

BY THE NUMBERS

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\$3 million - Damages in Suwannee County following TS Debby

200 homes - Still need help of some kind

'Invisible Disaster'

Hammers and Hearts helping the hurting

By Bryant Thigpen

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Ben Tarpley spent 30 years inside a business office living the life of a normal man before retiring in 2008. That's when his life took a "not-so-normal" path.

"Having worked long hours for so long, I wanted to do something unusual," Tarpley said.

In 2009, Tarpley set out on a journey to accomplish unusual things.

Tarpley's first task that he wanted to complete was hiking the entire Appalachian Trail.

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Body found in front of Lowe's

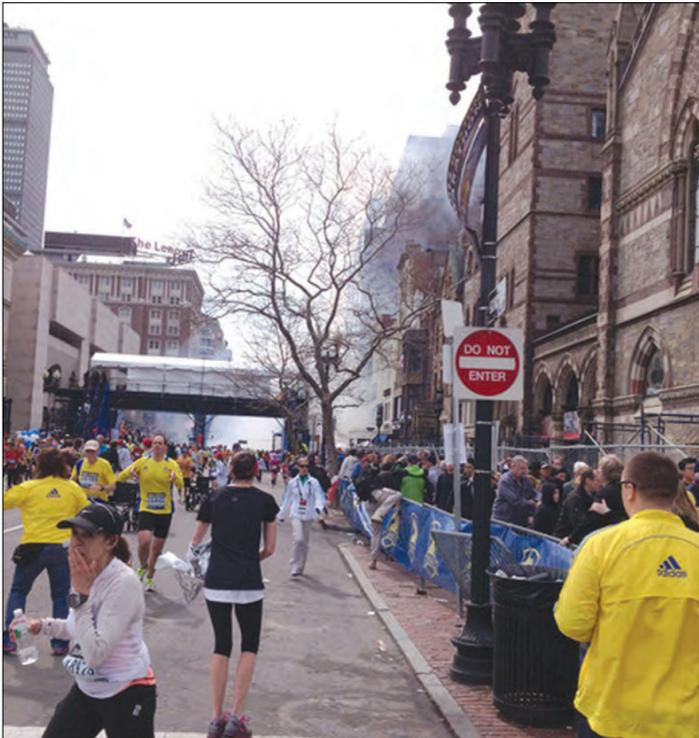
Police believe man died from a moped accident

By Andrew McGee

Live Oak Police Department officers responded to the area of US 129 in front of Lowe's Thursday night for the report of someone lying on the side of the roadway. Upon arrival, officers discovered an unresponsive male lying on top of a storm drain on the northeast corner of the store's entrance. Suwannee County Fire/Rescue

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BOSTON BOMBINGS HAVE LOCAL IMPACT



This photo was taken by Lisa Driscoll, who was with The Eagle-Tribune (North Andover, Mass.) reporter Jill Harmacinski near the finish line of the Boston Marathon when two explosions went off, leaving three dead and nearly 180 injured.

(Photo by Lisa Driscoll)

3 CONFIRMED DEAD NEARLY 180 INJURED

"It's tragic. What's scary is we live in a free and open society, and it's impossible to prevent those types of acts."

- Frank Davis

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A bombing that took place at the Boston Marathon in Massachusetts on Monday has left the nation in shock and impacted the hearts of many local residents. As racers were nearing the finish line just before 3 p.m., two bombs put the 26.2 mile race at a standstill. Three have been confirmed dead, including an 8-year-old boy, and nearly

180 people have been reported injured.

According to sources, a federal official called it a "potential terrorism investigation." He said it appeared to be the work of more than one person.

Local residents spoke out about the event that has gripped the heart of the nation.

Lafayette County resident Jack Howdeshell ran the Boston Marathon in 2012. He said he is glad he chose to run last year instead of this year.

"Since my wife was about a block (last year) from where the bombs went off waiting for me to finish, it's very sobering," said Howdeshell.

He said he had immediate concerns for those that he knows personally that ran this year.

"With the heat concerns last year the organizers offered runners to defer their entry to this year. The decision to run last year anyway has proved a very blessed decision. I would return to run

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CAPITOL UPDATES



Porter

Rep. Porter: Legislative session has been 'Positive'

By Bryant Thigpen

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Representative Elizabeth Porter (R-Lake City) has been busy at the Capitol sponsoring bills that could have a significant impact on Suwannee and surrounding counties. Porter represents Baker, Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee and parts of Alachua counties.

"This has been a very positive session so far," said Porter.

Education package

"I am very excited to announce that this past Friday (April 12) the House unanimously passed the Education Committee's education package, HB 7091, which I was very honored to carry as the vice-chair of the Education Committee,"

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Live Oak: Council round-up

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The Live Oak City Council had their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 9, at Live Oak City Hall. Several items were on the agenda for the evening meeting. Here is a brief rundown from the meeting.

April 9 meeting review

Changes to traffic light at Pine Avenue and Howard Street coming?
Board members gave Public Works

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Catherine Newbern



Edward Newbern

Husband, wife clear \$42K from grandmother's funds

By Bryant Thigpen

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A married O'Brien couple have been jailed for elderly neglect, exploitation of a disabled adult and grand theft after the wife reportedly retrieved and spent \$42,000 of her grand-

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BARGAIN HUNTERS HIT LIVE OAK Flea Across Florida was Friday through Sunday. Folks were able to peruse many selections from hundreds of tables up and down US 90 from Live Oak to Pensacola. The Live Oak Partnership coordinated the event. Hundreds of folks visited Live Oak for the event. There were booths and tables set up at the Spring Market in the Live Oak Plaza and up and down US 90. See more on page 14A. - Photo: Andrew McGee

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Doug and Kathy Aukerman of Suwannee High School are dressed for success at Saturday's SHS NJROTC Fun Run 5K Walk/Run. The event benefited the NJROTC at SHS. Contestants were asked to wear their silliest hat, craziest socks, etc. and the Aukerman couple took it to heart. See page 11A for more photos. - Photo: Sheila Young



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Live Oak: Council round-up

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Director Brent Whitman the go-ahead to seek approval from the Department of Transportation to change or remove the traffic light at the intersection of Pine Avenue and Howard Street (Millennium and Veterans Park area).

"The light takes forever to change," said Councilman Bennie Thomas.

The street where the traffic light is located is red brick and does not contain a loop that adjusts the light by the traffic.

City Attorney Ermy Sellers, whose office is near the intersection, said it's a major problem.

"Folks, I come up (US) 129, turn left on (Howard Street), go down to Pine

and turn right and park there at that block. Now when I get ready to leave, if I obey that traffic light all the time, I would never get across there. Sometimes I just turn right, go down, and turn back around. And sometimes, I just look both ways and if there's nobody coming within a couple of blocks, I just run the red light. That light does not work."

Sellers said from the north side, it's not directing traffic that's coming from anywhere.

"It would be so much easier to move this light for the intersection at (Howard Street) and (US) 129 traffic flow," said Councilor Keith Nixon. "If you move the light at Pine, your traffic flow at Howard Street and 129 is going to automati-

cally be better."

Whitman was granted permission to go through the proper procedures with DOT to begin conversations about removing or changing the traffic light.

Council approves Redistricting Committee recommendation

After three months of meetings, the Redistricting Committee presented a recommendation to the council on Tuesday night, which was approved unanimously.

Committee Chairman Stephan Blue presented the board with their findings and a proposed map that was created using population data from the Supervisor of Elections Office (published in the March 22 print edition, or search

"District changes on horizon" at suwanneedemocrat.com).

The committee was formed by residents of each district that was selected by their respective councilman.

Tommy Jefferson represented District 1; Stephan Blue represented District 2; Jim Ketcham represented District 3; Jenifer Seaman represented District 4; and Brant Helvenston represented District 5.

The proposed recommendation will now be drafted into an ordinance and will go through public readings before it becomes official.

Noise violation ordinance passes first reading

The council voted and passed Ordinance No. 1336, an ordinance amending chapter 34 of the Code of Ordinance relating to noise and establishing a penalty for violation.

The ordinance reads, "It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued any excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noise or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others, within the city."

Highlights of the ordinance

According to the ordinance, "any operation of

any such set, instrument, phonograph, machine or device between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance from 50 feet from the building, structure or vehicle in which it is located will be in violation and subject to penalty.

The riding of a motorcycle, motor bike, trail bike or similar two-wheel vehicle is unlawful to ride after 9 p.m., except on public thoroughfares or streets including driveways to and from streets as well as parking areas.

Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing on the public streets, particularly between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., or any time or place that will annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any office or in any dwelling is unlawful."

City purchases van from Suwannee Valley Transit Authority

The council approved purchasing a transport van from the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority on Tuesday night. The city will make the purchase for \$3,500 and may require an additional estimated cost of \$400 for auto body work and painting the van. The van will be used to transport a new Department of Corrections work crew.

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The following abbreviations are used below:
 SCSO-Suwannee County Sheriff's Office
 LOPD-Live Oak Police Department
 FDLE-Florida Department of Law Enforcement
 FHP-Florida Highway Patrol
 FWC-Florida Wildlife Commission
 DOT-Department of Transportation
 OALE-Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement
 P & P-Probation and Parole
 USMS-US Marshals Service
 ATF-Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
 DOC-Department of Corrections

Apr 11, Alicia Nicole Bryant, 34, 13184 Garrison Road, Live Oak, FL, VOP (Sell/Purc Cntl Subs), VOP (Sell Purc Cntl Subs): LOPD- A. Hernandez

Apr 11, Dustina Lynette Nowitzke, 32, 19595 140th Place, Live Oak, FL, ROR Revocation-Deal in Stolen Property: Traffic; Burglary of a Structure, ROR Revocation-

DWLS/R: SCSO- T. Lee
 Apr 11, Alonzo (NMN) Randall, 48, 3369 CR 250, Wellborn, FL, VOP O/C Sale/Del Contraband Prescr Drug: Trazodone Hydrochloride, VOP O/C Sale of Cannabis W/I 1000' Pl of Worship, VOP O/C Sale of Cannabis W/I 1000' Pl of Worship: SCSO- A. Loston

Apr 12, Larry L Thomas, 37, 15937 158th Terr, Live Oak, FL, Battery (Dom Viol), 1st App PD App Per WFW: SCSO-M. Henry

Apr 12, Charles Henry Frazier, Jr., 36, 718 Ontario Ave, Live Oak, FL, Poss Cannabis W/I Sell, Sale of Cannabis, 1st App PD App Per WFW: SCSO-M. Ramirez

Apr 12, Brandon Dicks, 28, Mayo CI, Mayo, FL, Return for Court: SCSO-T. Ford/ A. Loston

Apr 12, Antonio Sanchez, 35, 309 Andre Davis, Live Oak, FL, No Valid Driver's License: SCSO- B. Harris

Apr 13, Don Patterson, 78, 15963 Railroad St, Live Oak, FL, Agg Assault W/Deadly Weap, 1st App PD Appt Per WFW: SCSO- E. Padgett

Apr 13, Keith Edmond Kiser, 40, 17336 66th St, Live Oak, FL, DWLSR Habitual, 1st App PD Appt Per WFW: FHP- R.W. Howard

Apr 14, Kenneth Jerome Cooks, 43, 826 SW 9th St, Live Oak, FL, VOP O/C Poss +20 Cannabis, VOP O/C Poss +20 Cannabis: SCSO- C. Smith

Body found in front of Lowe's

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responded to the scene, but resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful.

After an investigation by LOPD detectives, it was determined 60-year-old Timothy Boyette of Live Oak was riding a red moped northbound on the sidewalk of US 129. It was determined, for an unknown reason, that Boyette failed to

negotiate the curve of the sidewalk and ran into the storm drain head on. Boyette was reportedly ejected from the moped and landed on the storm drain. Reports say it appears the fall on the drain caused a fatal head injury.

