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## SPIRITS HAUNT THIS WEEKEND AT The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park



**SPIRIT OF THE SUWANNEE MUSIC PARK, LIVE OAK, FLA** - Halloween will be celebrated Oct. 26-27 at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak, Fla with a Spirits on the Suwannee Haunted House, all sorts of ghouls, goblins, zombies and scary and bizarre things, trick or treating, golf cart parade, Monster Bash, costume contests for children and adults, Geocaching in the evenings, scary stories around campfires, face painting, pumpkin carving, cider sipping at the country store, Big Engine Band Saturday night, Honky Tonk Hitmen Friday night and lots more in the Music Hall and Crafts Village. Don't you dare miss this exciting weekend with your family while the weather is perfect!

**\*\*Spirits on the Suwannee Haunted House** admission each night is \$3. Open Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26-27 from 7 - 11 p.m. If the Ghosts don't get you, the spirits will so be prepared...to be spooked!!

**\*\*Monster Bash Party** is Saturday, Oct. 27 from 6 - 8 p.m., kids welcome, wear your costumes. Costume contest for ages 10 and under with first, second and third place prizes. Contact Michelle at 386-209-2798. **\*\*Adult cos-**

tume contest will be held at 11 p.m. Saturday night in the Music Hall.

**\*\*Other activities Saturday** also include a golf cart parade at 7 p.m., trick or treating, pumpkin carving, arts and crafts, face painting, Geocaching, scary stories around campfires and cider sipping and shopping at the Country Store and Crafts Village. It will be a memory-making weekend with lots of excitement for everyone who attends.

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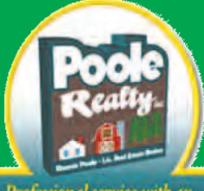
Big Engine Band will hold down the stage on Saturday night with is a super-charged, fully blown rock n' roll machine. This band plays more than 300 shows a year for hundreds of thousands of fans! Their nitrous fueled, guitar driven, high-energy music leave the uninitiated singing



along with their fists in the air to their catchy choruses and instantly memorable lyrics. This Jacksonville four-piece is in demand everywhere they go, "We often have to turn down shows because we're booked, sometimes we're playing two shows a day," says founding singer/ guitarist Tony Mikus. The band's surging popularity comes from the buzz on their amazing live show, where the band whips the audience into a wild frenzy, laying down well-known hits like "That Girl's a Freak" to "Wasted" and their anthemic theme song, "Party Like a Rock Star." These road warriors maintain a rabid cult following with bikers and gear heads alike from their many appearances at rallies like Sturgis and NASCAR and NHRA events all over the country. When they're not headlining they are the go-to guys for arena acts like Buckcherry, Drowning Pool, Motorhead, Bret Michaels, Vince Neil, Charlie Daniels, 38 Special, Ted Nugent, Shooter Jennings and many, many more.

The Honky Tonk Hitmen Band starts the weekend with a rafter-shaking evening Friday, Oct. 26. This band is a high energy and plays music from every genre, specializing in Southern rock, classic rock, old school, country and new sounds. It's a fun band that has played many times at the SOSMP to great reviews. The Honky Tonk Hitmen band loves to have fun and make sure the audience has

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# Jars of Clay to perform



Nov. 10 at Florida Gateway College

LAKE CITY, FLA. – Known for their positive spin on music, Jars of Clay has been a mainstay on Contemporary Christian music airwaves for more than a decade. The popular band will make its way to Florida Gateway College on November 10th for an unforgettable show.

The concert, sponsored by Parkview Baptist Church, will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Howard Conference Center.

Jars of Clay is one of the more successful CCM groups in recent history, a three-time Grammy Award

winning and nine-time GMA Dove Award winner. Their self-titled debut album went double platinum, and their breakthrough song, "Flood," was a crossover hit on alternative rock stations, a radio format that rarely interacts with CCM music, and peaked at No. 12 on the Billboard Modern Rock Tracks.

The band's newest album, "The Shelter," which incorporates appearances from some of CCM's hottest acts like Toby Mac, Amy Grant, and David Crowder, was nominated for two GMA Dove Awards in 2011.

Tickets for the performance are still available and can be purchased by visiting [www.fgcentertainment.com](http://www.fgcentertainment.com) or by calling (386) 754-4340. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$15 for FGC students, faculty, and staff, and a limited supply of VIP seats remain open. Group discounts are available.



Jars of Clay

## Strong 2012 nesting season for Florida loggerheads

Loggerhead sea turtle nesting was near a 24-year high along Florida beaches this year, according to data compiled by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) researchers. The loggerhead is listed federally as a threatened species.

Trained surveyors from partners across the state count nests on nearly 250 miles of beaches as part of the Index Beach Nesting Survey. Surveyors follow firm counting guidelines, making it possible for FWC researchers to use the data from these beaches to identify trends.

In 2012, index beach surveyors counted 58,172 loggerhead nests, one of the highest counts since monitoring began in 1989. Nesting on these beaches peaked at 59,918 nests in 1998, and hit a low of 28,074 in 2007.

"After a steep decline in Florida loggerhead nesting between 1998 and 2007, nesting has risen over the past five years," said Dr. Blair Witherington, FWC research scientist. "We're pleased to see this in-

crease, but we recognize that loggerheads, and other sea turtle species, still face many challenges."

As hatchlings will continue to emerge from nests through November, people are asked to stay at a distance if they spot sea turtles on the beach. People are also asked to remove beach furniture and other objects from the beach at night so there is a clear path for hatchlings to make it to the water.

In the U.S., 90 percent of all loggerhead nesting occurs in Florida, the majority of which takes place along the state's east coast. The loggerhead is the most common sea turtle species to nest in Florida.

Green turtles and leatherbacks, federally endangered species, also nest on Florida beaches, primarily on the east coast, and their nesting numbers have been increasing over time.

Since tracking began in 1989, green turtle nesting in Florida has increased about tenfold. This year, surveyors found 6,054

green turtle nests on index beaches, down from last year, but consistent with normal variation.

Leatherback nesting in Florida also has been on the rise since monitoring began. For the 2012 season, surveyors counted 515 leatherback nests on index beaches. Only 45 leatherback nests were

counted on the same beaches in 1989.

The extensive data collection is made possible with the help of hundreds of surveyors from conservation organizations, universities and federal, state and local governments along with private volunteers. These and other partners also provide data

to FWC researchers through the Statewide Nesting Beach Survey, which documents all sea turtle nesting in Florida.

The FWC's role in coordinating Florida's sea turtle nest counts, training surveyors and compiling data is funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and sales of the state's sea

turtle license plate.

For more information about trends in sea turtle nest counts, visit [MyFWC.com/Research](http://MyFWC.com/Research), click on "Wildlife," then click on "Nesting" under the "Sea Turtle" heading.

Report sick or injured sea turtles to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

## FWC program improving boating access across state

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has announced the recipients for the 2012-2013 Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP) grants.

Twenty-seven different grants, totaling \$5.2 million, will be awarded throughout the state.

"These grants for boat ramps will bring economic development opportunities across our state," said Governor Rick Scott. "As the fishing capital of the world, Florida takes pride in the maintenance and quality of our boat ramps and facilities. They will provide a steady flow of tourism and recreation."

In addition to patrolling Florida's woods and waters to protect people and natural resources, the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement manages boating access.

"We administer grant programs for boating access and boating-related activities," said Maj. Jack Daugherty, leader of the FWC's Boating and Waterways Section. "The grants are awarded to eligible counties, municipalities and other state governmental entities to fund projects like boat ramp construction, channel marking and derelict vessel removal."

Some of the areas selected, including Clewiston,

Palatka and De Soto and Hamilton counties, have been designated Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern by the governor. These areas have received substantial grants.

Specific projects planned for those areas include expanding dock and ramp space, constructing and improving restroom facilities, renovating and expanding marinas, improving access roads and parking lots and constructing facilities compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Funds for these grants are derived largely from the federal Sport Fish Restoration – Boat Access Program. Federal funds are collected when people buy fishing tackle and motor fuels, and from import duties on tackle and yachts. The money is returned to appropriate state agencies for research, management and development activities that deal with sport fish and boating access. Federal law requires 15 percent of these funds go to building and repairing boat ramps.

More information about specific locations and plans for construction can be directed to the appropriate city or county government. For more information on the FBIP grant recipients, visit [MyFWC.com/Boating](http://MyFWC.com/Boating) and click on "Boating Grant Programs."

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a good time, too. The band hails from Brooksville. These guys will have you rockin' the entire holiday weekend so be sure and don't forget those dancing shoes! Producing music that spans all genres, the band entertains crowds in all venues ranging from country, Southern rock, classic rock, dance music, classics and hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s and will move your feet regardless of your taste in music!

## MORE ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEKEND

Other activities include golf cart rental, mini or disc golf, canoeing, mini golf and disc golf, kayaking and hiking. During the weekend you may want to fish a while in Rees Lake or just kick back in one of our beautiful cabins and take time to enjoy life doing absolutely nothing! Right next door to the Music Hall and the SOS Café and Restaurant in the Crafts Village is our new ice cream shop with every flavor. The Country Store is fully stocked with everything you'll need for a camping weekend including soft drinks, food, mementos and much, much more! And don't forget to check out the crafts shops where you will find several new shops with wonderful crafts to delight every taste. You might even want to do a little Christmas shopping while there to get that perfect gift before someone else snatches it up!

In the Crafts Village you'll also find the SOSMP radio studio where Bluegrass' own "Dr. Don" can be found each Sunday afternoon from 5 - 7 p.m. broadcasting bluegrass music for your enjoyment! Pull up a chair and listen to this ole country boy talk, you'll get a kick out of him and his show! He might even pull out his banjo and entertain a while. If he does, be prepared for a real treat as he's a banjo pro having performed on the Grand Ole Opry and for former US President Jimmy Carter!

## IF YOU'RE ARRIVING EARLY

If you're arriving early, there is karaoke in the Music Hall every Monday and Thursday night 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!

## MUSIC HALL OPENING TIMES

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.

## CONTACT US FOR OVERNIGHT RESERVATIONS

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 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, SpringFest, Wanece and the 2013 Suwannee River Jam.

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!

## Love, Hope & Pizza raises funds for National Breast Cancer Foundation

### Hungry Howie's goes pink (and green) in October

Hungry Howie's Love, Hope & Pizza campaign is raising funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF), which is ranked in the top three percent of charities in America. NBCF's mission is to provide mammograms to women in need and offer educational resources such as Beyond The Shock®. Last October, Hungry Howie's raised over \$225,000 for NBCF. This October the goal is to raise \$250,000 with Hungry Howie's well on its way at 63 percent of its goal to date.

Vinyl from last year's Love, Hope & Pizza billboards was recycled to create tote bags to promote the campaign and raise money for NBCF. The tote bags are being utilized by media as giveaways. In addition, totes may be purchased from G2 GreenGear with a donation being made to NBCF. "This is a great green product and a great way we can be responsible by recycling our billboards to help support NBCF and make a difference in the early detection and education of breast cancer," says Hungry Howie's Founder Jim Hearn.

"Love and hope helped get me

through breast cancer, and to me, pizza means good times with people getting together. I am honored to be associated with Love, Hope & Pizza," says Hungry Howie's associate and two-time breast cancer survivor Andrea Adair. Founder/CEO of NBCF and 32-year breast cancer survivor Janelle Hail says, "NBCF values Hungry Howie's partnership in sharing our mission of helping women by providing free mammograms, education, support, and early detection services. Together we can make a difference in women's lives and offer them hope."

Throughout October, all large pizzas are being served in pink boxes with the breast cancer awareness ribbon. For every large pizza purchased at Florida and Alabama locations, Hungry Howie's will make a donation to NBCF. An additional \$1 will also be donated to NBCF when customers purchase Love, Hope & Pizza wristbands, become a new fan or share a breast cancer story on the Hungry Howie's Facebook page, and for every tweet using the hashtag #lovehopepizza. Hungry Howie's Facebook fans

can also make a donation directly to NBCF through the Facebook page.

## Hungry Howie's

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## Protect skin from the worst weather has to offer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Calendar of Events

## Yard & Bake sale

Saturday, Nov. 3, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
First Advent Christian Church  
699 Pinewood Dr. SW  
Live Oak, Fla.

## The Live Oak Elks Lodge

Is having a BINGO fundraiser for the SHS Wrestling Team on Monday November 5th from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. All proceeds will go to the SHS Wrestling program. I would like to publicize this as much as possible so we can raise a great amount for these dedicated young men. As you probably know, the football team receives funding from the school but the wrestling team is completely donor dependent.

## Market to close at end of Oct. Lake City, Fla.

The Lake DeSoto Farmers Market will close at the end of October, according to City Manager Wendell Johnson. "In May of 2011 the Lake City CRA reorganized, launched and established the Lake DeSoto Farmers Market. It has been a labor of love for the many people who have participated and supported the market for the past 17 months. We had hoped that the market would have grown and flourished in the wonderful surrounding of Wilson Park, but sadly that is not the case. We will complete our Calendar of Events through October and be suspending the market at the end of October. It is our hopes to revisit reorganizing it in the spring. I would like to personally thank each of you for your efforts to support such a worthy endeavor" Wendell stated in a message to market vendors and supporters. For more information about the Lake DeSoto Farmer Market call 386-719-5766 or visit market.lcfla.com.

## Wellborn Community Association

Pancake breakfast and fall yard sale The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3 this year from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wellborn Community Association.

Vendor space is available for \$5.

Gather your unused goodies and get them together. Make some extra money for Christmas.

The bloodmobile will be on site as well.

For more information, call Beanie Brooks at 386-963-5906.

## St. Luke's Busy Hands for Babies

Yard, bake sale and homemade table Saturday, Nov. 3 St. Luke's Busy Hands for Babies will have a yard sale from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1391 SW 11th St., Live Oak, across from the Garden Club. The sale will be inside and there will be many bargains on clothing, books and lots more. Come and see our handmade gift table for Christmas. The proceeds buy material and yarn to make items for two children's hospitals in Jacksonville, a church mission in Jacksonville, Guardian Ad Litem here in Live Oak and our companion church in Cuba.

## First Baptist Church Dowling Park

Invites you to their Fall Festival with FREE food, games, prizes, music and fun for all ages. Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Come with your entire family and enjoy all the exciting events of this once a year festival. The church address is 11274 235 Lane, Dowling Park on County Road 250 near the intersection of County Road 136.

## Melody C.C. fall festival

Melody Christian Center is hosting a fall festival for the entire family on Sunday, Nov. 4, immediately after church. (Approximately 11:30 a.m.) ALL are welcome. The church is located at 10046 Highway 129 South in Live Oak.

## Chapter III southern gospel music group to perform

Northern Florida Christian Center, 7528 Shekinah Place, O'Brien.

Saturday, Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 4 at 10:30 a.m.

For more information call 386-935-0948

## Building your marriage

A free 6 week class on building your marriage will be offered at Community Presbyterian Church on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning Oct. 9. The class will be based on Marriage: Built to Last with Chip Ingram, Dave Ramsey & Kurt and Brenda Warner. Childcare will be provided. To find out more, please call the church at 362-2323.

## 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.

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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.

## 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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Sept. 10 - Dic. 13, 2012

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

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## Antioch Baptist Church

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Every 4th Thurs. of each month at 10:30 a.m. 5203 CR 795 Live Oak, Fla. 32060

386-362-3101

## Recovery By The Numbers group of

### Narcotics Anonymous

Meets Wed and Friday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1391 11th St. S.W. Live Oak 386-249-3505 or Help Line # 866-352-5323, <http://uncoastna.org> Recovery by the numbers is not affiliated with St. Lukes

## 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

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### 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.

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## 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

Recruitment Manager

Department of Elder Affairs

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

988 Woodcock Rd, Suite 198

Orlando, FL 32803

850-510-3920 (cellular)

407-228-7752 (office)

407-228-7754 (fax)

morganb@elderaffairs.org

## 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

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

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Home: (260) 486-2221

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

Fax: 260-492-9771

email: Hope4391@frontier.com

## Alcoholics Anonymous

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

## Jasper Market Days

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## Haven Hospice

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

## Suwannee County Health Department

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

## Native Plants, Native People

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

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

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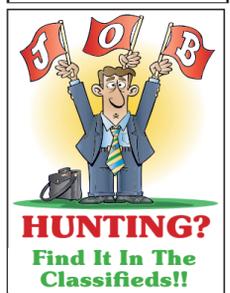
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Mail completed State of Georgia Application along with copy of license to: BCW Occupational Therapist or Physical Therapist, PO Box 5147, Valdosta, GA 31603

Application and more information of the position can be downloaded from [www.southhealthdistrict.com](http://www.southhealthdistrict.com)

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# First TrophyCatch bass comes from Lake Talquin

Corey Dolan of Tallahassee celebrated landing a 12.3-pound largemouth bass on Lake Talquin and released it Tuesday afternoon to become the first entrant in the Florida TrophyCatch program. TrophyCatch is an innovative program initiated Oct. 1 by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to reward anglers for being great resource stewards by legally catching and releasing trophy largemouth bass.

Dolan started fishing at sunrise on his last day off before starting a new job and was rewarded when he cast a rubber worm to a point of lily pads around 1:30 in the afternoon. His trophy struck ferociously and fought to escape by heading back toward the lily pads as Dolan manipulated both rod and trolling motor to land the 27-inch-long bass.

Dolan checked out TrophyCatchFlorida.com from his smartphone and ultimately connected with the TrophyCatch hotline. FWC biologists Doug Engel and Joshua Gold arrived at Coe's Landing an hour later to determine a certified weight of 12.33 pounds – just short of the Hall of Fame mark (13 pounds) but qualifying for the Trophy Club. Dolan will receive \$100 in gift cards from sponsors such as Bass Pro Shops, Dick's Sporting Goods and Rapala lures, plus a long-sleeve TrophyClub shirt from Bass King, and discounts from New Wave Taxidermy, Fish-Photo Replicas and Sportsman On Canvas.

KP Clements, the FWC's TrophyCatch coordinator,

said that as the first TrophyCatch angler, he will also receive a special one-day entry pass to fish at the famed Biverville Plantation and is entered into drawings for other great prizes.

Dolan started fishing as a youngster with his mom while growing up in the Tallahassee area. The fishing bug has struck hard, and now he's molding his own rubber worms and hoping one day to catch the next record Florida largemouth bass, by certifying a fish heavier than 17.27 pounds.

TrophyCatch includes three tiers to encourage reporting and live-releasing bass heavier than 8 pounds that are caught in Florida waters. Bass 8 to 9.9 pounds (Lunker Club) or those 10 to 12.9 pounds (Trophy Club) that are caught, documented and released can be reported online at TrophyCatchFlorida.com any time of the year. All that is required to qualify for the many prizes is a photo of the entire fish on a scale with the weight visible, and one on a tape measure or ruler showing the length. Bass heavier than 13 pounds that are caught between Oct. 1 and April 30 each year must be certified by FWC staff to verify the weight and take genetic samples.

Certified catches that are released or provided to the FWC for research will be entered into the Hall of Fame club, making the angler eligible for the prizes. The World Fishing Network is partnering with the FWC to promote and manage the trophy bass website.

The biggest bass of the year entered into TrophyCatch will earn a Super Bowl-like ring, from the American Outdoors Fund, for the angler who catches it. If it is caught in Osceola County, the Kissimmee Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) will award the lucky angler \$10,000. In addition, if the angler is on a guided fishing trip, the guide will receive \$2,500 from the CVB.

"TrophyCatch will enable biologists to better manage freshwater fisheries by providing valuable incentives to anglers, such as Corey (Dolan), for reporting and releasing their catches of trophy bass," said Tom Champeau, director of the FWC's Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management. The information will be used to evaluate and improve management strategies that produce more and larger bass.

Of special interest is the fact that Lake Talquin has been the site of several largemouth-bass-stocking efforts as well as habitat improvement projects. Of the last 18 bass heavier than 9 pounds caught in the lake and tested this year, seven were tagged, hatchery-stocked fish.

"It is important for anglers to read and understand all the rules and details about rewards, which may change during the year, since they are provided by various sponsors," said Clements (see TrophyCatchFlorida.com). However, just for registering, an angler is entered into a drawing for a Phoenix bass boat, Mercury motor and trailer.

## Operation Christmas Child

Wild Adventures Theme Park and Operation Christmas Child Team Up to Bring Joy and Hope to Children Around the World



Partnership Challenges Park Fans and Employees to Donate Thousands of Boxes

Wild Adventures Theme Park (WA) kicks off its 2012 Shoebox Challenge with Operation Christmas Child. This year, the park challenges the communities in the region to donate more gift-filled shoeboxes than ever before. To encourage community support, Wild Adventures Theme Park is offering free park tickets for the 2013 season to churches that sign up for the challenge. Once churches sign up, they can earn even more free tickets by donating incrementally more shoeboxes.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a nondenominational Christian organization providing worldwide spiritual and physical aid. Since 1993, Operation

Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project, has hand-delivered gift boxes in over 130 countries to more than 90 million children. For many, these are the first presents they've ever received.

"Christmas is a wonderful tradition at Wild Adventures and the Shoebox Challenge is a way we can share the joyous season with children around the world," said Molly Deese, general manager and vice president, Wild Adventures Theme Park. "Not only is this an opportunity to connect with our local community but an opportunity to bring Christmas love and hope to families across the globe."

The challenge leads into National Collection Week: November 12-19. Packing a shoebox is simple. Fill shoeboxes with school supplies, toys, necessity items, candy and a letter of en-

couragement. Then drop off the box at one of the 3,200 collection sites. Step-by-step shoebox packing instructions are available at <http://www.samaritansPurse.org/OCC>.

For more information about the Wild Adventures Theme Park Shoe Box Challenge and Operation Christmas Child, visit: <http://www.wildadventures.com/shoebox>

About Wild Adventures Theme Park

Wild Adventures Theme Park is a 170-acre theme park, water park, and animal park all in one place for less located in Valdosta, Georgia. The park features one of the largest ride collections in the South, hun-

dreds of exotic animals, Splash Island Water Park, the region's largest water park, shows, festivals and all-star concerts. The park is owned and operated by Herschend Family Entertainment (HFE), a company specializing in family entertainment. For more than half a century, HFE has owned, operated or partnered in 26 properties across ten states, including Branson, Missouri's Silver Dollar City; operating partner with Dolly Parton in Tennessee's Dollywood and Dollywood's Splash Country; operating partner in Atlanta's Stone Mountain Park and owners of Ride the Ducks amphibious tours in six cities.

## Alexis Cárdenas Quartet cancels March 28 Squitieri Studio Theatre performance

Due to circumstances beyond its March 28 performance at Squitieri Studio Theatre. 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.

