a themed area, is an eerie

raven-filled garden that plays on guests fears of darkness and birds.

Also new this year, guests can skip the lines at select haunted attractions and two rides of their choice with a Terror in the Wild VIP Package that also includes a meal, including a beverage, and a photo souvenir. The package is available online or at the park, with or without admission, starting at \$29.99.

"Terror in the Wild is not your typical Halloween experience," commented WA Director of Entertainment John Ancona. "Guests won't find the traditional haunted houses and scares but attractions, scare zones and themed areas to frighten the most thrill-loving guest. Wild Adventures is the area's number one place for Halloween frights."

Terror in the Wild runs Friday and Saturday evenings, Sept. 28 to Oct. 27, from dusk until 11 p.m. Terror in the Wild is not recommended for guests ages 12 and under. Guests in costume will not be permitted to enter the park during Terror in the Wild and select rides will operate. Guests can visit [www.terrorinthewild.com](http://www.terrorinthewild.com) for more information.

"Next to Christmas and Thanksgiving, Halloween has become American families' favorite holiday," said Ancona. "Whether it's enjoying the cooler weather and half a dozen family friendly activities during the day or wandering through a myriad of haunted locations spread over the park at night, families can celebrate Halloween all month long at Wild Adventures."

Kid-O-Ween returns with Halloween themed activities during the day for even the smallest goblins. Children are invited to visit in costume to enjoy activities like selecting a magical pumpkin from the pumpkin forest, trick or treat-

ing, wandering through a hay bale maze or taking part in Count Rockula's Dance Party. Kid-O-Ween runs Saturdays and Sundays, Sept. 29 to Oct. 28 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

While visiting for the Halloween events, guests can take advantage of the best price on 2013 Season Passes and save up to \$35. New benefits for 2013 Season Passes include: early entry to Splash Island Water Park on Saturdays, up to five Bring a Friend tickets per Passholder and a risk-free concert guarantee. These new benefits are in addition to unlimited admission to WA and Splash Island Water Park, general admission to the all-star concert series, exclusive passholder pre-sale for reserved concert seats and savings on daily admission for guests.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 25 guests can purchase 2013 Season Passes online at [wildadventures.com](http://wildadventures.com), by phone at 229-219-7080 or at the park.

*Wild Adventures Theme Park is a 170-acre theme park, water park, and animal park all in one place for less located in Valdosta, Georgia. The park features one of the largest ride collections in the South, hundreds of exotic animals, Splash Island Water Park, the region's largest water park, shows, festivals and all-star concerts. The park is owned and operated by Herschend Family Entertainment (HFE), a company specializing in family entertainment. For more than half a century, HFE has owned, operated or partnered in 26 properties across ten states, including Branson, Missouri's Silver Dollar City; operating partner with Dolly Parton in Tennessee's Dollywood and Dollywood's Splash Country; operating partner in Atlanta's Stone Mountain Park and owners of Ride the Ducks amphibious tours in six cities.*

## UF Research: Patients at teaching hospitals don't fare worse when trainee doctors come on board

A University of Florida physician and colleagues have "mythbusted" a notion long held in medical circles, that at teaching hospitals patients fare worse in July when new medical graduates start their residency training and older residents take on more responsibilities. A large national study revealed no such "July phenomenon" or "July effect" — at least not in the field of neurosurgery.

The findings are published today in the journal *Neurosurgery*.

"If anything goes wrong in July then everyone's quick to say 'Do you see? It's because of the July effect' — but we saw no evidence for that," said senior author Brian Hoh, M.D., the William Merz associate professor of neurological surgery at the UF College of Medicine. "This study will raise thoughts and ideas about how we can improve training for residents and improve safety for patients."

The July phenomenon is infamous both among physicians and patients. Folk wisdom has it that if you are going to be a patient at a teaching hospital, try not to go in July.

The graduate medical year starts on July 1, at which time recent medical school graduates start bearing responsibility for patients for the first time, and previous interns and residents move up a level, taking on new and unfamiliar tasks.

Previous studies of the July phenomenon in fields

such as general surgery, obstetrics, gynecology and internal medicine have yielded inconsistent results, some finding an effect and others finding none. Hoh, a member of the McKnight Brain Institute of UF, wanted to see what happens in neurosurgery, where doctors train for many years to gain proficiency in complex and delicate brain surgeries. One earlier study of pediatric neurosurgery found no effect, whereas another study found a small effect.

Seeking a clearer view, Hoh and colleagues at UF and Harvard's Massachusetts General Hospital analyzed more than 850,000 teaching hospital admission and patient outcome records from a national database called the National Inpatient Sample. They assessed the rates of patient deaths and surgical complications in July compared with all other months, from 1998 to 2008.

The researchers evaluated four brain conditions that were representative of diseases commonly treated at teaching hospitals: nontraumatic hemorrhage, central nervous system trauma, central nervous system tumor and hydrocephalus.

After taking variations in patient demographics and hospital characteristics into account, the researchers found that the risk of death or complications at teaching hospitals was the same in July as in other months. The results reflected those at nonteaching hospitals used for comparison.

"If you've got new physicians on the job and you've got physicians that have just been promoted to a new level, it's sort of the perfect storm for medical errors — it makes intuitive sense, but for a variety of peculiar reasons it's just not the case," said Hunt Batjer, M.D., the Lois C.A. and Darwin E. Smith Distinguished Chair in Neurological Surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and chair of the Residency Review Committee for neurological surgery of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the body that certifies post-medical school training for the entire U.S. Batjer was not involved in the study.

The authors say multiple layers of supervision seem to more than compensate for the inexperience of young physicians, providing a safety net for patients.