Boyette's remains were transported to the Medical Examiner's Office in Jacksonville for further investigation.

'Invisible Disaster'

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ple who start on the trail actually make it to the finish line because it takes months to complete it," he said. "It takes a time commitment of about 5-7 months to finish it, and most people just don't have the time to dedicate that long to hiking."

Tarpley was one of the 15 percent.

While on his hike, he met an elderly gentleman who became his inspiration to bike across America. Tarpley left St. Augustine and about 12 weeks later, he rolled into San Diego, Calif., riding his bike.

Tarpley considered hiking the Appalachian Trail once more, but his life took a considerable spin at the start of the journey.

In May of 2011, a tornado ripped through Joplin, Missouri and left thousands of people hurting and homeless. When Tarpley heard the news, he wanted to do something to help.

"I wanted to go up there and help with the disaster relief," he said.

Tarpley got on the phone and tried to find a motel, but there were no vacant rooms. Running into dead ends, Tarpley decided to turn to a website known as Craig's List.

"I knew I needed something catchy to grab the attention of the people, and so I labeled my listing 'Superman on standby.' I know I'm not Superman, but I was ready to get up there and get to work and help those people," Tarpley said.

A lady out of Texas responded to his listing, and so Tarpley was off to Joplin to begin work in the city's recovery efforts.

Tarpley became the director of operations with a disaster relief team. After spending some time with the organization, Tarpley

took a different path.

"There was three of us with the organization and none of us were satisfied with the direction the organization was going in," Tarpley said.

This eventually led to the formation of Hammers and Hearts.

Although the organization was formed in March of 2012 and is quite new, each member of the team brings a vast amount of knowledge and experience to the table.

While in Joplin, Tarpley was the leader of work crews that built four new homes from the ground up, and did repairs to about 90 damaged homes.

The team spent 19 months in Joplin before packing up their bags to come to Suwannee County in response to Tropical Storm Debby.

"We had completed our work in Joplin, and we were looking for somewhere to go. Gabe Tischler of Catholic Charities came to me and asked if I had considered Live Oak," he said. "I told him that we're looking to go to New Jersey or New York, but he asked me to just consider Live Oak, and so I did."

Tarpley sent Hammers and Hearts Director of Operations Josh Hipp to Live Oak for a week to meet with the citizens, see the county, and assess the damages from TS Debby.

"Josh called me back and said that no one was helping in Live Oak and the need was great, and so here we are," said Tarpley.

Tarpley said when the crew announced they were leaving Joplin, other volunteer crews gave them a going away party and some gifts that would help along the way.

"A Lutheran organization known as 'Transform Joplin' donated \$10,000 to

Hammers and Hearts and also provided us with a work trailer and tools," Tarpley said.

When the team first arrived in Live Oak, they made contacts that would be necessary in getting the job done.

"The people here have been so nice to us," Tarpley said.

The Live Oak Church of God provides the team with office space and a place for Tarpley to stay. The church also has a summer camp that has 10 rooms. Each room includes 15 bunk beds, two showers and two bathrooms. The team can put up to 150 volunteers at the camp.

Camp Weed is providing a two-story staff cabin that can house up to 28 volunteers.

"Our organization relies heavily on volunteer work crews," Tarpley said.

Thus far, Western Kentucky has sent 18 volunteers; Lehigh University (Pennsylvania) sent nine; Ferris State (Michigan) sent 38; Alert Academy (Texas) sent nine; Nordeolos Church (Michigan) sent nine; Cascade Fellowship (Michigan) sent 21; and Lamont Christian Reform (Michigan) sent 16 volunteer crews to Suwannee County. Tarpley said that he has volunteer crews scheduled to visit Live Oak until July.

"They (volunteer teams) drive over 1,000 miles to help people that they have probably never met before, but they take home more blessings than they bring with them," Tarpley said.

Hammers and Hearts works with the Suwannee County Long-term Recovery Committee to determine their daily work tasks in the community. In determining which homes will receive attention, an individual will

go to the property to assess the damages and what materials would be needed. Next, they make sure all proper paperwork has been filed. Then, the case will go before the SCLRC to determine the order of homes needing repairs. The work order is then submitted to Hammers and Hearts to complete the task.

With the work orders in hand, Tarpley will then receive a form from the volunteer teams notifying him of the team's skill set. Tarpley will then assign the volunteers to a project that best fits their skills.

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complete homes, demolished two homes and built a handicap ramp. As of this writing, the crew was preparing to put on roofs to three houses and building another handicap ramp. Once these projects are completed, six more houses are on the list of things to do.

"It's about all faiths coming together and making a difference for the good," he said.

When TS Debby struck Live Oak, it left over \$3 million in damages. However, SCLRC was only given \$65,000 in funding.

"Our organization solely relies on the generosity of others," Tarpley said. "We

have never used any kind of federal funds or grants, but simply on what people donate from the kindness of their heart."

To many, Live Oak is known as the "Invisible Disaster," Tarpley said.

"When you drive by, from just a glimpse of things, everything looks fine, but when you start walking and looking into the places that were impacted by the storm, you'll see that the impact was great," said Tarpley.

Currently, there are about 200 homes in Suwannee County that have immediate needs. Hammers and Hearts will do everything they can to help the hurting.

Husband, wife clear \$42K from grandmother's funds

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mother's funds in a six month period without her consent, according to the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office.

According to a SCSO report, Edward Daniel Newbern III, 42, and Catherine Lauren Newbern, 36, both of 9144 226th St., O'Brein, were the caregivers for Catherine's grandmother, Harriet Meadows, 79. Edward and Catherine reportedly failed to provide Harriet, who is reportedly disabled and bedridden, with care, supervision and services necessary to maintain her physical or mental health, including food, nutrition and medicine that a prudent person would consider essential for the well-being of Harriet. Edward and Catherine left Harriet

unattended for more than continuous 48 hours, without proper food, nutrition and supervision multiple times, reports state.

The couple left Harriet alone to go to South Florida to buy a motor vehicle, and a short vacation for more than 48 hours in July of 2012. In March of 2012, Edward and Catherine left Harriet unattended to vacation in St. Augustine for more than a 48 hour period.

On both occasions, Harriet was left only with crackers, breakfast bars, and water to eat and drink, and none of Harriet's prescribed medications were made available for her to take, reports state.

On March 22, Catherine, who stood in a position of trust and confidence of a disabled elderly person (grandmother),

willingly by deception procured Harriet's money to temporarily or permanently deprive her of funds, assets or property, valued over \$42,000, the report states. Those funds were not available to Catherine by consent of agreement from Harriet, the report further states.

Between November 2011 and February 2013, Catherine spent the entire amount. Those funds were life insurance proceeds and a certificate of deposit.

Edward was arrested and charged with two counts of neglect of an elderly and disabled adult.

Catherine was charged with exploitation of a disabled adult and two counts of grand theft.

Edward and Catherine were transported to the Suwannee County Jail.

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Roundtree-Moore receives GM Award



General Manager Bryan Blair (left center) presents Jeff Mosley with the GM Mark of Excellence Award. Pictured is the sales staff: Susie Hall (l-r), finance manager Mike Parlatti, Jena Thomas, Bob Capshaw, Bryan Wachob, Joey Petty, Blair, Mosley, Darla Bossuyt, Tim Camiel, Rhonda Crews and Alex Winnett.

Roundtree-Moore Chevrolet-Cadillac sales manager Jeff Mosley has received the highly coveted Mark of Excellence Award for 2012 from General Motors.

The award was based on customer satisfaction, meeting training requirements and increasing retail sales.

Mosley exceeded all the requirements to receive the Mark of Excellence award from GM.

"This award is only given to the finest professionals in the industry and recognizes the best of the best" said Roundtree-Moore Chevrolet-Cadillac

Nissan General Manager Bryan Blair.

"I'm honored to have received this award," stated Mosley.

"I strongly believe that the digital age has also had an impact on the dealership's success.

"Consumers can take advantage of the wealth of information from the internet."

Mosley is a role model for employees of Roundtree Moore, and he is committed to creating a first class experience and servicing customers with the attention that they need, Blair added.

Marriage Applications

The following couples applied for a marriage license the week of April 8 – 12, 2013:

James Thomas Hingson III to Jan Denise Elliott

Philip Alan King to Dina Monique Oden

Christopher Brian McKee to Brandy Renee Frost

Theodore Frederick Richardson Jr. to Mary Celestine Smith

Dustin Robert Little to Natalie Nicole Smith

Craig Alan Nix to Martha Nicole Lee

Jonathan Andrew Bates to Samantha Michelle Sexton

Teddy Shannon Ball II to Victoria Constance Bilodeau

Stephen Ross Beegle to Sharon Denise Beegle

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Alpharetta Jones
April 10, 2013

Alpharetta Jones, 90, Branford, Fla. passed away Wednesday April 10, 2013 in Haven Hospice of Chiefland Care Center, Chiefland, Fla. following a long illness. Mrs. Jones moved to Gilchrist County in 2000 from Wisconsin. She and her husband Hollis, operated Jones Christmas Tree Farms in Gilchrist County Florida and Montello, Wisconsin and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Branford, Fla. Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Hollis Jones, one daughter, Suzanne & Jeff Newman of Valrico, Fla. one son, Ronald & Janet Jones of Montello, Wisconsin. Four Grandchildren and 2 Great Grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday April 13, 2013 at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Branford with Rev. Gordon Keller and Rev. Dan Main officiating. Interment will be held at a later date in Underhill Cemetery in Packwaunee, Wisconsin.

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

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Wellborn School reunion

Will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at the Wellborn Baptist Church social hall located at Lowe Lake Road and US 90 East. The time is 11:30 a.m. Bring photos or stories relevant to the school or Wellborn in general. Bring covered dish. View the website at www.wellbornwildcats.com. See you there!

Rep. Yoho's TRUST Act draws bipartisan support TABE tests

Congressman Ted Yoho (FL-03) formally submitted the TRUST (Trust Restored to the United States Taxpayer) Act for consideration on Friday. To date the bill, designated as H.R. 1547, has 14 bipartisan cosponsors.

The TRUST Act would revoke the taxpayer-funded portions of the pensions of members of Congress who are ultimately convicted of a felony. For more on the TRUST Act, visit, <http://yoho.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/yoho-announces-introduction-of-the-trust-act>.

Bipartisan co-sponsors include:

- Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA)
- Rep. Ron DeSantis (R-FL)
- Rep. Alan Grayson (D-FL)
- Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC)
- Rep. John Delaney (D-MD)
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Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA)

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Rep. Mick Mulvaney (R-SC)

Rep. Mark Cartwright (D-PA)

The bill's progress may be tracked at <http://congress.gov/cgi-lis/bdquery/D?d113:1:./temp/~bd-SUKW:@@X:dbs=n:/billsumm/billsumm.php?id=2>.

TABE tests

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 and scheduling time & date are required. To register please call 850-973-9451.

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OBITUARIES

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**Hazel Corbin
April 10, 2013**

Hazel Corbin, 81, passed away Wednesday April 10, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Center, Dowling Park, Fla. Mrs. Corbin was a lifelong resident of the Branford area. She was a battery assembler with Gate, Inc. and a member of Grace Baptist Church, Mayo, Fla.

Survivors include four sisters, Agnes Newsome of Kissimmee, Fla., Lee Williams of Orlando, Fla., Bertie Aue of Live Oak, Fla., Jean Sullivan of Branford, Fla., and one brother, Acie Byrd of Branford, Fla.

