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## School reconfiguration in talks

If approved, Suwannee Primary, Elementary and Intermediate schools would all teach grades Pre-K through 5

By Bryant Thigpen  
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Reconfiguration could soon be in the works for Suwannee County schools.

Director of Curriculum, Dawn Lamb, stood before the Suwannee County School Board on Tuesday, Dec. 11 in a workshop, and presented a plan that con-

sisted of steps she will be taking in the coming months to review the possibility of reconfiguring the schools.

"I'm letting the board know we are planning to begin discussion on reconfiguration," Lamb told board members.

The schools are Suwannee Primary School, which

currently offers Pre-K through first grade; Suwannee Elementary School, grades 2-3; and Suwannee Intermediate School, grades 4-5.

If approved, the schools would be transformed into three distinct elementary

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## City could sink thousands into sinkhole

By Bryant Thigpen  
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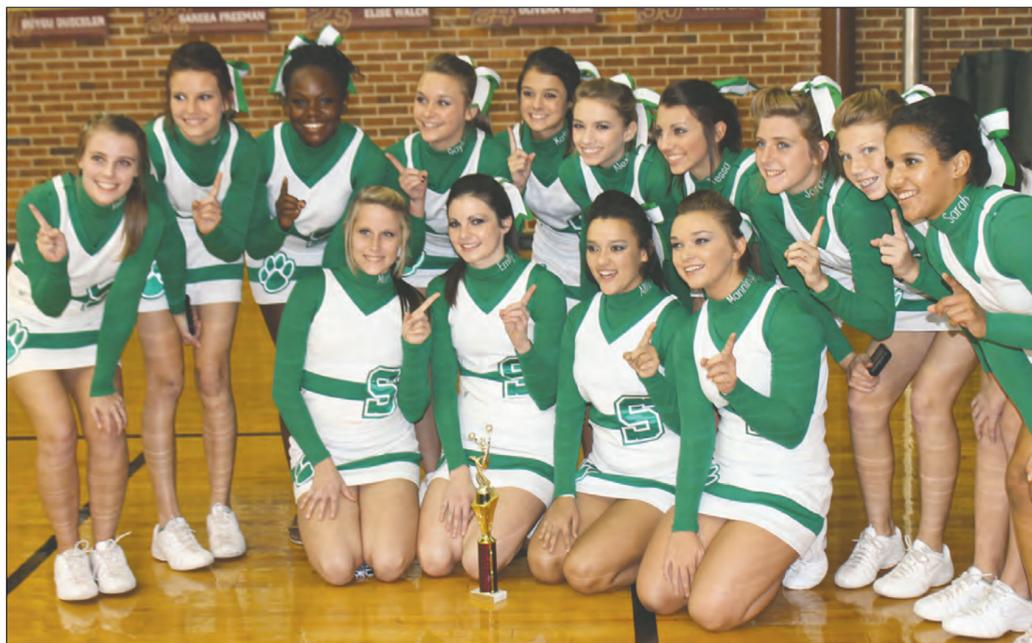
A sinkhole that was initially estimated to be repaired at \$40,000 is now looking to cost over \$600,000. The Live Oak City Council was handed the news at their regular meeting Tuesday night after the crisis became known to Public Works Director Brent Whitman.

The flood water from TS Debby is gone for the most part, but public officials are still dealing with sinkholes that have plagued the city and county as a result of the storm. The sinkhole at the intersection of Houston Avenue and Maple Street could become very costly for the city.

Lane Lucas, project manager for Eutaw Utilities, told the councilors, "The

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## 1st place!



- Photo: Tresca Anderson

The Suwannee High School JV cheerleaders participated in their first cheer competition on Saturday, Dec. 8 at Florida State University in the "Battle in the Capital" and received first place in the Junior Varsity category. See sports, page 1B to learn more.

## City looks to extend alcohol sales hours

Will follow suit of county ordinance, minus hard liquor sales on Sunday

By Bryant Thigpen  
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The city of Live Oak's development manager was tasked Tuesday night

to draft an amendment to an ordinance that would extend the hours of alcohol sales. If passed, the new hours would mimic the county's ordinance save for one exception - hard liquor sales on Sunday. The county voted Nov. 20 to extend the

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## Teachers graded by new DOE system

Some data incorrect, says superintendent

By Bryant Thigpen  
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Of the 416 classroom teachers evaluated by the new Florida Department of Education evaluation system, 66 were rated highly

effective, 265 effective and 30 needs improvement. Nine were deemed unsatisfactory, according to the figures released Thursday, Dec. 6 by the DOE.

The DOE pulled the original data back, saying it was inaccurate. The new

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## Warren Street sinkhole City vs. Civilians

"The city does not do anything on private property. I don't buy buildings. All I'm trying to do is get my roads fixed."

- Public Works Director Brent Whitman

By Andrew McGee  
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The city of Live Oak and at least one owner of two condemned buildings in downtown Live Oak are at odds with one another which is stalling the repair of Warren Street.

The street from Ohio Avenue to Pine Avenue has been closed since late June when TS Debby wreaked her havoc here. A sinkhole formed partially under the road and two commercial buildings that back Warren Street. The two buildings were closed to the public soon thereafter

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## More toys needed

Over 400 kids to benefit from Sparky this year

By Andrew McGee  
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The Live Oak Fire Department's Toys for Sparky's Kids program already has over 400 kids signed up to receive toys this Christmas.

"We have 402 signed up right

now. Last year we did 474, but we don't set a goal," said LOFD Training Officer Alan Bedenbaugh, who coordinates the event each year. "If I had enough toys for 1,000 kids, I would do it. Right now, we've closed the list."

He explained that when he gets more toys in, he'll open up the requests again to take down names.

"I don't want to put people's name down if I can't take care of

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Fireman Mike Baan looking some of the toys over. - Photo: Andrew McGee

The Old Dog Says  
"Good job girls."



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## City could sink thousands into sinkhole

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magnitude of this became apparent (Tuesday), and that's why we're here telling you tonight."

The emergency the city is facing is in time and money.

"So far, we've racked up \$71,000, and as of right now, we've only done the perimeter (of the sinkhole)," said Lucas.

Lucas explained the process of filling a sinkhole to the panel and said costs could exceed \$600,000.

The project is currently being paid in full by the Department of Transportation. That will soon end.

The city is under great urgency to complete the grouting by DOT's deadline.

"The 100 percent reimbursement by DOT ends Monday (Dec. 17) at midnight," Lucas said. "After that, it becomes an 80/20 split, DOT paying 80 percent and the city paying 20 percent."

Lucas reported to the panel that crew members

are working around the clock pumping grout into the sinkhole until it's filled. He said the contractors are confident they can get the job done by the mandated deadline.

Still, Lucas offered no guarantees of a fixed solution.

"There's no way to tell if the grout will fix the problem," he said.

Whitman said the sinkhole on Church Street started with a contract of \$450,000, but ended up only being \$240,000.



Crew members are working around the clock hoping to complete repairing the sinkhole by the deadline set by the Department of Transportation. - Photo: Bryant Thigpen

## Warren Street sinkhole

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and were condemned.

The owners of the buildings, John Chambliss and John Robinson, and the city of Live Oak have been waiting on each other to make the first move.

According to Chambliss, the city is waiting for him and Robinson to knock down the structures before they go in to repair the street. Chambliss wants the city to buy their condemned buildings and tear them down. Chambliss claims that the cost for the city to have the buildings torn down would be significantly cheaper than it would be for them, the owners, to have done.

"If they go and repair the road, its (building) just going to fall down," said Chambliss. "I was hoping the city would buy the building. If they bought mine and Robinson's, they could knock them down and it would be a lot cheaper."

According to the city's public works director, the option to buy the buildings isn't going to fly.

"The city does not do anything on private property. I don't buy buildings," said Public Works Director Brent Whitman. "All I'm trying to do is get my roads fixed."

A hearing has been scheduled for Jan. 24 to decide the fate of the buildings and the future of Warren Street.

## Arrest Record

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

The following abbreviations are used below:

- SCSO-Suwannee County Sheriff's Office
- LOPD-Live Oak Police Department
- FDLE-Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- FHP-Florida Highway Patrol
- FWC-Florida Wildlife Commission
- DOT-Department of Transportation
- OALE-Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement
- P & P-Probation and Parole
- USMS-US Marshals Service
- ATF-Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
- DOC-Department of Corrections
- Dec 11, Richard Demetrius Cooks, 26, 130 Horizon Circle, Live Oak, FL, Poss Cannabis W/Int Sel, Poss Cocaine W/Int Sel, Montgomery Co PA-VOP O/C Uttering a Forgery; Resist W/Viol; Assault: SCSODTF- R.

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Dec 11, Walter Levon Marlow, 40, 106 Dayla Lane, Columbia, TN, Poss -20G Cannabis: OALE- T. Nobles

Dec 11, Jonathan Allen Raines, 38, 3140 Ostella Rd, Cornersville, TN, Poss -20G Cannabis: OALE- T. Nobles

Dec 11, Darrell Anthony Marshall, 24, RMC, Lake Butler, FL, Return for Court: SCSO- A. Loston

Dec 12, Dyland Beam, 20, 1405 W Duval St, Live Oak, FL, Poss Cntl Subst: SCSO- Stevenson

Dec 12, Curtis Lewis Mitchell, 22, 399 NW Bascom Norris Dr, Lake City, FL, Burglary of Structure, Grand Theft III: SCSO- T. Ford/A. Loston

Dec 12, Cody Dallas Lane, 20, Lake City C.F., Lake City, FL, VOP O/C Burg of Structure: SCSO- T. Ford/A. Loston

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# Shenandoah thanks SMS FFA



Tania Henderson, from left, Maggie Reaves, Kaleb Dye, Cody Daniel and Sara Beth Lee. Courtesy photos



Sunnybell and Got Milk cows.

## Ag Cost-Share Partners Save 315 million gallons of water annually

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) Governing Board approved 32 agricultural cost-share projects saving an estimated 315 million gallons annually or 863,000 gallons per day. The District is investing \$1.5 million dollars to partner with agricultural producers to implement water conservation projects such as irrigation retrofits and new water saving technologies. Participants are required to implement best management practices and voluntarily participate in the District's water use monitoring program. Agricultural producers from across Alachua, Columbia, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Suwannee counties were approved for their water saving projects. The total District cost is \$512,575 with the growers contributing a total of \$247,825 or 33 percent

of the equipment costs. Typical projects include installing subsurface drip irrigation systems, center pivot swing arms that eliminate end guns, soil moisture probes, weather stations and remote monitor controllers. Governing Board Chair Don Quincey stated "the program is cost effective and provides incentives to growers that benefit our water resources. The interest in the District's Ag cost-share program demonstrates the importance of partnering with the agricultural community to make a positive difference in conserving our water supplies," said Don Quincey. The next application funding opportunity for the second quarter ends Jan. 4, 2013. For more information, please contact SR-WMD Ag-Team member Kevin Wright, P.E., at 386.362.1001.

## Retirement celebrations

Please join us in a retirement celebration for Marilyn V Wimberley, Lafayette County Tax Collector and Lana B. Morgan O'Steen,

Lafayette County Supervisor of Elections. The drop in retirement celebration will be on Tuesday, Dec. 18, from 2-5 p.m. with

the ceremony starting at 2 p.m. The celebration will be held at the Lafayette County Courthouse, Mayo, Fla. Refreshments will be served.

Shenandoah Dairy would like to thank the Suwannee Middle School FFA Chapter for all of their hard work and help at Christmas on the Square. The FFA members, along with their advisor Anne Etcher, helped young children feed and pet the baby calves, kept the pen clean

and answered questions about the calves. Some members even volunteered to wear the Sunnybell cow costume.

Every year the SMS FFA helps Shenandoah Dairy with our booth and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you SMS FFA!

### 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.

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# Scott receives degree Sasquash sighting

GRACEVILLE, Fla.— Anda Scott received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Leadership with magna cum laude honors from The Baptist College of Florida, Graceville, Florida. BCF President Thomas A. Kinchen bestowed degrees on graduating students during commencement services held Friday, Dec. 7, 2012.

Scott is the daughter of Jeff and Melody Scott of Live Oak, Fla. She is the granddaughter of Allison and Elizabeth Scott of Live Oak, and Joy and Grady Chambless of Dawson, Ga. Scott is a 2009 graduate of Freedom School and a member of the First Baptist Church in Live Oak, Fla.

Following graduation, Scott plans to continue her education at Troy University in Dothan, Ala. to pursue a Master of Arts in Business Administration.

The Baptist College of Florida is an agency of the Florida Baptist Convention and is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of



BCF graduate Anda Scott.

the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to offer certificates and associate, baccalaureate and graduate degrees in the areas of ministry, biblical studies, leadership and Christian counseling, missions,

Christian education, elementary education, English, history and social studies, business leadership, music, contemporary worship ministry, Christian studies, and music education.



Lyn and her "giant" of the bunch.

By Andrew McGee  
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Lyn Ashton, 56, of Live Oak has been growing pumpkins for years, but this one got a lot bigger than what she normally grew.

Ashton, originally from Trinidad says she had nine of the Calabaza or better

known as the West Indian Pumpkin growing on a vine and only the one pictured grew to the enormous size of 27 pounds. They are normally indigenous to Central and South Americas as well as the Caribbean. These huge pumpkin-like squash are not only edible, but have also been dug and dried out (gourds) and used to carry water.

## Tillman/Townsend Wedding reminder

Clif and Angie Townsend of Live Oak, Fla., would like to remind you of the upcoming wedding of their daughter Dale Moran Townsend to Daniel Brett Tillman, son of Bruce and Suzanne Tillman, of Live Oak, Fla.

The wedding is planned for Dec. 15, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. at the home of the bride in Live Oak, Fla.

No invitations are being sent locally. All family and friends of the couple are cordially invited to attend.

## Visit Santa

Friends and neighbors of Coliseum and Sandra Avenues invite you to bring your children and grandchildren to visit with Santa on Dec. 14 from 6-8 p.m. Don't forget to bring your camera if you want a photo with Santa and your children. Coliseum and Sandra Avenues is just off 11th Street, across from the Suwannee County Coliseum.

## Out-of-the-box themes for your holiday party

Parties are an integral part of the holiday season, when friends and family gather to celebrate and give thanks. For holiday hosts, parties are a great opportunity to make the season even more festive with an event that guests won't soon forget. The following are just a few themes to make your holiday party as memorable as it is merry.

\* Christmas sweater party: Christmas sweater parties have grown in popularity over the last decade, when revelers have tried to outdo one another with the most outrageous holiday-themed sweater. Give prizes for the most outlandish sweater and let guests know early on so they can begin their hunt for a holiday sweater that's so ugly or outrageous you can't help but love it.

\* Christmas costume party: Costume parties aren't just for Halloween. This holiday season, consider making your holiday bash a costume party, encouraging guests to dress up as their favorite characters from holiday tales like "Frosty the Snowman," "A Christmas Carol" or any of the host of beloved holiday legends.