"Maybe in July, that oversight is heightened because supervising physicians pay more attention to what new residents and interns are doing," said Hoh, who practices at Shands at UF medical center.

Still, the researchers point out, there might have been near misses in which errors or complications were averted, but there was no way to identify from the database whether such occurrences increased in July compared with other months.

"In some ways, I hope people continue to talk about the July effect or the August effect," Batjer said. "It will force us to remain vigilant."

## Florida Gateway College awarded Military Friendly Schools title

Florida Gateway College has been named to the Military Friendly Schools list for 2013, the second consecutive year the school has made this list. The announcement was made Monday by Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life.

The 2013 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

"Inclusion on the 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools shows Florida Gateway College's commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students," said Sean Collins, Director for G.I. Jobs and Vice President at Victory Media. "As interest in education grows we're thrilled to provide the military community with transparent, world-class resources to assist in their search for schools," said Sean Collins. Complete survey methodology is available at <http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/A>

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The Military Friendly Schools media and website, found at [www.militaryfriendlyschools.com](http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com), feature the list, interactive tools and search functionality to help military students find the best school to suit their unique needs and preferences. The 1,739 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year's list exhibit leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience.

"We think this is a significant honor to be named to this list of Military Friendly Colleges," said Dr. Charles Hall, president of Florida Gateway College. "When we consider all that our servicemen do for our freedom and all they do to protect America, this is a small thing we can do for them and we are so honored to be able to participate in this program."

Now in its fourth year, the 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 12,000 VA-approved schools nationwide. The survey tabulation process, methodology and weightings that comprise the

2013 list were independently verified by Ernst and Young LLP. Each year schools taking the survey are held to a higher standard than the previous year via improved methodology, criteria and weightings developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from schools across the country. A full list of board members can be found at [www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/board](http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/board).

A full story and detailed list of 2013 Military Friendly Schools will be highlighted in the annual G.I. Jobs Guide to Military Friendly Schools, distributed in print and digital format to hundreds of thousands of active and former military personnel in early October. The Guide and associated media will also be featured at the Carrier Classic college basketball game on Nov. 9, between Ohio State and Marquette on the deck of the USS Yorktown. Both participating schools are on this year's list of Military Friendly Schools.

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

## North Central Florida Tea Party monthly meeting

Are you concerned about where our country is going? Have you made a promise to yourself to get more involved and do a better job learning about the candidates and issues?

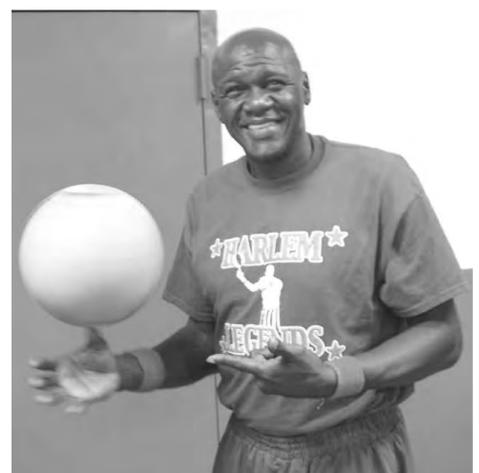
Please join us at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27 for our second meeting of September! The Property Appraiser candidates from Suwannee counties will be there along with the County Commission candidates from Columbia County, Districts 1 and 3 and Suwannee County, District 1. Each candidate will be given time to speak followed by a question-and-answer session. This is a great way to learn more about each candidate in order to make an informed decision on Nov. 6.

Both counties have just approved their 2012/13 budgets and these candidates will be dealing with that budget if they are elected. Future plans for our meetings include a debate with the U.S. House of Representatives – District 3 candidates, other local candidates speaking to our group, and information on the Amendments that will be on the ballot this time.

We meet at the Taylor Building 128 SW Birley Ave. in Lake City. The Taylor Building is located on the south side of U.S. 90 and Birley Ave. approx. 3 miles west of the I-75 interchange. For more information, call John 386-935-1705, Sharon 386-935-0821 or go to: [www.northcentralfloridateaparty.org](http://www.northcentralfloridateaparty.org)

## Harlem Legends coming to town Sept. 29

Harlem Globetrotter and Harlem Legend Michael "Memphis" Douglas showcases his basketball skills during a previous visit to Live Oak. He and the Harlem Legends will return for a celebrity basketball game.



# Local woman receives double transplant after suffering from rare disease

## Fundraiser to help with expenses

Lake City, Fla. - Alstrom syndrome is an extremely rare condition that causes cardiomyopathy, lung failure and vision problems. There are only 800 known cases in the world, and three of those cases involved members of the Helton family.

When she was just three months old, B.J. Helton, now 30, was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, which also afflicted her older brother. In her teens, the Heltons learned that B.J., her older brother and one of her younger sisters all had Alstrom syndrome; sadly, her brother and sister lost their battles with this terrible disease.

Doctors said a heart and lung

transplant was critical to B.J.'s survival. She began undergoing evaluations for a heart transplant in 2010, but they had to start the evaluation process over again when her lungs began to deteriorate. Helton also eventually lost her eyesight.

Thankfully, she received her lifesaving transplant on Sept. 5, 2012. Doctors said the new organs were a perfect fit, and her new heart began beating right away.

The average heart/lung transplant costs more than \$1 million. And that's only the beginning. Even with health insurance, she faces significant expenses related to the surgery. For the rest of her life, she will need follow-up care and daily anti-rejection medications. Post-transplant medications are very pricey, and they're as critical to her survival as the transplant itself.

To overcome these financial challenges, Helton turned to the National Foundation for Transplants (NFT) for assistance. NFT is a

nonprofit organization that helps transplant patients raise funds to pay for medical expenses.

