

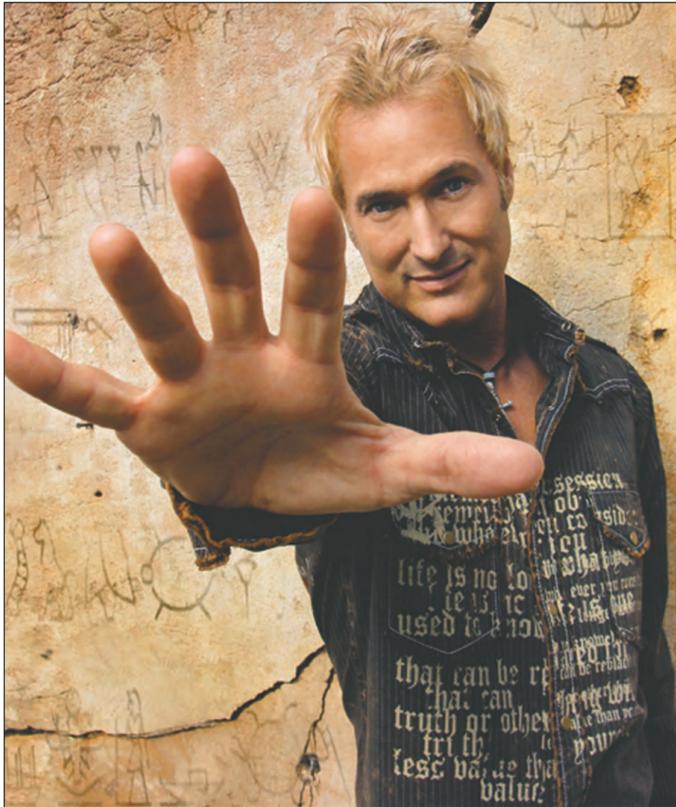
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Spencers Theatre of Illusion Feb. 2 at NFCC



Kevin Spencer

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MADISON, FL – Prepare to be mystified as the North Florida Community College Artist Series presents Award-winning illusionists Kevin and Cindy Spencer in SPENCERS: THEATRE OF ILLUSION, a night

of dazzling illusions and high energy entertainment, Saturday, Feb. 2 at Van H. Priest Auditorium.

“Don’t look for the stereotypical top hat and
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Bridal and Wedding Expo draws many ooohs and aaahs

The annual Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park (SOSMP) Bridal and Wedding Expo held Jan. 13 at the Grand Hall was a time for future brides and grooms to enjoy learning all about how to have a beautiful wedding.

A large number of prospective brides, mothers of the bride or groom, along with a few fathers of the bride or groom, several grooms to be and many interested in what weddings look like today were in attendance at the SOSMP, one of the many popular wedding and reception destinations in North Florida.

Vendors set up inside the beautiful Grande Hall main floor and the second floor balcony with colorful displays and photos, catering possibilities with taste testing, dreamy wedding and grooms’ cakes, along with many other services for the wedding and an exquisite bridal gown. The wedding party fashion show by the Golden Needle of Lake City was

a dramatic event showcasing the varied fashions available. Door prizes were also awarded. Door prizes included a SOSMP Suwannee Get-a-Way package, beauty products and more.

If you would like to learn more about the SOSMP for events or your wedding, call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com.



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Bridal party fashion displayed by The Golden Needle.



The Rose Mary caterers had a beautiful display.



Carriage rides are available for the bride.

'Monster Snake'

size of school bus slithers into Florida Museum

Opening day features film screening, members of discovery team, family fun

GAINESVILLE - See the largest snake that ever roamed the Earth at the Florida Museum of Natural History during the opening of "Titanoboa: Monster

Snake" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 26. Activities range from screenings of the Smithsonian Channel documentary to a panel discussion and individual presentations by scientists who discovered fossils of the 2,500-pound reptile in a Colombian coal mine in 2004.

"It is a rare opportunity for museum visitors to interact with part of the team who discovered 'Titanoboa,'" said Florida Museum education assistant

Amanda Harvey. "The new exhibit also features a working paleontology lab similar to the one in the 'Cruisin' the Fossil Freeway' exhibit last year, which was extremely popular with our visitors. Museum scientists and volunteers will be working on fossils from the same location, including a recently discovered Titanoboa skeleton that is the most complete specimen recovered and includes parts of the skull."

Other opening day activities include a life-size puzzle of the 48-foot-long Titanoboa, the Alachua County Library bookmobile featuring books about reptiles, and paleontology, botany and other displays from museum scientists and community organizations.

Florida Museum of Natural History assistant director for exhibits Darcie

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Spencers Theatre of Illusion Feb. 2 at NFCC

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black cape of an old-time magician. The Spencers are young, attractive, and hip 21st-century entertainers!" said the Dallas Morning News.

The Spencers have redefined the art of illusion and are shattering the stereotype of the traditional magician and assistant. They are the only artists in history to be named Performing Arts Entertainers of the Year for a record-breaking six consecutive years and have twice been named America's Best Entertainers. "The Spencers have taken the art of illusion to an entirely new level!" said the St. Louis Post Dispatch. "You are guaranteed to be mesmerized by some of the greatest magic in the world," said the Taipei Times, Taiwan.

The Spencers were recently named International Magicians of the Year, the top honor given by the International Magicians Society, joining the ranks of Doug Henning, Harry Blackstone, Jr., Penn & Teller, David Copperfield, and Criss Angel. Presenters and critics alike give them high marks and rave reviews describing them as "Modern Day Houdinis."

"The Spencers performed for the Artist Series back in 2008 and we are very excited to have them return to NFCC this year," said Kim Scarboro, coordinator of the NFCC Artist Series program. "Many of our long-time patrons are still talking about the illusions performed in the first show and wondering 'how did

they do that'. Don't miss Feb. 2, you will be mystified and amazed and thoroughly entertained by the Spencers."

Tickets to the SPENCERS: THEATRE OF ILLUSION Feb. 2 performance are on sale now in the NFCC College Advancement Office (Bldg. 32) or by calling (850) 973-1653. More information is available at www.nfcc.edu/community-programs/artist-series or by emailing ArtistSeries@nfcc.edu. The performance is funded in part by a grant from South Arts in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

In addition to the Feb. 2 performance, the Spencers will also be providing outreach activities and workshops in the community. Kevin Spencer, who is also an Assistant Professor in the Occupational Therapy Department of the University of Alabama, will be leading a free continuing education workshop entitled "Healing of Magic" at NFCC on Monday, Feb. 4 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. for area healthcare professionals and students. More information is available at www.nfcc.edu/healing-of-magic. Other outreach activities will take place at Lake Park of Madison nursing home and the ARC/Madison-Jefferson. The performance and outreach activities are funded in part by a grant from South Arts in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

I'll Remember You Elvis Tribute Artist Competition at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park

Tribute artists from across the US will compete with the winner vying for the world championship in Memphis later this year

Elvis fans, it is your time to enjoy a weekend of Elvis tributes from some of the best tribute artists in the nation! The annual Ted "Teddy MacElvis" McMullen I'll Remember You Elvis Tribute Artist contest Jan. 25-27 will bring dozens of Elvis Tribute Artists to the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak to compete.

Among those expected are Michael Hoover and his wife, Bobby, who own The Images of the King Competition and hold the World Championship Competition in Memphis every year in August. The "I Remember You Elvis Tribute Artist Contest" operates under the auspices of the Images of the King and is a preliminary contest of the Images of the King World Championship.

Michael Hoover will perform during this spectacular weekend and assist Ted McMullen with the program.

The big weekend actually gets underway Thursday night with Ted McMullen's regular karaoke night in the Music Hall where the audience may perform. You never know who might be present to perform or who is looking for talent! Admission is free.

Friday night, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. begins the karaoke party with contestants entertaining their fans throughout the evening in

the Music Hall. Admission Friday night is \$10 per person at the door. All food and drinks extra.

Saturday, Jan. 26 is the big day with competition beginning at 1 p.m. in the Music Hall. The winner of this contest will receive a cash prize and be automatically entered into the "Images of the King" contest to compete for World Champion. There will be a break in the afternoon with final competition beginning at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 27, at 8 a.m., Ted McMullen and contestants will entertain with gospel music in the Music Hall. Free admission. All food and drinks extra.

TICKETS

GENERAL ADMISSION - General admission Saturday for adults or children is \$25 per person, regardless of when you arrive. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the SOSMP at 386-364-1683.

RESERVED SEATING - Reserved seating for adults or children on Saturday will be \$40 per person regardless of when you arrive. Reserved seating tickets must be purchased prior to 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. All food and drinks extra for general admission and reserved. Groups should purchase tickets at the same time to guarantee seating

together. To purchase reserved seating, call the SOSMP at 386-364-1683 in advance.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THE WEEKEND - For more information about the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, to make reservations for RV parking, campers, primitive camping or cabin rental for this and other events, please call 386-364-1683, email spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com. Bicycling, golf cart rental, hiking, jogging, canoeing, bird watching, fishing, disc golf are among the many activities available during your stay at the beautiful Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park.

You may also contact the SOSMP to inquire about any of the many other exciting events coming up such as the AURA Music & Arts Festival, SpringFest, Waneec with the Allman Brothers, Suwannee River Jam Auditions, 2013 Suwannee River Jam and more.