Funeral services were conducted Friday April 12, 2012 at 11 a.m. in Grace Baptist Church with Rev. Orvis Amerson officiating. Interment followed in Air-line Baptist Church Cemetery.

Visitation was held Thursday evening 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

**Richard (Dick) Wayne
Lees
March 1, 1934
April 13, 2013**

Richard (Dick) Wayne Lees, 79, Live Oak, Fla., went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at V.A. Hospital in Gainesville, Fla. He was a dedicated family man and devoted to God and country.

Dick was born March 1, 1934 in Johnstown, Pa. to Mel & Lila Lees. He had two brothers, Daniel, (deceased) and James Melvin Lees. he is also survived by 3 sisters Jacqueline Cowan, Gail Beam and Sharon Cravener, all of Johnstown, PA.

Dick spent his school years in McKeesport, Pa., where he was a high school football star. He served in Korea as a sergeant first class in the 25th Infantry Division, 35th Regiment, U.S. Army.

He was chief of police at Coconut Creek, Fla. from 1970-1971. He was Commander of American Legion Post 107 in Live Oak, Fla. he retired from Suwannee School District. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Live Oak.

He was married to Tanya Helen (Markiewicz) Lees

for 51 years, who survives him. His children are Brenda Steinmon, Philadelphia, Pa., Marge Brown, Rochester, Pa., Deborah Demczuk, Hollywood, Fla., Richard W. Lees, Jr., West Palm Beach, Fla., Suzanne Borriello, Coral Springs, Fla.

He is also survived by 11 grandchildren, Daniel Steinman, Jennifer Eiler, Matthew Brown, Joey, James & Adam Demczuk, Jessica & Kelli Lees, Christina & Jeffrey Guindon, Sara Borriello. He is also survived by 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are Wednesday, April 17, 2013, visitaion 1-2 p.m.; service at 2 p.m. both held at First United Methodist Church, Live Oak, Fla. Pastor Will Finnin will officiate. He will be laid to rest at a later date in Bushnell National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to First United Methodist Church, Live Oak, and/or American Legion Post 107, Live Oak.

ICS Cremation & Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

**Janice S. Miller
April 7, 2013**

Janice S. Miller, 77, of Mc Alpin, Fla. passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, April 7, 2013.

The Bronx, New York native moved to Mc Alpin, Fla. in 1996 from West Palm Beach, Fla.

She is survived by her loving husband of 55 years: Dexter B. Miller, Mc Alpin, Fla.; Two daughters: Judy Miller, Jacksonville, NC and Pamela (Mark) Johnson, Rosemount, Mn; One son: James Miller, Bluffton, SC; One sister: Sonia (Marty) Feltman, Boynton Beach, Fla.; Eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; Two nieces and one nephew also survive.

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

**Tommy Lewis Rye
June 12, 1941
April 11, 2013**

Tommy Lewis Rye, age 71, of Live Oak, Fla. passed away Thursday, April 11, 2013 at Baya Point Nursing and Rehab Center in Lake City, Fla. following an extended illness. Tommy was born June 12, 1941 in Hamilton County to the late Jack and Ruth Tyre Rye. Tommy was a longtime resident of Suwannee County where he

farmed. He was a member of Suwannee Station Baptist Church near Live Oak.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Nelda Stone Rye; three daughters, Mildred Rye and Shanna Rye both of Live Oak, Fla. and Dottie Rye of Valdosta, GA.; four brothers, Wilbur, Jack, James and Charles Rye all of Jasper, Fla.; one sister, Ruby Rye Jones of Deland, Fla.; eleven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 15, 2013 at Suwannee Station Baptist Church. Interment followed at Rosemary Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Nature Coast, 857 SW Main Blvd Lake City, Fla. 32025.

Harry T. Reid Funeral Home, Jasper, Fla. was in charge of arrangements.



**Peter Vincent
Wawrzynowicz, Jr.
Oct. 25, 1935
April 13, 2013**

Peter Vincent Wawrzynowicz, Jr., age 77 of Live Oak, Fla. passed away Saturday evening April 13, 2013 at Suwannee Valley Care Center in Lake City, Fla. following a lengthy illness. He was a native of Norwich, CT moving to Live Oak two years ago from Connecticut. He worked for many years as a self-employed contractor. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, feeding the birds and tinkering around with his back-hoe. He refused to watch anything but Fox News Network. Spending time with his four dogs that he loved with all his heart

was what he treasured the most. He will be deeply missed by his favorite dog "Pinky".

He is survived by one son, Peter Wawrzynowicz, III, Hope, RI; four daughters, Cindy Wawrzynowicz, Yarmouth, Mass; Mary Stein, Naples, Fla.; Tammy Wawrzynowicz, Oakdale, CT; Trina Bard, Live Oak, Fla.; two brothers, Phil Wawrzynowicz, Uncasville, CT; Timmy

Wawrzynowicz, Norwich, CT; one sister, Claire Wawrzynowicz, Norwich, CT; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Connecticut.

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GUEST COLUMN

On observing the human condition

Dwain Walden
The Moultrie Observer

In a recent column, I noted that I observed five kids crossing the street at an intersection. Three of them were texting and two were trying to hold their pants up.

A lady asked if I just made that up. And I told her no.

But I must clarify: The two were trying to hold their own pants up, not the pants of the three who were texting, although they could have used some help.

What concerned me was that they seemed totally oblivious to cars zipping around them.

I'm wondering if some day anthropologists will have written papers on this tendency of people wearing their pants below their butts. And also the tendency of the opposing thumbs being much bigger than their predecessors. I'm just hoping, though, they will find no parallel to cave drawings.

Now don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that texting and all of the technology that brings such to fruition is bad. I just tend to apply a little Ecclesiastical reasoning to these moments ... a time for every purpose under heaven.

In other words, just before the anesthesiologist puts me under, I don't want to look over and see the surgeon looking up gall bladder on Google.

Recently, a medical helicopter crashed killing four people. An investigation revealed that pilot error due to him texting caused this tragedy.

I use my cell phone a lot. It's a great tool. Recently, I was leaving another city and was on a road I wasn't familiar with. I used the compass on my cell phone to assure myself that I was traveling north. I could have called up a map that would tell me exactly where I was relative to Interstate 75. But that wasn't necessary. I knew that the Atlantic Ocean was to my right and that Alabama was to my left. And what I know about horseshoes was enough to get me home.

On the other hand, I find no practical application nor any socially redeeming value for not putting my pants on all the way. I have never pulled my Levi's up just past my knees and decided that was far enough. In other words, horseshoes is not relevant in this instance.

While watching these five youngsters, I saw an incredible contrast. On the one hand, they were using high tech equipment that can put entire libraries of information right into the palm of your hand. And they have the ability to navigate that incredible technology. Yet, apparently they had no idea about belts and suspenders.

I do recall one time when I wore my jeans in such a fashion for just a "brief" moment. And it had nothing to do with a fashion statement. It had to do with an oak snake falling into my lap while I was in the outhouse. It's not impossible to run with your pants in that position. It's just not very efficient. I don't think it will ever become an Olympic event though I believe it would rival curling.

Please note that an oak snake is not poisonous. It won't directly harm you. But given where I was at the time, my brain could not process such facts fast enough to keep me from crashing through the outhouse door. Looking back, I imagine that I resembled a half naked Russian dancer delivering a Sears and Roebuck catalogue.

Even though I use my cell phone all through the day, I do not Twitter. I was invited, via email, to join a Twitter Club. I respectfully declined. I just don't think people are really interested that I'm standing at the gas pump cursing Big Oil or that the hydrocodone is wearing off following my root canal. And had Twitter been available when I was 15, I doubt anyone would have cared that I could buy a good outfielder's glove from Sears for eight bucks and the outhouse would need some repairs.

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OPINION

Price versus cost

A MINORITY VIEW

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BY WALTER WILLIAMS



Suppose you buy a gallon of gas for \$3. How much did it cost you? You say, "Williams, that's a silly question. It cost \$3." That's where you're mistaken, because there's a difference between price and cost. To prove that price and cost are not the same, consider the following. Suppose you live and work in New York City and routinely pay \$15 for a haircut. Imagine

you were told that there's a barber in Boise, Idaho, who can give you the identical haircut for just \$5. Would you start going to the Boise barber? I'm betting you'd answer no because even though the price is cheaper, the cost is greater.

We might think of price as the money that's actually given in exchange for the transfer of ownership. When you purchased the gallon of gas, you simply transferred your ownership of \$3. What the gas cost you is a different matter. One way to determine the cost of a gallon of gas is to ask yourself what sacrifice you had to make in order to have \$3 to buy it. Say that your annual salary is \$75,000. Your total federal income tax, state income tax, local taxes and Social Security and Medicare taxes come to about 35 percent of your salary. That means that in order to purchase the \$3 gallon of gas required that you earned about \$4.60 in order to have \$3 after taxes. That means a gallon of gas costs you \$4.60 worth of sacrifice. But that's not so costly as it is to a richer person -- for example, someone earning a yearly salary of \$500,000. He has to earn more than \$5 before taxes in order to have \$3 after taxes to purchase gas.

If taxes only concealed hidden costs of what we buy, we'd be lucky, but taxes are destructive in another hidden way. Suppose I want to hire you to repair my computer. Having the work done is worth \$200 to me, and performing the work is worth \$200 to you. The transaction occurs because we have a meeting of the minds. Suppose Congress imposes a 30 percent income tax on you. That means that if you repaired my computer, you

There's a problem. The repair job was worth \$200 to me, not \$283. So it's my turn to say the heck with it.

This simple example demonstrates that one effect of taxes is that of destroying transactions and hence jobs. But politicians have what economists call a zero-elasticity vision of the world. In other words, they're fool enough to believe that people will behave after taxes are levied just as they behaved before and that the only effect of a tax is to bring in more revenue. Of course, a more flattering assessment is that politicians are not fools and know that their actions destroy transactions and hence jobs but they don't give a damn and only care about revenue.

Here's a question: Would you and I, as well as our nation, be better off if you repaired my computer and I gave you \$200 in cash and we agreed not to report the transaction to the agents of Congress? I'd answer yes and no. Yes, because there'd be more transactions, more jobs and greater wealth. No, because we'd be criminals.

Taxes are necessary to fund the constitutionally mandated functions of the federal government. If Congress spent according to its authority under Article I, Section 8 of our Constitution, taxes wouldn't be any more than 5 percent of the gross domestic product, as it was between 1787 and 1920, as opposed to today's 20 percent.

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FROM OUR READERS

Dear editor,

In response to the letter to the editor March 27 "The Sky is Falling", the author should do more homework before making statements.

Yes, we are a County of Economic Concern, so are about half the counties in the state of Florida. The author should review Florida Statutes 218.67 and where the revenue sharing comes from, not welfare but from the half cent sales tax.

The nearest county to the west that is not a County of Economic Concern is Leon County, to the east is Duval, to the south is Alachua, yes that means Columbia County is a County of Economic Concern. The definition of County of Economic Concern is "A value of a mil will raise no more than 5 million dollars." In Suwannee County, one mil will raise about \$1.4 million. The value of a mil is based on property value, which is usually low in a rural agricultural area.

Agriculture is the second largest industry in the state of Florida, during the economic downturn it was the largest industry in Florida. And the largest amount of agricultural products comes from rural counties.

This is just a snap shot of a complex industry, smart growth in the county is needed and wise leadership is a must. The author states we must buy the additional 235 acres, \$7,500 per acre is demanded by the bank who owns the property. The same bank is asking \$4,300 per acre just across the street from the same 235 acres for \$7,500 per acre.

