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“Groundwater levels have recovered to normal or above normal in most areas and river levels have not been this high since 2010.”

Megan Wetherington, district senior professional engineer

Water restrictions scaled back

River levels, aquifer improve

Staff

The Suwannee River Water Management District expired the water shortage restrictions it imposed but

states that year-round water conservation rules are now in effect.

The new rules are less strict than the restrictions put into place during the drought.

After a pattern of heavy rainfall this summer, the restrictions were allowed to expire on Sept. 30. The district de-

clared a water shortage order in June to ease drought conditions. Conditions have improved considerably since that time.

“Groundwater levels have recovered to normal or above normal in

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Man found guilty of DUI manslaughter

Jury returned verdict in 36 minutes

Staff

It took a Suwannee County jury just 36 minutes to return a guilty verdict against a man accused of a 27-year-old local woman's death in 2009.



Wells

Timothy D. Wells, 44, will be sentenced Thursday at 9 a.m. for DUI manslaughter, three counts of DUI serious bodily injury and child abuse: great bodily harm.

The charges stemmed from a wreck on July 4, 2009 that resulted in the death of April Jo Mercer, 27.

The crash occurred around 6 p.m. after the 1999 Ford pickup Wells was driving was struck by an SUV when Wells failed to stop at

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Wellborn man killed in hit-and-run

By Andrew McGee

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A pedestrian was struck by a car while walking along CR 137, just north of 200th St. Sept. 27 around 9:35 p.m., according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Wellborn resident, Steve Wayne Mathis, 53, was pronounced deceased at the scene by Suwannee County Emergency Medical personnel.

According to FHP's report, Mathis was walking in a southeasterly direction into the northbound lane of CR 137 from his private driveway. Mathis entered the roadway to make contact with a wrecker driver that had re-

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Caruthers out of ICU

Expected to make full recovery



Caruthers

Staff

Suwannee County Commissioner Jesse Caruthers continues to improve in a Gainesville hospital following complications from a ruptured spleen.

He was taken out of the intensive care unit and moved to another room at the hospital, his daughter Misti Caruthers Smith said Monday.

“He's on the fifth floor (and) if things continue on the current track its very likely he will be coming home this week,” she said.

Caruthers was taken to Shands Regional Medical Center in Live Oak on Friday, Sept. 14 where he was given

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FIRE SAFETY ON FOREIGN SOIL



Conner, center, takes a break to pose for a photo with members of the Afghan National Army. Courtesy photo

Charlie Conner now calls Afghanistan home

Staff

Providing fire safety education and training thousands of miles away and in a completely different climate, former Suwannee County Public Safety Director Charlie Conner says hello.

Conner was deployed to Afghanistan in the spring to serve as a civilian contractor providing fire

safety inspections and education to both military and civilians. He is currently signed on for a year, but hopes to serve a minimum of three years. Conner said he works 12-hour days, seven days a week.

“Fire safety is a real concern here.

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Local girl makes top 200 in Teen Jeopardy

By Bryant Thigpen

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Julia Sedgley was selected among the top 200 from around the country to compete for Teen Jeopardy in New Orleans. Courtesy photo

Julia Sedgley is your typical junior in high school save for a unique opportunity that presented itself to her recently. This Suwannee High School student was selected to compete on Teen Jeop-

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Branford business owner dies in Lake City wreck

Staff

The owner of Time Savers Food & Gas Store off US 27 in Branford was killed in a Lake City car wreck Saturday night, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Virendra Patel, 47, Lake City, was killed and several of his family members were injured in the single vehicle wreck in the area of the 1800 block of Lake City on US 90.

According to FHP, Patel was driving a 2006 Jeep Commander traveling west with his family when he reportedly experienced some type of medical emergency which caused him to suddenly and without warning become inca-

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City hopes to give finance director new boss

By Bryant Thigpen

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The Live Oak City Council met on Tuesday night, Sept. 25, for a brief meeting at 6 p.m. to hold their final hearing and approval of the 2012-13 proposed budget and approve amendments to an ordinance that would restructure the finance director's position.

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

The following abbreviations are used below:
 SCSO-Suwannee County Sheriff's Office

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MEGA MONEY . . . 3,5,10,26, MB7
LOTTO 10,15,21,28,35,41,x3
POWERBALL 14,18,28,29,57 PB8

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 27, Coszette Kendel Thompson, 20, 305 SE Broughton Ave, Branford, FL, Sale or Deliver Oxycodone, 1st App PD

Per WFW: SCSO- B. Shaw
 Sept 27, Steven Allen Stacy, 21, 148 SE Dees Road, Branford, FL, VOP O/C Burg of a Dwell, Gr Theft of a Firearm, VOP-Burg of a Dwelling, VOP-Grand Theft III, 1st App PD App Per WFW: SCSO-Z. Clark
 Sept 27, Jeffery Allen Stacy, 43, 148 SE Dees Road, Branford, FL, VOP O/C Poss of Oxy W/I to Sell, Sale of Oxy, 1st App PD App Per WFW: SCSO-Z. Clark
 Sept 27, Alexander Brooks Junior, 43, 1201 Ruby St, Live Oak, FL, FTA for Arraignment DWLSR, Baker County Warrant: SCSO- M. Henry
 Sept 27, John Frank Pogozelski, 27, 9542 CR 405, Branford, FL, Battery

By Strangulation, 1st App PD App Per WFW: SCSO-M. Landis
 Sept 28, Dana Rene Ward, 30, 14477 29th Rd, Live Oak, FL, FTA-Burg of a Structure, FTA-Petit Theft, FTA-Burg of a Dwelling, FTA-Grand Theft III, 1st App PD App Per WFW, Cooksey Bond Surrender, Grand Theft, Burg/of Dwelling: SCSO-K. Descarreaux
 Sept 28, Austin Blake Poppell, 20, 505 Nabor St, Live Oak, FL, VOP-High Speed Flee & Elu, VOP-DUI, 1st App PD App Per WFW: SCSO- L. McDaniel
 Sept 28, Robert Keityh Stahl, 35, 11917 208th St, O'Brien, FL, Sell or Deliver Oxycodone: SCSO- H. Harris

Sept 29, Nicholas Stewart, 23, 16207 221st Rd, Live Oak, FL, VOP O/C Burg of Structure, Lafayette Cty VOP-Burg of a Structure, 1st App PD App Per WFW: SCSO- C. Horne
 Sept 29, Daryl Maynard, 40, 12833 177th Road, Live Oak, FL, FTA O/C Petit Theft, 1st App PD App Per WFW: SCSO- H. Harris
 Sept 29, Jeremy Duane Bass, 34, 4777 284th St, Branford, FL, Columbia County Warrant VOP-Battery, Cash Only Bond, 1st App PD App Per WFW: SCSO-B. Barrs
 Sept 29, Brenda Sue Chadwell, 46, 16830 SE 115th Ave, Weirsdale, FL, VOP-Burg of Conveyance: SCSO- T. Smith
 Sept 29, Raymond Lee Simmons, 41, 6455 181st Place, Live Oak, FL, Grand Theft-Auto, Trespassing on Property, VOP-Grand Theft III-Spec Property/Motor Vehicle, 1st App PD App Per WFW: H. Harris
 Sept 29, Michael Butler, 51, 25650 83rd, Branford, FL, Battery (Dom Viol), Battery, 1st App PD App Per WFW: SCSO- S. Senes
 Sept 29, Ernest Eugene Tillman, 38, 419 Lincoln Ave, Live Oak, FL, Battery (Domestic Viol), 1st App PD App Per WFW: LOPD-L. Rogers
 Sept 29, Willis Joshua Jackson, 27, 27441 37th Rd, Branford, FL, DUI W/Prop Damage, DUI W/Serious Inj, 1st App PD App Per WFW: FHP- E. Williams
 Sept 30, Pascual Jahuey-Cerrito, 35, 5601 123rd Rd, Live Oak, FL, Sent 30 Days CJ: SCSO- T. Smith
 Sept 30, Deangelo Jackson, 49, 11349 142nd Pl, Live Oak, FL, Agg Assault W/Deadly Weap, Agg Assault W/Deadly Weap, Agg Assault W/Deadly Weap, Poss Firearm by Con Felon: SCSO- K. Descarreaux
 Sept 30, Jose Alonso Flores, 34, 3320 Galager, Dallas, TX, Failure to Stop for Inspe, No DL: OALE-J. Washington
 Sept 30, Richard Little, 24, 10395 70th St, Live Oak, FL, VOP O/C Petit Theft, VOP O/C No Valid DL, 1st App PD App Per WFW: SCSO- S. Thakor
 Oct 1, Margaret Faye Pike, 52, 19335 124th St, Live Oak, FL, Sentenced to Drug Rehab: SCSO- C. Rodriguez
 Oct 1, Misty Dawn Harper, 32, 777 NW Pillsbury Dr, Lake City, FL, VOP O/C Petit Theft: SCSO- Cpl. A. Loston
 Oct 1, Shontovea Bowman, 35, 12708 72nd Trail, Live Oak, FL, Agg Assault on LEO with Deadly Weapon 2 Counts: SCSO- C. Tompkins
 Oct 1, Stephanie Brown, 19, 18565 CR 136, Live Oak, FL, Battery Dom Viol: SCSO- C. Tompkins
 Oct 1, David Bumbalough, 63, 9298 220th Path, O'Brien, FL, Agg Assault (Dom Viol), Agg Assault Battery (Dom Viol): SCSO- S. Senea
 Oct 1, Joshua Lee Johnson, 29, Hamilton CI, Jasper, FL, Return for Court: SCSO- Cpl. A. Loston
 Oct 1, Joseph R. Ward, 24, 2233 CR 249, Live Oak, FL, Taylor Co VOP Wrt Carrying Conceald Weapon: SCSO- C. Tompkins
 Oct 1, Alfredo Mejia Beltran, 39, 202 Irvin Ave, Live Oak, FL, Battery Dom Viol: LOPD- E. Warren

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Suwannee River Partnership discusses programs to assist farmers in conserving water and protecting water quality

The Suwannee River Partnership (SRP) held a quarterly meeting recently to update its partners of upcoming projects for the next program year, which will assist farmers within the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) in conserving water and protecting water quality. The group also decided that SRWMD Executive Director Ann Shortelle will serve as the new SRP Chair.

Four key programs budgeted for the next program year follow:

- **Mobile Irrigation Lab:** \$165,000 will be designated to identify the need for water efficiency of existing center pivot irrigation systems. The funds will pay for about 180 systems to be evaluated and recommendations made to reduce water use on these systems. To date, nearly 8 billion gallons of water have been saved through the program.

- **Irrigation Retrofit Program:** \$100,000 in cost-share funds will be used to help improve water efficiency of about 20 existing center pivot systems. Funds will pay for various tasks, such as converting systems from high pressure to low pres-

sure, retrofitting systems with more efficient spray nozzles, repairing leaks, and installing endgun shutoffs. The program saved 1 billion gallons of water last year.

- **BMPs Tools Cost-Share Program:** \$100,000 in cost-share funds will be available to about 10 farmers to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs). The funds will pay for new technologies, such as global positioning systems and more efficient fertilizer application equipment to help improve water quality. Through the use of BMP tools, 50 pounds of nitrogen has been saved per acre.

- **Conservation Technical Assistance:** \$300,000 is designated to update poultry conservation plans on about 50 poultry farms. The funds will help improve litter handling practices on poultry operations to help improve water quality. Conservation plans typically reduce nutrient loading up to 35 percent.

Funding for the programs in the amount of \$1.15 million will be provided by the SRWMD, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Florida Department of Agriculture and



Partners of the SRP are pictured from left: Jon Dinges, SRWMD; Darrell Smith, FDACS; Charles Gauthier, DEP; Rich Budell, FDACS; Staci Braswell, Farm Bureau; Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk Inc.; Carolyn Saft, UF/IFAS; Drew Bartlett, DEP; Frankie Hall, Farm Bureau; Joan Dusky, UF/IFAS; Terry Hansen, DEP; Joel Love, SRP; Ann Shortelle, SRWMD; Kevin Wright, SRWMD; Hugh Thomas, SRP; and John Stubblefield, SRP.

Consumer Services (FDACS), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

partners for providing funding and/or support for these programs," said SRP Coordinator Hugh Thomas. "Their funding and input are vital to the success of our organization."

"The SRP would like to thank all our

Special visit at Westwood



The kindergarten class at Westwood Christian School enjoyed a visit from Patrolman Al Hughes and his patrol car recently. Courtesy photo

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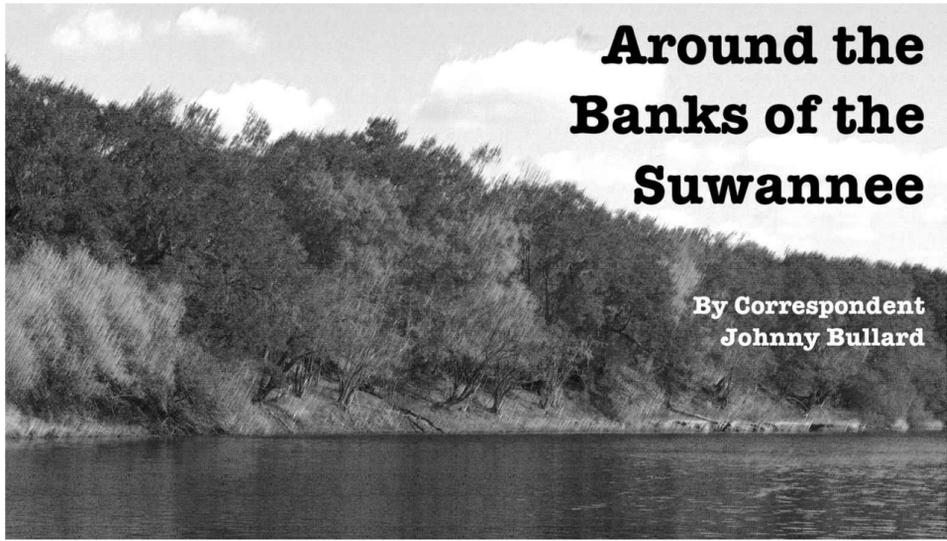
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Around the Banks of the Suwannee

By Correspondent Johnny Bullard

On Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012, homecoming was celebrated at Swift Creek Church about five miles north of White Springs, Florida. Swift Creek Church was originally Swift Creek United Methodist Church and is, according to a number of Florida historians, the second oldest Protestant Church in the state of Florida. It was founded and established in 1821 near the banks of Swift Creek, a tannic colored tributary that flows into the Suwannee River.