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



Protect skin from the worst weather has to offer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Calendar of Events

Fort Clinch State Park to host union garrison event
-Visitors are invited to an interpretive program that portrays a soldier's life in 1864-
Fernandina Beach - The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Fort Clinch State Park will host a Union Garrison event on Saturday, Feb. 2 and Sunday, Feb. 3.

This program will allow visitors to interact with living historians to experience life in the fort as it was in 1864. The grounds will be bustling with soldiers in period costumes involved in firing demonstrations, marching drills, cooking and daily activities. Ladies in their dresses, sutlers displaying their wares and drummer boys bring every part of the civil war era to life. Come join in this unique, family friendly event.

For additional information, contact the park at (904) 277-7274 or visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

The event will take place:

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Fort Clinch State Park

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Pre Superbowl gospel concert

Featuring: Debra Snipes & The Angels
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Saturday, Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m., Ernest Courtney Civic Center, 1129 N.W. 4th St., Jasper, Fla. 32052.

For more information contact: Missionary P. Jefferson Devane Productions 386-792-3247

Three Rivers Regional Library System

Will be offering a Children's Story Hour at the Lafayette Public library each Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. The whole family is invited, especially children two or older. The program will begin Feb. 6 and will be a weekly event. Please call 386-294-3858 for additional information.

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Feb. 9, 2013

Jasper Civic Center

7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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All father figures are invited to bring their "daughter" including uncles, stepdads, granddads, etc.

For more information, please contact Hamilton County Extension at 386-792-1276.

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Jan. 27 at 10:40 a.m. - Pastor's Greg & Trilby Richie

Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m. State administrative, Bishop Keith

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Jan. 28-30 at 7 p.m. - Randy & Annette Watson

Praise and worship led by local churches in the regional area.

The church is located at 9828 US Hwy 129 South in Live Oak

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Perhaps you've been contemplating becoming a hospice volunteer. according to The Hospice Foundation of America, volunteers in hospice find it personally gratifying, intellectually stimulating, and emotionally meaningful to assist those in need at a critical point in their lives.

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We believe everyone has something special to offer to our patients and loved ones and have a variety of volunteer opportunities.

At Haven Hospice, we value our volunteers

Our next volunteer training is March 9, 2013 at the Live Oak Public Library - 1848 Ohio Ave. S., Live Oak, Fla. 32064. The time will be 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. We will provide snacks and lunch.

You must register to attend before Feb. 19, 2013. Please contact Carolyn Long at 386-752-9191 or calong@havenhospice.org

The 13th annual Wild Azalea Festival

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"MAKE MITIGATION HAPPEN" is sponsored by the Florida's Foundation and the Florida Division of Emergency Management in cooperation with the Suwannee County Long Term Recovery Group.

The two hour seminar/workshop will be held in the Fellowship Hall of The First United Methodist Church of Live Oak, 311 South Ohio Avenue on Thursday evening, Feb. 7, 2013 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Participants will learn specific ways to protect and preserve homes and contents when disaster strikes. Mitigation involves planning for potential losses and protecting property against them. Insurance premium savings can result from effective mitigation activity.

Learn how the type of roofing, windows and doors you have in your home can be improved and translated into financial savings, peace of mind and family safety.

"MAKE MITIGATION HAPPEN" is an event open to the public. No prior registration is required.

Contact the Office at First United Methodist Church if you need additional information.

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Southern gospel music

Music legend Ivan Parker will be in concert in Suwannee County in Jan., and tickets are now available. The event will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013 at the Westwood Baptist Church in Live Oak, and is a fundraiser for Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ), the Suwannee County social services and food pantry organization. It is important to purchase tickets early as only 750 will be available and many are already sold.

Parker is perhaps best known as a regular artist at the Gaither Homecoming events, and is featured on most of the Gaither videos. He has been voted Favorite Male Vocalist 12 times and Soloist of the Year nine times. Best known for his versatility in music styles, Parker's signature song is "Midnight Cry," which he has performed around the world in over 250 concerts a year.

Two different tickets are available: general admission is \$10, and a special limited "Artist's Circle" ticket is available for \$25. The "Artist's Circle" ticket entitles the holder to attend a special "meet and greet" with Parker a half hour before the concert and there will be special reserved seat-

ing in the front three rows of the sanctuary. This will be a special time to personally chat with the artist and have your picture taken with him if you wish.

Tickets are available by calling the Love INC office at 386-330-2671, or Rev. Dr. Everett L. Parker at 386-754-8524. Tickets can be picked up at the Love INC office in Live Oak, or can be mailed. If available, tickets also will be available at the door beginning an hour before the 7 p.m. performance.

Vivid Visions 5K run

The Vivid Visions first annual 5K run/walk to raise awareness for domestic violence will be held on Jan. 26, 2012 at the First Federal Sportsplex on Silas Drive in Live Oak. The race will begin at 8 a.m. with on-site registration from 7:15-7:45 a.m. Community members can pre-register on line at active.com or at Vivid Visions offices at 506 Ohio Ave. South weekdays between 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

This is a fun 5K course that will have you running or walking from the Sportsplex through the primary and elementary schools and conclude back at the Sportsplex. Registration includes a T-shirt, timing bib and category awards. This will be a timed race with first and second place awards for the following categories: 13U; 14-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60+ for best times for men and women.

Let's run domestic violence out of town! Come run/walk to give your support to victims of domestic violence and WEAR YOUR PURPLE!

This event is organized by Vivid Visions Board of Directors in an effort to raise awareness about domestic violence and to provide funds for our local shelter. Your support is appreciated.

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Flu vaccine available at the Health Department

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

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

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

The Suwannee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association

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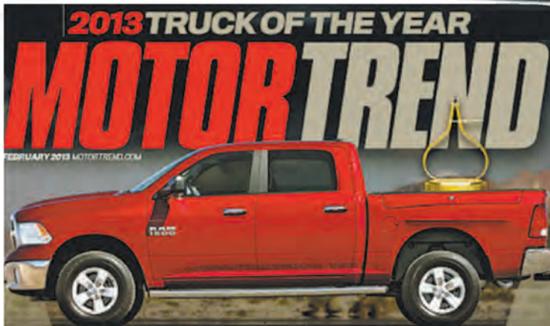
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Calendar of Events

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Management District Office, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, from 7 to 9 p.m. (The office is located on the corner of US 90 and CR 49, 2 miles east of Live Oak.) The Suwannee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association develops, maintains, protects and promotes many miles of the Florida National Scenic Trail, including the Econfina, Ellaville and Big Oak Trails. Founded in 1993, the chapter serves Dixie, Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Taylor and Suwannee Counties. Monthly meetings provide information on a wide variety of topics pertaining to nature, ecology, wildlife of the area, photography, etc. The public is cordially invited to join us for our monthly meetings as well as hiking/paddling activities throughout the year. Contact Chapter Chair, Sylvia Dunnam, 386-362-3256 or by e-mail at: dunnams@windstream.net, for more information on the association or the monthly program. You may also visit the web site at: www.suwannee.floridatrail.org or www.meetup.com/Suwannee-FTA for a calendar of activities.

Suwannee County Bassmasters

Do you enjoy bass fishing?
Are you the competitive type?
Do you enjoy associating with other fishermen?
Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Thurs. of each month at Huddle House in Live Oak, US 129 and Interstate 10.

The club fishes on the Sat. following the Thurs. meeting at various N. Fla. locations.

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

Antioch Baptist Church "Stars Widow Group"

Every 4th Thurs. of each month at 10:30 a.m. 5203 CR 795 Live Oak, Fla. 32060
386-362-3101

Recovery By The Numbers group of Narcotics Anonymous

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

Travel baseball team

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

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

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

Save the Cats Live Oak Volunteers needed!

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

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

Donations needed for Save the Cats of Live Oak

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

Save the cats Live Oak

Special kittens adoption have several beautiful, cuddly kittens, male & females all have been spay & neutered, checked for FIV, leukemia and rabies shots. Special donation rate \$30. To have these things done at a vet clinic would cost over \$100. We are a 501-C3 non-profit reserve. Also need donations of kitten food, dry food and tidy cats litter. Bring donations to Big Wheel Market Place, 317 W. Howard St or Downtown Cafe, Tractor Supply or Freds. Call for additional information Barney 386-364-1006.

TOPS Fl #0662

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

Volunteer advocates needed

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

All interested individuals who care about protecting the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care facility residents -- who often have no one else to advocate for them -- are encouraged to call toll-free 1-888-831-0404 or visit the program's website at <http://ombudsman.myflorida.com>.

Bryan Morgan
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Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
988 Woodcock Rd, Suite 198
Orlando, FL 32803
850-510-3920 (cellular)
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Sparkleberry Chapter meetings

Held the Second Tuesday of each month, except June, July, and August, at Hatch Park Community Center, 403 SE Craven Street, Branford, FL 32008. Our meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Chapter President Mae Brandt, mae-brandt@bellsouth.net, 386-466-0915, for more information.

Navy and Marine Corps

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Jasper Market Days

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

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

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

Haven Hospice

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

Suwannee County Health Department

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

Native Plants, Native People

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

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

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

TOPS FL 798

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

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

Alzheimer's Support Group

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

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

Live Oak Garden Club

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

Suwannee River Jeep Club & 4X4

SRJC 4X4 is a new off-road club dedicated to Jeeps but open to other makes of 4X4's. We are looking for members that enjoy off-roading activity. We are a family oriented club that have monthly meetings and organize other activities such as trail rides, camping, mud events and fundraising events. Please contact Sarah or Cat at srjc4X4@gmail.com for more info. 386-688-3750 (Sarah).