## 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.

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# “Free Fridays” Concert Series extended to Nov. 9

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – “Free Fridays,” the popular downtown Friday night concert series that the City of Gainesville Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs puts on, has been extended thanks to a generous donation from the Gainesville Downtown Hampton Inn. According to “Free Fridays” coordinator David Ballard, “We are very excited that the Hampton Inn’s gift has made it possible to extend the concert season further into the fall with additional concerts scheduled on Oct. 26, Nov. 2 and Nov. 9.” The current “Free Fridays” series began the first Friday in May and was scheduled to conclude on Oct. 12. The three new concerts will follow the United Downtown concert Friday, Oct. 19 featuring the band Anna Marie and Friends, along with a reprise of The Relics, whose extremely successful “Free Fridays” concert was dampened by rain. Despite strong thun-

derstorms in the area, an enthusiastic crowd of 400 braved the elements on Oct. 5 and attended the popular tribute to Woodstock that has been presented annually at “Free Fridays” since 2009.

On Friday, Oct. 26, Crooked Counsel, a five-piece classic rock cover band will make its premiere at “Free Fridays.” Crooked Counsel is fronted by vocalist Shuri Pass. Joining Pass are John Middleton (keyboards, guitar), Joe Loper (bass guitar), Nelda Loper (back-up vocals), Tim Sellers (drums, vocals) and Guido Lemeer (lead guitar). You can preview Crooked Counsel’s music at <http://www.crookedcounsel.net>.

Friday, Nov. 2 will mark the return to “Free Fridays” by area blues group 6th Street Rhythm and Blues Review. The seven-piece band features a combination of old school R&B, blues, jump blues, a dose of jazz and old standards. The

Gainesville area musicians that make up the band include Dr. Brad Bangstad (keyboard, music arranger), Bill Barnard (guitar), Professor Steve “Bing” Bingham (tenor and alto saxophones, flute, bass guitar, trumpet), Steve Hart (tenor, alto, baritone and soprano saxophones, trombone), Joe Loper (bass guitar), John Eric “Bingo” Bingham (drums) and new vocalist Cassie Keenum. For additional information about the 6th Street Rhythm and Blues Review, please visit their website at <http://www.6streetmusic.com>.

Another new band to the “Free Fridays” series will finish the season on Friday, Nov. 9. The Shambles are a rock and roll dance band that cover artists such as Steely Dan, Dire Straits, The Cars, Talking Heads, Grateful Dead, Bonnie Raitt, Alison Krause, Wilco, Ray Charles and Merle Haggard, as well as classic groups such as The Beatles, Rolling Stones, The

Who and Cream. The Shambles are Connie Croteau (lead vocals, acoustic guitar), David Cook (keyboards, pedal steel, vocals), Eric Diamond (lead guitar, vocals), Conor Galligan (drums), Mike Fender (bass, vocals), Mitchell Jim (percussion, vocals), Celeste Shitama (vocals, percussion) and Hoch Shitama (lead vocals, rhythm guitar).

The “Free Fridays” Concert Series runs from 8 to 10 p.m. on Friday nights from Friday, May 4 through Friday, Nov. 9. The Bo Diddley Community Plaza is located on the corner of Southeast First Street and East University Avenue. A complete listing of the “Free Fridays” entertainment schedule can be found at <http://www.gvlculturalaffairs.org>. For more information on the Downtown Plaza Free Fridays, or to schedule an interview, please contact David Ballard at 352-393-8746.



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6th Street Rhythm and Blues Review.

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## Alzheimer's Support Group

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

The Center is located at 110 Lee Ave. SE in Live Oak. Call Lester Curry at 386-364-5961 for more information.

## Live Oak Garden Club

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

## Suwannee River Jeep Club & 4X4

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

## Volunteer Opportunity & Meeting Notice

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

## The Arc North Florida

Adults with Disabilities Program. Open to Branford and surrounding adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. We meet every Friday from 9 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

## Navy and Marine Corps

Shipmates who served on the USS Columbus CA-74/cG-12 from 1944 through 1976 and the USS COLUMBUS (SSN-762) past and present, if you would like to share memories and camaraderie with old friends and make new ones, please contact Allen R. Hope, President, 3828 Hobson Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46815-4505. Home: (260) 486-2221 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Fax: 260-492-9771, email: [Hope439@frontier.com](mailto:Hope439@frontier.com).

## Bingo

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

## American Legion Post

Meeting First Thursday of each month at noon. All military veterans are invited to join us. Contact Bruce Ward for information at 386-688-4018.

## Elks Monday Bingo

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

## Wellborn neighborhood watch

We meet the last Thursday of each month at the Blake Lowe Building on 4th Avenue in Wellborn. We start with a social get together at 7 p.m. with a covered dish dinner and have a relaxed general discussion on the events in the community. Immediately following dinner we have

an invited speaker to broaden our knowledge of what is happening in our county. Each month we have a speaker that will be interesting and informative. Call Ruth Ford @ 386-963-5334 if you have any questions.

## Are you a time traveler?

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

## 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.wellbornbaptist.com](http://www.wellbornbaptist.com).

## Love Forever

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

## The Lafayette Republican Executive Committee

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

## The Columbia Federated Republican Women

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

info contact President Gayle Cannon: 386-303-2616, [gcannon@atlantic.net](mailto:gcannon@atlantic.net)

## First Baptist Church of Dowling Park

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

## Volunteer Opportunity & Meeting Notice

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

## Christian Mission In Action Ministry

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

## Boy Scout Troop 693

Meets at the 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@suwanneeinsurance.com](mailto:charles@suwanneeinsurance.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](http://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](http://www.wellbornbaptist.com).

## Lake Park Line Dancers

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

## Line dance

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

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## Pickin' & Grinnin'

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

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

## FWCW 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 encuenra 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](http://www.ussvi.org). Local contact: W. Ray Rausch, 386-209-1473, [uss483@windstream.net](mailto:uss483@windstream.net), 10035 105th Drive, Live Oak, FL 32060.

## First Baptist Church of Live Oak, Fla.

Will begin holding a weekly grief recovery support group. GriefShare is a non-denominational Biblically based 13 week program for people who are struggling with losing a loved one in death. People can enter at any point in the 13 weeks. It will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednes-

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days. First Baptist Church is located at 401 W. Howard in Live Oak. For more information, people may call 386-362-1583 or find us on the web at [www.fbcliveoak.org](http://www.fbcliveoak.org).

### Haven Hospice hosts

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

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

### Donate your old cars

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

### Talent Search

Do you sing or play an instrument? Do you act or dance? Do you like to read or spend time with a friend in wonderful conversation? WE WANT YOU! Suwannee Health Care & Rehab Center is looking for your talent for our residents. Dinner for two - \$45; One night at the Beach - \$125; One hour volunteering to make memories

that last forever - PRICELESS! Call: Lynn Brannon, Activities Director 386-362-7860 or 386-590-2961.

### Donations needed!

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

### CJBAT tests

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

### College Placement Tests

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

### TABE tests

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

register please call 850-973-9451.

### Love a mystery?

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

### Free English-speaking and literacy classes

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

### Suwannee County Republican Executive Committee Meeting.

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

## Savvy Senior How to Write Your Own Will

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend some good do-it-yourself resources to help me write my will? At age 62, I want to get my affairs organized, but I hate paying a high-priced attorney fee if I can do it myself.

Don't Have Much

Dear Don't

If you have a simple, straightforward estate and an uncomplicated family situation, writing your own will – with the help of a good do-it-yourself guide – is a viable alternative to hiring an attorney and a whole lot cheaper. Here are some good resources to help you get started.

### Computer Required

There are a number of computer software products and online resources available today that can help you create your own will very easily, and they usually take less than an hour from start to fin-

ish. Like tax software, these tools will guide you through a series of questions and will insert your answers into a will for you. But, you'll need a computer to use them. Some good options to check out include:

### Quicken WillMaker Plus 2013:

This is a comprehensive estate planning software product that's very user-friendly. It lets you create customized wills for an unlimited number of people, along with other important documents like financial powers of attorney, health care directives, executor documents, final arrangements and more. And once you're finished, you can store your documents on your computer and update them as needed, and you can print them out on paper. Available in downloadable or CD format at [nolo.com](http://nolo.com) for \$43 or \$52, this software works only with Windows operating systems and is valid in every state except

Louisiana.

### Rocket Lawyer:

This is an online resource – available at [rocketlawyer.com](http://rocketlawyer.com) – that helps you create a will, trust, power of attorney and dozens of other legal documents in every state. They start by offering a free seven day trial period so you can actually make one document for free. Or, you can become a member for \$20 a month, or \$120 for their annual “Basic Legal Plan,” and get unlimited access so you can make, store, share and update any documents you want. They even provide annual members free legal reviews of their document and free phone assistance with an attorney.

### LegalZoom:

Available online at [legalzoom.com](http://legalzoom.com), this site makes wills, trusts, powers of attorney, pet-protection agreements and many other documents. After you create your will, or other documents,

they double-check them for spelling and grammar mistakes (but not for legal issues) and mail you a printed copy in about a week to 10 days. Wills run \$69, other documents range between \$35 and \$249.

### No Computer Necessary

If you don't have a home computer or Internet access, a good resource to turn to is the “Quick & Legal Will Book” sold by Nolo for \$21. This guide provides forms and step-by-step instructions that can help you make a basic will that meets your needs. To order a copy, call 800-728-3555.

### Hire a Lawyer

It's also important to know that if you have a complicated financial situation, blended family or if you have considerable assets, you need to hire a lawyer to write your will. An experienced lawyer can make sure you cover all your bases which can help avoid family confusion and squabbles after

you're gone.

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys ([naela.org](http://naela.org)) and the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils ([naepc.org](http://naepc.org)) websites are good resources that have directories to help you find someone in your area.

Costs will vary depending on your situation and location, but you can expect to pay somewhere between \$200 and \$1,000 to get your will made.

If money is tight, check with your state's bar association (see [findlegalhelp.org](http://findlegalhelp.org)) to find low-cost legal help in your area. Or call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 for a referral.

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



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- **1806:** ZEBULON PIKE SPOTS THE MOUNTAIN PEAK THAT IS NOW KNOWN AS PIKE'S PEAK.
- **1939:** PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT LAYS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE JEFFERSON MEMORIAL.

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**ITALIAN:** Cielo  
**FRENCH:** Ciel  
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Back From the Grave Cake and Spooky Pop Cupcakes

# SCARE UP SOME FUN WITH A Graveyard Bash

FAMILY FEATURES

**B**e the ghostess with the mostess this Halloween, and throw a wickedly wonderful celebration. The entertaining experts from the Wilton Test Kitchen know all the tricks and offer plenty of treats for hosting a bone-chilling blast that will have friends and family shrieking with delight.

Start by scaring up some fun with an array of graveyard goodies. Tombstone and monster-shaped sandwich cookies paired with ghostly graveyard cookies set an eerie scene. Add fang-tastic monster-faced popcorn balls, and a parade of monster pretzels — a breeze to make using a Halloween Candy Kit. Pour melted candy into monster molds, insert pretzel rods and refrigerate until set. They are the perfect hand-held treats for kids and look great on display.

There's no bones about it, a spooktacular skeleton cake will make for a boo-tiful Halloween centerpiece. Using a skeleton casket pan makes this impressive dessert — filled with fall flavors like cinnamon and apples — easy to achieve. Simply decorate with icing and watch as your skeleton comes back from the grave.

For added fright, surround the coffin with Spooky Pop Cupcakes — swirled with brightly-colored icing and things that go bump in the night. Just be sure to pair sweets with a be"witch"ing beverage and you'll be caught in a web of friends all evening long.

All of these and other terrifyingly-terrific project ideas, supplies and more are available at [www.wilton.com](http://www.wilton.com).

Popcorn Ball Monsters,  
Monsters on Parade Pretzels,  
Peanut Butter 3D Sandwich Cookies,  
and Ghostly Graveyard Cookies

## Monsters on Parade Pretzels

Each pretzel serves 1

Halloween Candy Kit for Pretzels  
Pretzel Rods

Melt Candy Melts candy following package instructions. Mold pretzels following package instructions. Refrigerate until set, about 15 minutes. Remove from mold.

## Ghostly Graveyard Cookies

Each cookie serves 1

Roll-out cookie dough (recipe available at [wilton.com](http://wilton.com))  
Buttercream Icing (recipe available at [wilton.com](http://wilton.com))  
Leaf Green, Black and Brown Icing Colors

Prepare and roll out cookie dough following recipe instructions. Cut cookies using the Graveyard Cookie Cutter Set. Bake and cool.

Using icing colors, tint buttercream. Ice all cookies using a spatula. Pipe the outline of the tree with tip #22 brown buttercream icing. Tint coconut flakes green using icing color; sprinkle over base cookie. Attach all cookies to base cookies with icing.

## Popcorn Ball Monsters

Each serves 1

1 jar (about 7 ounces)  
marshmallow crème  
Violet and Orange Icing  
colors  
4 cups popped popcorn,  
divided  
White Candy Melts  
Candy, melted following  
package instructions  
Large Candy Eyeballs  
Animal and People Faces  
Sprinkle Sets, candy  
corn, Jumbo Confetti  
Sprinkles  
Green and Black Candy  
Strings

Spray Dimensions Multi-Cavity Mini Pumpkin Pan cavities with vegetable pan spray.

In large microwave-safe bowl, microwave marshmallow crème 1 minute at 50% power. Remove bowl from microwave and divide marshmallow crème in half; stir icing color into each half (tint slightly darker than how you want your finished treat to look). Stir 2 cups popped popcorn into each marshmallow mixture mixing until evenly coated. Press popcorn treat mixture in bottom cavities only of pumpkin pan to 1 1/2 in. deep; reserve some unmolded popcorn. Let set; unmold.

Attach 2 popcorn ball halves together on one edge, using unmolded popcorn to prop opposite edge open. Using melted candy, attach Candy Eyeballs and sprinkles and candy corn teeth, and Jumbo Confetti nose. Attach candy strings for hair.

## Back From the Grave Cake

Makes about 12 servings

2-3/4 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking  
powder  
1-1/2 teaspoons ground  
cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 cup (2 sticks) butter,  
softened  
1-1/4 cups granulated  
sugar  
3 eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
extract  
3/4 cups sweetened  
applesauce  
1-1/4 cups diced Granny  
Smith apple  
(about 1 medium  
apple)  
1 can (16 ounces)  
White Decorator  
Icing

Preheat oven to 325°F. Prepare 3D Skeleton Casket pan with vegetable pan spray.

In medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt; set aside. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, and vanilla; mix well. Alternately add flour mixture and applesauce to butter mixture. Spread about 1/2 of cake batter so that it reaches the first horizontal line inside the pan. Sprinkle diced apples evenly over batter. Top with remaining batter, smoothing out the top.

Bake 58 to 62 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Cool 15 minutes; remove from pan and cool completely on cooling grid.

Decorate cooled cake with tip 5 and decorator icing.

## Spooky Pop Cupcakes

Each cupcake serves 1

Graveyard Cupcake Decorating  
Set, Spooky Pop Cupcake  
Combo Pack or solid color  
baking cups

Favorite cupcake recipe or mix  
can (16 ounces) White  
Decorator Icing  
Orange, Green or other desired  
Icing Color

1 can (16 ounces) Chocolate  
Decorator Icing

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line cavities of standard muffin pan with baking cups.

Bake your favorite cupcakes in prepared pan. Cool completely. Place some cupcakes in Skeleton Cupcake Wraps. Tint white decorator icing with icing color. Use a spatula to ice smooth or pipe tip 1M icing swirls on cupcake top. Insert icing decorations or pix from decorating set and combo pack.



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## Peanut Butter 3D Sandwich Cookies

Makes about 1 dozen sandwich cookies

3/4 cup solid vegetable  
shortening  
1/4 cup creamy peanut  
butter  
1/2 cup firmly-packed light  
brown sugar  
1/3 cup granulated sugar  
1 egg  
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla  
extract  
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
Buttercream Icing  
Kelly Green, Orange  
Icing Color

Preheat oven to 325°F. Spray 3D Sandwich Pan with vegetable pan spray.

In large bowl, beat shortening and peanut butter with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add brown sugar and granulated sugar; mix well. Add egg and vanilla, mixing until smooth. Add flour; mix well. Press dough into pan cavities, filling 2/3 full.

Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from pan to cooling grid; cool completely.

Meanwhile, tint portions of icing green and orange. To assemble cookies, spread icing on half of the cookies; sandwich with second cookie. Pipe details with icing.

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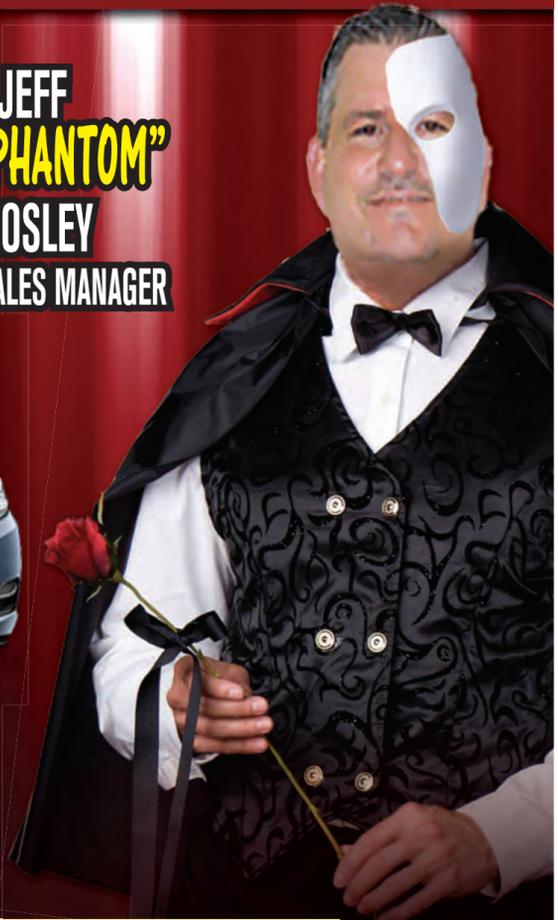


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DETAILS, PAGE 15A

## PETS ON PARADE

Suwannee Valley Humane Society annual show / 8A

- Photo: Joyce Marie Taylor



Abigail Register's cat named Callie won Best in Show in the cat category.

## Pedestrian killed when struck by vehicle



This car was involved in an accident Tuesday morning where a pedestrian was struck and killed.

- Photo: Andrew McGee

By Andrew McGee  
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A pedestrian was struck and killed by a passing vehicle early Tuesday morning on CR 137 near 264th Street, just east of Branford, according to the

Florida Highway Patrol. Robert B. Starcher, 51, of Millville, N.J., was walking on CR 137 around 6 a.m. when a light blue, 2006 Kia Spectra proceeding

SEE PEDESTRIAN, PAGE 2A

## Mother and daughter injured in Sunday morning wreck

Staff A Sunday morning wreck on CR 249 in Suwannee County injured two Jennings residents, according to the Florida Highway

Patrol. According to FHP, a 2006 Mitsubishi driven by Cora Ann Digman, 35, Jennings, was trav-

SEE MOTHER, PAGE 2A

## Downtown dilemma

Demo seems to be the answer to damaged buildings

By Andrew McGee  
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Progress has been slow on solving the sinkhole problem on Warren Street, near the Suwannee County Courthouse. The sinkhole, thanks to TS Debby, caused two buildings that back it to shift and partially collapse into the hole and folks keep questioning what is going to happen and when will the fence on Warren Street finally come down?

The city was forced to condemn the buildings and fence off the area

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A visible depression in Warren Street is seen in this photograph taken Monday. While the city looks to fix the street soon, the question remains to the owners of two condemned buildings: what's next, demo or repair?

- Photo: Andrew McGee

## PROUD ALUMNUS



Lindsay Michal returned to Paul Langford Stadium Friday night to play with the band. Michal is a 2011 graduate of SHS.

- Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

## Live Oak installs post-disaster redevelopment plan

By Bryant Thigpen  
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The Live Oak City Council met with several agencies on Friday for a special called meeting to develop a post-disaster redevelopment plan for the city

that still feels the devastation of TS Debby from late June. This plan will allow the city to have a faster and more efficient recovery; seize opportunities to restructure infrastructure for the future; and

SEE LIVE OAK, PAGE 3A



Locals make their way through flood waters in late June after TS Debby flooded downtown Live Oak. This area on Warren Street, near the courthouse, is currently closed due to a sinkhole. The building shown to the right is now condemned. File photo

## 4-H gets creative with hay bales



By Andrew McGee  
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If you drive by the Suwannee County Colosseum on 11th Street in Live Oak, you might see some interesting and unusual ob-

SEE 4-H, PAGE 3A

This giant squirrel was designed by the McAlpin 4-H Club. See more photos, page 8A. - Photo: Andrew McGee

## BACK IN BUSINESS

## Pinewood Drive reopened

The much-anticipated repairs are complete for Pinewood Drive, the road between Walker and Ohio avenues. It is now reopened and traffic

has been taking advantage. For several months this connector

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- Photo: Andrew McGee



The SHS senior cheerleaders. Football scenes from Friday night's games.



