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School bus crash sends 50 to hospital



The scene of the crash Wednesday morning. - Photo: Andrew McGee

SHS student crashes into back of school bus as it loads, suffers serious injuries

Other students, bus driver, sent to Shands Live Oak

"I was reading a book and then I heard a crash. I was scared and I wanted my mom."
- 8-year-old Katelyn Pettrey

Staff

The driver of a 2002 Chevrolet SUV crashed into the rear end of a full school bus in western Suwannee County Wednesday, sending the bus driver and 48 students to a local hospital.

The SUV driver, Suwannee High School senior Brandon J. Cunningham, 18, Live Oak,

was seriously injured in the accident. The bus driver received minor injuries. None of the students were hospitalized.

"I was reading a book and then I heard a crash," said Katelyn Pettrey, 8. "I was scared and I wanted my mom."

Students on the bus ranged from pre-school to high school. The crash occurred on US 90 at 74th Street about 3 miles west of Live Oak.

The Jaws of Life was needed

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Suwannee High School principal Ted Roush, left, talks with Shands Live Oak CEO Richard Huth at the hospital Wednesday morning about the wreck. Parents and students can be seen filling the lobby of the hospital on 11th Street. - Photo: Andrew McGee

"It's not a matter of if an incident occurs at our schools, it's just a matter of when. And I can say confidently our schools are ready and have a solid plan for safety."



- Live Oak Police Chief Buddy Williams

School safety concerns addressed

Law enforcement, school members address issues

By Bryant Thigpen
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Superintendent of Schools Jerry Scarborough hosted a meeting on Wednesday afternoon with school principals and local law enforcement to address school safety concerns.

Less than two months ago, several local agencies performed drills to prepare school staff and students for unexpected emergencies. Since the school shooting that took place in Newtown, Conn. on Friday, concerns for school safety have resurfaced.

"What we want to ensure is that we have safe schools," Scarborough said. "But that doesn't

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State: 'Klausner committed to coming'

By Bryant Thigpen
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Suwannee County could soon be rolling out the red carpet for Klausner Lumber One, LLC who is "committed to coming," accord-

ing to a state source. While state and other officials are not saying if Klausner is indeed coming to Suwannee County, they are optimistic. Klausner could eventually install a mul-

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NFBA granted another chance

Democrat, county inquiries into where money has been spent still left unanswered

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners granted

North Florida Broadband Authority one more chance to provide the information they have been requesting before deciding whether or not to follow other counties and sever ties.

On Tuesday morning prior to the meeting, the Democrat met with NFBA Executive Direc-

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A village masterpiece.



Bobby Brickles with granddaughter helper, Reina.

Building a village tradition

By Bryant Thigpen
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Bobby Brickles is the proud owner of a three level Christmas village that has been a tradition for Bobby and Patti Brickles for over 25 years. This passion first began in

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Store robbed

Clerk left unconscious

By Bryant Thigpen
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A local cell phone store was robbed Monday and the clerk beaten and left unconscious, according to Live Oak Police Dept. Det. Justin Bates.

According to Bates, a call came in about 7:30 p.m. of a delayed robbery at the Verizon store on Ohio Avenue next to Hardee's. Upon arrival, the store clerk, Ty Bannister, was found laying on the ground with obvious wounds to the head.

Bannister reported that near closing time, an indi-

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Holiday garbage schedule For city of Live Oak

Christmas

Monday, Dec. 24 - picked up as scheduled
Tuesday, Dec. 25 - will be picked up on
Wednesday, Dec. 26

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as usual

New Years

Tuesday, Jan. 1 - no pickup, will be picked up on Wednesday, Jan. 2
Rest of the week as usual

The Old Dog Says
"Merry Christmas."



SHS Lady soccer



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Suwannee County Part of "The Original Florida"

State: 'Klausner committed to coming'

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 ti-million dollar state-of-the-art sawmill in Suwannee County near the interchange of US 90 West and I-10.

It is not known if Klausner has signed on the dotted line, but according to Assistant Coordinator of Economic Development for the state, Diane Scholz, the company is "committed to coming."

"We're very confident they're coming," Scholz said. "There's a lot of moving parts that comes with a company this size, but we're hoping in January they can move forward and do their formal announcement."

Since the Austria based company has set sail toward the US, Klausner has eyeballed Florida, North and South Carolina as potential bases for the company. Should Klausner de-

cide to anchor down in the sunshine state, Suwannee County is more than ready.

Land clearing is currently underway at the proposed site. JB Coxwell Contracting has been on the site for two weeks clearing and grubbing the \$1.5 million piece of property.

"If a local resident was to ride by there, they would think the company has been out there for months," said County Administrator Randy Harris. "But I only gave them 30 days to get the job done, and they have been working 24/7 until the job is done."

Harris said he doesn't know when Klausner will be settling in, but he is "very optimistic it's going to happen very soon."

"We have been working very hard trying to get the site prepared, so when they do show up, we're ready to

go," he said. According to county commission chairman Wesley Wainwright, the county has done everything the company has asked of them.

Now, the ball is in Klausner's court.



JB Coxwell Contractors have been working around the clock clearing and grubbing the property that could potentially house Klausner's state-of-the-art sawmill. - Photo: Bryant Thigpen

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 18, Dana Rene Ward, 31, 14477 29th Rd, Live Oak, FL, Bond Surrender Cokers: On File
 Dec 18, David Eric Hall, 43, 123 N 3rd Street, We-wahitchka, FL, Fail to Stop 4 Inspection, DWLS (Habitual), Bay Co Child Support: OALE- Fletcher

Dec 18, Teresa Rae Thompson, 48, 844 Shell Beach Road, Pierre Part, LA, Levy Co/Child Support: OALE- Fletcher
 Dec 18, Steven Louis Copeland, 19, 22619 101st Rd, O'Brien, FL, VOP O/C Burg of Structure, VOP O/C Grand Theft III: SCSO- A. Loston
 Dec 18, David Thomas Forrest, 26, 191 SW Brum-bly, Ft. White, FL, VOP Fel Crim Mischief, VOP Shooting into Occupied Vehicle, VOP Poss Marijuana +20Grms, VOP Fel Crim Mischief: SCSO- T. Ford/A. Loston
 Dec 18, Jackie Suzanne Emery, 39, 829 Martin Street, Live Oak, FL, VOP DWL Expired +6 Mths, VOP Poss -20Grms Cannabi, Pay Cash Bond \$541.00: LOPD-Slaughter
 Dec 18, Scott Sayre Babbitt, 38, 22311 136th Street, Live Oak, FL, Sent to 10 Days CJ 4 Days Credit: SCSO- M. Jelks
 Dec 19, Shannon Leann Welch, 19, 9532 178th Ter, McAlpin, FL, Battery Person Over 65 (Domestic Violence): SCSO- J. Greene
 Dec 19, Ronnie Goodman, Jr., 22, 1016 Douglas St, Live Oak, FL, Sentenced 18 Months DOC: SCSO- A. Prins

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Have a safe and happy holiday
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United Way report luncheon held

At 61 percent of the campaign goal



Eddy Hillhouse, Columbia County Campaign Chair announced as of Dec. 12 the 2012-13 campaign contributions and pledges booked total \$364,900 or 61 percent of the campaign goal.

United Way of Suwannee Valley's final campaign report luncheon was held in the beautifully-decorated Columbia County Senior Services LifeStyle Enrichment Center in Lake City on Dec. 12.

Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) sponsored the lovely facility for the event. United Way Suwannee Valley is fortunate to have good corporate citizens providing such sponsorships.

Another sponsor TD Bank was recognized for sponsoring the annual campaign video produced by Florida Gateway College, which lends so much support to the community. Mike McKee, past UWSV president and emcee introduced the annual campaign video that captures and relays visually the Tropical Storm Debby flooding as well as the tremendous amount of United Way staff and volunteer effort devoted to disaster recovery efforts. The video is available on CD and on the United Way of Suwannee Valley website.

The Communications Committee elected to use a theme of Imagine Me to enable agency presentations to be heard from the perspective of those UW contributions assist.

Bill Caley, Boys' Club of Columbia County presented a slide show with commentary to tell about his agency. Dana Huggins, the Columbia County School District Homeless Education Liaison and chair of the Homeless Services Network of Suwannee Valley, which is one of the United Way community impact initiatives told about the new face of homelessness.

Eddy Hillhouse, Columbia County Campaign Chair said, "One of the key points regarding our annual United Way fundraising campaign is that funds stay in our community to help our own neighbors and fellow employees. United Way affiliated agencies provide a wide variety of programs. Cumulatively, these 21 agencies served more than 20,000 individuals last year. For most of our affiliated agencies, their United Way allocation contributes to the community funds required for the agencies' grants. Utilizing United Way funds as well as other local resources as leverage, the affiliated agencies last year contributed \$14 million in services to our community residents."

Luncheon guests learned about the important contribution to the campaign which is

made through the generous contributions of our leadership donors, the Challengers' Club, chaired by Sue Tuell. "Our Challengers' Committee established a goal of \$150,045 -- with the \$45 signifying the 45th year of UWSV. As of today, there are 114 Challengers' Club members who have committed to supporting our 2012-2013 campaign with a gift of \$500 or more from their family. Of these 114 Challengers' Club members, 18 are new this campaign. So far, our Challengers' Club members are contributing \$85,361 toward the overall campaign," said Tuell.