Volunteer Opportunity & Meeting Notice

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Grief recovery is a painful process.

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

Volunteers needed!

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

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

Please join us.

Surrey Place Care Center
Teri Christian,
Quality of Life Director

386-364-5961

act.surrey@signaturehealthcarellc.com

The Arc North Florida

Adults with Disabilities Program. Open to Branford and surrounding adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

For more information please contact the AWD supervisor Lisa Perry at 386-208-1404

The McAlpin Community Club

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

For info call Barbara Parks @ 362-3044 or Debbie Phillips @ 364-7028

Navy and Marine Corps

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

Bingo

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

American Legion Post

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

Wellborn neighborhood watch

We meet the last Thursday of each month at the Blake Lowe Building on 4th Avenue in Wellborn. We start with a social get together at 7 p.m. with a covered dish dinner and have a relaxed general discussion on the events in the community. Immediately following dinner we have an invited speaker to broaden our knowledge of what is happening in our county. Each month we have a speaker that will be interesting and informative. Call Ruth Ford @ 386-963-5334 if you have any questions.

Are you a time traveler?

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

Grief support group

Meeting weekly at First Baptist Church in Live Oak at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. Call 362-1583 for more information. Non-denominational - everyone welcome.

Baptist Men's Meeting at Wellborn Baptist Church

The 2nd Thursday night of every month beginning at 6:30 p.m. the men of Wellborn Baptist Church and their friends join together to eat and worship together with a special speaker and music. You are invited to come and bring a dessert. The church is located on Highway 90 West between Live Oak and Lake City at the intersection with Lowe Lake Road in Wellborn, Fla. Call 386-963-2231 with any questions or visit our website at www.wellbornbaptist.com.

Love Forever

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

The Lafayette Republican Executive Committee

Meets the third Monday of every other month starting Jan.y 21, 2013, at the Lafayette County Public Library, 120 NE Crawford Street, Mayo, at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in promoting conservative principles is invited to attend. For more information, please call Carolyn Land at 935-0174.

The Columbia Federated Republican Women

Meet the 2nd Monday of each month, 7 p.m., brown bag dinner & social time at 6:30 p.m. Currently we meet in Lake City at the old Guardian ad Litem yellow house on Duval Street just east of the First Baptist Church and across from Advanced Auto. We are committed to advancing the participation of women in all areas of the political system and are dedicated to encouraging and em-

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

Free meals for seniors

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

Volunteer Opportunity & Meeting Notice

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

Christian Mission In Action Ministry

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

Boy Scout Troop 693

Meets at the Church of the Nazarene, 515 Church Street, S.W., Live Oak, on Thursday nights throughout the year, 6:30 - 8:00 p. m. Membership is open to boys who have finished the fifth grade and are at least 10, or who are 11-17. They age-out at 18. Parents are always welcome to participate as leaders, on the troop committee or to work as a merit badge counselor. Monthly campouts, winter camp and summer camp are but a few of its activities. For additional information, please contact Scoutmaster Charles Stephens, 364-3766, charles@suwanneeinsurance.com.

Wellborn Community Association (WCA)

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

Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 107

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

Addiction Support Group

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

Senior Luncheon at Wellborn Baptist Church

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

Lake Park Line Dancers

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

Line dance

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

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Pickin' & Grinnin'

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

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

GFWC Woman's Club of Live Oak

Is available for rentals until 11 p.m. Is there a baby shower, wedding reception, holiday party or other event coming up? Please call Julie at 362-7303 to reserve your date and time. Make a wonderful memory.

Weatherization funding available

Funding is available for Home Repairs in Suwannee County. Families must meet income eligibility requirements for services. Examples of weatherizing repairs that could be available are installation of doors, windows, insulation, hot water heaters and window air conditioners. For more information, please call the local Suwannee River Economic, Inc. at (386) 362-6079.

Free English Classes

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

I am putting together a family history book

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

Stop, drop and Recycle for Adults with Disabilities.

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

Free Sunday lunch

Live Oak

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

Did you earn your pin?

Reconnect with your shipmates and help preserve the memories. With more than 13,000 members and over 150 chapters throughout the United States, your rank or rate and status are active, retired or honorably discharged are secondary to the purposes of the organization. We are all brothers of "The Pin." We band together to honor the memories of the over 4,000 men who EARNED THE RIGHT to wear "Dolphins" to maintain the bonds of friendship and camaraderie. You are invited to contact us through the address below for more information:

National Contact:
United States Submarine Veterans, PO Box 3870 Silverdale, WA 98383 or 1-877-542-DIVER www.ussvi.org.

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

First Baptist Church of Live Oak, Fla.

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

Haven Hospice hosts

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

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

Donate your old cars

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

Talent Search

Do you sing or play and instrument? Do you act or dance? Do you like to read or spend time with a friend in wonderful conversation? WE WANT YOU! Suwannee Health Care & Rehab Center is looking for your talent for our residents. Dinner for two - \$45; One night at the Beach - \$125; One hour volunteering to make memories that last forever - PRICELESS! Call: Lynn Brannon, Activities Director 386-362-7860 or 386-590-2961.

Donations needed!

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

CJBAT tests

Monday - Thursday

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

College Placement Tests

Monday - Thursday

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

TABE tests

Monday - Thursday

Monday - Thursday at 5 p.m. (by appointment): TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) at NFCC Testing Center (Bldg. #16), Madison. TABE is required for acceptance into vocational/technical programs. Photo ID required. Pre-registration & scheduling time & date are required. To register please call 850-973-9451.

Love a mystery?

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

Free English-speaking and literacy classes

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

Suwannee County Republican Executive Committee Meeting.

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

'Monster Snake' size of school bus slithers into Florida Museum

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MacMahon will moderate the 10:30 a.m. panel discussion with scientists who will answer questions and talk about the discovery, excavation and implications of the massive reptile.

"We're thrilled to showcase the amazing story of Titanoboa," MacMahon said. "Along with its companions -- a host of turtles and crocodiles new to science and the planet's first rain forest, Titanoboa is guaranteed to inspire people about life in the Paleocene and the nature of scientific discovery."

The researchers include Jonathan Bloch, Florida Museum associate curator of vertebrate paleontology; Jason Head of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; former University of Florida department

of geological sciences and Florida Museum graduate student Alex Hastings, who now teaches at Georgia Southern University, and Florida Museum graduate assistant Fabiany Herrera. Each scientist also will give brief individual presentations and answer questions from visitors.

"Truly enormous snakes really spark people's imagination, but reality has exceeded the fantasies of Hollywood," said Bloch, who led the international discovery team with Carlos Jaramillo, a paleobotanist from the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama. "The snake that tried to eat Jennifer Lopez in the movie 'Anaconda' is not as big as the one we found."

The exhibit tells the story of Titanoboa cerrejonensis, which ruled the jungles of South America 60 million years ago as

the top predator, able to crush and devour giant crocodiles and other animals.

Featuring real fossils and a full-scale model of the snake, as well as plant and other animal fossils from the same site, the Florida Museum is the only venue to display actual Titanoboa fossils.

The exhibit features a re-created scene of the discovery site, clips from the Smithsonian Channel documentary on Titanoboa and comparative, but much smaller, specimens from modern snakes. Along with Titanoboa, the other prehistoric plant and animal fossils from the site reveal information on the earliest-known rain forest teeming with life and dating to the Paleocene Epoch, the lost world that followed the demise of the dinosaurs.

Through interpretive graphics and

computer-generated imagery videos, visitors may examine what Titanoboa ate, where it lived and why it grew to its enormous size.

The exhibition is a collaboration between the Florida Museum, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute. It is circulated by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.

The Florida Museum of Natural History inspires people to value the biological richness and cultural heritage of our diverse world and make a positive difference in its future. The museum is located at 3215 Hull Road just east of Southwest 34th Street in the University of Florida Cultural Plaza in Gainesville. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.



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Recipes from the family farm to your backyard

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FAMILY FEATURES

Firing up the grill is an American tradition. The farm families who produce the food so many people enjoy at backyard cookouts want to share some of their favorite grilling recipes, as well as an appreciation for how food gets from the farm to the table.

Farmers like Amanda Folkens, from Iowa, Danell Kalcevic, from Colorado, and Nicole Small, from Kansas, have joined with more than 70 other farmer volunteers across the country in the CommonGround program as a way to talk with home cooks about how food is grown and raised.

"On our farm, animal care is top priority, as it is for thousands of other family farms in the U.S." said Amanda. "By keeping our animals indoors, we make sure they are protected from predators, disease and bad weather."

To learn more about family farms and facts about your food, visit www.FindOurCommonGround.com.

Here are some of Amanda, Danell and Nicole's favorite grilling recipes.

Safe Minimum Internal Temperatures

145°F	Beef, pork, veal and lamb (roasts, steaks and chops)
160°F	Ground meat
165°F	Poultry (whole, parts or ground)

Things to Know Before You Shop the Meat Case

- There's no need to pay extra for poultry or pork that's labeled hormone-free. USDA prohibits farmers from using hormones to raise chicken and pigs.
- Nearly all beef cattle, whether raised organically or conventionally, spend the majority of their lives on pastures eating grass.
- Purchasing organic, grass-fed and free-range meats does not make them safer to consume. These labels refer to how the animals are raised, but all meat and poultry can contain bacteria that could cause illness.
- Most cases of foodborne illness can be prevented with proper processing, handling and cooking of food to destroy bacteria.