\* Caribbean Christmas: The weather

come the holiday season may be the one thing to put a damper on the festivities. To combat blue feelings from potentially inclement weather, consider a Caribbean theme for your holiday party this season. Rather than wearing sweaters and long pants, wear beach attire and give the party a touch of the Caribbean. Outfit your home in beach decor and serve food and drinks reminiscent of the Caribbean instead of more traditional holiday fare like eggnog and gingerbread cookies.

\* Film festival: Holiday movies are another tradition of the season, so why not invite friends and family over for a holiday film marathon? Include classics like "It's a Wonderful Life" and "A Christmas Story" and encourage guests to submit their own favorites for consideration.

\* Christmas karaoke: For those who love to belt out their favorite holiday tunes, consider throwing a Christmas karaoke party that allows guests to perform their own renditions of their favorite Christmas carols. Purchase a home karaoke set and ask guests in advance of the party if there are any particular songs they'd like to perform.



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**OBITUARIES**

**Judy Zuck**  
Dec. 7, 1942  
Dec. 11, 2012

Judy Zuck age 70, of Live Oak, Fla. passed away Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012 at Suwannee Health Care Center following a lengthy illness. She was a native of Port Huron, MI moving to Live Oak in 2000 from Lehigh Acres, Fla.

She is survived by her husband, Dean Zuck, Gainesville, Fla.; one son, Richard Zuck, Sandiango, CA; one daughter, Debbie Farmer, Live Oak, Fla.; one brother, John Gustke, Dandridge, TN; one sister, Donna Clifford, Michigan; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Please sign the guest book at [www.harrisfuneralhome-inc.net](http://www.harrisfuneralhome-inc.net).

Harris Funeral Home & Cremations, Inc., Live Oak, Fla. is in charge of all arrangements.

**Keith Robert DeMoss**  
Dec. 11, 2012

Keith Robert DeMoss, 41, of Live Oak died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012 at his residence. A native of Melbourne, Fla., Keith had lived in Suwannee County for most of his life. He graduated from Suwannee High School where he played drums in the marching band. He was a Veteran having served in the U.S. Air Force, and enjoyed fishing and riding the tractor farming. Keith was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Live Oak. Keith was preceded in death by his mother, Patsy Hawley; grandparents, Bob and Lena DeMoss, and brother Robbie DeMoss.

Keith is survived by his father and step mother Robert "Bob" DeMoss (Chriss) of Live Oak; brothers, Chuck DeMoss Valentine (Donna) of Live Oak, and Jim DeMoss (Kelly) of Talladega, AL; Aunt, Marlene Williams of McAlpin, Fla.; one niece and 2 nephews; many aunts, uncles, and cousins also survive.

Funeral Mass for Keith DeMoss will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Live Oak with Father Andrzej

Mitera, Celebrant. Visitation with the family will be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday evening at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Building Fund, 928 Howard Street East, Live Oak, Fla. 32064. Arrangements are under the direction of GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME, 3596 S. HWY 441, Lake City. (386) 752-1954. Please leave words of love and comfort for the family at [www.gatewayforest-lawn.com](http://www.gatewayforest-lawn.com)



**Kathleen Faulkner Brumley**  
June 7, 1928  
Dec. 12, 2012

Kathleen Faulkner Brumley age 84, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012 at Unihealth Magnolia Manor South, Moultrie, Ga. Born June 7, 1928 in Mayo, Fla. to the late James William Faulkner and Seay Padgett Faulkner.

Preceded in death by husband James Reid "Frog" Brumley, son Mike Brumley, brothers: Donald Faulkner, Willard Faulkner and James Faulkner.

Survived by son: Richard "Bill" Brumley and wife Linda of Edgewater, Fla., brother Hal Faulkner of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., brother-in-laws: Jake Brumley, Tom Brumley of Oakland Park, Fla., Knut Brumley. Sisters: Bama Norman and husband JA of Moultrie, Ga, Olive Jackson and husband Earnest of Perry, Fla., Norma Harrod of Gettysburg, Pa.

Grandchildren: Mark Brumley, Chris Brumley, Hannah Brumley, Adrain Brumley of Edgewater, Fla., great grandchild: Jarsali Brumley of Edgewater, Fla. step children and numerous nieces and nephews.

Kathleen was a member

of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Moultrie, Ga. She was a bookkeeper for 23 years at X Bar Ranch, Okeechobee, Fla. Kathleen was involved with Farm Bureau-County Chairman, Director President, Vice President, District Women's Chairman, Vice-Chairman women, Member F.B. 41 years, PTA President, 4-H Leader, Sunday school teacher, Queen Mother Saddle Club, Secretary, Little League Football, Cub Scout Leader, Member Fla. Cattlewomen, Honors Outstanding Service 4-H, 20 years serving Broward C.F. Bureau, Volunteer as a Pink Lady at Colquitt regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Dec. 15 at 3:30 p.m., Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Mayo, Fla. officiating will be Rev. Andy Cashwell assisted by Rev. Stanley Norman.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Baker Funeral Home, [www.bakerfuneral-homeofmoultrie.com](http://www.bakerfuneral-homeofmoultrie.com)

**George Davis Jr. "Kitten"**  
Dec. 5, 2012

George Davis Jr., age 80, former resident of Live Oak, FL, died Dec. 5, 2012 in Hawthorne, Fla. Mr. Davis served honorably in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a retired mechanic and the owner of B & B Garage in Live Oak. He moved to Hawthorne, Fla. four years ago with his daughter due to declining health. He's survived by his daughter, Leatha Davis, Hawthorne, Fla.; 4 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; a sister, Angela Davis Daniels, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral Services will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012 at New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Live Oak, Fla. Moderator L.C. Hunt is Pastor, Rev. Nelson Perry Jr. is Eulogist. Burial will be in Jacksonville National Cemetery. Viewing on Saturday at the church 9:30 - 11 a.m. No viewing after the eulogy. Services Entrusted to PINKNEY-SMITH FUNERAL HOME, 21400 SE HAWTHORNE ROAD, HAWTHORNE, FL (352) 481-2903.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Daniel Baker**  
Dec. 6, 2012

Daniel Baker age 64 of Live Oak, Fla. passed away Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012 at Coastal Rehab center in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Funeral service will be Saturday, Dec. 15 at Triumph The Church & Kingdom of God in Christ Church Live Oak, Fla. Shepard LeeAnn Charlton Pastor, Rev. Abraham Robinson officiating.

Burial will be in the Delaware Cemetery.

Bennie Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of all the arrangements.

**Leroy Holmes**  
May 27, 1934  
Dec. 8, 2012

Delma Ford age 78 of McApin, Fla. passed away Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012 at Shands Medical Center, Gainesville, Fla.

Funeral service will be Saturday, Dec. 15 at Eenez A.M.E. church at 11 a.m. Rev. Charles Graham Pastor, Rev Larry Jelks officiating.

Burial will be in the South Live Oak Cemetery.

Bennie Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of all the arrangements.

**Delma Ford**  
Dec. 7, 2012

Delma Ford age 54 of St. Petersburg, Fla. passed away Friday, Dec. 7, 2012 at Bayfront Medical Center, St Petersburg, Fla.

Funeral service will be Saturday, Dec. 15 at Mt. Moriah IAME Church (Padlock) Live Oak, Fla. at 11 a.m. Rev. Floyd Jones Pastor: Rev. Henry Smart officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Friday evening at Bennie Thomas Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Beulah Cemetery.

Bennie Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of all the arrangements.

**Love INC fund-raiser features Internationally acclaimed Southern Gospel legend Ivan Parker**

All proceeds will benefit the 2013 budget for Love INC of Suwannee County. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$25 for Artist's Circle seats which feature a meet and greet with Ivan Parker ...these tickets would make great Christmas gifts for your family and friends and help Love INC



Parker

Internationally acclaimed Southern gospel legend Ivan Parker will bring his wonderful music to Live Oak at Westwood Baptist Church Jan. 24, 2013 to benefit Love INC (Love In The Name of Christ). Love INC is a "faith based" non-profit organization in Live Oak whose mission is to mobilize the church to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ (INC).

Tickets are available early so those who wish to purchase tickets as Christmas gifts can do so. General admission is \$10, and a special Artist's Circle ticket is available for \$25. The Artist's Circle ticket entitles the holder to attend a special meet and greet with Parker a half hour before the concert. This will be a special time to chat with the artist and have your photo taken with him.

Ivan Parker is perhaps best known for being a regular on the Gaither Homecoming series and is featured on most of the Gaither videos. In the gospel music world, Ivan has been voted Favorite Male Vocalist 12 times, Soloist of the Year nine times and received many other awards during his career. He's traveled world-wide to spread the gospel through music and formed The Trio with Kirk Talley and Anthony Burger in 1999 which continues to hold concerts all over the world and sing with the Gaither Homecoming series concerts. Ivan's most remembered recordings include "Midnight Cry," "I Choose," "Hit The Ground Running," "That Was Then, This Is Now," "Redeemer," "It's True," "Sing," and many, many other great Southern Gospel songs.

Ivan and his wife, Teresa, live in Nashville, Tennessee where they own Parker Music Group. Teresa is a Suwannee County girl, raised in Branford.

Please purchase your tickets early as only a limited number of tickets will be available due to seating availability. The concert is being held to help provide the annual operating budget for Love INC. All are encouraged to purchase tickets now as Christmas gifts for your family and friends. These tickets will not only help Love INC but those who get them will have the opportunity to hear one of the greatest Southern Gospel singers ever when Ivan Parker presents his concert Jan. 24, 2012 beginning at 7 p.m. at Westwood Baptist Church in Live Oak.

Tickets are available by calling the Love INC office at 386-330-2671, or The Rev. Dr. Everett L. Parker at 386-754-8524. Tickets may be picked up at the Love INC office in Live Oak, or can be mailed. Tickets also will be available at the door if available. Westwood Baptist Church is located at 920 11th Street Southwest Live Oak, FL 32064.

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

**EVENTS**

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Monday - Thursday at 5 p.m. (by appointment): CJBAT (Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test) at NFCC

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Monday - Thursday at 5 p.m. (by appointment): College Placement Test (CPT),

NFCC Testing Center (Bldg. #16), 5 p.m., Madison

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Arranged by Ed Kee

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**WHERE:** First Baptist Church of Live Oak Family Ministry Building  
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# Viewpoints/Opinions



## 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 Democrat says!

will return next week.

## FROM OUR READERS

From our readers,

Concerning the Dec. 5 broadband article presented by Bryant Thigpen, I would like to thank *The Suwannee Democrat* for keeping the public informed. The article brought up many questions that the Broadband Authority should answer. The Internet provided some background on the National Broadband Plan and its intended purposes.

In a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) press release dated May 27, 2009, Acting FCC Chairman Michael J. Copps reported on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 which established several rural broadband initiatives. In this press release, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack is quoted, "Providing broadband access to rural communities will not only enhance farmers' and ranchers' ability to market goods and enhance production, it will help residents in rural communities obtain needed medical care, gain access to higher education, and benefit from resulting economic activity and job growth."

FCC Commissioner Michael Copps is quoted on the home page of FCC: Broadband Opportunities for Rural America, "Broadband can be the great enabler that restores America's economic well-being and opens doors of opportunity for all Americans to pass through, no matter who they are, where they live, or the particular circumstances of their individual lives." (April 8, 2009)

Under a Rural Development Broadband Loan Program, either public or non-profit rural health care providers are eligible to receive support. Providers can include teaching hospitals or medical schools, community health centers, local health departments or agencies, community mental health centers, not-for-profit hospitals and rural health clinics.

If the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) has obtained \$30 million in grant money (taxpayer dollars) from the government, why was the meeting at the Suwannee Valley Electric Coop, RSVP only? Why a secret? Why not open to the public? They've spent \$25 million of the \$30 million obtained to promote economic development, but need to have RSVP-only meetings! Who were the 30 people invited to the meeting? Why have no residential customers been hooked up? Why has there not been a budget submitted to our Board of Commissioners or to any other boards? Where is their financial report?

*The Democrat* reported that several NFBA board members were present at the private meeting, but none appeared one night later at the commission meeting!

Fifteen counties were slated to participate in this endeavor which could have been good for north Florida. Five have withdrawn.

My final question would be: Is it legal for the executive director of the Florida Institute of Government to receive \$10,000 (now \$7,500) per month to act as a spokesperson for a group who is supposedly spending \$30 million tax dollars to promote the economy? It seems like someone receiving that much money to be an NFBA spokesperson might make a better attempt at earning that money.

From the home page of the NFBA: "The North Florida Broadband Authority, a newly formed government entity established specifically for the purpose of bringing broadband services to the North Florida region, estimates the entire new fiber network will be completed by spring 2012." What happened?

Hopefully someone out there can answer these questions, maybe even someone from the NFBA. In the meantime, the public needs to pay attention to this issue and to ask questions (just as in the similar situation of the sawmill issue). Tax dollars, confidentiality and secret meetings do not mix.

Wendell Snowden

## Rant & Rave

### Want to vent? Our hotline is open 24/7.

Callers to 386-208-8314 may express their thoughts, good or bad, 24/7, about community issues and politics. Private individuals or businesses are excluded from comments and will not be published. If you prefer, you may email your comments to [nf.editorial@gafnews.com](mailto:nf.editorial@gafnews.com). Or, simply visit our website at [www.suwanneedemocrat.com](http://www.suwanneedemocrat.com), click on the Rant & Rave tab on the left and submit your thoughts there. You don't have to give your name. Phone submissions must be no more than one minute long, or exceed 200 words. The same word count holds true for written submissions, such as email messages. Anything over will be discarded. If the constraints are not enough, write a letter to the editor (guidelines for letters appear below).

This town sucks! See u later!!!!

Re: Christmas on the Square

I too Really enjoyed the people that came out, and the promoters did a great job of promoting.

The mix of vender's.. now that is another story.

I thought the "Chamber of Commerce"

Job is to promote Live Oak, & Suwannee county ? and what happened to the CRAFTERS ??? there was so much stuff made 'out of the country'(IE:made in(china,japan,inda) not even USA made. or at least partially hand made. One jewelry type vender had 4/5 spaces. I bet he paid a reduced price for that many. It Was Not hand crafted or even made in the USA products. I'd also like to see the Local factory the made all those gross plastic/leather purses & handbags.. Then the food vender selection was bigger this year too... \$7.00 sandwiches ?? what happened to last years Boy Scouts ? well I think they were there, somewhere in the Out of Town/State venders.

to all of those who are asking for someone else to do things for the, ie restaurant, homeless shelter, Christmas. lights..etc, etc. You should start with doing it your self rather than ask of others..put you money where your mouth is rather than ask for other money.