CCA, Florida Gateway College, Publix, Target Distribution Center and TIMCO which have conducted their campaigns and are announced their results. All had increas-

es over last year. The drawing for the winner of a guided fishing trip for two at a premier lake at PotashCorp-White Springs was held and Rhonda Tomlinson was announced as the winner. PotashCorp does so much for the community through its financial support of United Way and many other organizations through both financial resources and employee volunteerism. The fishing trip raffle is yet one more effort by PotashCorp-White Springs to conduct a fundraiser benefiting United Way.

As a grand finale, Hillhouse announced as of Dec. 12 the 2012-2013 campaign contributions and pledges booked total \$364,900 or 61 percent of the campaign goal.

The next event will be the annual meeting, which has been tentatively set for April 11

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Cathy Martin Memorial Scholarship

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From 1992-2009, Cathy earned ten cars with Mary Kay

getting her first pink Cadillac in 1997! Carl said the Lord has been so good to them through the years.

The scholarship will be used to help Westwood Christian School students with financial need. If you would like more information about scholarships or Westwood Christian School, please call 386-362-3735.



Cathy Martin



Left to right, Carl Martin; Bernice Brinkley, administrative assistant; Pam Peace, administrator, and some of Westwood Christian School's kindergarten students.

Using precaution when in a vehicle can save a life.

By Yvonne Rodriguez

The holiday season is upon us once again. Keeping everyone safe when driving in a vehicle is a priority. Whether driving around your town or traveling long distance choose the appropriate car seat for your child's age, weight and height. Read the car seat manufactures' book-

let to determine if the car seat is appropriate for your child. Follow the vehicle and car seat instructions for proper use and buckle up every time. Parents and other adult passengers should set a good example by buckling up, even for short trips. Enjoy your holiday festivities but remember to never drink and drive.

A ribbon to honor those killed at Sandy Hook

One of our neighbors in Suwannee County is asking everyone to wear a green ribbon from now until the end of December to honor all the children and adults killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. Please forward this message so we can reach as many people as we can.

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At the higher end, maybe a spouse or loved one has talked about a cosmetic procedure like teeth-whitening or veneers. You could talk with that person's dentist and perhaps arrange for a gift certificate for all or part of the work.

Now, on the oral health end, the holidays are a smorgasbord - literally - of eating opportunities. Try to stay away from sugary drinks and food. When bacteria that lives in plaque interact with sugar, they produce the acid that starts the process of decay. Load up on the fruit and vegetable snacks and high-fiber greens like lettuce, broccoli and spinach. Apples, oranges, celery and carrots are also good for your smile because they require lots of chewing, which in turn produces the saliva that keeps your mouth clean.

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Sara Alford joins the SRWMD as an accountant



Alford

Sara Alford joined the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) as the Finance

Officer on Dec. 17. She will work in the District's Administrative Services Division. She will be responsible for the overall implementation of all District fiscal transaction and to ensure strict adherence for fiscal stewardship of public funds.

Prior to the District, Alford was employed as an accountant with the South Georgia Medical Center, where she had worked since 2006.

During her time with the South Georgia Medical Center, she worked preparing journal entries, division reports and board financials, as well as resolving discrepancies and reconciling bank and investment accounts.

"I'm very pleased to be a part of the District staff," said Alford. "The District's mission is so important to the environment; it's stimulating to be a part of that."

Alford earned a Masters of Accountancy from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Business Administration from the Valdosta State University.

"The District is delighted to welcome Sara as our new financial officer," said Executive Director Ann Shortelle. "She is an important addition to our District team, and we're excited to have her here."

Candlelight Vigil for the Homeless

A candlelight vigil is being held Friday, Dec. 21, 2012, at Millennium Park in downtown Live Oak from 6 - 7 p.m. acknowledging homeless persons in Suwannee County.

Amber Abbott and Kayli Burkett will present special music from 6 - 6:30 p.m.

Hear "Imagine Me" stories about real homeless people who are local as we focus on the plight of homeless people locally and across the nation.

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OBITUARY

Cecil Nelson Bonds
June 20, 1921
Dec. 14, 2012

Cecil Nelson Bonds age 91, of McAlpin, Fla. passed away early Friday morning, Dec. 14, 2012 at Haven Hospice in Lake City, Fla. He was a native and life long resident of Suwannee County. The World War II veteran reached the rank of Staff Sergeant and served in the U.S. Army as a Communications Chief. He was in the Tunisian, Sicilian, Normandy and Northern France Campaigns, as well as the Rhineland Campaign. His decorations and citations included the European, African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Bronze

Star. Having been twice wounded he was awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Cluster. He was first wounded in action on September 17th, 1944 and again on March 2, 1945 in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater. He was honorably discharged Aug. 14, 1945. Returning home he served Suwannee County as a Deputy Sheriff for 21 years. He loved refinishing old furniture that he purchased while vacationing in the mountains. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a member of Friendship Baptist Church.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Myrtice Bonds and a brother, Jack Bonds.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Bonds, Viera, Fla.; one daughter, Sharon (Leon) Harris, Archer, Fla.; two sons, Martin (Susan

Bonds, Palatka, Fla.; Michael Bonds, Live Oak, Fla.; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Visitation was held Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 17, 2012 in the Friendship Baptist Church with Dr. David Teems and Rev. Louis Berry officiating. Interment followed in the church Cemetery with full military rites at the graveside.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches, P.O. Box 2000, Live Oak, Fla. 32064.

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Entry Dates

* Steer Weigh-in was Saturday December 8, 2012. Thirty-nine steers were weighed in, including 31 market steers and 8 feeder steers.

* Mandatory hog tagging is Saturday January 12, 2013. Tagging will be done that morning starting at 8am at the Suwannee County Fairgrounds. All trailers must be in line by 10am to be tagged. All hogs must be tagged on this date. Hog entry forms are also due on this date and can be filled out on-site.

* Exhibitors are responsible for complying with all dates.

Fair Dates

* Record Books for Hogs and Steers are due on Monday March 25, 2013 by 5pm.

* Hog Weigh-in is Wednesday April 3, 2013 from 8-11am (Must be in line by 11am). ***Note-Hogs must weigh between 230-290 lbs. at official weigh-in. See rules for details.***

* Hog Showmanship is Wednesday April 3, 2013 at 6pm.

* Steer Weigh-in is Thursday April 4, 2013 from 8-11am (Must be in line by 11am).

* Hog Show is Thursday April 4, 2013 at 6pm.

* Steer Show is Friday April 5, 2013 at 6pm.

* Sale is Saturday April 6, 2013 at 1:30pm.

Please respect these dates to ensure that the show and sale will run smoothly during the Suwannee County Fair. SVYLSS board members thank you in advance for a great show and sale next April. For more information and /or a copy of the rules about the Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show and Sale please contact one of the Suwannee Valley Extension Offices: Hamilton-386-792-1276, Lafayette-386-294-1279, or Suwannee-386-362-2771.

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4-H Holiday Bake-off was a Tasty Success



2012 Holiday Bake-off Winners from left to right: Gabe C., Mathew Ortensie, Kara Croft, Caroline Horvath, Jessica-Ann Ortensie, Jamie Costa, Sarah Swindell (Overall Winner), Tiffanie White, Garrett Greaves, and Andrew Horvath.

Brian Estevez

4-H/Youth Development Agent

On Monday, Dec. 10, Suwannee County 4-H hosted its annual Holiday Bake-off. The Holiday Bake-off was a success as 33, 4-H'ers submitted 70 delicious entries that were all judged on their own merit. Later that evening, over 75 people showed up at Exhibition II next to the UF/IFAS Suwannee County Extension Office to enjoy the awards ceremony and all of the goodies.

All Holiday Bake-off entries were dropped off at Exhibition II between the hours of 8:30 am and 11:00 am. The entries were placed in one of 12 different divisions and then judged in the early afternoon. The awards ceremony started at 6:30 pm. All of the 4-H'ers were treated to a standing-room only crowd as they got their pictures taken. Division winning entries received the coveted golden spoon for all of their hard work. Cloverbuds, 4-H'ers ages 5-7, also were able to have entries, though their desserts were not judged. Cloverbuds received a participation ribbon for their hard work.

As part of a community service project, 4-H'ers were challenged to bring a toy to be given to the Toys for Kids + program in Branford. More than 20 toys were donated to brighten the Holiday season for local youth. All of the leftover desserts were also donated to Love, Inc. in Live Oak.

All 4-H'ers in the Junior

and Senior Divisions received a Blue or a Red Award because their baked products were so outstanding. The category winners were:

* Cloverbuds (Participation ribbon only)-Seth Greaves, Lara Croft, and Audrey Lord

* Cakes-Sarah Swindell of the Farm Fresh 4-H Club
Decorated Cakes-Tiffanie White of the Just Kiddin' 4-H Club

* Gingerbread Cookies-Kara Croft of the Just Kiddin' 4-H Club

* Pie-Gabe C. of the McAlpin 4-H Club

* Candies-Andrew Horvath of the Live Oak Learners 4-H Club

* Cookies-Mathew Ortensie of the Suwannee County Sharp Shooters 4-H Club

* Brownies-Caroline Horvath of the Live Oak Learners 4-H Club

* Breads-Garrett Greaves of the Just Kiddin' 4-H Club

* Specialty Items-Kara Croft of the Just Kiddin' 4-H Club

* Gift Baskets-Jessica-Ann Ortensie of the Suwannee County Sharp Shooters 4-H Club

* Appetizers-Gabe C. of

the McAlpin 4-H Club

* Lite Recipes-Jamie Costa of the Suwannee County Sharp Shooters 4-H Club

The best of show award went to Sarah Swindell from the Farm Fresh 4-H club for her peppermint

cupcakes. Congratulations to all of the 4-H'ers that participated in the 2012 Holiday Bake-off.