I have written about Swift Creek before in this column. My column today is not about Swift Creek, but it is about homecoming services and what those services mean to so many in our region.

When I think of homecoming services held at churches in our region, I think of happiness, meeting and greeting those we may have not seen in some time who have "come home" to worship in the church of their childhood and/or growing up years. I think of renewal - renewing those "ties" that bind us in love to family members, friends, and spiritually. I think of joy - the joy of singing the old familiar hymns, the joy of sharing in the spirit of worship with those we hold dear and, in most cases, the joy of "enjoying" the bounties of the table at "dinner on the grounds"

or in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

I know of one man in our area who once said to me: "I am not crazy about preaching, and I am not even that fond of singing, but I sure do love the chicken and dumplings, acre peas, and homemade coconut pies that the ladies put out at the church." We can smile about the man's candor, and we know he was honest, and we, like him, if we are honest with ourselves, could express at least in part the same sentiments about church homecomings in this region. The food is WONDERFUL and a definite plus.

Now, if you are into having to maintain a strict diet, free from saturated fat, sugar, starch and so forth it might be best that you leave following the worship service, unless you bring your alfalfa sprouts and tofu with you, because in most cases, you won't find alfalfa sprouts and tofu being served on the homecoming tables of our area.

Church homecomings are also about memories - memories of those who once sang, worshipped, and shared their special dishes and recipes with all of us. Memories of days spent in Sunday school classes and at vacation Bible school with childhood friends. Memories of revivals, choir rehearsals, the great events of life - baptisms, wed-

dings, and, yes, funerals. Homecoming services bring all those events and memories to my mind.

The fall of the year seems to be the time when a lot of churches in our area celebrate homecoming. I may be wrong, but I believe the reason the fall season is often chosen as an opportune time for homecomings is, first, the weather is a little cooler and, in our area, there was a time when most people lived more in rhythm with the agricultural way of life and most crops were finished in the fall. Maybe I am wrong about this, it won't be the first nor the last time I've been wrong. I am just guessing here. The season of homecoming is not as important as the event.

In the small community in which I was "raised" it was an "event". It is still is. The church members went into overdrive, cleaning the church building, sprucing up the church grounds, making sure all preparations were made if a minister was coming from a distance. There was and is a lot of love and preparation that goes into many homecomings. A lot of work that is never witnessed by many who attend but, believe me, it goes on. Yes, it does go on.

I know many may think that I idealize the area in which we live, because I do love it so. Maybe I am guilty of "waxing rhapsodic" about the area in which we live. In fact, I know I am guilty. Believe me, when I express to you, I am fully cognizant of the "bumps" and "warts" we have as an area. Remember, I didn't "drop in here" yesterday nor the "day before" neither did "my people". We've been here for a while, a good while.

And having been here for a good while, I can freely express that church homecomings "Around the Banks of the Suwannee" are held near and dear to the hearts of the people in this area. Indeed, it is a tradition that ties us to our maker, to our home, and to each other and it is a tradition that is filled with love, dedication and service.

Love, dedication, and service good preaching, good singing, and don't forget those chicken and dumplings, acre peas, and homemade coconut pie. And I am going to add one more food item here which must, MUST be present for a church homecoming in our area to be complete. A plate or two of good homemade deviled eggs.

Church homecomings are just one of the many reasons I love where I live "Around the Banks of the Suwannee".

From the Eight Mile Still on the Woodpecker Route north of White Springs, wishing each of you a day filled with joy, peace, and, above all, lots of love and laughter.

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Lana Boone (Left), Principal of Columbia City Elementary was on hand when Dalila Vizueta (Center) received her \$1,000 Back To School Classroom Cash from Anthony Cosentino, General Sales Manager at Rountree Moore Ford. Ms. Vizueta's classroom was entered by Bruce Sullivan who's son Brad is a student in her second grade class. Thank You Rountree Moore Ford • Kia • Toyota for helping Ms. Vizueta buy supplies for her classroom!

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Yay to Alaina Thompson! (Left) who also received her check from Anthony Cosentino, General Sales Manager. Alaina was the winner of Rountree Moore Ford • Kia • Toyota's \$500 Back To School Cash promotion.

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Suwannee County
Interstate 10 Daytime lane closures westbound near mile marker 288 approximately five miles east of US 129 (Exit 283) Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to investigate a depression in the roadway.

Hamilton County
Interstate 75 Nighttime lane closures between US 129 and the Suwannee

County line (Suwannee River bridges) Monday through Thursday starting at 9 p.m. for crews to install traffic sensors in the asphalt and to reseal bridge joints at the Suwannee River bridges and at the US 129 interchange. Also, daytime lane closures Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. to place the final layer of asphalt on the US 129 entrance and exit ramps. The speed limit is reduced to 60 mph during lane closures.

US 129 Daytime lane closures between the western city limits of Jasper and the Georgia line after 8:30 a.m. for drainage, driveway and side street improvements in preparation for resurfacing.

Lafayette County
County Road 354 Possible daytime lane closures between US 27 and State Road 51 (Hal Adams Bridge) for construction of a new bike trail on the north and east side of the road.

State Road 51 Possible daytime lane closures between County Road 354 and the Hal Adams Bridge for construction of a new bike trail on the east side of the road.

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Local 3-Day Forecast

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Florida At A Glance

The Great Book Sale Suwannee River Regional Library

Come early for the best choices!

The Suwannee County Friends of the Library is hosting The Great Book Sale commencing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4-6 2012 and on the following week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11-13 2012.

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

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OBITUARIES



VB "Sonny" Brown
April 5, 1922
Sept. 25, 2012

VB. "Sonny" Brown, 90, passed away at home of natural causes Sept. 25, 2012.

He was born in the Tiger Lake community of Live Oak, Fla. April 5, 1922 to James Otha and Dollie Horne Brown. Finishing high school in Va., he continued working in a local seed plant. After Pearl Harbor, he joined the Marine Corps, and served with distinction in three Pacific campaigns, Roi, Saipan/Tinian and Iwo Jima. After the war, he quietly and simply went back to work in Va., eventually relocating to Live Oak. He met and married Louis Maude Day, his wife of 62 years, and ran a successful fuel oil business for over 50 years. Sonny was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church where he served as a Trustee. He contributed in many ways to his community, and was active in many local groups including the Live Oak Jaycees, the Board of Trustees of the Suwannee County Hospital, the Board of Trustees of the Commercial Bank, the Suwannee Country Club, the Kiwanis Club, and the Barnett Lodge of Masons.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Vera Voyles, brothers Otis and Alvin Brown. He is survived by his wife Louis; sons Jep (Marisol), Michael (Karin), and Greg (Theresa); daughter Barbara Ann (Richard); grandchildren Brian Brown, Jenni Roberts (Mike), Rachel Magnoni (Kirk), Rebecca Brown,

Michael Campagnone, Megan Brown, Matthew Brown, Gregory Brown, Spencer Brown, Dustin Scott, Vonnie Gayle Hudson (Cranley), Cothee Ann Stalvey, Benjamin Ford, Molly Ford, and Holli Bishop; and great-grandchildren Kade Maulden, Grace Roberts, Jacob Scott, and "little man" Magnoni on the way.

A special thank you goes to niece Moseley Ruark and her husband Ray for their love and support throughout the years.

Visitation will be Saturday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. at Daniel's Funeral Home, North Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Fla. A memorial service celebrating the life of Sonny Brown will follow in the chapel at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Dr. Ray Rurark officiating.

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

Mildra Marie Spears
Jan. 11, 1914
Sept. 29, 2012

Mildra Marie Spears, 98, of Wellborn, Fla. passed away on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012 in Jacksonville, Fla. The Altha, Fla. native moved to the Wellborn area in 1993 from Blountstown. Mildra worked as an L.P.N. for Baptist Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. and also for Blountstown Nursing Home. She was a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

Mildra is survived by her daughter: Barbara Fletcher, Jacksonville, Fla.; five grandchildren: LaShanda Schmidt, Tonya LaRiccia, Erin Geerts, Jeremiah Fletcher, Noah Fletcher; fifteen great-grandchildren: Brian Romero, Tiarra Romero, Leah Romero, Joseph LaRiccia, Abigail LaRiccia, Hannah LaRiccia, Justus LaRiccia, Josiah LaRiccia, Judah LaRiccia, Cheyenne Clark LaRiccia, Kathryn Fletcher, Mark Fletcher, Luke Fletcher, Austin Fletcher, Kaitlyn Fletcher; cousins: Louis Berry, Jack Berry; and many more cousins, nieces and nephews. Pallbearers

for her service will be: Gill Baxter, Christopher Dang, Jeremiah Fletcher, Noah Fletcher, Richard Haring, Jimmy Lee Holly, Joseph LaRiccia, and Justus LaRiccia.

Funeral services for Mrs. Spears was at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday Oct. 2, 2012 at Daniels Memorial Chapel, Live Oak, Fla. with Rev. Louie Berry officiating. A viewing was held from 9:30 - 10:30 before the service. Committal services was at 3:00 pm, EST, at Nettle Ridge Cemetery, Blountstown, Fla.

Please sign the guestbook at www.danielsfuneralhome.com

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



J.W. "Jim" Hair
Sept. 28, 2012

J.W. "Jim" Hair, 71, of Live Oak, Fla. passed away on Friday, Sept. 28, 2012. The Palm River, Fla. native moved to Live Oak in 1994 from Palm Beach and attended Melody Christian Center in Live Oak. He was a well driller for most of his life, loved fishing, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Hair is survived by his wife: Phyllis Hair, Live Oak, Fla.; three sons: James Calvin Hair, Wellington, Fla., Norman Otis Hair, Leesburg, Fla., Paul Ryan Hair, Palm Beach, Fla.; five grandchildren: Bethany Hair, Therese Hair, Nate Hair, Emma Hair, Levi Hair and two great-grandchildren: Jayla Hair and Malichi Hair.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3 at

Daniels Memorial Chapel with Mr. James Calvin Hair officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Jim Hair Fund, c/o First Federal Savings Bank, 804 Ohio Avenue South, Live Oak, Fla. 32064.

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

Curtis "Ben" Hightower
Sept. 20, 2012

Curtis "Ben" Hightower, 75, Live Oak, Fla. passed away on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2012 after a long illness. The Montgomery, Al native moved to Live Oak 20 years ago from Zephyrhills, Fla. He was a Veteran of the Korean War while serving in the Navy and was a member of Luraville Baptist Church. Mr. Hightower is survived by his son: Jon Hightower, Singapore, Thailand; one sister: Elizabeth Hightower, Miami, Fla.; one brother: Tom Hightower, Millbrooke, Al; nephew: Paul Snipes; several grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 at Luraville Baptist Church.

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

DEATH NOTICES

Mike Duxbury
Oct. 1, 2012

Mike Duxbury, 68, O'Brien, Fl passed away on Monday, Oct. 1, 2012.

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

Bernice Baker
Sept 19, 2012

Bernice Baker, age 88, died on Sept 19, 2012 at North Florida Regional Hospital. She graduated from Williston High School, attended Stetson University, and then worked as a civilian employee for the U. S. Army for two years. She attended Florida State University, earning a bachelor degree in business. Bernice moved to Live Oak to establish her career as a building contractor and real estate agent. After completing Maynor Manor subdivision there, she retired to Williston. She requested a private service.



Giant Dinosaur puppets dance on stage

NFCC presents Bits N Pieces Puppet Theatre's Aesop's Dinosaur Fable

North Florida Community College's Van H. Priest Auditorium will be filled with shrieks of delight Thursday and Friday, Oct. 11-12 when Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre brings their giant puppet musical, Aesop's Dinosaur Fable, to the NFCC campus in Madison, Fla. Three of the four performances are already filled, but seats are still open on Friday, Oct. 12 at the 11 a.m. showtime.

The show lasts approximately one hour and is open to K-3rd grade students or children up to age 10, parents, teachers and area schools (public, private, or home school) in NFCC's district including Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor counties. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$2 per person. To make reservations, contact the NFCC College Advancement Office at (850) 973-1653 or email ArtistSeries@nfcc.edu for more information. Reservation forms are also available on the NFCC website at <http://www.nfcc.edu/community-programs/children-theater>.

Children's-theater. The performance is sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Filled with singing, dancing and giant fun, Aesop's Dinosaur Fable is a mammoth musical featuring nine-foot-tall glow-in-the-dark dinosaur puppets and live actress, wee TryANTasaurus. Children are spell bound as they watch the Farmer Ant's Almanac predict an ice storm for later that day. Heeding the warning, TryANTasaurus prepares for the worst but our lazy, green giant pays no mind to his little red friend. But, chances are a million-to-one that things won't be the same tomorrow! In this rollicking tale, our dawdling dinosaur learns – "It's perilous to procrastinate!"