"Everyone at NFT is thrilled for B.J. and so excited that she received her transplant," said Laura Hughes, NFT fundraising consultant. "Despite what this family has endured, they're still positive, genuine and warm people, who want nothing more than to help B.J. get healthy. We're determined to help B.J. and her family raise funds so they can focus on her new lease on life, not the soaring medical expenses."

Volunteers are planning a benefit lunch Saturday, Sept. 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Berea Baptist Church, 162 SW Ridge St. in Lake City.

Tickets are \$5 and include a chicken dinner, sides, drinks and dessert.

For more information, please contact Rose Pavey at 386-752-8157 or [loveringr@bellsouth.net](mailto:loveringr@bellsouth.net).

To make a donation in Helton's honor, please visit [www.transplants.org](http://www.transplants.org) and select Find an NFT Patient. If you prefer to mail your contribution, please send your gift to the NFT Florida Transplant Fund, 5350 Poplar Avenue, Suite 430, Memphis, TN 38119. Be sure to write "in honor of B.J. Helton" in the subject line.

### About NFT

NFT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization based in Memphis, Tenn. that has been helping transplant patients overcome financial obstacles since 1983. NFT provides fundraising expertise and advocacy to transplant patients by organizing fundraising campaigns in the patients' own communities. In the past 29 years, NFT's fundraising campaigns have generated nearly \$60 million to assist patients. NFT annually assists more than 2,500 transplant candidates and recipients nationwide. For more information about NFT, please call 800-489-3863 or visit [www.transplants.org](http://www.transplants.org).

# UF&Shands program that oxygenates blood outside the body named a Center of Excellence

An international group focused on treatment for patients with organ system failure has bestowed its Award for Excellence in Life Support to the extracorporeal membrane oxygenation program at UF&Shands, the University of Florida Academic Health Center.

The award, given by the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization, designates UF&Shands as an Extracorporeal Life Support Center of Excellence and "signifies to patients and families a com-

mitment to exceptional patient care," according to the organization's website.

Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, called ECMO for short, involves pumping a person's blood out of the body, through an artificial lung that fills it with the right amount of oxygen and returns it back to the body.

This procedure is used most frequently for babies and children with conditions that involve life-threatening but reversible respiratory failure that is unresponsive to other

ventilation and support techniques, said David Kays, M.D., medical director of UF&Shands' ECMO program, which has been in place since 1989. Kays also is an associate professor and chief of pediatric surgery in the UF College of Medicine's department of surgery.

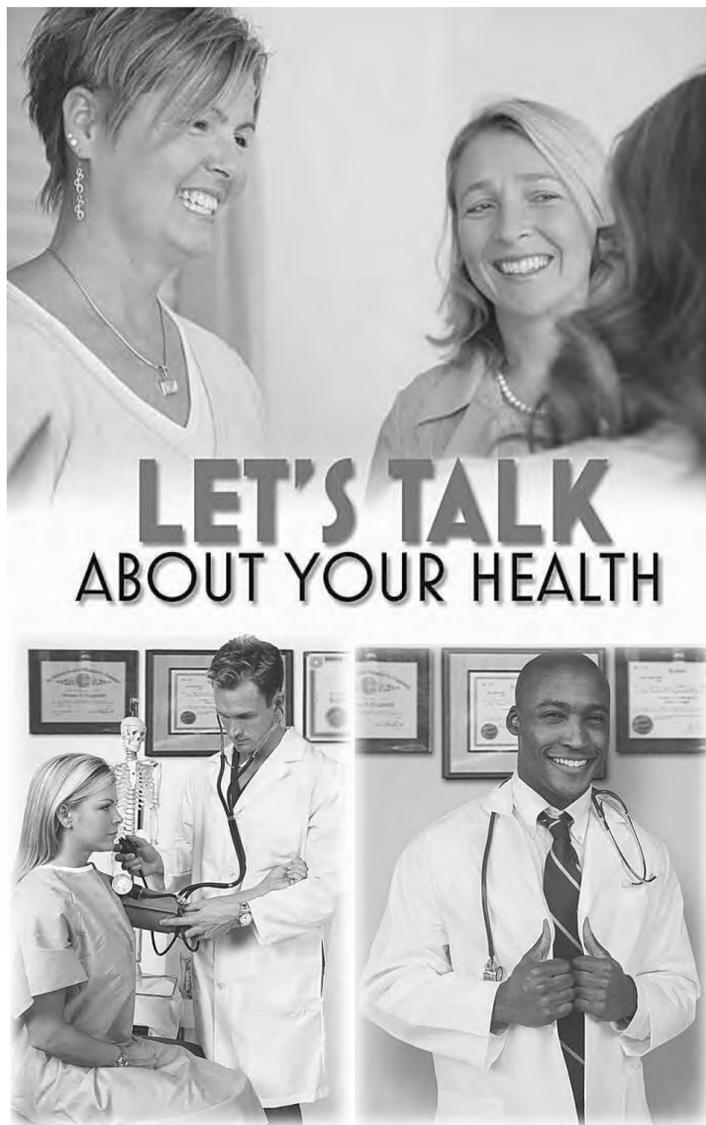
"The award puts us among the top quality programs in the country with regard to ECMO policies, procedures and outcomes, and it's just another statement about the quality of treatment here at

UF&Shands," said Kays. "It's not a children's hospital designation, but ECMO is a modality that really matured in the pediatric population, so it reflects very well on the Shands Hospital for Children at UF."

David Burchfield, M.D., a professor in the department of pediatrics and chief of the division of neonatology, plays an integral role in the program as director of the neonatal intensive care unit, Kays said. Most of UF&Shands' ECMO patients receive treatment in this unit.