Grilled Hawaiian Ham Sandwich

By Amanda Folkens

Serves: 1

- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon seasoning pepper
- 1 to 2 1/4-inch thick ham slices (about the same thickness as the bread)
- Cooking spray
- Pineapple slices (can be fresh or canned)
- 2 slices sourdough bread

Preheat grill for high heat.

Mix brown sugar with pepper to create a rub mixture.

Using your hands, massage the rub onto both sides of the slices of ham. Ham slices should be completely covered (front and back) with brown sugar mix.

Place ham slices on sheet of lightly greased foil, then place onto grill.

On separate sheet of greased foil, lay pineapple slices out, uncovered.

Cook for 6 to 8 minutes or until brown caramelization appears around edges of ham and pineapple.

Remove ham and pineapple from heat and assemble onto toasted sourdough bread.

Beef Rack of Ribs

By Danell Kalcevic

Serves: 4 to 6

- Salt (to taste)
- 1 tablespoon black pepper (to taste)
- 1 tablespoon seasoned garlic salt (to taste)
- Cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1 to 2 racks of beef ribs (number of racks based on number of people)
- 1 tablespoon yellow mustard
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- One bottle of favorite barbeque sauce

The night before serving, prepare rub for beef ribs (salt, pepper, seasoned garlic salt and optional cayenne pepper). Sprinkle both sides of ribs and then rub vigorously. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

In the morning, place on medium temperature grill and spread yellow mustard and brown sugar on each side of the ribs. Grill for 5 to 8 minutes until each side is slightly browned and caramelized.

Remove ribs from grill and slice with sharp knife. Place individual ribs in a crock pot on low. Add one bottle of your favorite barbeque sauce. Let simmer 6 to 8 hours.

Country Barbecue Potatoes

By Nicole Small

Serves: 4 to 6

- 2 pounds small red potatoes
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 3 teaspoons seasoned salt
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 450°F.

Coat 9 x 13 baking pan with nonstick spray.

Cut potatoes into small to medium-sized pieces and put in pan.

Melt butter and honey, and then drizzle over potatoes. Sprinkle with seasoned salt, salt, garlic powder and pepper. Toss well to coat.

Bake, uncovered, for 25 to 30 minutes, or until potatoes are tender and golden brown. Stir potatoes at least once.

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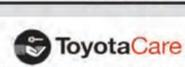
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THURSDAY REMINDER

A hearing has been scheduled for Thursday at Live Oak City Hall at 5 p.m. to decide the fate of the two condemned buildings downtown and the future of Warren Street.

1st school reconfiguration town hall meeting

Thursday at Suwannee Primary School

Superintendent of Schools Jerry Scarborough will be holding three town hall meetings at each of the Live Oak elementary schools that are being discussed for reconfiguration. The first one is Thursday. The meetings will be an avenue for the public to voice their thoughts on the matter.

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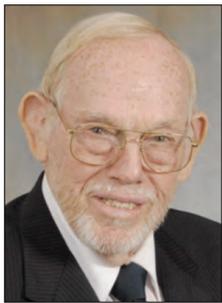
Driver arrested for fleeing scene of crash

By Bryant Thigpen
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A man was arrested in Madison County on Thursday for fleeing the scene of a crash on I-10 in Suwannee County, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Zachary Johnson, 32,

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Senterfitt

Jim Senterfitt Jr. A life, a legacy, a leader

By Bryant Thigpen
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James "Jim" Henry Senterfitt Jr. passed away in Lake City on Jan. 19 at Haven Hospice leaving a loving wife, Voncile of 34 years, family and friends behind to cherish his memory.

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CELEBRATING KING



The Martin Luther King Jr. celebration parade was held on Saturday, Jan. 19. Lots of folks came out to see the procession coming up the street. In this photo, Terrell Perkins flashes a big smile while holding a poster that symbolizes the event. See more photos on page 3A. - Photo: Andrew McGee

Court upholds 3 percent pension law

By Bryant Thigpen
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The Supreme Court of Florida ruled in favor of Governor Rick Scott on Thursday when the court upheld a requirement that teachers, public employees and some municipal employees must continue to give three percent of their salary to the state's pension fund. Public employees suffered a three percent loss on their take-

Some public workers to continue contributing to state retirement

home pay when the law was signed into effect on July 1, 2011.

The state currently employs over half of a million people.

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Suwannee County resident Ta-Trese Sapp holds an Obama 2012 sign while at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Monday for President Obama's second inauguration. See more photos, 9A. - Photo: Linda Holmes Ford

Locals attend President Obama's 2nd inauguration

Staff

Several Suwannee County residents traveled by bus to Washington, D.C. to attend President Barack Obama's second inauguration Monday. President Obama was officially sworn in on Sunday in a private ceremony at the White House. The Constitution states that a president's term ends at noon on Jan. 20, thus the early private ceremony.

The inauguration was Monday on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day at 11:30 a.m. followed immediately by the inaugural parade, the commander-in-chief's ball and the inaugural ball.

Two groups left on two separate buses while another flew. Members of a local church, Mt. Sinai, also attended the event.

The mood was "very positive," said Rhoshonda Herring, who attended the event.

"The weather and the people were great," said Herring. "A great emphasis on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., kind of placed a focus on peace and tolerance which is a great way to enter this second term. We could all stand to get along better with one another across race lines, political party lines and economic differences."

'Enterprise' no match for 6th grader

Student from Melody Christian Academy wins district spelling bee

By Bryant Thigpen
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Melody Christian Academy sixth grade student Madeline Akes was declared the winner of the district spelling bee on Thursday. Students in fifth through eighth grade gathered at the Suwannee County School Board office for a head-to-head competition to determine who would go on to represent Suwannee County at the Times-Union Regional Spelling Bee in Jacksonville.

Competitors from MCA, Suwannee Middle School, Westwood Christian School, Suwannee Intermediate School, Branford High School and Branford Elementary School were represented in the district spelling bee.

Akes won the spelling bee with the correct spelling of "enterprise." Lane Friehofer from Suwannee Middle School was the runner-up.

Akes will travel to Jacksonville on Feb. 16, to compete at the Regional Spelling Bee.

DECKER INVESTITURE



Friends and family gathered on Friday afternoon at the Hamilton County Courthouse for the investiture of newly elected Third Circuit Judge Andrew Decker III. Decker's judicial office will be in Jasper in accordance with his assignment from the chief judge. Decker will cover criminal and civil cases in Hamilton and Madison counties. Retired Judge John Peach obtained special permission from Governor Rick Scott to render the oath to Decker. Pictured left to right are: Peach, Decker III, his wife Rose and Father Andrzej Mitera of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. - Photo: Bryant Thigpen

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Madeline Akes (left) of Melody Christian Academy was named the district spelling bee champion after correctly spelling "enterprise". Akes is pictured with Marcia Boatright, coordinator of the spelling bee.

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The following abbreviations are used below:
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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

Jan 17, Luis Alvaro R Hernandez, 38, 407 SE Broughton Street, Branford, FL, No Valid DL, No Valid Reg Tag on Veh: SCSO- L. Schultetus

Jan 17, Zachary Joseph Johnson, 32, 35 Cloverdale Court N, Palm Coast, FL, Leave Scene W/Prop Damage: FHP- A. Hughes

Jan 17, Michael Demetris Police, 36, 217 N Walker, Live Oak, FL, Sale of Cocaine W/I 1000' Place of Worship, Sale of Cocaine W/I 1000' Place of Worship, Federal Warrant-VOP FTC OC DWLS/R: SCSODTF- R. Sammons

Jan 17, David Allen Stanford, 31, 9995 34th St, Live Oak, FL, Hamilton Co-VOP O/C DWLS: SCSO- J. Mills

Jan 17, Deanna Tahanee Battista, 19, 18635 229th Drive, Live Oak, FL, Grand Theft: SCSO- T. Roberts

Jan 18, Devon S Walker, 33, 101 1st St, Live Oak, FL, Resisting W/O Viol: LOPD- A. Hernandez

Jan 18, Jason Allen Pettigrow, 27, 6627 57th Place, Live Oak, FL, DWLS/R: SCSO- J. Woloszyn

Jan 18, Steven LaShawn McGee, 27, 2531 Old Hwy 61 North, Fayette, MS, DWLSR: OALE- J. Glass

Jan 18, Shane Ray Pry, 35, 4204 SW 101st Place, Jasper, FL, Sent to 2 Week Ends: SCSO- L. McDaniel

Jan 18, Jordan Cayne Dees, 19, 26435 CR 137, Branford, FL, Grand Theft Firearm, Dealing in Stolen Prep, 1st App PD App WFW: SCSO- C. McInnis

Jan 19, Donna Marie Cannington, 35, 8899

137th Rd, Live Oak, FL, DWLS, Poss -20 Cannabis, Poss Drug Para, 1st App PD App WFW: SCSO- J. Woloszyn

Jan 19, Kenneth Jack Walsh, 55, 1117 192nd Ter, O'Brien, FL, Battery, 1st App PD App WFW: SCSO- S. Sena

Jan 19, Timothy David Michels, 34, 15391 CR 252, Live Oak, FL, Agg Assault (Dom Violence), Battery Domestic Violence, 1st App PD App WFW: SCSO- B. Bars