Actress and puppet builder Holli Rubin performs as wee TryANTasaurus. Puppeteer and lyricist Jerry Bickel performs as the giant prehistoric dinosaur puppet. The musical was inspired by the theater troupe's cultural exchange projects in the

Caribbean. A Carnival atmosphere prevails in the show. Cool classic Greek and hot Island motifs mix in the music, dance and design of the play. The transformed classic becomes a musical fable for modern times.

Bits 'N Pieces Theatre has been creating original musical productions adapted from classic children's literature for 35 years. Headquartered in Tampa, Florida, the company spends most of the year on national tour. This season's touring production has already thrilled audiences in the Japan, Czech Republic, Taiwan and the US.

Suwannee Legals

A&A MINI STORAGE
10158 90TH TRAIL
LIVE OAK, FL 32060
386-208-1062

NOTICE OF SALE

A & A MINI STORAGE LOCATED AT 10158 90th TRAIL, LIVE OAK, FL. 32060 WILL ACCEPT BIDS ON THE CONTENTS OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS:

- (1). CINDY M. ALLEN - UNIT # A-17
CONTENTS: MISCELLANEOUS PERSONAL ITEMS
- (2). ELIZABETH LAYCOCK - UNIT # G-17 & G-18
CONTENTS: MISCELLANEOUS PERSONAL ITEMS
- (3). NATASHA FORD - UNIT # F1A
CONTENTS: MISCELLANEOUS PERSONAL ITEMS
- (4). JULIE GADDY - UNIT # D-29
CONTENTS: MISCELLANEOUS PERSONAL ITEMS
- (5). JAMES HAYNES - UNIT # A-7
CONTENTS: MISCELLANEOUS PERSONAL ITEMS
- (6). TRACY WILLIAMS - UNIT # G-14
CONTENTS: MISCELLANEOUS PERSONAL ITEMS

CONTENTS MAY BE PURCHASED IN PART OR WHOLE. PAYMENT WILL BE IN CASH ONLY. AUCTION DATE IS OCTOBER 17TH (WEDNESDAY), 2012 AT 10:00 A.M. A & A MINI STORAGE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO BID.
09/28, 10/03

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, 2102, 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 55 Pecan Ridge)

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 3 South, 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 666.90 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 121.89 feet; thence run South 00 degrees 49'08" 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, T3S, 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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold a special Board of Trustees business meeting Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Madison County Community Bank conference room, 301 E. Base St., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.
10/03

Olustee Battlefield Monument

100 year anniversary of the dedication. Oct. 13, 2012 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Please call the Columbia Co. tourist development council at 386-758-1312 if you have any questions.

Suwannee Legals

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

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

CASE NO.: 12-288-CA

JIM JEAN AUCTIONS, INC.,
a Florida corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.

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 it on **WAYNE CARROLL**, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 1898, Keystone Heights, Florida 32056, 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 Pert
As Deputy Clerk

09/26, 10/03

OBITUARY INFORMATION

All obituaries are paid notices and are placed by the funeral home or crematorium handling the arrangements as a service to the family.

For more information:
Phone: 386-362-1734
Fax: 386-364-5578
email: nf.obits@gafnews.com

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Relay for Life KICKOFF PARTY!

Where: Shrines Club
11595 100th St., Live Oak, FL

When: Oct. 9, 2012

Time: 6:00 p.m.

What: Refreshments, fun, spiritbucks and prizes!

Dress in your luau best!

Teams that already registered online or come with their \$100 registration will receive a gift!

RSVP to Denny Tompkins 386-688-3344

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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 driverless cars

By Jim Holmes

So I see that California now has become the first state in the Union with a law on the books allowing for the testing of so-called "driverless cars." Actually, "driverless cars" are nothing new. Anyone who has ever sped down a busy interstate highway knows there are already thousands of driverless cars out there. Oh, there is a human being behind the steering wheel alright, but the last thing they are doing is driving. "Aiming" might be a more apt description.

They climb behind the wheel, pick a destination, point their car in that general direction and immediately begin doing something else...apparently something far more important than keeping their automobile in their own lane. We've all seen gals applying their makeup using the rearview mirror as they speed down the road and millions of us routinely gab on our cell phones while tootling along. But I've also seen people reading maps, newspapers and even novels while flying down the highway at 75 mph.

Texting from your cell phone has become the norm for many of us while driving, although I am not one of them. First off, at my advanced age I don't text at all. I am still wrestling with the basic concept of why anyone wants to send an "instant message." If you are looking for "instant" communication with someone, why not TALK to the person via your phone and if he or she is not there, you can leave a message. It just seems faster and a heck of a lot easier to a technology-challenged old coot like me. But then, I still think of my computer as just a typewriter with a TV attached.

The whole idea of phone texting leaves me cold. Hell, I struggle to strike the correct letters on a full-sized keyboard. I can image the mess I'd create trying to hit those tiny keys on a cell phone while operating a vehicle. On the other hand, if I ever do text while driving, I can almost guarantee what my last message will be: "Jst cazd 10 car pileup. Call atty. NOW!"

Perhaps the bravest guy I've ever seen---or maybe just the dumbest---was a motorcyclist here in Live Oak speeding down a narrow, two-lane highway in excess of 65 mph with one hand on the bike's handlebars. With the other, he was TEXTING! Now that takes a lot of guts, most of which I now suspect are evident in the form of a highway grease spot somewhere between here and Branford.

No, the driverless cars they are testing on the West Coast are unlike any I've just described. These will be operated by computer. You know, those things that suddenly freeze-up at the least opportune moment like when the car ahead of you slams on its brakes to avoid hitting a dog.

The developers seem confident however, that eventually driverless cars will be the norm in this country. They say when perfected, they will be safer than anything on the highway today. I don't doubt it, but I still think driverless cars will be a tough-sell, at least in this country.

For many, perhaps most, driving in the US is much more than just traveling safely from point A to point B. Driving is about personal identity, freedom, self-sufficiency and the ego-satisfying power that goes with being able to control two-and-a-half tons of aluminum and steel as it hurls down a ribbon of asphalt.

Then there is that feeling of superiority we get when some other driver makes a human error. We love to shout at him or her about their stupidity apparently completely forgetting the fact that we made the same stupid mistake ourselves just the month before.

Yep, driving is much more than just movement. Operating a car is like being in a little world of your own, where you are a minor god in complete control of your own destiny. Unless of course, your wife or mother-in-law is in the backseat.

Jim lives in Live Oak.

BIBLE VERSE

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Matthew 5:11-12 NIV

OPINION

Trickle down and tax cuts

Dr. Thomas Sowell's "Trickle Down Theory" and "Tax Cuts for the Rich" has just been published by the Hoover Institution. Having read this short paper, the conclusion you must reach is that the term "trickle down theory" is simply a tool of charlatans and political hustlers.

Sowell states that "no such theory has been found in even the most voluminous and learned histories of economic theories." That's from a scholar who has published extensively in the history of economic thought. Several years ago, Sowell, in his syndicated column, challenged anyone to name an economist from any economic school of thought who had actually advocated a "trickle down" theory. To date, no one has quoted any economist who ever advocated such a theory. Trickle down is a non-existent theory. Those who use it simply argue against a caricature rather than confront an argument actually made.

President Barack Obama recently criticized Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan for trying to sell a tax plan, which he called "trickledown snake oil." Criticizing tax cuts as trickle down is a way not to confront the argument; however, there's empirical evidence about the effects of tax cuts. Sowell shows that during the Warren Harding administration, in 1921, Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon advocated tax rate cuts, which were enacted into law by Congress. Afterward, there was rising output; unemployment plummeted; and the resulting higher income produced greater federal tax revenues, even though the tax rate had been lowered. There were somewhat similar results in later years after high tax rates were cut during the John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush administrations.

The facts about the 1920s tax rate cuts are unmistakably clear for those who bother to check the facts. In 1921, when the tax rate on people earning more than \$100,000 a year was 73 percent, the federal government collected a little more than \$700 million in income taxes, of which 30 percent was paid by those earning more than \$100,000. By 1929, after the tax rate had been cut to 24 percent on incomes higher than \$100,000, the federal government collected more than \$1 billion in in-



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come taxes, of which 65 percent was collected from those with incomes higher than \$100,000.

In 1962, Democratic President John F. Kennedy pointed out that "it is a paradoxical truth that tax rates are too high today and tax revenues are too low and the soundest way to raise the revenues in the long run is to cut the rates now."

Both Presidents Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush made similar arguments, and the tax rate cuts had the effect of stimulating economic growth while increasing federal tax revenue and shifting a greater percentage of the tax burden on to wealthier individuals.

One very insightful part of Sowell's paper is the discussion about what Mellon called the "gesture of taxing the rich" -- namely, tax-exempt securities that he tried unsuccessfully to put an end to. Tax-exempt securities and other tax breaks are valuable tools in the politics of class warfare and envy. Politicians have it both ways. They get votes by raising taxes on the wealthy -- or threatening to do so -- and at the same time provide the wealthy with a way out of high taxes through tax-exempt securities. This explains how President Obama can raise tens of millions of dollars in campaign contributions from Hollywood millionaires and Wall Street's rich and powerful. "Tax cuts for the rich" demagoguery is simply the height of deceit perpetrated on the gullible people and useful idiots.

You can bet that the White House has people reading every bit of the news, including this column and Dr. Sowell's article. You can bet some people in the news media will read it, as well. Despite the facts that Sowell has marshaled, they will continue to use trickle down theory and "tax cuts for the rich" demagoguery, even though they now have hard evidence to the contrary, because they can count on widespread gullibility and inability to do critical thinking.

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

GUEST COLUMN

Must have me confused with someone else

By Dwain Walden

I recently got invited to join a poet's society. This caught me a bit off guard.

First off, I've never written a poem in my life. I have written some country songs which often are referred to as "blue collar poetry" but in comparison that would be like being a guest at a cigar club and whipping out a Swisher Sweet.

Not only have I never written a poem, I've only read them when I had to back in high school and college. Now don't get me wrong, I'm not pooh poohing poetry. I appreciate one's ability to write and understand it. I also appreciate opera, I just don't go there.

My biggest difficulty with poetry in college was that we would read and study poems and then we would discuss what we thought the poet was saying. Many times I had no clue. My thought was, if he had something to say, why not just put it out there in simple language. I guess you could say I'm a direct-drive kind of guy. Hold the flowers, give me the fruit. Don't put parsley on my plate, fill up that space with roast beef.

I did conclude after reading some Edgar Allen Poe that he had stumbled onto some pretty good hooch.

When I hung around Nashville and dabbled as a songwriter I learned that a good country song had to be one that you could hear twice and remember most of the lyrics. As well, once recorded it had to be less than three minutes or most disc jockeys wouldn't play it. That all had to do with getting more advertising spots in. As well, a music publisher told me one day that since Shakespeare and Hank Williams there was nothing new to say. You just had to find a new way to say it again.

Just a couple of years ago a songwriter declared, "God is great, beer is good and people are crazy." In one song that ran just over two minutes, this writer pretty well summed up my college poetry classes as well as my philosophy class in one fell swoop. And if you stretched a point, that observation could have comprised cliff notes for a couple of my political science courses.

Now back to this invitation. This poet's society was headquartered in a big city far away. It's not like I could drop by after



Dwain Walden

work, have a glass of wine with them and debate why Robert Frost would have stopped by the woods on a snowy evening. Maybe nature called and it was a polite way to describe it in verse. And would a poet write his name in the snow?

I do see socially redeeming value in any writer's group whether it be poetry or whatever. I think it provokes thought which they say can help prevent Alzheimer's, and it promotes a camaraderie of sorts. And some people think they need an occasion to drink wine, which in moderation helps reduce cholesterol issues. Go for it!

Now I will say that in high school when we studied "The Rhymer of the Ancient Mariner," it did have an impact on me. I got so thirsty reading those verses that when I got home from school that afternoon I drank a gallon of ice tea. Other than this guy not having any water to drink, I can't remember much of that poem. I don't remember how it ended. On the other hand, I do recall much of Ernest Hemingway's novel "The Old Man and the Sea." And I remember how it ended. I also saw the movie, starring Spencer Tracy.

Now while I don't aspire to be a poet, I would like to inspire others to do so if that's the venue of writing they like best. Writing is great therapy, great entertainment, and a viable way to communicate. Unfortunately, so much of the writing today is done with the thumbs that I think the quality of what's being said has diminished greatly.

And with respect to Robert Frost, I close with one of his observations: "In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."

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

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

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



Legends and All-Stars meet on court - SPORTS 13A

Branford News

Serving southern Suwannee County, including Branford, O'Brien and McAlpin

FFA corn maze mapped out



The class looks over the design of the maze with SRWMD GIS Coordinator Paul Buchanan. - Courtesy photos

Submitted

Suwannee River Water Management District GIS Coordinator Paul Buchanan visited the Branford Agriculture Education Department last week to map out the FFA corn maze.

Buchanan volunteered his services to transform the original drawing into the layout for the maze. The position of the Buccaneer was chosen.

Then, the students marked the four corners with a GPS. The coordinates were sent to Buchanan. He came to Branford because, according to the points, the design would have been off part of the field. Buchanan came down and marked the corners. The design was shift-

ed and the new coordinates marked.

Buchanan returned a week later. The GPS system marked the trails for the design and Buchanan led the students along the paths. A poster size illustration was marked so that the students could follow the trail as they laid out the flagging tape. This ensured that all of the paths were covered. Over 4,500 feet of flagging tape was weaved through the maze.