SPORTS Page 1B

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T. Lee  
Oct 16, James Byron Tidwell, 58, 702 SE Putnam St, Lake City, FL, FTC O/C Poss of Alcohol on SR-WMD Prop: SCSO- Sgt. T. Ford  
Oct 16, Brian Earl Hurst, 37, 10030 10th Drive, Live Oak, FL, VOP (DWLS), Cash Only: SCSO- A. Prins  
Oct 16, John Alton Knight, Jr., 46, 9027 Roadrunner Place, Youngstown, FL, Reckless Driving, Fleeing Police Officer: High Speed Pursuit: SCSO- A. Loston

Oct 16, Gerald Lewis Nickles, 58, 16974 Sunrise Dr, White Springs, FL, Return for Court: SCSO- Cpl. J. Stout  
Oct 16, Jeremy Paul Summers, 35, 2289 N. Chamberlin Blvd, North Port, FL, VOP (Felony DWLS): SCSO- C. Rodriguez  
Oct 17, Robert Sneed, 48, 10943 150 St McAlpin, FL, Suw Co Wrt VOP O/C Poss Drug Para, Suw Co Wrt/Petit Theft (2nd Off): Loit(Prow)(FTC): SCSO- C. Smith  
Oct 17, Marlene Louise

Whatley, 20, 213 Shelby Ave NW, Live Oak, FL, Petit Theft, Resist Retail Merchant, 1st App PD Appt Per WFW: SCSO- L. McDaniel  
Oct 17, Corey Patrick Jenkins, 29, 11183 112th St, Live Oak, FL, VOP-Poss Cont Subs, 1st App PD Appt Per WFW: LOPD- M. Pittman  
Oct 17, James Paul Smith, Jr., 53, 8897 CR 137, Wellborn, FL, VOP O/C DWLS /Poss -20 Can: SCSO- T. Wadford  
Oct 18, Mark John Oblin, 46, 75 Coughton, Crawfordville, FL, Bypass Inspection Station, Wakulla Cty Wrt, Writ of Bodily Attachment, \$1000.00 Cash or 60 Days: OALE- J. Duke  
Oct 19, Harold Emanuel Francis, 57, 421 Lincoln Ave SW, Live Oak, FL, Retail Theft: SCSO- C. Ferguson  
Oct 19, Sophia Evelyn Wild, 22, 3798 282 Terr, Branford, FL, VOP O/C Poss Meth: SCSO- C. Ferguson  
Oct 19, Gina Marie Myers, 26, 12534 Roberts St, White Springs, FL, Grand

Theft III: SCSO- E. Martin  
Oct 19, Mark Alan Ditto, 40, 1612 Valentine, Kansas City, MO, Fail to Stop for Ag Inspe, DWLS (Knowingly), Kansas MO Wrt-FTA O/C Non Support-Child Neglect: OALE- J. Sanders  
Oct 19, Randall Irwin Ray, 37, 1876 Coral Rd, Navarre, FL, Tennessee-VOP O/C Burg: SCSO- T. Ford  
Oct 19, Dustin Michael Kervin, 23, 1708 Jacks Branch Rd, Cantonment, FL, Attach Tag not Assigned, Poss Cocaine, Poss Drug Paraphernalia: FHP- A. Hughes  
Oct 19, Marissa Jean Massey, 25, 2319 River Drive, Cantonment, FL, Poss of Prescript Drugs w/no Valid Prescription, Escambia Co-Felony VOP O/C Poss Control Subst: FHP- A. Hughes  
Oct 20, Stephen Marc hanson, 35, 1931 Coldfield Dr W, Jacksonville, Poss Amphetamine, Poss -20 Cannabis, Poss Drug Paraphernalia: SCSODTF- R. Sammons  
Oct 20, Reginald Vandore Walker, 52, 1120 Silas Drive Apt 906, Live Oak, FL, Madison Co-VOP O/C DUI: SCSO- B. Kastor  
Oct 20, James Steven Hardee, 28, 3410 185th Road, Live Oak, FL, Battery (DV) By Strangu: SCSO- C. Ferguson  
Oct 20, Charles Edward

Hendershot, 50, 10340 CR 10A, Live Oak, FL, Poss Synthetic Cannabis, Resist W/O Violence, Poss Drug Paraphernalia, VOP O/C Fel DUI: SCSO- M. Henry  
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Oct 22, Kelly Elizabeth Johnson, 35, 5742 Pine Crest Road, Live Oak, FL, Columbia Co. Wrt, VOP O/C Burg Struct/Deali in Stolen Property: SCSO- S. Thakor  
Oct 22, Jerry Allen Smith, 59, 21414 139th Dr, O'Brien, FL, Sale Cannabis W/I 1000Ft of Church, Sale Cannabis W/I 1000Ft of Church, Sale of Morphine, Traff Contr Subst -14 Gra: SCSODTF- M. Ramirez  
Oct 22, Jerica Denise Chambers, 22, 819 Maple St, Live Oak, FL, VOP O/C Petit Theft, Leon County Wrt: LOPD- D. Slaughter  
Oct 22, Jon Steven Goldstein, 40, 10388 198th Terr, O'Brien, FL, Battery (Dom Vio), Battery (Dom Vio):

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## Pedestrian killed when struck by vehicle

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southbound on CR 137 struck him, According to FHP.

FHP reported that Starcher was visiting family after his mother's recent death. He was reportedly staying at his brother's residence off CR 137 on the day prior to the crash, where they both had been drinking alcoholic beverages most of the evening, reported the FHP.

"According to the investigation, at some time during the early morning hours (around 6 a.m.), Starcher awoke from sleeping and for some unknown reason ventured out

onto CR 137, where he was walking southbound within the southbound travel lane (at least six feet within the lane)," the FHP reported.

As Starcher walked on the road, a southbound vehicle driven by 71-year-old Doris Huddle, Wellborn, was approaching him, unaware of his presence in the roadway.

FHP reported that Huddle did not have sufficient enough warning or time to avoid hitting Starcher with the front of her vehicle due to the darkness of the area.

Starcher was pronounced deceased at the scene by Suwannee County Fire/Rescue, according to the FHP.

## Mother and daughter injured in Sunday morning wreck

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eling northbound on CR 219 near 16th Trace around 10:15 a.m. As the vehicle approached a left curve in the road, the driver, for unknown reasons, lost control. The vehicle continued traveling off the roadway onto the southbound shoulder and down into a ditch. The vehicle struck a tree with the right side and rotated clockwise. The Mitsubishi came to a final rest facing north off the west side of CR 249.

Digman was transported

to Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center with minor injuries. Her daughter, Kendyl Gabrielle Lee, 7, suffered serious injuries and was treated on scene by Suwannee County Fire/Rescue before being airlifted by Trauma One to Shands of Gainesville.

Lee was reported in good condition at Shands of Gainesville Tuesday morning.

Both occupants were wearing seatbelts.

Charges are pending, FHP reported.

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## Live Oak installs post-disaster redevelopment plan

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maintain local control over recovery efforts.

According to Lane Lucas, city engineer, flooding is something that has been repetitive, but could be fixed.

"Live Oak is in a bowl, and we don't have anywhere for the water to go," said Lucas. The city currently depends on drainage wells, which is a method that dates back to the 1940s.

During the meeting, photos were presented to the representatives of downtown Live Oak 48 years ago when it flooded the city.

"Forty-eight years ago, US 90 flooded. Forty-eight years later, it's the same picture," said Lucas. "It's been going on and on and on."

It was a unanimous agreement among those in the room that something needs to be done to prevent this from happening again.

During TS Debby, approximately 315 residences were damaged. Businesses in the city limits were shut down and some remain closed due to the overwhelming loss of their building and merchandise.

Some were affected by road closures and were not able to receive goods or be accessible to consumers. The effects of Debby on the local economy has, by far, lasted longer than the storm.

"Shannon Ventry is the CRA director (for the city) and she's charged with trying to get economic development, getting people downtown," Lucas said. "They look at downtown and say, 'Good Lord, that was under seven feet of water. Why would I put my business there?'" She's fighting an uphill battle, as the whole city is. After seeing where the city's been and what we've been doing, I'd like to talk about where we're headed, where we want to start going."

Lucas presented a proposal to create a stakeholders group that would include members from different agencies, many of those who were present at the meeting, that would be responsible for brainstorming and to recommend a solution to each problem.

This group includes city and county officials, local business owners, economic development organizations, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Florida Division of Emergency Manage-

ment, North Central Regional Planning Council and many others.

The results of the group's efforts will provide the city with a prioritized list of detailed projects or actions for the city that will help the community to recover from a disaster, along with funding sources, lead agencies, and plans for carrying out the project; ensure that there is coordination on overall projects and opportunities to leverage certain funding sources are explored and utilized; and an organized structure and plan that not only serves the community in the current disaster, but can be used after events in the future as well.

"Live Oak is in the lower Suwannee basin. There are tons of springs in this area, and tons of sinkholes. We're known around the world for having the highest concentration of first magnitude springs," said Lucas. "People come from all around to go diving. And that's the basis of why we're concerned about what's going on. Soils, hydrology and topography in town all get together to create this problem."

Future meetings will be held to move forward with the plan of restoring this historic town.

Anyone wishing to get involved is encouraged to call Ventry at 386-364-3731 or email sventry@cityofliveoak.org.

## Downtown dilemma

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due to the dangerous instability of the structures as well as the street. The city is currently looking to hire contractors to repair the damaged street.

"We're taking some recommendations on a set of fix packages," said City of Live Oak Public Works Director Brent Whitman. "There's been no timeline, but we're making bids."

Whitman also stressed that the owners of the privately-owned land within the vicinity of the sinkhole were encouraged to act quickly on the repair or with the demolition of the two buildings because the roads can't be fixed until the land projects are complete.

One of the building owners thinks the opposite.

"I think it'll be easier to fix the buildings if the roads were fixed," said John Chambliss, who

owns one of the condemned buildings. "If we tear them down, it'll be less expensive to take all the buildings down all at once."

When asked what his plans were to do about the building on his land, he said "I'm going to leave it up to my daughter. I'm also waiting to see what (John) Robinson does."

Robinson is the owner of the building that housed the former home of the Big Wheel Market Place. That building is on the corner of Warren Street and Pine Avenue and is also condemned.

"Both (buildings) will be torn down at the same time," said Robinson. "It takes a long time. There's a lot to deal with the demolition permits."

However, there is no timeline on when demo will begin.

According to Chambliss, he received two letters from City Hall about his building.

"I got two letters," said Chambliss. "One was about condemned, the other letter was about (possible) demolition."

Chambliss has a soft heart when it comes to the building. He opposes the idea of demolishing it because of its significant historical value.

"I want to save it for history, it was built in 1902 and the courthouse was built in 1904," said Chambliss. "But, I can't rent it, to offset for what it's worth."

Warren Street is a staple for Christmas on the Square, a highly popular festival in downtown Live Oak. The street is closed for vendors to set up their wares during the event. It is not certain if the sinkhole or buildings issue will be resolved by then.

"It's hard when you get the destruct order," said Robinson. "We were hoping we'd have it done before Christmas on the Square. We're working to that end."

## 4-H gets creative with hay bales

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jects out front. Are they aliens from a different planet or some mad scientist's experiment gone awry? Not quite. Actually, it is the collective efforts of some of the different 4-H groups using their imaginations to decorate bales of hay.

"It's something we've wanted to do," said Brian Estevez, 4-H youth development agent.

"I love it because of the community involvement."

Out of the nine 4-H clubs in Suwannee county, six of them entered to compete in the Hay Bale Decorating Contest. As long as the entries were in no way vulgar, too scary or politically-oriented, the sky was the limit. The entry fee was \$20.

Estevez said that all the people that got involved were having so much fun and thought that these obvi-

ous eye-catchers would help let people know how important the 4-H clubs are and how they contribute to the community.

"It allows 4-H to connect

### Pinewood Drive reopened

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road to several Suwannee County schools had been closed by the city due to a 75-foot sinkhole that was created by TS Debby.

School personnel, students, parents and anyone wanting to access any of the schools in relation to Pinewood Drive had to use alternate roads because of the water damage. Traffic has quickly picked back up for this very important and heavily-used route.

to the community and be competitive, but in a good way," Estevez laughed.

When asked who was to judge these entries, Estevez said that two judges were selected from another county to avoid any biased opinions.

Judging was on Wednesday, Oct. 17, but Estevez said they don't want to release the results until November at the County 4-H Council meeting. The first place prize will be \$100, followed by \$75 and \$50.

### CANDIDATES RESPOND

*The second round of candidate questions begin on page 9A. See Our Picks for each office, in Friday's Democrat. See short candidate videos on our website.*

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## Wainwright/Gutshall Wedding announcement



Linda Wainwright and Grady Gutshall

The Children of Linda Olive Wainwright and the children of Grady Gutshall are happy and proud to announce the engagement and approaching wedding of their parents. The wedding will be held at the Bixler Chapel in the Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park, Fla. on Nov. 17, 2012 at 2 p.m. reception to follow.

No invitations are being sent but all relatives and friends are invited to this special occasion as these two become one.

## Local government cost-share program coming soon

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) is designating \$1.5 million to assist local governments with projects involving ecosystem restoration, flood protection, alternative water supply, conservation, and water quality improvements through its Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental

Resources (RIVER) program. The RIVER program provides an approach for local government to apply for funding consideration from the district through the submittal of an application. Funding will be awarded through a ranking process based on various criteria, including the effective-

ness of the proposed project to protect, conserve, or restore water resources.

A workshop is scheduled for Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. at district headquarters, 9225 CR 49, in Live Oak to provide information on how to apply. The deadline for the district to receive applications is Dec. 7.

The initiative is one of

two cost-share programs for which the district has budgeted \$3 million for fiscal year 2012-13 to assist public water suppliers and agriculture producers in the protection of water resources.

For more information, please contact Patrick Webster at 382.362.1001 or toll free at 1.800.226.1066.

## Trey Grubbs joins SRWMD as a senior scientist engineer

Trey Grubbs joined the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) as a senior scientist engineer on Oct. 15. He will work in the water supply division to assist with water supply planning, minimum flows and levels, model development, and related projects.

Before coming to the District, Grubbs was employed as a hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), where he had worked since 1988. During his time with the USGS, he worked on a wide variety of hydrologic studies in Florida. Examples of these studies include

developing computer models to simulate the flow of water in rivers, lakes, and aquifers (and the exchanges of water between them) to assess how changes in water withdrawals and weather conditions affect their flows and levels.

Grubbs earned an M.S. degree in civil engineering from Florida State University. He also earned his B.S. degree in biological science from Florida State University.

"With its numerous springs, rivers, streams, and beautiful coastal areas, the Suwannee District is truly a special place," said Grubbs. "My family has lived in north Florida since the 1800's, and I've always enjoyed working in the area and learning more about its unique hydrology. Now I will enjoy assisting in the protection of those resources on which we all depend."

"The District welcomes Trey Grubbs to our team," said District Executive Director Ann Shortelle. "His expertise and dedication to water resources will be a valuable asset to the District."

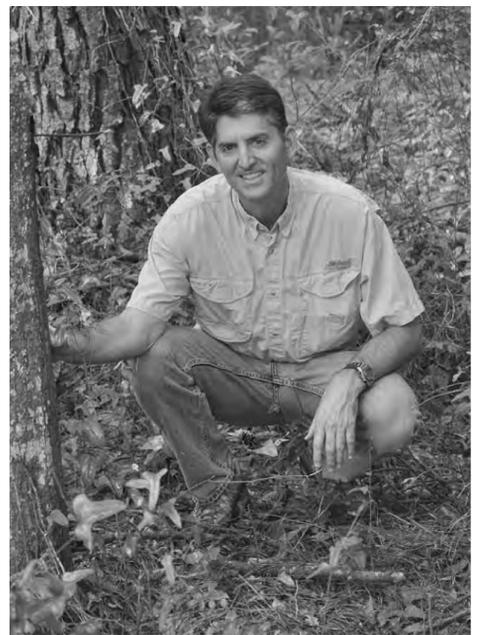
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Trey Grubbs

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**OBITUARIES**



**Edith Olivia Mae Vandermark**  
June 14, 1923  
Sept. 24, 2012

Edith Olivia Mae Vandermark, 89, of Lake Silkworth, Pa. and Live Oak, Fla. passed away at the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital on Sept. 24, 2012.

Born on June 14, 1923 in Norlina, NC, she was the Daughter of the late Gerald Scofield and Elizabeth Davis.

She moved to Hunlock Creek, Pa. as a young girl with her Father who was employed to help with the construction of the UGI Power Plant.

Edith married Leonard Laidacker, had children Patricia and Allen and later married Robert E. Vandermark and had children Robert G. and Kathy. She and Robert retired to Live Oak, Fla. in 1979.

She was preceded in death by her siblings; Pearl McDaniels, Florence Kahler, Edward Scofield, Charles Scofield, Dorris Scofield, and Hessel Scofield; husbands Leonard B. Laidacker and Robert E. Vandermark; and grandson, Steven Dykins.

Surviving are her children; daughters, Patricia Rinehimer and her husband Earl; Kathy Gibson and her husband Frank; sons; Allen Laidacker and his wife Arlene; and Robert G. Vandermark; grandchildren; Denise, Dale, Donna, Lori, Tammy, Kirk, and Frankie; several great grandchildren; great, great grandchildren; and loving family members.

Edith loved animals, dancing, and spending time with friends at the Suwannee River, but most of all she loved her family. As the song goes; If you get the chance to sit it out or dance, Edith definitely danced.

She was a beautiful, good hearted and wonderful person. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Her family and friends held a celebration of her life in Jasper, Fla. and will again be celebrated in Lake Silkworth, Pa.

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



**Clara "Lee" Wells**  
July 16, 1923  
Sept. 2, 2012

Clara Elizabeth "Lee" Wells, 89, passed away at her home in O'Brien, Fla. on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012. Born to Harriette Morgan (McLean) and Benjamin Alexander Lee in Kokomo, Miss. on July 16, 1923, Elizabeth grew up and graduated from high school in Ft. Meade, Fla.. In 1942 she married Robert "Bob" Leonard Wells (d. 1964) from O'Brien, with whom she had 3 children; Harri-

ette Ann, John Robert and Richard Leonard (d. 2000).

After graduating from Massey Business College in Atlanta, Ga. in 1957, Lee and Bob bought a Motorola Service Station (MSS), Television-Electronics Co., dba Atlanta Communications Company, which she continued to run after his unexpected death in 1964. In addition to being a successful business woman and entrepreneur, for many years, Ms. Wells held leadership positions in the following organizations:

Business and Professional Women of Atlanta; Business and Professional Women of Ga.; Women's Chamber of Commerce; Executive Director of the Atlanta Dogwood Festival (1985-1991); U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Co-founder of Southeastern Motorola Service Stations Assn.; High Watch/Mentor and trustee of The Prosperos, Los Angeles, CA.

A loving and generous person, Ms. Wells found great satisfaction in helping others achieve success. She loved to garden, to travel, to swim and to dance, especially to Dixieland Jazz. She was a Methodist and a democrat.

In 2005, Ms. Wells moved from Atlanta to her property in O'Brien, Suwannee County, Fla. For many years, she continued her lifelong passion for reading and enjoyed watching the birds in her garden. Always appreciating a good joke, she often entertained listeners by reciting poems and old "sayings", especially ones "her daddy used to tell".

Preceded in death by her husband, son (Richard) and youngest brother, Malcolm M. Lee (d.2001), Ms. Wells is survived by her daughter, Harriette Wells (Gefrey) Humphries of O'Brien, son, John R. (Dorothy, d.2010) Wells of Canton, Ga., sister, Margaret A. Ward of O'Brien, brother, Benjamin A. (Lucille) Lee of Freeport, IL and sister-in-law, Lettie Mae Lee of Pensacola, Fla.; 9 grandchildren: Christina (Todd) Ellis of Hanahan, SC, Jason Wells (Jessie) of Glenwood Springs, Co., Melody (Wade) Cashwell of O'Brien/St. Augustine, Fla., Josh (Leslie) Wells of Canton, Ga., Richard (Alice) Wells of Murphy, NC, John "Matt" (Lauren) Wells of Astoria, New York, Courtney Wells of Dawsonville, Ga., Jeremy (Whitney) Humphries and Amanda (Albert) Pettingill, of O'Brien, 10 great grandchildren and 17 nieces and nephews. Finally, "Miss Lee" is survived by the women who loved and cared for her over the past six years, as if she were their own "Mama": Connie Haaf, Kay Springer and Betty Young of Live Oak, Liz Forsyth, Dot London and Kim Ward of O'Brien, and Kyleigh Hand of Jasper. Our family will be eternally grateful to them all for their dedication and support.

Clara "Lee" Wells will be greatly missed by all who knew her. A memorial celebration of her life was held in Canton, Ga. on Oct. 20 and a local service will be held at her home in O'Brien at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the O'Brien Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 184, O'Brien, Fla., 32071 or to Haven Hospice of North Florida.

**Phillip Deral Horne**  
Oct. 20, 2012

Phillip Deral Horne, 86, of Lake City, died on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012 at Stillwaters Assisted Living Facility, following an extended ill-

ness. Deral was born in Jacksonville on Feb. 20, 1926 to Eldis and Gertrude Horne and spent his childhood in Live Oak. He served as a gunner's mate in the United States Navy during World War II. He married Mary Louise Reams on June 8, 1947 and spent his career as a building contractor and real estate developer. After retirement, he served on the Board of Directors for Carolina Community Banks for North Georgia and Western North Carolina, while living in Andrews, NC. He was a devoted father and grandfather and a friend to many. Deral was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Mary Louise, his two children Steve and Patti, his second wife Doris Raxter, and his brother Trice.

Survived by his daughter, Jeannette Runyon (Don) of Lake City, Fla.; grandchildren Brad Powell (Mitzi) of Jacksonville, Fla. and Jana Chanthabane (Vixay) of Charleston, SC; great-grandchildren Ella Chanthabane, Madeline Chanthabane, and Cody Chanthabane; his brother Davis Horne (Shirley) of Callahan, Fla.; and his sister-in-law Louise Horne of Snellville, Ga. He is also survived by his nephews Gary, Craig, and Dan; and his nieces Sharon and Donna.

Funeral services for Mr. Horne were conducted Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012 at 2:00 pm at the Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel in Lake City, Fla. Visitation with the family was held before the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be made in Mr. Horne's honor to the National Parkinson Foundation.

Arrangements are under the direction of GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME, (386)752-1954, 3596 S US Hwy 441, Lake City, Fla. 32025. Please leave words of comfort for the family at www.gatewayforestlawn.com

**John Edward Blue**  
Oct. 17, 2012

John Edward Blue, 80, of Live Oak, Fla. formerly of Tampa entered into rest Oct. 17, 2012. John was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara; grandson, Anthony; and companion, Bessie Jackson. Survivors include his son, John (Gloria); daughters, Sheila (Joseph) DeGennaro, Rae Riley; grandchildren, Brandon, Brett Watts, Jennifer Blue, Jesse DeGennaro, Erika Blue, Brad Nauta; great-grandchildren, Aiden, Adriana, Alexis; sisters, Jeanne Turner, Ruth (Bill) Irwin; extended family, Sherrie and Dale Clark. A funeral service was held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012 at Hillsboro Memorial Funeral Home.



**Willard Roy Jones**  
Oct. 22, 2012

Willard Roy Jones, age 79, passed away in Trenton, FL on Oct. 22, 2012.

Mr. Jones was a life long resident of Dixie County and served as a deacon at Rock Sink Baptist Church in Old Town, FL. He was a patrol officer with Florida

D. O. T. for 32 years. He was also a farmer and a sawmill operator. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife Mary Elizabeth Jones of 56 years; his sons Roy (Anne) Jones of Old Town, FL; Gregory (Crystal) Jones of Old Town, FL; his daughter Chaille (Marc) Wilson of Trenton, FL; (4) Grandchildren; (1) Great-Grandchild; his sister Malonea Thomlinson of

Gainesville, FL and several nieces and nephews.

A Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 24, between 5 and 7 pm at Rick Gooding Funeral Home in Cross City, Fla. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 11:00 a.m. at Rock Sink Baptist Church with Rev. Terry Cranford officiating. Interment will follow at Rock Sink Cemetery in Old Town, FL.