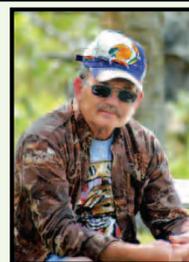
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Taking the trophy

Branford teacher and husband participate in 2nd Annual Dancing for Tomorrow's Stars

By Andrew McGee
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The 2nd Annual Dancing for Tomorrow's Stars was Thursday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Suwannee High School gym. The Suwannee Foundation for Excellence in Education who hosts the event had a great

turnout and the sponsors were more than glad to have it.

Branford High School teacher Emilee Raines and her husband Andrew were contestants and winners that night.

According to Emilee, she hasn't been dancing very long, but when she

was younger, she was involved in gymnastics. She attributes being somewhat limber and having coordination to her gymnastic days.

"I took dance when I was in elementary school," said Raines. "But, I haven't taken any dance since."

If it weren't for someone submitting the Raines' names as contestants and others encouragement to participate, they may have never done it.

Raines said her husband is an even less experienced dancer. Not being aware that the contest was coming and both being novice dancers especially on the competitive level, put the Raines at somewhat of a disadvantage. They decided to give it a whirl anyway.

"We probably practiced, maybe seven days," said Raines.

What were her expectations?

"Well, just not to break my neck," laughed Raines. "And to remember all the dance steps. It's still in that new stage."

Although the Raines are a relatively younger couple, their selection was from a style that was popu-

lar long before they were born. Their song and dance was "In the mood" by Glen Miller and the style they danced was swing.

Raines explained that she selected the choreography for the dance moves by going online and finding a dance tutorial. Thankfully, husband Andrew was a quick learner and she felt he was coming along well

and at the very least, they were out there to have fun.

Five couples competed for two trophies, judges favorite went to Andrew and Emilee Raines from Branford High School and fan favorite went to Adrienne Taylor and Robyne Edwards from Suwannee Elementary School. All proceeds from the event go to support the Foundation's

programs which include; Take Stock in Children, Mini-Grants for Teachers and the District Teacher of the Year program.

The Foundation would like to thank the following sponsors of the event: Jerry Scarborough, McCallister Insurance, Wayne Frier Mobile Homes, Capital City Bank and Live Oak Pest Control.



Judges favorites: Emilee and Andrew Raines.



Fan favorite trophy went to Adrienne Taylor and Robyne Edwards.

National Honor Society Getting the ball rolling again



BHS Honor Society members.

By Andrew McGee
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The Branford High School Media Center was host site for an induction ceremony for the Branford Chapter of The National Honor Society recently.

Interest in the Branford Chapter of NHS waned in the past but that is being changed.

"We had our induction ceremony and we inducted all of our members. It was a wonderful moment for our club," said Public Relations Officer Lyndsey Horton. "We've had NHS before, but it wasn't huge, so we started it back up last year. We inducted all of our new members which included me and our officers. So, we're trying to get the NHS back on pace for Branford."

And what does the newly inducted public relations officer do exactly?

"I just make sure that all the

members know what's going on," said Horton. "I post on Facebook and I send out mass text messages to make sure that they know, we have a meeting today or an induction tonight."

Horton is also responsible for making sure that articles are done about the things that NHS does.

The other inductees include:
President - Taylor Randell
Treasurer - Deesa Patel
Secretary - Misty Edwards

The guest speaker for the ceremony was Letitia Lewis who spoke on the characteristics of NHS members, including scholarship, character, service and leadership. BHS principal Dr. Jimmy Wilkerson also spoke during the ceremony about the characteristics of NHS members as well as the dedication of Branford students and parents.

"We had a great celebration

and kickoff to our new and revived club," said Horton.

What's on the horizon for the Branford Chapter NHS?

"They're going to be doing a cultural bazaar in January," said Karen Koon, BHS Media Specialist and NHS Advisor. "It's going to be a major fund raiser for the group and they've chosen a particular culture or country that they're going to represent."

Koon explained this involved dressing authentically, having authentic foods and wares present and available for purchase. This means students will be doing extensive detailed research on the different cultures and getting costumes bought or made for the event. Koon is confident that the fundraiser will be a success because she knows how sharp and attentive her kids are.

"They're a pretty elite group, I must say," said Koon. "I ride them pretty hard and expect a lot out of them. They are rising. I

didn't think they had anywhere to go because they started out way up here," raising her hand high.

Koon is excited and hoping there will be a lot of community involvement for the bazaar. Since it will be held at BHS on a teacher's work day, there will definitely be strong support from teachers and faculty. It is a fund raiser, but there's more to gain through the experience for all.

"It's a learning thing for them," Koon said. "We had thought of just doing a yard sale, but hopefully people will buy some of the things we have to offer."

Koon is hoping to try and eventually acquire an NHS state affiliation. There's a National Leadership Conference which, according to Koon, is quite expensive. Having taken over the sponsorship since last spring, Koon knows firsthand the challenges of trying to raise money

for the group because there is no state funding available.

"It's really sad because these are our leaders. I've got about a half dozen I'd like to send to Leadership Conference. Last year, we actually started out in the red," said Koon. "We just had to borrow from other funds so that I could buy regalia for them to graduate last year and for their pinning and for their induction ceremony."

Koon is a firm believer that kids keep coming back to school after age 16 not only to receive a diploma, but because of the opportunities they can have being involved in NHS and other groups or functions.

The Branford Chapter of the NHS is hoping their cultural bazaar fund raiser in January will provide the much-needed money to continue pursuing excellence in academic achievement, character, honor and leadership.

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Have Faith in God - God Delivers



Jamie Musgrove and daughter-in-law, Jennifer with the new prize, a 2012 Toyota Camry Pace car

By *Jamie Musgrove*

Howland's Express. It was to benefit Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. I bought the ticket from Mrs. Barbra Howland. No more than 650 tickets were to be sold.

The winner was to win a 2012 Toyota Camry. The tickets were \$100.00 per ticket. To begin with, I just bought the ticket to help them out because I had two close friends that died from pancreatic cancer. Some people thought I was crazy. I have a daughter-in-law, Jennifer, who has a Camry, but it has a lot of miles on it and is 12 years old. He had given me a new grand child for Christmas. His name is Andrew and he is surely a blessing from God. Jennifer has been a good Christian wife to my son, mother to stepson, Landen, who is seven years old, and helps with Children's Church at my church, Melody Christian Center. So I decided to believe God to win this car for her. John 14: 13-14 says, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If e shall ask anything ni my name, I will do it." So I prayed to my Heavenly Father in the name Jesus to win car, not for me, but

for my daughter-in-law, Jennifer. Mark 11:22-23, "Jesus said, 'Have faith in God.' For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, 'Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.'" For the next two weeks, I confessed this car as mine and continually thanked God. I would continually remind him of his Word. Isaiah 43:26, 'Put me in remembrance ; let us plead together..." Two days before the drawing, I prayed in Jesus name as the hand went in the barrel to draw out the ticket, that they would go past all the other tickets to pick mine. Sunday, February 26, 2012, at 4:00pm, they drew out my ticket to win the Toyota Camry. Glory be to the God in Heaven. God is faithful and just. I delivered the car to my daughter-in-law, Jennifer, and thank God for his Word.

Extension update

Pocket gophers aka "Salamanders" leave mound trails behind

By *Carolyn Saft*
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County Extension

The southeastern pocket gopher, *Geomys pinetis*, is also known as the sandy-mounder in Florida. Sandy-mounder has been modified into "salamander" in some local dialects in the Southeastern US. The pocket gopher is a rodent well adapted for its life underground. It has very small eyes and ears and large claws on its powerful front legs. The term pocket refers to the fur-lined cheek pouches that the gopher uses to carry food. The folk tale that it carries soil from the burrow in these pouches is false. The lips close behind the protruding chisel-like front teeth so the gopher can chew through dense soil or large roots without getting dirt in its mouth. The southeastern pocket gopher is tan to gray-brown in color. The feet and naked tail are light colored. The average length for an adult gopher is about 10 inches long.