The maze will be cut this week using the flagging tape as the trails. The maze will also be used with GPS in a study unit to teach students how to use the GPS hand held devices to find certain locations. A treasure hunt will be set-up with coordinates for students to discover the hidden secrets.



Daniel Kinsey laying flagging tape.



Students work with SRWMD GIS Coordinator Paul Buchanan in preparation of the corn maze.

Branford rodeo was a success

By Andrew McGee
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Branford's 56th Annual Rodeo weekend was Friday and Saturday Sept. 28-29 beginning at 8 p.m. held at the Suwannee River Riding Club at 9132 254th Terrace, US 129 north in Branford.

There were hundreds of people that came out for the event and hardly a place

to sit down could be found. There was plenty of food and drinks in the concessions to accommodate any coming out with a big appetite.

A handful of riders were able to go eight seconds riding those broncos, but others were bucked off the first couple of seconds.

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Both men and women riders begin the rodeo with a salute to our flag and country. - Photos: Andrew McGee



Taking to the arena.

Branford American Legion met



Chaplain Al Donavon and Erin Donovan. - Courtesy photo

Submitted

On Sept. 18, the Branford American Legion Post #59 met with 16 members in attendance. Commander Christian Keeney happily announced that the long awaited groundbreaking for the Fisher House at the Gainesville VA Hospital grounds was on Sept. 22. The post has helped with several fundraisers to support this project that will provide free hotel-like rooms for families visiting wounded veterans that are being treated at the VA Hospital.

Also at the meeting, Skip Trubey gave information on the Veteran Memorial

crosses that will be erected on roads entering Branford on national holidays. It was agreed that they would add the name of recently deceased veteran Francis McGrath to the newest cross.

Post service officer, Bill Peeler, recruited their newest member, Leo Morabito. Morabito transferred from Post 400 in Indianapolis, Indiana, but moved here from Miami after retiring from the police force.

John McFall was the big winner of the \$240 cash drawing award.

The next scheduled meeting of the post will be Oct. 16 at 7 p. m.

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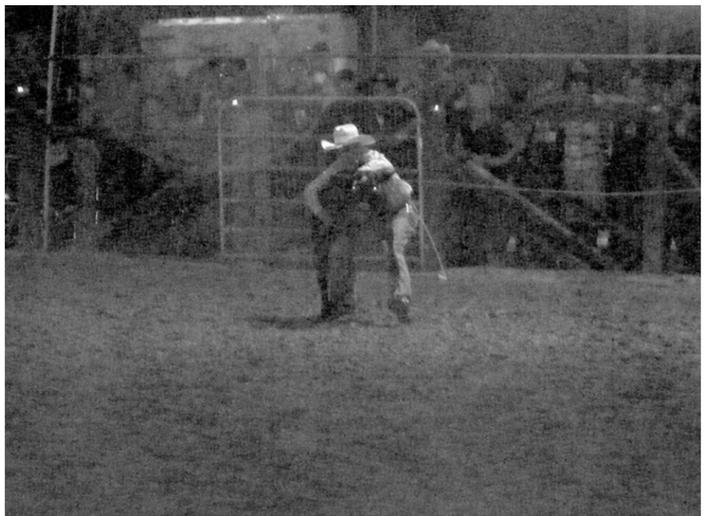
Branford rodeo was a success



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Most of the cowboys participating in the calf rope portion were having a hard time tying and keeping those young calves down, but it seemed to be a fun night for all and a great success.

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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.

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College and career fair a success

By Andrew McGee
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The Suwannee High School held a college and career fair on Tuesday, Sept. 25. Beginning at 6 p.m. in the gymnasium, students and parents were able to meet with different college representatives. Some of the colleges and agencies that attended included The Art Institute of Jacksonville, the University of Central Florida, NFCC, US Military Academy-Westpoint, University of Florida and Florida State University were also represented. Following, in the auditorium, was a presentation by North Florida Community College student advisor, Bobby Scott regarding the college admissions process and dual enrollment. The second speaker was our own SHS's 11th grade guidance counselor, Kathy Smith conducting a Bright Futures scholarship information session.

Ending the presentation portion was Tichaona Matewa from Keiser University who conducted an information session on goal setting. "Overall, we felt like we had a very successful evening," said SHS guidance counselor Tracy Crutchfield. "There was a lot of positive feedback from the college representatives." There were also representatives from our armed forces: The US Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Florida Army National Guard. Crutchfield thought it was a good turnout as there were between 150 and 200 people in attendance, including students and parents. She plans on continuing to conduct the future college and career fairs in the evening. "Many of the representatives said they enjoyed meeting our families and felt like they had good quality conversations with our students and parents," said Crutchfield.

Community Presbyterian Church 30th anniversary homecoming

Community Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 30th anniversary homecoming on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012 at 10:45 a.m. The Reverend Jim Walkup, the founding pastor, will be the guest speaker. There will be a luncheon immediately following the church service. Community Presbyterian Church is located on Pinewood Street near Winn-Dixie. All former members, family and friends of the church are invited to attend this special event.

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The Unknown Leaders Celebration will take place February 28th, 2013 at the newly Madison County Senior Citizens Conference Building, 1161 Harvey Greene drive, Madison, FL 32341 at 6:00 p.m.

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City hopes to give finance director new boss

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Amended sections of Ordinance 711 would make it

where Finance Director Jan Parkhurst, and any future finance directors, report directly to the city clerk, cur-

rently John Gill. The finance director currently reports to the city administrator, who is Bob Farley.

However, the final reading of Ordinance 1324, which amends the sections in Ordinance 711, won't become effective until Mayor Sonny Nobles chooses to either sign it or veto it.

The mayor has three choices he can make: he can sign the ordinance which shows his approval; not sign the ordinance, but it would still go into effect or he can veto the council's vote. He has until the next council meeting on Oct. 9 to come to a decision. If he vetoes the council's vote, it doesn't necessarily mean the end to the amendments. The council can overturn the mayor's veto but must do so with at least four votes.

Nobles told the *Democrat* Tuesday that he has not made his decision yet but has expressed his displeasure with the move.

"I have come to the realization and conclusion that putting the finance director under the supervision of the city clerk is not in the best interest and conducive to smooth and efficient operation of the City of Live Oak," said Nobles. "It makes no logical sense for this to happen. I am confused, to some extent, as to why this move is even being proposed and considered."

The amendments to the ordinance passed with a 3-2 vote. Councilmen Jacob Grantham, Keith Mixon and Adam Prins voted in favor while council members John Yulee and Bennie Thomas voted against.

"I believe allowing the finance director to be supervised by the city clerk will make her opinion more objective," Prins told the *Democrat*. "Before this change, the finance direc-

tor was subject to supervision by the city administrator who is responsible for recommending how money is appropriated by the council. The finance director should now be able to render a professional fiscal opinion without the stress of disagreeing with her supervisor."

The mayor recalled that the city has had issues in the past with the finance director working under the city clerk.

"Back in the 70s, the responsibilities of finance were removed from the clerk. In 1985 this issue was again addressed and resolved with the passage of Ordinance 711 and has worked well since," said Nobles.

While that system may have worked in the past, Prins feels confident that it's the best decision in helping the city to move forward.

"Our city clerk has a professional background in finance and accounting. This move makes sense for better efficiency at City Hall," said Prins.

Local girl makes top 200 in Teen Jeopardy

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Jeopardy in New Orleans.

Sedgley was raised in Jacksonville, but moved to Live Oak when she was 10 and enrolled at Suwannee Middle School.

"I had auditioned once (for Jeopardy) when I was in middle school, and went to Atlanta for the second round. So, I decided that I would try out again for the high school one just for fun," Sedgley said.

Sedgley was one of 15,000 to take the online test. Out of the 15,000 students, only 200 were selected to travel to New Orleans for the audition. As a result of her online test score, Sedgley was chosen among the 200 to make the trip.

Within the next couple of weeks, Sedgley will receive the results from the audition she did in August. If she is chosen, she will have an all expense paid trip to California the week of Thanksgiv-

ing. The entire televised tournament will take place Monday through Wednesday before the holiday.

"At first, I didn't believe my mom when she told me. I then started calling all of my relatives and my drama teacher (Emily Bass) to let them know about it," she said.

Sedgley met with 200 high school students from across the nation to compete in cajun country.

"I loved going to New Orleans," Sedgley stated. "We went a few days early so we could have some family time. I would love to go back."

She said they arrived at the hotel where the auditions were to take place, filled out paperwork and took photos to go in her profile.

"Next, we were taken into a room and were told what was going to happen. A lady passed out test forms for us, and we took a test that was slightly like a

powerpoint," said Sedgley. "Then, the tests were collected and we had a few minutes to relax while the tests were graded. Then we got called up by threes to play a round each. After each round, everyone introduced themselves and told us about themselves."

At SHS, Sedgley is very active in the Theatre Troupe, and is a member of the Accounting Academy. Away from school she enjoys spending time with her parents, Ryan and Joy Sedgley, and babysitting for several families.

"I really enjoy babysitting," she laughed.

Sedgley is the proud sister of Anne, who is 10 and attends school at Suwannee Intermediate School.

"Anne really enjoyed the trip and is looking forward to trying out for Jeopardy herself one day," said Sedgley.

Sedgley's hard work and excellent study ethics in academics paid off.

Branford business owner dies in Lake City wreck

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pacitated. The Commander swerved across both the westbound and eastbound lanes of US 90 where it then drove into a fence along the south side of the roadway and overturned, coming to a rest on its right side.

Patel was transported to Lake City Medical Center in critical condition where he was later pronounced dead.

Five other occupants in the vehicle sustained various injuries. One of the occupants was ejected from the vehicle during rollover and was later flown to Shands Trauma Center in Gainesville.

Those injured: Binduben Patel, serious condition; Usha Patel, serious condition; Dipti Patel, critical condition, ejected from vehicle.; Mahima Patel, minor injuries and Neil Patel, minor injuries.

Binduben Patel and

Usha Patel were not listed as patients of Shands Tuesday. Dipti remained in critical condition. Employees of Time Savers were shocked by Patel's death.

"He's going to be missed," said Brenda Cribbs. She worked with Patel for about five years along with Kenil Kapadia.

"He was a great person to work with," said Kapadia. "Every single person that came in he knew."

Cribbs said customers continue to ask questions and relay condolences.

"He loved to cut up with customers and employees," said Cribbs.

She said Patel worked at the store as much as he could and was there at least six days a week.

Tim Walker owns the American Kenpo Karate University in Branford and said he will miss Vic, as he was called.

"He always smiled and said thank you. He appreciated your business," said Walker.

Water restrictions scaled back

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most areas and river levels have not been this high since 2010," said Megan Wetherington, district senior professional engineer.

In August, the District received an average of more than nine inches of rainfall, with accumulations of up to 16 inches in localized areas. On Aug. 26, the Santa Fe River near Fort White experienced minor flooding after it crested at 0.3 feet above flood stage, and the Waccasassa River saw its third highest stage in 10 years. The Ichetucknee River had sustained flows not seen since 2006.

The National Weather

Service Climate Prediction Center is predicting a weak to moderate El Niño, which typically means cooler and wetter conditions in the fall and winter.

The water shortage restrictions mostly restricted outdoor watering, particularly lawn and landscape irrigation. Under the order, lawn and landscape irrigation was limited to once per week.

Since the order expired, residents and others fall under mandatory, year-round water conservation rules. The rules limit lawn and landscape irrigation to twice per week for this time of year, and apply to residential landscaping, public or commercial

recreation areas, and public and commercial businesses. In addition, watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Farmers are required to follow conservation measures included in their water use permit.

"Though the district does not feel it is necessary to prolong water restrictions at this time, we ask that all water users conserve water and help us sustain our water resources," said District Executive director Ann Shortelle.

Information about the year-round landscape irrigation rule is posted on the district's water conservation page at www.mysuwanneeriver.com.

Charlie Conner now calls Afghanistan home

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I'm sure you can understand that there is not much water here and most smaller camps don't have dedicated fire companies, so prevention is top priority," Conner wrote in an email interview. "We have suffered several fire deaths in the country. The amount of effort that we put into fire safety is amazing."

He sent an email to the *Suwannee Democrat* to share his experience with the residents of Suwannee County.

Conner left as head of Suwannee County Fire/Rescue on May 18. He worked for SCFR since 2006. He has been in the fire/rescue service for more than 26 years.

"For the most part life here is a routine, most peo-

ple call it 'Ground Hog Day', like the movie, because everyday is the same routine. When I first arrived I kind of thought 'what the heck am I doing here', because words really can't describe the situation," said Conner. "There is so much activity that is going on all at the same time."

Conner said he is living in a structure with six other people. The housing took

him a while to get used to, since he said the closets, bathrooms and showers are 1,500 feet away from where he sleeps. The weather there is different from Florida as well. He said it is either really hot or really cold. The locations he is stationed at also provide three meals per day, which he said "the food is awesome".

Conner said he travels from location to location and

some of the areas there is more military activity or "hot spots" than others.

"Depending on your location in the country and where the hot spots are located, determines how much action you see," said Conner. "As of this writing, I'm at a small Forward Operating Base located in the Helmand River Valley which is an active location. The camp is home to the Special Forces. The Helmand Province is known as one of the hot spots at this time. I take great pride in what I do here, serving our military and helping to keep them safe. I also enjoy spending time talking with our troops."

Before Conner left, he had to take additional training to prepare for life overseas, such as survival education and of course, what to expect when he arrived.

Although his work schedule is demanding, Conner said he finds time to read. He said he started reading "The New Testament" and "Huckleberry Finn".