Despite its history as a procedure used primarily for children, doctors also are using ECMO for adults. At UF&Shands, acute care and cardiothoracic surgeons have employed ECMO to treat adult patients with trauma injuries.

Kays, Karla Stringfellow, R.R.T., who is the ECMO coordinator and coordinator of pediatric respiratory care, and Joy Perkins, R.N., R.R.T., a member of the program, accepted the award at the 23rd annual ELSO Conference, held Sept. 14-16 in Seattle.



## Protect skin from the worst weather has to offer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Calendar of Events

## Poker Run and BBQ

Sept. 29 Riders & passenger \$10 each. Extra poker hands \$5 each.

\$10 includes ride, lunch and prizes. Best poker hand \$100, 2nd best \$50, 3rd best \$25.

For details Vicki 386-362-5987

## First Floridians First Americans Conference

October. 4,5,6, 2012 - Free

Monticello Opera House,

Washington Street, Monticello Florida.

The First Floridians First Americans Conference will tell the story of the early natives of Florida, including the Apalachee Indians of Jefferson County. We will talk about the coming of the Spanish and four local Mission sites. We will explain how the diversity of plant life in the Aucilla Basin attracted and fostered early settlement and we will hear how remnants of Florida tribes and the Georgia Creeks came together to form the Seminoles. We'll move back in time to learn how this land protected the evidence of our pre-history and hear how people lived here 14,000 years ago. Dr. Michael Waters will reveal new knowledge found in an Aucilla Basin dig this summer.

Contact: Anne H. Holt, Ph.D—Phone: 850-576-0721 or email - ahholt@ahholt.com

Website: www.firstfloridians.com

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## Dr. Sean McMahon, professor of history Florida Gateway College, guest speaker

United Daughters of the Confederacy, Olustee Chapter, Lake City monthly meeting Oct. 15, 2012

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Place: China Buffet

345 West Duval Street,

Lake City, FL

Buffet served after the meeting. Cost \$9 (drink extra) Reservations not required.

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## The McAlpin Community Club to host a workday on Sept 29 with lunch and homemade ice cream

The McAlpin Community Club will meet on Saturday, September 29th at 9:00 a.m., for a workday. We hope to see you there, ready to help with cleaning and light yard work. Please bring your favorite cleaning supplies, carpentry and lawn tools. Any students needing community service hours are also encouraged to attend. The more helpers we have the sooner the work gets completed and the sooner we can all eat!

A lunch will be provided at no cost with homemade ice cream for dessert. You will not want to miss that! Please call Barbara Parks at 362-3044 or Debbie Phillips at 386-364-7028, if you plan to attend so that we have plenty of food on hand.

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

## Book and bake sale

Now that fall is on the way, it's time to stock up on reading material for the long winter nights ahead. The Wellborn community library is having a huge "book and bake sale" on Saturday, November 3, but your help is needed right now to make this special event the big success it usually is.

The library (located at the Wellborn United Methodist Church on Route 137 north of downtown) is actively soliciting donations of books for the sale. Organizers hope to have thousands of books available on many subjects, but to make that possible, they are actively soliciting used books right now. It doesn't matter whether you have a dozen or hundreds of books, the library needs them.

Please consider cleaning out your bookshelves and donating hardbound or paperback books (books on any subject, fiction and non-fiction, but no encyclopedias or Reader's Digest condensed books, please!). Books can either be dropped at the library (located in the church fellowship hall) between 9 and noon on Tuesdays, or free pickup can be arranged.

At the same time as the book sale, there will be a bake sale with all kinds of goodies available at low prices. Coffee will also be available for browsers. The book sale will be from 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. on November 3, and you can visit the Wellborn community blueberry pancake breakfast just down the road, then come to the book sale. Come join with hundreds of other folks looking for book bargains!

If you have books to donate and would like to have them picked up, call Rev. Dr. Everett L. Parker at 386-754-8524. Proceeds from the book and bake sale will benefit the library and the Wellborn United Methodist Church and its outreach programs. Call for additional information about this semi-annual event.

## Sept. 26, 2012 Lady of the Lake Quilters Guild meeting

The following publicity information if submitted for immediate release. If there are any questions regarding

this request, please contact me at jrestall@peoplepc.com or 386-755-0522. Organization information is listed below. Thank you. Joan Restall, Publicity Chairman, Lady of the Lake Quilters Guild.

The Lady of the Lake Quilters Guild will meet on Wednesday, September 26th at 10:00 a.m. with social time at 9:30 a.m. The Guild meets at Teen Town, 533 NW Desoto St., Lake City, three blocks north of US 90 (Duval) off Lake Jeffery Rd. The program this month is the A B C 70's Quilt Challenge. Join us for the Charming Strip Club. Bring fourteen (14) 2 1/2" strips of the same fabric, cut WOF., in a zip lock bag with your name on it for this fun fabric exchange. You will receive 14 strips back of assorted fabrics. Septembere fabric color is blue. Visit us at Lady of the Lake Quilt Guild on FACEBOOK. Additional Information: Loretta Kissner 386 754-9330 and Ramona Dewees 386 496-3876

Organization information:

Name: Lady of the Lake Quilters Guild

Service: Preserve the heritage of quilting by being a source of information & inspiration.

Meeting time: 9:30 a.m. (social time) 10:00 a.m. general meeting

Meeting location: Teen Town, 533 NW Desoto St., Lake City

Contacts: Loretta Kissner 386 755-9339, Ramona Dewees 386 496-3876

## Flu vaccine available at the Health Department

Seasonal influenza vaccine is now available at the Suwannee County Health Department. Vaccine is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. The charge is \$15 for adults and is free of charge for persons age 6 months through 18 years.

For more information call the Suwannee County Health Department at 386-362-2708.

The Suwannee County Health Department is located at 915 Nobles Ferry Road in Live Oak.