Sounds like our commission is being taken to the cleaners. Of course it's just taxpayer money that's been hidden under the mattress. As of this date, the county has spent \$4.7 million of local money, and will cost much more before it is over. And there is a real concern with the grants this county was supposed to get for this project, but has lost to mismanagement.

The author told the commission they must have a plan to resolve the problem of this county being a County of Economic Concern.

If we must change, you must raise property values, that means farming must go, because agricultural land does not have the value needed to raise the \$5 million per mil, which is needed to change this counties classification. I suppose the county could borrow more money, buy out the dairy, chicken and most row crop farmers, set the property values high, cut it out in one acre tracts and give it to people to live on and they can pay high taxes. And there goes this beautiful county, and we can get even more food from China.

The author also seems to have a problem with Mr. Baker our clerk of court. He knows and understands the county's budget better than most of the commissioners. I say he is doing a find job and they need to listen.

I think we should not buy any more property, leave that to the investors. We should be helping industrial growth, not providing corporate welfare.

Jesse Caruthers
Suwannee County



BIBLE VERSE

[Love Fulfills the Law] "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law."

Romans 13:8 NIV

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Trappers conference and expo

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SHTC gives tours to future students

By Andrew McGee
andrew.mcgee@gafnews.com

Suwannee-Hamilton Technical Center's Karen Williams gave the Suwannee County School Board a brief update on what she has been up to at the center.

Williams began by saying that one of the highlights she enjoyed doing was conducting tours of the school to younger students that may attend in the future.

"I guess one of the most important things I do is showcase our school and try to recruit from those tours," said Williams.

She said that over the next few weeks she has scheduled 50 students from Hamilton County High School to come and tour SHTC to look into possible dual enrollment for the following school year. This would allow the students to complete their curriculum for high school in Jasper and also take courses from SHTC to gain college credit.

"I met with the high school and they are so excited about bringing more

of their students over to the center," said Williams.

She said that many of the students were interested in the automotive program and business program and that SHTC even sends a nail tech over from their cosmetology department to Jasper.

"We are absolutely without room in our cosmetology program," said Williams.

She said that the week after that, she has 150 eighth grade students from Madison County coming over to tour the center and this will be their second time.

"They come to us for career exploration and possible recruiting for high school and after," said Williams. "The week after that, we'll have our fifth annual eighth grade tour."

Williams said that it has always been a complete success for five straight years. She gave a special thanks to her friends and colleagues at Suwannee Middle School and Suwannee High School who have helped make the tours a success.

"The most fun that we

have at the center is our World of Work days," said Williams. "That's when the kindergartners get to have a hands on tour at the center."

Drug take-back April 27

A drug take-back will be held at Cheek & Scott Drugs of North Florida on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. You can bring your unused or expired prescription medications to be properly disposed of on that day.

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For more information go to: www.dea.gov.

This event will be coordinated by the Live Oak Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Agency.

Cooking school

The Suwannee County Home and Community Educators present their 23rd annual cooking school. This year's presentation will consist of low fat/low sugar recipes as well as fall vegetables. The event is set for April 18. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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USPS delaying ending saturday delivery

A statement from the Board of Governors

The Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service met April 9 and discussed the Continuing Resolution recently passed by Congress to fund government operations. By including restrictive language in the Continuing Resolution, Congress has prohibited implementation of a new national delivery schedule for mail and packages, which would consist of package delivery Monday through Saturday and mail delivery Monday through Friday, and which would have taken effect the week of Aug. 5, 2013.

Although disappointed with this Congressional action, the Board will follow the law and has directed the Postal Service to delay implementation of its new delivery schedule until legislation is passed that provides the Postal Service with the authority to implement a financially appropriate and responsible delivery schedule. The Board believes that Congress has left it with no choice but to delay this implementation at this time. The Board also wants to ensure that customers of the Postal Service are not unduly burdened by ongoing uncertainties and are able to adjust their business plans accordingly.

The Board continues to support the transition to a new national delivery schedule. Such a transition will generate approximately \$2 billion in annual cost savings and is a necessary

part of a larger five-year business plan to restore the Postal Service to long-term financial stability. According to numerous polls, this new delivery schedule is widely supported by the American public. Our new delivery schedule is also supported by the Administration and some members of Congress.

To restore the Postal Service to long-term financial stability, the Postal Service requires the flexibility to reduce costs and generate new revenues to close an ever widening budgetary gap. It is not possible for the Postal Service to meet significant cost reduction goals without changing its delivery schedule – any rational analysis of our current financial condition and business options leads to this conclusion. Delaying responsible changes to the Postal Service business model only increases the potential that the Postal Service may become a burden to the American taxpayer, which is avoidable.

Given these extreme circumstances and the wors-

ening financial condition of the Postal Service, the Board has directed management to seek a reopening of negotiations with the postal unions and consultations with management associations to lower total workforce costs, and to take administrative actions necessary to reduce costs. The Board has also asked management to evaluate further options to increase revenue, including an exigent rate increase to raise revenues across current Postal Service product categories and products not currently covering their costs.

The Board continues to support the Postal Service's five-year business plan and the legislative goals identified in that plan, which will return the Postal Service to financial solvency. The Board additionally urges Congress to quickly pass comprehensive postal legislation, including provisions that would affirmatively provide the Postal Service with the ability to establish an appropriate national delivery schedule.

North Florida Animal Rescue receives grant from ASPCA

Submitted

The ASPCA (New York, NY) has granted \$2,000 for the construction of accessory shade and housing structures for several rescued horses currently living on the grounds of North Florida Animal Rescue (NFAR) in Wellborn.

This represents the first grant received by the 501(c)(3) facility, which has officially been open to the public since March of 2012. The ASPCA funds are earmarked specifically for construction purposes associated with equine housing, and four free-standing shade structures have already

nized are pulled from other shelters; which is one reason NFAR does not receive public animals. Many are healthy, young pets and others have special needs. The large animals are also up for adoption, but have conditions which would limit their use to pasture occupancy only. They have had farrier, dental, and veterinary care.

There is also an outpatient veterinary clinic on the grounds, which is open to the public and has already completed over 1,300 reduced-cost spays and neuters. The clinic receives clients by appointment only, and is also open Tuesday through Friday for the sale of common medications.



Another exciting aspect of the operation is the pet food redistribution campaign. The rescue serves as the physical location for other federal non-profit 501(c)(3) animal organizations to receive assistance with their pet food needs. To

date NFAR has helped 29 other rescues participate in the program, sponsored by Pedigree and other large brand-name corporations who donate a small percentage of their food. The estimated weight of redistributed food at this point exceeds 250,000 pounds (wet food and dry food combined). NFAR has been named one of the best affiliates due to speed and integrity of the allocation. Numerous letters of thanks were sent to the home base and the rescue bank founder received a prestigious award in Texas.

For more information on the rescue please call the shelter adoptions line at 386-963-1295 or call the medical center at 386-963-1354. Please note the website is currently under reconstruction and will be available in approximately two weeks.

been completed. The funds also assisted with paddock expenses, water troughs, and the final stage will be construction of adjunct closed-in equine stalls. The construction of NFAR was made possible by funds donated by the late Ms. Anthea Duron of Lake City. Full funding was provided for initial construction, however the facility is not subsidized by federal, state or county assistance and now relies entirely on public and private support for sustainability. One feature of the NFAR facility is a no-kill animal shelter which currently has many cats and dogs up for public adoption. All animals have been spayed/neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, and treated for parasites and/or medical conditions. Small animals that would otherwise be eutha-

2012-13 Retiree SREOY and TOY reception

Please join Suwannee County schools and the Professional Development Council in honoring all of our schools' honorees. This will include the 2012-13 retirees, school related employees of the year and teachers of the year. Please join us in this celebration of our honorees, as we recognize them for the achievements and milestones they have accomplished.

When: May 16, 2013
Location: Live Oak Church of Christ
Highway 51 (Mayo road)
3:45-5:15 p.m.

There will be 23 retirees, 11 SREOY and eight TOY to be honored.

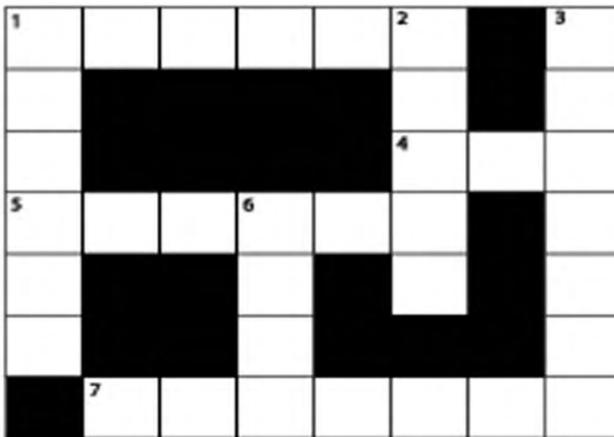


PEOPLE FACT!

WHO WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TENNIS PLAYER TO WIN THE U.S. OPEN?

ANSWER: ARTHUR ASH

Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1. Provokes
 - 4. Greasy substance
 - 5. Digit
 - 7. Beginning tennis play

- DOWN**
- 1. Racquet sport
 - 2. Earn a point
 - 3. Turning over and over
 - 6. Unclear, indistinct

Answers: Across 1. Taunts 4. Oil 5. Number 7. Serving Down 1. Tennis 2. Score 3. Rolling 6. Blur

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

- 1506: CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DIES IN SPAIN.
- 1609: WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S SONNETS ARE FIRST PUBLISHED IN LONDON.
- 1969: THE BATTLE OF HAMBURGER HILL ENDS IN VIETNAM.

New Word

SERVE

begin play

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Net
- SPANISH:** Red
- ITALIAN:** Rete
- FRENCH:** Filet
- GERMAN:** Netz

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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: TENNIS BALL



Branford News

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BJ Garcia Run set for Saturday



By Andrew McGee
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The third annual BJ Garcia Running for Research Foundation run-a-thon will be held at the Branford High School Track on Saturday, April 20, between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

The run-a-thon is in memoriam of 18-year-old Roberto (BJ) Garcia, a 2001 graduate of Branford High School, who lost his battle with acute lymphocytic leukemia. The run-a-thon is to benefit research for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

BJ's brother Greg is the one who actually started the Foundation and heads up the run-a-thon each year.

When asked about the event, Branford Elementary School bookkeeper and helper for the event, Mary Roberts had this to say.

"We just go over to BHS track area and everyone's going to meet there at eight and everyone signs in," said Roberts. "They (monitors) count your runs and they give out prizes to the male who had the most laps. And then women and children."

She said that those participating try to get sponsors and at the event, they do as many laps as they can. Afterward, they get lunch.

"Actually, BJ's brother Greg, he puts it on," said Roberts. "It's kind of a way to remember his brother and

help leukemia research."

Roberts said the money collected goes to the foundation and many of BJ's classmates and friends that knew him always come with their families.

Roberts is also the BES representative of Suwannee County Wellness Committee which she said is sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The Committee will pay for half of the registration fees for Suwannee County School Board employees.

"That's how I become involved," said Roberts. "I'm the go to person, I'm collecting the other half of the fees."

Registration fees are \$25 and includes a bib timer, T-shirt and catered lunch.

"It's a really nice time," said Roberts.

Elaine Garcia, mother of BJ, is so pleased of the progress and the outpouring from so many in the community. She talked about some of the things happening in the event.

"We're going to have a representative from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to accept a donation check," said Garcia. "And we will have someone to be the match. That's anyone who wants to be a bone marrow donor and you can be swabbed."

Garcia said they have a certain criteria they check to see if anyone wishing to donate bone marrow would be suitable.

"Once you are registered, you're on the national registry," said Garcia. "Last year we signed up about a dozen people."

She said there would also be a representative from LifeSouth Community Blood Center taking blood donations from anyone wishing to do so that day.