**Melody Christian Center fall festival set for Nov. 4**

Melody Christian Center is hosting a fall festival for the entire family on Sunday, Nov. 4, immediately after church. (Approximately 11:30 a.m.) ALL are welcome. The church is located at 10046 Highway 129 South in Live Oak.

**BACK IN BUSINESS**  
**Pinewood Drive**  
**reopened**  
DETAILS, 1A

**Free Fall Festival**

St. Luke's Church (across from the Colosseum)  
Saturday, Oct. 27  
4-6 p.m.  
Two year through fifth grade  
Hamburgers, hot dogs, candy, prizes

**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  
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email: nf.obits@gafnews.com  
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**DEATH NOTICES**

**Mattie Sue Greene**  
Oct. 20, 2012

Mattie Sue Greene, 68, McAlpin, Fla. passed away on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012.

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

**Claude L. Rodgers**  
Oct. 17, 2012

Claude L. Rodgers, 83, Lake City, FL passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2012.

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

**Heather Mae Turner**  
Aug. 23, 1982  
Oct. 21, 2012

Heather Mae Turner, died at HPH Hospice House in Lecanto, FL on Oct. 21, 2012. Date of Birth: Aug. 23, 1982

**2012 COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR**  
436 SW STATE RD 247 - LAKE CITY, FLORIDA  
NOVEMBER 2-10

**FEATURING HILDEBRAND RIDES**  
**MIDWAY SPECIALS**  
**FAIR**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - FAIR OPENING DAY**  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Free Admission  
6 p.m. to Close - \$5 Admission  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Discount Tickets  
Early Bird Madness from 8:00 p.m. to 1 a.m. - \$20 Armband Rides All Rides  
Midnight Madness from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. - \$15 Armband Rides All Rides

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - SATURDAY MATINEE AND SENIOR DAY**  
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Noon to 6 p.m. Matinee - \$15 Armband Rides All Rides with \$5 Off Coupon  
6 p.m. to Close - \$20 Armband Rides All Rides

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - FAMILY DAY**  
Noon to Close - \$10 Admission into Fair, Includes All Rides  
Free Entertainment

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - MIX 94.3**  
5 p.m. to Close - \$5 Admission  
5 p.m. to Close - \$10 Armband with MIX 94.3 Discount Card

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - BUDDY NIGHT AT THE FAIR**  
5 p.m. to Close - \$5 Admission  
5 p.m. to Close - \$15 Armband or Two Armbands for \$20 - Rides all Rides

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - SCHOOL DAY**  
5 p.m. to Close - \$5 Admission, or Persons under 18 and College Students with ID Admitted Free  
5 p.m. to Close - \$13 Armband Rides All Rides with \$2 off School Coupon

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - S&S FOOD STORE**  
5 p.m. to Close - \$5 Admission or Free Gate with S&S Food Store Coupon  
5 p.m. to Close - \$15 Armband Rides All Rides

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - MIDNIGHT MADNESS**  
5 p.m. to Close - \$5 Admission  
5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Discount Tickets  
Early Bird Madness from 8:00 p.m. to 1 a.m. - \$20 Armband Rides All Rides OR Tickets  
Midnight Madness from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. - \$15 Armband Rides All Rides

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - SATURDAY MATINEE / MILITARY AND SENIOR CITIZEN DAY**  
Noon to Close - \$5 Admission / Seniors Admitted Free  
Noon to 5 p.m. Matinee - \$15 Armband Rides All Rides with \$5 Off Coupon  
5 p.m. to Close - \$20 Rides All Rides

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# Viewpoints/Opinions

## Suwannee Democrat



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JEFF WATERS  
Editor

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

## Honoring bright stars

By Jim Holmes

I'd like to tell you I am a big time investor. You know, Suwannee County's version of Warren Buffett. Of course, if I did, I'd be lying.

Lynda and I do have a few little investments here and there. For instance, I'm big in gold! Of course, it's all in my mouth, which suggests far more about my inadequate flossing technique than it does any great financial acumen.

Among our investments however, is a local one about which we are very enthusiastic. And it is one we would like you to consider as well...although admittedly you shouldn't expect any immediate return. You don't need to be a billionaire to pony-up. You just have to believe that education is critically important to this nation's future and its standing in the world.

It has been more than 12-years since Lynda and I have had any kids in high school, but a couple of years ago we learned from a friend about a fledgling organization at Suwannee High named appropriately enough Suwannee Academic Boosters (SAB).

The name is fairly self-explanatory. What the Suwannee Quarterback Club (of which we are also members) has long done for local athletes and athletics, we are trying to do for those young men and women who excel in the classroom.

It is both ironic and unfortunate that in this country, we spend a lot of time and energy talking about the importance of education, while doing relatively little to publicly recognize those youngsters who are academic stars. Don't believe me? I'm willing to bet a shiny new quarter that in any US town you visit, you will be able to find far more people able to name the previous year's high school quarterback than the class valedictorian.

Then there is the peer pressure issue. When I was a high school freshman and still getting straight A's, I quickly learned my achievements were not appreciated by many of my so-called "buds." My efforts---earned with hours of study and hard work--- garnered no recognition from them other than to be branded "a geek." (Apparently, "dweeb" is now the more fashionable insult to lob.)

Just this past weekend---and without any solicitation by me---my 38-year-old son shared with me similar high school experiences. And unfortunately, in both our cases we were immature enough to bow to that peer pressure...to the point that we focused far more on being popular than on getting good grades. It is a decision both of us have come to regret.

Enter Suwannee Academic Boosters. Our mission? Well, I think SAB's president, Joe Flanagan, summarizes it best. We hope to create an atmosphere in this community where every Suwannee High School student thinks, "It's cool to be smart."

A simple statement, but a very big challenge in a nation where pop culture sets the agenda of what's important to our youth.

Right now, we are doing what we can with monthly luncheons and lapel pins for our classroom stars. But we think there is much more we can do down the road, IF WE CAN GET A LOT MORE OF YOU BEHIND OUR EFFORTS.

The first step is simply to become a SAB member. We only ask an annual individual donation of \$25. I can guarantee however, if you want to send more, we won't complain. Make your tax-deductible check payable to Suwannee Academic Boosters and send it today to PO Box 661, Live Oak, 32064.

I leave you this week with one final thought. A kid can be a great high school athlete, but if he or she finds a cure for cancer, it won't be because of their abilities on the playing field. It will almost certainly be due to their stellar classroom performances.

Jim lives in Live Oak.

### BIBLE VERSE

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."  
Galatians 6:2 NIV

## OPINION

# What you can't say

## A MINORITY VIEW



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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

Jon Hubbard, a Republican member of the Arkansas House of Representatives, has a book, titled "Letters to the Editor: Confessions of a Frustrated Conservative." Among its statements for which Hubbard has been criticized and disavowed by the Republican Party is, "The institution of slavery that the black race has long believed to be an abomination upon its

people may actually have been a blessing in disguise. The blacks who could endure those conditions and circumstances would someday be rewarded with citizenship in the greatest nation ever established upon the face of the Earth."

Hubbard's observation reminded me of my 1972 job interview at the University of Massachusetts. During a reception, one of the Marxist professors asked me what I thought about the relationship between capitalism and slavery. My response was that slavery has existed everywhere in the world, under every political and economic system, and was by no means unique to capitalism or the United States. Perturbed by my response, he asked me what my feelings were about the enslavement of my ancestors. I answered that slavery is a despicable violation of human rights but that the enslavement of my ancestors is history, and one of the immutable facts of history is that nothing can be done to change it.

The matter could have been left there, but I volunteered that today's American blacks have benefited enormously from the horrible suffering of our ancestors. Why? I said the standard of living and personal liberty of black Americans are better than what blacks living anywhere in Africa have. I then asked the professor what it was that explained how tens of millions of blacks came to be born in the U.S. instead of Africa. He wouldn't answer, but an answer other than slavery would have been sheer idiocy. I attempted to assuage the professor's and his colleagues' shock by explaining to them that to morally condemn a practice such as slavery does not require one to also deny its effects.

My yet-to-be-learned lesson -- and perhaps that of Rep. Hubbard -- is that there are certain topics or argu-

ments that one should not bring up in the presence of children or those with little understanding. Both might see that explaining a phenomenon is the same as giving it moral sanction or justification. It's as if one's explanation that the independent influence of gravity on a falling object is to cause it to accelerate at 32 feet per second per second could be interpreted

as giving moral sanction and justification to gravity.

Slavery is widely misunderstood, and as such has been a tool for hustlers and demagogues. Slavery has been part of the human condition throughout recorded history and everywhere on the globe. Romans enslaved other Europeans; Greeks enslaved other Greeks; Asians enslaved Asians; Africans enslaved Africans; and in the New World, Aztecs enslaved Aztecs and other native groups. Even the word slave is derived from the fact that Slavic people were among the early European slaves.

Though racism has been used to justify slavery, the origins of slavery had little to do with racism. In recent history, the major slave traders and slave owners have been Arabs, who enslaved Europeans, black Africans and Asians. A unique aspect of slavery in the Western world was the moral outrage against it, which began to emerge in the 18th century and led to massive efforts to eliminate it. It was Britain's military might and the sight of the Union Jack on the high seas that ultimately put an end to the slave trade.

Unfortunately, the facts about slavery are not the lessons taught in our schools and colleges. The gross misrepresentation and suggestion in textbooks and lectures is that slavery was a uniquely American practice done by racist white people to black people. Despite abundant historical evidence, youngsters are taught nothing about how the Founding Fathers quarreled, debated and agonized over the slave issue.

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### GUEST COLUMN

## Philosophy 101 and the sour lemon

By Dwain Walden

Twice this past week I've heard that old saying, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." This quote is attributed to the late Dale Carnegie who had lots of inspiring things to say.

Now obviously Carnegie did not mean for his comment to be taken literally. He was speaking metaphorically. He meant that we should make the best of bad situations -- that we should work with what we have.

So I got to wondering what other people might have to say about life and lemons.

Comedian Ron White said: "I believe when life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade...and try to find someone whose life has given them vodka, and have a party."

Cathy Guisewhite posted her take on "lemons" in a Google forum. She said, "When life gives you lemons, squirt someone in the eye."

J.K. Simmons added, "When life gives you lemons, don't make lemonade. Make life take the lemons back! Get mad! I don't want your damn lemons, what the heck am I supposed to do with these? Demand to see life's manager! Make life rue the day it thought it could give you lemons! Do you know who I am? I'm the man who's gonna burn your house down! With the lemons! I'm gonna get my engineers to invent a combustible lemon that burns your house down!"

One fellow said, "When life gives you lemons, find a kid with a paper cut."

Yet another commenter said, "When life gives you lemons, hope that the second package has salt and tequila."

And then there was, "When life gives you lemons, find an image of Mother Teresa in one and sell it on ebay. Then give life the finger."

As you can see, the responders were not on the same page with Carnegie. Like lemons, they were a bit tart with their advice.

Of course Carnegie didn't write the book on inspirations. Not long ago I was browsing through a book store and there was a whole section of "self help" books. They ranged in subject matter from the advantages of a positive attitude to how to deal with an impossible mother-in-law. One book was titled, "Alcohol Is Not The An-



Dwain Walden

swer." It was positioned between the mother-in-law book and one titled "The Art of Understanding Politics."

It wasn't that long ago that my friend, The Earl of Stumpworth by The Ochlocknee, and I were discussing Carnegie's analogy. Ironically, his wife, The Earlene, had just brought us a big pitcher of lemonade.

And it was his take that Carnegie's commentary was a bit oversimplified. The Earl noted that Carnegie picked a fruit that actually could be transformed with socially redeeming value, assuming that life also gave you sugar and water.

But the Earl, being such a deep thinker, posed this thought: "What if life gives you persimmons?" he asked. "You ever tried any persimmonade?"

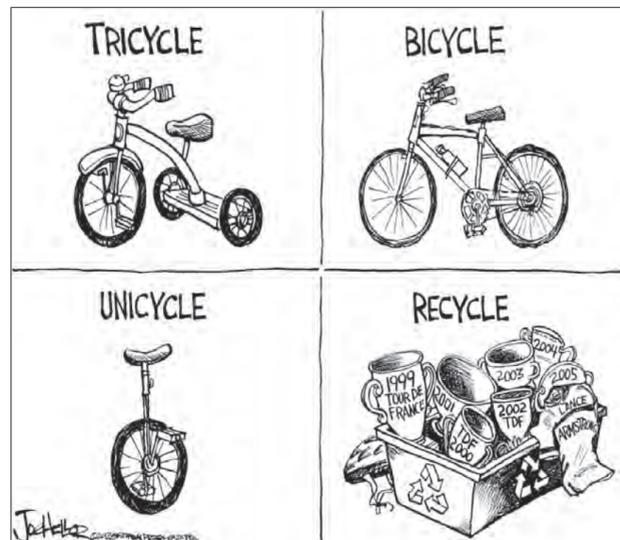
In other words, he said sometimes you just get a chunk of coal in your stocking. But, he said, even then there is potential. He said he was considering giving The Earlene a bag of coal for her birthday, somewhat assured that the intense pressure of the their marriage would one day turn the coal into diamonds.

The Earlene failed to see the humor and embraced yet another view about the bitter fruit. "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade and then pour it on someone's lap."

Both The Earl and I made decent grades in Philosophy 101. In fact the very next semester I applied some of what I had learned in that class when I dropped out of trigonometry during the first week. "You've got to know when to hold 'em, and know when to fold 'em."

— Kenny Rogers.

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Trojans conquer **Buccaneers** - SPORTS 1B

# Branford News

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

## Early voting coming soon

By Andrew McGee  
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Saturday, Oct. 27 through Nov. 3 is the time for Suwannee County voters to do their early voting for the Nov. 6 election. Those in the south end of the county can do so at the Branford Library at 703 NW Suwannee Ave. in Branford.

The schedule is as follows: Voting will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27. The next day, Sunday will also be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, the voting schedule will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The second Saturday and final day schedule will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For any voters who may be out of town that week or unable to get the library to vote, the absentee ballot option is open. To have an absentee ballot mailed to you or if you have any questions, contact the office of Glenda Williams, supervisor of elections, at 386-362-2616.

For Branford residents on Nov. 6, the day of the election, voting will take place at Hatch Park at 403 SE Craven Street.

## Annul Fall Festival

Sponsored by BHS and BES  
Oct. 27  
4-6p.m.

Costume parade line-up by Shriners Club at 3 p.m.

Costume contest at BHS track at 4 p.m.

Booths will be set up by various classes with different activities for the children to participate in. Come out and support the students and teachers of the Branford schools.

Trick-or-treating in Branford will begin immediately after the fall festival ends.

The FFA Haunted Maze will also be open from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

For additional information, please contact Stacy Young at syoung@suwannee.k12.fl.us.

## HAUNTED MAZE

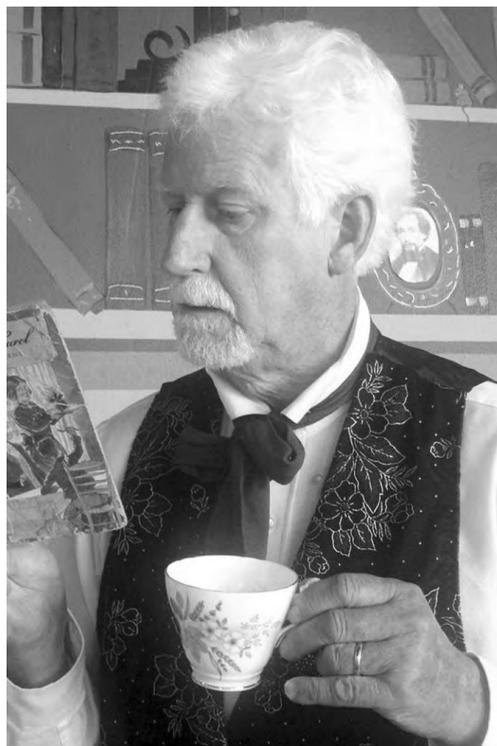
Oct. 27  
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Cost is \$2 per person.

There is more than one way through the maze.

There are numerous paths. Parking: Football field—Free hayride to and from the field.

## John Bell stars in one-man show 'A Christmas Carol' to be performed at Branford Library



John Bell

Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", as adapted by McAlpin resident John H. Bell, will be presented at the Branford Library on Friday, Nov. 16 and Monday, Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. This version of "A Christmas Carol" is available each year from Live On Stage Theatre, an adjunct of the Live Oak Artists Guild. This year's performances are respectfully dedicated to the late Leon Patterson, the unforgettable voice of WLVO-106.1.

The Live Oak Artists Guild has been extremely active in Suwannee County since 1979, most particularly in its fund raising activities to support art scholarships and art experience for our youth. Information about the Guild is available at www.liveoakartistsguild.org.

Bell is the current vice president and membership coordinator of the Guild as well as the sole performer in this traditional re-telling of "A Christmas Carol".

Join us at the Branford Library on Friday, Nov. 16 and Monday, Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. for an hour long return to circa 1840 London where in the dense rolling fog and deep biting chill of a Christmas Eve a "good man of business", one Ebenezer

Scrooge reviews (and previews) his life guided by three spirits, who, engaged by Scrooge's long deceased and eternally remorseful partner Jacob Marley, attempt to reset Scrooge's ethical hard drive.

Not only will you have the opportunity to enjoy this particularly wonderful tale which historically was instrumental in defining what we now accept as Christmas traditions, but you too, hopefully, will re-visit that most comforting of childhood experiences: listening to a story. And at no extra charge you will acquire that unique thrill of self discovery available only in live theatre.

Charles John Huffman Dickens, pre-eminent 19th Century author, toured the United States in the 1840s and 1860s promoting his works. These public readings were standing room only – and beyond – events in which Dickens half read/half acted out his most popular works: "A Tale of Two Cities", "Oliver Twist", "Great Expectations", and inevitably "A Christmas Carol".

John Bell has cultivated that mode of entertainment and now brings it to you. Enjoy, and also bid Mr. Dickens a happy 200th birthday.

**JOHN BELL PRESENTS:**

**Christmas CAROL**

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## Fall Maze a hit



Submitted

The maze opened to the general public on Oct. 13 from 6-8:30 (NOT haunted). It will be open on Oct. 20

from 6-8:30 (NOT haunted) and Oct. 27 from 6:30-9:30 HAUNTED. It is possible to go through the maze multiple times without going the same path. Cost will be \$2 per

head. Parking will be at the football field. A tractor (hayride) will transport participants to and from the maze which is included in the cost.

## Notice of 2012 Walker Reunion

The Annual Walker Reunion will be held Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, at The Branford Shrine Club Branford, Florida (Old Branford Depot)

Location of Shrine Club: From US 27 in Branford turn north on US 129, at the flashing light. Continue one long block to first street on left (at Sister's Café) turn left, continue to the Shrine Club located in The Old Branford Depot.

Please remember to bring your pictures or any family memories you may wish to share.

We hope you will join us, bring your family/friends and a basket lunch for a day of fun, visiting, smiles and celebration.

For your family members and friends who may not receive this notice, please remind them about our reunion.

The Club will be open at 12:45 p.m. and we will serve lunch at 1:15 p.m.

Mark your calendars: Oct. 28, 2012! Remember location!

We are looking forward to your being there.

Katie Walker's children  
Contacts: Mona Walker Hurst, 386-935-1184; Diane Walker-Saunders, 386-935-1017; Marcia Walker Hurst, 352-376-1930

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# 4-H GETS CREATIVE WITH HAY BALES

Here are the remaining photos of the hay bales that were decorated by several of the local 4-H clubs. See story, page 1A.



Suwannee County Sharpshooters - Catchin' the big one!



Live Oak Learners - That's one BIG spider.



Farm Fresh - Moo Cow Moo. - Photos: Andrew McGee



Cornucopia from Just Kiddin' 4-H Club.



North Florida Equestrian Team 4-H Club - Covered wagon.

## Suwannee Valley Humane Society annual show

By Joyce Marie Taylor  
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For 27 years the Suwannee Valley Humane Society (SVHS) has been entertaining dog and cat lovers with their annual pet show and this year was no different. A generous crowd turned out at the Suwannee County Colosseum Saturday morning, Oct. 20, to watch the parade of cats and dogs being shown off by their proud and loving owners. There were contests for best of show, cutest kitten or puppy, longest and shortest tails, ears and hair, best costume and even ugliest dog, among

many others.

The winner for Best in Show in the cat category went to Callie, owned by Abigail Register. The Best in Show dog winner was owner Julie Mandy's Kare Bear.

"The show was great and they are all winners to the Suwannee Valley Humane Society," said Barbara Fink, animal care coordinator at SVHS. "Thank you to everyone for all you do to help support us and we hope to see everyone again next year."

For more information or to learn how to adopt a new pet, call the Suwannee Valley Humane Society at 866-236-7812.

## Man jailed for threatening officer's life



Butts

By Bryant Thigpen  
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A McAlpin man was arrested after threatening to kill an officer with a gun and for burglary of a home, the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office reports.

According to reports by the SCSO, Brandon Butts, 21, 15408 85th Rd., McAlpin, told Officer Andrew Cundiff he had a gun in his pants pocket and would kill whoever came close to him after being pulled over. After 10-15 minutes, Butts was tased and placed under arrest and transported to the Suwannee County Jail.

Prior to his arrest, Butts reportedly burglarized a residence at 9576 CR 252 on Monday morning, Oct. 15. Butts reportedly re-

moved a window

screen and entered through a bedroom window on the south side of the residence. While Butts was inside the home, between \$450-\$550 was taken from a bedroom. Home surveillance showed Butts walking from the rear of the property to the roadway in front of the home at 11:15 a.m.

Butts was charged with burglary, grand theft, aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer with motor vehicle and resisting arrest without violence.

## Live Oak Community Thanksgiving Outreach Ministry

The Live Oak Community Thanksgiving Outreach Ministry is having its annual Thanksgiving Outreach Meal on Nov. 17, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinners are provided for low income families, disabled, elderly and the homeless. Location is at Triumph the Church of Kingdom of

God in Christ Annex at 410 Taylor Ave., Live Oak.

Points of contact:  
Sis. Lucendia Philpot 386-364-4230  
Sis. Bertha Giles 229-292-1585  
Sis. Dester Roberts 386-397-1395

Suwannee Health Care will be hosting a Fall Festival on Wednesday Oct. 31st from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be games, goodies, prizes and more!!! Costumes are welcome so make plans to attend... We look forward to seeing you!

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The senate candidates did not respond. The following submissions are printed how we received them, typos and all. See our website for short candidate videos.