## The Branford Camera Club

Meet on Thursday, September 20, at 7:00 PM. We will meet at Cuzin's Restaurant on US 129 across from Scaff's Market in Branford. Come about 5:30 PM to join some of us for dinner before the meeting.

Edwin McCook will host our meeting and photo share this month. Steven Schneitman of Dogoodmedia will be our guest for the evening. Steven will present a program on social media and the internet, which should help us use our internet tools much more effectively.

If you still have photographic equipment laying around that needs a new home, bring that with you to the meeting . . . maybe someone else is looking for that very item! We'll end the meeting sharing some of the photos we've taken over the summer.

The Branford Camera Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, with an occasional exception, for the purpose of sharing, learning, and enjoying all things photographic. We are an eclectic group with experiences ranging from complete novice to consummate professional. Check out our Facebook page, Branford Camera Club.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 18.

For more information, please contact:

Esta Eberhardt, Creative Consultant, Captured Memories by Esta, 386-755-9402

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## Tangles' 3rd annual Fall Bazaar set for Oct. 13

Tangles' 3rd Annual Fall Bazaar and Pink Ribbon Project presented by Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center is set for Saturday, Oct. 13, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Activities include a 5k run, live entertainment, arts and crafts and food vendors, a bake sale, mini-art show, book signing, Pink Zumba Party, children's activities and more. This family-oriented event is free with all proceeds raised throughout the day to benefit Tangles - A Community Outreach for Women, Bosom Buddies (Suwannee County's local breast cancer support group) and Tropical Storm Debby flood victims through LOVE, INC. Tangles is located at 12986 Hwy. 90 West, ¼ mile past Wayne Frier Mobile Homes on the left (look for the pink fence!). For vending or additional information contact Vickie Bass at 386-590-1543 or shabbyT@hotmail.com.

## Faye Bowling Warren, guest speaker

### Blue Grey Army, Inc

United Daughters Of The Confederacy®, Olustee Chapter, Lake City monthly meeting September 17, 2012

Time: 5:15 P.M.

Place: Grand China Buffet

345 West Duval Street,

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Buffet served after the meeting. Cost \$9.00(drink extra) Reservations not required.

For more information call Linda Williams 352-215-8776

## Homecoming at Philadelphia Baptist Church

The members of Philadelphia Baptist Church would like to invite everyone to our Homecoming event on September 23, 2012 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Brother Joshua Wynn will speak and music will be provided by Chapel Road.

Bring a covered dish to share after the worship service. It will be great to fellowship with new and old friends. We are located at 15824 169th Road, McAlpin, FL.

Hope to see you there!

## The Suwannee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association

Monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month, September through June, at the Suwannee River Water Management District Office, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (The office is located on the corner of US 90 and CR 49, 2 miles east of Live Oak.)The Suwannee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association develops, maintains, protects and promotes many miles of the Florida National Scenic Trail, including the Econfina, Ellaville and Big Oak Trails. Founded in 1993, the chapter serves Dixie, Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Taylor and Suwannee Counties. Monthly meetings provide information on a wide variety of topics pertaining to nature, ecology, wildlife of the area, photography, etc. The public is cordially invited to join us for our monthly meetings

as well as hiking/paddling activities throughout the year. Contact Chapter Chair, Sylvia Dunnam, 386-362-3256 or by e-mail at: dunnams@windstream.net, for more information on the association or the monthly program. You may also visit the web site at: www.suwannee.floridatrail.org or www.meetup.com/Suwannee-FTA for a calendar of activities.

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

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## Pioneer Day Festival

Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13.

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Pioneer Day Parade - Saturday 10 a.m. on Main Street in downtown Mayo.

Vendors, live entertainment, crafts and activities at Veteran's Memorial Park on Fri. from 7-10 p.m. and Sat. from 10:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Saltwater Cowboys sponsored by Old Florida Company Coffee House and Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort and Campground will be on the main stage Friday night.

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.

Reminder: LHS Homecoming Parade on Main Street, Friday, Oct. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

## Travel baseball team

North Florida River Rats 10u and 11u Travel baseball team is looking for players. If interested, please contact Jamie Allbritton @ 386-209-0166

## Save the cats of Live Oak

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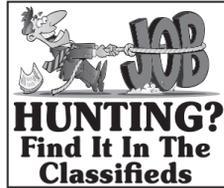
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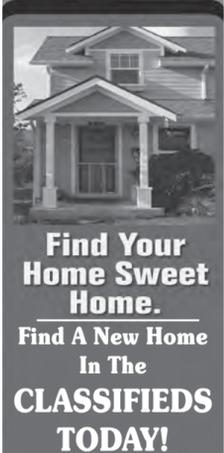
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# Savvy Senior

## Why baby boomers should get tested for Hepatitis C

**Dear Savvy Senior,**

In the news last month there was a public health alert urging all baby boomers to get tested for hepatitis C. Is this really necessary, and if so, what are the testing and treatment procedures?

**Dear Wanda,**

If you're a baby boomer, getting tested for hepatitis C would be a wise decision because boomers are five times more likely to have this virus than other generations, and most people that have it don't realize it. Those that are infected are at very high risk of eventually developing liver cancer, cirrhosis or other fatal liver diseases. Here's what else you should know.

### CDC Recommendations

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently announced that all Americans born from 1945 through 1965 get a hepatitis C test. The reason is because baby boomers account for 75 percent of the 3 million or so hepatitis C cases in the U.S., even though they make up only 27 percent of the total population.

Most hepatitis C infections occurred in the 1970s and 1980s, before there were tests to detect them and before the nation's blood supply was routinely screened for the virus.