I don't know about anyone else but this article made the hair on my arm stand up. Aside from all the reasons why several counties were unhappy with NFBA there were other things in the article that caused me to take notice. As if all the other things weren't cause enough but when I read that this company is a government entity I became very concerned. This company wants to serve the schools, library, hospital, government, and emergency providers, not to mention resident users. Big brother will have every piece of information about everyone in this county at their beckon call. Fits in real good with the new health care. I don't like the idea of the government knowing every move I make and every illness I have or when I eat pizza etc. There has to be a better way, I say no to this one! The government already has too much control of the internet we don't need to give it all to them. If it looks like a piece of junk, smells like a piece of junk and feels like a piece of junk you know it is a piece of junk!

Rural North Florida Broadband....Viable? Important? FAILING?

Broadband can and should bridge the digital divide in rural america. Based on low rural density coupled with distance and the absence of infrastructure, installing the capacity is a non starter for private enterprise. The absence of profit will not allow for private development of the infrastructure necessary to connect most rural residents to the internet. USDA and other government programs have targeted this gap as its a real impediment to workforce development and obtaining mainstream resources like ...education/distance learning, etc. If your community doesn't provide available internet connectivity to most of its residents...you just don't compete well in the Economic Development arena. Is the North Florida Broadband Authority doing its job? Apparently there are elected officials who don't think they are and want answers. Have they fixed

the earlier management problems? If so, somebody needs to get that message out there!!

Concerning the need for a homeless shelter in Live Oak because "Frequently there are 3-4 of the same folks who appear to live on the streets"... Did it ever cross your mind that these folks may live on the streets because they choose to do so? Some folks have made a decision to live a vagabond lifestyle and nothing will change that. So why should the taxpayers be burdened with another expense to provide for them? I know it sounds cold hearted but it is an legitimate question.

To the writer who said that Live Oak needs a Cracker Barrel ... why don't you apply for a business loan and open one? You obviously feel there is an opportunity here, so present your business plan to the available lenders and see what they say. Good luck with your idea.

In reply to the writer who thinks that Live Oak needs some additional Christmas decorations ... why don't you write the city a check to pay for those additional decorations? I am sure that they city would be very grateful for your generous donation. Or were you saying that the city should take what little money it has to pay for needed services and spend it on decorations for the holiday season? Surely you are not that silly? Like I said, send them a check earmarked for more decorations and I sure they will say "Thank You". Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Santa Claus is comin' to town. We need cat and dog food. Drop off at your local humane society please.

There seems to be an easy solution to the national debt crisis. Just triple or quadruple the federal tax on all alcohol and tobacco products. Those are the people who should pay to fix the problem anyway. Call it a "sin" tax.

The large Christmas tree downtown on highway 90 west is beautiful. Whoever decorated this did a superb job! Thanks for contributing to making our Live Oak a festive place to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Question: Why is it that on the Suwannee County School Board website a copy of the board's meetings have a section called "personnel changes" which only the board members are privy to? Why not post the complete list of names so the public can access as well as the school board members?

I want to give five stars to our Shands of Live Oak hospital. From the ER to a weeks stay to discharge, very professional, compassionate, caring people. From doctors to housekeeping. Even the cook. She came around to see if we liked the meal. So I want to say thank you for making my stay good. And I hope other people realize we do have a good small hospital.

Rant to Santa Clause - I want some freezing cold weather which you have not provided yet in December. I'd also like some snow before Christmas this year. I have tried to be a good person all year long. If you give me freezing and snow, then I'll leave you cookies on Christmas Eve! Thank you.

I came from Mayo to the Suwannee Democrat Office to place an announcement in the Mayo Free Press. This was to invite the Public of Lafayette County to wish the Tax Collector and Supervisor of Elections well on their retirements. This announcement was not placed in the paper even after I called back to check and another Lady also called and she was assured that it was going in the paper. IT DID NOT! Thanks for nothing.

Next week, Suwannee Primary, Suwannee Elementary, and Suwannee Intermediate students will have a Christmas treat a little early. The students in some of Emily Bass's classes will be performing at the Suwannee High School auditorium for the students to spread some Christmas cheer. Kudos to these students and Emily Bass for doing this for them.

### BIBLE VERSE

"But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship." Galatians 4:4-5 NIV

Please address letters to:

Letters to the editor, Suwannee Democrat, PO Box 370, Live Oak, FL 32064.

Please include your full name, address and daytime phone number. We ask this so we can verify your letter and discuss any questions about it with you.

## ONLINE OPPORTUNITY QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you think the city is moving too slowly making repairs following TS Debby in June?

Poll Results (12-7-12)

What kind of Christmas shopper are you?

Shop early and get done -- 42%  
Last minute -- 21%  
Don't celebrate Christmas -- 36%

Yes

No

This poll is not scientific and reflects the opinions of only those Internet users who have chosen to participate. The results cannot be assumed to represent the opinions of Internet users in general, nor the public as a whole. [www.suwanneedemocrat.com](http://www.suwanneedemocrat.com)

# Sound of Suwannee Band Boosters

Working hard to overcome the challenges



L-R Front: Julianna Roush, Kaleb Dye, Marissa Dye Back: Sara Hinton, Kaitlin Hopkins, Cindy Gregory, Mindell Robinson, Lori Conner, Taylor Bailey, and Laura Bullard

**Submitted**

The Sound of Suwannee Band Boosters and band work hard throughout the year to overcome our financial challenges. The band and color guard travel to many different events, such as football games, parades and competitions. When they go, we pull the trailers and carry the instruments, flags and props to each of these events.

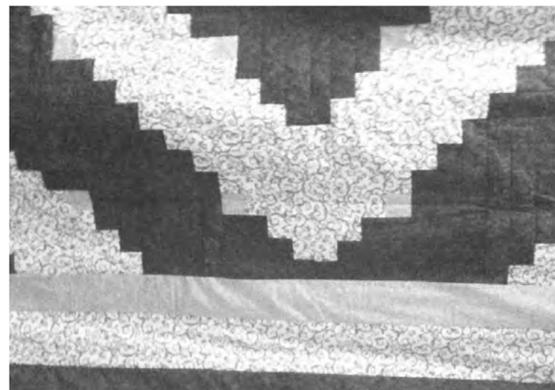
To begin our new school year, we sent out donation requests to local businesses and individuals. However, we didn't have the response we usually have had in the past years, due to TS Debby.

We didn't let this defeat us though. As we opened up the concession stand at the home football games, we also held two fundraisers, a candle fundraiser and a raffle, with the quilt donated by Mrs. Lori Conner. This raffle was very successful as we were able to raise \$486.

We have many upcoming band events and fundraisers. Two of the events occur this week. On Dec. 14 at 7:00 p. m. at the Suwannee High School Auditorium, the band and color guard will be performing with the SHS chorus and dance team. At the concert the boosters will be holding a 50/50 raffle and another quilt raffle. The new quilt has been donated by Mrs. Cyn-die McIntyre. The second event will be held the next day Saturday, Dec. 15 at 1:00 p. m. at the Rumph pavilion at Camp Suwannee located in the Advent Christian Village at Dowling Park. The SHS Glee Club will also be performing. Both of these events are free. Please come out to support not only the band, but the other clubs for either event or both!

If you are interested in donating to the Sound of Suwannee band you can send your donations to P.O. Box 1222, Live Oak, FL 32064 or you can con-

tact Jennifer McGee at 386-249- 1305.



Sound of Suwannee Band Boosters quilt they're raffling off

## City Council round-up

By Bryant Thigpen

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The Live Oak City Council met on Tuesday, Dec. 11, for their regular monthly meeting. Here are some highlights from the meeting.

**Kyle Holder named new OMI regional business manager**

OMI, the company who handles the city's public works needs, introduced Kyle Holder of Hawkinsville, Ga., as the new re-

gional business manager. Holder will be taking over for Brent Stauffer, who was recently terminated from his position.

"I'm looking forward to working with you [council] and the people of Live Oak," Holder said.

**Fire Department and Bruce Borders honor Scott Collins**

Bruce Borders stood before the council on Tuesday night requesting that a sign be placed on Haines Street that would honor fallen Live Oak Fire Department

firefighter Scott Collins. Although the council did not permit the sign to be placed on Haines Street, Fire Chief Chad Croft suggested the sign be placed on the property of the Live Oak Fire Department.

**Speaking of signs ...**

Panel members voted 3-2 to adopt ordinance number 1322, providing guidelines for the naming of streets and public facilities within the city of Live Oak. In short, the ordinance says that if a

person wants to rename a street in honor or in memory of someone, they must pay the city in full for changing the signs, a bill that could range \$3-4,000.

"I can't see using taxpayer's money to rename roads when they already have a name," Chairman Adam Prins said.

Should the ordinance pass after the second and final reading, the city will no longer rename roads at no charge to the requester.

**Post Christmas on the Square**

Christmas on the Square is the city's premier event and draws thousands of people every year. And with thousands of people comes a lot of cleanup, and as Councilman Keith Mixon said, the city should not have to pay the fees for cleaning up after the event.

Todd Hunt of OMI will present Chairman Adam Prins with cleanup costs from the past years for the board to consider at a later meeting.

No action was taken.

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# CRA holds public forum



Prof. Mike Spranger speaks to a large crowd at the CRA's public forum at the Train Depot.

**By Bryant Thigpen**  
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The Live Oak Community Redevelopment Agency held a public forum on Thursday evening, Dec. 6, to hear the thoughts on how the CRA should move forward. The CRA focuses on redeveloping the downtown area and post recovery from TS Debby.

The event was held at the train depot in Live Oak and the CRA was able to reach out and make its presence known in the community.

Katherine Allen, Extension Office director, opened the meeting and welcomed the people to the forum. After a few words by Chairman Jacob Grantham, CRA Director Shannon Ventry shared with the audience the goals and mission of the CRA in the community.

Since the devastation of TS Debby, Ventry has worked diligently with the state of Florida to obtain grants that would help compensate repairing damage.

The CRA developed a post-disaster redevelopment plan, which according to Ventry, will stimulate a faster more efficient recovery, seize opportunities to build back better (through decreasing the chance of future damage and leaping forward on planned community improvements), and maintain local control over recovery efforts.

The purpose of this meeting was to get community feedback on what Live Oak needs. In an effort to provide a strong professional opinion, Mike Spranger, professor and Extension specialist, and Randall Cantrell, assistant professor and housing and community development specialist, was on hand to answer questions from the audience.

"Ask yourself this question," Spranger said. "If you went away for five years and then came back, what would you want to see when you came back?"

Spranger shared with the crowd that it's important to have a vision for the city, but

to also realize that significant changes won't happen over night.

"The vision should be, what would you like to see here five years from now," he asked.

Ventry opened the floor for input on what they would like to see in Live Oak. Some mentioned things such as better parking. Some were concerns about Warren Street, highway trucks in downtown, abandoned buildings and the creation of retention ponds. Others said they would like to see better traffic flow in the downtown area, effective code enforcement and enriched green space. Another concern was to attract businesses that would provide clean family entertainment.

The audience was then broken into groups and community members were encouraged to brainstorm and create a list of their ideas or concerns that would help the CRA in moving the city forward.

## White Christmas favors only a few areas

CNHI News Service

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — From Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" to Bing Crosby's "White Christmas," Christmas is portrayed as a snowy time. However, many areas of the U.S. do not necessarily have a high probability of a white Christmas.

Based on data from 1981 to 2010, northern New England, the Upper Midwest, Rocky Mountains and Intermountain West have the highest chance, more than 75 percent, of a white Christmas.

Minneapolis, Green Bay, Wis., Buffalo, N.Y. and Burlington, Vt. are among the cities in the U.S. that have the highest chance for a white Christmas.

"It tends to stay colder across the northern tier during the day and night, so when snow falls, it's less likely to melt," said Alex Sosnowski, an AccuWeather Expert Senior Meteorologist.

Farther south, Chicago has less than a 40 percent chance of having a white Christmas.

While December is not typically the

snowiest month for Denver, it is the month with the lowest average high temperature. This means that any snow that falls may be less likely to melt. Denver has nearly a 50 percent chance of a white Christmas.

Meanwhile, New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. have less than a 25 percent chance of having a white Christmas. Mild air from the Atlantic Ocean plays a role in the low probability.

In the West, Seattle also has less than a 25 percent chance at a white Christmas due to the influence of milder air from the Pacific Ocean. However, snow can still often be seen by Seattle residents, since the Washington Cascades have more than a 75 percent chance of a white Christmas.

There is a very low chance of a white Christmas in San Francisco to Los Angeles as well as across central and southern Florida.

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# Branford News

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## BAICM 12th Annual Christmas Parade and Festival



The Branford High School Marching Band brings the music. - Photos: Andrew McGee

**By Andrew McGee**  
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Branford Area Inter-Church Ministries hosted the 12th Annual Branford Christmas Festival and evening parade on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Vendors were out at Hatch Park Saturday morning until mid-afternoon selling their food and anything from decorative Christ-based ornaments and decorations to beauty products and fashion attire and, of course, everything in between.

The sidewalks lining Suwannee Avenue (US 129) had already begun filling up by about 5:30 p.m. as folks were grabbing their favorite spots and breaking out their chairs, snacks and cameras for the much-anticipated parade. Here are just a few pictures from the days event.

BAICM is comprised of nine local churches.

There are more photos online and photos are available for purchase. Go to [suwanneedemocrat.com](http://suwanneedemocrat.com) and click the photo gallery link on the left navigation bar.



Terri Anderson was looking forward to the crowds Saturday morning so she could sell her wares.



Suwannee County Sheriff Tony Cameron and Branford Mayor Don Owens (with hat). - Photo: Jack Tiebout



Whoa mama, it's a llama!



Cathi and Tom Cintorino.



Vandora Jackson smiles for the camera.



Shepherds keeping watch over their flock by night. - Photo: Jack Tiebout



Miss BHS Beauty Queen Montana Bailey. - Photo: Jack Tiebout

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# Altrusa Tour of Homes



Sheila Burnham stands beside her tree.



A nativity scene at the home of Virginia Dees.



Mr. and Mrs. Don DeGeorge.



The home of Chris and Leslie Fry.



The home of Mr. and Mrs. David Shapiro.



The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Campbell Courtesy photos

Altrusa of Live Oak members wish to thank all of the sponsors who helped make our Dec. 8 "Altrusa Tour of Homes" a success.

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crete Inc., Glenda Williams-supervisor of elections and Barry Baker-clerk of court.

We also wish to thank the homeowners who generously volunteered their beautifully decorated homes to the tour: Mr. and Mrs. George Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Campbell, Ms. Virginia Dees, Mr. and Mrs. Don DeGeorge, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fry and Mr. and Mrs. David Shapiro.

We appreciate all who purchased tickets to attend our "Tour of Homes". Proceeds from our "Tour" provide local education grants, donations to Suwannee County Schools, Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center, Suwannee Recreation Department and various community organizations. The "Altrusa Tour of Homes" has become an anticipated community event, if you were unable to attend this year, we invite you to attend next year!