## Candidate questionnaires - Round 2

**Representative in Congress District 3**



**Ted Yoho (Rep.)**

**1. Why are you wanting to be our representative? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

I have spoken to hundreds of people over the last three years and we feel like Washington has lost their way. Our elected officials have been unable to work together towards resolution of the many problems that our country faces. We have a debt crisis of 16.2 trillion dollars by the end of this year, and a complicated and confusing tax code which needs to be simplified. Congress has failed to address Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, immigration and energy. We have a stagnant economy in District 3; and are losing jobs every day. Despite throwing nearly two trillion dollars of stimulus money at this problem. Washington lacks effective leadership. I have been practicing a veterinarian and business owner for the past 25 plus years in North Central Florida and know this area. I have proven leadership deemed from my professional success and want to take that experience to Washington. I feel as a veterinarian and business owner I have a different perspective than the career politician. I believe a successful business man will be more effective than an entrenched Washington lobbyist. I do not look at this as a job, but as a cause and love of country.

**2. What are your thoughts on proposed Amendment 1 to the Florida Constitution? How would you have voted if the proposal were presented to you in office?**

I feel that this amendment came out of desperation from the State trying to protect itself from federal government overreach. I believe that the Federal government has gone too far in trying to force citizens to purchase health-care and fining them when they elect not to purchase it. Regardless of one's feelings on the Affordable Healthcare Act, we must protect individual and state's rights. This measure reiterates that States can and will stand up for their rights. Our country started out in part by an objection

to a minimal tax sold on all tea in America. Now we have created a Government that says to us not only do you have to pay the tax but you must purchase the tea. It's time to get back to our founding principles, core values, and constitution.

If the measure was presented to me as a member of the State House, I would have voted in favor of it to protect state sovereignty. However, as a candidate for federal office, I believe that the best thing that I can do at the federal level is make sure that States rights are protected so that we don't need to have amendments like this. The federal government should not be in a position to tell individuals they need to buy or do anything.

**3. How do we bring jobs to rural Florida such as Suwannee County when we are competing with larger cities that can spend more on attracting industry?**

There are incredible opportunities for job growth in North Central Florida particularly in agriculture. What I have found however, is that there are so many regulations and rules facing the farmers, ranchers, timber, and other industry that it is making it impossible to do business. What we need to do is to get government out of the way of business can do what they do best, which is to grow the economy and create jobs. Washington thru their over burdensome rules, regulations, and mandates have created a climate of confusion whereas Washington should strive to create an environment of certainty. This can be done by repealing the Obama care, reduce the debilitating regulations (not all regulations), and simplifying our tax code. The most important thing to realize is that government is not the answer. We need to champion the private sector so that this growth is sustainable and not held in the balance of party politics. Short sighted stimulus projects and empty political promises will not bring jobs to North Central Florida.

**4. What will be two goals you wish to achieve while in office? Please be brief.**

My goal is to champion one particular issue and lay the foundation for success in Congress. This can be done by simplifying the confusing tax code or repealing a senseless regulation that hurts businesses, stifles job growth and does not protect consumers. Furthermore, we can take that winning and effective strategy towards dismantling the over burdensome regulations that do not protect consumer, and begin to build a pro-growth

and business friendly environment. Ultimately, my goal is to start getting our nation back on track.



**J.R. Gaillot (Dem.)**

**1. Why are you wanting to be our representative? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

I grew up in politics. My father is a retired diplomat. I worked in D.C. I know the good and bad - mostly the bad. I am versed with diplomacy and real negotiations. I know how D.C. works. I'm not going in over my head.

**2. What are your thoughts on proposed Amendment 1 to the Florida Constitution? How would you have voted if the proposal were presented to you in office?**

Florida has the 2nd highest rate of uninsured citizens in the U.S. I do not support it. It would conflict with federal law. Unconstitutional.

**3. How do we bring jobs to rural Florida such as Suwannee County when we are competing with larger cities that can spend more on attracting industry?**

By directly negotiating with companies. I have asked/talked with several companies who have agreed to come into Suwannee County without any incentives. No cost to taxpayers.

**4. What will be two goals you wish to achieve while in office? Please be brief.**

Help reduce the debt. (National). Create jobs.



**Philip Dodds (NPA)**

**1. Why are you wanting to be our representative? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

My view is that political insiders and special interests are running government behind the scenes. Their main hold on power is an election system that

allows campaign funding by lobbyists and special interests.

No legislation passes without the approval of these insiders and special interests, so nothing is done with the pure interest of country. We maintain the ideal, but have lost the reality of a government Of, By, and For the people.

The most populist of candidates, even despite their intentions, become part of the corruption as they begin to take the money.

I do not think people see that their parties in Washington are part of the problem. Perversely, they are happy when their candidate "gets in" with big money and big party.

But a government run under the influence of special interests and Washington insiders is a danger to our health, wealth, and liberty.

No matter one's ideology, the most important step is to only vote for candidates that will not take money from special interests, lobbyists, and political insiders. That cuts the hold big party and big special interests have over us.

Until we do that, most of what we call 'politics' is superficial and unproductive. The parties divide us with whatever seems to work for them, yet there are no true winners among the people.

I am running for congress with exactly that pledge [and hope more will do the same in the future]:

- I will not take money from special interests, lobbyists, political PACs

- I will not serve under political insiders. I will work for the people as an independent.

Our challenge is to free ourselves from the trap we are in first, and then work out our policy differences.

**2. What are your thoughts on proposed Amendment 1 to the Florida Constitution? How would you have voted if the proposal were presented to you in office?**

We the people have been lead into a political trap with the healthcare mandate. The new individual mandate has captured our attention because of party politics. Republican leadership has chosen to oppose the mandate while Democratic leadership has chosen to accept it. At the highest level of insider politics, there is no true concern over the mandate.

Before the last presidential election Republicans like Mitt Romney originally supported the mandate, while Barack Obama opposed it. Washington insiders will change their minds as soon as they decide it is politically convenient. The Big Parties

scheme for votes while Big Media stokes the arguments.

We need to take a step back.

Why are we struggling with the issue of a health-care mandate when there are already many other mandates imposed on citizens that we seem to accept: vehicle insurance, military draft, taxation, free trade, eminent domain, international globalist treaties, etc?

If you want a smaller government, more freedom, better government, less debt, more peace, you have to avoid the trap of big party politics. We should be even more concerned about the fundamental question: Who is actually in charge of government? Who does Congress serve? Is it still Of, By, and For the People?

The bottom line is - Politicians take money from special interests and that is who they serve. We like to ignore that when we get caught up in our political arguments, but that is the bottom line truth.

Second, generally, citizen ballot amendments should go through a more rigorous process before being made available on the ballot. Citizens need to be able to override legislators, but at the same time we need to do a good job at constructing the best amendments possible. How many of you have been confused by poorly written ballots? Who knows what they really mean or what would really happen were they passed? I would suggest to Floridians we add a key step to the amendment process. Proposed amendments should be reviewed and refined by a citizen convention. I would like to see a "jury" of a few hundred citizens called together to debate and resolve the precise constitutional wording of the amendment and to generate a list of pro and con arguments. The final wording of the amendment, and the list of pro and con arguments would be presented to citizens on the ballot itself. Let's improve the amendment process so we can demonstrate how good citizen government can really work.

**3. How do we bring jobs to rural Florida such as Suwannee County when we are competing with larger cities that can spend more on attracting industry?**

There are many ways. I usually focus on the big picture. For example: Reform our Free Trade agreements. End Free Trade and the American economy will start working again.

Free Trade was implemented, and continues to

this day, on behalf of globalist multi-national corporations that have no true patriotic concern for the United States. These multi-national companies are not American, they are global. They sell goods to us but build and buy them from overseas. This free trade arrangement puts us in debt while giving a huge competitive advantage to large multinational companies.

Why do our representatives, both parties, support free trade? The multi-national companies are huge political campaign funders. Any politician that takes special interest money will soon be in the hands of globalist influence and will not truly fight for balanced budgets and balanced trade. Any candidate can say he will represent the people, but you can't trust any that will take the special interest money.

There are only two end scenarios under Free Trade. Either the United States economy will continue to fall until our standards of living match workers in other nations, or the people of the United States will have to end the corruption of government that allows Free Trade to continue.

**4. What will be two goals you wish to achieve while in office? Please be brief.**

1. Pass a balanced budget ASAP.

2. Promote a host of election reforms [like term limits, campaign funding limits, open airwaves, anti-gerrymandering] so we can have more representative government throughout the country.



**Circuit Judge Group 5**



**Wes Douglas**

**1. Why are you wanting to be the judge for group 5? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

I am running for office because I have the integrity of character that is an essential trait for a judge. I will be fair and impartially apply the law. Members of our community work for years building solid families, businesses, and careers. Inevitably, at some point or another, and maybe without any fault of our own, we go through

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family or business struggles that may end up in court. When choosing a judge to hear a case so important to you, you must ensure that the judge has the character and integrity to be fair, respect your position, and properly and justly apply the law. Practicing law in North Florida, I have had the pleasure of being in front of a lot of top-rate, intelligent, and fair judges. I have the character and ability to meet the demands of justice, and I will give each person the respect and attention they deserve.

**2. How much time have you spent in a courtroom? How many cases have you tried? What kinds of cases? Do you know the rules of evidence? Do you have an air of confidence in the courtroom?**

In my considerable years of experience as an attorney, almost all of my work has involved litigation—that is, appearing before judges for hearings and trials. I have tried and had experience in many cases including several jury trials and several trials where the judge is the decider of fact. My trial and litigation experience has covered a wide range of subject matters that prepares me for the variety of cases over which I will preside if given the honor to be your circuit judge. Those subject matters include the following: dissolution of marriage, domestic violence, child support, time-sharing, dependency, adoptions. I have jury trial experience litigating complex insurance contracts and representing injured persons. In each and every case, I brought forth and argued new and interesting evidentiary issues that allowed me to grow in my depth of knowledge of the rules of evidence. I have a strong command of the rules of evidence and the ability to spot and analyze evidentiary issues.

I should also note that, while I have considerable courtroom experience, as is the case with most lawyers, I spend an equal or greater amount of time studying the law, drafting legal motions, and preparing for court. I believe that there is no substitute for hard work and thorough preparation. It is that preparation that brings confidence as one stands in a courtroom to argue her or his case. Other people may judge whether I have an air of confidence about me. My job is to see that my client is well represented, and I am thankful that so many clients have had confidence in me.

As a judge, I will study the law and issues unique to each case. Every case is different and requires an eye for detail to apply the proper nuances of the law. I will study each and every case to ensure justice is properly administered.

**3. What kind of passions do you have? What interests you about running this court, other than being a big shot? Do you have any new ideas?**

I am passionate about the pursuit of justice. That is what I love about the career I have chosen. As an attorney, it is my honor and privilege to zealously represent my clients to bring about justice. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice every-

where." I work to ensure that justice is properly pursued in my cases. As a judge, I will fulfill the sacred responsibility to deliver justice. My other passions are my faith, family, small towns, and my recreation of choice is anything outdoors in North Florida. I am an avid outdoorsman.

I am running for circuit judge because I am a man of integrity who can maintain the honor of the legal system and fairly consider each case. A judge is not a "big shot," but rather an impartial public servant. If elected as circuit judge, I would consider it an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of the Third Circuit. I am just a man, no better than any person who would come before me, including attorneys, plaintiffs or defendants. As a judge, you tackle the most difficult issues that a person is having in his or her life. I believe I have the qualities needed to effectively serve: integrity, honesty, strong values, and good judgment.

In my experience practicing in the Third Circuit in various courts, I understand how the system works and will be prepared to offer new ideas for better and more efficient administration when the need arises. I do not have "ideas" related to how to apply the law—that is already decided. My job is to follow the Constitution and the laws of Florida. I will honor the rulings of the judges who came before me, and I will not legislate from the bench.

**4. Do you care about people? How can I tell?**

I am a Christian. I am married to my wonderful and devoted wife, Hailey Witt Douglas, and we have a son, Hunter Wesley Douglas. I will admit my bias and love to them. I am extremely fortunate to have been raised by amazing parents and extended family who taught me as a child that it is better to give than to receive and to be active and give back to the community. I am an Eagle Scout and continue to serve as a committee member for the North Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America. I am also involved with Rotary. I have donated time and services to the Three Rivers Legal Services to help individuals who cannot afford an attorney to pursue justice.



Angela Cancio  
(Write-in)

**1. Why are you wanting to be the judge for group 5? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

With over 26 years of courtroom experience in the areas of civil, constitutional, and criminal law, I believe I have the legal knowledge and practical skills required to make a valuable contribution as Circuit Court Judge for the Third Circuit. My integrity, fairness, and commitment to justice will help increase public confidence in the judicial system. It is vital that each individual coming before the court

have the opportunity to a just and impartial hearing. The most vulnerable in our society often have no recourse but a courtroom to be heard. I am mindful and respectful of this privileged responsibility.

Becoming Circuit Court Judge would be the natural progression in my career of public service, allowing me to make a positive difference in our community. While engaged in private practice for the past 21 years in the areas of family law, criminal law, civil litigation, dependency and juvenile cases, I previously served as Senior Assistant Attorney General for the State of Florida in the Civil Rights Division and as Attorney for the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. By appointment of previous Governors, I also served as member and Chair of the Judicial Nominating Commission and the Legal Advocacy Council for many years. I handled many pro-bono cases in the areas of family law, dependency, children in need of services, adoptions, guardian advocacy, and senior issues. I have also volunteered in numerous community activities such as WCTV Call Law program, educational programs, and teen court.

I am accustomed to handling a large volume of work in the very same areas over which a circuit judge presides. I believe that my extensive experience will enable me to promote an efficient administration of justice. If you wish to vote for me on November 6, 2012, as a qualified Write-In Candidate, for Circuit Court Judge, Group 5, the State of Florida will provide on the Ballot, a line for you to write in my last name "CANCIO." If you would like to familiarize yourself with my qualifications further, please visit my website at [www.electcancio.com](http://www.electcancio.com).

**2. How much time have you spent in a courtroom? How many cases have you tried? What kinds of cases? Do you know the rules of evidence? Do you have an air of confidence in the courtroom?**

I have spent thousands of hours in court and have tried hundreds of cases since 1986 when I started to practice law. I believe I am very skilled and practiced in the rules of evidence, as well as the rules of civil and criminal procedure. A good, conscientious attorney continuously studies these rules of evidence and procedure, as well as the substantive law, throughout his or her career. It takes a great amount of dedication, practice, and time to be an effective litigator. During my 26 years of experience, I have gained the confidence, skills, and courtroom experience required of a Circuit Court Judge.

**3. What kind of passions do you have? What interests you about running this court, other than being a big shot? Do you have any new ideas?**

I am passionate about the fair administration of justice. I am also interested in promoting efficiency and increased understanding of the judicial process by our community.

One way to achieve this goal may be short, educational, online training videos making the basic aspects of court administration and procedure understandable to citizens utilizing our courts. On-

line training instruction may increase efficiency and understanding of the judicial process throughout the entire circuit.

Other initiatives that may improve efficiency should also be evaluated such as court referred pre-trial mediation in appropriate civil cases, affording parties an early opportunity to exercise self-determination and reach voluntary solutions to their cases.

**4. Do you care about people? How can I tell?**

I care deeply about protecting a better quality of life for all of the citizens in our community and have contributed much time in helping individuals with unique and special needs, in particular. My career path and volunteer work demonstrate my commitment to making a positive contribution to our community. By appointment of the Governor, I served for four years, on the Third Circuit Local Advocacy Council, a statutorily created council, which investigated allegations of conditions constituting a threat to the rights, health, safety and welfare of persons who received services from programs operated and/or funded by State agencies. The types of programs and facilities I monitored and investigated included group homes for persons with developmental disabilities, adult day training programs, in and out-patient mental health and substance abuse facilities, Baker Act facilities, child care facilities, and licensed foster homes. Even though the Local Advocacy Council was eliminated from the State Budget in 2010, I have continued to advocate for the rights of the elderly, persons with disabilities, and children, either on a pro bono basis or at a significantly reduced rate, to ensure they are free of abuse and discrimination.



State Attorney



Jeff Siegmeyer (Rep.)

**1. Why are you wanting to be our state attorney? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

The State Attorney is a powerful job and an awesome trust by the citizens. It is very noble to protect liberty and the public at the same time. Everything I have done in my professional career has led me to this job, whether I was aware I'd be seeking the position or not (I only began thinking about the job less than two years ago). I love my country and believe in justice. I am the son of law enforcement officers, am a former prosecutor of over eight years, and a former deputy and legal advisor at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, owned and operated my own law firm for over eight years whose primary area of specialty was criminal law. I have prosecuted and defended every type of case from capital homicide to tag violations. I have tried over 150 jury trials of all types to include murder. I have

been to crime scenes, written and executed search warrants, written and executed arrest warrants, made thousands of charging decisions, presented cases to the grand jury, testified in court, attended autopsies, and consoled loved ones related to both defendants and victims.

**2. What are your thoughts on the relationship between state attorney and those that make arrests (sheriff, police, etc.)**

It currently is terrible. Ask someone in law enforcement or the Court system, don't take my word on it. I have a lot of friends in law enforcement and most deputies, police, corrections, and state officers in the Circuit are supporting me. I hope to instantly bring better relations among the officers making arrests and prosecutors. This will offer pre-arrest guidance to make better cases, avoid mistakes, check against abuses and better provide public safety. There will be better case preparation and better communication and better how they are. All prosecutors will do in-service training for law enforcement: by making them prepared to teach, they will learn, and by teaching in-service and legal updates, it will make better trained officers and better trust among the State Attorney's Office and law enforcement.

**3. What will be your top three priorities for the office in the next four years?**

1. Re-establish a special prosecutions unit responsible, circuit-wide, for all murder, child pornography, racketeering, complex or high profile cases to include public corruption, and governor's assignments. To do so will ensure the highest priority cases get the three or four best prosecutors.

2. Go paperless. Notwithstanding initial start-up costs, to do so should save thousands of dollars over time.

3. Pick up cases and teach and lead by example, improve morale, improve the working relationship with law enforcement agencies, and ultimately, to improve the professionalism, trial skills, conviction rate, and charging decisions of the office.

**4. Where do you stand on the Stand Your Ground law, and considering the legislative movement to rethink the law, would you support its repeal, or amending it?**

The "Stand Your Ground Law", as many laws, was written because of a bad criminal court case where a person was prosecuted successfully for shooting a car-jacker (seconds earlier it was defense of life, but because the person was slow on the draw, it was considered homicide for shooting the person as they drove off). With the best intentions, the law basically deleted the common law duty to retreat, if not in your home, before using deadly force in self defense. However, it does not always get applied correctly, which sometimes results in extreme results, or at least it appears so to the citizens. The law is ok if the State and Court apply it correctly. It contains provisions that don't allow it to apply if the defendant is acting wrongfully to avoid some of the horror

stories imagined in the press. I believe in law. If elected, I will deal with the Stand Your Ground immunity statute as is; if the will of the people of Florida is to have their representatives change or delete the law, I and the assistant state attorneys will adapt accordingly.



Bill Brannon (Dem.)

**1. Why are you wanting to be our state attorney? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

I have practiced law in the 3rd Judicial Circuit for over 30 years representing hundreds of clients in both civil and criminal matters. Prior to becoming an attorney, I worked as a CPA for six years. I currently work at the State Attorney's office in the position of the Executive Director, responsible for all fiscal related matters, budgeting, accounting and business operations. On the withdrawal of Skip Jarvis as a candidate for State Attorney, I was honored to be nominated to be placed on the ballot. Those who nominated me had confidence in my ability and judgment to serve as the State Attorney and manage the office to assure that it would fulfill its constitutional and statutory duties. I have thoroughly enjoyed working at the State Attorney office over the past two and a half years and would be honored to continue working with the 65 dedicated employees we currently have. My background as a CPA coupled with my many years experience as a civil and criminal trial attorney uniquely qualify me to serve as the next State Attorney and I will enthusiastically accept the many challenges it brings.

**2. What are your thoughts on the relationship between state attorney and those that make arrests (sheriff, police, etc.)**

While the State Attorney, as an Agency, is independent from the law enforcement agencies that make arrests, it is imperative they work together to achieve the common goal of public safety for the people of our judicial circuit. Open lines of communication and cooperation in investigating and prosecuting cases is a necessity.

**3. What will be your top three priorities for the office in the next four years?**

I. Making sure that our office has open and effective lines of communication with all law enforcement agencies that prepare criminal investigations and submit them to our office for review and prosecution.

II. To seek justice for the citizens of our judicial circuit through effective, efficient and timely prosecution of criminal cases presented to our office.

III. Making sure our office is adequately funded in order to carry out our constitutional and statutory duties of representing the State of Florida in all cases, civil and criminal, which arise in our judicial

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circuit.

**4. Where do you stand on the Stand Your Ground law, and considering the legislative movement to rethink the law, would you support its repeal, or amending it?**

The Stand Your Ground Law was enacted by the Florida Legislature in 2005. As State Attorney, I would be sworn to uphold and follow the law whatever it is. That being said, the interpretation and application of the Stand Your Ground law in any particular case is subject to differing opinions. For example, in one recent case, in another judicial circuit, the State Attorney charged the defendant with 1st degree murder on the belief that Stand Your Ground did not apply. The defendant's attorney, believing that Stand Your Ground did apply, filed a pre trial motion to dismiss the charge. After an evidentiary hearing, the circuit judge agreed with the State Attorney and refused to dismiss the case. The defendant appealed his case, and the three appellate justices agreed with the defendant, Stand Your Ground did apply and dismissed the case. Thus as you can see, application of this law is not simple and even "legal experts" don't always agree on the interpretation of the Stand Your Ground law. The determination of whether it applies in any particular case is a judgment call and as the State Attorney I would always conduct a thorough investigation and use my best judgment in determining if the Stand Your Ground law applied. If the legislature repeals or amends the law, again, I am sworn to follow that law.

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**Sheriff**



**Tony Cameron (Dem., incumbent)**

**1. Why are you wanting to be (remain) our sheriff? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

When I was elected in August of 2004 I had to wait until January 2005 to take office. I thought January would never come. I was ready to go to work. At midnight January 5, 2005 I was at the jail swearing in our deputies. It is my honor to serve you as your sheriff. I have always been a problem solver and the sheriff needs to do just that. Every morning when I wake up I ask God to guide me as I serve you as your sheriff. I strive each and every day to lead the men and women of our sheriff's office in a manner that will make Suwannee County an even better place to live and raise our children. Every day I do everything within my power to serve you and lead our deputies as they serve our community. I would be proud to continue serving as your sheriff and pledge to do my very best if re-elected. I hit the ground running in 2005 and have the same enthusiasm now

that I did then. I love serving you as your sheriff and want to continue cleaning up our streets.