The southeastern pocket gopher requires deep, well-drained sandy soils. It is most abundant in longleaf pine/turkey oak sandhill habitats, but it is also found in coastal strand, sand pine scrub, and upland hammock habitats. Gophers dig extensive tunnel systems and are rarely seen on the surface. The average tunnel length is 145 feet. The soil gophers remove while digging their tunnels is pushed to the surface to form the characteristic rows of sand mounds. Mound building seems to be more intense during the cooler months, especially spring and fall, and slower in the summer. In the spring, pocket gophers push up 1-3 mounds per day. Based on mound construction, gophers seem to be more active at night and around



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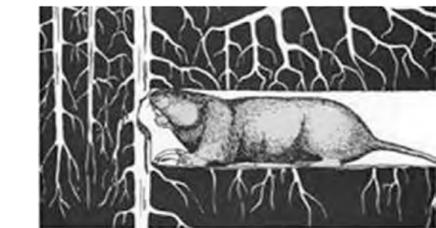
dusk and dawn, but they may be active at any time of day. The primary tunnels run parallel to the surface and most are 2 inches (5 cm) to 2 feet (0.6 m) below the surface, but some tunnels may extend downward as far as 5 feet (1.5 m). Nests and food storage chambers are located in these deeper tunnels. As the gopher digs, it pushes the excavated dirt behind itself. It then turns around in the tunnel and pushes the dirt up a tunnel that ends at the surface, producing a mound. As the main tunnel progresses be-

prey. The pine snake kills the gopher by pressing it against the wall of the tunnel, rather than wrapping it in constricting coils. The pocket gopher feeds on the tap roots, crown roots, fleshy rhizomes, bulbs, and tubers of a wide variety of plants in its natural environment. Bahia-grass tubers appear to be a preferred food. Gophers also have an unfortunate fondness for sweet potatoes, peanuts, sugarcane, alfalfa, and peas. Gophers reach sexual maturity at about 6 months of age. The southeastern

gophers is the numerous large, sandy mounds they deposit on the surface. Occasionally, gophers will feed on the roots or tubers of garden, ornamental, or crop plants. In natural settings, gopher tunneling activities are beneficial. The soil gophers bring to the surface contains nutrients leached from surface soils. This natural fertilizer helps to maintain the sandhill ecosystem. The mounds of loose soil provide needed germination sites for some native plant seeds. Many amphibians and reptiles use pocket gopher mounds as homes, including Florida's mole skinks and for many unique invertebrates found nowhere else.

of rodents. As dedicated food providers for their young, a pair of adult barn owls may be responsible for the destruction of more than 1,500 rodents over the course of a year. For info on building barn owl boxes go to http://erec.ifas.ufl.edu/barn_owl_research/pdf/BuildingABarnOwlNestingBox.pdf

Information cited from: Southeastern Pocket Gopher, William H. Kern, Jr., Ph.D., Associate Professor, Entomology And Nematology Department, Cooperative Extension Service, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, 32611.



yond the first tunnel, a new lateral tunnel is dug to the surface. Then the first lateral tunnel is backfilled to block it off from the surface. This behavior is a defense against the gopher's main predator, the Florida pine snake, which goes down the tunnel after its

pocket gopher usually has one or two litters per year. Each litter produces one to three young. Although gophers breed year round, breeding is most common in March and in July or August. The most common problem associated with pocket

When pocket gophers are damaging lawns, golf courses, or gardens, it is legal for the property owners, tenants, or employees to trap them without a permit. The choker loop trap is the most humane. Pesticides that are registered in Florida may be used in a manner consistent with the product labeling. Another alternative is to install barn owl boxes. Research has shown that barn owls are adept predators of pocket gophers. The University of Florida and Florida Fish and Wildlife (FWC) both have instructions and plans on how to build barn owl boxes. Barn owls are extremely efficient predators

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The Inn Keeper

This time of year many will truly reflect on the birth of Jesus. We believe wise men still seek Him! I want us to consider the "Inn Keeper" in the article today. He or she had no room for Jesus. Many today have "over-crowded hearts."

- 1) Have We Prepared Our Hearts?**
In John 1:23 we find John the baptizer was instructed to make the "Way for the Lord." John indeed prepared people's hearts for the coming of Jesus! His message was "Repent for the kingdom is at hand" [Matt. 3:2]. Paul said in Acts 26:18 he was sent to open eyes and turn people from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they might obtain forgiveness of sins and receive their inheritance.
- 2) Do We Have Open Hearts?**
In the Revelation letter Jesus invites us to open our doors [hearts], and He will come in [3:20]. It is one thing to invite someone to your house and it is another thing to invite him in!
- 3) Have We Given Our Hearts To Jesus?**
In Col. 3:15 Paul instructs to have the peace of God rule our hearts and in verse 17 he tells us to do everything in the name of Jesus! Matt. 22:37 "You shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart, with all of your soul, and with all of your mind."

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School bus crash sends 50 to hospital

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to free Cunningham from the wreckage. Authorities said he was wearing a seat belt.

According to FHP, Cunningham was traveling eastbound on US 90 in a 2002 Chevrolet SUV when he struck the back of the 2000

Blue Bird bus that was stopped on eastbound US 90 at 74th Street. FHP said the bus was stopped with its warning lights engaged due to children boarding the bus. All the children were seated as the SUV hit the rear.

Cunningham was air lifted to Shands Gainesville for injuries to his lower extrem-

ities. Family members said Cunningham went into surgery at Shands Gainesville and was then admitted to ICU. They said Cunningham is a good student and kid and may not have noticed the bus due to the sun's glare as it was rising in the east.

All the students on the bus

were sent to Shands Live Oak Regional Medical Center as a precaution. Hospital CEO Richard Huth said that at least four of the students had minor cuts and bruises, but were otherwise OK.

The driver of Route 36's bus #29, Monica G. Pitts, 33, Live Oak, received minor injuries and was sent to

Shands Live Oak as well, according to FHP.

Numerous parents and others filled Shands Live Oak when they received the news of the accident involving their loved ones.

SHS principal Ted Roush was quickly on scene as well as School Board chairperson Jerry Taylor.

Huth said the hospital had an emergency drill in November to prepare for such an event so when the call came in about the amount of children involved, Huth said the hospital staff called a code green and jumped into action. He said there were three doctors on site ready to help.

School safety concerns addressed

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mean we can't improve."

He assured members of the audience that schools do have a plan in place, but their strategies are confidential, for security reasons.

"We do drills and make sure our staff is prepared at all times because you never know when tragedies like this will happen," Scarborough said.

Sheriff Tony Cameron spoke to the principals on concerns he has with the school landscape.

"Our schools are very open," he said. "School resource officers should be at your schools at all times and should be near the main entrance of the school."

Cameron said that his staff has done training inside all of the public schools within the county.

"You cannot fortify a school enough to keep an incident from happening," he said. "But you can identify problems before they occur."

Cameron suggested to the principals that teachers should be in the hallways while students are changing classes to monitor the behavior of students and hopefully be able to prevent an incident from occurring.

"If you see a student who is acting different, depressed, or know of a child having troubles at home, it's best to identify the problem early and let us (law enforcement) get out to the homes and get the situation taken care of and get parental involvement before it gets out of hand."

Live Oak Police Chief Buddy Williams suggested designated parking for teachers.

"We make the students get stickers, why can't the

teachers do it, too?" he said. "It's better to have all the designated cars in one place so if there was a suspicious vehicle on the property, we can easily identify it. I know it's not very convenient, but our safety is most important."

Williams also noted that he would like to see better fencing at the schools.

"What I would like to see is that during school hours, there be one way in and one way out," he said.

Both Cameron and Williams praised Scarborough and his staff for their safety efforts.

"What I've seen from the school administration is that they truly care and are doing their best to keep our schools safe," Cameron said.

Williams added, "It's not a matter of if an incident occurs at our schools, it's just a matter of when. And I can say confidently our schools are ready and have a solid plan for safety."

Store robbed

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vidual walked into the store asking Bannister to work on their phone. Bannister reluctantly did so. Bannister was then attacked and took a blow to the head with an unknown object, leaving Bannister unconscious.

The suspect then removed an undisclosed amount of money from the cash drawer and fled the scene.

Bates said they are following a strong lead and does not want to give a description of the suspect at this time.

NFBA granted another chance

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tor Richelle Sucara in Lake City to get answers to questions that some of our readers want to know.

NFBA Senior Project Manager Donny Lort then attended the commission meeting to answer any questions the board had.

To receive the \$30 million in grant money, the NFBA had to match the grant in either 20 percent cash or in assets. The NFBA has spent some time asking local anchor institutions to offer an in-kind asset allowing them to place their equipment on a tower or building. Sucara said that the team met their goal four months ago and surpassed their goal of in-kind assets according to grant requirements.

According to the Interlocal Agreement between NFBA and the county, Section 4.02 says that an annual

budget, including expenditures, would be "made at least once a year, within 180 days of the end of the fiscal year, a report of the Authority facilities, including all matters relating to expansions, acquisitions, rates, revenues, expenses, principal and interest requirements of the obligations and the status of all funds and accounts."

When asked for a copy of the current operating budget, Sucara told the *Democrat* there wasn't one since they were still operating off of grant money. In January, Sucara said she will be presenting a budget to the board that will be based on revenue alone.

According to Sucara, the NFBA is not obligated to report anything to participating governments, only to the board of directors of NFBA. She said that the board members that represent their community is re-

sponsible for communicating with local authorities.

Suwannee County's representative and board member, Sherry Millington, said at Tuesday's county commission meeting that she used to communicate with former County Administrator Joe Gerrity, but said she didn't feel the need to continue after he left.

Sucara admitted there is a lack of communication between the NFBA and the commissioners.

County Administrator Randy Harris and board members addressed their questions and concerns to Lort about the money, miscommunication and misinformation.

"Was the money spent wisely? Where did the money go?" Harris asked.

Sucara said that just over \$3 million is left of the \$30 million with only 43 days left in the grant period, but gave no indication of where

the money went or how it was spent.

Lort said that rate studies are made available on the NFBA website and that Millington has copies of the minutes from every meeting. Millington confirmed she did have copies, and she welcomed the commissioners to go through the several boxes and review the minutes.

"I'm not interested in boxes of minutes," Harris stated. "Do you have adopted budgets and a list of expenditures that are addressed in the contract?"