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**Hatch Bend Apostolic Church**  
Pastor Steve Boyd  
Church 935-2806 Hm. 935-0125  
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Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.  
718447-F

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935-1653  
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Church Service.....10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday.....6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study.....5:30 p.m.  
718449-F

**Burlington Santa Fe Church of Christ**  
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Evangelist Ken Campbell  
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Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Worship Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed.-Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.  
732109

**Living Springs Family Worship Center**  
Pastor Charles Istre  
Church 935-1713  
www.livingspringswc@windstream.net  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Service.....10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Family Night & OPEN Youth Ministries  
Service.....7:00 p.m.  
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**First Baptist Church**  
Dan Main, Pastor  
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Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:15 a.m.  
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.  
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Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
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Prayer & Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.  
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**San Juan Catholic Mission**  
Reverend Sebastian George  
For information call 935-2632  
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Wednesday Mass.....6:00 p.m.  
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This space could be your church listing or business, for more information call Treena at 386-362-1734

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**HOW SHOULD CHRISTIANS LIVE? #3**

Today we conclude our series from 1 Peter on how Christians should live. My aim was for all of us to examine our walk and be sure we are living a way that pleases God!

1) We Are To Live As BRETHERN!  
1 Peter 3:8 "Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous." We are to strive for unity and make our goal to treat our brethren like Jesus, for we are of the same household.

2) We Are To Be Good STEWARDS!  
1 Peter 4:10 – we see a Christian should be good stewards with the gifts God has given them. Regardless if the gift is spiritual or physical, we are commanded to be good stewards [Luke 6:38, Matthew 25:14-30]

3) We Are To GLORIFY God!  
1 Peter 4:16 –regardless of what life brings to us, we are to bring glory to God! Jesus suffered because He was holy. Christians will suffer for resembling Jesus! Just know that we have an inheritance reserved for us in heaven [1 Pet. 1:4]

Ken Campbell, Evangelist,  
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# School crossing guard hit by motorist at SPS

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## School reconfiguration in talks

If approved, Suwannee Primary, Elementary and Intermediate schools would all teach grades Pre-K through 5

By Bryant Thigpen  
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Reconfiguration could soon be in the works for Suwannee County schools.

Director of Curriculum, Dawn Lamb, stood before the Suwannee County School Board on Tuesday, Dec. 11 in a workshop, and presented a plan that con-

sisted of steps she will be taking in the coming months to review the possibility of reconfiguring the schools.

"I'm letting the board know we are planning to begin discussion on reconfiguration," Lamb told board members.

The schools are Suwannee Primary School, which

currently offers Pre-K through first grade; Suwannee Elementary School, grades 2-3; and Suwannee Intermediate School, grades 4-5.

If approved, the schools would be transformed into three distinct elementary

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## City could sink thousands into sinkhole

By Bryant Thigpen  
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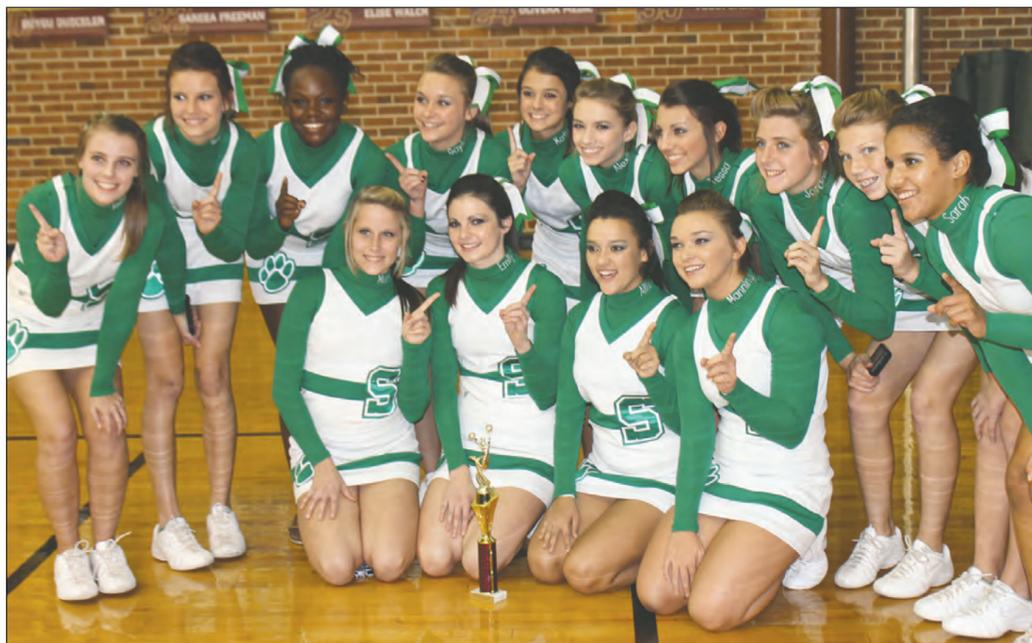
A sinkhole that was initially estimated to be repaired at \$40,000 is now looking to cost over \$600,000. The Live Oak City Council was handed the news at their regular meeting Tuesday night after the crisis became known to Public Works Director Brent Whitman.

The flood water from TS Debby is gone for the most part, but public officials are still dealing with sinkholes that have plagued the city and county as a result of the storm. The sinkhole at the intersection of Houston Avenue and Maple Street could become very costly for the city.

Lane Lucas, project manager for Eutaw Utilities, told the councilors, "The

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## 1st place!



- Photo: Tresca Anderson

The Suwannee High School JV cheerleaders participated in their first cheer competition on Saturday, Dec. 8 at Florida State University in the "Battle in the Capital" and received first place in the Junior Varsity category. See sports, page 1B to learn more.

## City looks to extend alcohol sales hours

Will follow suit of county ordinance, minus hard liquor sales on Sunday

By Bryant Thigpen  
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The city of Live Oak's development manager was tasked Tuesday night

to draft an amendment to an ordinance that would extend the hours of alcohol sales. If passed, the new hours would mimic the county's ordinance save for one exception - hard liquor sales on Sunday. The county voted Nov. 20 to extend the

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## Teachers graded by new DOE system

Some data incorrect, says superintendent

By Bryant Thigpen  
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Of the 416 classroom teachers evaluated by the new Florida Department of Education evaluation system, 66 were rated highly

effective, 265 effective and 30 needs improvement. Nine were deemed unsatisfactory, according to the figures released Thursday, Dec. 6 by the DOE.

The DOE pulled the original data back, saying it was inaccurate. The new

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## Warren Street sinkhole City vs. Civilians

"The city does not do anything on private property. I don't buy buildings. All I'm trying to do is get my roads fixed."

- Public Works Director Brent Whitman

By Andrew McGee  
andrew.mcgee@gafnews.com

The city of Live Oak and at least one owner of two condemned buildings in downtown Live Oak are at odds with one another which is stalling the repair of Warren Street.

The street from Ohio Avenue to Pine Avenue has been closed since late June when TS Debby wreaked her havoc here. A sinkhole formed partially under the road and two commercial buildings that back Warren Street. The two buildings were closed to the public soon thereafter

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## More toys needed

Over 400 kids to benefit from Sparky this year

By Andrew McGee  
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The Live Oak Fire Department's Toys for Sparky's Kids program already has over 400 kids signed up to receive toys this Christmas.

"We have 402 signed up right

now. Last year we did 474, but we don't set a goal," said LOFD Training Officer Alan Bedenbaugh, who coordinates the event each year. "If I had enough toys for 1,000 kids, I would do it. Right now, we've closed the list."

He explained that when he gets more toys in, he'll open up the requests again to take down names.

"I don't want to put people's name down if I can't take care of

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Fireman Mike Baan looking some of the toys over. - Photo: Andrew McGee

The Old Dog Says  
"Good job girls."



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# Savvy Senior

## Resources for Making a Home Senior-Friendly

Dear Savvy Senior,

*My husband and I are both in our 60's and are interested in making some modest changes to our home to make it more practical and senior-friendly, but aren't sure what to do. What resources can you recommend to help us figure this out?*

Homebodies

Dear Homebodies,

Most seniors, like you and your husband, want to stay living in their own home. But being able to do so often depends on how easy it will be to get around the house if you develop physical limitations. Here are some helpful resources you can turn to, to get an idea of what types of improvements you should make that will make your home safer and more convenient as you grow older.

### Get Informed

A good first step in making your house senior-friendly is to do a home assessment. Go through your house, room by room as if you've never set foot in it before, looking for problem areas like potential tripping or slipping hazards, and areas that are hard to access. To help you with this, there are various organizations that offer published lists of questions to ask, and things to look for to identify problems.

The Fall Prevention Center of Excellence (see homemods.org), for example, offers a number of online checklists including one called "How Well Does Your Home Meet Your Needs?" that you can access directly at homeneedschecklist.org. Or, download and print off the National Caregivers Library "Home Modification Checklist" at caregiverslibrary.org - click on "Checklists & Forms," then on "Housing" to get there.

AARP also has an excellent resource called "The AARP Home Fit Guide" that provides a checklist and tips to keep your home safe and livable as you age. You can access it at homefitguide.org, or if you're an AARP member, call 888-687-2277 and ask them to mail you a free copy.

### Personalized Advice

If you want more personalized help, consider getting a professional in-home assessment with an occupational therapist.

An occupational therapist, or OT can evaluate the challenges and shortcomings of your home, make modification recommendations and refer you to products and services to help you make improvements. Ask your doctor for a referral to an OT in your area. Your local Area Agency on Aging (call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 for contact information) can also help you find nearby therapists.

Many health insurance providers, in-

cluding Medicare, will pay for a home assessment by an OT if prescribed by your doctor. However, they will not cover the physical upgrades to the home.

Another good option is to contact a builder who's a Certified Aging in Place Specialist. He or she can suggest ways to modify your home that will fit your needs and budget. To find one, go to the National Association of Home Builders website at nahb.org/hireacaps where you can search by state and zip code.

### Home Modifications Ideas

There are dozens of small, simple things you can do to make your home more user-friendly as you age, such as securing throw rugs with double-sided tape to avoid tripping, installing brighter full-spectrum bulbs in existing light fixtures to improve visibility, and adding grab bars to the bathroom for support. There are also a number of bigger more extensive projects like installing a stair-lift or elevator for multi-floor access, and replacing the tub with a walk-in shower for easier entry and exit.

To get a list of more senior-friendly home improvement ideas and illustrations, see the National Aging in Place Council website at ageinplace.org - click on "Practical Advice" then on "Making Your Home Senior Friendly."

Another good resource that's loaded with tips and universal design ideas is the "AARP Guide to Revitalizing Your Home." It's available in book stores nationwide as well as online at sites like amazon.com for around \$16.

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

### Savvy Senior

#### Can Social Security Checks be Garnished?

Dear Savvy Senior,

*I have some outstanding debts and would like to find out if my Social Security checks can be garnished. What can you tell me?*

Old and Indebt

Dear Old,

Whether your Social Security benefits are garnishable or not depends on who you owe. Banks and other financial creditors, for example, can't touch your Social Security checks. But if Uncle Sam is collecting on a debt, some of your benefits are fair game. Here's what you should know.

### Creditor Protections

If you have credit card debts, medical bills, unpaid personal loans or pay day loans, you'll be happy to know that your Social Security benefits are safe from your

creditors (those you owe).

But, be aware that your creditors can still take legal action against you to recover what you owe them, and depending on your state's law, they may be able to garnish your wages and tap into other allowable assets, if you have any. But they can't take the money you receive from Social Security. Nor can they touch Supplemental Security Income (SSI), veteran benefits, federal employee and civil service retirement benefits, and benefits administered by the Railroad Retirement Board Administration.

To ensure your Social Security or other government benefits are protected from creditors, you need to have them direct deposited into your bank account, or to a Direct Express Debit MasterCard account (see godirect.org). Benefits deposited by check into your bank account aren't protected. Also, be sure you don't transfer your benefits to another account, or else the protection is void. And don't have credit cards or other loans at the bank where your benefits are deposited. Money owed to a bank, if it also holds the deposit account, can be frozen.

### Government Garnishment

If, however, you owe money to Uncle Sam, it's a very different story. The federal government can garnish a portion of your benefits for repayment of several types of debts, including federal income taxes, federal student loans, child support and alimony, nontax debt owed to other federal agencies, defaulted federal home loans and certain civil penalties. (If you receive SSI, those benefits cannot be garnished under any circumstance.)

How much can actually be garnished depends on what you owe for. If you owe back taxes to the IRS, 15 percent of your

Social Security benefits can be taken each month until the debt is paid in full. The government uses the Federal Payment Levy Program to garnish your payments.

If you owe money on a student loan - it doesn't matter how long ago you were in school - the first \$750 of your monthly benefits is off-limits to garnishment. After that, the government can shave off up to 15 percent.

And if you owe past or current child or spousal support you could lose as much as 50 to 65 percent of your benefits. Delinquent child support and alimony cases are processed through the national Court Ordered Garnishment System. In these situations, the maximum reduction to your benefits depends on the state where you live. The garnishment is limited to either the maximum allowed under state law or the maximum under the Consumer Credit Protection Act, or CCPA, whichever is less.

You also need to know that before your Social Security benefits are garnished, you'll receive several letters of notice from the IRS, and be given ample opportunity to make a pay arrangement. If you don't, the agency will start docking your monthly checks.

### Get Help

If you believe your accounts are being frozen or garnished improperly, you'll need to seek legal help. The American Bar Association provides links to free and low-cost legal help in your area at findlegal-help.org. Or, call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 for referrals.

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

## 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: [dunnam@windstream.net](mailto:dunnam@windstream.net), for more information on the association or the monthly program. You may also visit the web site at: [www.suwannee.floridatrail.org](http://www.suwannee.floridatrail.org) or [www.meetup.com/Suwannee-FTA](http://www.meetup.com/Suwannee-FTA) for a calendar of activities.

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Come to our next meeting or call for details Mike Johnson 386-688-4780 or Robert Dees 386-688-0978.

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

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386-364-1006.  
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**Donations needed for Save the Cats of Live Oak**

Food barrels for donations of wet & dry food as well as litter are located at Tractor Supply (Lake City and Live Oak) Winn-Dixie, Dollar General Stores, Freds, Downtown Cafe & Big Wheel Market Place. Other items needed include \$ for spay & neuter, blankets, totes, towels, building supplies, services of a carpenter. Please call for additional info 386-364-1006. Non-profit 501C3 being applied for.

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such as stress eating, the buffet, portion control, exercise, medications that can cause weight gain, and more. Take Off Pounds Sensibly is an organization that supports you while striving to meet your goal wight, as well as after meeting your goal, and you are working to maintaining our goal. TOPS 0662 meets on Thursday mornings at the First Advent Christian Church. 699 Pinewood Dr. Live oak, Fl. We start our weight in at 8 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. The meeting starts at 9 a.m.-10 a.m. your first visit is free, so come and let us support you in your challenge to Take Off Pounds Sensibly. For more information contact Elaine at 386-364-5537.