"There is no comparison between here and home. We as a nation are so blessed by God the Father," Conner wrote. "I have always asked for the citizens of Suwannee County to pray for myself and our fire/rescue service. I still ask that, but also, please pray for our men and women in the armed forces and a quick resolution to this war."

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the intersection of 169th Road and 104th Street, according to the Florida Highway Patrol. Mercer died at the scene. Her son, six-year-old James Mercer, was ejected and suffered serious injuries. The driver and passenger of the SUV, Patrick Tharpe and Ellen Tharpe, suffered serious injuries as a result of the wreck.

Wellborn man killed in hit-and-run

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sponded to the scene to pull his car out of the mud. The tow truck came to a complete stop facing south in the southbound lane as Mathis approached it. An unknown make and model mid-sized white in color car was approaching north in the northbound lane of CR 137. The unknown vehicle struck Mathis in the northbound lane and fled the scene without providing first aid or the required crash information to officers.

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The month of October 2012 was proclaimed as Community Planning Month by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council at their meeting on September 27, 2012 held in Lake City. The American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of life in communities and the environment. The Council joins in the celebration of National Community Planning Month by designating October 2012 as Community Planning Month to recognize the valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners and to extend its thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals.

The Council, in partnership with economic devel-

opment organizations and local governments, promotes regional strategies, partnerships and solutions to strengthen the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the 11 counties and 33 incorporated municipalities in the north central portion of Florida. The Council, whose members are local elected officials and gubernatorial appointees, administers a variety of state and federal programs for north central Florida including Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties. Programs include development of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, the Strategic Regional Policy Plan, technical assistance to local governments in development of comprehensive plans, land development regulations and grant management, and administration of developments of regional impact, local mitigation strategies, hazardous



L to R: Scott Koons, Executive Director of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council and North Central Florida Regional Planning Council officials Lorene Thomas, Chair, Garth Nobles, Jr., Vice-Chair and Kenrick Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer.

materials, homeland security and economic development programs. In addition, the Council staffs the Metropolitan Transportation

Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, the

North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team and The Original Florida Tourism Task Force.

The Council's offices are located in Gainesville. More information about the Council can be found at ncfrpc.org.

Altrusa news

New members



New members Betty Lawrence and Heather Thompson were inducted into Altrusa International of Live Oak during the meeting of Sept. 27. Pictured from left: Sharon Jordan, sponsor for Betty Lawrence; Heather Henderson, sponsored by Stephanie McClendon and Glenda Williams.

Jeanie & Stephen vocal audition at Stephen Foster

State competition to award scholarships to male & female vocalists

White Springs – The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park will host the 62nd Annual Jeanie & Stephen Auditions on October 5 & 6, 2012. The popular songs of Stephen Foster and the classical and operatic compositions of American music will be showcased at the Stephen Foster Museum.

The festivities will begin Friday evening Oct. 5 with "An Evening with Jeanie and Stephen" in a concert that will honor the contestants and their families. This event is open to the public and begins at 8 p.m. The next morning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, the singers will audition for the title of "Jeanie" and "Stephen" in a public concert before a panel of judges.

Competitors will wear 1854-style formal attire, keeping with the theme of the event,

which is named for a song Stephen Foster wrote for his wife, "Jeanie, with the Light Brown Hair." This scholarship event is a tribute to Foster, a 19th century composer who wrote some of America's best-known songs, including, "Oh! Susanna" and "Beautiful Dreamer." Foster also wrote "Old Folks at Home," which was adopted as the official Florida state song in 1935.

The event attracts contestants from throughout the state of Florida and is sponsored by the Florida Federation of Music Clubs and the Stephen Foster Citizen Support Organization. Saturday's vocal competition awards \$4,500 of music scholarships. Competitors must be between the ages of 18 and 22 and must sing one song composed by Stephen Foster, and a song of their choice written by American composers. The Jeanie winner receives a scholarship and the title of "Outstanding Female Vocalist in Florida." Two runner-ups are named "Jeanie Maids" and receive schol-

Check presentations



Altrusa International of Live Oak president Ann Thompson presented a check to Doug Mabey, Camp Suwannee director at Advent Christian Village during the meeting of Sept. 27.



Polly Tyler, administrator for Haven Hospice, received a check presented by Altrusa International of Live Oak president Ann Thompson at their meeting Sept. 27.

Courtesy photos

arships as well. The Stephen winner and runner-up will also receive scholarships.

Admission to the event is free with park admission of \$5 per vehicle with up to

eight passengers. For more information, call (386) 397-4408. To learn more, visit www.FloridaStateParks.org/StephenFoster or www.StephenFosterCSO.org.

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 Jan-

icke, 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 biweekly 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 par-

ticipate 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.

Harlem Legends pre-game meet and greet

By Andrew McGee
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The Taco Bell parking lot in Live Oak was the place to be Saturday morning to mid-afternoon.

Harlem Globetrotter now Legend, Michael "Memphis" Douglas, along with some of his teammates from the Harlem Legends, were talking to folks, signing autographs, getting pictures taken, holding several raffles and selling memorabilia.

"Our focus was to partner up with the Boys and Girls Club and give local folks a chance to meet and greet," said Justin Moses of Taco Bell.

The 51-year-old Douglas travels with the Harlem Legends, a group of professional athletes, former players of the Harlem Globetrotters. The Legends are part of the Michael Douglas Youth Foundation which Douglas formed back in 1991 to provide activities for America's youth that are fun, educational and offer a model of health living.

According to Douglas, the Harlem Legends visit schools and help children while striving to be positive role models.

Later that afternoon, a game between the Harlem Legends and The Suwannee County All-Stars took place at the Suwannee County Coliseum which is all part of a benefit for The Boys and Girls Club of Suwannee County.

When asked about the upcoming game, Harlem Legend, "Trick" Ty Gainer thought for a moment then smiled and said, "We're ready." He laughed, "We're

ready."

After about an hour after people had bought or won some items and had gotten an opportunity to "hang out" with The Legends, things started winding down.

"We have to go get ready for the game," said Douglas. "We hope to see you there."

He added, "We are the Harlem Legends. We want to thank everyone for the wonderful event and hope everyone had a good time and hope to see them when we come back next time."



Michael "Memphis" Douglas shows off some basketball tricks.



Fans from all over stopped by to see the Harlem Legends.



There were shirts and all kinds of fun things to gather. - Photos: Andrew McGee

Outta' the Woods



By Tony Young

Gray squirrel season opens 1 month early on private lands

Football season is in full swing, and the 2012-13 hunting season is cranking up. Heck, in Zone A, they're already into general gun season. But for the rest of us, I'd like to cover some things you should know regarding three hunting seasons that are just around the corner: muzzleloading gun, gray squirrel and the first phase of dove.

Immediately following the close of crossbow season in each zone, the muzzleloading gun season begins. Season dates run Nov. 17-30 in Zone B, Oct. 20 - Nov. 2 in Zone C and Dec. 1-7 in Zone D.

During muzzleloading gun season, bows and crossbows

are also legal methods of taking game on private lands, in addition to muzzleloaders. But on wildlife management areas (WMAs), only muzzleloaders may be used.

The most common types of game to take during muzzleloader season are deer and wild hog. In the deer category, only bucks may be taken, and one antler must be at least 5 inches long above the hairline. The daily bag limit on antlered deer is two. You can hunt wild hogs year-round on private lands, and there are no bag or size limits.

For hunting deer, muzzleloaders firing single bullets must be at least .40-caliber. Guns firing two or more balls must be 20-gauge or larger. During muzzleloading gun season, you may not use muzzleloaders that take smokeless powder, ones that can be loaded from the breech or those with self-contained cartridge ammunition capabilities.

It's also legal to shoot gobblers and bearded turkeys during muzzleloading gun season. You may take only one per day, and there's a two-bird fall-season limit. But you can't hunt turkeys in Holmes County during the fall and winter. On WMAs, bag limits and antler/size restrictions can differ, so check the specifics of the area before you hunt.

New this year: Gray squirrel season has been extended statewide on private lands, and from now on, it opens a month earlier. This year, it starts Oct. 13. This new rule didn't go into effect until after the 2012-13 Florida Hunting Regulations Handbooks were printed - that's why the old November opening date is listed. There's a daily bag limit of 12 gray squirrels, and shooting fox squirrels is still against the law.

Legal shooting hours are from a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset. Except for turkeys, hunters may take resident game over feed such as corn on private lands. No baiting is allowed on WMAs, however.

The first phase of the mourning and white-winged dove season begins Oct. 6 and ends Oct. 29 statewide. Shooting hours during this first phase are noon to sunset, and there's a 15-bird daily bag limit.

The only firearm you're allowed to use for hunting doves is a shotgun, but you can't use one larger than a 10-gauge. Shotguns must be plugged to a three-shell capacity (magazine and chamber combined).

You may hunt doves over an agricultural field, as long as the crop has been planted and manipulated under normal agricultural practices. However, it's against the law

to scatter agricultural products over an area for the purpose of baiting.

Some things you can't do while dove hunting include using rifles, pistols or crossbows; shooting from a moving vehicle; and herding or driving doves with a vehicle.

In addition to a Florida hunting license, you'll need a \$5 muzzleloading gun permit to hunt during muzzleloader season. To hunt deer, you need a \$5 deer permit, and if you'd like to take a fall turkey, you'll need a \$10 turkey permit (\$125 for nonresidents). If you're going to hunt doves, you'll need a no-cost migratory bird permit, and if you hunt on a WMA, you also must have a management area permit, which costs \$26.50.

All are available at your local county tax collector's office; through license agents; by calling 888-HUNT-FLORIDA; or by going online to License.MyFWC.com.

So if you're going after that monster buck during the muzzleloading gun season or small-game hunting with friends and family, I hope I've helped explain some of the things you need to know.

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Legends and All-Stars meet on court

Benefit basketball game held for the Boys and Girls Club

By Andrew McGee
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Saturday at 4:30 p.m., the Harlem Legends played a benefit game against the Suwannee County All-Stars at the Suwannee County Coliseum.

Part of a benefit for The Boys and Girls Club of Suwannee County, these fantastic athletes with big hearts were there to raise money to help kids and to have a good time entertaining the audience.

People were showing up early to get good seats, snacks, memorabilia and to watch the players warm up.

The first half, the team to play the Harlem Legends was the Taco Bell All-Stars.

Although often played as a real game, there were some antics going on especially between Harlem Legend Michael "Memphis" Douglas and the referee.

Douglas, in true Globetrotter fashion, was cutting up, keeping the audience laughing and kept delaying the game. Douglas would often stop, run off the

court and up into the stands to high five someone or make wisecracks.

At the half, The Harlem Legends were leading with a score of 52-27 and then it was any ones chance to shoot. A couple of the sponsors, Taco Bell and Krystal, selected those people with their hands raised high to come on to the court to shoot and win some food coupons. Those whose basketball shooting skills were a little off were still rewarded, so no one left empty-handed.

The second half, the Taco Bell Dream Team took on the Legends. Although, there was a lot of joking going on, both the Harlem Legends and SCAS teams were playing some impressive basketball. The Dream Team was able to steal the ball, do some lay-ups, slam dunks and three-pointers just as the Harlem Legends did. There was great playing with just enough comedy to keep it fun for those watching.

The game ended with the Harlem Legends winning with 104-76.

After the game, some of the All-Stars were seen shooting and playing some one-on-one with some of the Harlem Legends, so it seemed feelings weren't too hurt by the defeat.



Harlem Legend Michael "Memphis" Douglas takes a moment with the crowd.
- Photo: Andrew McGee

SHS volleyball falls to Dixie, Baker



Jordan Roberts, 14, attacks the ball. - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

Staff

The Suwannee High School volleyball teams fell to Dixie County High School and Baker High School.

SHS hosted Dixie County on Monday, Sept. 24. The junior varsity team won the first set against Dixie by a score of 25-20. The second and third sets went to Dixie County, 25-16 and 15-10 respectively. Dixie County dominated Suwannee on the varsity side.

In game one, Dixie County barely beat SHS 26-24. The second set the score was 25-14 and Suwannee almost had Dixie County in the third set, 25-23.

On Thursday, Sept. 27, both SHS teams fell to Baker County in all sets.

The junior varsity played two sets, 25-20 and 25-16. The varsity played three sets, 25-8, 26-24 and 25-20.

Dixie County hosted Suwannee Monday night, Oct. 1, in a rematch. Columbia hosted Suwannee Tuesday night and Suwannee will host Mayo Thursday night at SHS.