"We're going to have music and fun," said Garcia. "My son (Greg) said that if you don't want to run, you can stroll," Garcia smiled.

"I'm excited," said BES teacher Katee O'Quinn about her first Garcia run-a-thon. "My brother was best friends with BJ. So, I'm excited for my son to be a part of it."

O'Quinn said that for the last two years before moving back to Branford, she sponsored people in the run-a-thon from out of state. Now, that she's back in Branford, she's thrilled to be able to actually be there for the event.

"My son (Greg) wants it to be more of a community gathering," said Garcia. "I guess it's sort of growing into that. We have lunch afterwards and everyone has a good time. We sit around and talk and I see kids I haven't seen in years. It's just really fun."

Garcia said that BHS Band Director Carl Manna donates his time and sound equipment for the event and said he has a microphone for announcements and music. Garcia also wanted to thank the BHS Beta Club in taking the event as their community service project for the year. She said they assisted in putting posters out about the event, they count laps, they even participate in the run and help get sponsors.

"They have been a really big help with this event," said Garcia.

To register as a runner and for more information, visit www.runningforresearch.org.

South county briefs

April 18

Branford Camera Club to meet

The Branford Camera Club will meet on Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m. at Cuzin's Restaurant on US 129 across from Scaff's Market in Branford. Come about 5:30 p.m. if you would like to have dinner before the meeting.

JOIN US this month for our 2nd annual Spring Photo Critique! This event is becoming the capstone event for our group and offers a fantastic opportunity for photo enthusiasts in our area to benefit from the critique of a professional judge. Our goal is to improve our own photography and appreciate the photographic techniques of others. The Photo Critique is free and open to anyone who would like to submit photos, or just come to observe.

If you're not currently a member of the Camera Club and would like to participate, please contact one of the members listed below for more information. We will need to provide you with a copy of the guidelines and schedule for the evening, and receive your entry application prior to the meeting. A reminder for those entering photos for the critique: Please be sure to arrive by 6:30 to check in your entries, so we can start the critique promptly at 7. We anticipate that the

program will take the full two hours allotted for our meeting.

Then, mark your calendar for the May 16 for an introduction to Macro photography, a discussion of "lessons learned" from our April meeting, and to share photos as time permits.

The Branford Camera Club meets on the third Thursday of each month, with an occasional exception, for the purpose of sharing, learning, and enjoying all things photographic. We are an eclectic group with experiences ranging from complete novice to consummate professional.

For more information, please contact:

Carolyn Hogue, Program Chair, 386-935-2044

Skip Weigel, Technical Consultant, 386-9382

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 at Town Hall 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.

Cub Scout Pack 408

Meets on Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 107, 10726 142nd St., between Live Oak and McAlpin. Membership is open to boys ages 6-10. Join us for camping, archery, BB shooting, and many other fun activities. Parents encouraged to participate. 386-209-3480

Sports booster golf tourney

By Andrew McGee
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Golfers needed, both men and women! The Branford High School Sports Booster Club will be holding their 2013 Golf Tournament at Quail Heights Country Club in Lake City on April 27 at 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start. The tournament type is a three-person scramble and there will be team and door prizes. The proceeds will be used to support BHS Buccaneer Booster Club sponsored programs.

Player Entry Fee is \$50 which includes cart, green fees, lunch and a prize.

Hole Sponsorship Fee is \$100 and includes business or individual name attractively displayed on the golf course during the tournament, and recognition at the tournament and in the Suwannee Democrat.

Full team sponsorship fee is \$250 and includes hole sponsorship and three player entry.

If you have any questions or need further information about the tournament, please contact Rob Cassubee at 386-623-3833 or Linda Lynch at 386-984-6311 or any BHS Buccaneer Booster Club Member.

Please make checks payable to: BHS Buccaneer Booster Club, P.O. Box 1545, Branford, FL 32008.



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BOSTON BOMBINGS HAVE LOCAL IMPACT

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in the future, but wouldn't want my wife waiting in the immediate finish area. I would arrange for an alternate meeting spot."

Hamilton County High School Guidance Counselor Paula Williams did her first internship on Boylston Street, the street where the first bomb went off.

"When I heard, I panicked because I recognized the street. I have tons of family in Boston," said Williams. "Oh, my God, help the people in Boston and please let my family be safe. One relative works a block away and another across the street. I could not reach my family on cell phones because Boston had shut those down, so I prayed and I continued to call other relatives and finally reached my aunt. She normally attends the marathon but did not this year. I immediately thought ... thank you."

White Springs Town Manager Bob Farley called the bombings an "act against the American way of living."

"Our prayers go out to all those who suffered losses.

We must continue to live our lives as we have done in the past and thereby making us a stronger nation," Farley said.

Suwannee High School teacher Melissa Woodrum has completed 17 marathons including New York, Philadelphia and the Marine Corps Marathon in Virginia and while she hasn't participated in the Boston Marathon, she said the incident was "shocking and horrific."

"It made me realize how impossible it is to guarantee the safety of runners and spectators at these huge events, but I would not stop participating," said Woodrum. "I am always impressed by the dedicated volunteers and staff and appreciate the spectators cheering for all of us. The Boston Marathon will go on as it has since 1897, celebrating athletic achievement and challenges overcome."

David Burch, who has competed in nine marathons (not the Boston Marathon) expressed sympathy for the athletes who competed in the race.

"It's a sad day, especially for someone who competed

in the race," Burch said. "You put so much into preparing for the race and then you're unable to complete what you've worked so hard for."

Burch continued, "When you do 26 miles and there's all these people cheering for you, it's exciting. It's an amazing feeling and then to see it end like it did, it's very sad."

Burch said every time something like this happens, it jeopardizes the freedom of American people.

"We've escalated to

where we're going to see (terrorist) acts like this. It's been very gradual, but we've gotten to this point. Our rights and freedoms are jeopardized because of events like this," said Burch.

"Races are such a good way to bring people together to hold fundraisers or support a great cause. The last mile of the race was dedicated to the victims of the Sandy Hook school shooting. It's just sad to see something like this happen," Burch said.

Frank Davis, a former pastor and avid runner, said the news came as a complete shock.

"It's tragic. What's scary is we live in a free and open society, and it's impossible to prevent those types of acts," he said. "These things cannot be eliminated entirely. At a race like that, you have your friends and family there, and especially your children are there to see you. It's sad that this would take place at such an event like this."

Will Mathews, a senior at

Suwannee High School, believes that improvements in the mental health system could prevent acts like this from happening.

"First, we are saddened for the families of those who were killed or injured in this act, but I think we should look more into the mental health aspect of our system," Mathews said. "When you see this, you wonder what this person's mental status was. I think we should look into that (mental health program) to see if these acts can be prevented."

Rep. Porter: Legislative session has been 'Positive'

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she said. "This new legislation will finally allow students and their parents the ability to be the deciding factor in the direction of study a student wishes to pursue. Students will now be able to choose the courses that are most relevant to their college or career path, no more 'one size fits all' curriculum. Our children will now graduate prepared to immediately enter the work force if they choose, and they will also be ready to pursue further education at either a local college or a university, should they desire to do so."

Water management districts

Porter sponsored another bill that ensures water management districts consider how withdrawal permits will affect other districts.

"I am also very pleased that HB 7, the Water Management District Cooperation bill has passed the Senate and is due to be presented on the House floor very soon. I have every reason to believe it will pass the House overwhelmingly, as it passed unanimously last year. This will go a long way toward

ensuring that the various Water Management Districts consider the ramifications of how the withdrawals they consider permitting will affect adjoining districts and their rivers, springs and lakes."

Balanced budget, teacher and state pay raises

Due to obtaining a balanced budget, Porter said this will allow teachers and state employees to receive pay raises.

"We are fortunate this year to have a few more dollars in the budget than we have had in recent years," Porter said. "This has allowed us to fully fund so many important, and even vital functions, especially for the small, rural counties such as ours in District 10. We have provided for a \$1,000 raise across the board for all state workers with the opportunity for an additional \$400 merit raise, and we recommended \$676 million that can be used for teacher pay raises, at the discretion of the districts' superintendents. At the same time we have managed to pass a balanced budget as Florida is statutorily required to do, and as the federal government should responsibly do, as well."

TS Debby financial assistance stalls

A bill that would have helped Suwannee County

by providing financial assistance to homes that were damaged by Tropical Storm Debby was not well supported, Porter said. The bill did not make it past its first reading, but Porter has commented she will try again next year.

Keep and bear arms bill

A popular bill that is co-sponsored by Porter is the bill that provides the right to keep and bear arms. The bill urges the U.S. Congress and the president to protect the constitutional right of the people to keep and bear arms.

Rights of children who survive attempted abortions

Porter co-sponsored a bill that provides rights to children who survive attempted abortions. The Infants Born Alive bill "provides that infant born alive during or immediately after attempted abortion is entitled to same rights, powers, and privileges as any other child born alive in course of natural birth; requires health care practitioners to preserve life and health of such infant born alive, if possible; provides for transport and admittance of infant to hospital."

Infants Born Alive bill has passed the first reading and has been placed on the second reading calendar.

No protests at funerals, burials

A bill that was passed by the House and Senate "prohibits engaging in protest activities within specified distance of property line of location of funeral or burial; provides exception; provides criminal penalties."

This bill was signed into law on April 10 by Governor Rick Scott.

Cancer Treatment Fairness Act

Porter co-sponsored a bill that created the "Cancer Treatment Fairness Act." This bill requires that "individual or group insurance policy, contract or health maintenance contract that provides coverage for cancer treatment medications provide coverage for orally administered cancer treatment medications. Oral cancer treatments should be considered no less favorable than that required by policy or contract for intravenously administered or injected cancer treatment medications."

The Cancer Treatment Fairness Act is currently on the agenda for the Health and Human Services Committee. From the committee, it will go to the floor for its second reading.

"With three weeks to go, I look forward to being able to report even more great developments in the coming weeks," Porter said.

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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NJROTC Walk/Run a hit

The first Suwannee High School NJROTC 5K Walk/Run was Saturday, April 13, at 8 a.m. at the SHS student parking lot in Live Oak. Contestants were asked to

wear their silliest hat, craziest socks, etc. This was a FUN RUN. The NJROTC drill teams also performed. A \$50 cash prize for the best costume that crossed the finish line

was given to Kathy Sellgren. There was also a one mile course for kids 10 and under.

The event benefitted the NJROTC at SHS.



The SHS NJROTC armed team.



Kathy Sellgren won \$50 for best costume that crossed the finish line.



Claire, Ashleigh and Will Carpenter. Ashleigh won top female competitor.



Top male competitor went to Wyatt Bilodeau.



The costumed participants.



Denise Sanger with her medal.



Dillon Jones with his medal.



Don Baker with his medal and furry friend.



Eric Rodriguez with his medal. - Photos: Sheila Young

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Community Currents

ACV's new nurse practitioner

Beth Fulford is Copeland Medical Center's new nurse practitioner. She has been a nurse for 22 years and a nurse practitioner for 10 and has worked for Hospice for many years. She says that she loves caring for people. She is board certified in both family practice and pediatrics.

Beth decided that she wanted to be a nurse on her 13th birthday. Her brother was in the hospital and the doctor told her family that he would not make it through the night. She was devastated. At that moment, a nurse took her to get a Coke and held her hand through that difficult time. She says, "It was just a simple act, but it meant so much to me. I told myself that someday I was going to help someone like that."

In her personal life, Beth is a single parent to three children—two boys, ages 21 and 19 and a girl, age 15. She lives on family land in Greenville. She is the worship leader at her church and her faith is very important to her. She is a people-person and spends a lot of time with family and friends.