**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.

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**MOUTH GUARDS**

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Experts say that even in a sport like gymnastics a mouth guard is a wise precaution. Actually, athletes at all levels, whether they be competitive or purely recreational, whether their activity is organized or unorganized, individual or team sport, run the risk of mouth injury. A mouth guard cushions blows that could chip or break teeth or cause severe laceration to the tongue or lips. There is also a school of thought that mouth guards, because of their shock absorption capacity, play a role in reducing the risk of concussion.

Mouth guards can range from the custom fitted to the type that you can buy over the counter and mold to your teeth alignment. Talk with a dentist about your sports activities and what type of mouth guard is best for you.

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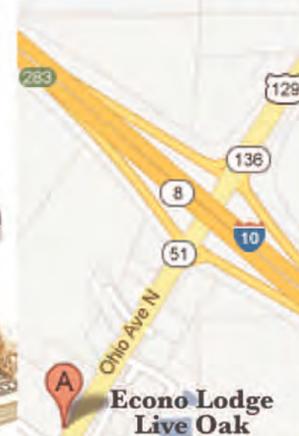


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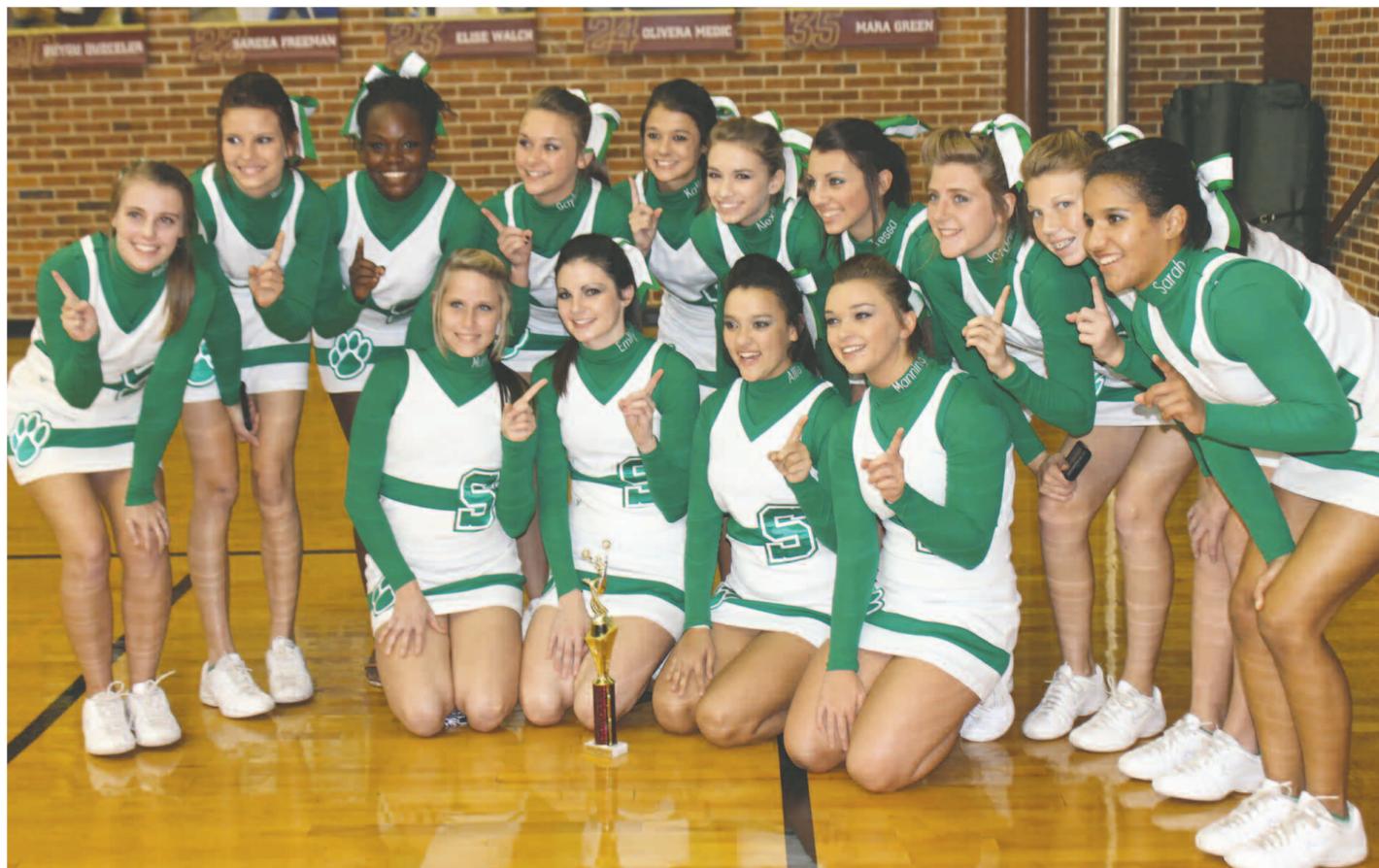
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## JV cheerleaders take 1st place!

The Suwannee High School JV cheerleaders participated in their first cheer competition on Saturday, Dec. 8 at Florida State University in the "Battle in the Capital". Teams from all over north Florida competed in this event.

The JV cheerleaders received first place in the Junior Varsity category. Please congratulate these ladies on a job well done. The girls are coached by Pam Williams.



Captain-Emily Gill, Captain-Marisa Williams, Co-Captain-Manning Lewis, Co-Captain-Allison Dukes, Rebekah Winburn, Katie Hutchins, Skyler Gaylord, Tessa Ferreria, Sarah Anderson, Holland Freeman, Jordan Joyner, Bryanna Williams, Alexis Howard, Ja' Shari Blige - Photo: Tresca Anderson

## 'Dogs lose comeback thriller to Rickards



Suwannee's Jimmie Taylor III (#5) feels the pressure.

**Game stats:**

**(Pts-Rbs-Ast-Stl)**

Jimmie Taylor III:	19-10-6-2
Kevarrius Hayes:	14-13-1-0 4BL
Denzel Washington	9-0-2-2
Raymond Gardner	5-8-0-0
Deangelo Ross	3-2-1-1
Frank Smith	2-3-0-2
Aaron McAllister	2-2-0-0
Wyatt Jarvis	0-2-0-0

*Submitted*

Suwannee traveled to Rickards High School on Tuesday, Dec. 11 with hopes of bringing home the first district win of the season, but they fell short to the Raiders in a thriller ending with a score of 55-54.

At first it seemed that the road trip had deflated the 'Dogs, who found themselves stifled and trailing 21-9 after the first quarter. A stagnant offense and an off-guard defense had allowed 12 points from the Raider front court, led by opposing center Michael Gilmore. However, in the second quarter Kevarrius Hayes threw down a dunk to set the tone, followed by a three from Raymond Gardner, a drive by Jimmie Taylor III and another three by Denzel Washington which had the 'Dogs only down by five with 1:20 in the half. The 'Dogs would enter halftime down 31-22.

Suwannee could not break past a nine or 10 point deficit throughout the third quarter. Missed free throws and open shots "hounded" the 'Dogs, who put up 10 to the Raiders' 14 points. The 'Dogs entered the third down by a score of 45-32.

Then, that fourth-quarter comeback magic that all basketball fans hope for suddenly appeared. Sophomore guard Washington hit a three, Taylor hit a short jumper in the key and then drove on the next series wire-to-wire and the score

was 47-42. The Raiders answered but with great defense Washington stripped the ball low from Gilmore as he was going up for a shot, Hayes added a set of free throws, and with 3:16 left Rickards put in four guards and tried to stall.

After a failed Raider shot attempt Taylor grabbed the rebound and found Deangelo Ross for a set shot three down-court, and Hayes threw in a key defensive block. Washington stole a bobbled Raider pass and passed to Taylor, who was fouled and went to the free throw line to bring the 'Dogs to a one-point deficit (52-51) with 1:50 on the clock.

The 'Dogs went into man coverage and had to foul three times to send Rickards to the line and end the stall; Taylor rebounded and fired the ball up to Washington who clenched a crucial three for the two-point Suwannee lead. Rickards tied the game with free throws, and with 13.7 seconds Suwannee had possession but missed two close-range shots and Rickards recovered the rebound and won with a free throw made with 0.3 seconds in the game.

Hayes and Taylor had double-double performances, Gardner put up eight rebounds and Washington led in three pointers for the evening. Suwannee traveled to Gainesville Buchholz Thursday night Dec. 13 and then faces a week to rebuild before playing district opponent Wakulla County on Friday, Dec. 21.



Kevarrius Hayes in action.

Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

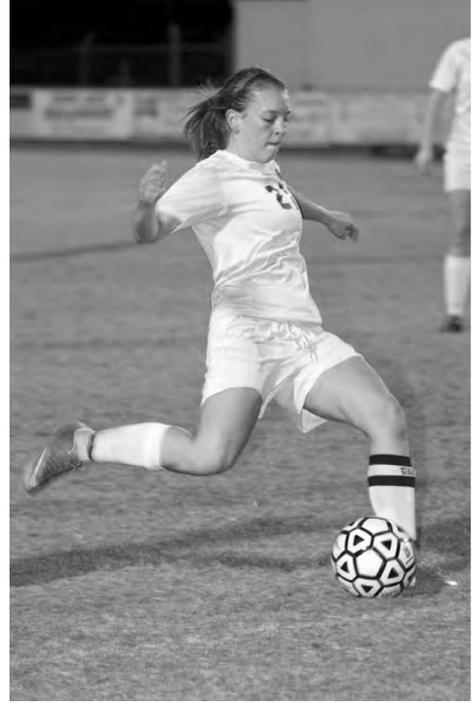
# Bishop Kenny game rained out



Madisen Buzbee stares the ball down in a recent match.



Blakely Burch kicks the ball.



Meghan Tyrell in action.



Christine Mabey shows good form.



Grace Brett for a long kick.



Meghan Tyrell fights for the ball.

- Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

**Staff**  
The Suwannee High School girls varsity soccer team was supposed to travel to Jacksonville Wednesday night to take on the Bishop Kenny Crusaders. Those plans changed due to the rain that came through our area Wednesday. The SHS girls soccer team sit on a record of 8-3-2. They take on Taylor County tonight in a home match.

**Today's Weather**  
**Local 5-Day Forecast**

Fri 12/14	Sat 12/15	Sun 12/16	Mon 12/17	Tue 12/18
<b>70/49</b> Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>77/56</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	<b>77/62</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.	<b>75/56</b> Few showers. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	<b>69/45</b> Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 5:33 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 5:33 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 5:34 PM	Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 5:34 PM	Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 5:35 PM

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During the week of Dec. 12-16, The Southern Coin & Jewelry Gold & Silver Exchange will be making a stop in Lake Placid. During this five day event, the company's trained experts will be in search of all types of gold, silver, jewelry, and coins and willing to pay the highest prices around as they have set aside thousands of dollars to spend in Live Oak.

Recently, at a show in Florida, a customer brought in a large jewelry box full of old costume jewelry hoping to get thirty to forty dollars out of what was inside to help pay for Christmas presents this year. While evaluating the box of jewelry, one of Southern Coin and Jewelry's experts discovered an old gold necklace, a pair of gold earrings, and a class ring. The customer was shocked when she found out that the items she had brought in were worth almost \$400!

At the same show, a couple in their seventies set an old coffee can full of coins on one of the experts tables. They explained they had saved all the coins in the can from their first few years of marriage. After the can was full the couple put it away for "a rainy day". When they saw in their local paper that the Southern Coin & Jewelry team was making a stop in town, they figured now was the time to cash in. With a check for over \$600 in hand, the couple couldn't have been happier as they walked out the doors.

These are just a couple of examples of what the company is looking to buy. So search through your closets and junk drawers and bring down your US and foreign coins, your gold jewelry, and your silver sterling sets. B. A. Baird, President of Southern Coin & Jewelry explains, "now is the time to cash in on all types of gold and silver items as gold and silver prices are reaching all time highs." Baird also stated that the company purchases over 90% of the items that are brought to the show.

The event is free and there is no obligation to sell. You don't want to miss this opportunity so make sure to get down to the Econo Lodge before it's too late.

Other items Southern Coin & Jewelry will purchase:

- Scrap Gold
- Sterling Silverware
- Silver & Gold Jewelry
- Diamonds
- Vintage Guitars
- Military & War Items
- Paper Currency 1934 & Older
- Coins 1964 & Older
- Fine Jewelry
- Pocket Watches
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# Holiday BRUNCH

## What a spread!

FAMILY FEATURES

**A** holiday celebration at home should be as much fun for the hosts as for friends and family. With a little advance planning, the goal of effortless entertaining is suddenly within reach.

First, make it brunch, typically lighter and simpler to prepare than dinner. Buffet style is another smart choice — just arrange the dishes on pretty holiday linens and invite guests to serve themselves.

Half of the work is done when you go with full-flavored imported Italian cheeses like Parmigiano Reggiano, Grana Padano and Montasio, and air-cured hams like Prosciutto di Parma and Prosciutto di San Daniele. As PDO (Protected Designation of Origin) products, they belong to a special group of high-quality European foods that can be made only in specific geographical regions.

Four dishes that add up to a no-stress brunch buffet:

- A frittata with the deeply savory flavors of Prosciutto di Parma and Parmigiano Reggiano cheese. It's equally delicious warm or at room temperature, whichever is more convenient.
- Thumbprint biscuits featuring melted Montasio cheese in the indentations on top — a clever touch for biscuits made with ready-made dough.
- Another brilliant two-ingredient recipe consists of eggs baked in Prosciutto di San Daniele "cups." They are crisp, creamy and irresistible.
- Festive garnishes for a salad of deep green kale leaves, tossed with orange vinaigrette, include Grana Padano shards, pears and pine nuts.

For more information on the PDO system and holiday recipes using these legendary cheeses and hams, visit [www.legendsfromeurope.com](http://www.legendsfromeurope.com).

### Think About Drinks

One way to keep it simple is to settle on a house drink for your brunch buffet, such as a Poinsettia Cocktail made with one part cranberry juice and one part Grand Marnier to four parts prosecco. For the nonalcoholic version, combine the juice with sparkling water or lemon-lime soda.



Eggs Baked in Prosciutto di San Daniele Cups and Kale Salad with Grana Padano and Citrus Dressing

### Montasio Cheese Thumbprint Biscuits

Yield: 8 biscuits

- 1 package store bought ready-made biscuit dough
- 1 cup coarsely grated Montasio cheese

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Separate biscuits onto a parchment lined or lightly greased baking sheet. With your thumb, press into center of each biscuit to form a small well. Fill each well with 2 tablespoons of the grated Montasio. Bake until tops are golden, about 8 minutes. Serve immediately.

### Eggs Baked in Prosciutto di San Daniele Cups

Yield: 12 portions

- 12 slices Prosciutto di San Daniele
- 12 large eggs

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Fold one slice of Prosciutto di San Daniele in half crosswise to make a rectangle. Fit into a muffin cup.