Jan 19, Shaniqua Jones, 22, 12707 Railroad St, Live Oak, FL, Battery Domestic Violence, 1st App PD App WFW: SCSO- Watson

Jan 19, Danelle N Williams, 43, 14200 SW24th St, Davie, FL, DUI, 1st App PD App WFW: SCSO- S. Sena

Jan 20, Marcus Locklear, 44, 11059 111th Rd, Live Oak, FL, Felony Battery (Dom Viol), Resis With Violence, 1st App PD App WFW: SCSO- J. Woloszyn

Jan 20, Calvin C Moore, 45, 11059 111th Rd, Live Oak, FL, Felony Battery (Dom Viol), 1st App PD App WFW: SCSO- J. Woloszyn

Jan 21, Johnathan L. Hernandez, 19, 1407 White Avenue, Live Oak, FL, Battery (Dom Violence): LOPD- J. Rountree

Jan 21, Roscoe Lamar Thompson, IV, 31, 1388 NE Rowan Road, Mayo, FL, Deal in Stolen Property, Retail Theft: SCSO- D. Carter

Jan 21, Masud D Headen, 19, 605 Houston St, Live Oak, FL, Poss +20G Cannabis, DWLS?R, VOP O/C DWLS/R: SCSO- J. Woloszyn

Jan 21, Lankia Nichelle Williams, 32, 12910 US 90 West Lot 21, Live Oak, FL, DUI, DWLS/R, Leaving Scene W/Prop Damag: LOPD- A. Hernandez

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Jim Senterfitt Jr. A life, a legacy, a leader

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Senterfitt, 90, was born in Holt to James and Cora Senterfitt. He attended and graduated from Waldon High School in Defuniak Springs.

Following high school, Senterfitt joined the military and served in World War II with the 46th Seabee Battalion in the South Pacific. Following his discharge from the military, Senterfitt enrolled at the University of Florida in Gainesville where he later obtained a Bachelor and Master of Agriculture degree.

Senterfitt served 30 years with the USDA Soil Conservation Service during which he was bestowed numerous awards, including the Distinguished Service Award, Award of Merit-Resource Conservation and the Florida Association of Conservation District Award. In 2008, Senterfitt was inducted into the NACD Southeast Region Conservation Hall of Fame.

He was very active in the Kiwanis Club in Live Oak and was a member for over 66 years. Kiwanis historian Brant Helvenston reported that Senterfitt was one of the longest tenured

Kiwanians in the state of Florida. In 1975-76 and 1981-82, he was the recipient of the Roy Hunter Award. He also served as lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis Club Florida District Division 4.

Local resident John Tull not only saw Senterfitt as a fellow Kiwanian, but as a leader.

"I knew Jim through the Kiwanis club. He was my sponsor back in the early 80s when he first got me to join," Tull said. "Since then, he's been a guide and a mentor to me for the past 30 years. I've learned from him how to be a good Kiwanian because of his leadership."

Danny Hales Jr. said Senterfitt will "surely be missed."

"Family, religion, Kiwanis

and the (Florida) Gators, that was his interest. That's what he would tell you all about. He was a good guy. He was the type of person that would do anything for anybody. If you needed help, he would be glad to help," Hales said.

"I will always remember Jim as a dear friend and fellow Kiwanian," stated Monja Slater. "He strived to make us all better Kiwanis Club members and to know the club bylaws."

Senterfitt attended the First Baptist Church in Live Oak where he served as a prayer warrior.

Funeral services were held on Monday at the First Baptist Church in Live Oak at 11 a.m. with interment at Orange Hill Cemetery in Williston.

(Read the obituary on page 5A)

1st school reconfiguration town hall meeting

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

If approved, the schools would be transformed into three distinct elementary schools that would all offer Pre-K through fifth grade.

The meetings will be held at SPS on Jan. 24, SES on Jan. 31 and SIS on Feb. 7. Each meeting will be from 6:30-8 p.m.

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The Martin Luther King Jr. celebration parade was held on Saturday, Jan. 19. There was a fair turnout as people came out to see the procession coming up the street. Here are a few photos commemorating the event.

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Fina visits Altrusa



Suwannee County Judge David Fina gives a question and answer presentation regarding Amendment II to Altrusa of Live Oak members during their Jan. 10 meeting. Courtesy photo

Love INC fund-raiser features internationally acclaimed southern gospel legend Ivan Parker

In concert Jan. 24 in Live Oak

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

Westwood Baptist Church is located at 920 11th Street Southwest in Live Oak, FL 32064, just west of the round-about.

General admission is \$10, and a special Artist's Circle ticket is available for \$25. The Artist's Circle ticket entitles the holder to attend a special meet and greet with Parker a half hour before the concert. This will be a special time to chat with the artist and have your photo taken with him. Bring your camera!

Ivan Parker is perhaps best known for being a regular on the Gaither Homecoming series and is featured on most of the Gaither videos. In the gospel music world, Ivan has been voted Favorite Male Vocalist 12 times, Soloist of the Year nine times and received many other awards during his career.



Parker

He's traveled worldwide to spread the gospel through music and formed The Trio with Kirk Talley and Anthony Burger in 1999, which continues today to hold concerts all over the world and sing with the Gaither Homecoming series concerts. Ivan's most remembered recordings include "Midnight Cry," "I Choose," "Hit The Ground Running," "That Was Then, This Is Now," "Redeemer," "It's True," "Sing" and many, many other great Southern Gospel songs. Ivan and his wife, Teresa, live in Nashville, Tennessee where they own Parker Music Group. Teresa

is a Suwannee County girl, raised in Branford, Fla.

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

Tickets are available in Live Oak by calling the Love INC office at 386-330-2671 or The Rev. Dr. Everett L. Parker at 386-754-8524, or tickets may be purchased at New Life Book Store at 1102 South Ohio Avenue, Westwood Baptist Church at 920 11th Street Southwest, Sharon Jordan Tax Collector's Office on Pine Street behind the courthouse and Love INC's office at 120 North Ohio Avenue in downtown Live Oak. Tickets may be picked up at the Love INC

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

Live Oak native named to The Seaver College Dean's List at Pepperdine University

Submitted

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COMMENCE at the Northeast corner of the South 1/2 of Section 27, Township 3 South, Range 15 East, Suwannee County, Florida, and run thence South 88 degrees 47'05" West along the North line of the South 1/2 of said Section 27, 1081.81 feet; thence South 88 degrees 49'15" West still along said North line, 585.33 feet to the North right of way line of 140th Terrace and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North 88 degrees 49'15" West along said North line 852.17 feet; thence South 00 degrees 21'28" East, 648.38 feet to the North right of way line of 140th Terrace; thence North-easterly along said North right of way line 1103.53 feet, more or less, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, At the front steps of the Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32060 at 11:00 a.m., on March 5, 2013.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 7th day of January, 2013.

(Court Seal) **BARRY A BAKER**
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: */s/ Sallie Pert*
Deputy Clerk

Law Offices of Daniel C. Consegua
9204 King Palm Drive
Tampa, FL 33619-1328
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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01/16, 23

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

CASE NO.: 12-126-CP

IN RE: The Estate of DENNIS JOSEPH BROWN, Deceased.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ENTITLED ESTATE AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the administration of the estate of DENNIS JOSEPH BROWN, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court in and for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All persons having claims or demands against the estate are required, WITHIN THREE CALENDAR MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE to file with the clerk of the above styled court a written statement of any claim or demand they may have. Each claim must be in writing and must indicate the basis for the claim, the name and address of the creditor or his agent or attorney, and the amount claimed. If the claim is not yet due, the date when it will become due shall be stated. If the claim is contingent or unliquidated, the nature of the of the uncertainty shall be stated. If the claim is secured, the security shall be described. The claimant shall deliver sufficient copies of the claim to the clerk to enable the clerk to mail one (1) copy to the personal representative.

All persons interested in the estate to whom a copy of this Notice of Administration has been mailed are required, WITHIN THREE CALENDAR MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE to file any objections they may have that challenges the validity of the qualifications of the personal representative, or the venue or jurisdiction of the Court.

ALL CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL FOREVER BE BARRED.

Date of the first publication of this Notice of Administration: January 23, 2013.

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BETTY BROWN
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01/23, 30

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

CASE NO.: 12-287-DR

KIMBERLY BROOKS RAMIREZ
Petitioner/Wife,

and

RICADO RAMIREZ,
Respondent/Husband.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: RICADO RAMIREZ

Whose last known address: 9409 Lita Rd E., Jacksonville, Florida 32257

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Rhett Bullard, P.A. for Kimberly Brooks Ramirez whose address is 100 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064 on or before March 5, 2013, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 200 S. Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit

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Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit or action will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: January 14, 2013

(Court Seal) **CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

By: */s/ Sallie Pert*
Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO. 612013CP0000020001XX

IN RE: The Estate of LINDA M. STEWART, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the Estate of **LINDA M. STEWART, Deceased**, File Number 612013CP0000020001XX, a testate estate, pursuant to the Last Will and Testament of the Decedent dated October 2, 2006, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 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 persons on whom this notice is served who have any objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court **WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE UPON THEM.**

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court **WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE 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 THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.**

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is **January 16, 2013.**

Attorney for Personal Representative
HAL A. AIRTH
P.O. Box 448
Live Oak, FL 32064
(386) 362-4915
FL Bar #306533

Personal Representative
TERRY D. WOODS
9046 133rd Drive
Live Oak, Florida 32060
01/16, 23

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

CASE NUMBER: 2012-20-DP

IN THE INTEREST OF: N. X. R., D.O.B. 09/06/2012

MINOR CHILD

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ADVISORY HEARING FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND GUARDIANSHIP

STATE OF FLORIDA

Together with a 1985 Catalina Mobile

Suwannee Legals

TO EACH SHERIFF OF THE STATE

You are commanded to serve this SUMMONS

TO: Roger Walker, father Address Unknown

WHEREAS, a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights under oath has been filed in this court regarding the above-referenced child(ren), a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court,

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO APPEAR before the Honorable William F. Williams, III, Acting Circuit Judge, at the Suwannee County Courthouse, Live Oak, Florida, on FEBRUARY 22, 2013, AT 9 A.M., for a Termination of Parental Rights Advisory Hearing.