Hepatitis C is transmitted only through blood, so anyone who received either a blood transfusion or an organ transplant prior to 1992 is at increased risk. So are health-care workers exposed to blood, and people who injected drugs through shared needles. The virus can also be spread through microscopic amounts of infected blood that could occur during sex, from sharing a razor or toothbrush, or getting a tattoo or body piercing at an unsterile shop.

But the biggest part of the problem is the symptomless nature of this disease. Most people that have hepatitis C don't have any symptoms until their liver becomes severely damaged. It can actually take 30 years for people to show any signs of the virus, but by then, it may be too late to treat. But if it's detected in time, new treatments are now available that can cure it.

If you're between ages 47 to 67, or have one of the previously listed risk factors, you should see your primary care doctor for a basic blood test to determine whether you have ever been infected with hepatitis C. This is a relatively inexpensive test and typically covered by health insurance under routine medical care. If you're not covered, the test will run \$30 to \$35.

If the test is negative, no further tests are needed. But, if the test is positive, you'll need another test called HCV RNA which will show whether the virus is still active. This test runs between \$100 and \$250 if you're not covered by insurance.

If you test positive, you have chronic hepatitis C and will need to talk to your doctor about treatment options. If you're infected, but have no liver damage, your doctor should monitor your liver at your annual physical.

The main treatments for chronic hepatitis C today are new antiviral medications that have a 75 percent cure rate. Your doctor may recommend a combination of these medications which are typically taken over a 24-to-48 week time period. But, be aware that the side effects can be grueling and may cause extreme fatigue, fever, headaches and muscle aches.

Unfortunately, there is no vaccine currently available to prevent hepatitis C, although studies are under way to develop one.

**Savvy tips:** For more information about testing and treatment for hepatitis C, along with a quick, online quiz you can take to determine your risks, see the CDC's website at [cdc.gov/knowmorehepatitis](http://cdc.gov/knowmorehepatitis). You can also get information over the phone by calling the national toll-free HELP-4-HEP helpline at 877-435-7443.

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

**Savvy Senior Help for seniors who worry about memory problems**

*My mother, who's 72, has become very forgetful lately and is worried she may have Alzheimer's. Is her forgetfulness really something we should worry about? What should we do?*

**Worried Daughter**

**Dear Worried,**

Many seniors worry about memory lapses as they get older, fearing it may be the first signs of Alzheimer's disease or some other type of dementia. To get some insight on the seriousness of your mom's problem, here are some key warning signs to be vigilant of and some resources you can turn to for help.

### Warning Signs

As we grow older, some memory difficulties – such as trouble remembering names of people or places or forgetting where you put your glasses – are associated with normal aging. But the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease are much more than simple memory lapses. Knowing the early warning signs is a good first step in recognizing the difference between typical age-related memory loss and a more serious problem. To help you evaluate your mom's condition, here's a checklist of some common early symptoms to watch for:

- Asking the same questions repeatedly.
- Getting lost in familiar areas.
- Failing to recognize familiar people.
- Having difficulty following directions.
- Misplaces items in inappropriate places, for example putting her keys in the microwave.
- Having difficulty completing familiar tasks like cooking a meal or paying a bill.
- Having trouble remembering common words when speaking, or mixing up words.

For more information, the Alzheimer's Association provides a list of 10 warning signs that you can access at [10signs.org](http://10signs.org), or call 800-272-3900 and request a free copy of their booklet "Basics of Alzheimer's Disease: What it is and what you can do."

Another good screening tool is the self-administered cognitive screening (SAGE) test that was developed at The Ohio State University Medical Center. This test helps identify mild cognitive impairment and early dementia, and can be taken at home in about 10 to 15 minutes. You can down-

load the SAGE test along with scoring instructions at [sagetest.osu.edu](http://sagetest.osu.edu).

### Get Help

After going through the warning signs and/or testing of your mom, if you're still concerned, get her in to see her doctor for a thorough medical examination. Her doctor may then refer her to a geriatrician or neurologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating memory loss or Alzheimer's disease.

Keep in mind that even if your mom is experiencing some memory problems, it doesn't necessarily mean she has early stage Alzheimer's. Many memory problems are brought on by other factors like stress, depression, thyroid disease, side effects of medications, sleep disorders, vitamin deficiencies and other medical conditions. And by treating these conditions she can reduce or eliminate the problem.

### Free Memory Screening

Another option you should know about is National Memory Screening Day on Nov. 13, where your mom can get her memory tested for free. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA), this free service provides a confidential, face-to-face memory screening that takes about 10 minutes to complete and consists of questions and/or tasks to evaluate her memory status.

The screening is given by doctors, nurse practitioners, psychologists, social workers or other healthcare professionals in more than 2,500 sites across the country. It's also important to know that this screening is not a diagnosis. Instead, its goal is to detect problems and refer individuals with these problems for further evaluation.

To find a screening site in your area visit [nationalmemoryscreening.org](http://nationalmemoryscreening.org) or call 866-232-8484. The AFA recommends checking for a screening location shortly before Nov. 13, because new sites are constantly being added.

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### Testing and Treatment

*Dear Savvy Senior,*



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## Strength Team making stop in Live Oak

The Strength Team is coming to Live Oak Friday through Sunday, Sept. 28-30 at 7 p.m. nightly at First Baptist Church of Live Oak. Admission is free.

The Strength Team is a group of professional athletes traveling the world bringing a highly motivational and inspirational message to thousands each year. How do they get your attention? The Strength Team has some of the strongest athletes that perform amazing feats of strength. Feats like ripping a phone book in half, crushing walls of concrete with a blow from their arm or head, breaking

hand-cuffs, running through two-by-fours and blowing up hot water bottles until they explode. They do all of this to get the attention of the audience and then they deliver a motivational message.