SHS represented at 5K Run at Alligator Lake



The Suwannee High School Girls Track and Cross Country team. Courtesy photo

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Saturday, Sept. 22, there were over 1,000 runners out at Alligator Lake Invitational XC in Lake City. The Invitational 5K run was for both boys and girls teams and among them was Suwannee High School's

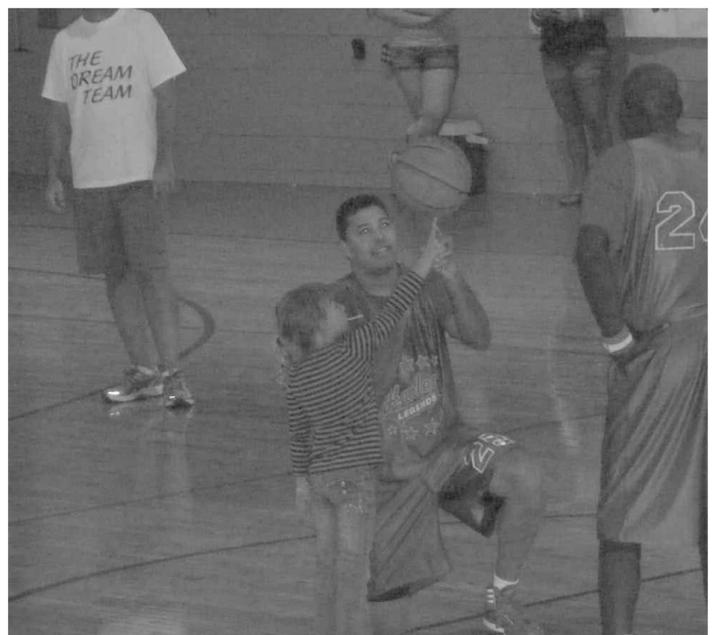
Girls Track and Cross Country team. Before the 5K run, coaches could be seen giving their athletes last-minute tips and making sure they were limbered up and laced up properly. There were 58 schools represented, mainly from Florida, but there were additional teams from Georgia as well, which meant a lot of runners and family and friends

watching the races at the event. "The team did a good job," said Eric Rodriguez, coach for SHS Girls Track and Cross Country team. "All of our runners have improved their times from (the week prior)." The top Florida runners were Garrett Westlake of PK Yonge with a second place (16:09) run and Elizabeth Mulford of Ocala Vanguard taking third place with (19:31).

Legends and All-Stars meet on court



The Dream Team in action.

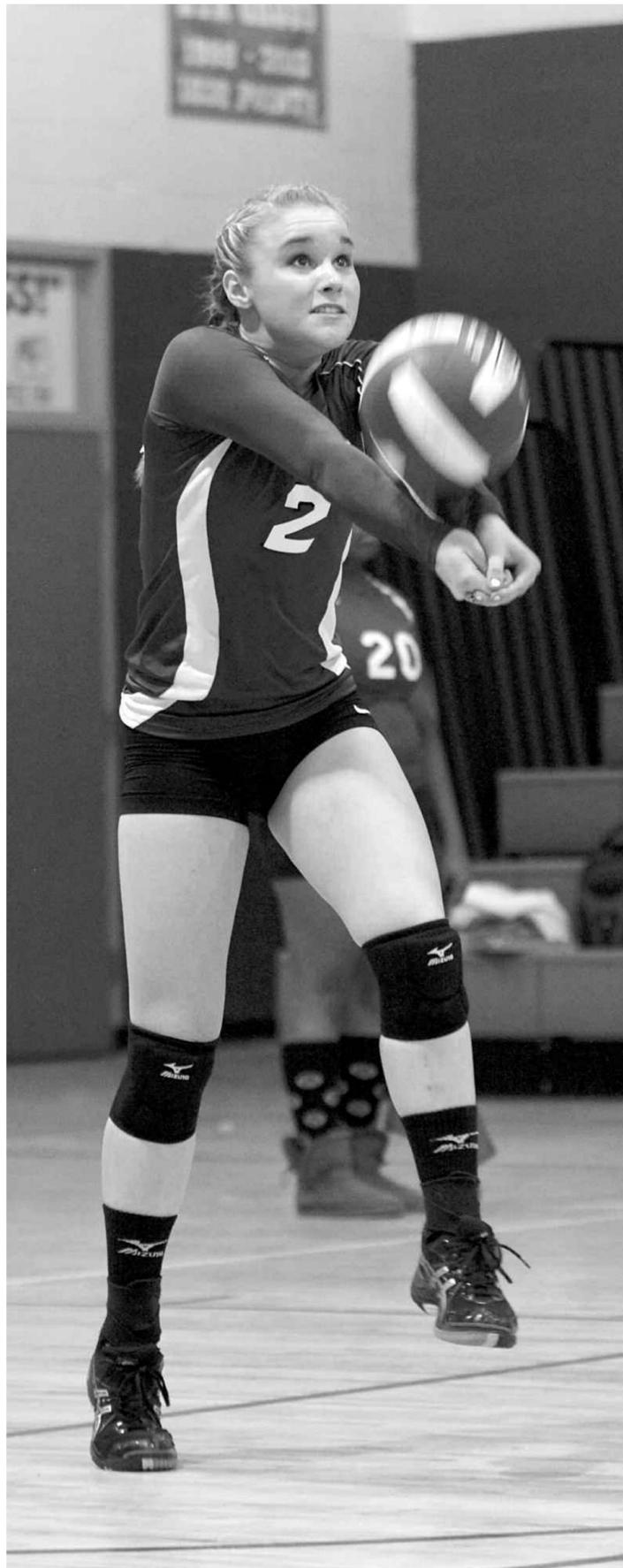


A young fan gets a chance to meet some Legends.

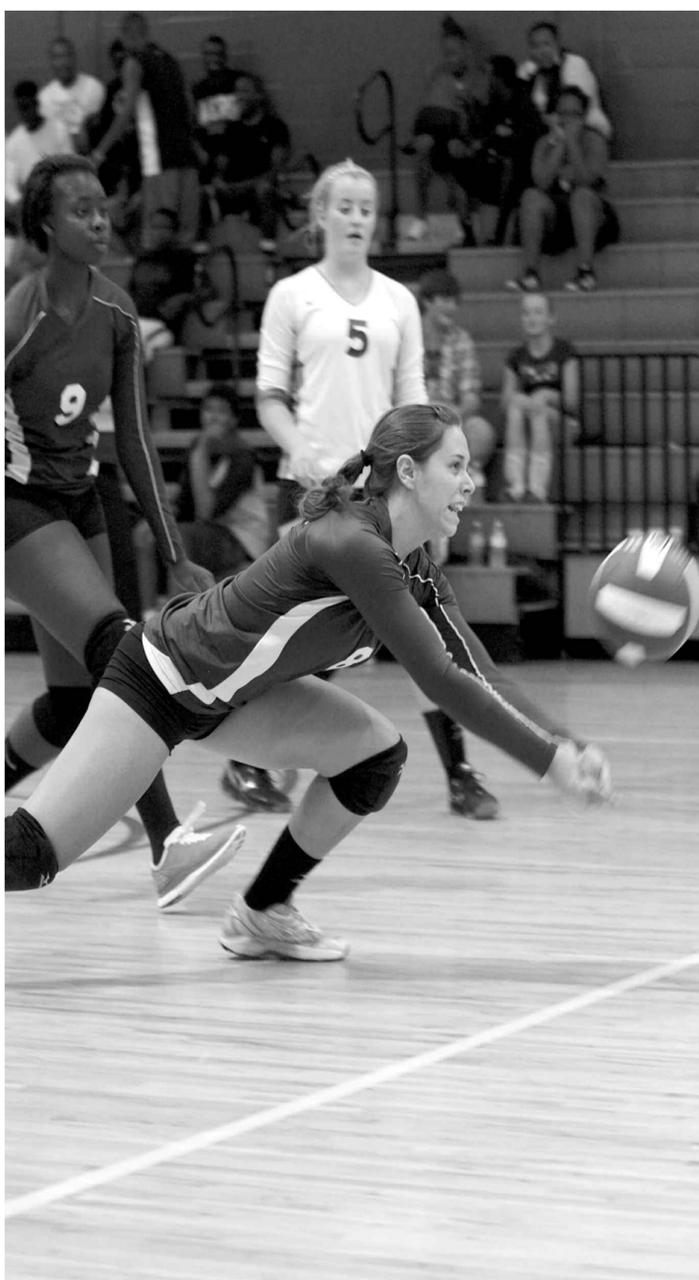


Warming up. - Photos: Andrew McGee

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A nice save by Samantha McManaway. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

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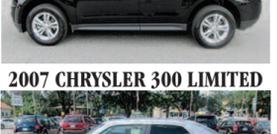
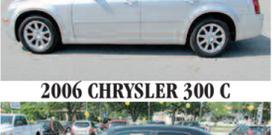
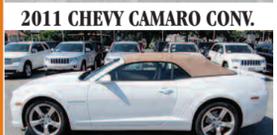
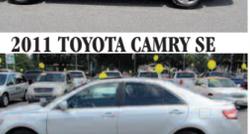
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Adrian Ray and the Backing Band and Willow Creek Band to entertain at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park



Adrian Ray and the Backing Band

The excitement is brewing as Adrian Ray returns to the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) in Live Oak, Fla. Oct. 6 with a new band, the Backing Band, and a new CD. This first week in October kicks off Oct. 5 with North Florida's Willow Creek Band.

Saturday, Oct. 6, will feature Adrian Ray and his Backing Band. Adrian may be from Maine, but he's country through and through and he's got the tattoos to prove it! He's a US Army veteran, worked as a police officer but in his heart, Adrian knew

he was destined for a new path to satisfy his dreams of a music career. From the moment he left his hometown and set out in his truck with his dog, a used guitar, and a saddle, he knew he was on the right road to his new career! Adrian has realized his dreams, taking music to a new level, releasing a self titled album described as heavy country with classic rock, a little bit of Southern rock and a whole lot of Soul! This Saturday night Adrian Ray and his Backing Band will take over the stage in the Music Hall and rock the rafters! Blue

Collar, In-Your-Face. Country music with an edge is the best way to describe Adrian Ray's Backing Band. The band is truly a cutting edge group of professionals. The instrumental talents and the vocal harmonies most definitely make the statement that they arrived on the music scene and plan to stay at the forefront of Today's country music!

Willow Creek Band, of Mayo, will kick off the weekend Friday night, Oct. 5, with its old and new country, Southern rock and blues along with some classic rock music thrown in. A popular area band that has played the SOSMP, festivals, fairs and other venues over the last several years, Willow Creek Band was founded in the small community of Mayo by several avid musicians. The band now has members from several other counties. Band members are Tony Bryan - bass guitar, Dave Ward -

drums, Lawrence Bryan - lead vocals and guitar, Rodney Coble - vocals and guitar, Edwin Ward - lead guitar and vocals and Rocky Knight - keyboard and vocals. Willow Creek Band has developed a following of fans at the SOSMP and can't wait to entertain them and you Oct. 5! Don't forget those dancing shoes either night!

If you're coming to Live Oak to attend a horse show on this weekend or any other time, plan to spend your weekend with the SOSMP where we have indoor facilities for your horses and adjacent camping and many activities for you including canoeing, hiking, bicycling, golf cart rental, disc golf, miniature golf, fishing, geocaching, swimming in our beautiful pool for registered guests, a bird sanctuary, crafts village, world's largest bat house, bird watching and more. And, we're just 4.5 miles from town! Even if you just want to come



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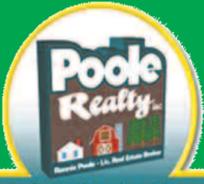
and enjoy a week or weekend away, we're always glad to see you, your friends and family.

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 at regular prices along with nightly specials and a full service bar.

If you're arriving on Thursday, we have karaoke in the Music Hall every Thursday night (Mondays also) with one of America's most outstanding Elvis Tribute Artists, Ted "Teddy Mac Elvis" McMullen. Doors open at 5 p.m. for dinner and shows begin at 7 p.m. when Teddy Mac Elvis is in the house! Come show off your musical talent, and you may just get a chance to hear Teddy Mac Elvis sing a few songs also!

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 community style (bring a covered dish and \$5 per person), 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 including many 2013 events already planned such as the Aura Festival.

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



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Wild Adventures Announces New Attractions for 2013



TailSpin

Beginning October 1 park offers best price on 2013 Season Passes with new benefits including risk-free concert guarantee

Valdosta, GA – Wild Adventures Theme Park (WA) announces the addition of a duo of family rides for the 2013 season. For thrill seekers, the park introduces TailSpin, a rocking and spinning ride on a half-pipe which takes riders more than four stories high while facing outward on a motorcycle-like seat. For littler ride enthusiasts, the park is adding Wacky Wheels, a whirling teacup-like ride of funky cars. The new rides were announced by Molly Deese, WA's newly-appointed vice president and general manager.

"We've had great response to the improvements we've made in the past few years, but families told us they wanted more thrill rides and rides for younger kids. The boardwalk location of TailSpin and Wacky Wheels creates a new lakeside hub for kids, teens and adults alike," said Deese in making the announcement.

Deese also announced the park has introduced new season pass benefits for 2013 passholders including a risk-free concert guarantee, up to five Bring-A-Friend tickets for each passholder and early water park entry on Saturdays.

Next year, WA is bringing up to 20 new entertainment elements to park, including concerts, special events and shows. The park plans to reveal the full line-up in February 2013.

"Our goal is to always provide families

with memorable fun at a great value and this upcoming season is no exception," said Deese. "In addition to the rides, water park and animals, we know that many of our guests enjoy seeing concerts at Wild Adventures. With the new risk-free concert guarantee, families can take advantage of the lowest season pass price right now, knowing that if they're not completely satisfied with the 2013 concert and entertainment schedule when it is announced in February, they can get their money back on any unused passes."

Season passes for 2013 are on-sale now. For a limited time only, until October 31, they are available at the lowest price of the season with up to a \$35 savings for previous passholders.

In addition to the risk-free concert guarantee, next year's season passes include two new added benefits: early entry to Splash Island Water Park on Saturdays and up to five Bring-A-Friend Free Days.

"Families told us they wanted even more convenience and flexibility and these new benefits provide just that. For less than the price of a single day admission to other theme parks you can purchase a WA season pass and visit as much as you want, all season," said Deese. "At Wild Adventures visitors find major coasters, rides, a complete water park and great family-friendly entertainment, including concerts, in a relaxed atmosphere, but pay less," said Deese.