YOU MUST APPEAR ON THE DATE AND THE TIME SPECIFIED.

FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD (OR CHILDREN). IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD (OR CHILDREN) NAMED IN THE PETITION ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Pursuant to Sections 39.802(4)(d) and 63.082(6)(g), Florida Statutes, you are hereby informed of the availability of private placement with an adoption entity as defined in Section 63.032(3), Florida Statutes.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court at Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida, on this 2nd day of January, 2013.

(Court Seal) **BARRY BAKER**
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: */s/ Sallie Pert*
Deputy Clerk

Glen Boecher, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 315680
Children's Legal Services
1389 West US Highway 90, Suite 110
Lake City, FL 32055
(386) 758-1437

Special Accommodations: In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact **Carrina Cooper, Court Administrator**, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, Florida 32055, Telephone (386) 758-2163, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired or voice impaired, call 711.
01/09, 16, 23, 30

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

CASE NO. 12-249-CA

RALPH WASHNOCK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID BALLEW, a/k/a DAVID E. BALLEW, CAPITAL ONE BANK, ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC, a foreign limited liability company, and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the following described real property:

N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 5 South, Range 15 East, Suwannee County, Florida. Less and except the South 25 feet which is subject to an ingress and egress easement.

AND

Together with an easement for ingress and egress over and across the South 25 feet of the N 1/2 of N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 32, Township 5 South, Range 15 East, Suwannee County, Florida.

Together with a 1985 Catalina Mobile

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Home, ID No. 6162.

shall be sold by the Clerk of this Court, at public sale, pursuant to the Final Judgment in the above styled action dated January 17, 2013, at the Suwannee County Courthouse in Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, to the best and highest bidder for cash. Any person claiming an interest in any surplus from the sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the notice of lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid this 17th day of January, 2013.

BARRY A. BAKER
Clerk of Court

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

01/23, 30

IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 61012CC0002160001XX

STAFFORD CALDWELL SULLIVAN, et us.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

GEORGE A. ROE, et al.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment dated January 10, 2013, in Case Number 612012CC0002160001XX of the County Court for Suwannee County, Florida, in which **STAFFORD CALDWELL SULLIVAN and ESTHER ELIZABETH SULLIVAN, his wife**, are Plaintiffs and **GEORGE A. ROE and NANCY S. ROE, his wife**, if alive and if deceased, their respective spouses, heirs, devisees, assigns, and all other persons, natural or corporate claiming by through under or against them and **VySTAR CREDIT UNION** are Defendants, I, **BARRY A. BAKER**, Clerk of the Courts, will sell at public sale the following described real property:

Lot 37, THE TIMBERS UNIT ONE, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1 page 239, of the public records of Suwannee County, Florida. PAC 09121-010370

The sale will be held on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2013, at 11:00 A. M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the front door of the Courthouse at Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida, in accordance with Section 45.031 of the Florida Statutes.

(Court Seal) **BARRY A. BAKER**
Clerk of the Courts

By: */s/ Sallie Pert*
Deputy Clerk

01/16, 23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 12-285-CA

DESALVO PROPERTIES, LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

HELEN SMITH; UNKNOWN TENANT #1;

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 17, 2013, and entered in Case No.: 12-285-CA of the Circuit Court in and for Suwannee County, Florida, wherein **DESALVO PROPERTIES, LLC** is the Plaintiff and **HELEN SMITH and UNKNOWN TENANT #1** are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, held at the front of the Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064 at 11:00 a.m. on the 14th day of February, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 1, Block 3, BRANDON ESTATES, a

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subdivision according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, page 126, public records of Suwannee County, Florida.

TOGETHER WITH one 1995 MERI double wide mobile home, Identification Numbers: FLHMLCP39712342A and FLHMLCP3971242B, located on the above described real property and considered a part thereof.

and commonly known as: **10106 92nd Trail, Live Oak, Florida 32060.**

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER 60 DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

DATED at SUWANNEE COUNTY, Florida this 17th day of January, 2013.

(Court Seal) **Clerk of Court**

By: */s/ Sallie Pert*
Deputy Clerk

01/23, 30

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

CASE NUMBER: 12-288-CA

JIM JEAN AUCTIONS, INC., a Florida corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

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

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to an Order or a Final Judgment of Foreclosure in the above-captioned action, I, **Barry A. Baker**, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the front entrance of the Suwannee County Courthouse, located at 200 S. Ohio Ave., in Live Oak, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 5th day of March, AD, 2013, the following described property:

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

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 8th day of January, 2013.

(Court Seal) **BARRY A. BAKER**
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

01/16, 23

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Florida Bar No. 133454

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator for the Third Judicial Circuit, 173 NE Hernando Ave, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055, (386) 758 2163, within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
01/16, 23

OBITUARIES



Iris Inez Nolan Tomlinson
Jan. 19, 2013

Iris Inez Nolan Tomlinson, 89, of Edgewater, Fla. died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013. Born in Lake Wales, Mrs. Tomlinson moved to the Edgewater area in 1975 from Alachua county.

She was a waitress for many years as well as a homemaker. She loved quilt making and riding in the car admiring the scenery.

Survivors include her 5 sons, William "Bill" Nolan Tomlinson, Robert "Dodi" Otis Tomlinson, Burton Douglas Tomlinson, Wayne Tyrus Tomlinson and Winston Roy Tomlinson; a brother Gary M. Nolan; 21 grandchildren and many great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Burton; daughter, Regina and son, Sidney.

Calling hours will be 6 -

8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at Settle-Wilder's New Smyrna Beach Chapel. Funeral service at the graveside will be 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24, at Live Oak Cemetery, Live Oak, Fla.

Condolences may be made online at www.settlewilderfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are being handled by Settle-Wilder Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 406 S. Orange Street, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168.

Douglas King
Oct. 1, 1925
Jan. 19, 2013

Viewpoints/Opinions

Suwannee Democrat



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Members of the Suwannee Democrat editorial board are Myra C. Regan, publisher, and Jeff Waters, editor. Our View is formed by that board.

Editorial objectives for 2013

1. Reduce waste in local government
2. Revitalize downtown Live Oak
3. Continue work on Perimeter Road
4. Attract more business and growth
5. Build up I-10, US 129 corridor

THE SUWANNEE SCRIBBLER

One man's law

By Jim Holmes

When Henry Flagler's name is mentioned in Florida today, the tone used by historians is often almost reverent.

And with good reason.

After all, the so-called "Sunshine State" owes most of its 20th century success as a prime tourist destination to this one man's early vision. In the late 1800s, most saw Florida as a sparsely populated peninsula...one step up from a sand bar, good for little more than raising blood thirsty mosquitoes.

Henry Flagler however, saw a potential paradise. And he spent millions and millions of dollars - earned as one of the founders of Standard Oil - to make his vision become a reality.

There is some irony however, in the icon status the Flagler name enjoys today. That's because there was a time when he was despised in the state.

Rather than a historic visionary, he was considered by many as nothing more than a lecherous old man lusting for a woman young enough to be his daughter and willing to do anything, no matter how immoral, to possess her.

But I am getting ahead of myself.

Henry Flagler may have been lucky in business. Unfortunately, he did not enjoy the same good fortune in his personal life.

His first wife died after a lengthy illness when he was in his early 50s. Two years later, Flagler took his second mate, 35-year-old Ida Alice Shourds, a fiery redhead with bright blue eyes.

By 1894, Flagler was deeply engrossed in his efforts to develop Florida, while on the home front, things were deteriorating rapidly.

Ida Alice had become mentally unhinged. She was so delusional she was institutionalized and eventually ruled by a New York Judge to be "terminally insane."

This was Henry Flagler's personal situation when several years later, at the age of 71, he met and fell in love with another young woman; 34-year-old Mary Lily Kenan.

A third marriage however, appeared to be out of the question. Under both New York and Florida law, Flagler did not have the legal grounds to divorce his institutionalized wife.

Changing the law in the Empire State was seen by Flagler and his attorneys as an impossibility.

Florida? Well, that was a completely different situation. After all, Flagler virtually owned the state lock, stock and barrel.

Documents discovered in the mid 20th century show that the cost for changing an inconvenient Florida law in 1901 was \$125,000. That translates into about \$2.5 million today.

Under the measure adopted by the Florida Legislature and quickly signed into law by the governor, divorce was now legal if one of the married partners had been institutionalized for at least four years.

Ida Alice's unfortunate situation easily fit the bill.