**2. What will you do to reduce or keep the crime rate low?**

The crime rate in Suwannee County is one of the lowest in the surrounding counties and I attribute that to the hard work of all of the law enforcement officers on our county. As the chief law enforcement officer of our county I lead by example and hold all of our offices accountable. I believe that 75 percent of the crime in our county has some connection to the sale and use of illegal drugs. Burglaries, thefts, murders, domestic violence, and other crimes can most often be linked to drug abuse. Whether breaking in homes, stealing property of others, taking the life of another in a robbery attempt or committing other violent acts, most are due to drug addiction or the need to fund the addiction. I will continue to lead our drug task force in the arrest and conviction of drug dealers. This I believe is one of the most important tasks in keeping our crime rate low. I will continue to lead the war on drugs in our county. We deserve a safe place to raise our children.

**3. Please explain how your department will most efficiently interface with local police.**

We work on a daily basis with the Live Oak Police Department and all of the State Law Enforcement officers assigned to Suwannee County. We have mutual aid agreements with all of the agencies within our area. I have an open line of communication with our chief of police and he and I encourage interaction between the two agencies. The police department as well as the FDLE are members of our drug task force and enjoy working together. Communication between agencies is the key to success and I will work to keep those lines open.

**4. What do you think is/will be the most important mission in the elected position you are seeking?**

With the economy down all law enforcement agencies must work together in order to protect our citizens. Everyone must work within the budget of their prospective agency. Managing a budget during tough economic times can be difficult. Gas prices fluctuating up and down, repairs and maintenance costs and all other aspects of the budget. Management of both administrative duties and law enforcement duties is often time consuming. Time management and delegation of duties to others is a must. I am trained all areas of law enforcement and have been educated in management. I have a four year degree and over 1,800 hours of law enforcement training. I am prepared to lead our Sheriff's Office through these tough economic times.



**Fred Martin**

**1. Why are you wanting to be (remain) our sheriff? (Be specific. We want to know what**

**makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

I want to be Sheriff of Suwannee County because someone needs to stand up for the Right of the People to be Happy and Self sufficient; to not have to depend on government aid to make ends meet. Also, Florida's unofficial policy of 'Come for vacation, leave on probation, and come back on violation', needs to end. People should come to Suwannee County because they want to spend their money here, not because they have a Court Date.

**2. What will you do to reduce or keep the crime rate low?**

I will reduce and keep the crime rate low through my policy of non-enforcement of marijuana laws, only marijuana laws. My policy will be used to squash the use and sale of illegal drugs and illegal prescription drugs; marijuana is a weed and will grow almost anywhere. The violent crimes and property crimes related to illegal drug use will decrease as a result.

**3. Please explain how your department will most efficiently interface with local police.**

I don't know enough about how well the County Sheriff's Office and Local Police interface, to comment about it. I will say that so long as my policy is followed by the appointed Police Chief of the Local Police, I foresee no problems with them. The People within City Limits are People of Suwannee County.

**4. What do you think is/will be the most important mission in the elected position you are seeking?**

The most important mission of the Sheriff is to protect the Right of the People of Suwannee County to Prosper with less Intrusion into their Private lives.

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**Property Appraiser**



**Neal Wright (Rep.)**

**1. Why are you wanting to be (remain) our property appraiser? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

To serve the taxpayers of Suwannee County by accurately and efficiently inputting data into the Suwannee County website and updating the website every thirty days. To fairly and honestly evaluate residential, commercial, industrial and agriculture properties.

**2. Please tell us your educational background. What credentials do you have in property appraising?**

Graduate of Suwannee High School in 1977, Graduate of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers four year apprenticeship program, Florida Mortgage Broker continuing education annual courses which includes comprehension of three types of property appraisals. Member of Robert Allen's Multiple Streams of Income in Real Estate.

**3. Have you ever appraised real property, and what work-related experience do you have in that field?**

I have been a real estate investor, mortgage broker, property manager, landlord, mortgage services and have had to evaluate property values through three appraisal approaches (a) comparable approach (b) cost approach (c) income approach where the value of real property was critical to the property in question.

**4. What change would you make if you are elected? For the current office holder, do you plan on making any changes in the next four years; if so, what are they?**

The most important change that needs to be made is to make Suwannee County Property Appraiser's website accurate without errors and keep it updated every thirty days.



**Lamar Jenkins (Dem., incumbent)**

**1. Why are you wanting to be (remain) our property appraiser? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

With my years of experience I know how to appraise property, both real and tangible personal property, in order to meet the Department of Revenue rules and guidelines and the Florida Statutes for tax roll approval. However, I still must manage to protect the property owners of this county from being over assessed as well as under assessed. I have always tried to treat all property owners with fairness and equity but with today's exemptions and value caps it may not always appear that way.

**2. Please tell us your educational background. What credentials do you have in property appraising?**

I have taken and passed numerous appraisal courses offered by the Florida Department of Revenue and the International Association of Assessing Officers. I have received my certification as a Certified Florida Appraiser and must be re-certified each year by the Department of Revenue through the courses they offer.

**3. Have you ever appraised real property, and what work-related experience do you have in that field?**

I have appraised property in this county since before I was elected and continue to do so by actually working in the county with the office field appraisals.

**4. What change would you make if you are elected? For the current office holder, do you plan on making any changes in the next four years; if so, what are they?**

I will continue to update procedures in the office and make the necessary changes as prescribed by Florida Statutes and the Department of Revenue. I will not spend tax payer's money on things that only a few want or need for their own use.

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**Superintendent of Schools**



**David Laxton (Rep.)**

**1. Why are you wanting to be (remain) our superintendent of schools? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

First and foremost, I am an EDUCATOR. Compared to my opponent's zero years of classroom experience; I have taught students of all ages, teamed with teachers from various backgrounds and worked under many administrators. This makes me very qualified to serve as your next District School Superintendent. I know what makes kids, click. I know what motivates teachers who want to excel in their profession, and I know how to work with administrators. I plan to be a full-time employee whose primary goal will be to bring our school's current "C" ranking up to an "A" state status. My leadership skills will be used to positively motivate our staff and students toward excellence. I care about our students and teachers. I care about our schools and community, and I care about quality education. I am energetic, experienced, and excited about the prospect of serving my community as Suwannee County's next Superintendent of Schools. I am a LEADER with a VISION for our schools.

**2. How would you pursue resources and tackle relationships with local and state lawmakers who help provide funding for Suwannee District Schools?**

I plan to develop and maintain a good working relationship with our school board by working within the budget they set forth and approve. As Superintendent, I will be vigilant as to how your tax dollars are spent to maintain a balanced budget. I will cut waste in order to provide quality, yet efficient services to our students at all grade levels. I will work closely with our local officials, Superintendent's Association and our elected representatives who lobby for special funding and grants that benefit our schools and its growth on all levels. Small counties need to find every dollar possible; as we do not have the tax base of big counties. This means we have to work smarter and effectively to keep our legislative delegation abreast of our schools' needs and to show them the challenges we face in a rural area. I plan to take full advantage of the funding opportunities provided by the state and federal level in order to enhance our initiatives. My goal is for all our schools to achieve an "A" ranking. We all know that good schools draw people to our county, which in turn increases our tax base and the value of our homes. It is important we all work together as we will all benefit from a first class education.

**3. What is your specific vision for making Suwannee the best school district in Florida in**

**terms of academic performance, and one of the best – if not the best – in the nation?**

I believe that one is only as good as his/her leader. I think making Suwannee a top academic school in Florida and possibly the nation must begin with the leader being an EDUCATOR. We would not ask a businessman to perform open heart surgery, and we should not ask a politician to run our school system. There are several areas of concern I plan to focus on in the beginning of my term, if elected, as your superintendent. I would like to implement changes in the areas of (a) improved technology, (b) consistent discipline, and (c) positive personnel and student motivation.

a. In order to raise our "C" average score we need to be on the "cutting edge" of technology. I would like to ensure that every student has access to the Internet. In today's society, it is not all about the information a child can RETAIN, but about teaching a child how to RETRIEVE information and applying it in practical situations.

b. Our schools need consistent discipline. Suwannee is ranked 64 out of 67 schools in the state of Florida for Safety. I will work closely with the School board, Resource Officers, and the Dean of Students at each school to enforce our policies on discipline. We currently have good policies set in place, but they are not being enforced consistently, fairly, or in an unbiased manner. With the support of the superintendent, principals, teachers and students should feel secure in the fact that discipline is applied in a fair and consistent manner without fear of prejudice.

c. I feel that our school's students and personnel, in general, lack motivation. Suwannee is ranked in the bottom eighteen percentile in Florida, academically. We rank 55 out of 67 school districts. This is unacceptable! We want our pride back! We want to be on the side of winners! We all like winners. Whether it be school brain bowl champions, FFA bringing home state titles, or our bands receiving superior ratings at state competition, we should settle for nothing short of excellence. Excitement and motivation are created with good leadership, and I have spent my entire career motivating and encouraging people to give their all for a common goal.

**4. How will you deal with unfunded mandates from the state?**

One cannot ignore unfunded mandates because they are exactly as the name implies. They are required by state statute to be implemented. Therefore, as Superintendent, I will work with the school board to fund such requirements from the general or other designated fund(s). As Superintendent, I will seek outside funding sources through potential grants that may assist with the needed funding for the mandate while meeting the requirements. I will simultaneously educate and inform our state and federal delegation legislators of our dilemma suggesting long term assistance either through funding or legislative relief.

As Superintendent, I will work to inform the Florida Association of district

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school Superintendents of the issues; thus recommending they lobby for relief in our favor. I will encourage and recommend the school board lobby their professional organization, which is the Florida School Board Association for the same effect.

I am also fully aware of the proposed and upcoming mandates from the State which deal with Merit Pay for Performance and the new infrastructure of computer testing. These are examples of State mandates being proposed with no additional monies for support. Small counties must become creative and innovative to work with what we are given. Having been in the trenches, I can assure you that I will make the BEST choices to benefit both teachers and students.

First and foremost as your Superintendent, I cannot and will not sit back and allow the integrity of the classroom to be sacrificed at the expense of the unfunded legislative pet projects in Tallahassee and Washington!

The challenges are many and the answers may not come easily, but I promise to be sensitive to the needs and issues of our community and to be accessible to the students, their parents, our school employees, and to the community. With your help and your vote on November 6th we will bring PRIDE and EXCELLENCE back to our schools and to our county.



**Jerry Scarborough**  
(Dem., incumbent)

**1. Why are you wanting to be (remain) our superintendent of schools? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

I have the following qualifications which will allow me to continue to successfully lead Suwannee County Schools:

**Integrity** – In order to be a leader, one must have followers and to have followers, one must have their confidence. If one's followers find him guilty of phoniness, and if they find he lacks integrity, he will fail. When leading with integrity, we grow other leaders around us with integrity, and most importantly we help our students to grow in their integrity as future leaders.

**Vision** – Leaders who are passionate about their organization will create vision. Passion fuels vision, and vision is the focus and the power of passion. All effective leaders have a vision of what they must accomplish.

**Adaptive Leadership** – The biggest challenge in education revolves around adaptive

opportunities...another test, new curriculum standards, latest strategies, loss of revenue, and the list goes on and on. A leader's challenge is that most people are reluctant to change and want every problem solved quickly by those in authority. The superintendent must be able to ask the right questions, to provide information, and to frame the issue. He

must then develop proactive responses to the challenge, be flexible, and follow through accordingly.

**Proven Administrator** – My leadership and administrative qualifications have been proven by effective leadership as your Suwannee County Clerk of Court, Executive Director of Suwannee River Water Management District, and the last four years as your Superintendent of Schools.

It is extremely important that we have a Superintendent of Schools who is capable of administering budgets, managing personnel, and understanding the many challenges and opportunities facing our school system. We have achieved many of the goals established four years ago when I was first elected Superintendent of Schools. Yet, time brings about the need for continuous evaluation and improvement. We still have work to accomplish.

**2. How would you pursue resources and tackle relationships with local and state lawmakers who help provide funding for Suwannee District Schools?**

The key to developing any true relationship begins with building trust, credibility, and transparency. We have already established excellent working relationships with our congressional delegation, our state legislators, and our local officials. We are continuing to educate and inform our legislative delegations as to the importance of providing adequate funding to sustain and improve the quality of education for our students.

An example of this aggressive strategy to building relationships with our legislators was in 2009 when we took a bus of local citizens to Tallahassee to meet with our local delegation to discuss our education needs. We have also appeared before Senate and House committees by invitation to provide them with information regarding our small school district needs and to share with them how we remained fiscally stable with a healthy fund balance during these difficult economic times.

**3. What is your specific vision for making Suwannee the best school district in Florida in terms of academic performance, and one of the best – if not the best – in the nation?**

My vision for making our school district the best in the state begins with the understanding that our success is dependent upon the support and encouragement that we give our students, teachers, and staff. We must stop focusing on programs and the newest trends and start focusing on people to work towards common goals. We must develop and support highly qualified teachers and administrators.

Our goals must be to: Implement an early childhood education program with special emphasis on the early learning years of a child from birth to the age of eight. It is extremely important that all of our children be fully ready to succeed in school and in life.

Prepare every child to be proficient in reading by the third grade.

Provide more career opportunities at Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center.

Continue our efforts to develop a school system that promotes high expectations for all of our stu-

dents.

Continue to provide a safe learning environment for all of our students.

Encourage our parents and community so they understand the importance of every child receiving a quality education regardless of their circumstances in life.

Sustain a curriculum and support system that creates ways to provide educational opportunities for the whole child.

**4. How will you deal with unfunded mandates from the state?**

It is a fact that our school system receives unfunded mandates from our federal and state governments each year. Our first effort must always be to seek funding for the mandate. If that effort is unsuccessful, we will then work to abolish the unfunded mandate through legislation. We will not allow unfunded mandates to interfere with the integrity of our classrooms.

At the same time, we must be committed to complying with the Constitution and with state and federal laws. In the absence of funding, we will still rise to the expectations and requirements to the extent our resources will allow.

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## School Board District 2



**Catherine Cason**

**1. Why are you wanting to be the school board member for district 2? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

I would like to be the School Board representative for District 2 because I feel that I can make a difference. I have lived in this community all of my life with the exception of time spent at college. I graduated from this system, my children matriculated through this system, and my grandchildren are apart of this system. As you can see, I have a vested interest in the school system of Suwannee County. I bring to the table over 28 years of classroom experience. I understand the concerns of the teachers, the mandates being handed down from the DOE, and concerns from a student perspective. My knowledge base will help to give a more comprehensive view of the issues facing us.

**2. How would you pursue resources and tackle relationships with local and state lawmakers who help provide funding for Suwannee District Schools?**

I feel that every agency, governmental and non-governmental, should have an interest in the education of our children. As a representative of district 2 it will be incumbent upon me to establish a relationship with local and state lawmakers because much of the funding that undergird our schools come from local taxes and funding allocated by the state. A relationship with the private sector offers a possibility of additional funding and other beneficial services.

**3. What are your**

**thoughts on proposed Amendment 8 to the Florida Constitution?**

My thoughts on the proposed amendment 8 to the Florida Constitution is as follows: While I applaud the work being done in private schools, I feel that if amendment 8 is enacted, funding for public schools will be adversely affected and the public schools are already working at a deficit during these hard economic times. Unlike private schools, the public schools do not have the latitude to deny any child the opportunity to pursue an education. I also feel that the standards of preparation and performance for both teachers and students should be on an equal footing.

**4. What are your thoughts on the role(s) the school board has in Suwannee County? What role(s) does the representative of this district have?**

I feel that the school board in Suwannee County or in any county play many roles. Among them are establishing rules that are generic to our county, making sure that our schools adhere to the guidelines set forth by the state and federal government, and dealing with budget issues to name a few. All of the roles for the entire board are in effect when dealing with individual districts. In addition, you are a voice to the people being represented and a voice for them.



**Muriel Owens**  
(incumbent)

**1. Why are you wanting to be the school board member for district 2? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

I would like to continue being the school board member for District 2 because I'm passionate about what I do. I enjoy making policies that ensure our students and administrators safety. It's always enjoyable for me to see the faces of the students at school and meet those faces again out in the community.

**2. How would you pursue resources and tackle relationships with local and state lawmakers who help provide funding for Suwannee District Schools?**

Realize that we are our best resources, but in order to make things work we have to let our needs be known to our locals as well as to our lawmakers. Getting out in the community making things happen by hosting meetings, attending local meetings, state meetings, and being an advocate for our Suwannee District is an important way to get the findings needed.

**3. What are your thoughts on proposed Amendment 8 to the Florida Constitution?**

I feel that this amendment is not true to it's meaning. This amendment states that it's about "Religious Freedom", but it's not it's about "Religious Funding" that will be coming from billions of state dollars taken from our public school systems.

This amendment will allow any group, that say they are a religious group, to receive free monies to do whatever they desire AND not be accountable for their actions. Every voting citizen need to make a firm stance on this amendment.

**4. What are your thoughts on the role(s) the school board has in Suwannee County? What role(s) does the representative of this district have?**

A board members role is to approve the budget annually, set policy and make sure its being enforced, provide direction for the district, provide accountability and to always be an advocate for education and an advocate for their district. These are my thoughts on the role of a school board member and as the current representative of the school board this is also my role.

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## County Commission District 1



**Jason Bashaw (Rep.)**

**1. Why are you wanting to be the county commissioner for your district? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

Because I love Suwannee County and I love District 1. It has and always will be my family's home and what happens to my neighbors, matters to me. I will be available to all residents in District 1, I will remain tirelessly interested in any and all issues which are important to the residents of District 1 and above all I will be honest and hard working as their commissioner. I am committed to this race full time just like I commit to serve, full time, if elected. I have already worked hard by "showing up" and by seeking out the details and obtaining relevant information in order to better understand our county government and to formulate good, viable ideas about how we can make small changes to the way our county government works in order to reap substantial benefits. I have also tried to meet with as many residents of District 1 as possible to discuss their ideas and goals for County Government. I'd love to meet with and talk with each of you! I want Suwannee County to become the place we all want it to be, the place where our children can grow up and thrive. To remain the same in the ways we like and to become better and more efficient and dynamic in others. Because of my character, education, experience, attitude, ability, and demonstrated sincere interest, I am the best person for this job. I am goal-oriented and tenacious in getting goals established and carried out. I do not give up easily when I know a job needs to be done.

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**2. What are your**

**thoughts on the role(s) the county commission has in Suwannee County? What role(s) does the representative of this district have?**

The role and responsibilities of County Commissioners can be found in Florida Statute, Title XI, Chapter 125, Part 1, (ss. 125.001-125.59). In the statute there are over 40 specific powers and duties and even a few restrictions enumerated. The District 1 commissioner must determine the will of the residents in District 1 and act accordingly. I realize and respect that all of Suwannee County is affected by the course set by the County Commission and that at least three votes are needed to do anything. If elected I will work to build relationships and trust between all the district representatives and ensure that both the overall needs of the county and those specific to District 1 are addressed, but my first priority and accountability will be to District 1 and my actions will be based on the will of those residents. I will focus on forming a goal-oriented vision to set a clear path for Suwannee County to refer to when making major decisions. The role of county government is what all government is supposed to do – protect the people, provide the infrastructure needed to facilitate commerce and economic development and set the course of direction that best facilitates the previous two. Too often government expands to become a solution unto itself. I believe our county government should endeavor to protect any progress we have made economically and not let ourselves regress backward to a weaker economic state.

**3. How do you make sure that spending stays down while at the same time ensuring residents' needs are met?**

It is easy to speak in vague terms regarding the spending of tax dollars while running for office. Fiscal responsibility has been a bright spot in Suwannee County, and I will continue to insist on a balanced budget and remain financially responsible. But here is an area where modernization may generate efficiencies and save the taxpayers' money. I feel there may be new ways of working with and managing the financial resources of the county on a day-to-day basis:

•We need to look at a short and long term capital improvement plan.

•A fiscally conservative expenditure process must be considered as there may be ways to spend less, which would then provide resources for critical services.

•By increasing revenue through the generation of private enterprise, we can meet our needs. Several ways we can limit spending within local government are:

Consolidation of services into one location  
Third party review of county budget

More privatization of government services  
A resource recovery program that depreciates and liquidates assets at the appropriate time before they are virtually worthless.

**4. What is the county's role in economic development?**

First and foremost take care of our existing businesses. Eighty percent of

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new jobs originate from existing businesses. Here's what I believe the county's role is:

- Working with existing businesses to provide infrastructure they need to create jobs is the cheapest way to bring new jobs to Suwannee County.

- Be involved within our state to identify and take advantage of business opportunities that become available to our county.

- Being in the right place at the right time is a big part of being successful. Isolationism has never served a community well.

- Appropriate planning should be insisted on by your elected officials so land use and infrastructure match our vision for the future and are ready as we grow

- Streamline and consolidate our economic development efforts to ensure positive economic growth.

- Bring all stakeholders together to craft a community-wide vision for economic development so "...we the people..." can agree on and support it.

- Delegate areas of responsibility as appropriate and facilitate implementation of an economic development plan.

- Identify and remove any barriers to marketing and acquiring desired industry.

- Develop and implement an effective county-wide marketing program so all businesses know what is going on economically and can adjust appropriately.

- A high quality marketing campaign for potential businesses prepared by professionals could highlight the many advantages we now have to offer such as the catalyst site, natural attractions, large workforce, low cost of living, vocational and technical school, etc.

We should not wait for business to come to us....Let's pursue and court the type businesses we want here to show the world our door is open and receptive to new industry that benefits our community but also compliments our community.



**Walter Starling (Dem.)**

**1. Why are you wanting to be the county commissioner for your district? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

I'm from Suwannee County; my family has lived, worked and farmed here for generations, and just like them I make my living in the fields of this county. I've been fortunate to own several successful businesses, and while I've been very blessed along the way, that success hasn't just been luck: it was earned through sweat, penny pinching, and working hard to stay ahead of my problems. As your commissioner I'll take care of your money as I do mine. After serving our country in the Air Force I've spent 25 years as a business and community leader. If we want to grow and move forward, we'll need that kind of ethic and experience on our County Commission.

**2. What are your**

**thoughts on the role(s) the county commission has in Suwannee County? What role(s) does the representative of this district have?**

This is a tough one, because the County Commission is responsible for overseeing the operations of all county departments, which are funded by your hard-earned tax dollars. I believe the County Commission meetings should be forums for citizen input, informed debate and the weighing of our options. Once we've arrived at a decision, it falls on us to communicate clearly to everyone affected by the policy change so we have accountability that flows from the top down, and solutions that come from the bottom up. If the County Commission clearly defines its employee's expectations, it will be easier to determine exactly where problems are, and that much easier to stay ahead of them. That's what I do in my businesses, and it's what I believe our County Commission should be doing. I personally would expect any commissioner representing me to wake up every day believing their top priority was to help create jobs for people who are struggling now in such a way that we can expect growth in the future. As a candidate to represent my district, it's important the voters know I've never considered myself a politician, and when asked to come to a decision, it will be the well-being of your tax dollars and our community that are foremost in my mind - not politics.