The Strength Team will also be involved extensively in several schools around Live Oak. Their message is to inspire and encourage students to reach for their goals and dreams in life. They emphasize the importance of education and hard work. The Strength Team also addresses some of the possible "pitfalls" that can detour them from

reaching their goals and dreams.

The leader and founder of The Strength Team, Mike Hagen, has dedicated over 20 years of his life to this kind of work. He has spoken to hundreds of thousands of people and performed thousands of school assemblies. He has been featured on CNN, ESPN, and the popular television show "Walker Texas Ranger", with Chuck Norris. Mike also played professional football for the USFL Michigan Panthers and the Seattle Seahawks.

For more information 386-362-1583.

## TS Debby survivors should submit insurance settlements

Tropical Storm Debby survivors who registered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and indicated they had insurance coverage should send in their settlement information for review.

The insurance settlement documents allow FEMA to

determine if survivors have uninsured or underinsured losses eligible for federal assistance. Decisions on FEMA assistance are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

To submit insurance documentation, here's what applicants can do:

- o Gather insurance doc-

uments and any settlement information.

- o Write the applicant's name, FEMA registration number and 4068-DR-FL on each page.

- o Send a copy of these documents to FEMA by:

- Fax: 800-827-8112

- Mail: National Processing Service Center P.O. Box 10055 Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055

- o Call FEMA with questions at 800-621-FEMA (3362), TTY 800-462-7585. Lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and

assistance is available in many languages.

For more information on Florida's disaster recovery, visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or [www.floridadisaster.org/](http://www.floridadisaster.org/). On Facebook, go to [www.facebook.com/FloridaSERT](http://www.facebook.com/FloridaSERT). To receive Twitter updates:

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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). If you have a speech disability or hearing loss and use a TTY, call 800-462-7585 directly; if you use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 800-621-3362.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

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### Dr. Sean McMahon guest speaker

Dr. Sean McMahon, professor of history Florida Gateway College, guest speaker

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Time: 5:15 p.m.  
Place: China Buffet  
345 West Duval Street,  
Lake City, FL  
Buffet served after the meeting. Cost \$9 (drink extra) Reservations not required.  
For more information call Linda Williams 352-215-8776

# Calendar of Events

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## Volunteer advocates needed

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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 1-888-831-0404 or visit the program's website at <http://ombudsman.myflorida.com>.

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

## Sparkleberry Chapter, Fla Native Plant Society

Meeting Sept. 11, 2012.

Thanks for your continued support of our Chapter. Here's the information for our next meeting:

Brian Cobble, Senior Forester for Suwannee County, will be the guest speaker at the Sparkleberry Chapter, FNPS, meeting at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at Hatch Park Community Center in Branford. The topic will address some of the issues affecting the native trees in North Florida's forests and in our home landscapes, including the recent increase in attacks by various insects and diseases.

The Sparkleberry Chapter meets at 6:30 pm. on the second Tuesday of each month at Hatch Park Community Center, 403 SE Craven Street, Branford, FL 32008. Our meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. Call 386-364-9309 for further information."

## Elks Lodge Bingo

Every Monday night

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

## 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.

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

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

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## Alcoholics Anonymous

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

## Jasper Market Days

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

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

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

## Haven Hospice

Compassionate Friends, a national bereavement organization that helps families who have lost a child, is hosting a support group at Haven Hospice. The group will meet the third Monday of every month from 7-9 p.m. at the Suwannee Valley Hospice Care Center at 6037 US Highway 90 West. For more information, please call 386-697-0286 or email [findhopetoday@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:csullivan12@windstream.net), for more information on the Florida Native Plant Society:

[www.fnps.org](http://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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## Navy Reunion

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

When: Oct. 2-7, 2012

Where: Buena Vista Hotel Suites

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## 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.liveoak-floridagardenclub.com](http://www.liveoak-floridagardenclub.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](mailto:srjc4X4@gmail.com) for more info. 386-688-3750 (Sarah).

## Volunteer Opportunity & Meeting Notice

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## 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!

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

Please join us.

Surrey Place Care Center

Teri Christian,

Quality of Life Director

386-364-5961

[act.surrey@signaturehealthcarellc.com](mailto:act.surrey@signaturehealthcarellc.com)

## The Arc North Florida

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

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## Bingo

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

## American Legion Post Meeting

First Thursday of each month at noon. All military veterans are invited to join us. Contact 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.wellborn-baptist.com](http://www.wellborn-baptist.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](mailto:gcannon@atlantic.net)

## First Baptist Church of Dowling Park

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

## Volunteer Opportunity & Meeting Notice

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

## Christian Mission In Action Ministry

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

## Boy Scout Troop 693

Meets at the Live Oak Shrine Club, 11595 100th Street, Mondays, 6:30 - 8 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.wellborncommu](http://www.wellborncommu)

# Calendar of Events

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nityassociation.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](http://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 pm., 4th Saturday/mo. 7 - 8 pm. For more information contact: [talbot483@gmail.com](mailto: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 weatherizing repairs that could be available are installation of doors, windows, insulation, hot water heaters and window air conditioners. For more information, please call the local Suwannee River Economic, Inc. at (386) 362-6079.

## Free English Classes

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

## I am putting together a family history book

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

## Stop, drop and Recycle for Adults with Disabilities.

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

## Free Sunday lunch

### Live Oak

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

## Free Sunday lunch

### Hamilton County

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

## Did you earn your pin?

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 [www.usssvi.org](http://www.usssvi.org). Local contact: W. Ray Rausch, 386-209-1473, [uss483@windstream.net](mailto: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](http://www.fbcliveoak.org).