Beth teaches a personal health class at North Florida Community College. On the day of the final, she told the class that they could take the exam together as a class, as long as each student answered at least one question. She included some difficult material, and when the more outgoing students struggled on a particular question; a quiet student raised his hand and saved the day with the correct answer. At the end of the exam, every question had been answered correctly. She told the students that they had aced the exam, but the real lesson was that they are all stronger together. Sometimes in life, you haven't quite prepared. When you are weak, step back and let someone else shine, but be graceful. When you are strong, step up, but be graceful about that, too. She says, "That probably sums up my philosophy in a nutshell."

Before coming to ACV, Beth was working part-time at a practice in Madison, but needed full-time work. Beth says, "A close friend who knows the Village well suggested



Beth Fulford

that it would be a happy partnership if I worked here. I called and was asked to come in to discuss the possibility. As soon as I walked in, I felt like I belonged. It is my hope that I will be here until I retire."

The community is happy to welcome Beth Fulford to ACV's big family.

Treasure found along the Suwannee



TOP PHOTO: Old Buck was the ox that served Advent Christian Village in its earliest days. Buck was public transportation, farm worker and friend to those residing in Dowling Park. Here he is pictured giving a ride to the first orphans who lived at the Village.

LOP&G was the railroad that served Dowling Park in the early 1900s. Brought to Dowling Park by Thomas Dowling, to serve his lumber mill, it eventually became a passenger train, too. It was never meant to carry people, so it was not the most comfortable transportation. Passengers dubbed the train "The Loping Gopher" because of the jerky ride.

TREASURES OF THE SUWANNEE is an original musical stage production about the history of Dowling Park, Florida and the founding of Advent Christian Village (ACV). It was originally presented to an audience at ACV in 1999 as part of a countywide celebration of the new millennium. The script, musical score, and sets of the stage production were all crafted by local talent and the cast and crew were made up of talented members of the ACV staff. Dick Grillo wrote several original songs for the production that will be sure to stir your heart and set your feet tapping.

Dowling Park was originally a lumber mill town, and was actually the fastest growing town in Florida in the early 1900s. There, responding to a need, Rev.

Burr Bixler led the effort of establishing an orphanage on land that had previously been set aside for a campground. In addition to the children, retired ministers and missionaries were invited to make it their home, thus creating the first retirement community in Florida. Today, this dynamic community is home to nearly 800 senior adults, with ministries to families and children as well.

Treasures of the Suwannee will be reprised May 17 & 18 at 7 p.m. at the Village Church as part of ACV's Centennial Celebration. Tickets are complimentary, but are required to ensure adequate seating. Mark your calendar and make plans to experience this step back in time to the early days of Dowling Park.



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Community Currents

Helping mom (or dad) clear the clutter

By Diane Johnson

Dealing with clutter is a common struggle in the US. Americans continually buy new clothes, new books and new gadgets without getting rid of anything. Those who lived through the Depression were conditioned to never throw anything away. Closets, attics, basements and garages swell with "stuff" especially for those who have lived in the same house for many years. However, clutter can be a real problem for the elderly. It can be a health hazard and it quickly becomes overwhelming to get it under control. If your elderly loved one has a clutter problem, what can you do?

You may be tempted to simply take control and start throwing things away, but that will add undue stress and can cause resentment toward you. Involve them in the process, encouraging them that when the job is finished, they will enjoy a cleaner, more organized home. This may be a relief, because they may be frustrated with their clutter, but lack the ability to safely pull items off overhead shelves or carry heavy boxes.

Where do you begin? First talk with your loved one about the importance of an organized, clutter-free home, without shaming them. Discuss your concern for their safety. A cluttered home is a fire hazard. Mold, mildew and bugs can affect health, including causing respiratory problems. Perhaps the most common safety issue with clutter is that it is a trip hazard, which can lead to broken bones and long-term debilitation. There should always be ample room to easily move through the home, so that in case of an emergency, emergency services can quickly access each room. Another proven benefit is that our mood improves when we live in a

clean, organized environment, and it's also easier to find things.

Discuss the benefits of donating items to a second-hand shop or charity of their choice, some of which will pick up items at no charge. Selling items in a yard sale or on eBay can generate extra spending money.

Once your loved one is on board, how do you proceed in a way that will not overwhelm them? First, think small. Do just one thing at a time—one closet, one dresser, under the bed, etc. and do it for only one hour. Be there to help, but don't pressure them to throw away items that are of true importance to them. Be patient with them, making the process as pleasant as possible. This will help them to feel more at ease and not shy away from the chore in the future.

If the decision process is difficult, ask them to agree to follow these guidelines: If something doesn't work, doesn't fit or isn't used, dispose of it. If clothing has not been worn in a year, give it away. If they don't know what is inside a box—consider getting rid of it without opening it. If it hasn't been missed, it isn't needed. If shelves are crammed with trinkets, suggest that they pick out a certain number of their favorites and sell the rest. With collectable items that will be willed to someone after their death, think about giving them now, so that they can see the enjoyment the gift brings.

If they resist parting with anything at all, suggest that all items not currently in use be boxed up and put into storage. Ask them to agree to getting rid of the items if they have not missed them in 6 months. Determine now where they will go and label them to avoid having to go through them again.

Once your hour of de-cluttering is

up, find a meaningful way to celebrate the progress. It could be something as simple as a big hug or a favored treat. Save more meaningful treats (like a special getaway together) for when the entire job is complete, and talk about it often. This will help your loved one continue to feel good about the process and make it more likely that they will want to tackle another closet soon. Finally, set a date for the next de-cluttering session.

Maybe your loved one isn't the only one that needs some de-cluttering. We all have projects on our to do list that we have put off. The benefits of clearing the clutter are a cleaner, safer, more organized home, with room for the things that we really need and enjoy. Do it now. Get the item off the list and enjoy life!

About the Author- Diane (Dee Jay) Johnson and her husband Earl have been residents of ACV since 1996. She spent her career in the housekeeping industry, much of it as the Director of Housekeeping for the Franchise Division of Days Inn. She was responsible for the set up and training of the housekeeping staff for all new Inns from Texas to Indiana and the Southeast. After moving to ACV, she was not quite ready to retire, so she accepted the position as ACV's Director of Housekeeping. During her tenure, she centralized housekeeping for all Village facilities with the exception of Good Samaritan Center. Now, in retirement, she periodically shares her expertise through seminars called "Got Stuff?" in which she motivates attendees to clear the clutter. She and Earl travel to Europe each year and both enjoy photography, which is periodically displayed in ACV's art gallery.



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By Esther Mary Walker

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 My faltering step and palsied hand.
 Blessed are they who know that my ears today
 Must strain to catch the things they say.
 Blessed are they who seem to know
 That my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.
 Blessed are they who looked away

When coffee spilled at table today.
 Blessed are they with a cheery smile
 Who stop to chat for a little while.
 Blessed are they who never say,
 "You've told that story twice today."
 Blessed are they who know the ways



To bring back memories of yesterdays.
 Blessed are they who make it known
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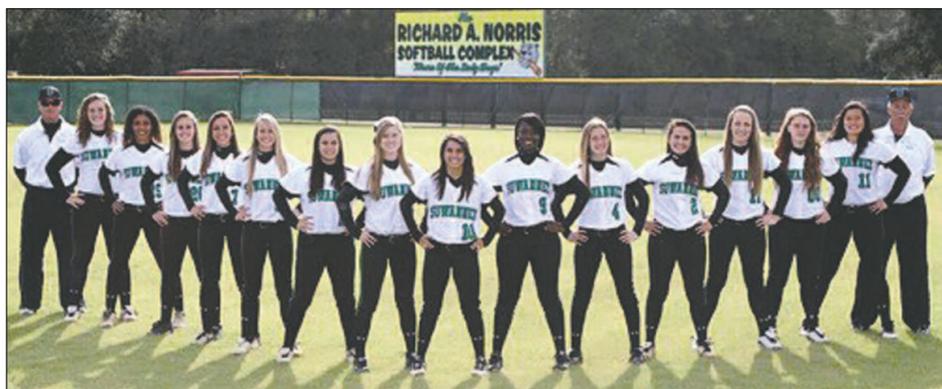
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SPORTS

SHS softball

Regular season ends strong



The SHS softball team. Courtesy photo

Editor's note: See Friday's print edition to see if Suwannee advanced in district play. They played Rickards here at 6 p.m. Tuesday night, after our press deadline for Wednesday's edition. The winner of that game will play Wakulla on Thursday.

Staff

The Suwannee High School Lady Bulldogs softball team finished the regular season strong with a five game winning streak.

They end with a record of 12-9 in regular play.

The ladies played, and defeated, defending state champs Lafayette High School on Friday by a score of 7-2.

"This is the first time in some time that we have defeated them and they

are a very good team, which I feel will capture another state championship in their class," said SHS softball coach Tommy Chambers.

Audre Bryant did a good job on the mound picking up the win and the bats came alive with some timely hits that produced runs, Chambers said. Timberly Steichen collected two hits with three big RBIs. Jessie TenBroeck collected three hits, with Jordan Roberts and Haejin Choe also getting two hits.

On April 11, SHS hosted Madison County and defeated the Cowgirls 10-0.

Choe threw a two-hit shutout with three batters struck out. She also went 1-3 at the plate with a double and three RBIs.

TenBroeck had two runs, two hits and one RBI and Bailiegh Williams had two runs.

On Tuesday, April 9, the ladies defeated Union County 8-7.



The seniors of the SHS softball team. Pictured from left: Kiersten Howell, Jessie TenBroeck, and Stacey Owens. Courtesy photo

TenBroeck went 4-4 at the plate with three runs scored and four stolen bases. Mariah Bowen and Randa Conner each had two runs.

The district tournament began April 16 with SHS playing Rickards at 6 p.m. The winner of that game advanced and will play Wakulla on Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m.

Suwannee's district record prior to Tuesday night's game was 2-2.

Top seed in district

SHS baseball earn split in final week of district play

Submitted

Suwannee High School baseball split a pair of district games last week, losing 5 to 4 to Wakulla on Tuesday, then defeating Rickards by a score of 15 to 6 on Friday. In earning the win over Rickards, the 'Dogs ended the regular season district play at three wins and one loss. The overall season record now stands at 14 wins and seven losses.

In the loss to Wakulla, Suwannee held a 4 to 2 lead going into the top of the seventh inning, but gave up three runs to trail 5 to 4 going into the bottom of the inning. The Bulldogs loaded the bases with two outs, but failed to come up with the tying run in taking the loss. The win would have meant being the number one seed in the district tournament which will be played next week, but instead it threw Wakulla into the top spot temporarily. In the game, first baseman Cody Gamble had three hits in three official at-bats (including a double), drew a walk, and scored a run to lead Suwannee at the plate. Leftfielder Wyatt Jackson had a run-scoring single and drew a walk, rightfielder Will Shanahan hit a double and scored a run, and catcher Braxton Hicks singled home a run and was hit by a pitch. Third baseman Josh Lessman had a walk and a run

scored, and centerfielder Tim Carter drew two walks and scored a run.

Needing a win in Tallahassee against Rickards to pull back into a tie for first in the district with Wakulla, the Bulldogs trailed early but scored three runs in the third, five runs in the fourth, three runs in the sixth, and blew the game open with four more runs in the seventh inning.

Centerfielder Trey Owen, leading the Bulldogs in batting with an average of .459 through 21 games, had three hits in four official at-bats, drew a walk, drove home three runs,

had two stolen bases, and scored four runs to pace Suwannee. Leftfielder Wyatt Jackson, hitting a robust .403, had two hits and drove home two runs to go along with a stolen base.