Crack egg into lined cup. Repeat with remaining ham and eggs.

Bake 10 to 12 minutes to desired doneness.

### Prosciutto di Parma and Parmigiano Reggiano Frittata

Yield: 4 to 6 portions

- 8 large eggs
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 3 ounces thinly sliced Prosciutto di Parma, torn into 1-inch pieces
- 6 scallions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup (2 ounces) coarsely grated Parmigiano Reggiano
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In a large bowl, beat eggs and milk with an electric beater until frothy; add pepper. Stir in the Prosciutto di Parma, scallions and cheese. Heat oil in an 8-inch oven proof skillet; add egg mixture and cook over medium heat until edges are set, about 8 to 10 minutes. Place in oven and bake until firm, 15 to 20 minutes.

### Kale Salad with Grana Padano and Citrus Dressing

Yield: 5 cups

- 1/2 pound kale
- 1 large Anjou or Bartlett pear, sliced
- 1/2 cup Grana Padano shards
- 1/4 cup pine nuts or sliced almonds, toasted
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 tablespoons white wine or balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

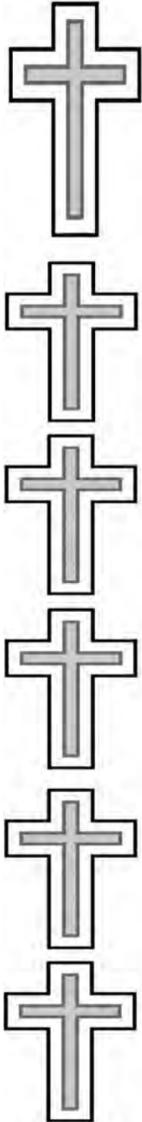
Remove ribs from kale and cut into 1-inch ribbons; place in a large salad bowl. Add pear, cheese and nuts.

Whisk together orange juice, vinegar, olive oil, salt and pepper. Pour over salad and toss.



Montasio Cheese Thumbprint Biscuits and Prosciutto di Parma and Parmigiano Reggiano Frittata

# Church Directory



## ADVENT CHRISTIAN

**FIRST ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
699 Pinewood Drive  
(386) 362-1802  
Rev. Tim Carver, Pastor

**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School.....9:30 am  
Worship Service.....10:30 am  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study.....10:30 am  
Youth Group & Sword Seekers Group following school

**BIXLER MEMORIAL ADVENT CHRISTIAN**  
Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park  
Dr. Timothy Setzer &  
Rev. Rosemary Humbles & Rev. John Harper  
Youth Pastor Rev. Randy Lamb

**SUNDAY**  
Morning Worship.....9:45 a.m.  
Christian Education Hour.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship and Youth Group.....6:00 p.m.

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THURSDAYS.....Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.  
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Bible School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11:00 am  
Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
Family Night Supper.....5:30 pm  
AWANA Club.....6:00 pm  
Prayer Meeting.....6:00 pm

*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together... but encouraging one another.*  
Hebrews 10:25

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Rev. Phillip Herrington, Pastor  
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Rev. Alan Lott, Music and Worship  
Rev. Ryan Vermilyea, Students

**SUNDAY**  
Early Worship.....8:30 am  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11:00 am  
Discipleship Training.....6:00 pm  
Evening Worship.....7:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
AWANA.....6:00-8:00 pm  
RUSH - Youth.....6:00-8:00 pm  
Adult Small Group.....6:00-8:00 pm  
Midweek Prayer.....6:30-7:30 pm

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**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School/Bible Study...10AM  
Morning Worship.....11AM  
Evening Worship.....6PM

**WEDNESDAY**  
Mid-Week Prayer Service/Bible Study...7PM

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**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School.....9:15 am  
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Morning Worship Service.....10:30 am  
Children's Church (Grades K-4th)  
Adult Choir.....5:00 pm  
Children's/Middle School Choir.....5:00 pm  
Youth Drama and Missions.....5:00 pm  
Family Worship.....6:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
Family Supper.....5:00 pm  
Mission Friends, CIA.....6:30 pm  
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**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11:00 am  
Evening Worship.....5:00 pm  
Choir Practice.....4:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer service.....6:00 pm  
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Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Worship.....11:00 am  
Church Training.....6:00 pm  
Evening Worship.....7:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
AWANA Club (Ages 3-12 grades).....6:25 pm  
Prayer & Bible Study.....7:00 pm

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**SUNDAY**  
Bible Study (Sunday School).....9:45 am  
Celebration Worship.....11:00 am  
Bible Study for MOB Student Ministry.....5:00 pm  
College and Career.....5:00 pm  
Evening Worship.....6:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
Family Supper.....5:00 pm  
Kidmo Club.....6:30 pm  
MOB Student.....6:30 pm  
College and Career.....6:30 pm

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**SUNDAY**  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

## BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)

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Pastor: Dr. David Teems  
14364 140th St., Live Oak, FL 32060  
386-776-1010

email address: daveeddy@windstream.net  
**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:45 am  
Worship Service.....11:00 am  
(Children's church during Morning Worship)

Discipleship Training.....6:00 pm  
(Women's Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Youth Discipleship,  
Youth Choir, Children's Choir)

Evening Worship.....7:00 pm  
**WEDNESDAY SERVICES**  
Wednesday Evening Supper.....5:45 pm  
Awanas.....6:30 pm  
Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 pm  
Nursery available during all services

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Rev. Jim McCoy, Minister of Music & Senior Adults  
Rev. Jonathan Rodriguez, Minister of Student

**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship & Children's Church.....10:30 a.m.  
Youth Choir.....5:00 a.m. Youth Choir.....6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship Service.....6:30 p.m.

**MONDAY & THURSDAY**  
Ladies Aerobics.....8:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

**TUESDAY**  
Men's Prayer Breakfast at Dixie Grill.....7:00 a.m.  
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**WEDNESDAY**  
Mid-Week Service.....6:30 p.m.  
Youth & Children Ministries.....6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School.....9:30 am  
Worship Service.....10:45 am  
Evening Bible  
Exploration Services.....6:00 pm  
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Sunday Morning Worship Service

**WEDNESDAY**  
Mid Week Prayer Service.....6:30 pm

**Free Meals for Seniors**  
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362-3101 - Church  
Rev. David McKeithen

**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11:00 am  
Evening Worship.....6:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
Prayer Service.....7:00 pm



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Wednesday 6:30 pm  
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15445 US Highway 129 S.  
(7 miles South of town)  
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Sunday Morning Service.....10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Dinner, open to public.....5:15 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00 p.m.  
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## NAZARENE

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915 Church Ave., SW 1 Block So. of Mayo  
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Rev. Louis J. Medaris

**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....8:45 & 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Spanish Service.....7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Evening Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.  
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**WEDNESDAY**  
Eucharist & Unction.....10:30 am & 6:00 pm

**THURSDAY**  
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es faith (Romans 10:17).

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By Angie Land

# HEART MATTERS

mas season and perhaps when the trimmings are stripped away, we can see more clearly. My family has joined the ranks of many this season who are "scaling back" on our Christmas shopping and giving more to those in need...and yet the simplicity of this kind of Christmas really points us back to the baby in a manger some 2,000 years ago. Where angels themselves sang the carols and invited a field full of shepherds who probably smelled a tad too much like their sheep, to celebrate the very first Christmas. This baby who was foretold hundreds of years before, in the greatest of detail: "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given and the government shall be on his shoulders and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 reminds us that indeed God is not dead, nor does He sleep...as He left heaven to come to earth...all because our hearts really do matter.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

Blessings,  
Angie

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## Christmas – A time for spiritual war



"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11).

At this season of the year (Christmas) I believe that Satan has many of his greatest victories in the life of many Christians. Therefore we should be prepared for a greater battle. Remember Christmas is a pagan holiday that began in the time of Constantine, about AD 325. Christmas has no biblical base. We are never told to remember His birth or to celebrate it. We are told to remember the death of our Savior.

In Ephesians 6:11 we are told that we are doing battle in everyday life against the wiles of the devil. The "wiles" means "strategy" or "plans of war", so Satan is attacking the lives and causes of Christians. He is at war

with those who would defeat his plans, which is why Christians feel so much of the effect of his presence. Satan is not after those who already belong to him; he is after those who want to defeat him. That is why we need to understand his efforts, as Paul wrote to the Corinthians, so that we are not ignorant of his devices.

The Bible says that Satan's purpose is to blind sinners and beguile Christians, and to hurt and discourage those who belong to God. He will do anything to disturb the mind, deceive the heart, and defeat life. He is actively involved in the world today, and if you read your Bible you will find he has always been active. He led Lot into Sodom, got Peter to deny Christ, made Annanias and Sapphira lie to the church, and even dared attack Jesus Christ. If he isn't afraid to attack the Lord of Glory, you should not be surprised to discover that he is willing to attack the most mature Christian. He wants to bring division into the church today, paralyzing its ministry and scandalizing its leaders.

The thing most often forgotten by Christians today is that we live on Satan's territory. We are not fighting on

neutral ground, nor on God's ground. The battle we fight is fought on the enemy's territory. Christians today are fighting a war on foreign turf, and the world, the flesh, and the devil are our common enemies. They all maneuver in order to entice us and cause weakness and failure in our lives. So if we are going to fight in this war, we had better recognize that there really is a war going on and how it will be fought.

The devil has three primary goals, and it should be evident that he is a least moderately successful in each of his attacks. First, he is after every individual Christian to destroy his life. Second, he is after every Christian home to destroy its unity, its purity, and its oneness. Third, he is after every Christian church; to erode its ministry, discredit its leaders, wipe out its financial base, and destroy it so that it no longer has a presence in the world of darkness.

So in this season, let's don't let the rituals of the world and mans traditions cause us to honor the Babe in the Manger more than the Christ of Calvary.

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# I'll have a "red" Christmas, thank you

Rev. James L. Snyder, D.Litt

The Christmas holiday season is always ablaze with beautiful colors. I find it hard to be gloomy or grumpy this time of the year. I must confess, not everybody belongs to this "Holiday Cheer Club." It is an exclusive club but open to anybody who is tired of being grumpy.

Colors abound throughout the season and the Christmas songs highlight this. "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas." "I'll have a blue Christmas without you." "Rudolph the red nose reindeer."

Oh, the wonderful colors of Christmas.

One of the most obvious colors of Christmas is green. Right at the center of this Christmas holiday is the Christmas tree decked from top to bottom in beautiful colors and lights. Nothing says Christmas quite like an old-fashioned Christmas tree.

My thoughts along this line are, let the grumps and grouches complain about the Christmas tree. For myself, I will look with admiring wonder at the beauty of the Christmas tree.

Then of course, who could forget good old Santa Claus dressed

in his red suit. I never could figure out why Santa's suit was always red. Throughout the years, I never gave it too much thought and assumed it was a fashion statement from the North Pole.

I had some time this week to do a little rummaging through my old thought gallery. For the most part, we only celebrate Christmas once a year. I think Charles Dickens had it right with old Mr. Scrooge, after his conversion, celebrating Christmas every day of the year. I wonder what kind of world this would be if all of us would celebrate Christmas every day of the year?

If I were president of the United States, I would enact a law that would set aside one year to be a year of celebrating Christmas all 365 days. I think I would only have to do it once and nobody would want to go back to the old grumpy times of celebrating it only one time out of the year.

I was thinking about this the other night when the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage jarred me back to reality.

"Have you," she queried most seriously, "finished with your Christmas shopping?"

Christmas shopping! I had forgotten about it. I know we celebrate Christmas every year but I sometimes get so caught up with celebrating Christmas I forget about buying Christmas presents. After all, that Christmas tree would be somewhat naked if there were not Christmas presents to litter around the bottom.

I had to look at my wife and say, "No, I haven't even started."

By the time the dust of that thought settled I had to ask her, "How many Christmas presents do I have to buy?"

"Silly boy," she said with a chuckle that could compete with good old Santa Claus any day of the week, "you got to buy Christmas presents for everybody in our family." Then she chuckled some more just to set that thought into my cranium.

Everybody in our family? Now I am beginning to see red.

Santa's red suit has nothing to do with a North Pole fashion statement; it has everything to do with my financial statement.

I got a piece of paper and together my wife and I jotted down all of the members in our family. A few members I wanted to veto, but my wife vetoed my veto. By

the time we were done, I would have to purchase Christmas presents for hundreds and hundreds of family members. Boy, did I see red!

At the beginning of the month of December, my checkbook is in the black, but each day of the month the black begins to fade into expanding shades of red. By the time the 24th of the month comes around my checkbook is a solid, brilliant, scarlet red.

I sighed quite deeply as I closed my checkbook. I almost said to my wife, "Remember the day...?" I stopped short of vocalizing that thought. I thought back when we first were married, which seems like hundreds of years ago, we only got presents for each other. I bought one present for her and she bought one present for me. What a Merry Christmas we had back in "the day."

A few days later as we were wrapping those presents I began thinking of another color. I looked at my wife and said, "This must be what they mean when they talked about the golden days." She laughed, and I thought some more.

My thoughts centered on the

fact of what a wonderful family we have. After all those years, we have accumulated a marvelous family. Thinking about all the ones in my family, I began to retract those thoughts of veto.

"You know," I said to my wife quite thoughtfully, "red becomes my checkbook." All that red means all that family.

The Christmas holiday season means family. There is no family more glorious than the family of God. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16 KJV). The whole spirit of Christmas has to do with giving, and God started it all.

I do not mind a "red" Christmas because everyone in my family is worth it. As Tiny Tim said, "God bless us all, everyone."

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## Think twice before giving pets as holiday gifts

Many people consider pets great holiday gifts. But in spite of their popularity as presents, pets do not always make the most appropriate holiday gift.

Giving a pet as a present seems like a great idea, but shoppers might want to give it more consideration before giving a gift that is such a considerable responsibility. A puppy at Christmas or a bunny at Easter may be given with good intentions, but that well-meaning sentiment can easily backfire, ending with the pet being given up for adoption when recipients don't feel up to the task of raising a pet. In such instances, the companion animal pays the steepest price.

Though it often is, buying a pet should not be an impulse purchase. You see sad eyes looking back at you from behind a cage door and want to give that animal a new home. However, introducing an animal into a family is not a decision to take lightly. You must factor how well the pet will fit in with the family dynamic. Do schedules allow for quality time spent with the animal? Is it a financially good time to care for an animal that will cost money? Are you aware of how long the pet will live? Making those big decisions for a person on the receiving end of your well-intentioned gift may be crossing a line. Would you want to have such a life-changing decision made for you?

Furthermore, the holiday season is not one

ideally suited for making careful decisions. People are often swept up in emotions and even stress, and shoppers may not be thinking rationally.

The hectic nature of the holiday season can be a difficult time for a pet to grow acclimated to its new environment. He or she may be frightened to assimilate or take longer to settle down. Pets often need several weeks of

quiet and constant care to become comfortable in their new environments. Here are some other reasons why the holidays are not a good time for new pets.