**3. How do you make sure that spending stays down while at the same time ensuring residents' needs are met?**

I was asked something very similar at a Tea Party event a few weeks ago, and this is a real concern of mine. We can afford to cut the fat in a few places - the county could use a review of each department so we can cut down on waste and increase efficiency. This lack of clarity has real consequences - communication becomes difficult, transparency suffers, and responsibility for problems becomes harder to pin down. Without a mechanism to make sure all major stake holders are on the same page about funding for roads and infrastructure throughout the county, we all suffer. We can do better, and I will work every day to make sure we do.

**4. What is the county's role in economic development?**

Throughout the primary process, nearly everyone I spoke to agreed that education and infrastructure are key. We need elected officials who understand how businesses work, because the County Commission will have to work with prospective businesses looking to make Suwannee County their home. However, the economic development structure we have today is not geared to attract industry to Suwannee County. That has got to change, and it can if we have an economic development engine powered by community leaders that understand what businessmen are looking for, supported by staff that will negotiate the best contracts possible before they are submitted to the commission. That way the county can stay focused on the bottom line of any proposed partnerships, and the effect it will have on people's lives who would

love to wake up with a well-paying job, knowing that their children will have the chance to do even greater things in this county. We can do better. Our people deserve better, and it would be an honor to work for you as your next County Commissioner after November 6th. A vote for Walter Starling is a vote for the Future of Suwannee County.

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## County Commission District 3



**Richard "Ricky" Gamble Jr. (Rep.)**

**1. Why are you wanting to be the county commissioner for your district? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

I decided to run because I have always had a great interest in politics and feel I will bring a much needed conservative voice to the board. My wife and I started our own business in 2007. I knew being my own boss would give me the time needed to campaign hard and if elected work even harder for our district. Another issue that played an important factor in me deciding to run is the hope that if elected I could help ensure that my kids grow up and enjoy greater opportunities in Suwannee County than I did. I feel I am best suited for this job because I am hard working, dedicated, and self motivated. I am driven to do what I believe is right and I refuse to be a yes man for anyone. I will be accessible, accountable, and willing to stand up for our district. So with a great deal of prayer and deep thought I decided the time was right for me to run.

**2. What are your thoughts on the role(s) the county commission has in Suwannee County? What role(s) does the representative of this district have?**

Chapter 125 of the Florida Statutes is the legal description that lays out the duties and responsibilities of the Commission. I believe the role of our County government is to fulfill those duties by tending to our County's business, providing essential services and safety in the most cost efficient ways possible. The elected commissioner's role should be to listen to the citizens, set balanced budgets, and pass responsible ordinances. By being responsible in these roles, we can create an environment that restricts the growth of government and reduces the burdens placed on the tax payers.

**3. How do you make sure that spending stays down while at the same time ensuring residents' needs are met?**

A large part of our 58 million dollar budget, almost 70%, is State mandated expenditures, salaries, benefits, workers comp, property insurance, and utilities. Another 20% is restricted and unrestricted reserves, so other than going against the State, cutting jobs, or spending up reserves that

leaves around 10% of the budget to cut from. I believe all options should be on the table and think we should start with the 10%. Consolidation is a great way to save, but I don't believe we should stop there. I feel incentives are a great tool as well. There are many County workers with great ideas that could contribute to saving money, and if those thoughts do work and are implemented then that employee should be rewarded for their ideas. Another step to reducing spending is to review the services supplied by the County to see what levels, if any, can be reduced and still function as intended. An example of a service that functions at a minimal level would be our trash collection and disposal sites; it runs us about 1.2 million a year. It's not the most convenient way to collect and dispose of our garbage, but it gets the job done at a fair cost to the tax payer. Are there better, more convenient ways to do this? Yes, I am sure there are but at almost double the cost. I believe that all services should be reviewed to determine if it is feasible to reduce or not. I know some people do not want to hear the word reduce when it comes to services. However, with the budget as it is and tax revenues shrinking, it is reduce or raise and I don't believe in raising taxes. We have to prioritize and look at cutting in some areas so we can maintain quality in others like Fire/Rescue. I believe through consolidation, incentives, growing the tax base, and making difficult decisions on some services we can keep cost down and meet the needs of our residents.

**4. What is the county's role in economic development?**

The county's role in economic development is to create a business friendly environment. In my view, this environment would be one that cuts away a lot of the red tape and speeds up the process, like zoning, permits, abatements, etc. Another factor that helps attract businesses is keeping taxes and government spending at reasonable rates. In the business world, time is money and taxes are a costly expense. Speeding up the process and keeping taxes low sends the message that Suwannee County is open for business. I also believe the county needs someone to deliver this strong business friendly message.

The County just defunded the Council for Progress 57,000 dollars in the last budget hearing. Now the County needs to look at hiring someone to head up a development department. This would be similar to what Columbia County has done. Most industries have yearly functions or trade shows where they come together in support of the industry. These shows usually have vendors there of all sorts trying to sell their products. Our county needs a sales rep that can go where the manufacturing and distributing jobs are and pass out material on our great county, talk to industry leaders, and promote what we have to offer. Money is the secret to a competitive edge in development. Tax abatements, land with water, maybe sewer, utilities, and rail service are all part of the package we can offer companies to locate here. These are great incentives, but without someone to push what we are selling

they are just like any other county's incentives. We cannot sit back and wait for companies to find us. We need someone to seek them out, look them in the eyes with a good old hand shake, and tell them we'd love to have them in Suwannee County and here's what we can offer.



**Paul Gamble (Dem.)**

**1. Why are you wanting to be the county commissioner for your district? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

I want to be your commissioner because it is time to step up to the next level of leadership I have already been doing in our community. As our church treasure, farm owner, Luraville Fire Chief, Luraville Community Center director, and District 3 Fire Governing Board Member I have been balancing budgets, cutting spending, eliminating waste thus preventing debt. I will work with the other members of the board and with the input of our citizens - improvements can be made in our county. The product will be we have made Suwannee County the Best Place to Live.

**2. What are your thoughts on the role(s) the county commission has in Suwannee County? What role(s) does the representative of this district have?**

My role will be to process the business of the county by paying the bills and addressing the issues that are brought before us on the meetings agenda and listen to and resolve the issues that are brought to the meeting by the citizens using common sense and research.

**3. How do you make sure that spending stays down while at the same time ensuring residents' needs are met?**

It is my obligation to the citizens of Suwannee County that the taxes and assessments are spent wisely and insure our county that we will never go into debt and lower taxes instead of growing government. Good management and conservative values will ensure our residents needs will be met.

**4. What is the county's role in economic development?**

The County's role in economic development is to provide a climate and services that will attract investments of private enterprise.



**Jennifer Elizabeth Collins (NPA)**

**1. Why are you wanting to be the county commissioner for your district? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

A candidate came to visit my family seeking signatures so he could be put on

the ballot. Upon asking what this position meant to him he replied, "It's just like applying for a job at Lowes...I'm just as qualified as the next person." If this has become the pathetic nature of politics then I have no choice but to stand and fight for what I believe is a noble cause worthy of an intelligent, humble servant. I am tired of over paid, under qualified people making bad decisions for us all. Education has been paramount within my family. I am proud of my college education. The skills I have acquired within my discipline of study set me apart and have prepared me for government work. My abilities in research, writing, problem solving, communication and leadership will serve me in achieving our goals. I have worked as part of a team that managed a multi-million dollar budget. I was privileged to work alongside the office of Georgia's governor Sonny Perdue. I am honored to have worked with some of the most prestigious foundations that give millions every year to save and preserve southern culture and history. My roots in this county go back 170 years. My family has a long history of public service. This heritage has afforded me a holistic vision of our county's future. I have a comprehensive understanding of the issues that affect us all and the well-honed ability to develop and articulate ideas. All of my knowledge, resources and connections will be implemented every day to build a brighter future for every citizen of Suwannee County.

**2. What are your thoughts on the role(s) the county commission has in Suwannee County? What role(s) does the representative of this district have?**

The primary role of a county commissioner is to be responsive to the needs and desires of its citizens within the margin of state and federal law. To be the representative of District 3 it is important to realize that we are the largest agricultural district in the county. Thus said, I will aggressively fight for the farmers. I am proud to say that I am the fourth generation of farmers to inherit a successful operation that has provided for my entire family, as well as, creating jobs for others. It is also of the utmost importance to be attentive to all other needs and endeavors of the people of District 3. We need to be ever mindful of the long range impact of any business or industry on the community. It should never be about a segment but rather the population as a whole.

**3. How do you make sure that spending stays down while at the same time ensuring residents' needs are met?**

It is important to understand the needs of a community. In a larger picture those needs can be defined as employment, education, environment, safety, health and local infrastructure. I am constantly researching sustainable solutions to these needs. To afford the citizens of this county what they unquestionably deserve we need to clean house. We need to address unnecessary, wasteful spending from within the walls of our local government. Bureaucratic structures can discourage creativity and innovation. It is practically impossible for

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# Candidate questionnaires - Round 2

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one individual to generate the range of strategic ideas that are possible in a large, interdisciplinary group. This county needs a strong hand on the reigns. I will not stand for nepotism or the syphoning of county money for personal or special interest. This is not the time to gamble with the economic future of Suwannee County.

**4. What is the county's role in economic development?**

The county's role in economic development is widely varied. Our community's success in roles of development is contingent upon an adequate infrastructure. This endeavor requires multi-district and multi-departmental collaboration. We need to expand our economic base through better allocation and use of available resources. Factors that influence new industry include transportation, labor force, telecommunication infrastructure and community attitudes and preparedness. It is imperative that we foster an environment that is conducive to personal and collective growth.

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**County Commission District 5**

**Wesley Wainwright (Rep., incumbent)**

**1. Why are you wanting to be the county commissioner for your district? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**



done).

I campaigned 4 years ago for improved accountability, better fiscal management, and to do everything I could to promote economic development. These issues are still and will continue to be relevant as this county moves forward. Although we have gained ground in these areas, there is always room for improvement. I believe that with my education, business experience, and leadership skills I still have something to contribute to our efforts in improving our county.

**2. What are your thoughts on the role(s) the county commission has in Suwannee County? What role(s) does the representative of this district have?**

As I see it, the role of the county commission is very diverse. It can be as singular as fielding complaints, recommendations, or even praise for the various county departments' performance. Or it can be as complex as studying the budget every available moment for 2 months. Either way it amounts to accessibility for the concerns of the citizens not only in my district but for the county as a whole.

**3. How do you make sure that spending stays down while at the same time ensuring residents' needs are met?**

This is what makes the job hard. Even when services are status quo input and expenses are up just as they are for everyone. Insurance is up 26% in four years, fuel is up 41%, maintenance, repairs, and supplies, they have all increased. We have to improve our efficiencies, and be better managers, because the demand for services has only increased. The state is also pushing more responsibilities back to the local communities with additional costs in Medicaid. The gains we have made and continue to make in improved performance of services is a result of better accountability and management. Just like any business though, these are continuous efforts.

**4. What is the county's role in economic development?**

The county's role in economic development is primarily to remove as many obstacles as possible to encourage its own development and growth. I would propose that most all communities across this land are doing just that. For a number of years now, communities that are growing have also sought out businesses and industries to invest in their communities by way of offering incentives. Businesses that promise and deliver millions of dollars in capital investment and resulting large numbers of jobs will expand our tax

base. Over the last four years Suwannee County's tax base, (the value of our land and homes) has decreased \$230,000,000 (14%). That means if everything stayed the same, the taxpayers of this county would shoulder the loss of revenue from that 14% decrease. Instead, there was a net tax decrease of 11% over the same time period. This cannot be sustained. With growth, this county survives! Our children have the opportunity to stay here because jobs are here. Taxes are then spread out on many shoulders and the burden lessens. All communities across this state have the same problem, which means we have to compete to get business and industries to locate here. Good roads, schools and safe communities with a hospital are part of the package as well.



**Kevin Williams (Dem.)**

**1. Why are you wanting to be the county commissioner for your district? (Be specific. We want to know what makes you think you are the one to get the job done).**

As a child I was inspired by a man who taught me to treat everyone with re-

spect and dignity. He also taught me that with a great attitude and drive came great work ethics and common sense, enough to get any job done I put my mind to. As a member of Suwannee County, I felt like I was not being represented or treated in a way that I felt I deserved from our county commissioner. After talking to people in my district I then realized many feel the same way I do. I believe I can make things better for our county! I know I can make a change! I feel that many of our leaders and political leaders have failed us as a county by not listening to us and making a change for the better. I do not believe in favoritism. Everyone should be treated equally as well as there request to better our society.

**2. What are your thoughts on the role(s) the county commission has in Suwannee County? What role(s) does the representative of this district have?**

I believe that the county commission in suwannee county should provide as many services possible for their people. Our role as a representative is to ensure low taxes for our county. I believe we should listen and respond in a timely manner to our citizens and provide them with the time, respect, and will power to help our county in a way our citizens see fit.

**3. How do you make sure that spending stays down while at the same time ensuring residents' needs are met?**

I am ready to look for ways to cut wasteful spending, and start putting the money where it needs to be. Where our citizens and our children can benefit from our community. I plan to go to the heads of the department AND the common working men, women, and the young adults of our county. I want to figure out ways to help others do a better job at bettering our county.

**4. What is the county's role in economic development?**

I am a conservant! Conservatism says " Get out of my way, and stop saying no!! Let the free market take its course!! " Its time to make a change. Time to listen to our people.



## Gardening Tips from the Live Oak Garden Club Viva Florida 500

By Lucille Heinrich

In 2013, Florida will reach a significant milestone, the 500th anniversary of Juan Ponce de León's arrival on Florida's East Coast. On April 2, 1513, when Ponce de León saw a land lush with flowers and the air perfumed with their scent, he named this unknown land La Florida, and that is how Florida got its name. What makes this anniversary so unique is that Ponce de León's and his crew of explorers were the first recorded Europeans to explore any part of what is now the continental United States.

Florida's documented material history dates back more than 12,000 years to American Indians, who were the original pioneers. Spain's claim in 1513 began a new era in human history that saw many nationalities come together as the foundation that eventually formed the United States of America. The legacy of Spanish Florida started with Ponce de León and was further established by Pedro Menéndez when, in 1565, he founded St. Augustine, the oldest continuously occupied European settlement in North America.

There will be many cele-

brations and enriching activities during this yearlong event including time capsules at our public libraries, special programs, and conservation paddles throughout our many waterways. You can be a part of this unique experience by taking part in some of these celebrations and activities. The first step can take place in your own gardens. Look around your landscaping and resolve to plant more flowering trees and shrubs. December/January is the perfect time to plant flowering trees, and right now is a great time to put in bulbs and shrubs.

Bulbs you can consider planting right now are amaryllis and daffodils. The daffodils will be the first to flower in the spring followed by the amaryllis. Alliums are another great bulb plant. They bloom in late spring and their colorful clustered florets bloom in a wide range of colors including shades of yellow, white, pink, and purple. Freesia plants are deliciously scented flowers that bloom in a variety of hues including blue, orange, red, violet, white and yellow. Their pretty, fragrant flowers grow on stalks surrounded by spiky, sword-like, green foliage. They look their best

when grown together in clumps or masses. You also might want to plant Persian buttercups. These plants grow from a bulb and bloom in the late spring or early summer in a rainbow of colors. They provide beautiful furls of petals with pretty dark centers perfect for cut flower arrangements. Be sure to soak the bulbs in water the night before you plant them.

With their sword-like leaves and showy flowers, the Bearded Iris is an eye-catching addition to any garden. They're easy to plant, require minimum care, and readily multiply. These flowering plants grow from rhizomes (fat roots, or bulbs). Lilies are another plant you will enjoy. There are thousands of lily varieties and hybrids on the market today. It is also a good time to divide up your daylilies; daylilies need to be dug up and divided very few years or they will stop blooming. Share some of these divisions with your neighbors and friends.

Suwannee County, let's join in the celebration of Viva Florida 500. We are certainly a unique state because of Ponce de León and his band of explorers!



Daffodils

## Scarecrow Festival set for Oct. 27



Businesses should display their scarecrows for judging. Applications and more information can be found at [historicliveoak.com](http://historicliveoak.com).

By Bryant Thigpen [bryant.thigpen@gafnews.com](mailto:bryant.thigpen@gafnews.com)

The Scarecrow festival is coming to Live Oak again this year and is geared to be an exciting event for the whole family.

This year, the festival will include more activities for children than in years past. Children will be able to participate in building a scarecrow, face painting, an obstacle course, a quarterback blitz and a floating ball shoot-out. All activities for the children are free of charge.

Businesses should begin decorating and stuffing those scarecrows for the scarecrow competition. Applications can be obtained at [historicliveoak.com](http://historicliveoak.com).

The Garden Club will get things started with their popular pancake breakfast and plant sale, along with many other activities on Saturday, Oct. 27.

"Puttin' On The Dog," a pet costume contest sponsored by the Democrat, will begin with registration at 10 a.m. and judging at 11 a.m. at Millennium Park on West Howard Street.

The Woman's Club will once again be

putting on their chili cook-off at Veterans Park with cooking beginning at 10 a.m., and the dishes judged at 11 a.m.

Live entertainment will be provided by the Herald White Band.

"The Scarecrow Festival is aimed at families, good fun entertainment for the entire family. We have people come from Tallahassee with their children because the children's activities are free, and there are lots of them," said Jeanne d'Eauédè with the Live Oak Partnership. "All of the other festivals are focused on business and the Partnership feels this festival raises awareness that Suwannee County is a family oriented community, a place that values families."

The festival began as a small community event sponsored by the Live Oak Garden Club. Businesses and residents built scarecrows to display in downtown Live Oak in Millennium Park. Through the years, this event has grown into a downtown tradition for Live Oak. This festival now includes the participation of several local groups and businesses in conjunction with The Live Oak Partnership.

# Puttin' on the Dog

Visit [suwanneedemocrat.com](http://suwanneedemocrat.com) to find official rules and registration forms under the House Ads section.



## Democrat sponsored event set for Oct. 27

### Staff

The Suwannee Democrat will once again be sponsoring the "Puttin' on the Dog" costume contest on Saturday, Oct. 27 as part of the Live Oak Scarecrow Festival.

The dog costume contest will start at 11 a.m. on the Millennium Park stage in Live Oak. Dogs will be judged on costume originality and creativity. A \$10 donation is requested per entry, which will benefit the Suwannee Valley Humane Society.

Prizes will be given for

best costumes in cutest, most original, scariest and best two part costumes (dog and owner). A special award will be presented for best entry in a school spirit category.

"We are excited to once again be a part of the Live Oak Scarecrow Festival and are honored to sponsor the 'Puttin' on the Dog' contest," said Democrat Editor Jeff Waters. "We look forward to seeing many costumed dogs and owners at the event."

Visit [suwanneedemocrat.com](http://suwanneedemocrat.com) to find official rules and registration forms under the House Ads section.

Those interested can fill out a registration form and submit it to the Suwannee Democrat offices at 211 Howard St. East, no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26.

Registration form may also be submitted to the registration booth at Millennium Park on the day of the event. Registration begins at 10 a.m.

# New Live Oak Aaron's manager



New Live Oak Aaron's manager William Folsom of Mayo is pictured with Lucy, the Aaron's Lucky Dog company mascot.

William Folsom is the new Aaron's store manager in Live Oak.

Folsom comes from the Perry Aaron's where he was an assistant manager.

A life-long resident of Lafayette County, Folsom and his wife, presently reside in Live Oak.

He is married to the former Kristyn Lynch of Branford.

A 2002 graduate of Lafayette High, Folsom

also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida.

"Our goal is to grow the Live Oak Aaron's store into the number one place for people to go for electronics, appliances and furniture," said Folsom.

"We are also well-known for our pre-approvals on every customer, and 90 days is the same as cash."

# Tangle' Fall Bazaar: Good cause and good fun

By Andrew McGee  
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Saturday, Oct. 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the 3rd Annual Tangles' Fall Bazaar and Pink Ribbon Project was a hit.

Presented by Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center, Tangles' ministry leaders Vickie Bass and Angie Lott announced that this annual fundraiser would benefit Bosom Buddies, Suwannee County's local breast cancer support group and also local TS Debby flood victims through Love INC.

The 5K event was met with a slightly crisp, clear morning, with just a few clouds in the sky which runners said later was perfect for running conditions.

"Great turnout. The 5k has been great," said Bass. "It's been a wonderful morning and beautiful day."

According to Bass, about a third of the runners had registered the morning of the event. Originally they thought only 40 participants were to show, but an additional 22 signed up bringing the number to 62 runners. The registration fee was \$25 per runner.

Soon after the run, Becky Skipper, owner of Go Figure for Women, could be heard yelling for the runners to step up to receive their medals. Skipper had appropriately pinkdyed hair for the event and used her Zumba instructor energy and charisma to get people jazzed up.

"I'm the go-for and Cindy is the computer nerd," laughed Skipper and Cindy Wiggins after being asked how they were involved with the event.

Actually, Skipper was the organizer of the 5K run with all proceeds going to Tangles and Wiggins was her data entry person and handled any other technical issues.

According to Lott and Bass, they are excited to be adding the 5K run to the annual event. Go Figure for Women, located at 1001 Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, also returns later this year for the wildly popular Pink Ribbon Project Zumbathon with all registration proceeds to bene-

fit the event.

Music entertainment was provided including a live string ensemble from the Music Center which consisted of several violinists, a cellist and a piano player. There was also an acoustic guitar ensemble as well as Ernie Evans and the Florida State Blue Grass Band playing for the day.

There was also arts and crafts vendors, food vendors and creative children's activities were available. There was a bake sale and a mini-art show as well to help raise funds for the event.

There were representatives from several local ministries that provided information on how to assist or join organizations like Love INC, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, the American Cancer Society, 4-H and others.



Cindy Wiggins and Becky Skipper.



Sisters Lindsey Michael and Lauren Wainwright. - Photos: Andrew McGee

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# Monster Hunt Contest

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**Find the page each monster is hiding on & get the chance to win \$100!**

RULES: To participate in this contest, all you need to do is find what page each monster is hiding on. The monsters will appear in the Suwannee Democrat Oct. 24, 26 & 31. Send in your entry by Nov. 5 at 5 p.m. to PO Box 370, Live Oak, FL 32064. The draw will take place on Nov. 6. Newspaper employees and their families cannot participate in this contest.