Season pass pricing:

Gold Season Pass	Only Until October 31	2013 Price
Same benefits as a regular season pass plus FREE parking, mini-golf and go-karts and 10% savings off on dining and shopping	\$64.99 for 2012 or 2011 passholders	\$99.99
	\$69.99 for new passholder	
Regular Season Pass Unlimited admission to Wild Adventures Theme Park and Splash Island Water Park during the 2013 season PLUS remainder of 2012 season	\$59.99 for 2012 or 2011 passholders	\$79.99
	\$64.99 for new passholder	

Prices are per person, plus tax.

2013 Season Passes are offered online (www.wildadventures.com), via phone 229-219-7080 or at the park. Sale ends October 31, 2012.

Wild Adventures 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, more than 500 wild animals, Splash Island Water Park, the region's largest water park, shows, fes-

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Wacky Wheels

'Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!' weekend offers angling fun

Women are invited to explore the finest of fishing at the next "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!" seminar, hosted Nov. 9-11 at the Elks Lodge BPOE, 92600 US Highway 1 in Tavernier.

Held in conjunction with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) through the Sport Fish Restoration Program, "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!" is a national organization dedicated to attract-

ing more women to sport fishing and to promoting conservation and responsible angling.

During the three-day, hands-on event, FWC educators will demonstrate ethical angler habits, such as safe hook removal, release techniques, fish venting and more. Local fishing guides will provide instruction on fishing techniques and methods.

"Being able to pick, choose and move between skill stations was terrific,"

said past participant Mary Hackney of Naples. "I loved the flexibility."

"I learned more about fishing in two days than from my dad in 20 years," said Georgia Allen of Bonita Springs.

On the final day of the seminar, women may embark on an optional fishing adventure.

To learn more, visit ladiesletsgofishing.com, call 954-475-9068 or email info@ladiesletsgofishing.com.

New exhibit opens at Hardee Center for the Arts Public invited to Art Talk Oct. 4 at NFCC

MADISON, FL – The North Florida Community College Art Department invites the public to an Art Talk with artist Randy Simmons and reception on Thursday, Oct. 4 from 12-1:30 p.m. to celebrate the Hardee Center for the Arts' September exhibit "Adrift: Recent Drawings by Randy Simmons." Simmons is from Hickory, KY.

Simmons' work is mostly autobiographical with inspiration coming from his two teenage boys. He works with social and political themes, as well being inspired by his childhood and the news. His latest series of drawings has a sense of storytelling quirkiness that holds mystery, while being devoid of explanation.

Currently, Simmons is an Associate Professor of Art at Paducah School of Art. He teaches drawing and life drawing. Many of his drawings are exhibited nationally. He is also the recent recipient of the 2005 and 2007 Kentucky Arts Council Grant.

The "Adrift" exhibit is open now through Oct. 31. New exhibits are featured monthly at the Hardee Center for the Arts during NFCC's fall and spring terms. Gallery hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, 8-9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, contact Lisa Thompson, NFCC art instructor, at (850) 973-1642, email ThompsonL@nfcc.edu or visit www.nfcc.edu/departments/academics/hardee-center-for-the-arts.

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His work is mostly auto-biographical with much inspiration coming from his two teen age boys. He works with social and political themes as well being inspired by his childhood and the news.

NFCC Hardee Center for the Arts

Lake City Medical Center earns 'Top Performer on Key Quality Measures'™

Lake City Medical Center was named one of the nation's Top Performers on Key Quality Measures by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America. Lake City Medical Center was recognized by The Joint Commission for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children's asthma, stroke and venous thromboembolism, as well as inpatient psychiatric services.

Lake City Medical Center is one of 620 hospitals in the U.S. earning the distinction of Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance. The hospital was recognized for its achievement on the following measure sets: heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care. The ratings are based on an aggregation of accountability measure

data reported to The Joint Commission during the 2011 calendar year. The list of Top Performers increased by 50 percent from its debut last year and represents 18 percent of accredited hospitals reporting data.

This is the second year in a row that Lake City Medical Center is being recognized as a Top Performer. The hospital is one of only 244 hospitals that achieved the distinction two years in a row.

Each of the hospitals that were named as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures met two 95 percent (95/95) performance thresholds on 2011 accountability measure data. First, each hospital achieved performance of 95 percent or above on a single, composite score that includes all the accountability measures for which it reports data to The Joint Commission, including measures that had fewer than 30 eligible cases or patients. Second, each hospital met or exceeded 95 percent performance on every accountability measure for which

it reports data to The Joint Commission, excluding any measures with fewer than 30 eligible cases or patients. A 95 percent score means a hospital provided an evidence-based practice 95 times out of 100 opportunities to provide the practice. Each accountability measure represents an evidence-based practice – for example, giving aspirin at arrival for heart attack patients, giving antibiotics one hour before surgery, and providing a home management plan for children with asthma.

"When we raise the bar and provide the proper guidance and tools, hospitals have responded with excellent results," says Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president, The Joint Commission. "This capacity for continual improvement points toward a future in which quality and safety defects are dramatically reduced and high reliability is sought and achieved with regularity. Such day-to-day progress will slowly but surely transform today's health care system into one that achieves

unprecedented performance outcomes for the benefit of the patients."

"We understand that what matters most to patients at Lake City Medical Center is safe, effective care. That's why we have made a commitment to accreditation and to positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes. Lake City Medical Center is proud to be named to the list of The Joint Commission's Top Performers on Key Quality Measures," says Mark Robinson, Lake City Medical Center's CEO.

In addition to being included in the release of The Joint Commission's "Improving America's Hospitals" annual report, Lake City Medical Center will be recognized on The Joint Commission's Quality Check website (www.qualitycheck.org). The Top Performer program will be featured in the November issue of The Joint Commission Perspectives and the October issue of The Joint Commission: The Source.

Dailey & Vincent Wild Adventures promotes Molly Deese to VP and general manager

canceled Oct. 4 performance



GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Due to circumstances beyond UFPA's control, Dailey & Vincent have canceled their Oct. 4 performance at the Phillips Center. The concert will not be rescheduled for the 2012-13 season.

Ticket refunds are available at point of purchase.

Customers can contact the Phillips Center Box Office by calling 352-392-ARTS (2787) or 1-800-905-2787 (toll-free within Florida), or by visiting during business hours – Monday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m.



Deese

Theme park veteran already readying for Halloween festivities, set to announce new attractions for 2013

Valdosta, GA – Wild Adventures Theme Park (WA) today named Molly Deese the park's new vice president and general manager. Deese was previously WA's

operations director, joining the South Georgia park in 2008. In her new role, Deese oversees all guest and business functions for the area's largest theme, water and animal park including supervising more than 600 full-time and seasonal employees. She takes over immediately, just as WA is readying for its Halloween events, including the September 28 opening of the new nighttime event Terror In The Wild. The park also plans to announce new plans for the 2013 season later this week.

"Molly was a natural choice for this position as she has such a well-rounded

theme park background. Wild Adventures is the area's number one attraction and one of the biggest employers, and Molly has always shown a commitment to creating a fun and safe family experience and equally as important, making Wild Adventures a great place to work," said Jane Cooper, president of attractions for Herschend Family Entertainment (HFE), parent company of WA.

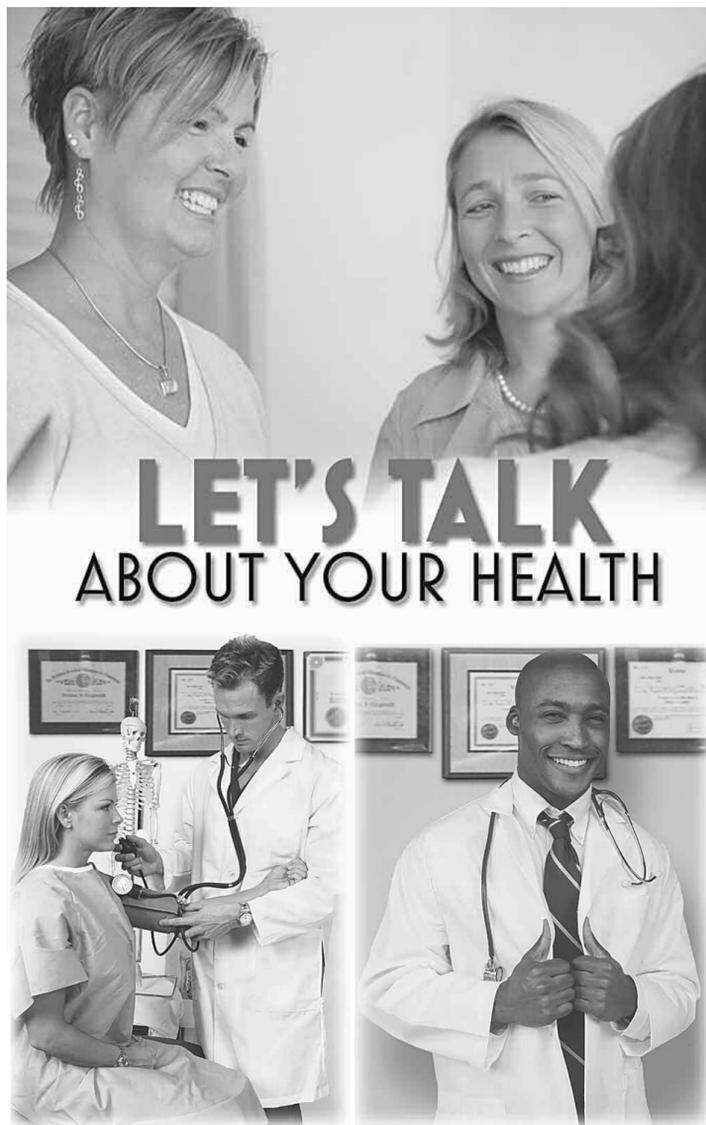
Deese takes over from Greg Charbeneau, who will continue to work with the HFE corporate team in Norcross, GA on other business ventures.

A nearly 20-year theme

park veteran, Deese has worked with some of the industry's most well-regarded and popular attractions including Carowinds in Charlotte, NC, and Kings Dominion in Richmond, VA. Over the course of her career, she has worked in increasingly senior roles in the food and beverage area and later in retail. Most recently, Deese worked as WA's operations director, overseeing all of the park's attractions, including the water park, and business operations. In her new post, she now adds oversight of marketing, entertainment, safety and finance to her responsibilities.

"I love that Wild Adventures is part of the fabric of this community. Since moving to Valdosta four years ago, I've met many families who 'grew up' with Wild Adventures and have wonderful stories to share. I'm committed to having their kids grow up with this park too, making new family memories. All of us at the park look forward to having everyone out for our Halloween fun and scares this September and October," said Deese.

"Stay tuned for some announcements regarding new rides and new season pass benefits coming later this week," she added.



LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR HEALTH

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

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Who: Navy Ship U.S.S. Cascade AD-16
When: Oct. 2-7, 2012
Where: Buena Vista Hotel Suites
8203 World Center Dr.
Orlando, FL 32831
For information contact:
Leonard Goeke
2790 Quince Ave.
Washington, IA 52353
319-653-3904
bobsr@croghancpa.com

Boy Scout Troop 408

Meets on Thursdays from 7-8:30 at the American Legion Post 107, 10726 142nd St., Live Oak. This is approx. 5.5 miles south of town and 1.5 miles east of Hwy. 129. Membership is open to boys ages 11-17. Join us for camping, hiking, canoeing, and many other outdoor activities.

Cub Scout Pack 408

Meets on Mondays from 6:30-7:30 at the American Legion Post 107, 10726 142nd St., Live Oak. This is approximately 5.5 miles south of town and 1.5 east of Hwy. 129. Membership is open to boys ages 6-10. Join us for camping, archery, BB shooting, and many other fun activities. Parents encouraged to participate.

You are invited to the United Way of Suwannee Valley, October Campaign Luncheon

Camp Weed and Cerveny Center
You are invited to join United Way of Suwannee Valley for our October community fundraising campaign report luncheon at the Camp Weed and Cerveny Center, in the Varn Dining Hall, at noon on Oct. 17. The cost of the luncheon is \$12 per person and everyone is invited.

Reservations for the luncheon are needed may be made by contacting the United Way office at 386-752-5604 x 102 by Oct. 10.

During each month of United Way's annual community fundraising campaign, the local United Way conducts a campaign report luncheon to provide an opportunity for campaign team volunteers, community citizens, business representatives and agency personnel to learn more about the partner agency services, United Way community impact initiatives and businesses supporting our community's well being through their support of the United Way.

United Way of Suwannee Valley is a community impact and fundraising organization which, utilizing volunteers on all levels, advances the common good by identifying unmet community needs and seeking to alleviate those needs through United Way of Suwannee Valley initiatives and the funding of 21 affiliated health and human service agencies.

Olustee Battlefield Monument

100 year anniversary of the dedication.
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Timberlake Property Owner's Association

Thursday, Oct. 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

First Floridians First Americans Conference

Oct. 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
"Funding for this program was provided through a grant from the Florida Humanities Council with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of the Florida Humanities Council or the National Endowment for the Humanities."

Dr. Sean McMahan, 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.
For more information call Linda Williams 352-215-8776

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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, Nov. 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 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 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.

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.

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

For more information, please contact:
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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.

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 to 9 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.

Free English classes

Sept. 10 - Dec. 13, 2012
There are four levels of classes from the most basic to the most advanced. You will learn pronunciation, conversation, reading and writing in English. All are welcome.
The hours: Monday and Thursday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. We are located in the Episcopal Church, St. Luke's, in front of the Suwannee Coliseum, 1391 SW 11th Street, Live Oak.
For more information call the teacher, Phyllis, at 386-249-0096.