\* Holiday visitors may frighten the new pet and he or she may become weary of strangers at the outset.

\* The activities in the household may pose safety hazards for the young animal. An abundance of rich foods and various decorations

could be ingested, potentially causing illness.

\* New pets should be carefully supervised around children to see how they behave. A child may not be accustomed to handling a puppy or kitten and could injure the animal. Similarly, the pet may be skittish and lash out at the child. Adults busy with holiday obligations may be easily distracted and miss how their child is interacting with the new pet.

\* Once the glow of the holidays wear off, children may be disillusioned with the new responsibility that has fallen into their hands. They may not like the responsibility that comes with being a good pet owner.

Reputable pet breeders and animal shelters often discourage individuals from adopting or purchasing pets as holiday gifts. Many organizations and animal businesses require a careful vetting of potential pet parents to ensure the animal will be placed with a family and in a home that is suitable.

Animal welfare groups warn that an estimated 50 percent of pets adopted during the holidays end up right back at shelters. This can scar the pet. Avoid the temptation of giving a companion animal as a present. If it is your intention to gift an animal, talk to the gift recipient and discuss the pros and cons beforehand. Then you can work together and make the right decision for all parties involved, including the pet.



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**LOST FAMILY DOG:** Female Australian Sheppard Mix, approx 60 lbs, mostly black w/tan & white feet, brown eyes, white chest w/small black spots. "Ally" was last seen in the Branford area on Dec 1 wearing a loose bright pink collar. She is very timid & shy. We miss her so badly and need your help. Please call 386-935-4708 or call/text 386-867-2545 and lv msg.

**LOST RINGS:** near either the Winn-Dixie or Robbie's Cafe in Live Oak, FL. REWARD OFFERED: 1 yellow gold wedding band with diamonds & 1 yellow gold birthstone ring with 3 garnets. Call 386-776-2583 or 772-341-3634

**LOST:** Tiki, a black & white pet skunk. Weighs approx 5 lbs, has a lot of white hair. Lost in the Pineview Circle area of Live Oak, FL. REWARD OFFERED. Call 386-364-7003.

**Special Notices**

**RUN FIREWORKS TENT \$\$ EARN THOUSANDS \$\$** Call 813-234-2264 / 1-239-693-1598  
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**Special Notices**

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**ATTENTION DIABETICS** with Medicare. Get a Free Talking Meter and diabetic testing supplies at No Cost, plus Free home delivery! Best of all, this meter eliminates painful finger pricking! Call 888-377-3536

**Weight Loss**

**ATTENTION:** 63 People needed to lose weight. Serious inquiries only. Call Pat at 386-362-3801. [www.pfhomebiz.com](http://www.pfhomebiz.com)

**Educational**

**Would you like to work in Health Care?** Become a CNA! Quest Training offers a 40hr, RN taught prep class. No GED or Diploma required if age 18 yr. Day and Evening classes. 386 362-1065

**Wanted to Buy**

**FirstDay WANTED: WHOLE JUNK CARS \$300 & UP/EA. NO TITLE NEEDED. FREE PICK UP. 386-878-9260 OR 386-752-3648**

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**Garage/Yard Sales**

**12293 177th Rd, Live Oak, FL.** Hwy 51 @ roundabout to Hwy 250, then 4.5 mi to 177th Rd, then left 1.4 miles to house on right. Fri & Sat Dec 14 & 15 7am 5pm. HUGE YARD SALE. Antiques, glassware, catering supplies, etc.

**US 129 S to McAlpin, Fl. Sat.** 12/15 from 8am-2pm. YARD SALE. Lots of miscellaneous stuff!

**Apartments for Rent**

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**Owner Financing Available on following listings:**

**WON'T LAST LONG!** Half acre lot on the Suwannee River. Gorgeous views, conveniently located. \$29,000. Call Nelda Hatcher, 386-688-8067 MLS#81920

**\$39,900-2,000+ sq.ft.,** older 2 story home in town. Great for a large family or office space. David Mincey, 386-590-0157. MLS#82074 201 NE Second Ave Live Oak, FL

**PERFECT HORSE FARM**  
10 ACRES-with gorgeous Live Oak Trees right in the center and a gentle roll to the land of established pasture. Can be divided. \$41,900. Enola Golightly, 386-590-6684 MLS#78421

**4 ACRES**-wooded lot with well, septic, and power. Great location for your home or mobile home. \$42,000. 5th wheel Camper included at this price. Irvin Dees, 386-208-4276 MLS#79317

**JUST LISTED**  
WELL KEPT-1999 DWMH w/fresh carpeting & paint in downtown Branford. 3/2. Great front porch. Beautiful lot w/ some tree coverage. \$59,900. Enola Golightly, 386-590-6684 MLS#82550

**BANK OWNED**  
20 ACRES of young planted pines with a good stand! Paved road frontage, quick and easy access to US129. No deed restrictions. \$65,000. William Golightly, 386-590-6681 MLS#82537

**36 ACRES** close to I-10 yet very private on paved road. Well, electric and hunting cabin, lots of game and wildlife. \$90,000. Sylvia Newell, 386-590-2498 MLS#78210

**GREAT LOCATION** in downtown Live Oak. 1,200 sq.ft. commercial building located on a large corner lot with access to red light. \$150,000. Ronnie Poole, 386-208-3175 MLS#78279

**REDUCED**  
6,500+sq.ft. boasts oversized rooms, extra-large kitchen, 6/3 1/2. Too many amenities to name. Could easily accommodate two families. \$280,000. Prell Gwinn, 386-209-2340. MLS#80949

**BANK OWNED LOTS & ACREAGE**

NICE WOODED 1.88 acre lot located at cul-de-sac. \$8,000. Lake City. MLS#72906

IN TOWN- Small lots in town convenient location close to shopping. \$11,000 each. Live Oak. MLS#72886

1 ACRE in O'Brien with Well, septic, and power pole. Paved road frontage. Some fencing. \$11,300. MLS#79918

\$12,295- 1 acre lot in homes only Subdivision. Live Oak. MLS#78458

CARRIAGE PLACE- 1/2 acre lot for just \$13,300. Live Oak. MLS#78460

WOODED LOT in town, close to schools and shopping \$15,000. Mayo. MLS#72961

PRICE TO SELL 6 lots in the Plantation Subdivision in Lake City. \$15,995 each. MLS#79509

4 ACRES in The Trails S/D. Fly-in community. \$18,750. Live Oak. MLS#77713

\$18,750- Cypress Lake Subdivision. 1.96 acres in Lake City. MLS#78433

BANK OWNED- Just \$19,850 for this 2 acre lot in Cobblestone. MLS#80238

WOODED 5 acre flag lot in the prestigious Deer Lake Subdivision. Access to Lake Louise. Gated community. \$22,150. Live Oak. MLS#78858

CANNON CREEK AIRPARK. Priced at \$26,750. Lake City. MLS#78223

2 ACRES in Creekside Subdivision. Homes Only. \$28,000. Live Oak. MLS#78859

BLACK BERRY FARMS- Beautiful cleared lots in this upscale subdivision in Lake City! Just a few minutes to I75/US90 intersection. Convenient to everything. MLS#81627

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Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Sunday by appointment

**Apartments for Rent**

**Lakewood Apts.** \$500/mo + \$150. sec dep-\$650. moves you in! Credit & background checks req'd. Call Dean at 386-249 2387.

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

**Houses for Rent**

**FirstDay**

**FOR RENT OR SALE:** 3Bd/2Ba, 1.5 ac. in Beulah Heights near Dowling Park, FL. \$850/mo rent min. 1 year or for sale at \$140,000. Owner Finance available. Call 609-351-8328 (Joe)

**Spacious brick home** in tall pine trees on US 129 S in Live Oak, FL. Close to shopping & major hwy's. 3bd/2ba, LR, DR, Fam Rm. Ceiling fans, gas heat, wood floor, W/D hookup, lg yard. \$1,000/mo (incl lawn srvc) + \$350 dep. (Great commercial location!) 352-284-3873 or postj@bellsouth.net

**Mobile Homes for Rent**

**Available now:** Remod, clean, 3/2 DWMH, CH&A, \$600/mo, Lg 3/2 DWMH w/den \$675/mo + deps. NW of Live Oak, FL. 904 261-5034

**DWMH 3bd/2ba,** CH&A, gas stove, W&D, sm shed, Wheel chair access. \$600/mo, 1st last & \$250 sec dep. Off US 90 West in Live Oak, FL. Call 386-688-7465

**FirstDay**

**Single Wide Mobile Home For Rent 2001,** on fenced 1/2 ac, 3bd/2ba, 10 min from Live Oak. \$550 monthly. 1st, last & sec. dep. Call 386-249-2922 or 386 209-5843

**Homes for Sale**

**BRICK HOME CLOSE TO** shopping, schools & churches in Live Oak. **NEW SHINGLE ROOF,** utility rm. 4bd/2Ba, on 1+ ac. Clean, great neighborhood. \$93,000 cash. 386-362-5259 or 386-984-9532 before 9:30 p.m.

**CLOSE TO SHOPPING, SCHOOLS & CHURCHES** in Live Oak 3bd/2 full baths. Closed 1-car garage, fenced bk yd, vinyl siding. \$93,000 cash. 386-362-5259 or 386-984-9532 before 9:30 p.m.

**CLOSE TO SHOPPING, SCHOOLS & CHURCHES** in Live Oak. Furnished 3bd/1.5 Ba across the street from park. \$91,000 cash. 386-362-5259 or 386-984-9532 before 9:30 p.m.

**COUNTRY LIVING 5bd/2.5Ba** 3200 Sq Ft 2 Story home on 10+ ac near Wellborn. 2,000 sq ft living area. 1200 sq ft storage. REDUCED \$91,000 cash. 386-362-5259 or 386-984-9532 before 9:30 p.m.

**Mobile Homes for Sale**

**MOBILE HOMES, MODULAR HOMES, COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.** We do it all at the lowest pricing in Florida! Super Strong Construction! 386-365 8549

**Out-of-state owner anxious to sell DWMH 2Bd/2Ba** 1996 Very Good Condition, Partially Furnished, Large Deck, New Roof, 1/2 acre corner lot in Oakwood Forest subdivision, Live Oak FL reduced to \$39,900 OBO. 309 645-2659 or 309-647-6458.

**OWNER FINANCE:** 3Bd/2Ba on 2.5 ac. Mayo, FL area, river access. Sm Dwn & \$625/mo 386 590-0642, 386-867-1833. www.suwanneevalleyproperties.com

**Acreage/Land/Lots Sale**

**FIVE ACRES DOWLING PARK,** Well, Septic, Power, Paved Rd frontage. Owner Financing. NO DOWN \$59,900 \$526/mo. 352-215-1018 www.LandOwnerFinancing.com.

**FOUR ACRES O'BRIEN/MCALPIN AREA** Beautiful Secluded Country Setting. High & Dry. Owner Financing NO DOWN \$29,900 \$307/mo 352-215-1018 www.LandOwnerFinancing.com

**FOUR ACRES WELLBORN** Well already installed! Beautifully wooded w/cleared home site. Nice Neighborhood. OWNER FINANCED, NO DOWN. \$39,900 \$410/mo 352-215-1018 www.LandOwnerFinancing.com

**Acreage/Land/Lots Sale**

**ONE ACRE PAVED RD FRONTAGE,** Beautifully Wooded, Owner Finance. No Down. \$14,900 Only \$153/mo 3 5 2 - 2 1 5 - 1 0 1 8 www.LandOwnerFinancing.com

**SUV for Sale**

**WE BUY USED RV'S CALL 229-740-0375**

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

CASE NO. 61-2009-CA-000333

**PENNYMAC LOAN TRUST 2011-NPL1 Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MELVIN HINSON; ANNETTE MARIE HINSON; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 19, 2012 and entered in Case No. 61-2009-CA-000333, of the Circuit Court of the 3rd Judicial Circuit in and for SUWANNEE County, Florida. PENNYMAC LOAN TRUST 201-NPL1 is Plaintiff and MELVIN HINSON; ANNETTE MARIE HINSON; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT STEPS OF THE COURTHOUSE, AT 200 SOUTH OHIO AVENUE, LIVE OAK IN SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA 32064, at 11:00 a.m., on the 17th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 5, LIBERTY HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 32, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2012.  
(Court Seal) Barry A. Baker  
As Clerk of said Court

By: */s/ Sallie Part*  
As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 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 provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064, Phone No. (386) 362-0537 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

Kahane & Associates, P.A.  
8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000  
Plantation, FL 33324  
Telephone: (954) 382-3486  
Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380  
12/07, 14

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE**

THE STORAGE PLACE LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 27 IN BRANFORD, FLORIDA ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2012 AT 8:00 A.M. THE SALE WILL BE HELD AT THE STORAGE PLACE FACILITY IN BRANFORD, FLORIDA. THE SALE IS BEING HELD TO SATISFY A LANDLORD'S LIEN. EVERYTHING SOLD IS PURCHASED "AS IS" "WHERE IS" FOR CASH. THE STORAGE PLACE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY PUBLIC SALE THAT IS ADVERTISED. ALSO, THE STORAGE PLACE HAS THE RIGHT TO "NO SALE" A UNIT IF DEEMED NECESSARY. THE UNITS BEING SOLD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- U27- MARY TEMPLES WASHINGTON
- 789- MICHAEL BATES
- U56- JEFF TURNER/APRIL KITZMAN
- U42- RODGER CHRISTMAS
- U17- MARDIS SMITH
- U05- DAVID CRITCHLOW
- 12/07, 12, 14

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE**

THE STORAGE PLACE LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 129 IN LIVE OAK, FLORIDA ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2012 AT 9:30 A.M. THE SALE WILL BE HELD AT THE STORAGE PLACE FACILITY IN LIVE OAK, FLORIDA. THE SALE IS BEING HELD TO SATISFY A LANDLORD'S LIEN. EVERYTHING SOLD IS PURCHASED "AS IS" "WHERE IS" FOR CASH. THE STORAGE PLACE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY PUBLIC SALE THAT IS ADVERTISED. ALSO, THE STORAGE PLACE HAS THE RIGHT TO "NO SALE" A UNIT IF DEEMED NECESSARY. THE UNITS BEING SOLD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- L01/85 - FRANCENE BROWN
- L10 - CAROLYN VICKERY
- L12 - CHERYL TUCKER
- L39 - SEAN STRICKLAND
- L68/69 - TOM SIMCOX
- L74/98 - ANNETTE PAIGE
- L95 - KIMBERLY LAU
- 12/07, 12, 14

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SUWANNEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD will meet in the School Board Meeting Room, 702- 2nd Street, NW, Live Oak, Florida, on the following date and time.