Chairman Wesley Wainwright said the NFBA has expended millions in the past couple of years, and there's "not a lot to show for it."

"For me, it does center on how the finances have been conducted," Wainwright said. "When we asked for the information two weeks ago, we still haven't gotten it."

Commissioner Phil Oxendine asked Lort for the documents that were requested at the last board meeting, specifically showing where the money has gone. Lort said he was unaware of the request.

"The NFBA is aware there is miscommunication, they can turn this into an opportunity," Harris said.

Oxendine made a motion to opt out of NFBA but it died for lack of a second. Wainwright told Oxendine he agreed with his motion but it was the consensus of the board to grant NFBA one more chance to provide the information requested. Commissioner Jason Bashaw agreed saying he will support the motion later if documents are not obtained.

Sucara confirmed that her salary with the NFBA is public record and that she makes \$150,000 per year.

Building a village tradition

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the mid 1980s when the family purchased their first little village to place on a counter top. Later, the family placed it on top of the entertainment center. It was then the growth of the village began.

A Department 56 Village was the first piece that was purchased by Bobby Brickles around 1985.

"Every year we add a little bit more to the village," Bobby Brickles said. "It's just gradually grown from one stage to the next."

Last year, the village was placed on a three feet by seven feet platform. This year, the village sits on an L shaped platform that is 16 feet long, five feet deep, and

the bottom of the L extends to seven-and-a-half feet.

"It's a big boy's toy," he laughed.

Brickles said it takes about two weeks to put it together. He and his granddaughter, Reina, start from scratch every year and create a village that is one of a kind.

"My granddaughter Reina is a big asset in putting this village together. She's my number one helper, but she's also my number one critic," Brickles laughed. "If something is out of place, she is the first to notice it."

Inside the village, one will find classic stores like Walmart and Dollar General. There are two stores in the village named after them, Bobby's Garage and

Patti's Donut Shop. One can find cars parked everywhere with people shopping and ice skating in the park.

There are two street cars and two trains, the Polar Express and the Nestle Candy Train, that are in full operation.

"There is a cart on the Nestle Candy Train that is dedicated to the firefighters who were heroes on 9-11," Brickles said. "This is my way to honor them and their sacrifices for our country."

Brickles said about 120 people came into their home to view this masterpiece.

"Kids absolutely love it," he said. "To see their eyes light up and the joy it brings to them makes all of the hard work and effort worth it."



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A Sweet and Savory

Holiday Menu

FAMILY FEATURES

You want to bring out the best for your next holiday gathering, ensuring a memorable meal for family and friends. With a few simple tips and easier-than-you-think recipes, you can do just that.

Entertaining Tips

- **Prep the Night Before** — Save time by chopping vegetables or prepping glazes the day before. For example, prepare the spread for Goat Cheese Bruschetta with Berry-Thyme Spread the night before. The day of the party, toast baguette slices 10 minutes before guests arrive, and the delicious appetizer will come together in minutes.
- **Allow for Creativity** — Allow guests to put their own finishing touches on their dishes by setting out a variety of toppings. Raspberry Almond Waffles provide a base for your friends and family to get creative.

■ **Make It a Group Effort** — Ask guests to bring their favorite holiday side dishes or desserts to complement the main course to encourage a wide variety. If you're making Red Tart Cherry Glazed Ham as the centerpiece of the meal, let guests know so they can plan accordingly.

Each of these suggestions incorporates a delicious recipe using *Smucker's® Orchard's Finest®* Preserves, a gourmet line of preserves made with the best fruit from the best places. The preserves contain only four ingredients, and add rich flavor to both sweet and savory holiday dishes. From classic Pacific Mountain Strawberry Preserves to the new Lakeside Raspberry Cranberry Preserves, there's a flavor that's sure to be a hit with each guest. These holiday recipes are wonderful options to share with family and friends at your next gathering because, during the holidays, only the finest will do.

For more recipes to round out your holiday menu, visit www.smuckers.com.

Dress It Up

Here are four delicious ways to dress up your holiday salads. Just start with this basic vinaigrette recipe, and mix in your favorite *Smucker's® Orchard's Finest®* Preserves flavor and one other simple ingredient.

Basic Vinaigrette — Mix 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar, 1 tablespoon water, 1 1/2 teaspoons Dijon mustard, 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic, 1/4 teaspoon black pepper, and 1/8 teaspoon salt. Whisk in 1/4 cup *Crisco® Pure Canola Oil*.

■ **Strawberry Basil Vinaigrette** — Add 1/2 cup *Smucker's Orchard's Finest Pacific Mountain Strawberry Preserves* and 2 teaspoons finely minced basil.

■ **Raspberry Cranberry and Rosemary Vinaigrette** — Add 1/2 cup *Smucker's Orchard's Finest Lakeside Raspberry Cranberry Preserves* and 1 teaspoon finely minced fresh rosemary.

■ **Citrus Ginger Vinaigrette** — Add 1/2 cup *Smucker's Orchard's Finest Pacific Grove Orange Marmalade Medley* and 1 teaspoon finely grated fresh ginger root.

■ **Apricot Ginger Vinaigrette** — Add 1/2 cup *Smucker's Orchard's Finest Coastal Valley Peach Apricot Preserves* and 1 teaspoon finely grated fresh ginger root.



Red Tart Cherry Glazed Ham

Makes: 16 servings
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 50 minutes

- 1 4 to 5-pound fully cooked boneless ham, sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 1 12-ounce jar *Smucker's Orchard's Finest Michigan Red Tart Cherry Preserves*
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Dash ground cloves, if desired
- 2 tablespoons raisins, if desired

1. HEAT oven to 325°F. Overlap slices of ham in shallow baking pan; cover with aluminum foil. Bake 50 to 60 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 140°F.
2. COMBINE preserves, vinegar, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves in a small microwave safe bowl. Microwave on high for 2 minutes.
3. ARRANGE ham slices on serving platter. Spoon 1/4 cup glaze over center of ham. Serve with remaining warm glaze.

Goat Cheese Bruschetta with Berry-Thyme Spread

Makes: 12 slices
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 6 minutes

- 1/4 cup *Smucker's Orchard's Finest Northwest Triple Berry Preserves*
- 1 tablespoon minced shallot
- 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme, plus additional for garnish
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 8-ounce baguette
- 1 tablespoon *Crisco® 100% Extra Virgin Olive Oil*
- 4 ounces goat cheese
- Fresh thyme leaves (optional), for garnish

1. COMBINE preserves, shallots, balsamic vinegar, thyme, salt and pepper in small bowl.
2. SLICE baguette into 1/2-inch slices. Brush both sides of each slice lightly with olive oil. Heat skillet or griddle over medium-high heat. Grill baguette slices, 4 at a time, 2 to 3 minutes per side or until lightly browned. Place on serving platter.
3. SPREAD about 2 teaspoons goat cheese over each baguette slice. Top each slice with 1 teaspoon preserves mixture. Garnish with additional fresh thyme, if desired. Serve immediately.

Tip: Triple Berry-Thyme Spread can be prepared up to two days ahead. Cover and chill.

Raspberry Almond Waffles

Makes: 10 (6-inch) waffles
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 5 minutes

WAFFLES

- 1 14-ounce can *Eagle Brand® Sweetened Condensed Milk*, divided
- 3 large eggs
- 2 cups *Pillsbury BEST® All Purpose Flour*
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup *Crisco® Pure Vegetable Oil*
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds, chopped
- Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray*

TOPPING

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/8 teaspoon almond extract
- 2/3 cup *Smucker's Orchard's Finest Lakeside Raspberry Cranberry Preserves* or 2/3 cup *Smucker's Red Raspberry Preserves*
- 2/3 cup sliced almonds, toasted*
- 30 fresh red raspberries

For Waffles:

1. COAT waffle iron with no-stick cooking spray. Heat waffle iron according to manufacturer's directions. Reserve 2 tablespoons sweetened condensed milk for topping.
2. WHISK eggs in large bowl until fluffy. Blend in remaining sweetened condensed milk, flour, water, oil, baking powder, salt and almond extract just until batter is smooth. Stir in chopped almonds.
3. POUR a scant 2/3 cup of batter onto center of hot waffle iron and close lid. Bake about 3 to 4 minutes or until steaming stops. Use a fork to remove waffle. Repeat with remaining batter.

For Topping:

1. BEAT cream in medium bowl with electric mixer on high speed until stiff peaks form. Add reserved 2 tablespoons sweetened condensed milk and almond extract. Beat until smooth.
2. SPREAD each waffle with 1 tablespoon preserves. Top with whipped cream, toasted almonds and fresh raspberries.

*To toast almonds: Place almonds in dry non-stick skillet. Cook over medium heat, shaking pan until nuts are lightly browned. Remove from pan immediately to avoid over-browning.