Starting pitcher Cody Gamble earned his fourth win of the year on the mound, tossing four complete innings, allowing two earned runs, walked three and struck out four. He continues to raise his average at the plate, collecting three hits while driving home two runs and scoring a run. Cody now has six hits in his last eight at-bats, and is now batting .379. Rightfielder Tim Carter had two hits and two runs scored, and first baseman Will Shanahan had a base hit, drove home a run, and scored twice.

Second baseman Dustin Driver and shortstop Parker Stephens each drew two walks and scored two runs each.

With the win, Suwannee and Wakulla tied for the regular season district lead, and had a coin toss after the Rickards game to determine the number one seed and the bye in the first round of the district tournament. With the call of tails, Suwannee won the coin toss and will have the benefit of having to travel to Wakulla, the tournament host, only for the championship game on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m.

"There was a little pressure going into the Rickards game knowing we actually needed two wins to gain the number one seed for the tournament, the win on the field of play and then the win of the coin toss," said coach Terry Mixon. "As a team, we obviously felt we should have

wrapped up the number one seed in the Wakulla loss, but had to focus on the game at hand and get the call on the coin toss. We ended up getting the top seed, and now need to finish out the regular season on a positive note, and get ready for tournament play. We are looking forward to going back to Wakulla and see how it unfolds for us."



Tim Carter waits to run the bases. SHS baseball got the top seed in the districts. - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

SPORTS

SHS softball



SHS softball coach Tommy Chambers.
- Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

Regular season ends strong



Senior Jessie TenBroeck is safe as she slides into plate. - Photo: Paul Buchanan (SuwanneeSports.com)

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Suwannee Valley 500 Club bowls in Ocala



From left: Joyce Hooper, Peggy Hamlin, Dee Dee Young and Shelia Madsen.

Submitted by Jeanne Fannin

Six members of the Suwannee Valley 500 Club went to AMF Galaxy East Lanes in Ocala for a doubles bowling tournament on March 23. This was the 23rd annual spring invitational tournament sponsored by the Ocala Women's 500 Club.

Each person received a great looking identification tag/purse for entering the tournament as well as an awesome lunch topped off with some delicious deserts. Everyone had a wonderful time bowling and meeting up with old friends from all over Florida.

Here are the scores:

Joyce Hooper and Dee Dee Young 1,200

Jan Rushing and Shelia Madsen 1,065
Peggy Hamlin and Jennie Pinto 829

Do you like to bowl? The Suwannee Valley 500 Club is always ready to welcome new members. Any woman who has bowled a sanctioned 500 Series can join. The club sponsors a tournament every February in Live Oak at Thunder Alley and throughout the year we enter other 500 Club tournaments all over Florida.

Our monthly meetings are held every third Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Suwannee River Regional Library in Live Oak. Next meeting will be April 20. For more information, please call Shelia Madsen at 386-364-0797.



From left: Jan Rushing, Joyce Hooper, Peggy Hamlin, Dee Dee Young and Shelia Madsen.



Is this my strike? Shelia Madsen at work. Courtesy photos

Master Farmer Program

Florida A&M University, Cooperative Extension Program will be hosting its' 2nd Annual Master Farmer Program at the Florida A&M University's Research and Extension Center in Quincy, Fla. Classes will begin on April 12, 13, 20, 26 and 27 for the core courses. Additional training will be held on crop production, beef cattle production and small

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Calendar of Events

Spring Fling

Christ Central Ministries
15445 US Hwy 129 S.
April 27, 2013 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
"FREE" unlimited games
Bounce House - Dunking Booth-
Fish Bowl and more.
Come and join the fun.

The Branford Area Inter Church Ministries

Hosting a National Day of Prayer event at the Branford Town Hall on Thursday, May 2 at Noon. Pastors from around the Branford area and our local town officials will join with the community as we pray for our government, schools, military, churches, businesses, media and families. The theme of this year's National Day of Prayer is "Pray for America". We invite all who call on the name of Jesus Christ to join us.

The event will last approximately 30 minutes.

Wellborn School Reunion

Will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at the Wellborn Baptist Church social hall, located at Lowe Lake Rd and US 90. The time is 11:30 a.m.

Bring photos or stories relevant to the school or Wellborn in general. Bring covered dish. View website @ www.wellbornwildcats.com. See you there!

Used books needed

Do you have hard or softcover books that you no longer need? There might be other folks who would enjoy reading them! The Wellborn Community Library will be hosting its semi-annual used book and bake sale during the Wellborn Blueberry Festival on June 8, but now is the time when the library (located at the Wellborn United Methodist Church on Route 137 north of downtown) is actively soliciting donations of books.

Organizers hope to have thousands of books available on many subjects during the daylong sale, but to make that possible, they are actively soliciting books right now. It doesn't matter whether you have a dozen or hundreds of books, they are needed for resale. Please consider cleaning out your bookshelves and donating hardbound or paperback books (books on any subject, fiction and non-fiction, but no encyclopedias, please!). Books can either be dropped at the library (located in the church fellowship hall at 12005 County Road 137 in Wellborn) between 9 and noon on Tuesdays, or pickup can be arranged at no cost.

If you have books to donate and would like to have them picked up, call Wellborn UMC pastor Rev. Dr. Everett L. Parker at 386-754-8524 or 386-688-1358. Proceeds from the book and bake sale will benefit the library and the Wellborn United Methodist Church's outreach programs.

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.

Free breakfast & lunch
for ages 60 and older
When: Monday - Friday
Where: Senior Center
1171 Nobles Ferry Road
Live Oak, Fla. 32064
Time: Breakfast 8:30 - 10 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Make reservations for lunch by 9:30 a.m. 386-362-1164

Caregiver support group

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc will be hosting a Caregiver Support Group meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 4 p.m. at the Suwannee Senior Center in Live Oak. The Senior Center is located on Nobles Ferry Road. All individuals who are involved in taking care of another adult are encouraged to attend.

Should you have questions or need additional information do not hesitate to contact Sabrina Brock at 362-1164.

Homecoming Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church

Will be Sunday, April 21. Church service at 11 a.m. with guest speaker Pastor Gordon Keller. A covered dish meal will follow at the fellowship hall.

The church is located on 77th Road in McAlpin.

St. Luke's Busy Hands for Babies Saturday May 4, 2013

Yard, bake sale, and handmade table
Yard sale from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m., at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1391 SW Eleventh St., Live Oak, across from the Garden Club. The sale will be inside and there will be many bargains on clothing, books and lots more. At this sale, there will be several tables of cloths for all you can get in a bag for \$2. Come and see our handmade gift table. The proceeds buy material and yarn to make items for two children's hospital's in Jacksonville, a church mission in Jacksonville, Guardian Ad Litem here in Live Oak and our companion church in Cuba.

St. James A.M.E. Church will be celebrating their Annual Dual Day Program
April 21, 2013 at 3 p.m.
The Bishop Alphonso "Goodtime"

Johnson will be the speaker.

Please come hear this great man of God. Food will be provided after the service. Rev. Delores Bell, Pastor

Bro. James & Sis. Ella G. Cooper Co-Chairpersons

Notice of annual meeting

The Board of Commissioners of the Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority will hold its Annual Meeting on April 23, 2013, at the Holiday Inn & Suites, 2725 Graves Road, Tallahassee, Florida. Meeting will begin at 1 p.m. E.D.S.T. The meeting will be open to the public.

The First Baptist Church of Dowling Park

Invites you to an exciting gospel concert featuring the Southern Grace Quartet on Saturday April 6 at 7 p.m. Bring your friends and neighbors. A free will offering will be taken. The church is located at 11274 235th Ln. in Dowling Park near the intersection of CR 136 and CR 250.

Each year the BHS Senior Class sponsors the Little Miss BHS pageant.

This years pageant will be April 20 at 7p.m. in the BHS Auditorium. Girls currently enrolled in BES Kindergarten and First grade are eligible to participate. Registration forms are available at Branford Elementary and Branford High Schools. Registration fee is \$25.00. All girls interested in participating must be registered by April 5.

The Branford Camera Club

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at Cuzin's Restaurant with a couple of exceptions. Visit Branford Camera Club on Facebook or call Carolyn Hogue, 386-935-2044, for more information.

Suwannee County Branch NAACP - Unit #5137

President: Mr. Lesley White
Mailing address: P.O. Box 6105, Live Oak, FL 32064
Telephone: 386-647-7360

Email: al101st@comcast.net
Meetings: First Monday in each month at 6 p.m. Ex. Bd., 7 p.m. membership meeting

The Sparkleberry Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

Sparkleberry Chapter meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month, except June, July, and August, at Hatch Park in Branford. Please contact Chapter President Mae Brandt,maebbrandt@bellsouth.net, 386-466-0915, for more information.

Senior Citizens motorcoach tours
Madison Travel & Tours, Madison, Fla. 850-973-6439 Cape Cod & Plymouth June 8-16, 2013
Pigeon Forge & Smoky Mt. Show Trip Oct. 14-18, 2013
Branson Show Extravaganza Oct. 12 -20, 2013
New York City Dec. 4-12, 2013

Boy Scout Troop 408

Meets on Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 107, 10726 142nd St., between Live Oak and McAlpin. Membership is open to boys ages 11-17. Join us for camping, hiking, canoeing, and many other outdoor activities. 386-209-3480

Cub Scout Pack 408

Meets on Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 107, 10726 142nd St., between Live Oak and McAlpin. Membership is open to boys ages 6-10. Join us for camping, archery, BB shootig, and many other fun activities. Parents encouraged to participate. 386-209-3480

Elks Lodge Bingo

Bingo is every Monday night from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the lodge Non Smoking, Kitchen is open serving sandwiches, onion rings, etc.

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The Wellborn United Methodist Church

Located at 12005 CR 137 in downtown Wellborn. From Live Oak and points west, travel east on U.S. 90 to the blinker light at CR 137. Turn left and go about a mile, crossing the railroad tracks. The church is located about a quarter mile north of the tracks on the left (look for signs). From Lake City and points east, travel west on U.S. 90 to the blinker light at CR 137 and turn right.

The Suwannee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association

Monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month, September through

June, at the Suwannee River Water Management District Office, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, from 7 to 9 p.m. (The office is located on the corner of US 90 and CR 49, 2 miles east of Live Oak.) The Suwannee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association develops, maintains, protects and promotes many miles of the Florida National Scenic Trail, including the Econfina, Ellaville and Big Oak Trails. Founded in 1993, the chapter serves Dixie, Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Taylor and Suwannee Counties. Monthly meetings

provide information on a wide variety of topics pertaining to nature, ecology, wildlife of the area, photography, etc. The public is cordially invited to join us for our monthly meetings as well as hiking/paddling activities throughout the year. Contact Chapter Chair, Sylvia Dunnam, 386-362-3256 or by e-mail at: dunnam@windstream.net, for more information on the association or the monthly program. You may also visit the web site

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Suwannee Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. 13-28-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF

SARA MAY BURDETT-THOMAS, a/k/a
SARA M. BURDETT-THOMAS, a/k/a
SARA BURDETT-THOMAS,

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of SARA MAY BURDETT-THOMAS, a/k/a SARA M. BURDETT-THOMAS, a/k/a SARA BURDETT-THOMAS, deceased, whose date of death was June 18, 1998; File Number 13-28-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Suwannee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 South Ohio Avenue, Live Oak, Florida 32064. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is April 10, 2013.