Ten days after the new law went into effect, Mary Lily Kenan became the third Mrs. Flagler.

Florida's clergy however was outraged! So were many others who shared the commonly held viewpoint in the early 1900s that divorce was a near mortal sin. In their eyes Flagler was little more than an agent of the devil, with deep enough pockets to buy anything and anyone he wanted.

It wasn't long before they made their objections known to their legislators in Tallahassee and just four years later, the law, seen by many as an obscenity, was repealed.

In its time on the law books, only one person, Henry Flagler, ever took advantage of it.

Jim lives in Live Oak.

BIBLE VERSE

"[Ask, Seek, Knock] "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Matthew 7:7-8 NIV

OPINION

Experts aren't deities

Let's look at experts. Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727) was a mathematician and scientist. Newton has to be the greatest and most influential scientist who has ever lived. He laid the foundation for classical mechanics, and his genius transformed our understanding of science, particularly in the areas of physics, mathematics and astronomy. What's not widely known is that Newton spent most of his waking hours on alchemy; his experiments included trying to turn lead into gold. Though he wrote volumes on alchemy, after his death Britain's Royal Society deemed that they were "not fit to be printed."

Lord William Thomson Kelvin (1824-1907) was a Belfast-born British mathematical physicist and engineer. Kelvin's major contribution was in thermodynamics, and he is widely recognized for determining the correct value of absolute zero, approximately minus 273 degrees Celsius. In his honor, absolute temperatures are expressed in Kelvin units. Being an expert in one field doesn't spare one from being an arrogant amateur in others. Based on his knowledge of heat dissipation, Kelvin criticized geologists of his day and claimed that Earth was between 20 million and 100 million years old. Kelvin also said that "X-rays will prove to be a hoax," but he changed his mind after he experienced an X-ray of his own hand. Kelvin also predicted, "I can state flatly that heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible."

Linus Pauling (1901-94) was one of the most influential chemists in history. He was one of the founders of the field of quantum chemistry and is often called the father of molecular biology. Pauling won the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1954 and the Nobel Peace Prize in 1962, making him the only person awarded two unshared Nobel Prizes. Later, he was awarded the International Lenin Prize for Strengthening Peace Among Peoples by the Soviet Union. Many of Pauling's colleagues who admired his scholarly work saw him as a naive spokesman for Soviet communism.

Despite his genius in science, Pauling peddled fringe ideas. In the 1970 edition of his book "Vitamin C and the



A MINORITY VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS

Common Cold," he said that taking 1,000 milligrams of vitamin C daily will reduce the incidence of colds by 45 percent. In the book's 1976 revision, retitled "Vitamin C, the Common Cold and the Flu," he recommended higher vitamin C dosages. In his third revision, "Vitamin C and Cancer" (1979), Pauling claimed that high doses of vitamin C may also be effective

against cancer. In another book, "How to Live Longer and Feel Better" (1986), Pauling argued that megadoses of vitamins, such as the 12,000 to 40,000 milligrams he took daily, "can increase your enjoyment of life and can help in controlling heart disease, cancer, and other diseases and in slowing down the process of aging." There's absolutely no research that backs up any of Pauling's vitamin C claims.

The take-home lesson is that experts are notoriously fallible outside of their fields of endeavor -- and especially so when making predictions. There tends to be an inverse relationship between a predictor's level of confidence and the accuracy of his prediction. Irving Fisher, a distinguished Yale University economics professor in 1929, predicted, "Stocks have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau." Three days later, the stock market crashed. In 1954, Dr. W.C. Heuper of the National Cancer Institute said, "If excessive smoking actually plays a role in the production of lung cancer, it seems to be a minor one." Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, in 1943 allegedly said, "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." "(Research on the atomic bomb) is the biggest fool thing we have ever done. The bomb will never go off, and I speak as an expert in explosives." That was Adm. William Leahy's prediction in 1945.

The bottom line is that the fact that a person has academic degrees, honors and status is no reason for us to abandon our tools of critical thinking.

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

FROM OUR READERS

From a reader,

Is there anything sacred left in America? It was at one time the people of this great land could count on some standard of Godliness and virtue. A time when the heart was aroused at the singing of the national anthem, pledging allegiance to our flag as a monument of loyalty. Thinking of Francis Key on that ship in the dark harbor, not knowing if the enemy had overtaken our fort, until the only light was from the bombs bursting in the air could he see that our tattered flag was still flying, being held up by those giving their life to hold it high. Every year at Superbowl, when those F-18 Tomcats fly over a demonstration of our power of one nation under almighty God.

Now it appears apathy has replaced allegiance, groups

demanding rights of same-sex marriage, advocacy of legalizing marijuana so we can have more mind altered individuals promoting their own agenda.

The indifference to God and his laws have created the scenario of party time, eat, drink and be merry. There is nothing to look forward to except our own pleasure.

My heart looks back at a time of innocence where there was a hope and future, standard of something sacred.

Is it any wonder why we have so many problems? Could it be the God of this nation is being replaced at the cost of our peril?

Respectfully,
Roger Spencer



Letters To The Editor,

Suwannee Democrat, PO Box 370, Live Oak, FL 32064.

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

Bucs lose to Bell Bulldogs Beat Tigers - SPORTS 11A



Branford News

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

Plant free trees please



Waiting to serve up free trees and planting advice.

Submitted

On Friday morning, Jan. 18, members of the Florida Native Plant Society, Sparkleberry Chapter in Branford held an Arbor Day Celebration by giving free trees native to Florida.

Despite the cold windy day, people from Branford and all the surrounding areas stopped by to pick up their choice of a native dogwood, red cedar, or shumard oak tree along with instructions on where and how to plant and care for their choice.

During the course of two hours, 175 trees were distributed to area residents.

Thanks to everyone who participated in making this first annual Arbor Day event successful.



Irene Powell smiles for the camera.



Mary Fridman shouts the good news about the Sparkleberry Chapter's Arbor Day wares.

The Lemleys to entertain the McAlpin Community Club Feb. 11

The McAlpin Community Club will meet on Monday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m., beginning with a potluck supper. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share. Following the meal, The Lemleys, Don and Sylvia, will once again entertain us with their uplifting gospel music.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The club is located at 9981 170th Terrace in McAlpin, directly across from the Post Office. Membership fees are \$10 per family per year. For info call Barbara Parks at 362-3044.

South county briefs

Council meetings

The Town Council meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held in the council chambers at The Branford Town Hall located at 604 NW Suwannee Ave. Public is welcome.

Suwannee County Tax Collector

The Suwannee County Tax Collector is in Branford twice a month to assist with tags, titles and taxes. Their hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed 12 to 1 for lunch) on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. The hope is to better serve the citizens of the south end of Suwannee County.

The Arc North Florida

Adults with Disabilities Program. Open to Branford and surrounding adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

For more information please contact the AWD supervisor Lisa Perry at 386-208-1404.

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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American Legion Post 59 January meeting



Twenty members and guests attended this January meeting.

Submitted

The American Legion's Post 59 of Branford had its January meeting. The main item of business this month was coordinating flag placements on veteran's graves in area cemeteries that are spread over wide areas of both Suwannee and Columbia counties. The need for additional help from our Post 59 members is being delegated so as to lighten the duty load.

The next scheduled meeting for the Branford American Legion Post 59 will be on Feb. 19.

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L to R: Bill & Patsy Peeler, Jimmy Terry, Erin Donovan, Diane & Kirby Johns.

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American Legion Post 59 January meeting



Adjutant Skip Trubey, right, led the discussion on our Memorial and Veteran's Day flag mission. Sgt-at-Arms Bob Childress, left, and Commander Christian Keeney also added pertinent input



Clockwise from left: Bill Webster, Millie McGee, (name unavailable), Walter Sherrod, Jule McGee, Arthur Wilson & Wendell Lewis.



Enjoying a good meal.



Desert Storm veteran Kimberlee Chandler and Vietnam vet dad, Thomas Robinson.



Representing a span from the Vietnam War to WWII are Paul Morris and Chaplain Al Donovan.



Kimberlee Chandler kept busy taking down the minutes as the Post secretary.

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Court upholds 3 percent pension law

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Public employees took their first hit in 2006 when pay raises were frozen. Prior to the law passing, most employees' pension, administered by the Florida Retirement System, was compensated by the department they were employed. Now, public employees must render three percent of their income without the chance of a raise.

According to sources, the Florida Education Association sued the state, arguing that the three percent was an involuntary pay cut and couldn't be forced on existing employees without negotiating with public employee unions.

Judge Jackie Fulford

ruled in favor of FEA saying that the contribution impaired the union's constitutional right to collectively bargain and stated the mandate could only apply to new employees. Fulford believed the law violated collective bargaining, contract and property rights of thousands of public employees.

According to the majority opinion released by the Supreme Court, "The circuit court held the challenged amendments to be unconstitutional and ordered the appellants to reimburse, with interest, all funds deducted or withheld pursuant to the challenged provisions from the compensation or cost-of-living adjustments of employees

who were members of the FRS prior to July 1, 2011."

However, the case was appealed by Scott to the First District Court of Appeal. The court then overruled the Second Judicial Court in a 4-3 vote stating the Florida Legislature has the right to change retirement contributions for both existing and future employees.