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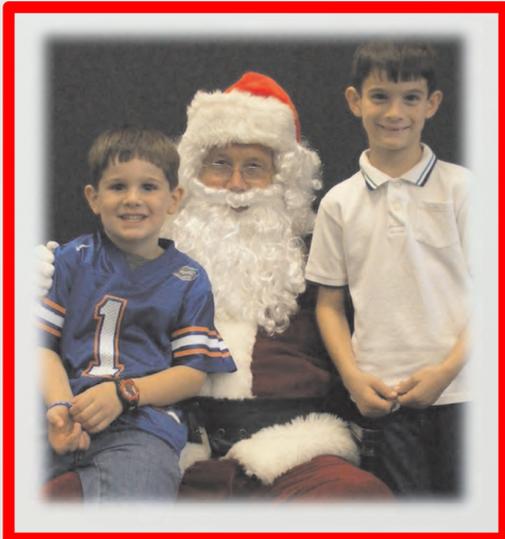
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SHS Lady soccer From Forrest High to PK Yonge



Blakely Burch battles against a recent opponent. - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

Ladies shutout Forrest Suwannee wins 7-0

The Lady 'Dogs traveled to Jacksonville on Wednesday, Nov. 28 to face district opponent Forrest High School. This was a one sided affair from the get go as Suwannee kept the ball down Forrest's end of the field most of the night.

The Lady 'Dogs had a total of 46 shots on goal and the scoring totals were as follows: Kelsey Parlato had one goal and one assist, Brooke Wainwright had one goal, Riley Walczak had two assists, captain Meghan Tyrell had one assist and Captain Grace Brett had a great night with five goals. Two of the goals were scored on penalty kicks and there were three yellow cards but all were procedural calls.

Lady 'Dogs dominate Eastside Suwannee wins 3-1

The Lady 'Dogs soccer team faced Eastside of Gainesville at home on Monday night, Dec. 3 and they were prepared for Eastside wanting to avenge a loss and a tie on their field on Nov. 7.

You can tell in a rematch which team has improved more than the other and on this night, Suwannee had the advantage there in both contests.

The Lady Dogs varsity assistant coach Tommy Brett was covering for coach Doug Mabey in the JV game and they got going early with three goals in the first half. The second half was all defense and Suwannee was able to substitute and rest their starters. There were a total of 14 shots on goal and the scoring was as follows: Megan Letu had an assist, captain Shan Johnson had two goals and one assist, Yareli Olguin had one goal and Ayla Pidgeon had an assist.

The varsity Lady 'Dogs had a great night also and got their first goal 13 minutes into the game by Kelsey Parlato. Parlato got another goal just one minute later with an assist by Brooke Wainwright. The score at the half was 2-1 but Suwannee took control in the second half with a goal at the 24 minute mark by Brooke Wainwright and the assist by captain Grace Brett. Suwannee won it 3-1.

The Varsity team's victory was damp-

ened by an injury to captain Leigh Durden which was later diagnosed as a mild concussion and she has been game to game.

Ladies face Atlantic Coast JV ends in tie, varsity loses

The Suwannee High School Lady Bulldog soccer team played host to district opponents, the Stingrays from Atlantic Coast of Jacksonville on Tuesday night, Dec. 14. This is the matchup that Suwannee had been preparing for all season because it was sure to be a battle all night. The first game was shortened to 30 minute half's due to Atlantic Coast's late arrival.

The JV teams played a defensive contest but there was some excitement midway through the first half. Holding mid, Megan Letu, booted a perfectly placed shot from about 35 yards out into the top midsection of the net for the first goal of the game.

The defensive battle continued until there were two minutes left in the game and the defense was weary. Atlantic Coast pushed the ball forward, got around the Suwannee defense and got a clean shot on goal and it went in. The game ended in a 1-1 tie but with that tie.

The varsity ladies had a bigger hurdle to jump in their contest as the Stingrays varsity team has a reputation of playing all district opponents tough and they have continued that this season against other district teams.

This game also started off as a defensive battle but 25 minutes in to the game, Atlantic Coast struck first with a goal that was chipped in over the keeper's head. The second half continued like the first but the Stingrays struck again at the 24 minute mark with their second goal and scored two more goals over the next 10 minutes and the final score was 4-0, Atlantic Coast.

Girls fall to Bishop Kenny Score, 5-0

Both the Suwannee High School JV an varsity Lady Bulldog soccer team had a game scheduled against Bishop Kenny in Jacksonville Wednesday, Dec. 12, but due to heavy rain, the JV game was canceled and the varsity game was played on Thursday, Dec. 13.

This was forecast to be the Lady 'Dogs toughest game of the year so far and it turned out that way. Bishop Kenny pressed all game long and dominated the ball with about 25 shots on the Suwannee net. Suwannee only got three shots on goal and the game ended in a 5-0 win for Bishop Kenny.

Lady 'Dogs defeat Taylor County Score, 3-1

Both Suwannee High School soccer teams were at home against Taylor County on Friday night, Dec. 14. This match up was sure to be an aggressive one based on past meetings and both games lived up to the advance billing.

In the JV. game, Suwannee took a 2-0 lead into the half and even though it got aggressive at times, Suwannee handled themselves well. Taylor County scored their only goal, 10 minutes into the second half making the game 2-1, but Suwannee doubled its effort and scored three more for a final score of 5-1. The JV team had 25 shots on goal and the scoring was by Emily Watson for her first of the season. Patricia Jurado had two goals, Kirsten Lee had her first goal of the season and an assist, and Megan Letu finished out the scoring with about 10 seconds left in the game. Shan John-

son had an assist and the JV team played the second half with out two of their captains and their best stopper.

The varsity contest was much more physical and Taylor County drew first blood with a goal 19 minutes into the first half for a 1-0 lead at the half. Suwannee came back from the break with determination and scored their first goal just over six minutes gone in the second half with a goal over the keeper's head by captain Grace Brett and an assist by Kayla Watson. The tough play continued and it looked like it was going to be another tie for Suwannee. Both teams fought hard and there was plenty of physical play but with exactly two minutes left in the game, Suwannee scored another goal by Riley Walczak and an assist by Kelsey Parlato. Suwannee's defense stepped it up a notch and cleared the ball several times and the last time was enough to set a shot up in front of Taylor County's net. With just 10 seconds left in the game, Kelsey Parlato scored her second goal for a Suwannee win, 3-1.

Ladies fall to PK Yonge Score, 1-0

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Lady 'Dogs basketball lose two



Daycia Bandy puts one up for the Bulldogs. - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

By Andrew McGee andrew.mcgee@gafnews.com

The Suwannee Bulldog girls basketball team lost to Madison County Dec. 8 with a final score of 68-51.

"We were getting killed on the offense," said SHS coach Keith Cherry. "Just not scoring."

Coach Cherry attributes the losses this season to the girls not playing to the fullness of their abil-

ities. He said they come out for the first half pretty strong, but after half-time, they lose steam.

"We need to be playing four quarters," said Cherry. "We've only been playing two quarters."

Cherry's main focus for the rest of the season is to have the team playing full-on for every game.

"I hope we can do better," said Cherry. "We're just going to keep try-

ing." Rickards match

The team fell to Rickards on their home turf with a final score of 58-24 on Dec. 11.

Cherry said he believes that a couple of his key players are not pushing themselves enough and this reflects and influences the others.

Cherry hopes his team tightens up and will soon be able to turn their game around.

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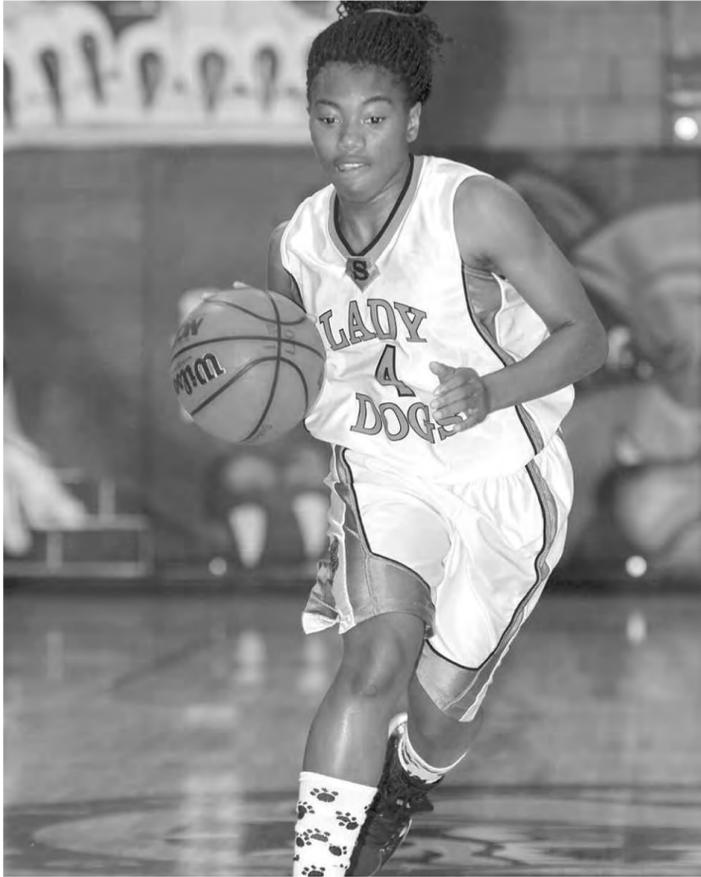
Lady 'Dogs basketball lose two



Sha'kinna Jones runs the ball down court.



Lakendra Clayton for Suwannee.



Daycia Bandy in action.



Today's Weather
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SHS Lady soccer From Forrest High to PK Yonge

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The Suwannee High School Lady Bulldog varsity soccer team traveled to Gainesville on Monday, Dec. 17 to face PK Yonge. On paper these two teams looked even-

ly matched and that's exactly the way the entire game went.

PK Yonge lived up to their school name by scoring the only goal of the game on a penalty kick (PK) awarded to them by the referee because of a hand ball inside the

box. If it were not for that gift, the game could have ended in a tie for Suwannee. The rest of the game was a defensive battle and both teams played hard.