/s/ Steven C. Allender
STEVEN C. ALLENDER
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Titusville, FL 32796
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12-279-AK

/s/ Stacy L. Thomas-Vickory
STACY L. THOMAS-VICKORY
Personal Representative
27 Cedar Street
Beverly, MA 01915
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2012-373-CA

NORTHERN ALACHUA HOLDINGS,
LLC, a Florida Corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROGER SHEPARD a/k/s ROGER O. SHEPARD, HELEN SHEPARD and BENJAMIN SHEPARD a/k/a BENJAMIN OLIVER SHEPARD, deceased, if married, if alive, and if dead, their respective unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against them, MAYO FERTILIZER, INC., its heirs, administrators, assigns, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against it,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: BENJAMIN SHEPARD, a/k/a BENJAMIN OLIVER SHEPARD DECEASED

ROGER SHEPARD a/k/a ROGER O. SHEPARD, 2068 CR 49, O'BRIEN, FL 32071

HELEN SHEPARD, 3119 230TH STREET, LAKE CITY, FL 32024

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title as to the following described lands:

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filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on RONALD W. STEVENS, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 1444, Bronson, Florida 32621, on or before May 9, 2013, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a Default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on April 1, 2013.

(Court Seal) Clerk of Court

BY: /s/ Sallie Perlt
Deputy Clerk

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceedings should contact (386) 362-0500 (Voice & TDD *711) or via Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771.

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

CASE NO. 2013-CA-46

THE HORIZON GROUP, LLC, a Florida
Limited Company,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RAGMUN GARCIA,

Suwannee Legals

vs.

DORIAN SPENCE, et al,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 4, 2013 in the above referenced case in which THE HORIZON GROUP, LLC, a Florida Limited Company, is Plaintiff, and DORIAN SPENCE; unknown tenants; and other unknown parties in possession, including the unknown spouse of any person in possession of the property, and if a named Defendant is deceased, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the named or described Defendants, are Defendants, I, BARRY A. BAKER, Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Suwannee County Courthouse or such other location in the Suwannee County Courthouse in Live Oak, Florida, as I as the Clerk of the Court may designate at the time of sale, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 14th day of May, 2013, the following described property set forth in the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

The West 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 33 and part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 29, Township 3 South, Range 11 East, Suwannee County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: For Point of Reference, commence at the Southwest corner of said Section 28, thence run N 89 degrees 05'44" E along the South line of said Section 28, a distance of 55.11 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run N 01 degrees 36'25" W, a distance of 40.00 feet to the centerline of 144th Road; thence run S 89 degrees 05'53" E along said centerline, a distance of 606.96 feet; thence run S 01 degree 18'06" E, a distance of 20.86 feet to the South line of said Section 28; thence run S 89 degrees 05'44" W along said South line, a distance of 606.31 feet to the point of Beginning.

Subject to a 20.00 foot utility easement lying 20.00 feet Southerly of and parallel to the South right-of-way line of 144th Road.

Together with and subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities situated in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 28 and the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 3 South, Range 11 East, Suwannee County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: For Point of Beginning, commence at the Southwest corner of said Section 28; thence run N 00 degrees 48'01" W along the West line of said Section 28, a distance of 30.00 feet; thence run N 78 degrees 42'44" E, a distance of 55.47 feet; thence run S 01 degrees 36'25" E, a distance of 69.58 feet; thence run S 88 degrees 39'45" W, a distance of 55.28 feet to the West line of said Section 33; thence run N 01 degrees 16'57" W along said West line, a distance of 30.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with a perpetual easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the following described property:

The South 30.00 feet of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29; the North 30.00 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the North 30.00 feet of the East 60.00 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32; that portion of the South 30.00 feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28 West of 233rd Road; the North 30.00 feet of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, all being Township 3 South, Range 11 East, Suwannee County, Florida.

Any and all bidders, parties or other interested persons shall contact the information desk of the Clerk of Court prior to the scheduled foreclosure sale who will advise of the exact location in the Suwannee County Courthouse for the foreclosure sale.

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.

[NOTE: 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 Court Administrator, Post Office Box 1569, Lake City, Florida 32056-1569, Telephone: (386) 758-2163, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice or pleading. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 1-800-955-8771.]

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 5th day of April, 2013, at Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida.

(Court Seal) HONORABLE BARRY A. BAKER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: /s/ Jillian Buchanan
As Deputy Clerk

Rose M. Decker, Jr., Esquire
THE DECKER LAW FIRM, P.A.
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Live Oak, Florida 32064
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Attorney for Plaintiff
04/17, 24

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

CASE NO.: 2012-315-CA

MARK RACANO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RAGMUN GARCIA,

Suwannee Legals

vs.

Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment dated March 28, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2012-315-CA of the Circuit Court of Suwannee County, Florida, wherein MARK RACANO is Plaintiff and RAGMUN GARCIA is Defendant, the following described property shall be offered for sale by the Suwannee County Clerk of Court to the highest and best bidder, on the courthouse steps of the Suwannee County Courthouse, 200 South Ohio Ave., Live Oak, FL 32064, on May 16, 2013 at 11 a.m. as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Tract 20 and Tract 21 of SUWANNEE RANCHETTES, Section "A", according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 110, Public Records of Suwannee County, Florida.

Together with a 2006 MERT DWMH ID# FLHML3F173729613AB.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation to participate should call the ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, 386-719-7428, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770.

DATED on April 3, 2013.

MARTIN LEGAL GROUP

/s/ Christopher Martin, Esq.

Christopher Martin, Esq.

Florida Bar No. 0029198

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Melbourne, FL 32935

Tel: (321) 543-4374

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Email: chris@martinlegal.net

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

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 61-2010-CA-000331

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

vs.

EVERETT M. SAPP, TAMMY SAPP
A/K/A JAMMI DRIVER, M&I BANK
FBS, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on September 19, 2012, in the Circuit Court of Suwannee County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Suwannee County, Florida described as:

PARCEL 1:
BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 210 FEET, WEST 210 FEET, SOUTH 210 FEET; EAST 210 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID LANDS LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 11 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PARCEL 2:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 3 S, RANGE 11 EAST, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN N 89 DEG. 41'41" EAST ALONG THE SECTION LINE 54.95 FEET; THENCE RUN N 01 DEG. 12'31" EAST 233.48 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89 DEG. 13'16" WEST 349.65 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00 DEG. 33'50" EAST 230.41 FEET TO THE SECTION LINE; THENCE RUN N 89 DEG. 41'41" EAST ALONG THE SECTION LINE 287.48 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SUBJECT TO EXISTING COUNTY GRADED ROAD

and commonly known as: 22305 120TH ST. LIVE OAK, FL 32060; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. Sales are held on the front steps of the Suwannee County Courthouse on May 9, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

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

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FT positions include health, dental, life, disability, supplemental insurance; 403b retirement account; paid time off, access to onsite daycare and fitness facilities. Apply in person at Personnel Office, Carter Village Hall, 10680 Dowling Park Dr., Live Oak, FL. Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., or fax resume / credentials to (386) 658-5160. EOE / Drug-Free Workplace / Criminal background checks required.

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Help Wanted

CUSTODIAN
 The board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Florida (Board) gives notice of intent to employ One (1) person for full time position in the Custodial Department: One "Custodian" Position (40 hours per week). Starting Salary \$9.00 per hour. Requirements: "Custodian is a position within the Custodial Department Charged with the responsibility for cleaning and performing light maintenance of the county buildings.

Graduation from high school and experience in custodial work is preferred. However, an individual with any combination of education and desired skills may apply. In addition the position requires a current and valid Class E, Florida driver's license (regular operator's license) with good driving record.

Applications may be submitted to the Custodial Department located in the Courthouse Annex 1153 US Hwy 41 NW, Jasper, FL 32052 (the old High School) Suite 21, or The County Coordinators office Suite 2 same building.

For consideration all applications must be received no later than 4:30pm April 23, 2013.

Hamilton County is a Drug Free Workplace and an Equal Opportunity Employer. Veteran's preference will apply, in accordance with section 295.07 Florida Statutes.

JOB OPENING
 Florida Crown Workforce Board, Inc. (FCWB), Lake City, Florida is accepting applications for an **Executive Director** serving Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist and Union Counties. Must be or become a resident of one of these counties within 90 days of hire. Position is responsible for leadership, management, oversight and execution of all responsibilities related to federal and state workforce activities. Min. Exp: Masters degree in Business, Public Administration or related discipline. 5 years of experience required. Extra consideration given for workforce experience and to veterans. Salary: Minimum \$55,000; negotiable based upon experience. Full benefit package available after 90-day probation. Successful applicant must pass background check and drug screening. Refer to www.employflorida.com, Job Order #9767596. See our website at www.floridacrown.org for application. Application, cover letter, resume and 3 letters of reference (references will be contacted) must be sent to Anna Mendoza at almendoza@flcrown.org Deadline: 4/26/13. An AA/EEO/ADA/VP Employer

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Help Wanted

TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM LEADER SUWANNEE RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY

Suwannee River Regional Library is currently seeking applicants for the position of Teen Volunteer Program Leader for the Suwannee River Regional Library, Live Oak, FL. The temporary 40-hour per week position will commence no earlier than May 27, 2013 and end on or before August 2, 2013.

Applications may be picked up at the Suwannee County Administrative Services Department, 224 Pine Avenue, Live Oak, FL 32064; telephone (386) 362-6869.

Applicants are encouraged to submit resumes, letters of reference, and other biographical information with their applications. Position will remain open until filled. The Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners is an equal opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex, including pregnancy, age, disability, or marital status. Spanish speaking individuals are encouraged to apply. "Successful completion of a drug test is a condition of employment". EEO/AA/V/D

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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.

Suwannee Democratic Executive Committee meeting

Suwannee DEC will meet on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Live Oak City Hall, 101 White Ave., Live Oak, FL 32064.

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 FI #0662

We would like to invite everyone that has a little or a lot of weight to lose, 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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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.

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



"Are Expired Medications Still Safe?"

It is 2 a.m. and that cough and stuffy nose you have been battling is still keeping you up. You reach for the nighttime cold relief medicine only to find it expired a few months ago. If you take a dose to ease your symptoms, will you be putting yourself at risk?

This situation is a relatively common occurrence. Many medicine cabinets are stocked with over-the-counter drugs as well as prescription medications that may be past their expiration dates. It is a good idea to routinely discard expired medicines, but if you happen to take a drug that has passed its expiration date, you will most likely suffer no ill effects.

According to the Harvard Medical School Family Health Guide, the expiration date on a medicine is not the dates when a drug becomes hazardous. Rather, it marks the period of time after which a drug company can no longer guarantee the efficacy of

the medication. Since 1979, drug manufacturers selling medications in the United States have been required by the Food and Drug Administration to stamp an expiration date on their products. This is the date until which the manufacturer can still guarantee full potency of the drug.

Expiration dates also may be a marketing ploy. Francis Flaherty, a retired FDA pharmacist, has said drug manufacturers put expiration dates on products for marketing purposes rather than scientific reasons. It doesn't make financial sense to a company to have products on the shelves for years. Therefore, most drug manufacturers will not do long-term testing on products to confirm if they will be effective 10 to 15 years after manufacture.

The U.S. military has conducted their own studies with the help of the FDA. FDA researchers tested more than 100 over-the-counter and prescription drugs. Around 90 percent were proven to still be effective long past the expiration date -- some for more than 10 years. Drugs that are stored in cool, dark places have a better chance of lasting because the fillers used in the product will not separate or start to break down as they might in a warm, humid environment. Storing medicines in the refrigerator can prolong their shelf life.

Although a pharmacist cannot legally advise consumers to use medication past an expiration date, most over-the-counter pain relievers and drugs in pill form should still be fine. Certain liquid antibiotics and drugs made up of organic materials can expire faster than others. For those who still want to err on the safe side, routinely clean out medications from cabinets once they expire. However, if an expired medication is taken by mistake, there's little need to worry about potentially adverse effects.

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