Justice Jorge Labarga said in the opinion, "We agree with the State and reverse the judgment of the circuit court based on our conclusion that the Legislature did not violate the Florida Constitution in enacting the challenged provisions." The court believes that "effective" bargaining was not abridged nor im-

paired, nor were any constitutional rights violated.

A battle that has raged for two years is finally over, and many are glad to have a final decision.

"Having a final decision will enable us to continue planning and budgeting properly," said Suwannee County Superintendent of Schools Jerry Scarborough. "From the county budget perspective, It's good to know that we're not going to be responsible to return backpay."

From a teacher's standpoint, Scarborough is also aware of the impact this will have on his staff looking ahead.

"We feel bad because our employees will not be receiving compensation that was taken away from them by the Florida Legislature," he said.

According to Vickie Music, chief financial officer for the Suwannee County School District, the average salary for a Suwannee District School teacher is approximately \$45,000. The required three percent con-

tribution to the Florida Retirement System based upon the average salary would be \$1,350 annually.

Gov. Scott believes that the mandated contributions to the FRS offers a bright future for Florida residents.

"The court's ruling supports our efforts to lower

the cost of living for Florida families," Scott said in a prepared statement. "This means even more businesses will locate and grow in our state, which creates even more opportunities for Floridians to live their version of the American dream."

Driver arrested for fleeing scene of crash

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Palm Coast, was driving a 2009 Mitsubishi Lancer and was traveling west on I-10 when he swerved off the roadway at mile marker 275 onto the northwestern grassy shoulder, according to FHP. The vehicle then traveled 200 feet in a southwesterly direction. Johnson then struck a large I-beam that was supporting a Florida Department of Transportation sign. The beam was torn and the sign was thrown from its position.

The vehicle continued to travel in a southwesterly direction, striking a state fence with the front of the Lancer. The vehicle went through the fence and collided

with a pine tree. The Lancer came to a final rest facing in a southwesterly direction on the west side of the fence.

Johnson then drove back through the fence and left the scene, according to FHP. Debris from the vehicle was left at the scene. Investigator Alfred Hughes III determined that the vehicle was a Mitsubishi and grey in color.

Soon after the wreck occurred, Johnson was found at the westbound I-10 rest area in Madison County.

Johnson was arrested for leaving the scene with property damage.

No injuries were reported and Johnson was transported to the Suwannee County Jail.



Several of the Suwannee County residents who attended President Obama's second inauguration. The photo was taken Monday morning in Washington, D.C. shortly before the crew departed for the Capitol.



Locals attend President Obama's 2nd inauguration

Suwannee County residents Rhoshonda Herring, left and Robyne Edwards stand in front of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. monument at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. following President Obama's inauguration ceremony.

SUWANNEE RIVER READINGS Branford 2013



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

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SPORTS



Aaron McCallister jumps for the net.

'Dogs beat Wakulla



Jimmie Taylor III jumps above a couple War Eagles.



Suwannee High School cheerleaders keep the crowd pumped. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

Submitted

The Suwannee High School varsity boys basketball team defeated Wakulla County on Jan. 17 in front of the home crowd by a score of 75-57. This gives them a current ranking of first place in the district (3-1, Maxpreps.com).

The 'Dogs dominated from tipoff to final buzzer and spread the points among seven players, in contrast to the War Eagles who had 11 offensive contributors. Suwannee shot an impressive 16 for 19 free throws and had four players who hit three pointers during the game. Senior guard Deangelo Ross netted three, three point shots and tied with freshman forward Aaron McAllister for second place in scoring with 15 points each. McAllister has developed recently as a strong second-half player, much like a "closer" in baseball, whose momentum improves in the clutch. Sophomore center Kevarrus Hayes blocked a dominating nine shots during the game, pulled down 10 points and 10 rebounds. Team scoring was led by senior Jimmie Taylor with his second triple-double performance of the year of 25 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists.

Game Statistics vs Wakulla (Pts-Rbs-Ast-Stl)

Jimmie Taylor III	(25-12-11-2) 1BL
Deangelo Ross	(15-2-1-1)
Aaron McAllister	(15-2-0-2)
Kevarrus Hayes	(10-10-1-1) 9BL
Raymond Gardner	(6-3-0-0)
Randy Waddy	(2-1-0-0)
Dalvious McQuay	(2-3-1-0)

Game Statistics vs Columbia (Pts-Rbs-Ast-Stl)

Jimmie Taylor III	(24-13-6-2)
Aaron McAllister	(11-5-1-0)
Raymond Gardner	(8-1-0-0) 1BL
Kevarrus Hayes	(6-12-0-0) 4BL
Deangelo Ross	(2-1-1-1)
Randy Waddy	(0-2-1-0)

Two nights later in Columbia the Bulldogs seemed less sharp overall as the Tigers stole the win on the road. The 'Dogs struggled throughout the night with both offensive and defensive execution as the Tigers jumped to a 11-2 lead early in the first quarter. However, a scoring run led by McAllister and Taylor including two back-to-back three pointers, drives inside, and defensive blocks from Hayes brought the 'Dogs up to lead by four at halftime (29-25).

In the second half, the 'Dogs struggled with rebounding on both ends, pulling down only 13 rebounds. The Tigers went on a scoring run which combined precise perimeter shooting with short inside jump shots to take the lead 38-36 with 1:26 left in the third quarter and Suwannee had no answer as the 'Dogs ran out of steam to fall to Columbia 59-51.

Fans please note there has been a cancellation of Thursday night's game with Jacksonville Bolles. However, Friday night the 'Dogs seek to avenge their earlier season loss to the Hamilton County Trojans here at home, and a very large crowd is expected so arrive early to get a good seat.

Go Dogs!

Suwannee Spirit cheerleaders compete at state championship



Suwannee Spirit performed at state championship in Daytona. - Photo: Tammy Johns Photography (tammyjohnsphotography.com)

By Ila Crocker

Suwannee Spirit Cheer Gym of Live Oak competed at The State Cheer & Dance Championships in Daytona Beach Jan. 12 and 13.

Thousands of cheerleaders, dancers and spectators from all over Florida traveled to Daytona Beach to compete in one of the most prestigious competitions held each year. Forty-seven cheerleaders, three teams, three coaches and over 250 fans represented Suwannee Spirit.

The Suwannee Spirit Diamond squad competed in the level 3 senior small division. They received a superior rating and placed sixth. The Suwannee Spirit Pre-Elite squad competed in the level 2 junior small division, also receiving a superior rating and placed sixth. The Suwannee Spirit Emerald squad competed in the level 2 youth small division and received a superior rating placing fourth.

This was the second of six competitions that Suwannee Spirit has competed in this season. Each squad will compete three more times and try to qualify for a bid to the national championships held in April.

Congratulations to all of the competition cheerleaders of Suwannee Spirit.

Suwannee Spirit is owned and coached by Angela Wood and Ila Crocker.

Bucs lose to Bell Bulldogs Beat Tigers

By Andrew McGee
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The Branford Buccaneer girls varsity basketball team lost to the Bell Bulldogs Tuesday night, Jan. 15, on the Bulldogs home court 48-19.

"They stomped us pretty good", said Athletic Director Wade Cashwell. "I sat three of my starters. One of them is bad on the flu and another one, her knee has been flaring up a little bit so I sat her as well."

Cashwell said that although he sat some of his starters, he was able to put in some of the kids that don't play as often, so it gave them some time on the court.

"We were able to get a little workout with them," said Cashwell.

The first quarter scoring was pretty low as Bell had gotten eight and the Bucs made only one on a free throw.

The second quarter, the Bucs made three to Bell's 11 bringing the score to 19-4, Bell, at the half.

The third quarter, the Bucs didn't fare too well as they were only able to pull in four to Bell's 14, so the winning margin for Bell widened with the score 33-8, Bell.

The fourth quarter, the Bucs were able to pick it up more than they had the rest of the game with 11, but Bell's 15 for the quarter and huge lead gave them the victory with 48-19.

Cashwell said that Bell has a pretty good team this year and that they are quite competitive. He said that the last time the Bucs played them, they beat Bell by only one point.

Cashwell said that he wasn't too worried about the loss. He didn't like it for their record, but he mainly wants his team to be focused on the district

matchup with Mayo.

"To me this game was not important," said Cashwell. "We need to be healthy for Friday night which is Mayo. I was glad it wasn't a district game and it wasn't something I had to win or lose. At this point, I'm just focused on the district tournament and that were ready for that."

Cashwell also wanted to note that one of his star players, Becca White is out for the season. She had hurt her knee a few weeks back apparently worse than she or Cashwell anticipated. The doctors thought it best she not play or put too much strain on it so it could heal quicker.

"We've been playing without her for a good part of the season now," said Cashwell. "A lot of our success has been able to deal without her there. We hate it, but our key thing is being ready for

districts."

Bucs beat Tigers

The Branford Buccaneer varsity girls basketball team won their district game against the Jefferson Tigers Friday, Jan. 11, 38-34.

The first quarter neither team scored too high as the score by the buzzer was 5-4, Bucs.

The second quarter, both teams started turning up the heat as the half came and the score was 19-13.

The third quarter, both the Bucs and Tigers were evenly matched as they both made nine and now the score was 28-22 with Bucs still in the lead.

The fourth quarter was the only quarter that the Tigers scored higher, but since the Bucs had already secured a bit of a gain, they were able to take the victory with the final score of 38-34.

'Dogs beat Wakulla



Deangelo Ross doesn't let a War Eagle pressure him. - Photos: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

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