## Monster Hunt Contest REPLY COUPON

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Mail to PO Box 370 or drop form by our office at 211 Howard St. East before 5 p.m. on Nov. 5 and you get a chance to win \$100. A random drawing of all correct entries will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

# Suwannee Democrat

# Wellborn Community Association pancake breakfast and fall yard sale

The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3 this year from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wellborn Community Association.

Vendor space is available for \$5. Gather your unused goodies and get them together. Make some extra money for Christmas.

The bloodmobile will be on site as well. For more information, call Beanie Brooks at 386-963-5906.

# Live Oak Community Thanksgiving Outreach Ministry

The Live Oak Community Thanksgiving Outreach Ministry is having its annual Thanksgiving Outreach

Meal on Nov. 17, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Diners are provided for low income families, disabled, elderly and the homeless. Location is at Triumph the Church of Kingdom of God in Christ Annex at 410 Taylor Ave., Live Oak.

Points of contact:  
Sis. Lucendia Philpot 386-364-4230  
Sis. Bertha Giles 229-292-1585  
Sis. Dester Roberts 386-397-1395

# The Live Oak Elks Lodge

Is having a BINGO fundraiser for the SHS Wrestling Team on Monday November 5th from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. All proceeds will go to the SHS Wrestling program. I would like to publicize this as much as possible so we can raise a great amount for these dedicated young men. As you probably know, the football team receives funding from the school but the wrestling team is completely donor dependent.



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# SPORTS



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## 'Dogs fall to Wakulla Trojans conquer Buccaneers

By Bryant Thigpen  
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On Friday night, Hamilton County (1-6) and Branford (3-4) met under the lights for a contest on the gridiron. A team that hadn't been on the winning side on the score board pieced together a game plan that upset the Branford Buccaneers on their own turf. The Trojans left the field with a 58-7 win.

Hamilton County received the ball to begin the first half. Less than 20 seconds into the game, the Trojans scored their first touchdown on a pitch to the outside. The Trojans completed a two point conversion (8-0).

The Buccaneers started their drive with great field position, having the ball at their own 40 yard line. However, the Bucs were not able to convert and the offense was off the field in just four downs.

The Trojans took over on downs and punched the ball into the end zone for another score and completed the two-point conversion with 8:22 left in the first quarter (16-0).

Hamilton County then kicked off to the Bucs, but the home team was caught off guard with an onside kick. The Trojans recovered the ball and started their drive at the 42 yard line. Hamilton County rushed the ball into the end zone but came up short on the two-point conversion (22-0) with 6:30 left in the quarter.

The Bucs got the ball and took over at their own 35 yard line, but were unable to end the drive in points. The Trojans' defense stood strong and gave the ball back to their offense. And with 2:20 to go in the first quarter, the Trojans carried the ball across the plane for another Trojan touchdown. The team did not convert for two-points (28-0).

The Trojans attempted another suc-

cessful onside kick and got the ball back at midfield. However, a bad snap caused the Trojans to put the ball on the ground, which was recovered by the Buc's defense.

On the first play of the second quarter, the Bucs fumbled the ball and gave it back to the high scoring Trojan offense. The visiting team moved the ball down the field and was at the Buc's seven yard line before a bad snap drove the ball back to the 20 yard line. The error caused the offense to lose 13 yards on the play, but that didn't stop them from scoring on the next play with a fade route into the corner of the end zone. The team failed to convert on the two-point attempt (34-0).

With 9:12 left to go in the second quarter, the Bucs received the ball at their own 30 yard line, but ended their drive punting the ball to the visiting team.

The Trojans took their time moving the ball to take time off the clock. With just 2:47 left in the quarter, they walked the ball in for another score (40-0).

The Buccaneers showed some resilience and with a minute left in the half when Cole Lamb carried the ball into the end zone for a Buccaneer touchdown (40-7). Lamb carried the ball for 105 yards in the game and is on pace to have over 1,000 yards of rushing this season.

The Bucs were coming to life in the third quarter successfully moving the ball down the field, but not enough to reach the pay dirt. The home team turned the ball over on downs to an offense they weren't able to stop in the first half.

The Buc's defense held the Trojans to just one touchdown in the third quarter (46-7). With 9:15 to go in the fourth quarter, the Trojans scored six more points, and scored their final touchdown with 1:05 left in the contest, leaving with a final score of 58-7.



The SHS seniors on the football team.



The SHS senior cheerleaders.



Kyle Stebbins (23) maneuvers around some War Eagles. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

By Andrew McGee  
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It was another Friday night home game at Paul Langford stadium for the Suwannee Bulldogs (3-4) as they played the Wakulla War Eagles (7-0). Unfortunately, it was a loss for the 'Dogs that night. The final score was 37-14.

It was also senior night for SHS.

The game began with the 'Dogs winning the toss, but deferred and chose to kick to the Eagles. The Eagles got to the 39 yard line with good field position. The 'Dogs would soon learn the Eagles' strategy was to push a strong predominantly passing game. The Eagles were able to make some headway, but not enough, so they punted to

the 'Dogs. The next play Denzel Washington made a fantastic run of 36 yards and made it to the 34 yard line. One thing that hurt the 'Dogs early on was that they kept getting false starts and offsides penalties. The 'Dogs were unable to make it too far down field after Washington's run, so they decided to punt back to the Eagles. The 'Dogs got some yardage, but unfortunately fumbled the ball on the fourth down and the Eagles recovered it. A couple of plays in and it's touchdown time for the Eagles. They made the extra point making the score 7-0 Eagles.

The 'Dogs oet the ball, but got an offsides penalty the next play. Washington received the ball and made a stunning 86 yard run for a Bulldog touch-

down. Trevor Ross kicked the extra point and with about a minute to go in the first quarter the score tied 7-7.

After 'Dogs kick to the Eagles, just three plays later ended the first quarter. The Eagles were unable to get a first down, so it's back to the 'Dogs. The 'Dogs made an error and fumbled the ball and it looked as if it was recovered by the 'Dogs at the one yard line, but referees called it a safety play (ball in end zone) whereas giving the Eagles a point and the 'Dogs had to kick back to the Eagles. Then the Eagles proceeded to score again bringing the score to 15-7 Eagles. With 4:46 left in the first half, the Eagles scored again bringing it

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The Branford offense lined up against a stingy Trojan defense that held them to only seven points in the contest.



Cole Lamb racked up 105 yards of rushing against the Trojan defense.



The Trojan's offense was too much for the Buccaneer defense, scoring 58 points in the contest. Photo's: Bryant Thigpen

SPORTS

# BULLDOGS GO PINK

Volleyball team honors breast cancer awareness



SHS volleyball coach Heather Benson, left, and Hamilton County High School volleyball coach Horacio Perez, right, honor former SHS volleyball coach Cissy Witt Oct. 16. Benson and Perez were former teammates under Witt.

Submitted

The night of Oct. 16 started with Suwannee High School coach Heather Benson and Hamilton County coach Horacio Perez meeting for the first time in 10 years back on the SHS court where they played together as teammates for SHS volleyball. On this night they joined together as former teammates and now coaching rivals, to honor their former coach Cissy Witt. Coach Witt coached volleyball for SHS for nearly 20 years and won four district championships and two regional championships during her career at SHS. Benson and Perez wanted to show their appreciation to her for her inspiration and encouragement of the love of the game that helped bring them to this point in their careers. Witt joined them on the court as they presented her with flowers and hugs.

The evening continued with the SHS girls supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month with an All-Out-Pink-Out night. The gym was filled with pink banners, ribbons and balloons, as well as pink goodies in the concession stand. The players presented the women in the audience who were survivors, and those who were currently fighting breast cancer with roses. They followed the presentation with a public announcement on breast cancer facts. As their names were announced they threw the fans pink volleyballs. The girls raised funds for breast cancer research and support by selling T-shirts and baked goods, and they want to thank the community for their support.

SHS won the first game in extra points 27-25. It was a hard fought battle against Hamilton County. Game 2 came a little easier for the Lady 'Dogs with a 25-17 win. They lost some momentum and were out scored by the Lady Trojans in game 3, 20-25. Although the Trojans put up a good fight in game 4, the Lady 'Dogs won 25-20. Top scorers were Stacey Owens: 11 service points; Mallory Morgan with 11 service points; Lilly Wyche, 10 service points; Jordan Roberts, 9 service points, and Sarah Futch 7 service points.

The Bulldogs advanced to the districts which began Tuesday at Rickards in Tallahassee.

SHS JV defeated Hamilton County in three games: 25-15, 25-16 and 15-7.

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### 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.

### Today's Weather

#### Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 10/24	Thu 10/25	Fri 10/26
<b>86/63</b> Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	<b>87/66</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>85/67</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 6:52 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:51 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM

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# 'Dogs fall to Wakulla

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to 22-7. The 'Dogs were unable to make any yards, so it's back to the Eagles. With a little over a minute and a half left to go in the first half, the eagles yet again took it in for another touchdown and extra point. The score was 30-7 Eagles. It looked like the 'Dogs were not going to be able to get another score, but a couple of minutes before the buzzer, a reverse play to Washington re-

sulted in a big touchdown for the 'Dogs. The kick by Ross was good and the score was 30-14, Eagles, at the half.

The third quarter began with some flags for the Eagles and the 'Dogs got the ball, but not for long. Near the end of the third quarter, the Eagles scored again and the extra point bringing the score to 37-14. For the remainder of the quarter and the game, neither team was able to make any real yardage and no point gains.



Daquez Strickland in action.



Trevor Ross kicks for the Bulldogs. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

# Bullpup football is undefeated

By Andrew McGee  
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The place to be Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. is Paul Langford Stadium to help support our undefeated Bullpups. They play the Baker County Wildcats.

The 'Pups have had a fantastic season. They are currently 6 and 0 with one game to go. If they win their next game, they'll play a conference game.

There are two conferences, an east and a west. Suwannee is leading the east and Madison the west.

This coming Thursday, if the 'Pups win against the Wildcats, they'll play Madison here at home at Paul Langford Stadium.

Head coach Brad Scarborough related an intense game the 'Pups played against the Lake City Falcons this season that by halftime, both teams were tied 16-16. The game ended up going into four overtimes.

"The final score was 46-44," said Scarborough. "There were about 1,300 people. We sold over 1,000 tickets."

According to Scarborough, the game was what they refer to as a "black-out" game. A student had

designed some black T-shirts for the 'Pups. It was motivationally-spirited as they sold over 150 of the shirts to the student body.

Another much-notable game that caused a major upset for their opponent was in Madison County at their homecoming. According to Scarborough, no team had beat Madison County on their home turf in over 12 years.

According to Scarborough, the 'Pups have averaged 34 points per game this season. A few of the star players are Steven Anderson, Jamari Wheelre, Arantez Hunter and Sam McMillan.

"These kids have been together for six months," said Scarborough. "Four days a week they've worked out together. They've done it through hard work."

Defensive Coordinator Matt Frier said they have done well.

"I'm proud of the kids. It starts with hard work," said Frier. "They need to work hard, be disciplined and work hard in school. These kids know football. Hard coaching is what they need. This year to next year, they need to accept it. That's their biggest chal-

lenge."

Make sure to mark your

calendar for Oct. 25 to

Bullpups at Paul Langford

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them on. Go 'Pups!

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# Bulldogs win three set match over Bucs

By Andrew McGee  
andrew.mcgee@gafnews.com

Thursday night, Oct. 18, the Suwannee Bulldog varsity volleyball team defeated the Branford Buccaneers.

The 'Dogs were able to win the first three matches bringing the game to a close. The first match

score was 25-19, the second, 25-19 and the third was 25-13. The Bucs often held their own and played with much determination and heart, but were unable to get the victory.

This was senior night for the 'Dogs. Macy Fields (manager) and Stacey Owens were honored.



Daycia Bandy of SHS in action. - Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

## Halloween Costume Bash

Saturday, October 27

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# High school football team cleared of stealing signals

CNHI News Service

VALDOSTA, Ga. - South Georgians take football as seriously as church and patriotism, and it comes as no surprise that high school football teams in a city dubbed "Tidetown USA" might adopt a few professional tactics - even dirty ones.

The Lowndes County High School Vikings were accused of stealing opponents' signs until the Georgia High School Association

ruled this week that the team and its coach, Randy McPherson, had done nothing wrong.

The allegation was leveled by Rush Propst, coach of the Colquitt County Packers, who lost to Lowndes, 17-14, in a home game on Sept. 28. Propst said the Vikings had an assist from a former Packers coach, Buzz Payne, who watched the Colquitt side with a pair of binoculars and told Lowndes coaches whether his former team

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

CASE NO. 612012CP-105-XX

IN RE: The Estate of

RAYMOND HATTAM,

Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order Admitting Foreign Will to Record has been entered in the estate of RAYMOND HATTAM, deceased, File No. 612012CP-105 XX, by the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is, 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida 32064; that the decedent's date of death was December 8, 2011; that the total cash value of the Florida estate is less than \$50,000.00, that the names and addresses of those to whom are entitled to it are:

Name & Address:

Evelyn Eleanor Hattam  
87 Springfield Dr.  
San Francisco, CA 94132

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order Admitting Foreign Will to Record must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 October 17, 2012.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:  
LAW OFFICE OF  
DANA EDMISTEN HILL  
BY: /s/ Dana Edmisten Hill  
DANA EDMISTEN HILL  
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Person Giving Notice:  
/s/ Eleanor Hattam  
EVELYN ELEANOR HATTAM  
87 Springfield Dr.  
San Francisco, CA 94132  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 12-217-CC

SUSTER, a Partnership,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

TAMMY V. BRYANT and REGINA HARRIS, IF THEY OR EITHER OF THEM BE LIVING, OR IF THEY OR EITHER OF THEM BE DEAD, THEIR RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVICES, LEGATEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, OR TRUSTEES; AND THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVICES, LEGATEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, OR TRUSTEES OF LINDA MAURER, a/k/a LINDA YVONNE MAURER, and WILLIAM MAURER, a/k/a WILLIAM ALLEN MAURER, BOTH DECEASED,  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: TAMMY V. BRYANT, REGINA HARRIS and ALL UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS listed in the caption above, who identities and whereabouts are unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a Mortgage on the following described property:

TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH - RANGE 12 EAST

Section 7: Commence at the NE corner of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and run West 330 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence run West 330 feet; thence run South 660 feet; thence run East 330 feet; thence run North 660 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Eddie M. Anderson, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 1179, Lake City, Florida 32056-1179, no later than thirty (30) days after 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. There may be money owed to you after a foreclosure sale. You may contact the clerk of the court at (386) 362-0500 for information on what you need to do to get the money. You do not need to hire an attorney or other representative to get this money.

DATED On October 17, 2012.

(Court Seal) BARRY A. BAKER  
Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Jillian Buchanan  
As Deputy Clerk

10/24, 31

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

CASE NO.: 12-70-CA

CHARLES R. HOWES,

Plaintiff,

## Suwannee Legals

vs.

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

Defendants.

### NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JOHN C. HICKS AND PEGGY C. HICKS, and any and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under, and against the herein named defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees or other claimants.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

Begin at concrete marker at the Southeast corner of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 10, township 2 South, Range 12 East, Suwannee County, Florida; thence West 662.80 feet; thence North 669.40 feet to concrete marker for the point of beginning; thence North 1338.81 feet; thence West 331.25 feet to the point of beginning; less the South 30 feet easement.

Together with a easement for ingress over and across the following described property:

A 60 foot Easement for Ingress and Egress over part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, and part of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of Section 10, All in Township 2 South, Range 12 east, Suwannee County, Florida lying 30 foot either side of and parallel to the following described centerline; For point of reference commence at the Southeast corner of said Northwest 1/4, thence run South 89 deg 14'17" W along the South line of said Northwest 1/4, a distance of 895.42 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run North 00 deg 38'29" West, a distance of 1979.26 feet; thence run North 18 deg 45'32" East, a distance of 700.31 feet; thence run North 00 deg 38'52" W, a distance of 669.40 feet; thence run North 89 deg 13'22" East, a distance of 2650.41 feet to the terminus of said easement.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Brandon Strickland, Strickland Law Firm, P.L., 3132 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Coral Gables, FL 33134, within thirty days after 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 this 12th day of September, 2012.

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

By: /s/ Sharon Hale  
As Deputy Clerk

/s/ Brandon L. Strickland  
Attorney for Plaintiff

Strickland Law Firm, P.L.  
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10/17, 24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 10000237CA

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD B. DEAS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICHARD B. DEAS; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; LVNV FUNDING, INC; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2,

Defendants.

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Suwannee County, Florida, will on the 15th day of November, 2012, at 11:00 A.M. at the Front steps, 200 S Ohio Avenue, Suwannee County Courthouse in Live Oak, Florida 32064, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situated in Suwannee County, Florida:

PART OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 13 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FOR POINT OF REFERENCE COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF SAID NE 1/4; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 29'22" EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 487.15 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 90; THENCE RUN SOUTH 63 DEGREES 51'52" EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 72.71 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES

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29'22" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 139.52 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 21'38" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 148.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 41 DEGREES 25'28" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 133.68 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF FIFTH STREET; THENCE RUN NORTH 45 DEGREES 50'22" WEST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 27.86 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 28'28" EAST A DISTANCE OF 184.73 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 09 DEGREES 50'11" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 57.51 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 64 DEGREES 12'18" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 127.53 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 28'28" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 105.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 20th day of September, 2012.

If you are a person with a disability who needs accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, for the provision of the certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064, Telephone (386) 364-3498 within 7 working days of your receipt of this document. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

(Court Seal) Barry A. Baker  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Sharon Hale  
Deputy Clerk

10/17, 24

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

CASE NO.61-2012-CA-000011

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

LINDA G. FRAYER, ET AL.

DEFENDANT(S).

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 20, 2012 in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Suwannee, Florida, on November 20, 2012, at 11:00 A.M., at Front steps of courthouse-200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064 for the following described property:

Part of the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and part of the S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 11, Township 3 South, Range 13 East, Suwannee County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: For point of reference commence at the Southwest corner of said NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 thence run N 00 deg. 43'45" West along the West line of said SE 1/4 a distance of 657.00 feet; thence run N 88 deg. 27'45" East, a distance of 74.58 feet to the East right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 129 and the point of beginning; thence run N 00 deg. 39'52" WEST ALONG SAID EST RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 342.38 FEET; THENCE RUN N 88 DEG. 33'04" East, a distance of 585.03 feet; thence run S 00 deg. 43'45" East, a distance of 305.84 feet; thence run S 88 deg 31'18" West, a distance of 363.00 feet; thence run S 00 deg. 43'45" East, a distance of 36.00 feet; thence run S 88 deg. 27'45" West, a distance of 222.43 feet to the point of beginning.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

Barry A. Baker  
As Clerk

By: /s/ Sharon Hale  
Deputy Clerk of the Court

10/17, 24

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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

CASE NO. 61-2010-CA-000331

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Plaintiff,

vs.

EVERETT M. SAPP, TAMMY SAPP A/K/A TAMMY DRIVER, M&I BANK FSB, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on September 19, 2012, in the Circuit Court of Suwannee County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Suwannee County, Florida described as:

PARCEL 1: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN

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NORTH 210 FEET, WEST 210 FEET, SOUTH 210 FEET; EAST 210 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID LANDS LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 11 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PARCEL 2: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 3 S., RANGE 11 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN N 89 DEG. 41'41" EAST ALONG THE SECTION LINE 54.95 FEET; THENCE RUN N 01 DEG. 12'31" EAST 233.48 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89 DEG. 13'16" WEST 349.65 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00 DEG. 33'50" EAST 230.41 FEET TO THE SECTION LINE; THENCE RUN N 89 DEG. 41'41" EAST ALONG THE SECTION LINE 287.48 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SUBJECT TO EXISTING COUNTY GRADED ROAD

and commonly known as: 22305 120TH ST., LIVE OAK, FL 32060; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, Sales are held on the front steps of the Suwannee County Courthouse, on November 15, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Barry A. Baker

By: /s/ Sharon Hale  
Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO.: 11-263-CA

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

Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTOPHER W. HOWARD and LAURA HOWARD, DISCOVER BANK ASSET ACCEPTANCE LLC, and LHR, INC., as Successor in interest to BANK OF AMERICA, ET AL.,

Defendants.

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Barry A. Baker, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Suwannee County, Florida, will on the 20th day of November, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at the North Door at the Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064 offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Suwannee County, Florida, to-wit:

The East 24.00 feet of Lot 3 and the West 92.00 feet of Lot 4 Block 6 of MAYNOR SUBDIVISION, as recorded in Plat Book 1, page 97, public records of Suwannee County, Florida.

Pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is as set out above, and the docket number of which is 11-263-CA. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim with sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 27th day of September, 2012.

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TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD MEETING

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: November 7, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Suwannee County Extension Office located at 1302 11 Street SW, in Live Oak, Florida 32064-3611

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 business days before the meeting by contacting 352.955.2200. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1.800. 955.8771 (TDD) or 1.800. 955.8770 (Voice).

If any person desires to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.  
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for his Packers to move on.

"All I can control is our football team and the direction it needs to go," said Propst, the former coach of the Hoover, Ala., High School football team featured in the MTV television series, "Two-A-Days."

Lowndes superintendent Wes Taylor defended his coach and noted the "high standard" to which school employees are held.

Football fever is just

getting started in this city, which ESPN has dubbed "Tidetown USA." On Friday the undefeated Vikings will meet their crosstown rivals, the Valdosta High School Wildcats, in the game known locally as the Winnersville Classic.

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Details for this story were reported by the Valdosta, Ga., Daily Times and the Moultrie, Ga., Observer.

# Bucs beat 'Dogs in girls JV volleyball

By Andrew McGee  
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Oct. 18, at Suwannee High School gym, the girl's junior varsity Buccaneers volleyball

team won against the Suwannee Bulldogs. The Bucs were able to win the first two matches for the best two out of three. The first match score was 25-17. The second score, the teams seemed more even-

ly matched with a narrow point margin, but Bucs were able to pull it ahead with a 25-22 win.

**Branford stats:**  
Sophomore, Christell Sanders had 2 aces and 3 kills.

Freshman, Cora Daly had 1 ace and 10 kills.

Freshman, Charlee Briggs had 2 aces.

Freshman, Taylor Sapp had 2 aces and 1 kill.

Freshman, Chelsey Jackson

had 1 kill.

8th grader, Cameron Cassube had 5 aces and 1 kill.

8th grader, Jessica Mott had 1 ace and 3 kills.

8th grader, Maria Daly had 1 ace



Let the matches begin - Photo: Andrew McGee

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