## Haven Hospice hosts

Helping Hands Volunteer Orientation When: Every

## Timberlake Property Owner's Association

Thursday, October 11, 2012 the Timberlake Property Owner's Association will hold their monthly board meeting at 6:00PM at the Jennings Grand Prix at 4960 NW CR 152 Jennings, FL

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 an 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.

## Love a mystery?

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

Free English-speaking and literacy classes

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

## Suwannee County Republican Executive Committee Meeting.

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

## Florida Gateway College student honored with Who's Who scholarship



Muniz

LAKE CITY, FLA. - Florida Gateway College student Victor Muniz was awarded the Pettus H. Randall scholarship from Who's Who Among Universities and Colleges. This is one of only three scholarships given annually by the organization.

Muniz, 30, is in his second semester at FGC. The \$2,000 scholarship was awarded last month.

"We are very proud of Victor in receiving this most prestigious award," said Dr. Charles Hall, president of Florida Gateway College. "We think that this not only stands for scholarship, but it also stands for character, ability, and initia-

tive, things that make a person great. Florida Gateway College is proud to congratulate Victor on this outstanding award."

Muniz said he was skeptical at first, believing the award to be some type of scam. What he didn't know, however, is that one of his professors, Dr. Sheri Carder, had nominated him for the award.

"Victor is an excellent, dedicated student who is very unassuming," Carder said. "I met him as he began taking my business courses. He would never think to put himself up for an award, so it was my pleasure to lift him up and nominate him. Like many of our hard-

working, older, non-traditional students, a well-deserved scholarship like this is a huge boost to their being able to finish their degrees. I'm really proud for him."

Until a few years ago, Muniz called Massachusetts home but said he wasn't living his life to the fullest extent. He'd dropped out of high school and was headed down the wrong path, he said. His brother was living in Lake City, so he decided to move here where he soon became the manager of the local Movie Gallery.

"Of course, you know what happened there - the company went out of business," Muniz said. "I've got two kids, so I had to do something else. While I was looking for a job, I decided to take some classes and better my life."

Muniz is working toward his Associate's Degree in Computer Information Technology. He is currently working at UPS, and upon graduating, wants to transition to the IT field there.

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

## FGC Entertainment kicks off Sept. 28 with a tribute to James Taylor

LAKE CITY, FLA. - The

sweet sounds of James Taylor will be on display September 28th at Florida Gateway College. Fire and Rain: The James Taylor Tribute Experience, sponsored by TD Bank, will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Levy Performing Arts Center.

This is the first show of the 2012-2013 season of FGC Entertainment, which will also feature Lee Brice, Tracy Lawrence, and Jars of Clay.

Led by Greg Pitts, Fire and Rain brings all of the classic James Taylor hits - "Fire and Rain," "You've Got a Friend," "How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved By You)," "Everyday," "Copperline," and more. Based out of Tampa, those in attendance may recognize some of the members of Fire and Rain - several of their members also perform as Alter Eagles, who performed at Florida Gateway College in 2011. The group's perfor-

mance, which celebrated the Fourth of July and the one year anniversary of the college's name change, raised nearly \$7,000 for local charities.

Taylor, of course, is a five-time Grammy Award winner and member of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Taylor is one of music's greatest achievers and lacks rivals in his nearly 50 year career. While Taylor had some of his greatest success in the '70s, his music continues to thrive today - in fact, Taylor's 2010 tour grossed more than \$59 million, making it the second most successful tour of the year.

Tickets are still available and are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for FGC students, faculty, and staff. Season tickets for the 10-show lineup are also available. More information can be found by going online at [www.fgcentertainment.com](http://www.fgcentertainment.com) or calling (386) 754-4340.

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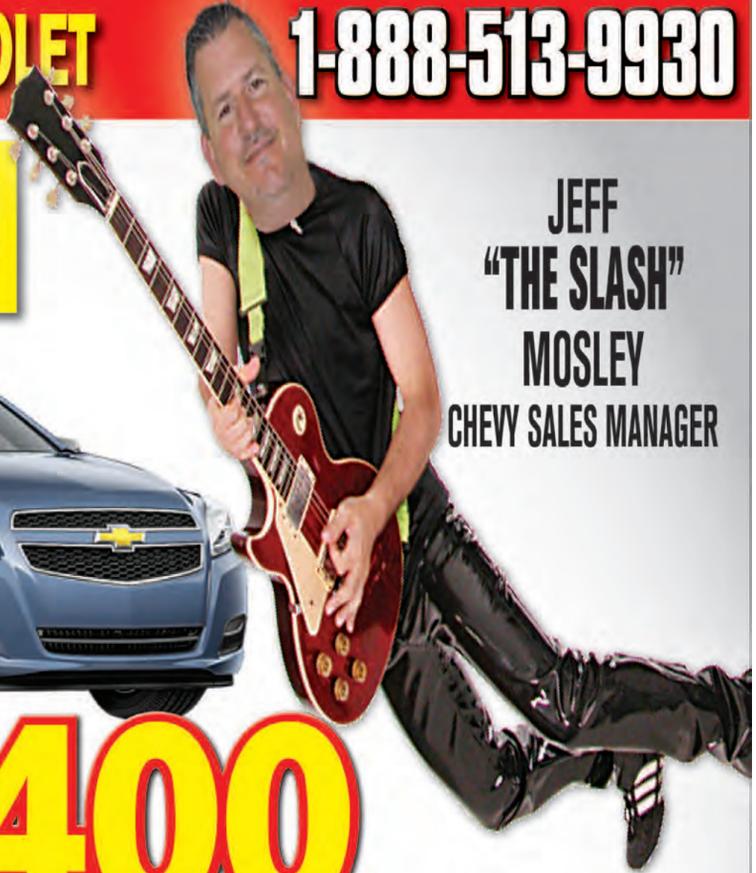
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