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Friday, Oct. 12 and Saturday, Oct. 13.
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Pioneer Day Parade - Saturday 10 a.m. on Main Street in downtown Mayo.

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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 Sept. 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

Aluminum can recycle to help save the cats Save the Cats of Live Oak.

Please help us help them. Save your aluminum for recycling. Recycle trailer located in vacant lot next to Dairy Queen. Donations of kitty food, wet food, litter and money to help with expenses can be taken to Thrift Store, 303 East Howard Street, next to Suwannee Democrat. We need your help to help them. Spay, neuter, medications, food, litter and money contributions. We are a non-profit group 501C3 being applied for. For more information, call Barney at 386-364-1006.

Save the Cats Live Oak Volunteers needed!

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

Donations needed: Cat food, wet & dry, money for neutering, traps, carriers, cages, food & water containers etc. Anyone interested in helping in any way please contact Barney at 386-364-1006 or Ray Cobb 386-688-0036.

TOPS FI #0662

We would like to invite everyone that has a little or a lot of weight to loose, to come visit us. TOPS is a weight loss support group. We strive to help each other through out our meetings. We have different programs such as stress eating, the buffet, portion control, exercise, medications that can cause weight gain, and more. Take Off Pounds Sensibly is an organization that supports you while striving to meet your goal weight, as well as after meeting your goal, and you are working to maintaining our goal. TOPS 0662 meets on Thursday mornings at the First Advent Christian Church. 699 Pinewood Dr. Live oak, FL. We start our weight in at 8 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. The meeting starts at 9 a.m.-10 a.m. your first visit is free, so come and let us support you in your challenge to Take Off Pounds Sensibly. For more information contact Elaine at 386-364-5537.

Volunteer advocates needed

Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to join its corps of dedicated advocates who protect the rights of elders who live 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 1-888-831-0404 or visit the program's website at http://ombudsman.myflorida.com.

Bryan Morgan
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Orlando, FL 32803
850-510-3920 (cellular)
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Sparkleberry Chapter, Fla Native Plant Society

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
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The Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Florida, gives notice of intent to employ a person for the position of Veteran Service Officer. Veteran Service Officer is an administrative position which will be responsible for the overall planning and operation of the Veteran Service Office for Hamilton County under the general supervision of the County Coordinator. Successful candidate must have strong management and communication skills and experience. This is a part-time position of 24 to 32 hours per week. The Service Officer performs specialized work advising and assisting veterans, and their dependents in matters pertaining to their rights to receive veterans benefits under the many Federal and State statutes. Must be an honorable discharged wartime veteran who served at least eighteen (18) months active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, be a surviving spouse of such a veteran, and otherwise qualify for certification as a County Service Officer as defined in Florida Statutes 292.11 at time of appointment. Certification as a Veteran Service Officer by the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs is required prior to completion of the six months probationary period. A detailed job description and applications may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, 207 NE First Street, Room 106, Jasper, Florida 32052, or by calling (386) 792-6639. Applications/resumes may be submitted to the Office of Clerk of Circuit Court, 207 NE First Street, Room 106, Jasper, Florida 32052. For consideration all applications/resumes must be received at the Clerk's Office prior to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 16th day of October 2012. No applications for resumes will be accepted after this date and time. Hamilton County is a Drug Free Workplace and an Equal Opportunity Employer. Veterans preference will apply, in accordance with Section 295.07, Florida Statutes

SERVICE TECHNICIAN
Local Pest Control company needs Service Technician, route experience preferred. Drug free work place program. Excellent driving record required. Retirement and insurance benefits available. Apply in person at Live Oak Pest Control, Inc. 8:00 am a.m. to 4:00pm Monday-Friday.

TEMPORARY MACHINE OPERATOR II PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
The Suwannee County Public Works Department is currently recruiting for a temporary full time Machine Operator II. Applications are available at the Suwannee County Administrative Services Department, 224 Pine Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064. (386) 362-6869. **The deadline for submission of applications is Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.** The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex, including pregnancy, age, disability, or marital status. Spanish speaking individuals are encouraged to apply. All applicants subject to a pre-employment physical. Successful completion of a drug test is a condition of employment. EE/AA/V/D

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Be Your Best Among the Best!
F/T Licensed Physician Assistant (PA-C)
FT position to deliver primary care in HPSA-designated, established rural clinic with onsite board certified physician. On-call rotation with two other practitioners for evenings/weekends and medical support for 161-bed skilled nursing facility required. Experience preferred but not required. Unrestricted FL license required. Experience in electronic medical records and geriatrics a plus.

RN Quality of Care Leader
Unrestricted Florida RN license, excellent clinical nursing/assessment skills, current CPR certification, verifiable IV skill (start, regulate, maintain, discontinue IVs) required. Good communication, organizational, and computer skills required; must work as part of interdisciplinary team to assure outstanding quality of life/quality of care for LTC residents. On-call rotation required. Management /supervisory experience and knowledge of LTC regs desired.

FT positions include health, dental, life, disability, supplemental insurance; 403b retirement account; paid time off, access to onsite daycare and fitness facilities. Apply in person at Personnel Office Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 4:00pm, or fax resume/credentials to 386-658-5160. EOE/Drug-Free Workplace/Criminal background checks required.

Lost & Found

LOST: 20" Hyper Metro BMX bike. Black w/blue chrome trim. Combination lock on steering wheel. Taken from the Silas Oaks Apartments in Live Oak, FL. **Reward offered if found & returned.** Contact Amanda at 386-688-2899.

Pets/Free Pets

NEWFOUNDLAND PUPPIES
AKC Reg., Gentle Giants, great with kids and other pets, health certificate. Call 386-842-2226 or email artworks@windstream.net Pictures available upon request.

Agriculture

Ten Acres To Lease for Hay Production. Off 96th St in Suwannee County. Call 361-894 3377 to get specific directions. Lease amt very reasonable.

Farm Equipment

FOR SALE: '05 Kubota L5030GST 4WD tractor with front-end loader, BushHog 7' hydraulic mower, 7' hyd. angle blade, ACI pallet fork w/hydr clamp. New in 2005. In exc. cond. Want to sell as pkg. \$20K. Contact C. Werry for more info. 870-405 0817 or werry.carole@gmail.com

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Garage/Yard Sales

74th Trail (Off Houston), across from Rainbow Storage, Oakwood Forest Subdivision, Live Oak. Fri & Sat, Oct 5 & 6, 8-10pm. Large Neighborhood YARD SALE.

At Rocky Sink Baptist Church Lodge Building, 169th Road in Live Oak. Follow signs. Saturday October 6th. 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. RUMMAGE SALE.

HWY 129 S. in LIVE OAK
2 mi. past Publix on right. Fri & Sat, Oct 5 & 6. 8a.m.-3p.m. THREE-FAMILY YARD SALE. Lots of good clothes, books, household items. No flood items, rain cancels.

Live Oak Acres-County Road 129 off Hughes Road in Live Oak, FL. Look for signs. Wed Sat, 10/3-10/6, 8 a.m. until. **HUGE YARD SALE.** Treasures from Mass. to So FL to Live Oak Acres! Too many items to list. Something for everyone. 362 7435

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386-362-9806 or 386-623-3404

NEW MANAGEMENT 1 & 2 BD
Apts in Live Oak, FL. Remodeled w/new appliances. No credit check. Call 386-364-1140.

Houses for Rent

On 5 ac. 3BD/2BA Lg porch, balcony, storage shed, big yard, refurbished. In SW Suwannee County, FL. \$1,000/mo, 1st, last & \$400. sec dep. 386-963-2921

THREE BD/TWO BA HOME
\$600/mo, 1st & last in advance & sec dep. Near Branford. Call 386-364-9009.

Two/One \$550./mo. No pets. 1st, last & sec. dep. req'd. Located at 514 SE 1st Ave, Jasper, FL. Call 772-285-1032

Mobile Homes for Rent

DWMH 3bd/2ba, immaculate, Full screened porch. \$650/mo, 1st, last, \$400 sec dep. Call LaVon 386-688-0779

LIVE OAK 2 & 3 Bedrooms
from \$395/mo. NO PETS. HUD accepted. Security Deposit Required. Call 386-364-7660

SWMH 2 Bd/2Ba at 6026 NW 30th Terr, Jennings FL. \$550/mo plus \$550 deposit. 229-242-2338.

FirstDay
Trailer for rent. 2 BD/1 BA. w/porch. On corner lot in Butterfield Acres, Dowling Park. Close to Advent Christian Village. \$485/mo. 704-488-0728

Rentals/Misc. for Rent

LARGE OPEN OFFICE with small kitchen and bath. \$700.00 month plus tax. No deposit. Water and garbage furnished. Tenant to pay electric but no dep. Lots of parking area. Broker/Owner 386-688-3351

Homes for Sale

FirstDay
RECENTLY FORECLOSED. Special Financing Available. Any Credit. Any Income. 3BD, 2BTH, 1344SqFt., located at. 13933 24th St., Live Oak, \$75,900. Visit www.roselandco.com/AG2. Drive by then call (866) 351-1234.

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Acres/Land/Lots Sale

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IN N. FL (Jennings, FL): 7.5 ac with 2BD/2BA DWMH, 1lg screened porch w/carport, 3 trailer/water hook-ups, shed. Short walk or ride to river & wildlife preserve. Asking \$65,000.00, sold "AS IS" (no exceptions). All offers will be considered. Call 321 728-8821or (call or text) 321-288 2601.

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Navy and Marine Corps

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Jasper Market Days

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

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

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

Haven Hospice

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

Suwannee County Health Department

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

Native Plants, Native People

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

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

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

TOPS FL 798

We know everyone has different hopes and dreams, different health conditions and weight loss goals. TOPS helps people meet their individual needs through group support.

However you measure success and whatever you have to lose, TOPS is here for you. Change take time. Take Off Pounds Sensibly supports you, no matter how long, even after you've reached your goal. There is no quick fixes at TOPS and no phony guarantees about weight loss. It's up to you and it's a total commitment on your part, but if you bring the desire, we can help. We meet every Wed. morning at 10 a.m. at the Community Church of God, 10639 Hwy 129 S, Live Oak, FL. For more information contact Dorie at 386-658-2767

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 or phone Sara at 386-364-4189 for additional information.

Suwannee River Jeep Club & 4X4

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

Volunteer Opportunity & Meeting Notice

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

All interested individuals

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

Grief recovery is a painful process.

GriefShare is a weekly video seminar featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery topics. Each Wednesday evening seminar is combined with a grief support group discussion time. GriefShare is held at FBC Live Oak each Wednesday evening at 6 p.m.

Volunteers Needed!

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

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

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 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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 p.m. 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.

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 ad-

vancing the participation of women in all areas of the political system and are dedicated to encouraging and empowering women of all ages and backgrounds. Visit the Florida Association's web page at <http://www.ffrw.net/home.html>. Covering North Central Florida - all women are encouraged to attend and be involved in the political process! For more info contact President Gayle Cannon: 386-303-2616, gcannon@atlantic.net

First Baptist Church of Dowling Park

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

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Christian Mission In Action Ministry

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

Boy Scout Troop 693

Meets at the Church of the Nazarene, 515 Church Street, S.W., Live Oak, on Thursday nights throughout the year, 6:30 - 8:00 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 are always welcome to participate as leaders, on the troop committee or to work as a merit badge counselor. Monthly campouts, winter camp and summer camp are but a few of its activities. For additional information, please contact Scoutmaster Charles Stephens, 364-3766, charles@suwanneensurance.com.

Wellborn Community Association (WCA)

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

Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 107

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

Addiction Support Group

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

Senior Luncheon at Wellborn Baptist Church

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

Lake Park Line Dancers

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

Line dance

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

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Pickin' & Grinnin'

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

If you play an acoustic instrument or just like to sit and listen to good Country, Gospel or Blue Grass music, come on out to the Pickin' shed in the loop camping area. Pot

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

First Baptist Church of Live Oak, Fla.

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

Haven Hospice hosts

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

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

Donate your old cars

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

Talent Search

Do you sing or play 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 or call Mary Lou Sharp at 386-963-5213



HOW MANY PEANUTS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE A 12-OUNCE JAR OF PEANUT BUTTER?

ANSWER: 540

Peanut Butter Word Find

Just in time for Peanut Butter Lovers' Month, find the words hidden throughout the puzzle.

BREAD	JELLY	SMOOTH
BUTTER	LUNCH	SNACK
CHUNKY	PEANUT	SPREAD
HEALTHY	SANDWICH	TASTY

H C I W D N A S T W C H
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 V I T E U I S H Q X H Z
 Q Z Z B Z M D Q Y B I N

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the letters to find out the phrase.

ETPNUA TUBRET DAN LYEJL

ANSWER: Peanut butter and jelly

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- **1888:** JACK THE RIPPER KILLS HIS LAST KNOWN VICTIM.
- **1967:** THE FIRST ISSUE OF ROLLING STONE MAGAZINE IS PUBLISHED.
- **1989:** BORDERS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST GERMANY ARE OPENED.



peanut gallery

a theater's top gallery where the cheap seats are located

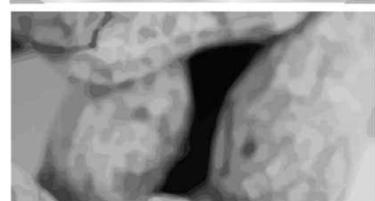
How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Peanut
- SPANISH:** Cacahuete
- ITALIAN:** Arachide
- FRENCH:** Cacahuète
- GERMAN:** Erdnuss



IN 1884, MARCELLUS GILMORE EDSON OF MONTREAL WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO PATENT PEANUT BUTTER.

GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: PEANUTS

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