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

School Board meetings are open to the public with the exception of Expulsion Issues, which are private. Anyone present wishing to appeal any decision made during the Regular Meeting will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the meeting is made, including any testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

*/s/ Jerry A. Scarborough*  
Jerry A. Scarborough  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
12/14

**BID SOLICITATION BID NO. 2012-25**

The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners, Suwannee County, Florida will receive sealed bids from Florida certified contractors, at the Clerk of Court Cashier Window at the Courthouse to the attention of Clerk to the Board, 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064 until Friday, January 11, 2013 at 4:00 P.M. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Judicial Annex Building, 218 Parsley Street SW Live Oak, Florida 32064 on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013 AT 4:00 P.M.**, for the following:

**CONSTRUCTION OF 171st STREET DRAINAGE DITCH SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

The project will consist of minor earthwork, concrete ditch pavement, wood frame walk bridge, minor electrical/plumbing and sod/grass/inter.

The Board of County Commissioners may accept all or part of any bid. Any bid received after Friday January 11, 2013 at 4:00 P.M., will be returned to the bidder unopened and will not be considered. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive formalities and readvertise and award the bid in the best interest of Suwannee County.

The Board of County Commissioners does not discriminate because of race, creed, color, national origin or handicap status.

The Board of County Commissioners requires a Sworn Statement under section 287.133(3)(a), F.S., on Public Entity Crimes.

A Bid Guarantee in the form of a Bid Bond properly executed by the Bidder and by a qualified surety or a certified or cashier's check on any national or state bank, in a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid, made payable to Suwannee County, c/o Clerk of the Circuit Court, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that the bidder will not withdraw from the competition after opening of the bids, and in the event the contract is awarded to the bidder he will within fifteen (15) days, after the notice of Award, enter into a contract with the Owner. If the bidder fails to enter into a contract with the Owner, he shall forfeit the Bid Guarantee or Bid Bond as liquidated damages. The Bid Bond must be secured from an agency of the Surety on Insurance Company, which agency shall have an established place of business in the State of Florida, and be duly licensed to conduct business therein.

The following condition will be a part of the contract as required by Suwannee County:

Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system, in accordance with the terms governing use of the system, to confirm the employment eligibility of:  
1. all persons employed by the Vendor/Contractor during the term of the Contract to perform employment duties within Florida; and  
2. all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the Vendor/Contractor to perform work pursuant to the contract with Suwannee County.  
Successful Bidders will be required to furnish a Public Construction Bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price, on

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the form included in the Bid Documents.

Anyone wishing to obtain bid documents may contact Keen Engineering, at 386/362-4787. Plans for review only will be located at the County Administrators office (386-364-3400). Any questions concerning the bid specifications should be directed to Curtis Keen, Engineer at 386/362-4787.

All bids must be submitted with one (1) original and three (3) copies and labeled on the outside of the envelope as "SEALED BID NO. 2012-25 CONSTRUCTION OF 171st STREET DRAINAGE DITCH".

Wesley Wainwright, CHAIRMAN  
SUWANNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
12/14

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**

CASE NO.: 12-120-CP

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:**

**JOHN E. BLUE A/K/A JOHN EDWARD BLUE Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of **JOHN E. BLUE A/K/A JOHN EDWARD BLUE**, deceased, whose date of death was October 17, 2012, and whose social security number is 297-26-3860, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below:

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is December 14, 2012.

**KNOWLTON LAW FIRM, P.L.**

*/s/ Horace A. Knowlton*  
**HORACE A. KNOWLTON IV, Esquire**  
Attorney for Personal Rep.  
Florida Bar No. 817945  
805 West Azealee Street  
Tampa, Florida 33606  
813-253-3013

*/s/ Sheila Marie Degennaro*  
**SHEILA MARIE DEGENNARO**  
Personal Representative  
800 Astro Avenue  
Rocky Ford, Colorado 81067  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 612012CP-124-XX

**IN RE: The Estate of**

**DALE CLIFFORD STAATS,**

**Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS (SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION)**

**TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:**

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of DALE CLIFFORD STAATS, deceased, File No. 612012CP-124-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 January 8, 2012; that the total cash value of the estate is less than \$75,000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

- Name & Address:
- Dale Clifford Staats, Jr.  
14216 143rd Rd.  
Live Oak, FL 32060
- Jordan Otto Staats  
14216 143rd Rd.  
Live Oak, FL 32060

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**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 of Summary Administration 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 December 14, 2012.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:  
LAW OFFICE OF  
DANA EDMISTEN HILL  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**

CASE NO.: 2012-122-CP

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF**

**JAMES R. COURDUFF, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the Estate of **JAMES R. COURDUFF, deceased**, whose date of death was October 5, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the attorney for the estate are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is December 14, 2012.

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
**JOHN MOXLEY, P.A.**  
John Moxley, Esq.  
3933 SE 13th Street  
Ocala, FL 34471  
Florida Bar Number: 124157  
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Personal Representative:  
Sandra Winkles  
4860 Mockingbird Drive  
Ridge Manor, FL 33523  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 2011-75-CP

**IN RE: Estate of**

**JOYCE MARIE HILL,**

**Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the Estate of Joyce Marie Hill, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, in and for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, Case No. 2011-75-CP, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this Notice, must file their claims with

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this Court within the later of three (3) months after the date of first publication of this notice or thirty (30) days after the date of service of a copy of this notice on them.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

All claims not so filed will be forever barred.

Notwithstanding the time periods set forth above, any claim filed two (2) years or more after the decedent's date of death is barred.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 14, 2012.

Personal Representative:  
*/s/ Andrew J. Decker*  
Andrew J. Decker, III  
Post Office Box 1288  
Live Oak, Florida 32064

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
*/s/ Anthony W. Chauncey*  
Anthony W. Chauncey, Esquire  
Florida Bar No. 75023  
The Decker Law Firm, P.A.  
320 White Avenue-Street Address  
Post Office Drawer 1288-Mailing Address  
Live Oak, Florida 32064  
Telephone: (386) 364-4440  
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Email: *anthonywchauncey@thedecker-lawfirm.com*  
12/14, 21

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

CASE NO.: 12-259-CA

**HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3,**

**Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MELISSA HALL A/K/A MELISSA L. HALL, CHET HALL A/K/A CHET G. HALL, UNKNOWN TENANT #1, and UNKNOWN TENANT #2,**

**Defendants.**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: Chet Hall a/k/a Chet G. Hall  
Residence Unknown

If living if dead, all unknown parties claiming interest by, through, under or against named defendant(s), whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other claimants; and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.

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

**Lot 1, Lomas Verde, a Subdivision, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 363, of the Public Records of Suwannee County, Florida. Parcel: 08-02S-13E-0489301.0**

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Interest by, through, under or against Defendants.

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that you have been designated as defendant in a legal proceeding filed against you for Breach of Contract.

The action was instituted in the County Court, SUWANNEE County, Florida, and is styled MIGUEL MADERO and RUBEN CHAVEZ vs. JUAN LIRA and MAIRA AMADOR.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on December 3, 2012. Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P. O. BOX 6051, LIVE OAK, FLORIDA 32064, on or before January 25, 2013, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on January 25, 2013 or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter a judgment or decree in the Plaintiffs' interest which will be binding upon you.

DATED: December 3, 2012.

(Court Seal) Clerk of the County Court  
SUWANNEE County, Florida

By: */s/ Sandy Ferrell*  
Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO.: 12-305-CA

**VINOD MALHOTRA and NANCY MALHOTRA**

Plaintiff(s)

vs.

**JOHN H. MURPHY and HELEN L. SNOW,**

Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: JOHN H. MURPHY AND HELEN L. SNOW  
ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 5329 U.S. HIGHWAY 129, LIVE OAK, FL 32060

If living; if dead, all unknown parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the above named defendant(s), whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other claimants; and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.

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

Part of the NW 1/4 (NORTHWEST QUARTER) of the SW 1/4 (SOUTHWEST QUARTER) of Section 32, Township 1 South, Range 14 East, Lying West of U.S. Highway 129, Suwannee County, Florida. Together with a 1984 SEVI Doublewide Mobile Home, I.D. #FDGA6QU5140 and FDGA6QX5140.

Mortgage recorded in Official Records Book 1501, Pages 57-59

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Rhett Bullard, P.A., the Plaintiffs' attorney, whose address is 100 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064, within 30 days after the date of the first publication of this notice, on or before January 6, 2013, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on 28th day of November, 2012.

(Court Seal) Barry Baker  
Clerk of said Court

By: */s/ Sallie Pert*  
Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO.: 12-295-CA

**U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE 1997-4, acting by and through GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, in its capacity as Servicer**  
7360 S. Kyrene Road  
Tempe, AZ 85283,

Plaintiff,

v.

**MONICA J. SHINGOLA and JAMES C. SHINGOLA,**

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: Monica J. Shingola:

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court, County of Suwannee, State of Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:

LOT 9, MAY ESTATES, AS SET FORTH ON PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 266, PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1983, 60 X 26 MOBILE HOME, VIN# 18073AB.

Commonly known as: 16021 93rd Road, Live Oak, FL 32060

You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Timothy D. Padgett, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 2878 Remington Green Circle, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, 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.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2012.

(Court Seal) CLERK OF COURT

By: */s/ Sallie Pert*  
Deputy Clerk

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION**

CASE NO. 61-2012-CA-0000268

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, ND,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**RICHARD TOMIC A/K/A RICHARD TOMIC, SR., et al.,**

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: BONNIE TOMIC, PO BOX 968, BUSHNELL, FL 33513

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED,

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CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 33 OF ACRES OF DIAMONDS SUBDIVISION, UNIT C (A/K/A UNIT II), AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A PORTION OF THE EAST 660 FEET OF THE WEST 1,320 FEET OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 13 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, NORTH OF STATE ROAD NUMBER 349; BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 8, AND RUN THENCE S. 00 DEGREES 47'29" E. ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 8, 50.01 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF A COUNTY GRADED ROAD; THENCE S. 89 DEGREES 29'00" E. ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE AND PARALLEL TO THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 8, 990.00 FEET; THENCE S. 00 DEGREES 47'29" E. PARALLEL TO THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 8, 1200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S. 00 DEGREES 47'29" E. PARALLEL TO SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY 150.00 FEET; THENCE S. 89 DEGREES 29'00" E. PARALLEL TO SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY 330.00 FEET; THENCE N. 00 DEGREES 47'29" W. PARALLEL TO SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 8, 150.00 FEET; THENCE N. 89 DEGREES 29'00" W. PARALLEL TO SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 8, 330.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to file a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Casey Jernigan King, McCalla Raymer, LLC, 225 E. Robinson St, Suite 660, Orlando, FL 32801 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 21st day of November, 2012.

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. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation to participate should call the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, 386-719-7428, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770.

(Court Seal) Barry A. Baker  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
As Clerk of the Court

By: */s/ Sallie Pert*  
Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO.: 12-254-CA

**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2007, GSAMP TRUST 2007-FM2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-FM2,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**JAMES K. WALLACE, MAXINE M. WALLACE, UNKNOWN TENANT #1, and UNKNOWN TENANT #2,**

Defendants.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: Maxine M. Wallace  
Residence Unknown

If living; if dead, all unknown parties claiming interest by, through, under or against named defendant(s), whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other claimants; and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.

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

**THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO WIT:**

LOTS 12, 13, OF BLOCK B; AND LOTS 14, AND 15, OF BLOCK A, AND THAT PART OR PORTION OF LOT 16, OF BLOCK A, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 16; THENCE RUN SOUTH 26 DEGREES 03 MINUTES EAST, ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF RIVER ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 35 FEET; THENCE RUN IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION, PARALLEL TO THE LINE DIVIDED SAID LOT 15 AND LOT 16, TO THE SUWANNEE RIVER, THENCE RUN IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION, ALONG THE SUWANNEE RIVER, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 16; THENCE RUN IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION, ALONG SAID LINE DIVIDING SAID LOT 15 AND 16, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THIS SAID PART OR PORTION OF LOT 16 BEING BOUNDED ON THE NORTHWEST BY LOT 15 OF SAID LOT BLOCK A, ON THE SOUTHWEST BY RIVER ROAD, ON THE SOUTHEAST BY OTHER LANDS IN SAID LOT 16 OF BLOCK A, AND ON THE NORTHEAST BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER;

**ALL IN RIVER OAKS ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION IN THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE YEAR 1946, ALONG THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Street Address: 3266 91st Dr, Live Oak, FL 32060

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Clarifield, Okon, Salomone & Pincus, P.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 500 Australian Avenue South, Suite 730, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 within 30 days after the date of the first publication of this notice, on or before January 15, 2013, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on November 20, 2012.

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

BY: *Sallie Pert*  
As Deputy Clerk

Clarifield, Okon, Salomone & Pincus, P.L.  
Attorney for Plaintiff

500 Australian Avenue South, Suite 730  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
Telephone: (561) 713-1400  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION**

CASE NO.: 12-79-CA

**CHARLES R. HOWES,**

Plaintiffs,

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 them; 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.

**CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 19, 2012 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 S. Ohio Ave, Live Oak, FL 32064 at 11:00 a.m. on January 17, 2013, 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 East 330.96 feet; thence South 1338.81 feet; thence West 331.25 feet to the point of beginning; less the South 30 feet for easement.**

**Together with an 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 feet 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 North 89 degrees 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 degrees 38'29" West, a distance of 1979.26 feet; thence run North 18 degrees 45'32" East, a distance of 700.31 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 38'52" W, a distance of 669.40 feet; thence run North**

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89 degrees 13'22" East, a distance of 2650.41 feet to the terminus of said easement.

Dated: November 21, 2012.

Barry Baker  
Clerk of Court

By: */s/ Sallie Pert*  
Deputy Clerk

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**Request for Qualifications Program Evaluation Firms and Individuals**

The Suwannee County School Board will accept Statements of Qualifications from individuals and firms for inclusion on a list of prequalified program evaluators for future grant-funded projects coordinated by the district.

Specifications may be obtained from the office of Vickie Music, Chief Financial Officer, 702 2nd Street, NW, Live Oak, FL 32064 or at the following web address:

<http://suwannee.schoolsdesk.net/Bids/OpenBids/tabid/11741/Default.aspx>

Statements of Qualifications must be received in the office of Vickie Music, CFO, no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2012. All packets must be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked RFP - Program Evaluation Firms and Individuals.  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 2011-CA-000233

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ELIZABETH BERNARDY A/K/A ELIZABETH ANN BERNARDY, ET AL, Defendants**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 19, 2012, and entered in Case No. 2011-CA-000233, of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for SUWANNEE COUNTY, Florida. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and ELIZABETH BERNARDY A/K/A ELIZABETH ANN BERNARDY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on THE FRONT STEPS of the Courthouse; 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, at 11:00 a.m., on the 17th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 19 OF FLORIDA HILLS, PHASE II, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE(S) 301, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**TOGETHER WITH A 2002 PIONEER MOBILE HOME, VIN # PH1220GA19571A & PH1220GA19571B**

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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2012.

(Court Seal) Barry A. Baker  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: */s/ Sallie Pert*  
As Deputy Clerk

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. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation to participate should call the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, 386-719-7428, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770.  
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