Suwannee's record as of this game was 9-5-2 and PK Yonge's was 11-4-1.



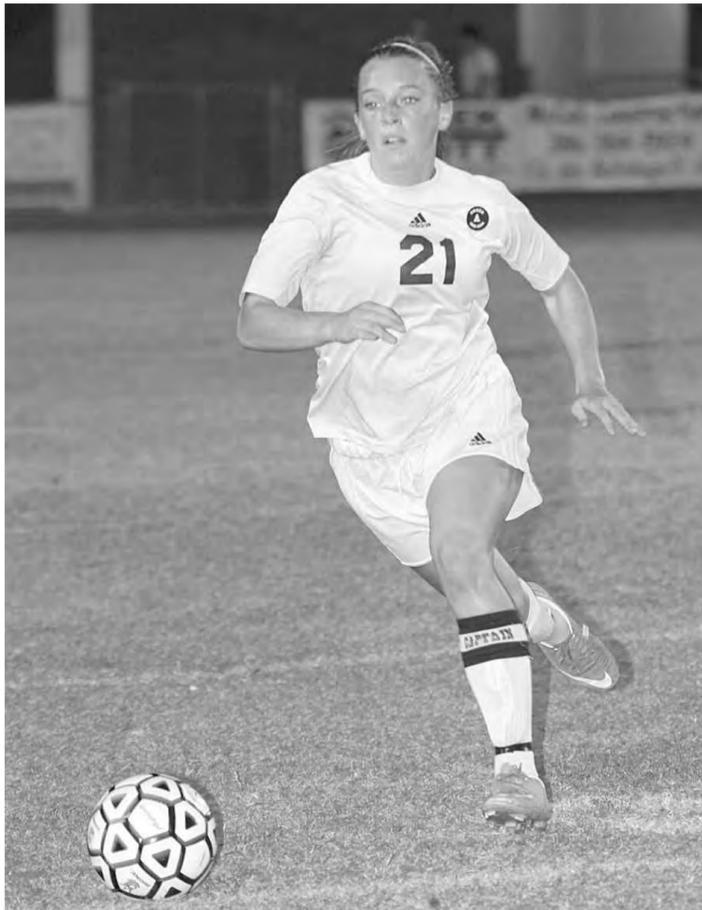
Leigh Durden kicks the ball for Suwannee.



Ezzie Gonzalez (13) in action.



Kelsey Parlato (2) and Leigh Durden (3).



Meghan Tyrell runs for Suwannee. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

Bucs take Lafayette in conference game

By Andrew McGee
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The Branford Buccaneer girls varsity basketball team won against the Lafayette Hornets 46-32 at home Dec 14. "It was a tough game, but we won. It was a really important game," said Athletic Director Wade Cashwell. "We hadn't beat them in like nine or 10 years."

The first quarter score was close as the Bucs only had one point on the Hornets with it ending 8-7.

The second quarter, the Bucs were able to pull a little ahead with the quarter ending in a 20-13 score.

After the half, both teams scored eight points a piece, so the Bucs still maintained their lead with the quarter ending with the score 28-21 Bucs on top.

The fourth quarter, the Bucs were able to nail 18 points while the Hornets scored 11 bringing the final score at the buzzer, 46-32 Bucs.

The Buccaneers #13 sophomore Blair Bullock made the most points that night, pulling in a big 15.

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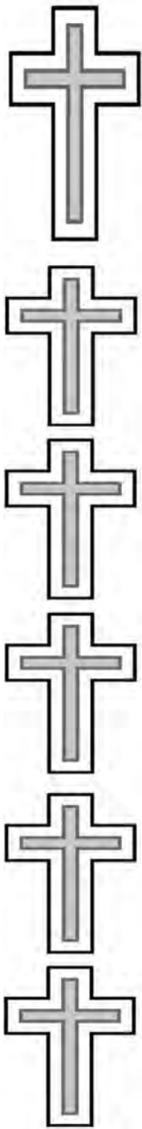
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WEDNESDAY
Family Supper.....5:00 pm
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SUNDAY SERVICES
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SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship & Childrens Church.....10:50 a.m.
Youth Choir.....5:00 a.m. Youth Choir.....6:20 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.
Ladies Quilting.....9:00 a.m.

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

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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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Morning Worship.....8:45 & 11:00 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY
Evening Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

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Children's Church 10:30am
Morning Worship 10:30am
Evening Worship 6:00pm

Wednesday Night 7:30pm

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SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship.....10:40 am
Children's Church.....10:40 am
Children's Choir.....5:30 pm
Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY
Family Training Hour.....7:00 pm
Preschool Classes, Boys Clubs, Girls Clubs, V.I.B.E., Youth Church, Young Adults Class and Sanctuary Bible Class

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SUNDAY
9:45 AM Sunday School for children, youth and adults
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SATURDAY SERVICES
Sabbath School.....9:15 am
Devine.....11:00 am
TUESDAY
Worship & Tuesday Night.....7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

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727 Walker Ave. SW
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Saturday Services
Sabbath School.....9:30am
Devine Worship.....11:00am
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WEDNESDAY
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SUNDAY
Sunday Worship.....9:30 am
Bible Study.....10:30 am
WEDNESDAY
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Worship Service.....11:00am
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Youth Meeting 1:00pm

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For several parents in Connecticut Christmas this year will be full of pain and sorrow. The life of Jesus is also intertwined with sorrow. The Bible tells us that Herod gave the order to kill all the male infants in Bethlehem in an attempt to destroy baby Jesus. He had already murdered his own son for fear that he would take his throne. There was a saying: "It's safer to be Herod's swine than Herod's son."

Bible scholars say that Bethlehem would have been a small village which means about 20 children's lives - the same number of children lost in Connecticut - were taken after Jesus was born. Although this doesn't make recent events any easier, we can see that violence even against innocent children has happened before.

One question that comes up is, "When will God do something about all the misery in the world?" I want to encourage you and tell you He did!

- * He came down from heaven
- * He took on our flesh and blood
- * He became one of us
- * He tasted this violent world right along with us!

Whatever pain you've felt on this earth, whatever suffering you've experienced, this God of the Bible has felt it too. Any other philosophy or religion tries to give answers, and solutions and

ways to cope with the fact that life is suffering. Jesus is the God who suffered with you and for you!

I may not know why all these terrible things happen, but when I look to the cross I know it can't be because he doesn't love us! He actually tasted death, so that we could have life! And ultimately everything that's wrong with this world will become untrue when Jesus comes back to rule and reign!

Don't you want to be part of that?
Romans 10:9-11

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Pastor John
Lighthouse Christian Center
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HEART MATTERS

perspective on all the "stuff" that seems so tempting:

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21

I was watching a television show this week and starting noticing some of the Christmas commercials. According to many of the ones I saw, there are some "must have" items for my Christmas list that I could not possibly be happy without: everything from jewelry to toys, tools and even a new car! I couldn't help but wonder who can keep up with all that it takes to have a great Christmas (let alone pay for it)? Do we really have to have all those things to be happy at Christmas? The Bible gives us a great

Webster's dictionary defines the word treasure as a "cherished possession." This could mean any manner of the things we own. The problem is that if we apply this verse to material possessions, the things that we cherish can be stolen, destroyed, or eventually belong to someone else, because we have all figured out by now that "you can't take it with you". So where does this leave your heart, if it follows your treasure?

The picture painted by this verse is that in order to protect our hearts, our treasure has to be an investment in the things that can't be stolen, destroyed or left behind. As Mary placed God's newborn son in a feed trough, she was faced with the reality of the basic comforts they would do without. She was not to be without treasure though:

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy

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Grace to help in time of need

Hebrews 4:12-16



This season of the year presents some of the most trying times for the Christian. There is so much out there to take our minds off the things of God. There are all those Christmas parties that we think we have to go to, even though we know things will be going on, not ap-

proved for Christians. Yet we go anyway.

Hebrews 4:12-16 are some encouraging words for those who have fallen short. Verse 16 says "Let us therefore come boldly before the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need". This passage is almost always interpreted to say that the grace that we find is a grace that enables us always to avoid sin. However, even a cursory glance at the context will reveal that the writer is giving encouragement to sinning believers, by virtue of the presence at the heavenly throne of our Savior, who serves as our High Priest; ever serving as our "Attorney," forever testifying that our sin debt is paid. It is not strength of character or moral uprightness that we come to the throne of grace to receive. We come to the throne of grace because we have no strength of character of our own, and moral uprightness can-

not be achieved by our own efforts at reformation.

Should a Christian sin? As Paul says so eloquently, "God forbid!" The Bible is not bad news to the believer, but to the unbeliever only. For the believer, the Bible is a steady flood of better news than any man would have conceived of on his own. Man's reasoning would lead to a doctrine of man becoming ever better and more moral. But the Bible teaches that we cannot improve ourselves, but that God works in us those things that He ordained for us before time began. It is to the throne of grace that we come to find our Savior, not the throne of our own goodness. At the throne of grace we receive that for which we could not work at all. Grace to help in time of need is not necessarily strength to overcome every sin in our lives. Rather, grace to help in a time of need is that sort of grace that comes at those times in our lives when we find our-

selves particularly in need of mercy, and not worthy of praise.

It is not because we have resisted sin that we have this grace to help. It is because we have not resisted it. It is grace that has already been given, and grace that is given in the moment, that turns our hearts to God. We do not resist sin by grace, except tangentially, but by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, whom we have by grace. The only thing in all of God's creation which can help any Christian in his need of grace is grace itself. In the sense that everything undeserved is, by definition, unmerited, everything that we receive of God is grace, from salvation to providence to the eventual redemption of our body. But this context speaks of forgiveness, not strength to avoid that for which we need grace. We come to the throne of grace.

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that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God..." Luke 2:8-13

The shepherds then did what any of us would do...they went to check this out (and make sure they had not gone crazy!) "So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph,

and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." Luke 2:17-19

It seems that maybe that feed through became a treasure to Mary after all, for it was the sign that the angels gave those shepherds to know for sure that God's Son had been born. Makes you wonder that while they were sharing all they had seen and heard, if Mary wasn't "pondering" her own visit with

the angel Gabriel just nine months earlier and seeing all that he had told her come to pass. These were Mary's treasures: God's promises being fulfilled and the blessings that He had provided her...she just had to look past what wasn't there.

What treasures are you storing up? Can they be destroyed, stolen from you, or will they be left for someone else when you leave this earth? Christmas is a great time to think about where your treasure is...count your blessings...dig out past memories and enjoy them...and be on the lookout for new ones this holiday. Remember that where

your treasure is, there your heart is also...and your heart matters!

Celebrate...and have a Merry Christmas!
Angie

Heart Matters is a weekly column written by Angie Land, Director of the Family Life Ministries of the Lafayette Baptist Association, where she teaches bible studies, leads marriage and family conferences and offers biblical counseling to individuals, couples and families. Contact Angie with questions or comments at angieland3@windstream.net

2012 winter sports scoreboard

Suwannee High School varsity basketball

Nov. 29 vs Columbia	67-46 W
Dec. 1 @ Hamilton Co.	80-75 L
Dec. 4 vs Eastside High	52-42 W
Dec. 6 @ Bolles	35-31 W
Dec. 7 vs Madison Co	61-51 W
Dec. 11 @ Rickards (dist)	55-54 L
Dec. 13 @ Buchholz	48-46 W
Dec. 21 @ Wakulla (district)	

Suwannee High School varsity girls basketball

Nov. 13 vs Columbia	43-31 L
Nov. 16 vs Branford	50-35 L
Nov. 19 @ Lafayette	41-36 W
Nov. 27 vs Taylor County	43-33 W
Nov. 30 vs Baker County	42-31 L
Dec. 1 @ Hamilton Co	65-32 L
Dec. 3 @ Columbia	36-22 L
Dec. 6 vs Ft. White	39-26 L
Dec. 8 vs Madison	68-51 L
Dec. 11 @ Rickards	58-24 L
Dec. 13 @ Taylor	60-48 L
Dec. 18 @ Baker	

Suwannee High School varsity boys soccer

Nov. 3 vs Buchholz	3-0 L
Nov. 8 @ Columbia	2-0 L
Nov. 13 vs Paxon	2-0 W

Nov. 15 vs Terry Parker	5-2 W
Nov. 19 vs Oak Hall	9-1 W
Nov. 28 @ Forrest	5-3 L
Nov. 29 vs Hamilton	2-0 W
Nov. 30 vs Wolfson	5-0 L
Dec. 4 @ Atlantic Coast	2-0 L
Dec. 7 @ Eastside	6-0 L
Dec. 13 @ Wakulla	0-0 T
Dec. 18 @ Lafayette	
Dec. 20 @ Lincoln	

Suwannee High School varsity girls soccer

Oct. 30 vs Hamilton County	6-1 W
Nov. 1 @ Hamilton County	6-1 W
Nov. 2 @ Paxon	1-1 tie
Nov. 7 @ Eastside	0-0 tie
Nov. 10 vs John Paul II	4-1 W
Nov. 12 vs Columbia	2-0 W
Nov. 15 vs Terry Parker	8-0 W
Nov. 19 vs Oak Hall	4-0 W
Nov. 27 vs Florida High	2-1 L
Nov. 28 @ Forrest	7-0 W
Nov. 30 @ Wolfson	1-0 L
Dec. 3 vs Eastside	3-1 W
Dec. 4 vs Atlantic Coast	4-0 L
Dec. 13 @ Bishop Kenny	5-0 L
Dec. 14 vs Taylor	3-1 W
Dec. 17 @ PK Yonge	1-0 L
Dec. 20 vs Ridgeview	

Dec. 21 @ Columbia	
Jan. 8 @ Stanton Prep	
Jan. 10 @ Ridgeview	
Jan. 11 @ Taylor	

Branford High School varsity basketball

Nov. 19 @ Trenton	64-53 W
Nov. 20 @ Bronson	56-40 L
Nov. 27 vs Bell	
Nov. 29 @ Melody Christ.	75-20 L
Dec. 4 vs Hamilton Co	63-24 L
Dec. 7 vs Cedar Key	
Dec. 11 @ Dixie County	
Dec. 14 vs Lafayette	60-42 L
Dec. 18 vs Jefferson	
Dec. 20 vs Dixie County	

Branford High School varsity girls basketball

Nov. 13 @ Madison Co	42-39 W
Nov. 16 @ Suwannee	50-35 W
Nov. 19 @ Trenton	41-21 W
Nov. 20 @ Bronson	45-32 L
Nov. 27 vs Bell	48-47 W
Dec. 4 vs Hamilton Co	64-37 L
Dec. 7 vs Cedar Key	41-26 W
Dec. 11 @ Dixie County	44-22 W
Dec. 14 vs Lafayette	46-32 W
Dec. 18 vs Jefferson	
Dec. 20 vs Dixie County	

Local events

New Year - New You Men - Women - Children

Put down the remote and put the pie in the refrigerator and head over to Melody Christian Center on Jan. 5, 2013 for Coach Becky Skipper's New Year - New You Event Open to everyone - Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

Test drive the Zumba class at 10 and BodyBlast class at 10:30

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• Orientation (two hours) - Jan. 11, 2013 from 1 to 3 p.m.
• Basic Training (three days) - Feb. 13, 14 + 15, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
• Mentoring (six sessions) scheduled as convenient All training on the dates above takes place at ELDER OPTIONS, 100 SW 75th Street (Tower Rd) in Gainesville. Mentoring will be arranged with an experienced SHINE counselor in the community in which you live. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by Dec. 28, 2012.
Suwannee County Senior Citizens

Will have their regular meetings on the 1st Monday of every month, beginning Jan. 2013 at 10:30 a.m. Please bring a dish to share. Please stay and enjoy bingo with us for gifts call Shirley Tomac @386-362-4508 for more information.

Boy Scout Troop 408

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

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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 times.

Tuesday, January 8, 2013
9:00 a.m. **Workshop Session**
Budget Facilities
Contracts Personnel Issues
Curriculum Issues Policy Issues
Special Meeting (immediately following Workshop Session)
Budget Facilities
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Curriculum Issues Policy Issues

3:30 p.m. **Expulsion Issues Hearing** (Private)

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

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

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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 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 Azelee Street
Tampa, Florida 33606
813-253-3013

/s/ Sheila Marie Degennaro
SHEILA MARIE DEGENNARO
Personal Representative
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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

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
BY: /s/ Dana Edmisten Hill
DANA EDMISTEN HILL
E-Mail Address: danahill@windstream.net
Florida Bar No. 980412
230 Court Street, S.E.
Live Oak, Florida 32064
Telephone: (386) 362-1900
Telefax: (386) 362-1902

Person Giving Notice:
/s/ Geneva Y. Staats
GENEVA Y. STAATS
12/14, 21

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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 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
Telephone (352) 694-3618
Fax: (352) 694-3617

Personal Representative:
Sandra Winkles
4960 Mockingbird Drive
Ridge Manor, FL 33523
12/14, 21

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 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, in-

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cluding 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
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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: 08-025-13E-0489301.0010

Street Address: 14344 68th St, 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 Clarfield, 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 30, 2012.

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

By: /s/ Sallie Pert
As Deputy Clerk

Clarfield, Okon, Salomone & Pincus, P.L.
Attorney for Plaintiff
500 Australian Avenue South, Suite 730
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Telephone: (561) 713-1400
12/14, 21

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IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 12-237-CC

MIGUEL MADERO and RUBEN CHAVEZ,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

JUAN LIRA and MAIRA AMADOR,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JUAN LIRA and MAIRA AMADOR, Defendants, and to all parties claiming 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 Farrell
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,

vs.

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

12/14, 21

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,

Suwannee Legals

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 BEING 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 NORTH-EASTERLY LINE OF RIVER ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 35 FEET; THENCE RUN IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION, PARALLEL TO THE LINE DIVIDING 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 SOUTH-WESTERLY 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 1 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 Clarfield, 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: /s/ Sallie Pert
As Deputy Clerk

Clarfield, Okon, Salomone & Pincus, P.L.
Attorney for Plaintiff
500 Australian Avenue South, Suite 730
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Telephone: (561) 713-1400
12/14, 21

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **HomeTown Restaurant**, located at **403 SW Suwannee Avenue** in the County of Suwannee, in the City of Bradford, Florida 32008 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Live Oak, Florida, this 19th day of December, 2012.

Owner's name: FL-TG of Florida, LLC
12/21

By: /s/ Sallie Pert
Deputy Clerk

12/14, 21

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.

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

12/14, 21

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